

# Transistor characterization

## Worksheet for computations

### ■ Some useful functions

In[1]:= `LSolve = Last[Solve[##]] &`

Out[1]= `Last[Solve[##1]] &`

In[2]:= `PeS = PowerExpand[Simplify[##]] &`

`FpPeS = FixedPoint[PeS, ##] &`

Out[2]= `PowerExpand[Simplify[##1]] &`

Out[3]= `FixedPoint[PeS, ##1] &`

In[4]:= `NDCollect = Function[{expr, s, func},  $\frac{\text{Collect}[\text{Numerator}[\text{expr}], s, \text{func}]}{\text{Collect}[\text{Denominator}[\text{expr}], s, \text{func}]}$ ]`

Out[4]= `Function[{expr, s, func},  $\frac{\text{Collect}[\text{Numerator}[\text{expr}], s, \text{func}]}{\text{Collect}[\text{Denominator}[\text{expr}], s, \text{func}]}$ ]`

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## Small signal analysis

Feedback VCVS connected between  $V_{\text{gate}}$  and ground.

### ■ Small signal MOSFET and $V_{\text{gate}}$ feedback equations

$I_d$ : drain current

$V_g$ : gate voltage

$V_d$ : drain voltage

$g_m$ : transconductance

$g_o$ : small signal output conductance

$V_{\text{dref}}$ : reference drain voltage

$A$ : Voltage gain for  $V_g$  feedback regulation

$v_n$ : gate referred MOSFET noise voltage

In[5]:= `eqn = {  
    Id == gm (Vg + vn) + go Vd,  
    Vg == 0 Vd + A (Vd - Vdref)  
}`

Out[5]= `{Id == go Vd + gm (Vg + vn), Vg == A (Vd - Vdref)}`

### ■ Solve for $V_{\text{gate}}$ and $V_{\text{drain}}$

In[6]:= `sol = FpPeS[LSolve[eqn, {Vg, Vd}]]`

Out[6]= `{Vg →  $\frac{A (Id - go Vdref - gm vn)}{A gm + go}$ , Vd →  $\frac{Id + A gm Vdref - gm vn}{A gm + go}$ }`

Substitute gain  $A \equiv 1/\alpha$  so that infinite gain is  $\alpha = 0$

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In[7]:= FpPeS[sol /. A → α-1]
% /. α → 0
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$$\text{Out[7]} = \left\{ V_g \rightarrow \frac{I_d - g_o V_{dref} - g_m v_n}{g_m + g_o \alpha}, V_d \rightarrow \frac{g_m V_{dref} + I_d \alpha - g_m v_n \alpha}{g_m + g_o \alpha} \right\}$$

$$\text{Out[8]} = \left\{ V_g \rightarrow \frac{I_d - g_o V_{dref} - g_m v_n}{g_m}, V_d \rightarrow V_{dref} \right\}$$

#### ■ $V_{gate}$

Split into terms dependent on  $I_d$ ,  $V_{dref}$ , and  $v_n$

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In[9]:= Collect[Vg /. sol, {Id, Vdref, vn}, Simplify]
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$$\text{Out[9]} = \frac{A I_d}{A g_m + g_o} - \frac{A g_o V_{dref}}{A g_m + g_o} - \frac{A g_m v_n}{A g_m + g_o}$$

Substitute  $A \equiv 1/\alpha$  and simplify for infinite gain

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In[10]:= NDCollect[#, α, Simplify] & /@ Collect[Vg /. sol /. A → α-1, {Id, Vdref, vn}, Simplify]
% /. α → 0
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$$\text{Out[10]} = \frac{I_d}{g_m + g_o \alpha} - \frac{g_o V_{dref}}{g_m + g_o \alpha} - \frac{g_m v_n}{g_m + g_o \alpha}$$

$$\text{Out[11]} = \frac{I_d}{g_m} - \frac{g_o V_{dref}}{g_m} - v_n$$

#### ■ $I_d$ sweep

$$\frac{\partial V_e}{\partial I_d}$$

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In[12]:= D[Vg /. sol, Id]
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$$\text{Out[12]} = \frac{A}{A g_m + g_o}$$

#### ■ $V_{dref}$ sweep

$$\frac{\partial V_e}{\partial V_{dref}}$$

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In[13]:= D[Vg /. sol, Vdref]
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$$\text{Out[13]} = -\frac{A g_o}{A g_m + g_o}$$

$$\frac{\partial V_d}{\partial V_{dref}}$$

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In[14]:= D[Vd /. sol, Vdref]
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$$\text{Out[14]} = \frac{A g_m}{A g_m + g_o}$$

#### ■ Implicit differentiation $-\frac{\partial V_d}{\partial V_{dref}} / \frac{\partial V_e}{\partial V_{dref}}$

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In[15]:= -D[Vd /. sol, Vdref] / D[Vg /. sol, Vdref]
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$$\text{Out[15]} = \frac{g_m}{g_o}$$

## ■ Observed gate voltage noise with feedback

### ■ $\frac{\partial V_g}{\partial v_n}$

In[16]:= Simplify[D[Vg /. sol /. go → γ gm /. LSolve[1 + A == α<sup>-1</sup>, A], vn]] /. γ → go / gm  
% /. LSolve[1 + A == α<sup>-1</sup>, α]

Vg == %% vn

Simplify[LSolve[%, vn] /. go → γ gm] /. γ → go / gm /. LSolve[1 + A == α<sup>-1</sup>, α]

Out[16]= 
$$\frac{-1 + \alpha}{1 + \left(-1 + \frac{g_o}{g_m}\right) \alpha}$$

Out[17]= 
$$\frac{-1 + \frac{1}{1+A}}{1 + \frac{-1 + \frac{g_o}{g_m}}{1+A}}$$

Out[18]= 
$$Vg == \frac{vn (-1 + \alpha)}{1 + \left(-1 + \frac{g_o}{g_m}\right) \alpha}$$

Out[19]= 
$$\left\{ vn \rightarrow \frac{\left(1 + \frac{-1 + \frac{g_o}{g_m}}{1+A}\right) Vg}{-1 + \frac{1}{1+A}} \right\}$$