

Solutions to *The Art of Electronics 3rd Edition*

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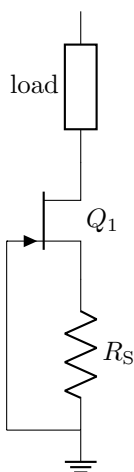
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# Solutions for Chapter 3

## Exercise 3.1

Figure 1.1: JFET current source



From Figure 3.21 of the book, one can see that a drain current equal to 1 mA corresponds to a gate-source voltage of  $-0.6\text{ V}$ . Therefore:

$$R_S = \frac{0.6\text{ V}}{1\text{ mA}} = 600\ \Omega$$

## Exercise 3.2

At  $V_{GS} = V_{G0}$ :

$$r_{GS} = r_{G0} = \frac{1}{2k(V_{G0} - V_{th})}$$

The ratio between  $r_{DS}$  and  $R_{G0}$  returns:

$$\frac{r_{DS}}{r_{G0}} = \frac{2k(V_{G0} - V_{th})}{2k(V_{GS} - V_{th})}$$

### Exercise 3.3

Being  $g_m$  the differential conductance of the FET operated in aturation region, it can be expressed as:

$$g_m = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{GS}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial V_{GS}} k (V_{GS} - V_{th})^2 = 2k (V_{GS} - V_{th})$$

Therefore:

$$g_m = \frac{1}{r_{DS}}$$

### Exercise 3.4

- (a) The voltage change across the drain-gate capacitance when the JFET is switched on ( $V_{DS} = 0$  V) is equal to 50 V-(0 V-10 V)=60 V. Considering a maximum current across this capacitance equal to 1 A:

$$t_{ON} = \frac{60 \text{ V } 200 \text{ pF}}{1 \text{ A}} = 12 \text{ ns}$$

- (b) Since the current is equal to the charge over time, we have:

$$t_{ON} = \frac{40 \text{ nC}}{1 \text{ A}} = 40 \text{ ns}$$

### Exercise 3.5

The 1 pF drain-source capacitance happens to be in series with the 10 k $\Omega$  load resistance. The capacitive reactance is:

$$X_{DS} = \frac{1}{2\pi 1 \text{ MHz } 1 \text{ pF}} = 160 \text{ k}\Omega$$

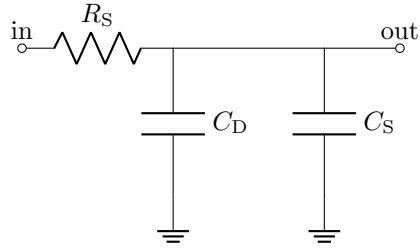
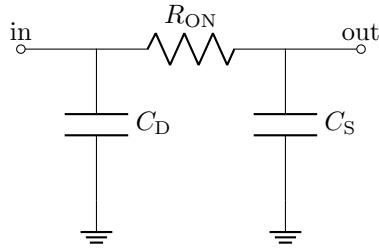
Therefore, the feedthrough is given by:

$$20 \log_{10} \frac{10 \text{ k}\Omega}{10 \text{ k}\Omega + 160 \text{ k}\Omega} = -25 \text{ dB}$$

### Exercise 3.6

In this case, the output 10 k $\Omega$  resistance is in parallel with the 50  $\Omega$   $R_{ON}$  resistance. Their equivalent resistance is about 50  $\Omega$ . Similarly to the previous exercise, the feedthrough is given by:

$$20 \log_{10} \frac{50 \Omega}{50 \Omega + 160 \text{ k}\Omega} = -70 \text{ dB}$$

**Exercise 3.7**Figure 1.2: Zero ohm  $R_{ON}$ Figure 1.3:  $75\ \Omega$   $R_{ON}$ 

For this exercise we assume that the load resistance of  $100\ \text{k}\Omega$  does not load the circuit.

- (a) The circuit is that of Figure 1.2. Since  $C_D = C_S = C_T = 8\ \text{pF}$ , there is a single pole at the frequency  $f_p$ :

$$f_p = \frac{1}{4\pi R_S C_T} \approx 1\ \text{MHz}$$

- (b) In this case the circuit is depicted in Figure 1.3. The circuit has one pole at DC and another pole at  $f_p$ :

$$f_p = \frac{1}{2\pi R_{ON} C_T} \approx 265\ \text{MHz}$$

**Exercise 3.8**

Figure 1.4: OFF-OFF

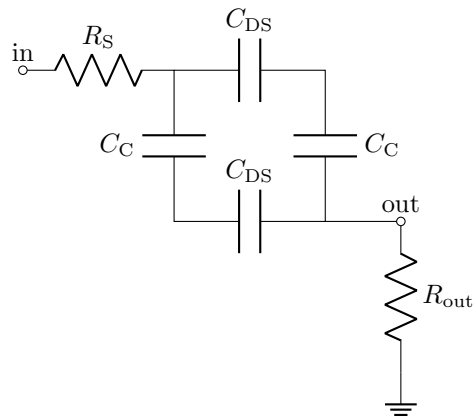


Figure 1.5: OFF-ON

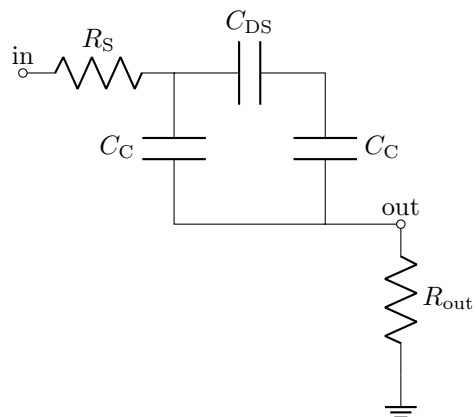




Figure 1.6: ON-OFF

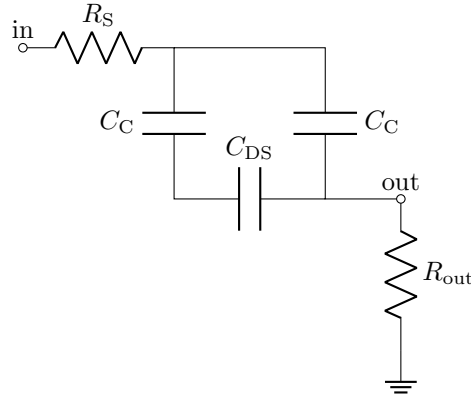
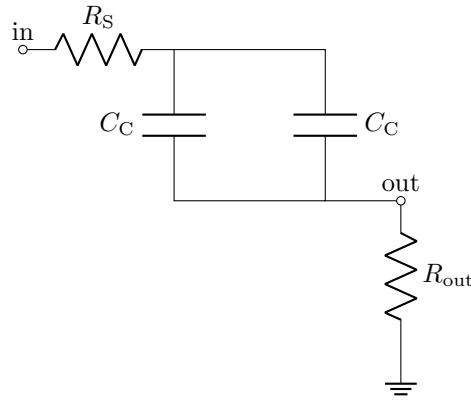


Figure 1.7: ON-ON



- (a) In this case the reference circuit is depicted in Figure 1.4. The cross-coupling is given by:

$$20 \log_{10} \frac{R_{\text{out}}}{R_{\text{out}} + R_S + 0.5(X_C + X_{\text{DS}})} = -10.75 \text{ dB}$$

being  $X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi f C_C} = 320 \text{ k}\Omega$  and  $X_{\text{DS}} = \frac{1}{2\pi f C_{\text{DS}}} = 160 \text{ k}\Omega$

- (b) In this case the reference circuit is depicted in Figure 1.5. The cross-coupling is given by:

$$20 \log_{10} \frac{R_{\text{out}}}{R_{\text{out}} + R_S + \frac{X_C(X_C + X_{\text{DS}})}{2X_C + X_{\text{DS}}}} = -9.6 \text{ dB}$$

- (c) In this case the reference circuit is depicted in Figure 1.6. The cross-coupling is the same as before

- (d) In this case the reference circuit is depicted in Figure 1.7. The cross-coupling is given by:

$$20 \log_{10} \frac{R_{\text{out}}}{R_{\text{out}} + R_S + 0.5X_C} = -8.6 \text{ dB}$$

### Exercise 3.9

- (a) Considering the different combinations of resistors, the  $-3$  dB frequencies can be computed as:

$$f_{3\text{dB},n} = \frac{n G_{10k}}{2\pi C} \quad n = 1 \dots 15$$

where  $C = 0.01 \mu\text{F}$  and  $G_{10k} = 0.1 \text{ mS}$

- (b) The glitch amplitude voltage can be computed as:

$$\Delta V = \frac{20 \text{ pC}}{C} = 2 \text{ mV}$$

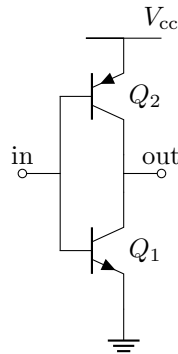
### Exercise 3.10

The peak output current that the buffer has to provide can be given as the peak time derivative of the output voltage across the  $10 \text{ nF}$  capacitor multiplied by its value:

$$I_p = 10 \text{ nF} \left. \frac{dV}{dt} \right|_p = 10 \text{ nF} \cdot 2\pi \cdot 10 \text{ kHz} \cdot 1 \text{ V} = 0.6 \text{ mA}$$

### Exercise 3.11

Figure 1.8: BJT-based inverter logic circuit



The circuit of Figure 1.8 represents the complementary bjt inverter. It's easy to see that without a proper bias, if the input is grounder (low level) the  $V_{BE}$  of the pnp transistor is equal to  $V_{cc}$  which is likely to damage the transistor in a very short time

**Exercise 3.12**

Figure 1.9: Logic AND symbols

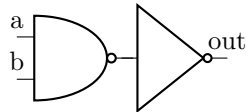
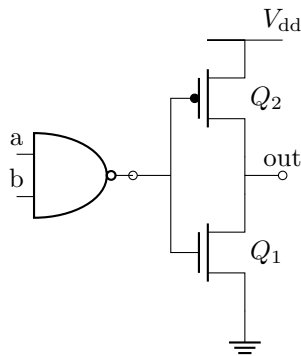


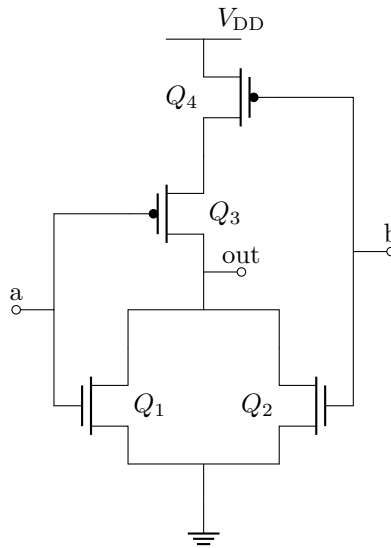
Figure 1.10: Logic AND symbol and circuit



In order to transform a NAND port into an AND port, we can use a NOT port as shown in Figures [1.9](#) and [1.10](#)

### Exercise 3.13

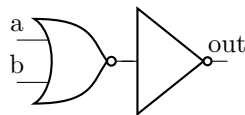
Figure 1.11: NOR circuit



The solution is presented in [Figure 1.11](#)

### Exercise 3.14

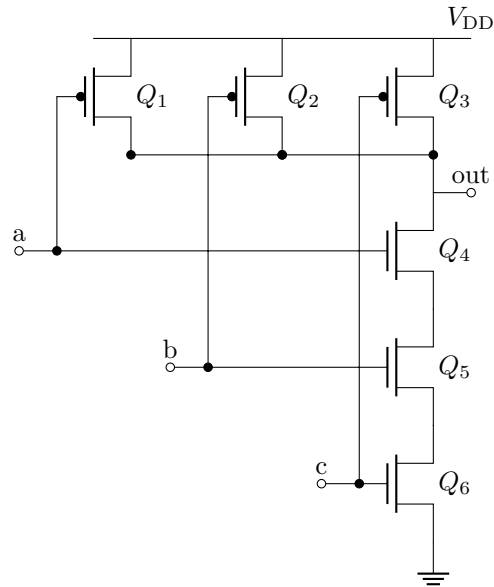
Figure 1.12: Logic OR symbols



The OR circuit can be easily obtained by cascading a NOT circuit to the NOR circuit designed in exercise 3.13.

**Exercise 3.15**

Figure 1.13: Three ports NAND circuit



The solution is represented in Figure 1.13. The gate comply with the following truth table

a	b	c	out
1	1	1	0
1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1
1	0	1	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	1
0	1	1	1
0	0	0	1

**Exercise 3.16** **TODO: write solution**

**Exercise 3.17** **TODO: write solution**

**Exercise 3.18** **TODO: write solution**