

# EE210A: Microelectronics I - Mini-Quiz 6

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Time: 20 minutes

1) : Consider all transistors are identical. Neglect body effect.

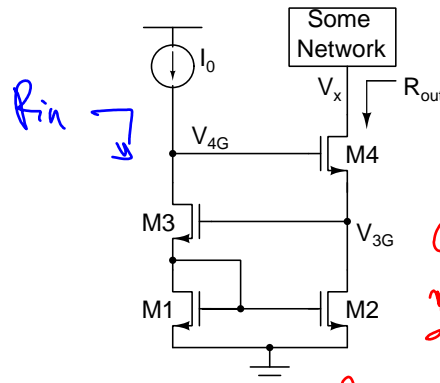
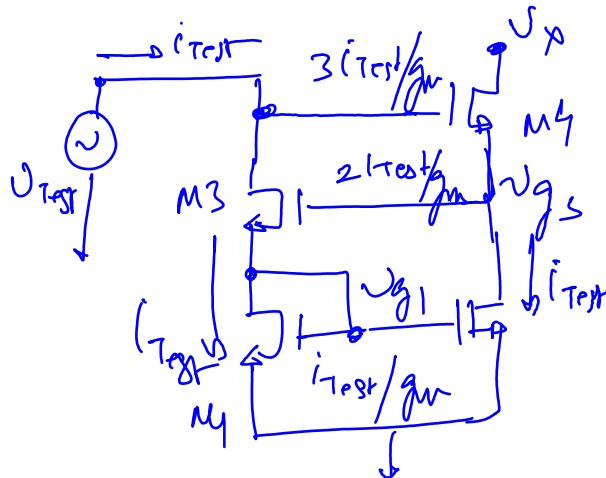


Fig. 1. Problem 1

a) : Assuming all transistors are biased in saturation, if  $I_0$  changes by  $\Delta I$ , what will the change in the voltage at  $V_{4G}$  be? Neglect channel length modulation for all transistors for this part. [4]

$$\Delta V_{4G} = \Delta I \times R_{in}$$

To find  $R_{in}$ 

All  $g_m$ s are same as  $W/L$  are identical and currents are also identical due to 1:1 mirroring ratio.

Current through M1

$$\Rightarrow i_{test} = g_m v_{g1}$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{g1} = \frac{i_{test}}{g_m}$$

Current through M3

$$\Rightarrow i_{test} = g_m (v_{g5} - v_{g1})$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{g5} = \frac{2 i_{test}}{g_m}$$

Current through M4

$$\Rightarrow i_{test} = g_m (v_{test} - v_{g5})$$

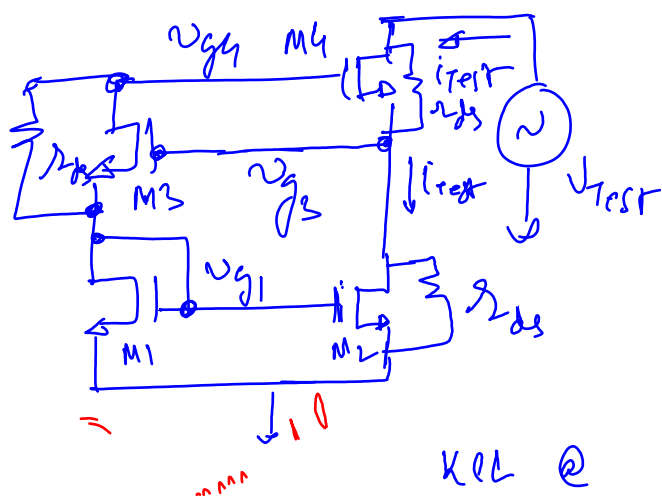
$$\Rightarrow v_{test} = \frac{3 i_{test}}{g_m}$$

$$\therefore R_{in} = \frac{3}{g_m}$$

$$\therefore \Delta V_{4G} = \Delta I \times \frac{3}{g_m} (+1)$$

An alternate possible approach is to express  $V_{gs} = V_{th} + \sqrt{\frac{2 I_0}{\mu C_{ox} (W/L)}}$  and then replace  $I_0$  by  $I_0 + \Delta I$ . It should yield the same result.

b) : Find the output resistance  $R_{out}$  looking into the drain of  $M4$  as indicated in the figure. Neglect channel length modulation for  $M1$  for this purpose and assume identical quiescent current in both the branches. [6]



No incremental current can flow into  $M1$ . ( $\because$  No current can flow out of the drain of  $M3$ )

$$\therefore v_{g1} = 0$$

$$\therefore v_{g3} = i_{test} R_{ds}$$

$$\text{KCL @ } v_{g1} \Rightarrow g_{m3} v_{g3} + \frac{v_{g4}}{R_{ds}} = 0 \quad (\because v_{g1} = 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{g4} = -g_{m3} R_{ds} v_{g3}$$

$$= -g_m R_{ds} i_{test} R_{ds}$$

$$\text{KCL @ } v_{test} \Rightarrow i_{test} = g_m (v_{g4} - v_{g3}) + \frac{v_{test} - v_{g3}}{R_{ds}}$$

$$\Rightarrow i_{test} = -g_m^2 R_{ds}^2 i_{test} - g_m R_{ds} i_{test} + \frac{v_{test}}{R_{ds}} - i_{test}$$

$$\Rightarrow i_{test} (2 + g_m R_{ds} + g_m^2 R_{ds}^2) = \frac{v_{test}}{R_{ds}}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_{out} = \frac{v_{test}}{i_{test}} = 2 R_{ds} + g_m R_{ds}^2 + g_m^2 R_{ds}^3$$