

Solution

# CSU0007 Basic Electronics, Homework 5

- Four questions in total. Submit your work via Moodle before 9PM, Dec 19th, 2020 (Saturday).
- Textbook coverage: Section 7.1 to Section 7.6. Note that we use notations  $V_S$  and  $V_{CC}$  interchangeably.
- For all questions, consider the SCS model of a MOSFET. Clearly state your reasoning to earn full score.

1. (40 points) In this question, we review the fundamental properties of a MOSFET.

1. (10 points) State the boundary condition between the saturation region and the triode region.  $V_{GS} - V_T = V_{DS}$

2. (10 points) In class, we showed that starting from the cut-off region, with the fixed value of  $V_{DS}$ , if we gradually increase the value of  $V_{GS}$  then the MOSFET will first enter the saturation region and then the triode region. Now, suppose we fix the value of  $V_{GS}$  (so that it is larger than  $V_T$ ) and then gradually increase the value of  $V_{DS}$  from 0. In this setting, eventually, will the MOSFET go from which region to which region? triode  $\rightarrow$  saturation

3. (10 points) Under what condition will a MOSFET go from the saturation region to the cut-off region?  $V_{GS} - V_T < 0$ , i.e.,  $V_{GS} < V_T$

4. (10 points) In which of the three regions will the MOSFET behave as a dependent current source where current  $i_{DS}$  is dependent on the value of  $V_{GS}$ ? the saturation region

2. (15 points) Consider the MOSFET amplifier, version 1, as we've discussed in class (Figure 7.19 in the textbook), with the following setup:  $V_T = 1V$ ,  $V_S = 10V$ ,  $K = 1mA/V^2$ , and  $R_L = 8k\Omega$ . Assume that the MOSFET always operates in the saturation region. Compute  $\frac{v_O}{v_{IN}}$  for

1. (5 points)  $v_{IN} = 1.5V$

2. (5 points)  $v_{IN} = 1.7V$

3. (5 points)  $v_{IN} = 1.9V$

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3. (25 points) Again, consider the MOSFET amplifier, version 1. Do the following analyses:

1. (15 points) Given a constant  $V_S$ , consider the range of  $v_{IN}$  for the MOSFET to operate in the saturation region. Would the size of this range increase or decrease if we increase  $R_L$ ? Why? Decrease, see Page 2

2. (10 points) This type of amplifier has a property (you may call it a feature or a bug) that if both  $V_T > 0$  and  $V_S > 0$ , then the output of the amplifier will never change, no matter what negative value of the input is (as long as the input is negative). Explain why. See page 2

4. (20 points) Now, consider the MOSFET amplifier, version 2, as we've discussed in class (Figure 7.46 in the textbook). Using the parameters specified in that figure, compute  $v_O$  for

1. (5 points)  $v_{IN} = -0.2V$

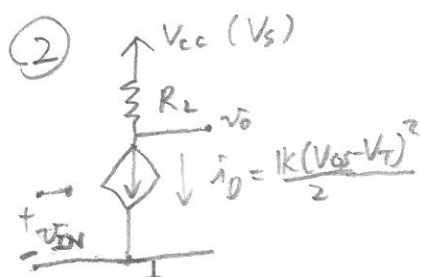
2. (5 points)  $v_{IN} = -0.1V$

3. (5 points)  $v_{IN} = 0V$

4. (5 points) Following the question above, when  $v_{IN} = 0V$ , what would be the value of current flowing out from the voltage supply (i.e., from the leftmost voltage source in that figure in the textbook)?

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②.1  $v_O = V_S - i_D \cdot R_L = 10 - \frac{1}{2}(1.5-1)^2 \cdot 8 = 9 \text{ V}$   
 $\frac{v_O}{v_{IN}} = \frac{9}{1.5} \approx 6$

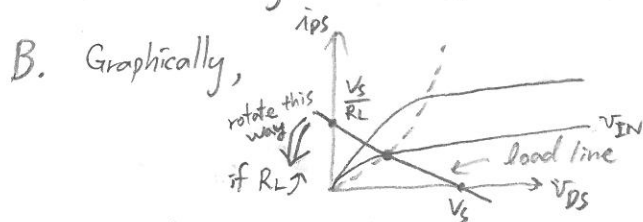
②.2  $v_O = 10 - \frac{1}{2}(1.7-1)^2 \cdot 8 = 8.04 \text{ V}$   $\frac{v_O}{v_{IN}} \approx 4.73$

②.3  $v_O = 10 - \frac{1}{2}(1.9-1)^2 \cdot 8 = 6.76 \text{ V}$   $\frac{v_O}{v_{IN}} \approx 3.56$

Think about  $\frac{v_O}{v_{IN}}$  as the ratio of amplification, and we see that for different  $v_{IN}$  the ratio is different.

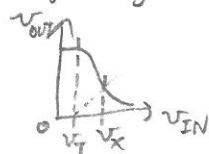
③.1 We may analyze this in at least three ways:

A. According to voltage divider,  $V_{DS}$  will decrease. Therefore the size of the saturation region  $0 \leq V_{GS} - V_T \leq V_{DS}$  will decrease.



which means for the same  $v_{IN}$  the MOSFET will operate in the triode region instead. This implies that the size of the saturation region is decreased.

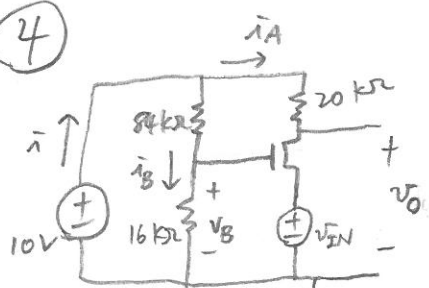
C. Analytically, we have  $v_X = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1 + 2V_S K R_L}}{K R_L} + V_T = \frac{-1}{K R_L} + \sqrt{\frac{1}{K^2 R_L^2} + \frac{2V_S}{K R_L}} + V_T$



which implies  $v_X \downarrow$  if  $R_L \uparrow$

③.2 Because in this case  $V_{GS} < V_T$ ,  $v_{OUT} = V_S$

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$V_T = 1 \text{ V}$   
 $K = 1 \text{ mA/V}^2$

$V_B = 10 \times \frac{16}{16+84} = 1.6 \text{ V}$

$V_{GS} = 1.6 - v_{IN}$

$v_O = 10 - \frac{1 \cdot (1.6 - v_{IN} - 1)^2}{2} \times 20 = 10 - 10(0.6 - v_{IN})^2$ , provided that

the MOSFET operates in the saturation region.

④.1  $v_O = 3.6 \text{ V}$

④.2  $v_O = 5.1 \text{ V}$

④.3  $v_O = 6.4 \text{ V}$

} you can verify that in those cases indeed the MOSFET operates in the saturation region.

④.4  $i_B = \frac{10}{100 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.1 \text{ mA}$

$i_A = \frac{1 \times (1.6 - 0 - 1)^2}{2} = 0.18 \text{ mA}$

from KCL, we have  $i = i_A + i_B = 0.28 \text{ mA}$