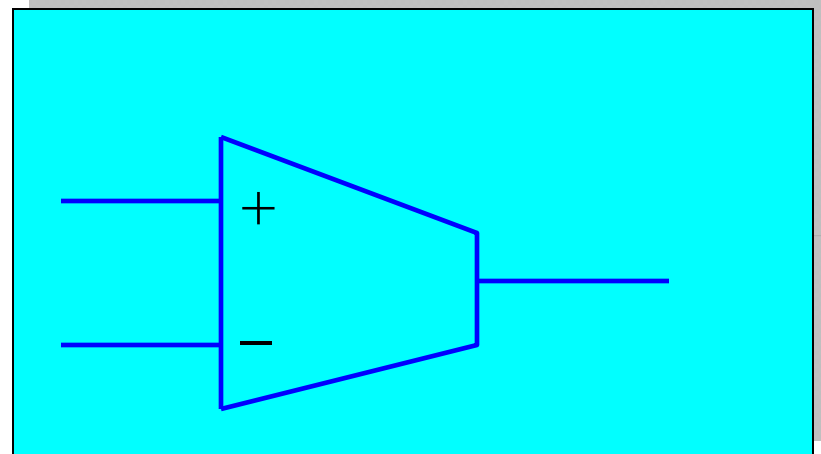
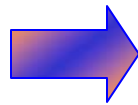
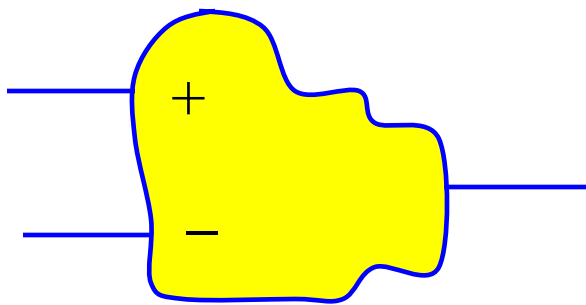


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# Fundamental techniques for OTA linearization



# Fundamental OTA Linearization Techniques

The input-output characteristics of an OTA can be expressed as a non-linear polynomial

$$i_D = I_D + a_1 v_{in} + a_2 v_{in}^2 + \dots + a_n v_{in}^n$$

For linear applications, the ideal input-output relation for an OTA is:

$$i_D = I_D + i_d = I_D + a_1 v_{in}$$

In actual implementations is not possible to obtain the above expression. Thus, we can only aim to reduce as much as possible the coefficients of the higher-order terms, that is  $a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$

In what follows, we will discuss different linearization techniques to minimize these higher order terms. For instance differential outputs can ideally cancel all even coefficients.

To be able to make a weakly linear approximation, we can express the polynomial as a Taylor Series, as shown below:

$$i_d = i_d(v_{in})$$

$$i_d = I_D + \left. \frac{\partial i_d}{\partial v_{in}} \right|_Q v_{in} + \frac{1}{2} \left. \frac{\partial^2 i_d}{\partial v_{in}^2} \right|_Q v_{in}^2 + \frac{1}{6} \left. \frac{\partial^3 i_d}{\partial v_{in}^3} \right|_Q v_{in}^3 + \dots$$

$$\text{for } v_{in} = V \sin(\omega t)$$

$$i_d \cong I_D + \left. \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial^2 i_d}{\partial v_{in}^2} \right|_Q V^2 + \left. \frac{\partial i_d}{\partial v_{in}} \right|_Q + \left. \frac{\partial^3 i_d}{\partial v_{in}^3} \right|_Q \frac{V^2}{8} + \dots V \sin(\omega t) +$$

$$+ \left. \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial^2 i_d}{\partial v_{in}^2} \right|_Q + \dots V^2 \sin(2\omega t) + \left. \frac{1}{24} \frac{\partial^3 i_d}{\partial v_{in}^3} \right|_Q + \dots V^3 \sin(3\omega t) + \dots$$

# Nonlinear Metrics

Transconductance

$$g_m = \left. \frac{\partial i_d}{\partial v_{in}} \right|_Q + \left. \frac{\partial^3 i_d}{\partial v_{in}^3} \right|_Q \frac{v^2}{8} + \dots$$

Second Harmonic Distortion

$$HD_2 \cong \frac{1}{4} \frac{\left. \frac{\partial^2 i_d}{\partial v_{in}^2} \right|_Q}{\left. \frac{\partial i_d}{\partial v_{in}} \right|_Q} v$$

Third Harmonic Distortion

$$HD_3 \cong \frac{1}{24} \frac{\left. \frac{\partial^3 i_d}{\partial v_{in}^3} \right|_Q}{\left. \frac{\partial i_d}{\partial v_{in}} \right|_Q} v^2$$

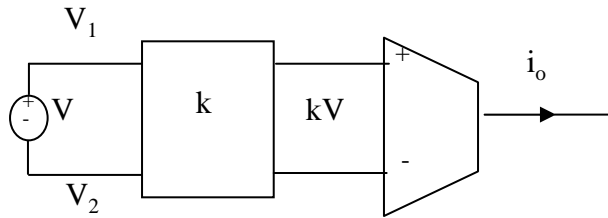
Third Intermodulation Distortion

$$IM_3 = 3 * HD_3$$

# ROUGH CLASSIFICATION OF TRANSCONDUCTANCE LINEARIZATION SCHEMES

1. By attenuating the input signal.
2. By using negative feedback.
3. By strategically adding several non-linear OTAs.
4. By connecting a nonlinear function and its inverse non-linear function.

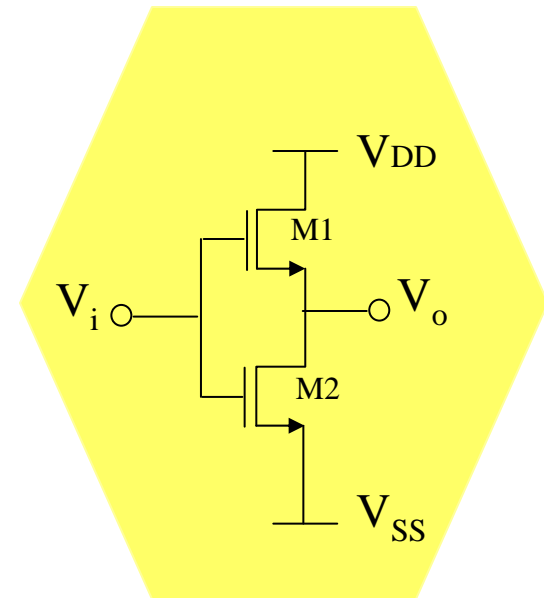
# OTA Linearization Techniques using attenuation



$$i_o = a_1(kV) + a_2(kV)^2 + a_3(kV)^3 + \dots$$

Active attenuation based on a self-cascode transistor

$$k = 1 - 1 / \sqrt{1 + W_1 L_2 / W_2 L_1} \text{ for } V_{T_1} = V_{T_2}$$

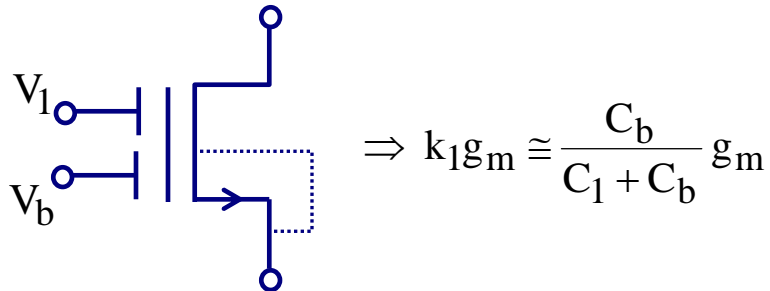


# Nonlinearity Reduction

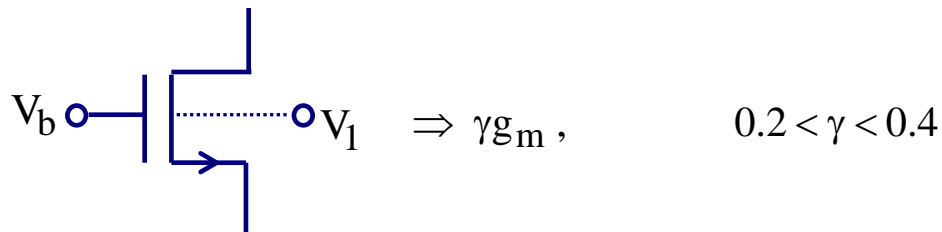
## 1. Input Attenuation

Potential Implementations :

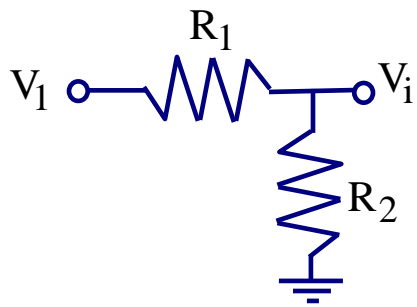
- Floating Gate



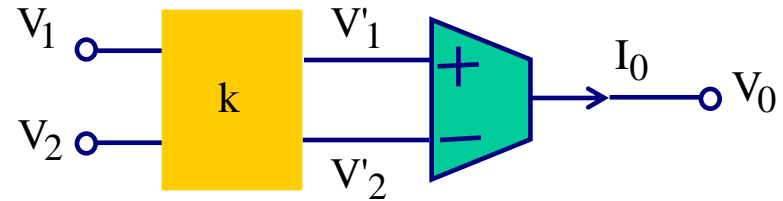
- Bulk Driven



- For discrete components , a voltage divider is possible :



$$V_i = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_1 = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}} V_1 = k V_1$$

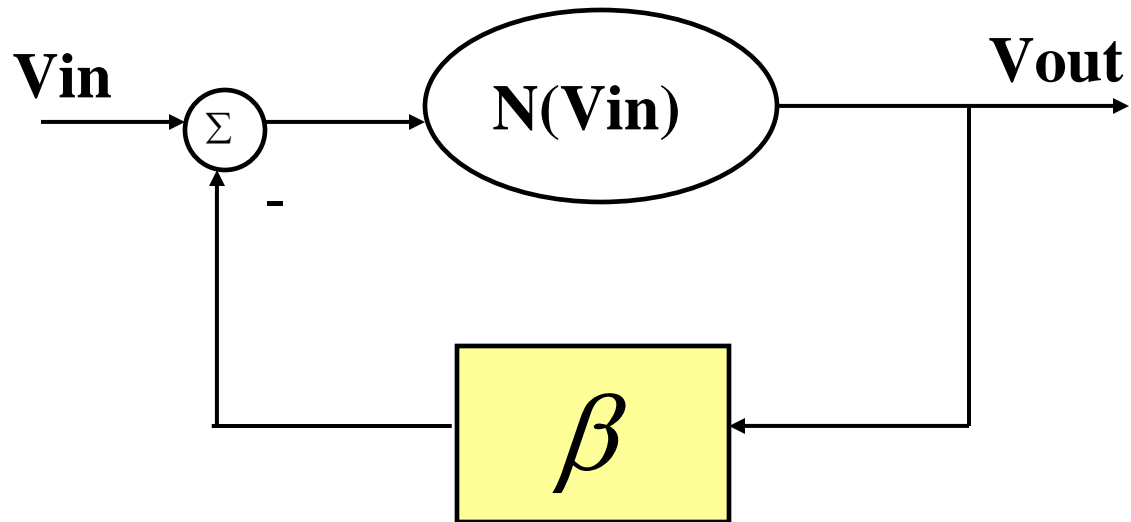


*Similar S/N with and without Floating Gate.*

$$\uparrow V_{\text{off}} = I_{\text{off}} / kai$$

*k can be frequency dependent*

## 2. Linearization by using negative feedback.



Example: A source degeneration differential pair

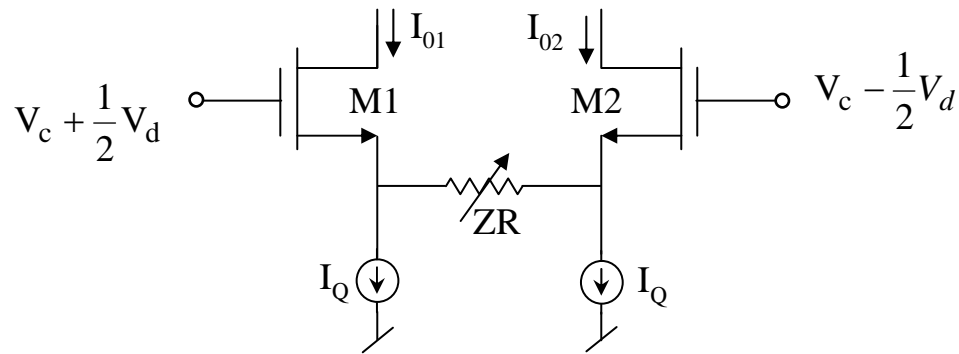
$$\beta = R_s \quad N(V_{in}) = g_m$$

$$G_m = \frac{g_m}{1 + g_m R_s} = \frac{g_m}{1 + N}$$



## DEGENERATED DIFFERENTIAL PAIRS

### ⇒ CONCEPT



### ➤ BASIC PRINCIPLE:

Linearity is determined by the resistor

$$g_m = \frac{I_{01} - I_{02}}{V_d} = \frac{g_m I}{1 + g_{m2} R} \approx \frac{1}{R}$$

### ➤ CONDITIONS:

M1, M2 are saturated

M1, M2 are perfectly matched

$$g_{m1} R \gg 1$$

( $g_{m1}$ , intrinsic transconductance of M1, M2)

$V_{GS}$  OF M1, M2 can be regarded constant

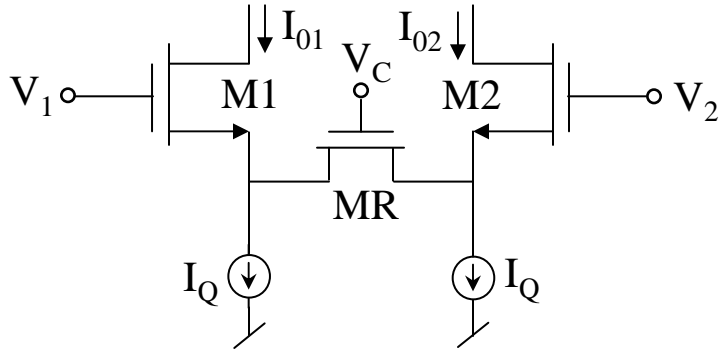
### ➤ GLOBAL CHARACTERISTICS:

High linearity at the cost of large area occupation.

Low transconductance (less suited for high frequency applications)

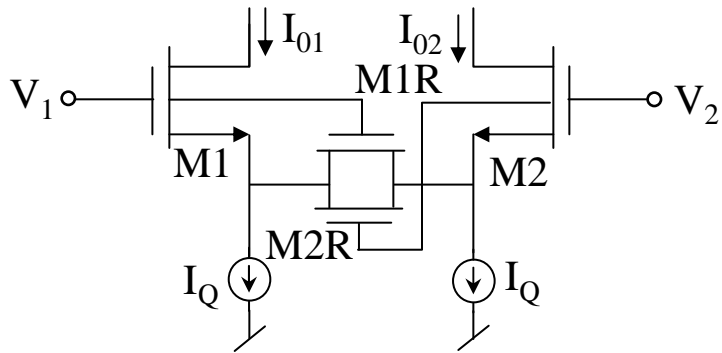
# DEGENERATED DIFFERENTIAL PAIRS-IMPLEMENTATIONS

➤ Single Most in Ohmic Region  
As a Resistor (TSIV86)



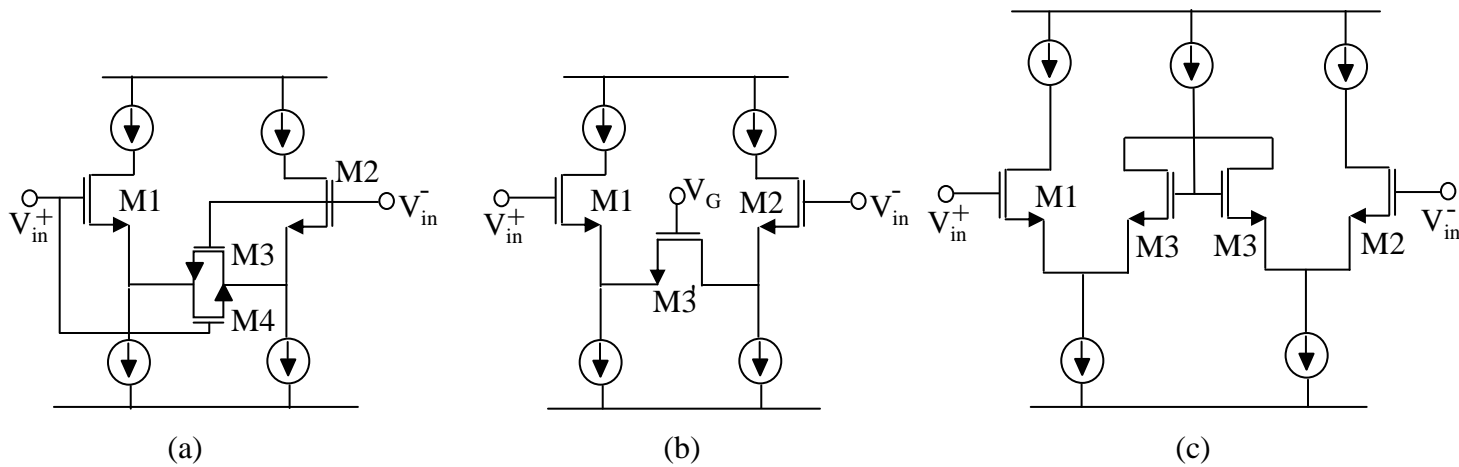
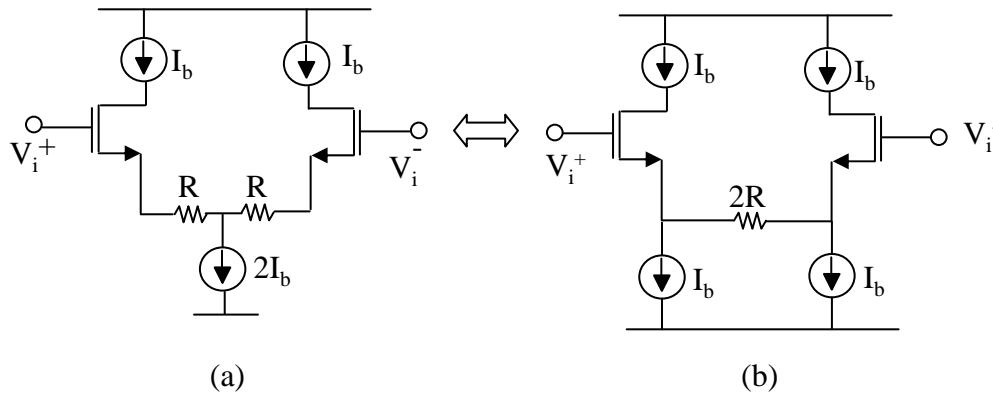
- Tuning via V<sub>C</sub>
- V<sub>C</sub> ≫ →  
MR in ohmic region
- $\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_{1,2} \gg \rightarrow$   
V<sub>GE1,2</sub> ≫ ~ *const*

➤ Two Most in Ohmic Region as a Resistor  
(KRUM88)



- Tuning via I<sub>Q</sub>

# Transconductance linearization schemes via **source degeneration**.



Active Source Degeneration topologies; (a) and (b) transistors biased on triode region and (c) with saturated transistors.

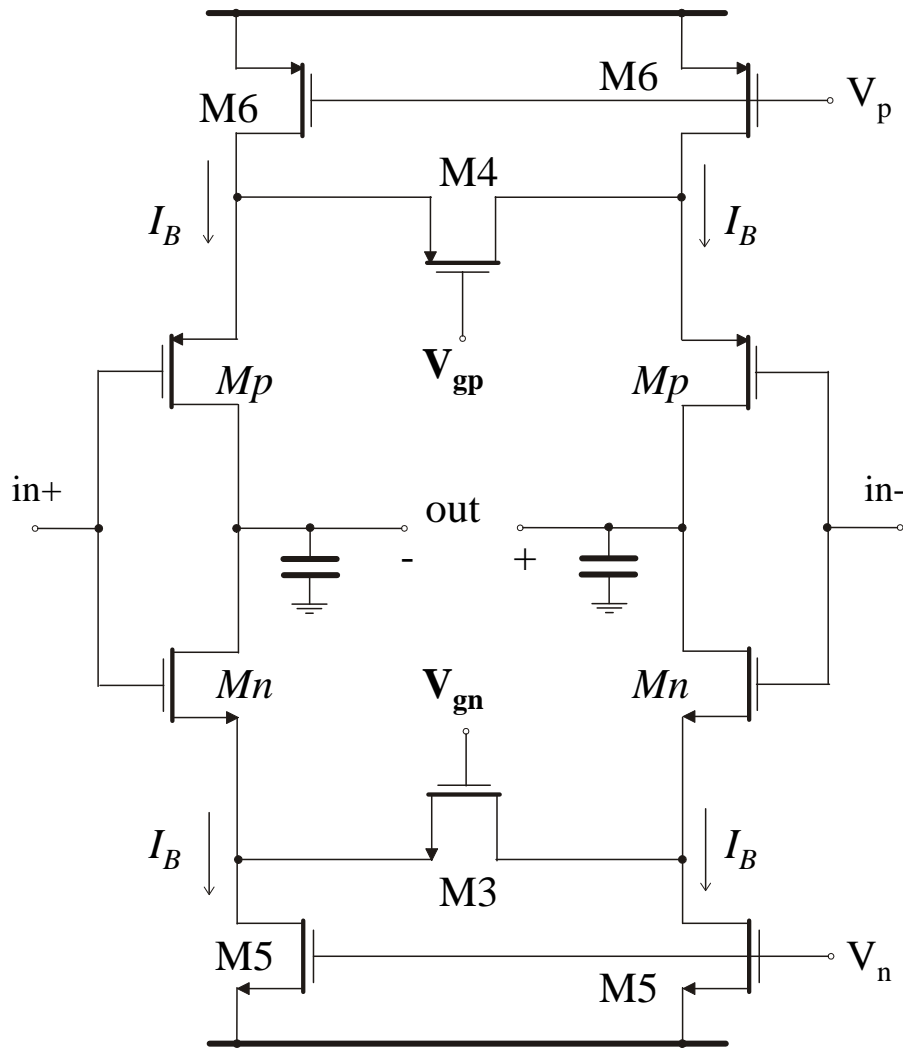
Table 1. Main characteristics for differential pair based OTAs.  
 $N(=G_m R)$  is the source-degeneration factor.

Parameter	Differential Pair	Source Degeneration
Small-signal transconductance	$G_m = \sqrt{2\mu_n C_{OX}} \sqrt{\frac{W_n}{L_n}} \sqrt{I_B}$	$G_{m,sd} = \frac{G_m}{1+N}$
Third Harmonic Distortion (HD3)	$HD3 = \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{v_{id}}{V_{DSAT}} \right)^2$	$\left( \frac{1}{1+N} \right)^2 HD3$
Input referred thermal noise density	$\frac{16}{3} \frac{kT}{G_m} \left( 1 + \frac{g_{mp}}{G_m} \right)$	$\frac{16}{3} \frac{kT}{G_{m,sd}} \left( 1 + \frac{g_{mp} + \left( \frac{N}{1+N} \right)^2 g_{mn}}{G_{m,sd}} \right)$
Dynamic Range	$DR = \sqrt{\frac{(HD3)(C_L)}{NF}} 10^{11} V_{DSAT}$	$\sqrt{\frac{NF}{NF_{sd}} (1+N) DR}$
Current consumption*	$2I_B$	$2(1+N)I_B$
Transistor dimensions*	$\frac{W}{L}$	$(1+N) \frac{W}{L}$

\* For comparison, same transconductance and same  $V_{DSAT}$  are fixed for both structures.  
 $NF = NF_{sd}$  for  $N=0$

Table 2. Properties of OTAs using source degeneration

Reference/Figure	Transconductance	Properties
Fig. (a)	$\frac{g_{m1}}{1 + \frac{\beta_1}{4\beta_3}}$	Low sensitive to common-mode input signals. The linear range is limited to $V_{in} < V_{DSAT}$ , and THD=-50 dB. M1=M2, M3=M4
Fig. (b)	$\frac{g_{m1}}{1 + g_{m1}R}$ $R = 1/\mu_o C_{ox}(V_{gs} - V_T)$	Highly sensitive to common-mode input signals. For better linearity large $V_{GS3}$ voltages are required. Large tuning range if $V_G$ is used.
Fig. (c)	$\frac{g_{m1}}{1 + g_{m1}/g_{m3}}$ <p style="text-align: center;">M1=M2</p>	Low sensitive to common-mode input signals. Limited linearity improvement, HD3 reduces by -12 dB. More silicon area is required.



$$i = i_n + i_p$$

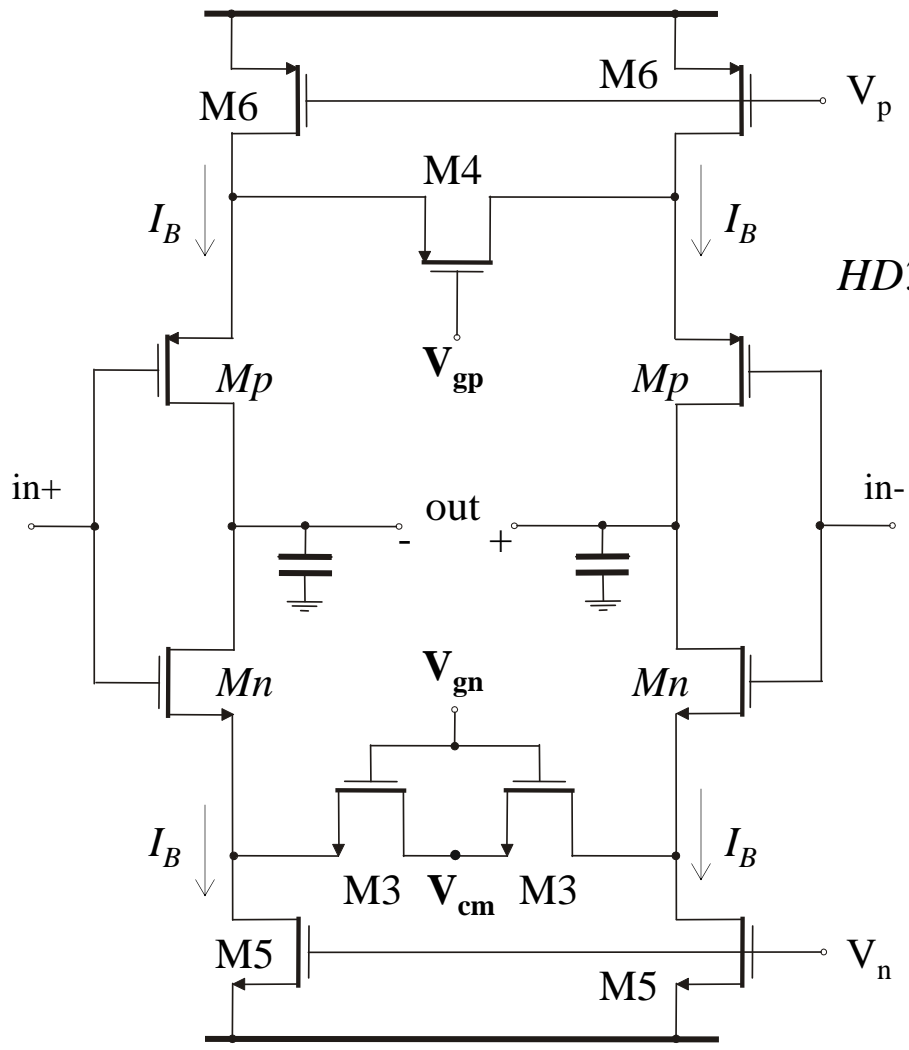
$$i = \frac{g_{mn} v}{N_n + 1} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{v}{2(N_n + 1)V_{DSsatn}} \right)^2} + \frac{g_{mp} v}{N_p + 1} \sqrt{1 - \left( \frac{v}{2(N_p + 1)V_{DSsatp}} \right)^2}$$

$$G_m = \frac{g_{mn}}{N_n + 1} + \frac{g_{mp}}{N_p + 1}$$

$$R_{DS} = \frac{1}{\beta(V_{GS} - V_T)}$$

$$N_n = g_{mn} R_n$$

$$N_p = g_{mp} R_p$$

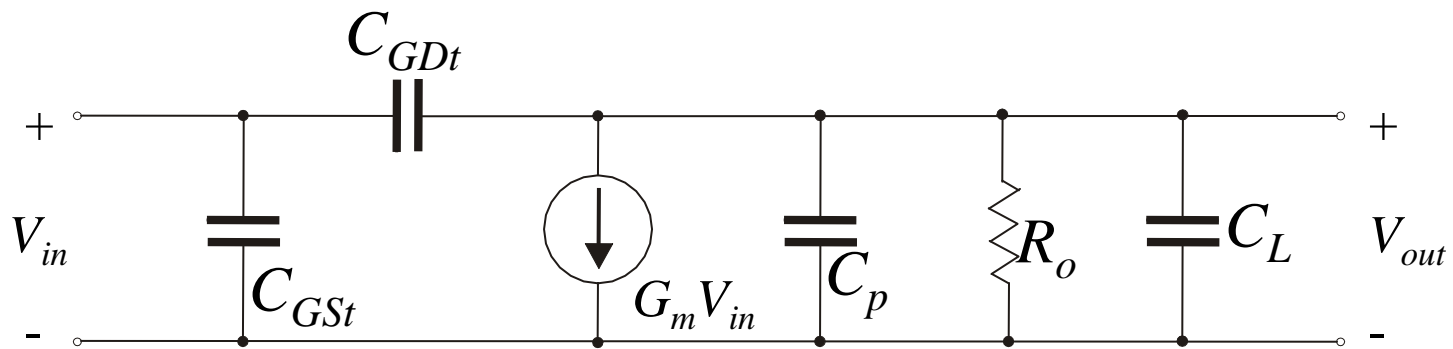


$$HD2 = 0$$

$$HD3 = \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{1}{N_n + 1} \right)^2 \left( \frac{v}{V_{DSsatn}} \right)^2 \frac{g_{mn}(N_p + 1)}{g_{mn}(N_p + 1) + g_{mp}(N_n + 1)} + \frac{1}{32} \left( \frac{1}{N_p + 1} \right)^2 \left( \frac{v}{V_{DSsatp}} \right)^2 \frac{g_{mp}(N_n + 1)}{g_{mn}(N_p + 1) + g_{mp}(N_n + 1)}$$

$$HD3 \propto \frac{a_1}{(N_n + 1)^2} + \frac{a_2}{(N_p + 1)^2}$$

$$G_m \propto \frac{b_1}{N_n + 1} + \frac{b_2}{N_p + 1}$$



DC Gain: 
$$A_o = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = \frac{(G_m V_{in}) R_o}{V_{in}} = G_m R_o$$

Dominant Pole Frequency: 
$$f_p = \frac{1}{2\pi R_o (C_L + C_p)}$$

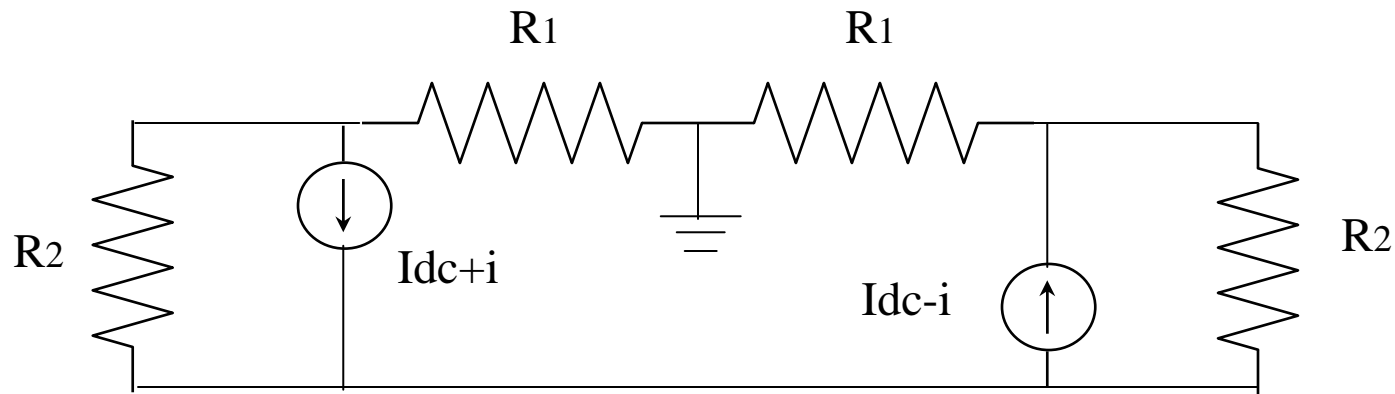
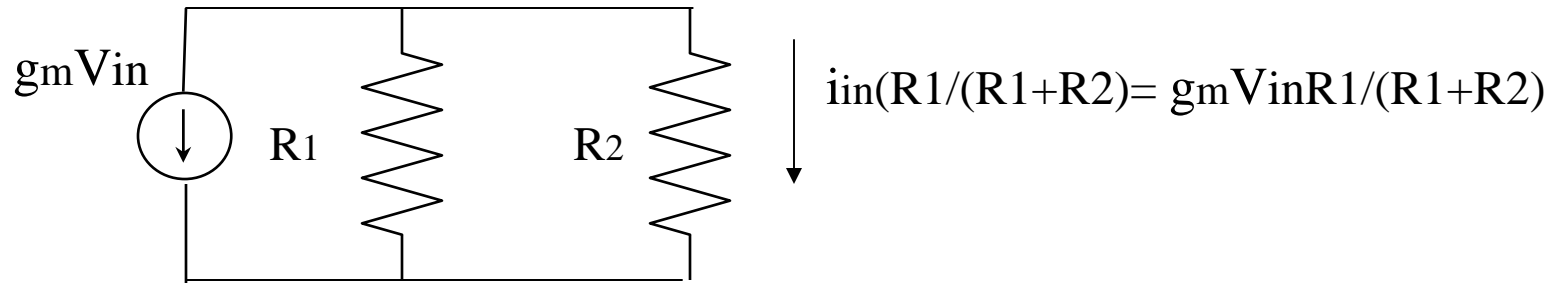
Gain-Bandwidth Product: 
$$GBW = \frac{G_m}{2\pi (C_L + C_p)}$$

$C_{GDt}$  effect:

$$f_z = \frac{G_m}{2\pi C_{GDt}}$$

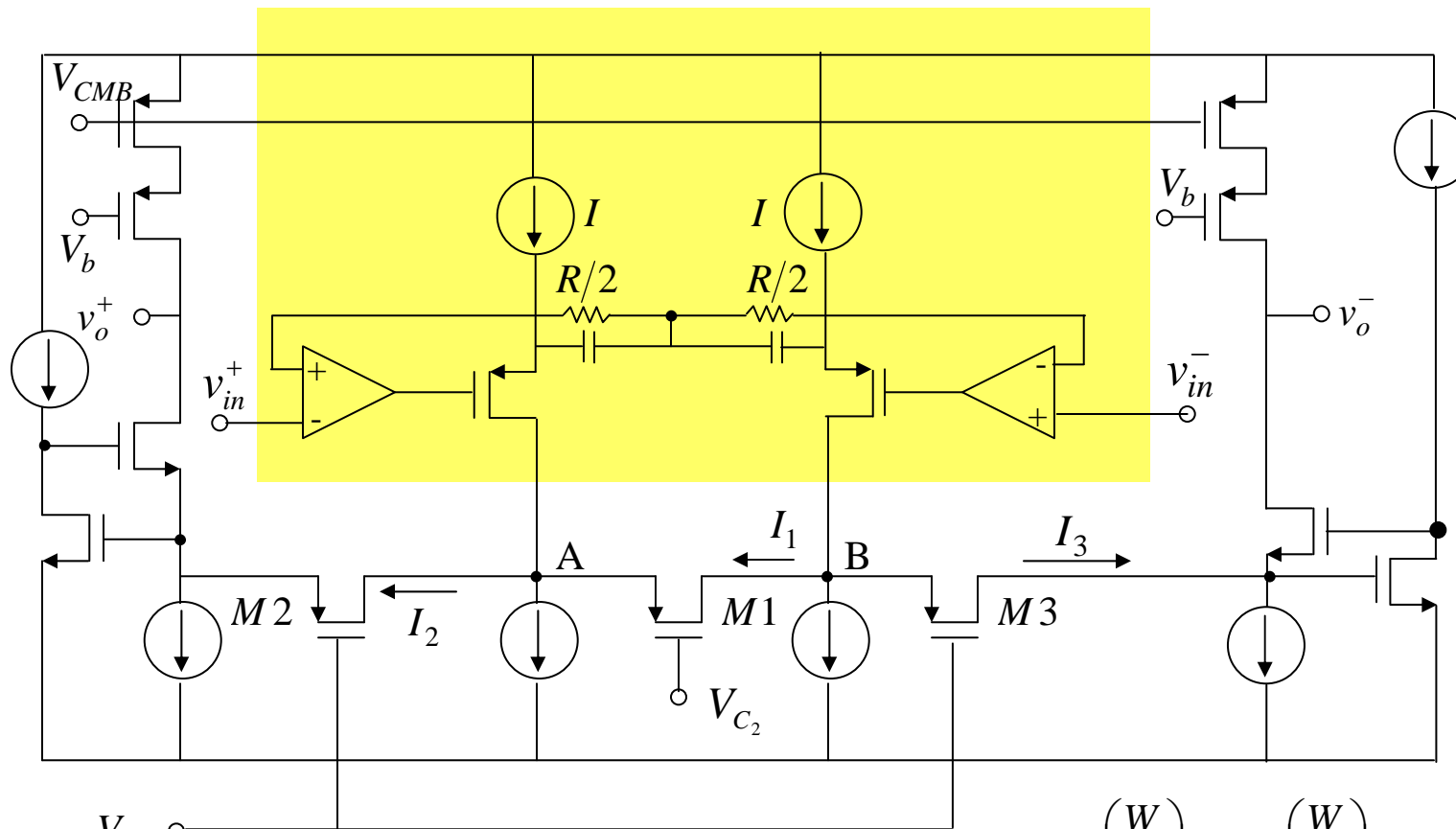


# Current Divider Concept to tune Transconductance Amplifier



Symmetric Current Divider for Differential Structures

## Source Degeneration Transconductance with Current Divider

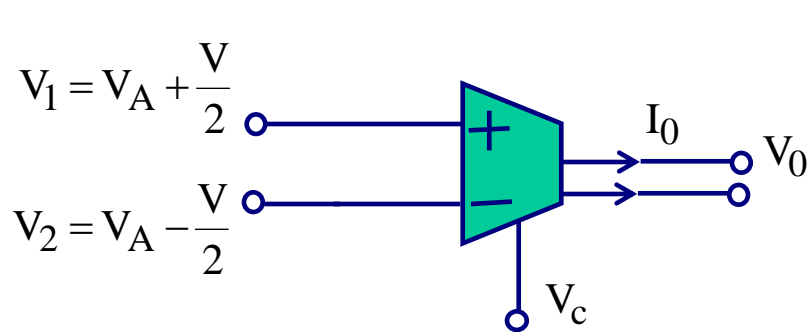


$$G_m = \frac{1}{R} \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{V_{C1} - V_{C2}}{V_{C1} + V_{C2} - V_T - V_A} \right] ; \text{ i.e. } 3V_A = V_{CM}$$

$$\left( \frac{W}{L} \right)_{2,3} = 2 \left( \frac{W}{L} \right)_1$$

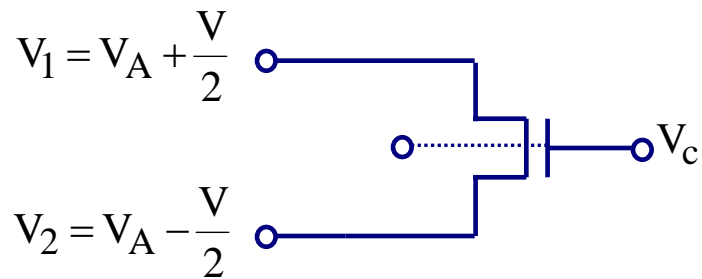
Ref.- Z.Y. Chang, D. Haspeslagh, J. Boxho and D. Macq, "A Highly Linear CMOS Gm-C Bandpass Filter for Video Applications," IEEE CICC, 1996.

## Balanced Nonlinearity Cancellation (no even power terms)

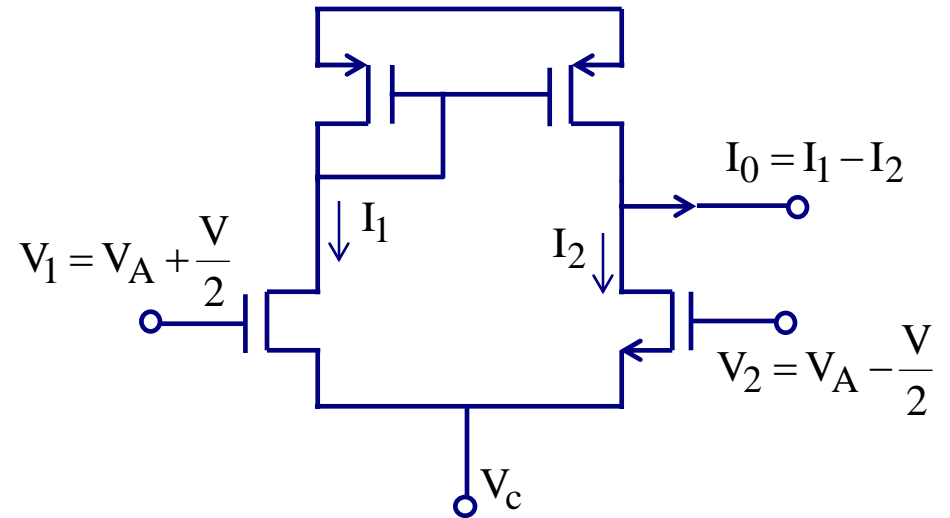


$$I_0 = V(a_1 + 2a_2V_A + \dots) + \frac{1}{4}V^3(a_3 + 4a_4V_A + 10a_5V_A^2 + \dots) + \frac{1}{16}V^5(a_5 + 6a_6V_A + \dots)$$

### Implementations



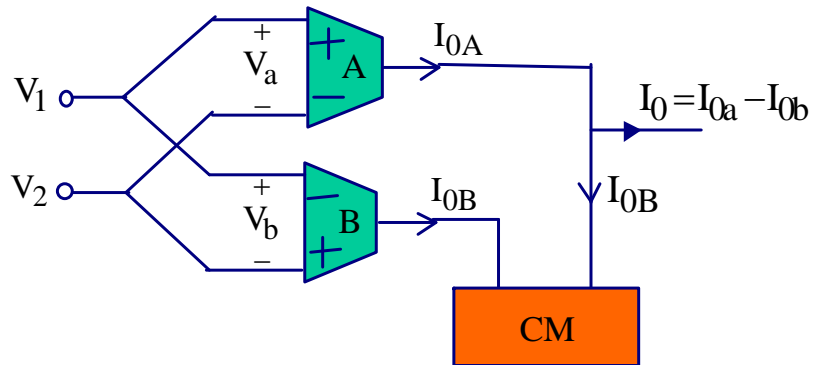
### Single Device in Ohmic Region



### Two Matched Devices in Saturation

- CMR is poor
- The technique requires perfect matching of components and voltages.

### 3. Subtraction of Polynomials. This is Another Balanced Nonlinearity Cancellation.

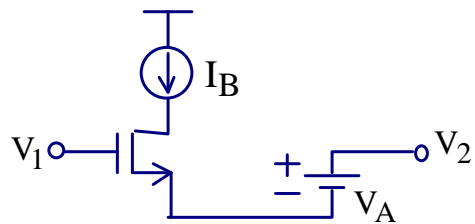


$V_a$  and  $V_b$  are levelshifting voltages that keep the transconductor active even for  $V_1 = V_2 = 0$

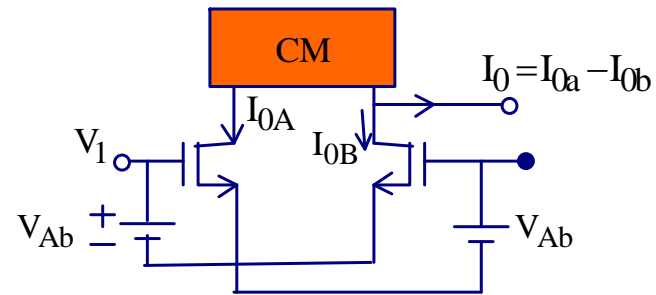
$$I_0 = 2(a_1 V + a_3 V^3 + a_5 V^5 + \dots)$$

$$V = V_1 - V_2$$

#### Implementations:

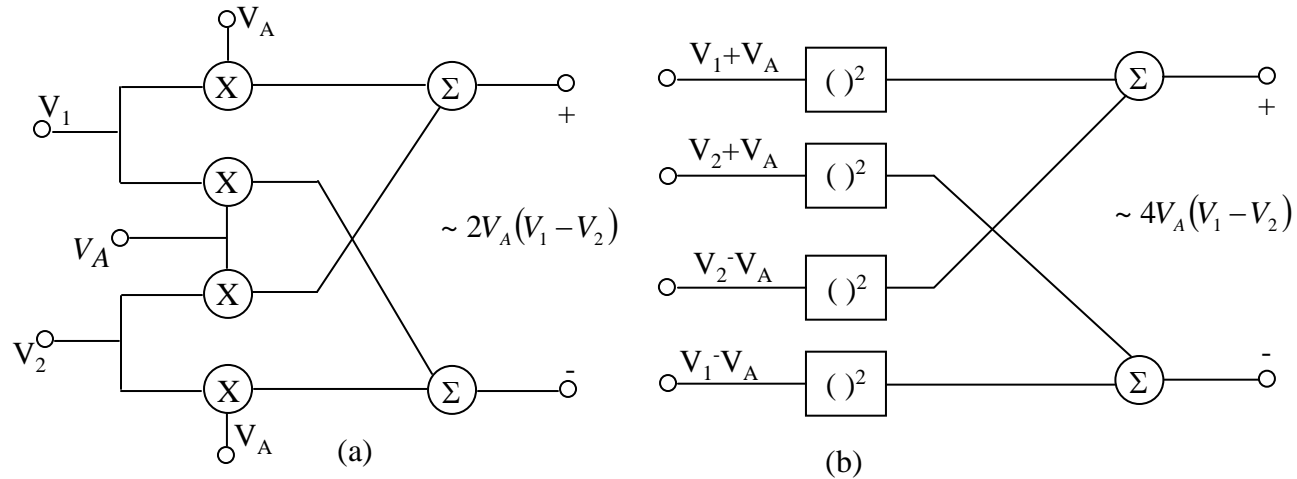


Single Device.  $V_A$  is a levelshifting voltage keeping the transistor in saturation

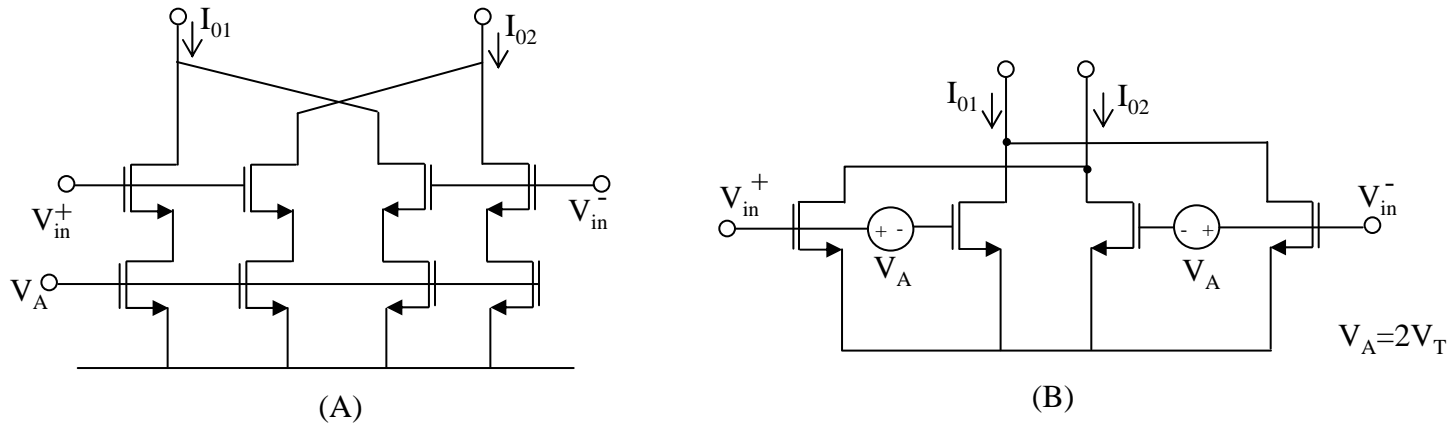


#### Balanced Configuration

### 3. General transconductance linearization by non-linear terms sum cancellation techniques

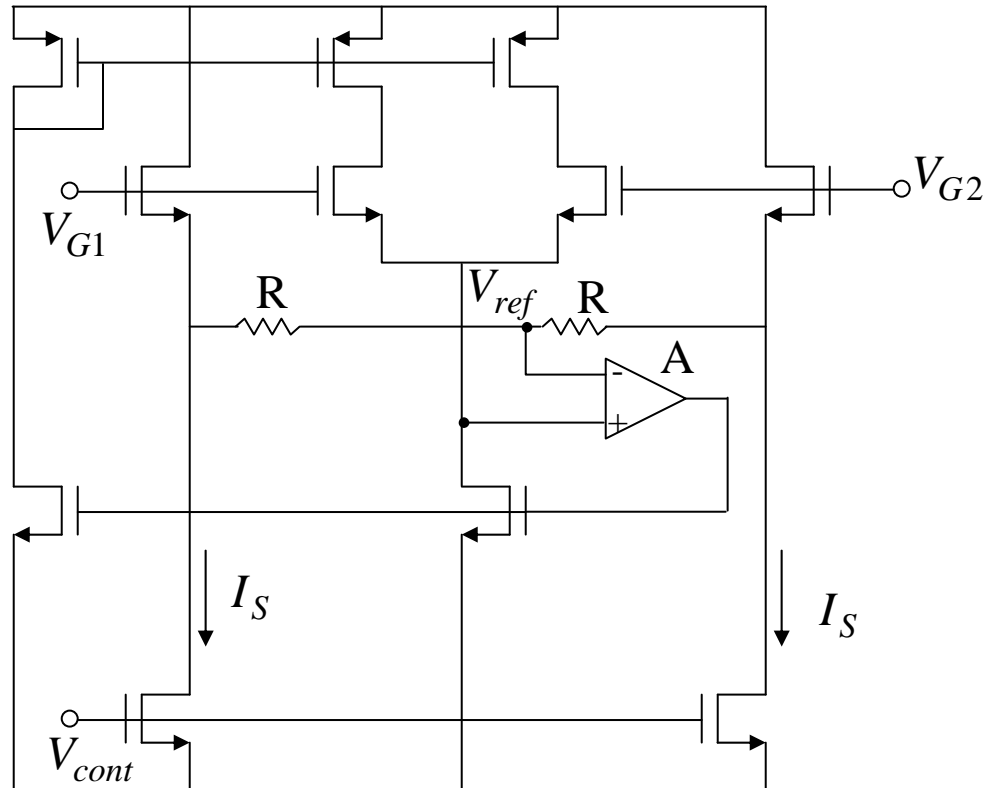


(a) using single multipliers by a constant ( $V_A$ ), (b) using single-quadrant devices.  $V_1 = -V_2$ .



Transconductance (A) based on Fig (a); (B) based on Fig. (b). Note that in (A) the input signal might need a DC bias.

## LINEAR OTA USING FEEDBACK CONTROL ON COMMON SOURCE NODE



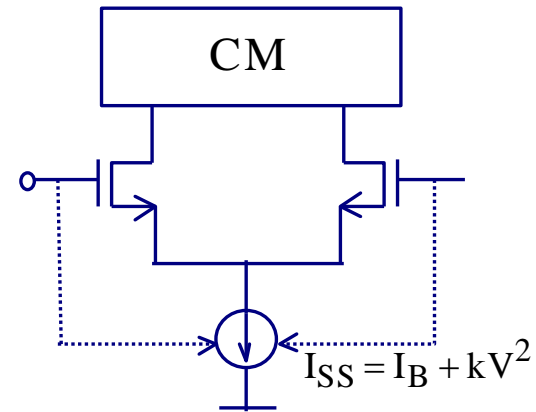
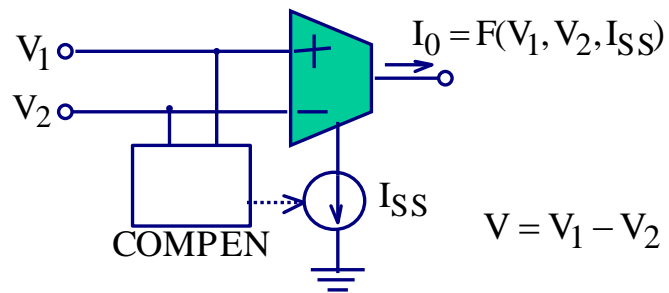
$$G_m = 2k \left( \frac{V_{G1} + V_{G2}}{2} - V_{ref} - V_T \right)$$

$$V_G = \frac{V_{G1} + V_{G2}}{2} - V_{ref} = k' \sqrt{I_S} = k'' V_{cont}$$

$$G_m = 2k \left( k'' V_{cont} - V_T \right)$$

Ref.- J. Sevenhans and M. Van Paemel, "Novel CMOS Linear OTA Using Feedback Control on Common Source Node," *Elect. Letters*, pp. 1873-1874, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1996.

## Nonlinearity Cancellation Using Function Compensation



$$I_0 = F(V, I_{SS})$$

Make

$$I_{SS} = I_B + F_1(V)$$

Where  $F_1(V)$  is chosen such that,

$$I_0 = F(V, I_B + F_1(V)) = VF_2(I_B) = G_m V$$

Example 1. Linearization via bias current modulation of a differential pair operating in strong inversion.

$$I_{out} = K\Delta V \sqrt{2I_{SS}/K - \Delta V^2} \quad ; \quad K = \mu_o C_{ox} \frac{W}{2L} \quad (1)$$

Goal is to add  $I_M = K\Delta V^2/2$  to  $I_{SS}$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} I_m &= K\Delta V^2/2 \\ \frac{2(I_{SS} + I_M)}{K} &= \frac{2I_{SS}}{K} + \frac{K\Delta V^2}{K} - \Delta V^2 = \frac{2I_{SS}}{K} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

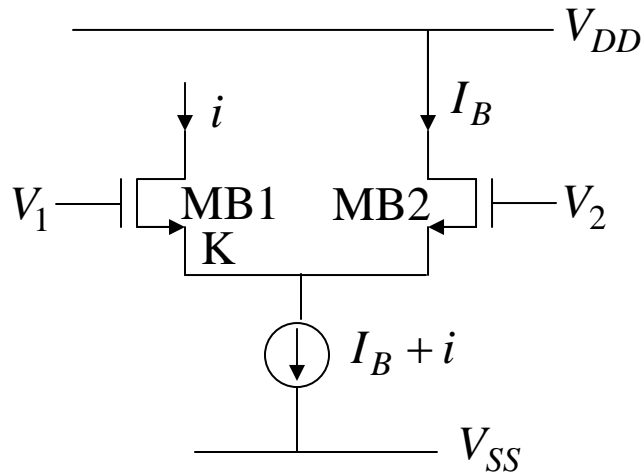
(2) into (1)

$$I_{out} = K\Delta V \sqrt{2I_{SS}/K} = \sqrt{2KI_{SS}} \Delta V = G_m \Delta V \quad (3)$$

Where  $G_m$  is the linearized transconductance, and  $\Delta V$  is the input differential voltage.



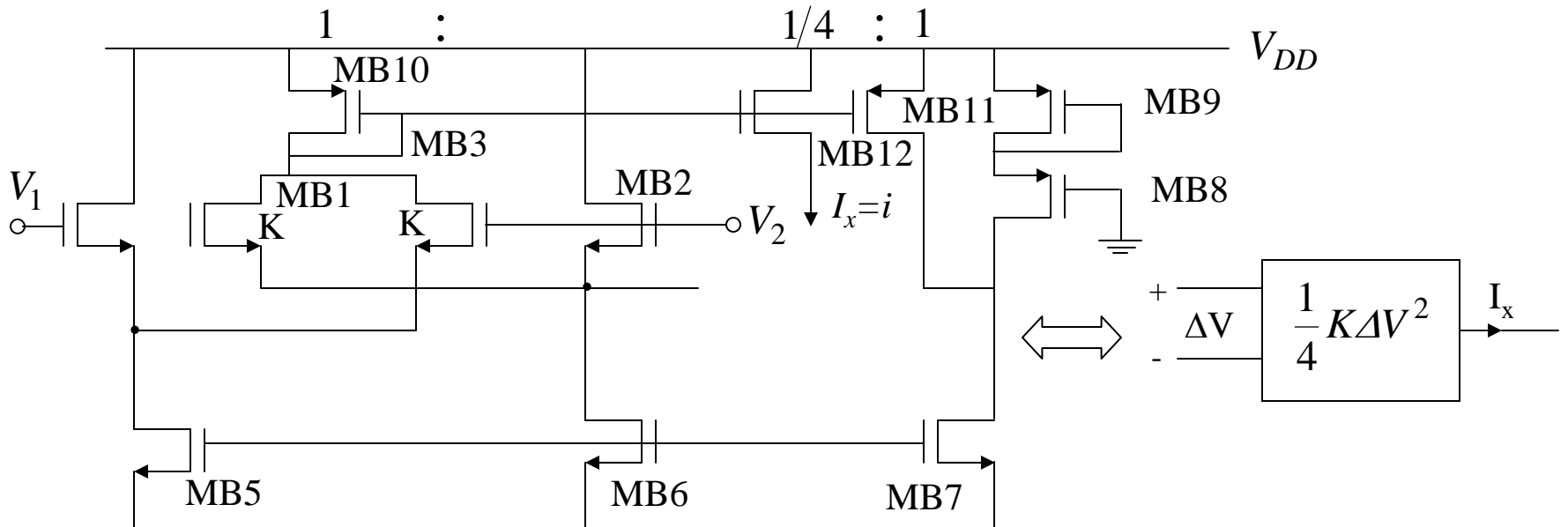
How to generate  $I_M = K\Delta V^2/2$ ?



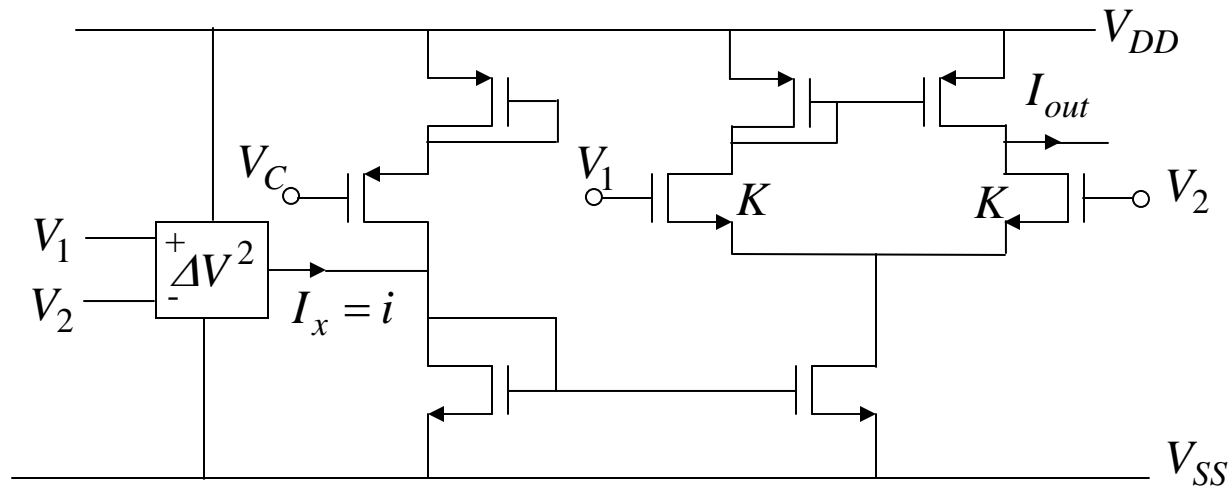
$$\Delta V = V_1 - V_2$$

$$i = \begin{cases} K\Delta V^2 & \text{for } \Delta V \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } \Delta V < 0 \end{cases}$$

Conceptual Circuit



Complete  $\Delta V^2$  circuit structure



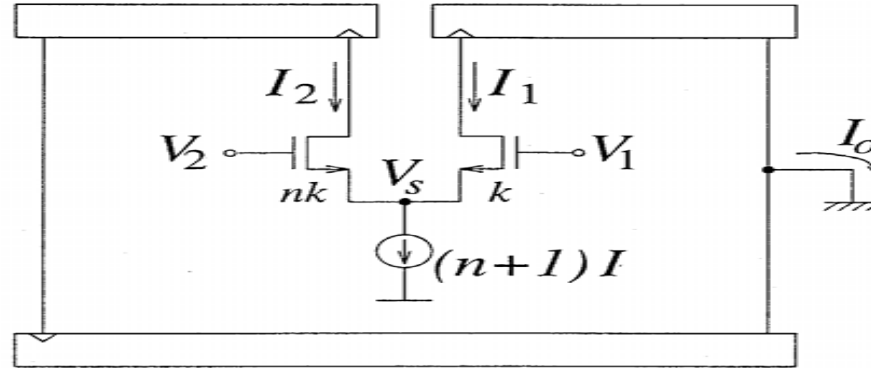
Single-Ended OTA with the Tail Current and  $K\Delta^2$  Circuit Generator

Ref. – T. Inoue, F. Ueno, Y. Aramaki, O. Matsumoto and M. Suefuji, “ A Design of CMOS OTA’s Using Simple Linearizing Techniques and Their Application to High-Frequency Continuous-Time Filters,” 2000 IEEE.

# Nedungadi Transconductor

[A. Nedungadi and T. R. Viswanathan, "Design of Linear CMOS Transconductor Elements," *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems*, vol. CAS-31, No. 10, pp. 891-894, October 1984]

**Unbalanced Differential Pair**



$$\left. \begin{aligned} I_1 &= k(V_1 - V_s - V_T)^2 \\ I_2 &= nk(V_2 - V_s - V_T)^2 \\ I_1 + I_2 &= (n+1)I \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow V_s^2 - 2V_s \left( \frac{V_1 + nV_2}{n+1} - V_T \right) + \frac{(V_1 - V_T)^2 + n(V_2 - V_T)^2}{n+1} = \frac{I}{k}$$

$$V_s = \frac{V_1 + nV_2 - (n+1)V_T}{n+1} - \sqrt{\frac{I}{k} - \frac{n\Delta V^2}{(n+1)^2}} \Rightarrow$$

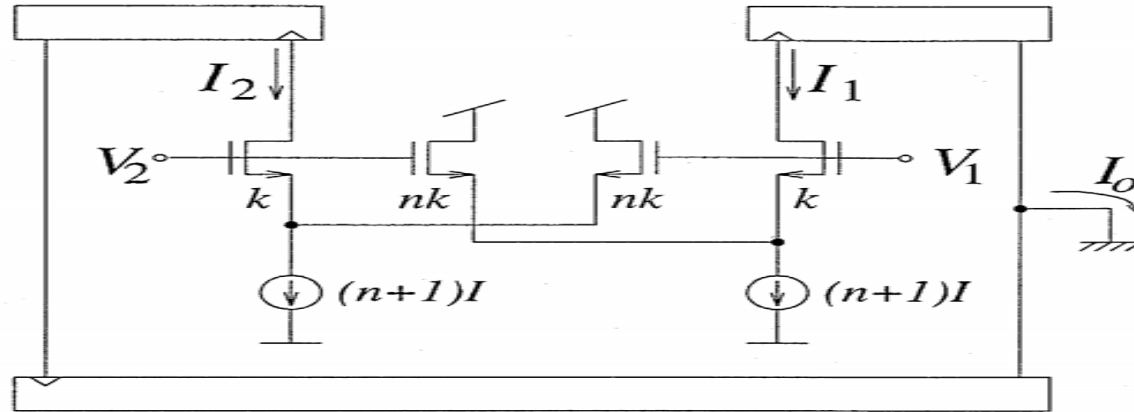
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} I_1 = k \left[ \frac{n\Delta V}{n+1} + \sqrt{\frac{I}{k}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{kn\Delta V^2}{(n+1)^2 I}} \right]^2 \\ I_2 = nk \left[ \frac{-\Delta V}{n+1} + \sqrt{\frac{I}{k}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{kn\Delta V^2}{(n+1)^2 I}} \right]^2 \end{cases}$$

Range:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} I_1 &= (n+1)I \\ I_2 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \Delta V = \sqrt{\frac{I}{k}} (n+1)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} I_1 &= 0 \\ I_2 &= (n+1)I \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \Delta V = -\sqrt{\frac{I}{k}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

### The Cross-Coupled Quad Transconductor



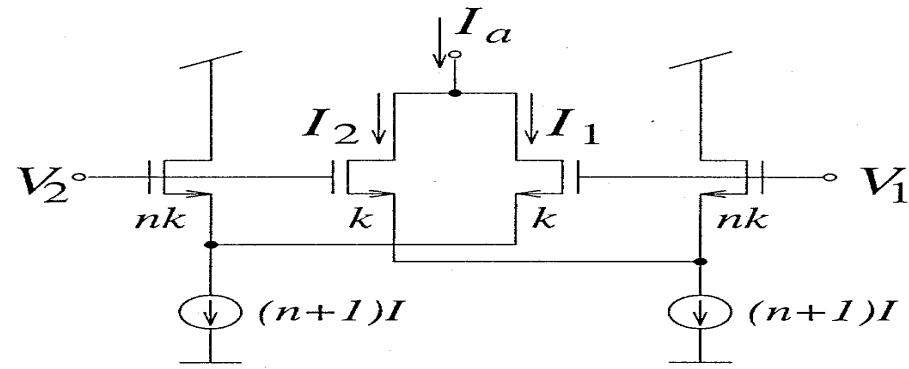
$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &= k \left[ \frac{n\Delta V}{n+1} + \sqrt{\frac{I}{k}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{kn\Delta V^2}{(n+1)^2 I}} \right]^2 \\
 I_2 &= k \left[ \frac{-n\Delta V}{n+1} + \sqrt{\frac{I}{k}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{kn\Delta V^2}{(n+1)^2 I}} \right]^2
 \end{aligned}
 \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow I_o = I_1 - I_2 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} I_o = g_m \Delta V \sqrt{1 - \beta \Delta V^2} \\ g_m = \frac{4n}{n+1} \sqrt{Ik} \quad , \quad \beta = \frac{k}{I} \frac{n}{(n+1)^2} \end{cases}$$

Range:  $|\Delta V| \leq \sqrt{\frac{I}{k} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}$

$$\text{For } \Delta V = \sqrt{\frac{I}{k} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)} \Rightarrow I_o = \frac{4n}{n+1} I$$

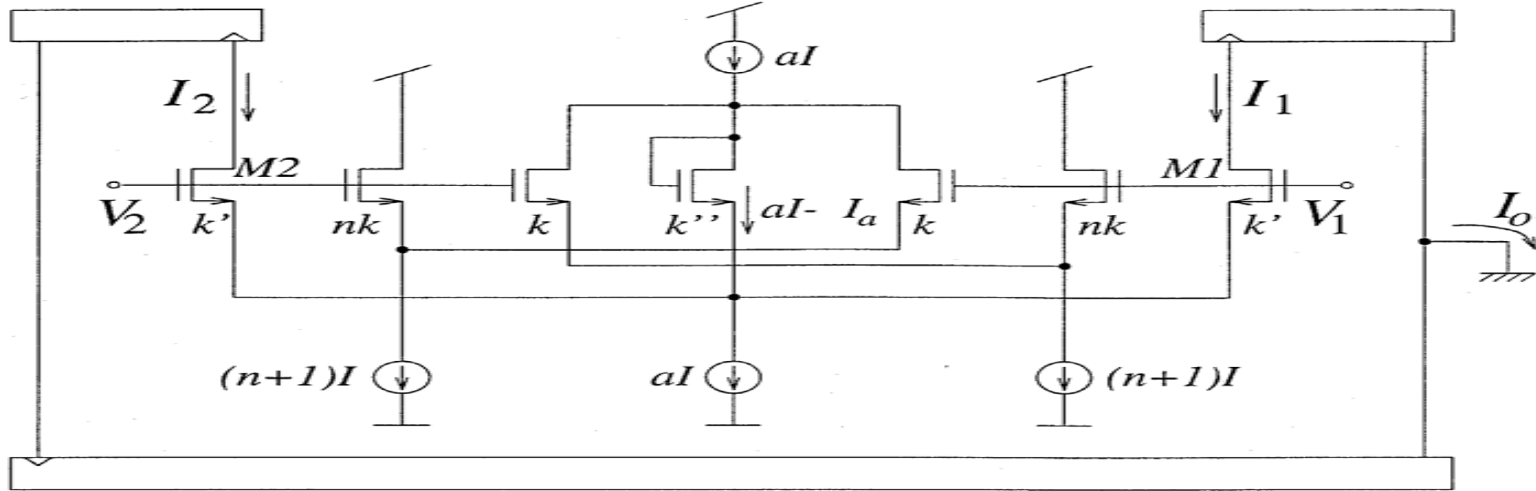
### Squarer



$$\left. \begin{aligned} I_1 &= k \left[ \frac{n\Delta V}{n+1} + \sqrt{\frac{I}{k}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{kn\Delta V^2}{(n+1)^2 I}} \right]^2 \\ I_2 &= k \left[ \frac{-n\Delta V}{n+1} + \sqrt{\frac{I}{k}} \sqrt{1 - \frac{kn\Delta V^2}{(n+1)^2 I}} \right]^2 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow I_a = I_1 + I_2 = 2k \frac{n(n-1)}{(n+1)^2} \Delta V^2 + 2I, \quad \Delta V \leq \sqrt{\frac{I}{k} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)}$$

### Nedungadi Transconductor



Transistors M1 and M2 form a simple differential pair biased by

$$I_{ss} = aI - (aI - I_a) = I_a = 2k \frac{n(n-1)}{(n+1)^2} \Delta V^2 + 2I$$

Consequently,

$$I_o = \Delta V \sqrt{2k'I_{ss} - k'^2 \Delta V^2} = \Delta V \sqrt{k'^2 \Delta V^2 \left( 4\gamma \frac{n(n-1)}{(n+1)^2} \right) + 4k'I} \quad , \quad \gamma = \frac{k}{k'}$$

$$\text{If } 4\gamma n(n-1) - (n+1)^2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad I_o = 2\Delta V \sqrt{k'I} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_m = 2\sqrt{k'I} \\ |\Delta V| \leq \min \left( \sqrt{\frac{I}{k} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)}, 2\sqrt{\frac{I}{k'}} \right) \end{array} \right.$$

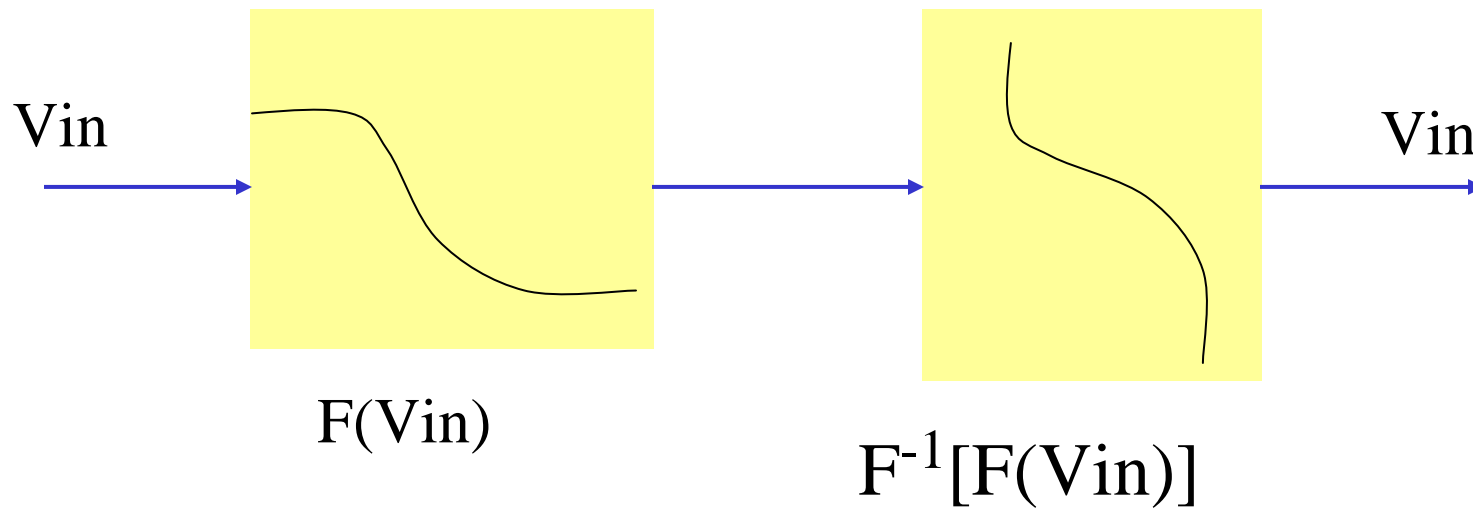
Examples:

$$\gamma = 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad n = 1 + \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3} = 2.155$$

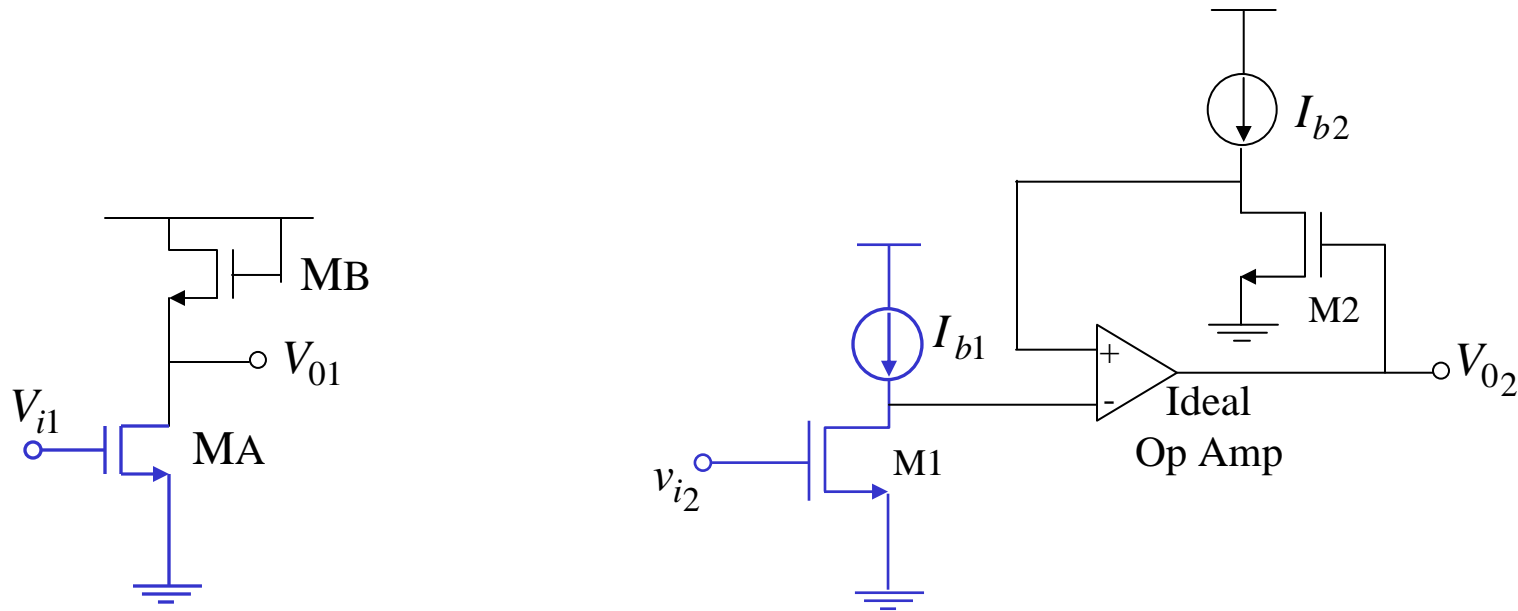
$$n = 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma = \frac{(n+1)^2}{4n(n-1)} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$aI - I_a \geq 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta V_{max}^2 = \frac{I}{k} \left( \frac{n+1}{n} \right) \quad \rightarrow \quad a \geq \frac{4n}{n+1} \\ \Delta V_{max}^2 = \frac{I_a}{k'} \quad \rightarrow \quad a \geq 2 \left[ \frac{(1+4\gamma)n^2 + 2n(1-2\gamma) + 1}{(n+1)^2} \right] \end{array} \right.$$

#### 4. By cascading a nonlinear function and its inverse non-linear function



## Nonlinear Function Combined with its Inverse Nonlinear Function



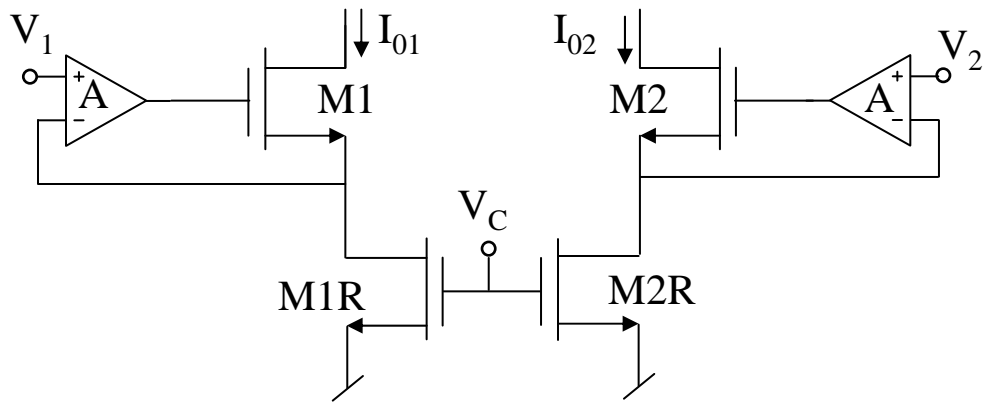
If bulk – and lambda effects are neglected, it can be shown that  $HD_2 = 0$ .

$$H_1 = \frac{V_{o1}}{V_{i1}} \cong -\frac{g_{mA}}{g_{mB}}$$

$$H_2 = \frac{V_{o2}}{V_{i2}} = \frac{-g_{m1}g_{m2}}{g_{o1}g_{o2}}$$



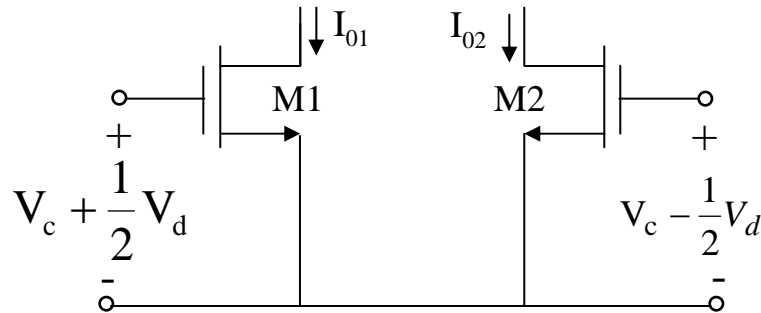
➤ Improved Transconductor via Series-Shunt Feedback (DUPU89)



- $g_{mI}$  increased by  $a + A$

## TRIODE TRANSCONDUCTORS

### ⇒ CONCEPT



### ➤ BASIC PRINCIPLE:

Linearity is based on the approximately  
Linear model of MOSFETs in Ohmic Region

$$I_{oi} = \frac{\beta_i}{Z} \left[ Z (V_{GSi} - V_r) V_{DSi} - V_{DSi}^2 \right]; i = 1, 2$$

$$g_m = \beta V_{OS}$$

### ➤ CONDITIONS:

M1, m2 are perfectly matched

$V_{DS}$  of M1, M2 must be held constant  
and below  $V_{DS,SAT}$

$$V_{DS1} = V_{DS2}$$

### ➤ GLOBAL CHARACTERISTICS:

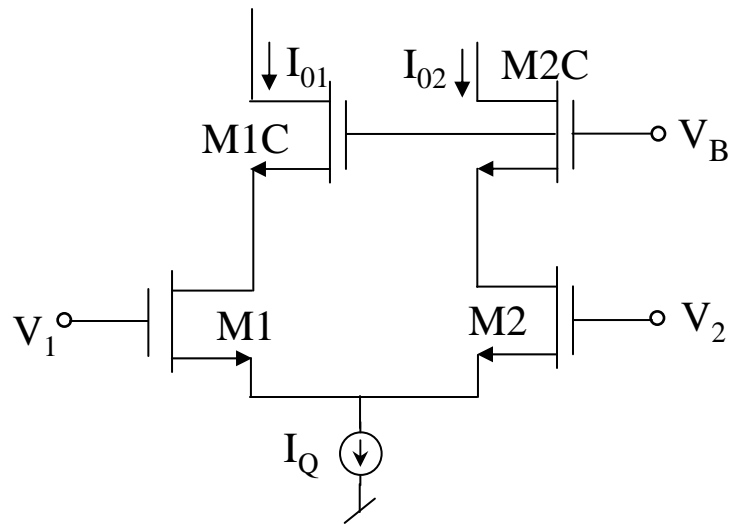
Nonlinearity is mainly due to mobility reduction

$$HD_Z = 0 \quad HD_S \approx \frac{Q^2 V_d^2}{16(1 + Q(V_C - V_T))^2}$$

Well suited for high frequency applications

# TRIODE TRANSCONDUCTORS - IMPLEMENTATIONS

## ➤ Cascoding (STEF90)

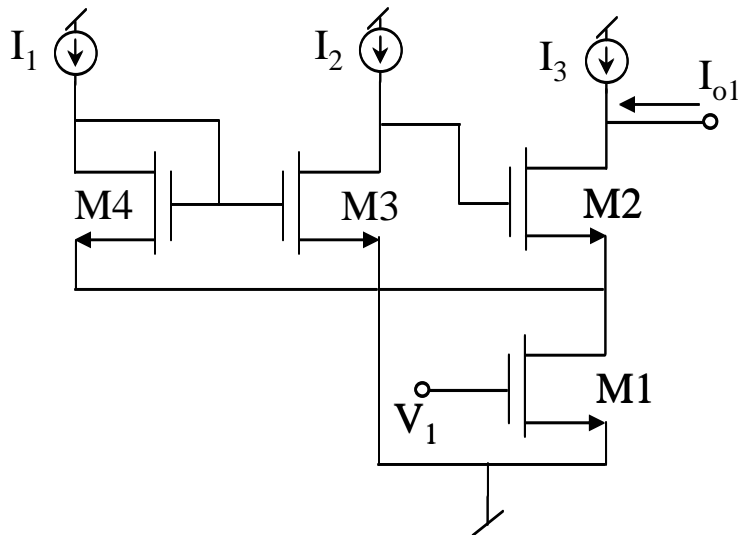


- M1C M2C in saturation

- $\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_{ic} \gg \rightarrow$

M1C, M2C act as per-foot source-followers

## ➤ Feedback (GATT90)

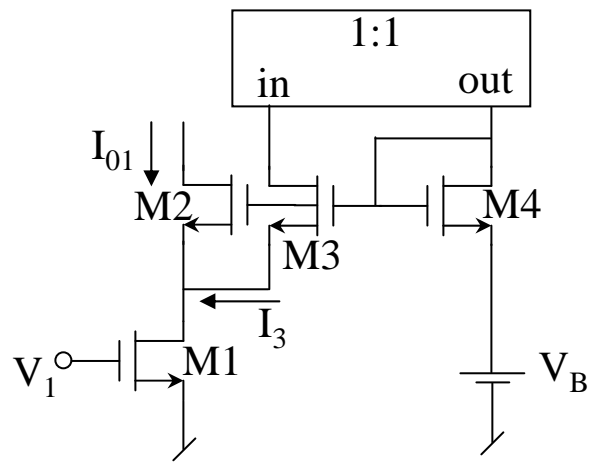


- Tuning via  $I_2$

- M2, M3, M4 constitute 2 feedback loop, which keeps  $V_{og}$ , constant when  $V_1$  is applied.

Dual

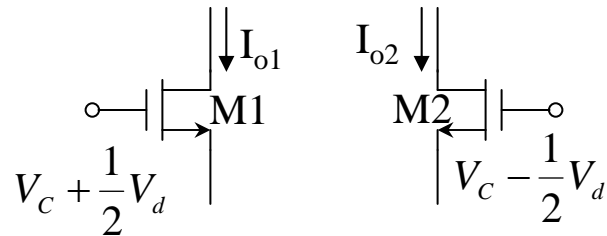
➤ Compensation (NAUT91)



$$M2 = M3 = M4$$

- $V_{GS2}$  is modulated, so that,  $V_{DS1}$  remain constant and equal to  $V_B$ .

➤ Concept



M1, M2 in strong inversion and saturation

➤ Basic Principle:

Most of the proposed techniques are based on the simple algebraic identity:

$$(a + b)^2 - (a - b)^2 = 4ab$$

$$g_m = \beta(V_{GS1} + V_{GS2} - 2V_T)$$

➤ Conditions:

M1, M2 are perfectly matched

$V_{GS1} + V_{GS2}$  must be held constant

$V_{DS}$  of M1, M2 above  $V_{DA,SAT}$

➤ Global Characteristics:

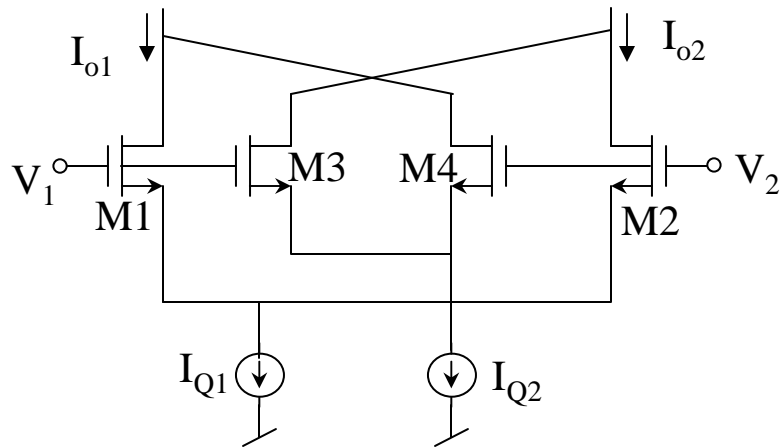
Also, nonlinearity is mainly due to mobility reduction

$$HD_Z = \phi \quad HD_3 \approx \frac{\theta V_d^2}{16V_o(Z + \theta V_o)(1 + \theta V_o)^2}$$

Well suited for high frequency applications

Careful layout required

➤ Cross-Coupling (KHOR84)



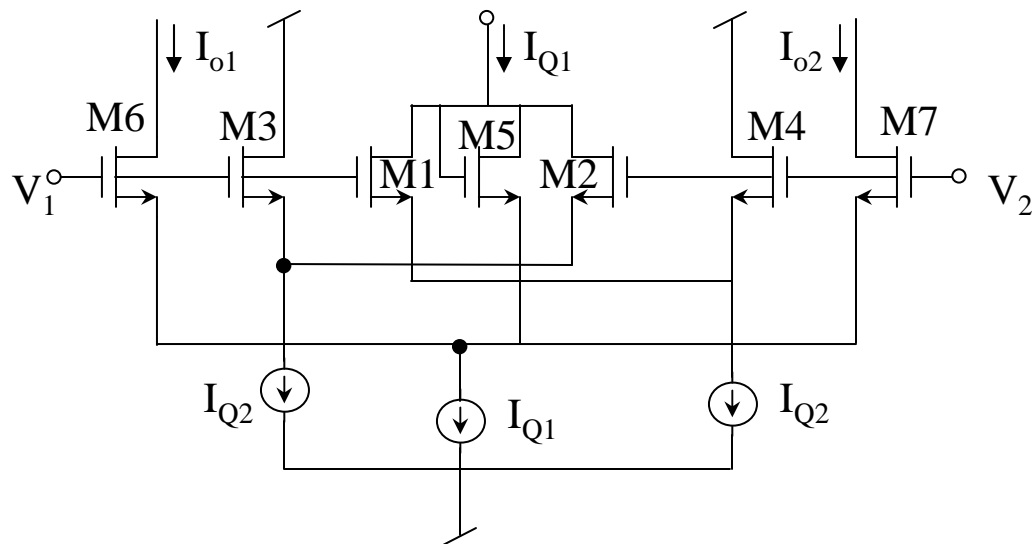
- $M1 = M2, M3 = M4$

- $\left[ \frac{\beta_1}{\beta_3} \right]^{3/2} = \left[ \frac{I_{Q1}}{I_{Q2}} \right]^{1/2}$

→

$$g_m = \sqrt{\beta \cdot I_{Q1}} - \sqrt{\beta_3 I_{Q2}}$$

➤ Adaptive Biasing (NEDU84)



- $M1 = M2 = M6 = M\beta_1 7$

$$M3 = M4$$

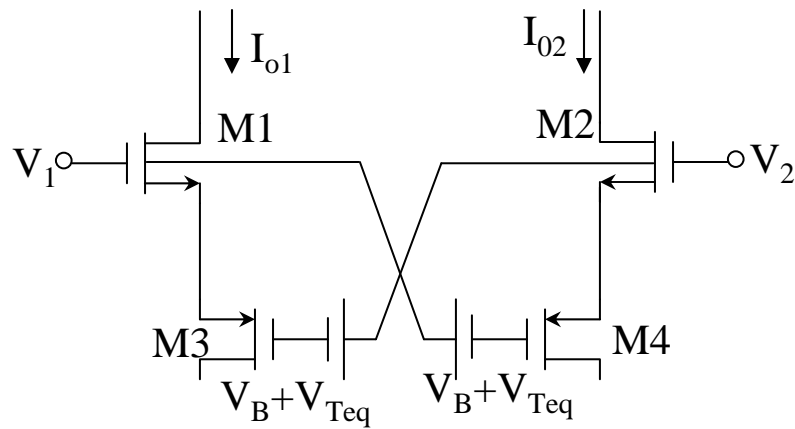
$$\beta_3 = n \beta_1$$

- $\frac{I_{Q1}}{I_{Q2}} = \frac{2}{n+1}$

- $2 > \frac{4n}{n+1}$

$$g_m = \sqrt{\frac{2\beta_1 I_{Q1}}{2}}$$

➤ Class AB (SEEV87)



$$M1 = M2 = MN$$

$$M3 = M4 = MP$$

- $V_{Teq} = V_{TN} + V_{TF}$

- $\beta_{eq} = \frac{\beta_N \beta_F}{(V_{\beta_N}^- + V_{\beta_F}^-)^2}$

$$g_m = \beta_{eq} V_B$$