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Problem 1 (30 points)

For all the circuits below, use the following NMOS parameters

$$K_{PN} = \mu_n C_{ox} = 100 \mu A/V^2, V_{TN} = 1V, \lambda_N = 0V^{-1}$$

and the following PMOS parameters

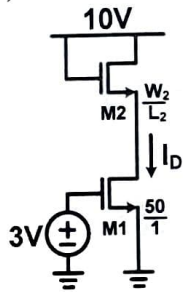
$$K_{PP} = \mu_p C_{ox} = 30 \mu A/V^2, V_{TP} = -1V, \lambda_P = 0V^{-1}$$

For the following two circuits calculate

i. I_D with $W_2/L_2 = 10/1$. (10 points)

ii. The minimum W_2/L_2 such that the M1 transistor remains in saturation (10 points)

a)



For M1 Sat: $V_{DS} \geq V_{GS1} - V_{TN}$
 $V_{D1} \geq 3V - 1V = 2V$

$$I_D = \frac{100 \mu A/V^2}{2} (50) (3V - 1V)^2 = 10 mA$$

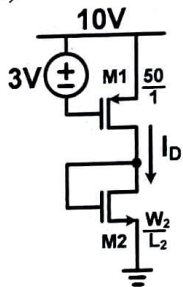
$$V_{D1} = 10V - \left(\sqrt{\frac{2(10mA)}{100 \mu (10)}} + 1V \right) = 4.53V \Rightarrow M1 \text{ Sat}$$

For $V_{D1} = 2V \Rightarrow \frac{W}{L_2} = \frac{2I_D}{K_{PN}(V_{GS} - V_{TN})^2} = \frac{2(10mA)}{100 \mu (2V - 1V)^2} = 4.08$

$$I_D (W_2/L_2 = 10/1) = 10 mA$$

$$M1 \text{ Sat. Min } W_2/L_2 = 4.08$$

b)



For M1 Sat: $V_{SD1} \geq V_{SG1} - |V_{TP}|$
 $V_{SD1} \geq 3V - 1 \cdot 1V = 2V$

$$I_D = \frac{30 \mu A/V^2}{2} (50) (3V - 1V)^2 = 3 mA$$

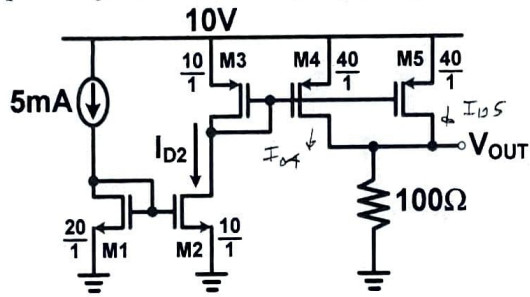
$$V_{D1} = V_{GS2} = \sqrt{\frac{2I_D}{K_{PN} \frac{W}{L}}} + V_{TN} = \sqrt{\frac{2(3mA)}{100 \mu (10)}} + 1V = 3.45V$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{SD1} = 10V - 3.45V = 6.55V \Rightarrow M1 \text{ Sat}$$

For $V_{D1} = 8V \Rightarrow \frac{W}{L_2} = \frac{2I_D}{K_{PN}(V_{D1} - V_{TN})^2} = \frac{2(3mA)}{100 \mu (9-1)^2} = 1.22$

$I_D (W_2/L_2 = 10/1) = 3 mA$
 M1 Sat. Min $W_2/L_2 = 1.22$

c) For the following circuit find the values for I_{D2} and V_{OUT} . Assume all transistors are operating in saturation. (10 points)



$$I_{D2} = 2.5 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_{D2} = 5 \text{ mA} \left(\frac{10}{20} \right) = 2.5 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_{OUT} = 2 \text{ V}$$

$$I_{D4} = I_{D5} = 2.5 \text{ mA} \left(\frac{40}{10} \right) = 10 \text{ mA}$$

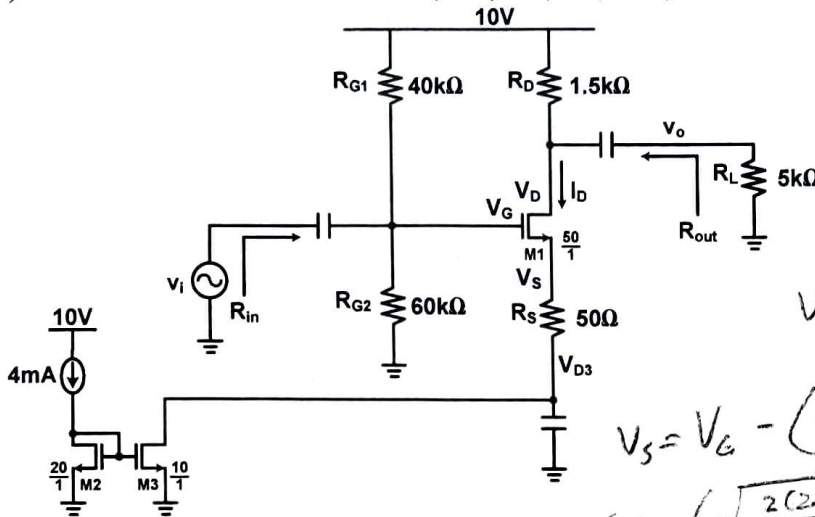
$$V_{OUT} = (I_{D4} + I_{D5}) 100 \Omega$$

$$= (20 \text{ mA})(100 \Omega) = 2 \text{ V}$$

Problem 2 (35 points)

Assume for problem 2 that the NMOS transistors are all operating in saturation and have $K_{PN} = \mu_n C_{ox} = 100 \mu A/V^2$, $V_{TN} = 1V$, $\lambda_N = 0V^{-1}$

a) Calculate the DC values for I_D , V_D , V_G , V_S , V_{D3} , and the AC small-signal g_{m1} . (13 points)



$$I_D = 4mA \left(\frac{10}{20} \right) = 2mA$$

$$V_D = V_{DD} - I_D R_D = 10V - 2mA(1.5k\Omega) = 7V$$

$$V_G = 10V \left(\frac{60k}{60k + 40k} \right) = 6V$$

$$V_S = V_G - \left(\sqrt{\frac{2I_D}{K_{PN}}} + V_{TN} \right)$$

$$= 6V - \left(\sqrt{\frac{2(2mA)}{100\mu A/V^2}} + 1V \right) = 4.11V$$

$$I_D = 2mA$$

$$V_D = 7V$$

$$V_G = 6V$$

$$V_S = 4.11V$$

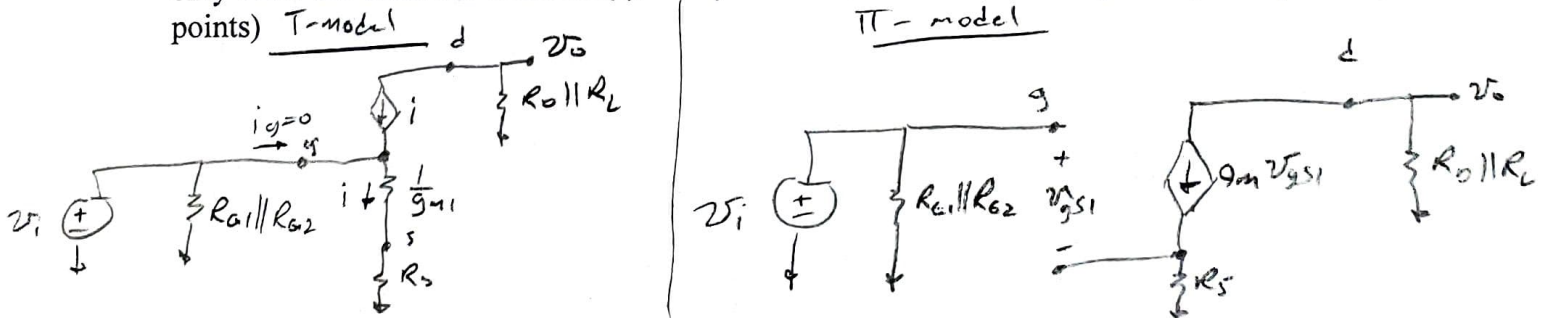
$$V_{D3} = 4.01V$$

$$g_{m1} = 4.47mA/V$$

$$V_{D3} = V_S - I_D R_S = 4.11V - 2mA(50\Omega) = 4.01V$$

$$g_m = \sqrt{K_{PN} \frac{W}{L} 2I_D} = \sqrt{100\mu A/V^2 (50)(2)(2mA)} = 4.47mA/V$$

b) Sketch the small-signal model of the circuit. Assume that the capacitors act as AC shorts and only draw the essential transistor(s). Only ONE version of the model (π or T) is required. (10 points)



c) Calculate small signal gain $A_v = v_o/v_i$, input resistance R_{in} , output resistance R_{out} . (12 points)

$$v_o = -i(R_{D||R_L}), i = \frac{v_i}{\frac{1}{g_m} + R_S} \Rightarrow A_v = \frac{-g_m(R_{D||R_L})}{1 + g_m R_S}$$

$$R_{in} = R_{G1} || R_{G2} = 24k\Omega$$

$$R_{out} = R_D = 1.5k\Omega$$

$$A_v = -4.22V/V$$

$$R_{in} = 24k\Omega$$

$$R_{out} = 1.5k\Omega$$

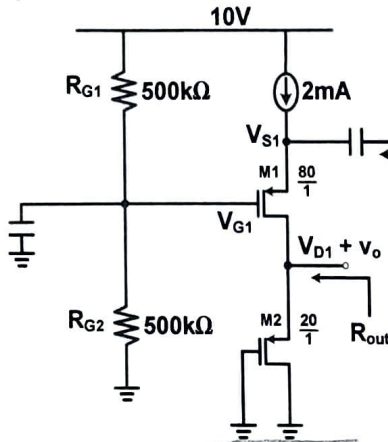
$$= -4.22V/V$$

Problem 3 (35 points)

Assume for problem 3 that the PMOS transistors are all operating in saturation and have

$$K_{Pp} = \mu_p C_{ox} = 30 \mu A/V^2, V_{TP} = -1V, \lambda_p = 0V^{-1}$$

a) Calculate the DC values V_{D1} , V_{G1} , V_{S1} and AC small-signal values g_{m1} and g_{m2} . (10 points)



$$V_{D1} = \sqrt{\frac{2I_0}{K_{Pp} \frac{W}{L}}} + |V_{TP}| = \sqrt{\frac{2(2mA)}{30\mu(20)}} + 1V = 3.58V$$

$$V_{G1} = 10V \left(\frac{500k}{500k + 500k} \right) = 5V$$

$$V_{S1} = V_{G1} + \left(\sqrt{\frac{2I_0}{K_{Pp} \frac{W}{L}}} + |V_{TP}| \right)$$

$$= 5V + \left(\sqrt{\frac{2(2mA)}{30\mu(80)}} + 1V \right) = 7.29V$$

$$g_{m1} = \sqrt{K_{Pp} \frac{W}{L} 2I_0} = \sqrt{30\mu(80)(2)(2mA)} = 3.1 mA/V$$

$$V_{D1} = 3.58V$$

$$V_{G1} = 5V$$

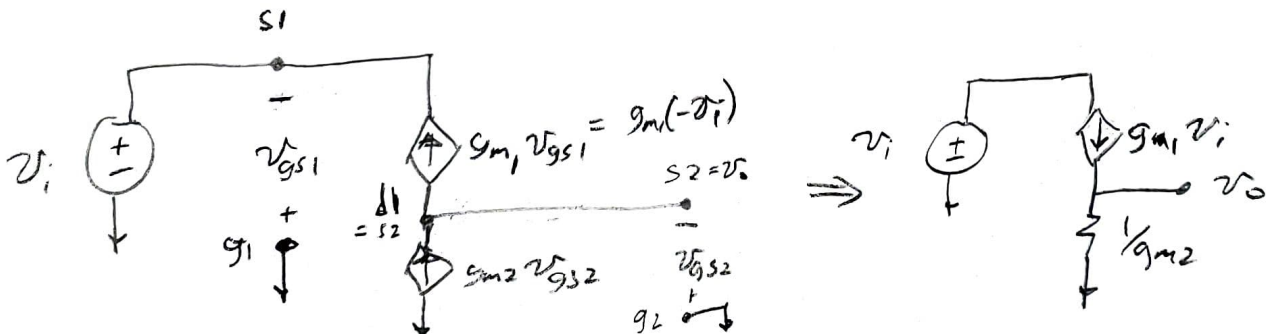
$$g_{m2} = \sqrt{K_{Pp} \frac{W}{L} 2I_0} = \sqrt{30\mu(20)(2)(2mA)} = 1.55 mA/V$$

$$V_{S1} = 7.29V$$

$$g_{m1} = 3.1 mA/V$$

$$g_{m2} = 1.55 mA/V$$

b) Sketch the circuit's small-signal model. Assume the capacitors act as AC shorts. (10 points)



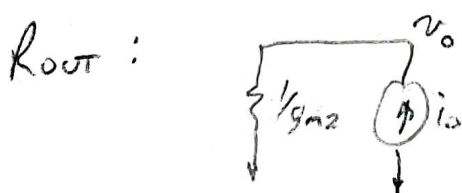
c) Calculate small signal gain $A_v = v_o/v_i$, input resistance R_{in} , output resistance R_{out} . (15 points)

$$v_o = g_{m1} v_i \left(\frac{1}{g_{m2}} \right) \Rightarrow A_v = \frac{g_{m1}}{g_{m2}} = \frac{3.1 mA/V}{1.55 mA/V} = 2 V/V$$

$$A_v = 2 V/V$$

$$R_{in} = \frac{v_i}{-g_{m1}(-v_i)} = \frac{1}{g_{m1}} = \frac{1}{3.1 mA/V} = 323 \Omega$$

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$$R_{out} = \frac{1}{g_{m2}} = \frac{1}{1.55 mA/V} = 645 \Omega$$

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