

Problem 22.1

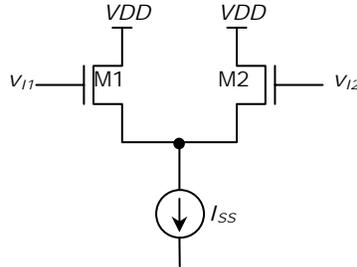


Figure 22.36 Diff-amp used in problem 22.1

Assuming that the MOSFETs M1 and M3 are biased are such that they operating in saturation region. KVL from the ground of  $v_{I1}$  to the ground of  $v_{I2}$  gives equations 1 and 2. Recognizing that all the current from M1 and M2 must equal  $I_{SS}$  gives equation 3. Equation 4 is the calculation of  $v_{GS}$ , using the square law equation for a MOSFET operating in the saturation, given  $i_D$  and neglecting body effect.

$$(1) \quad -v_{I1} + v_{GS1} - v_{GS2} + v_{I2} = 0$$

$$(2) \quad v_{I1} - v_{I2} = v_{GS1} - v_{GS2}$$

$$(3) \quad i_{D1} + i_{D2} = I_{SS}$$

$$(4) \quad v_{GS} = v_{THN} + \sqrt{\frac{2i_D}{\beta}}$$

Combining equations 2 and 4 and assuming equal size NMOS devices.

$$v_{I1} - v_{I2} = \sqrt{\frac{2i_{D1}}{\beta}} - \sqrt{\frac{2i_{D2}}{\beta}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta}} (\sqrt{i_{D1}} - \sqrt{i_{D2}})$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{2}} (v_{I1} - v_{I2}) = \sqrt{i_{D1}} - \sqrt{i_{D2}}$$

Squaring both sides and using equation 3.

$$I_{SS} - \frac{\beta}{2} (v_{I1} - v_{I2})^2 = 2\sqrt{i_{D1}i_{D2}}$$

Squaring again gives:

$$I_{SS}^2 - I_{SS}\beta(v_{I1} - v_{I2})^2 + \frac{\beta^2}{4}(v_{I1} - v_{I2})^4 = 4i_{D1}i_{D2}$$

Using equation 3 and solving for  $i_{D1}$

$$\sqrt{-\frac{I_{SS}^2}{4} + \frac{I_{SS}\beta(v_{I1} - v_{I2})^2}{4} - \frac{\beta^2(v_{I1} - v_{I2})^4}{16}} = i_{D1}$$

As  $v_{I1}$  gets much larger than  $v_{I2}$ , M2 shuts off and all the bias current is pulled through M1, making  $i_{D1}$  go to  $I_{SS}$ .

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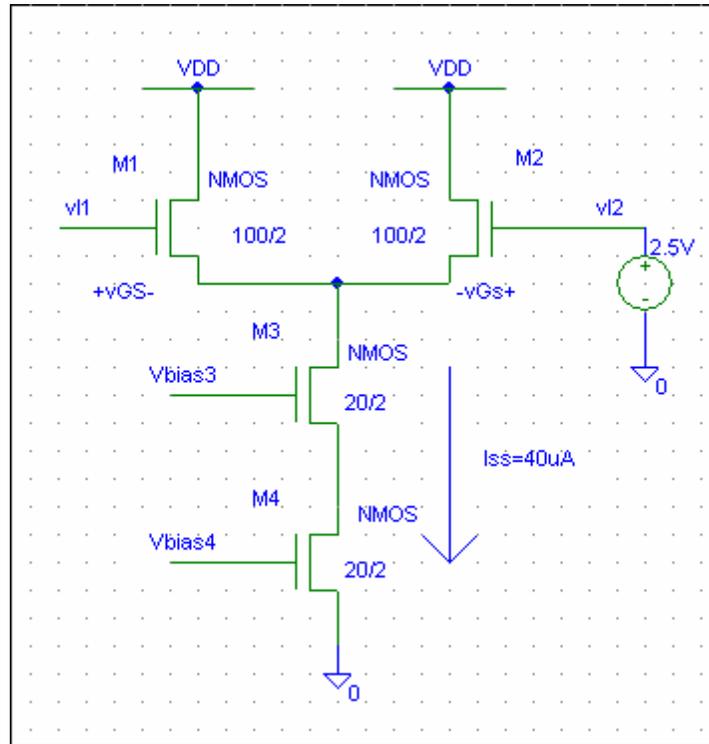


Figure 1.

$I_{ss} = 40\mu A$

$$v_{DI} = v_{I1} - v_{I2}$$

In saturation a MOSFETS drain current is :

$$i_D = \frac{\beta_n}{2} * (v_{GS} - V_{thn})^2 \Rightarrow v_{GS} = v_I = \sqrt{\frac{2 * i_D}{\beta_n} + V_{thn}}$$

This means that  $v_{DI} = v_{I1} - v_{I2}$  can be written as:

$$v_{DI} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta_n}} * (\sqrt{i_{D1}} - \sqrt{i_{D2}})$$

The maximum difference on the input voltage happens when M1 is conducting all of the current and M2 is off. This is equivalent to saying,  $i_{D1} = I_{ss}$  and  $i_{D2} = 0$ . So,

$$v_{DI_{max}} = v_{I1_{max}} - 2.5V = \sqrt{\frac{2 * L * I_{ss}}{K_{pn} * W}} \Rightarrow v_{I1_{max}} = 2.5V + \sqrt{\frac{2 * 2 * 40}{120 * 100}} = 2.615V$$

The minimum difference on the input voltage happens when M1 is off and M2 is conducting of the current. This is equivalent to saying,  $i_{D1} = 0$  and  $i_{D2} = I_{SS}$ . So,

$$v_{D1min} = -v_{D1max} = -(v_{I1} - v_{I2}) = -\sqrt{\frac{2 * L * I_{SS}}{K_{pn} * W}} \Rightarrow 2.5V - \sqrt{\frac{2 * 2 * 40}{120 * 100}} = 2.384V$$

This means that our range is

$$2.384V < v_{DI} < 2.615V .$$

Comparing these values to those found in Example 22.1,

$$2.135V < v_{DI} < 2.865V .$$

It can be said that by increasing the Width of M1 and M2, the differential input range is decreased. This is verified in the figure 2.

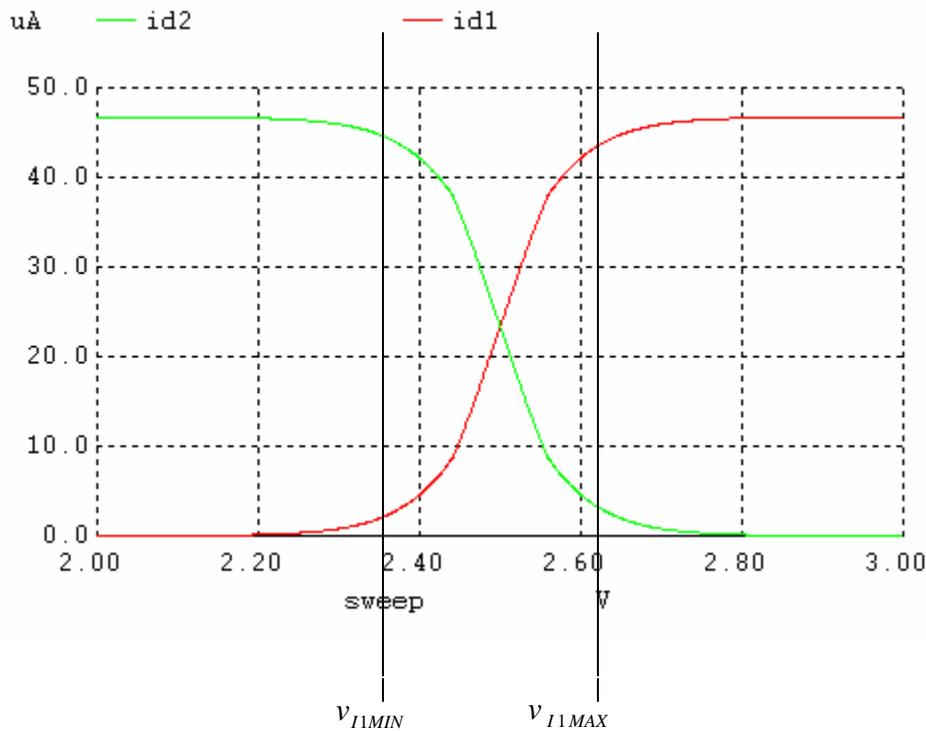


Figure 2.

To find the transconductance of the diff-amp, use equation 9.22.

$$g_{m1} = g_{m2} = g_m = \sqrt{\frac{2 * K_{pn} * W * I_D}{2}} = 490 \mu A / V .$$

Below in figure3, is the small signal model.

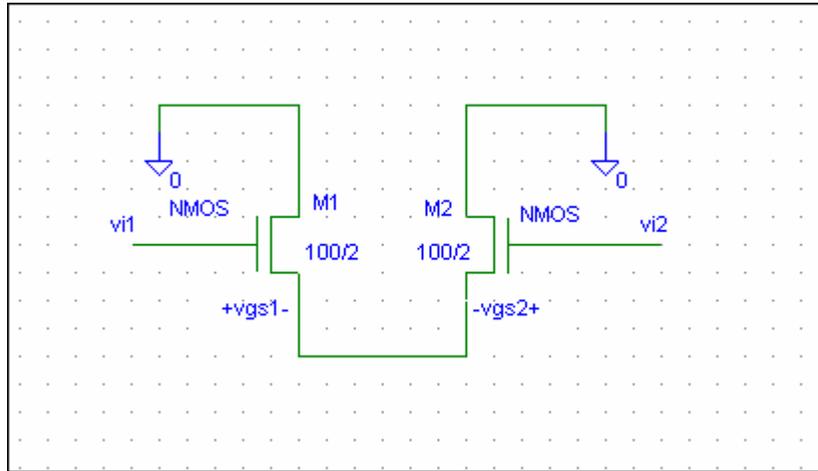


Figure3

From this figure we can write a KVL starting at  $v_{i1}$ .

$v_{i1} = v_{gs1} - v_{gs2}$ , and knowing that  $i_{d1} = g_m * v_{gs1}$  and  $v_{gs1} = -v_{gs2}$ ,

$$v_{i1} = 2 * v_{gs1} \Rightarrow v_{gs1} = \frac{v_{i1}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow i_{d1} = gm * \frac{v_{i1}}{2} = 490 \frac{\mu A}{V} * \frac{v_{i1}}{2}$$

If we now have  $V_{II} = AC$  ground we have the same current, but in the opposite direction.

Since  $v_{gs1} = -v_{gs2}$  we can write

$$\Rightarrow i_{d2} = -gm * \frac{v_{i2}}{2} = -490 \frac{\mu A}{V} * \frac{v_{i2}}{2}$$

Finally if we want to write  $i_d$  with respect to  $V_{DI} = (V_{II} - V_{I2})$  we can write the KVL starting at  $V_{II}$ .

$v_{i1} - v_{gs1} - (-v_{gs2}) - v_{i2} = 0$  and knowing that  $v_{gs1} = -v_{gs2}$  this becomes

$v_{i1} - v_{i2} + 2 \cdot v_{gs1} = 0$ , solving for  $v_{gs1}$  gives us,

$$v_{gs1} = \frac{-(v_{i1} - v_{i2})}{2}, \text{ plugging } v_{gs1} \text{ into our equation for } i_{d1},$$

$$\Rightarrow i_{d1} = \frac{-(v_{i1} - v_{i2})}{2} \cdot gm$$

\*\*\* Problem 22.2 CMOS: Circuit Design, Layout, and Simulation \*\*\*

```
.control
destroy all
run
let id1=i(vid1)
let id2=i(vid2)
plot id1 id2
.endc
```

```
.option scale=1u
.dc Vi1 2 5 1m
**.op
```

```
VDD      VDD      0      DC      5
Vi1      vi1      0      DC      3.5
Vi2      vi2      0      DC      3.5
vid1     VDD      vd1     DC      0
Vid2     VDD      vd2     DC      0
```

```
M1      Vd1      vi1      vs1      0
        NMOS L=2 W=100
```

```
M2      Vd2      vi2      vs2      0
        NMOS L=2 W=100
```

```
M3      0      vb2      vs1      VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
M4      0      vb1      vs2      VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
M11     VDD      vi1      vs11     0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
M41     vb1      vb1      vs11     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MB1     vb1      Vbias3     vdb1     0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MB2     vdb1     vbias4     0      0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
M21     VDD      vi2      vs22     0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
M31     vb2      vb2      vs22     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MB3     vb2      Vbias3     vdb2     0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MB4     vdb2     vbias4     0      0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
Xbias   VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow
Vncas Vpcas bias
```

```
.subckt bias VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow
Vncas Vpcas
```

```
MN1     Vbias2     Vbiasn     0      0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MN2     Vbias1     Vbiasn     0      0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MN3     Vncas     Vncas     vn1     0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MN4     vn1      Vbias3     vn2     0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MN5     vn2      vn1     0      0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MN6     Vbias3     Vbias3     0      0
        NMOS L=10 W=10
```

```
MN7     Vbias4     Vbias3     Vlow    0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MN8     Vlow     Vbias4     0      0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MN9     Vpcas     Vbias3     vn3     0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MN10    vn3      Vbias4     0      0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MP1     Vbias2     Vbias2     VDD     VDD
        PMOS L=10 W=30
```

```
MP2     Vhigh     Vbias1     VDD     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MP3     Vbias1     Vbias2     Vhigh   VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MP4     vp1      Vbias1     VDD     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MP5     Vncas     Vbias2     vp1     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MP6     vp2      Vbias1     VDD     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MP7     Vbias3     Vbias2     vp2     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MP8     vp3      Vbias1     VDD     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MP9     Vbias4     Vbias2     vp3     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MP10    vp4      vp5      VDD     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MP11    vp5      Vbias2     vp4     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MP12    Vpcas     Vpcas     vp5     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MBM1    Vbiasn     Vbiasn     0      0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
```

```
MBM2    Vbiasp     Vbiasn     Vr      0
        NMOS L=2 W=40
```

```
MBM3    Vbiasn     Vbiasp     VDD     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
MBM4    Vbiasp     Vbiasp     VDD     VDD
        PMOS L=2 W=30
```

```
Rbias   Vr      0      6.5k
```

```
MSU1    Vsur     Vbiasn     0      0
        NMOS L=2 W=10
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```
MSU2    Vsur     Vsur     VDD     VDD
        PMOS L=100 W=10
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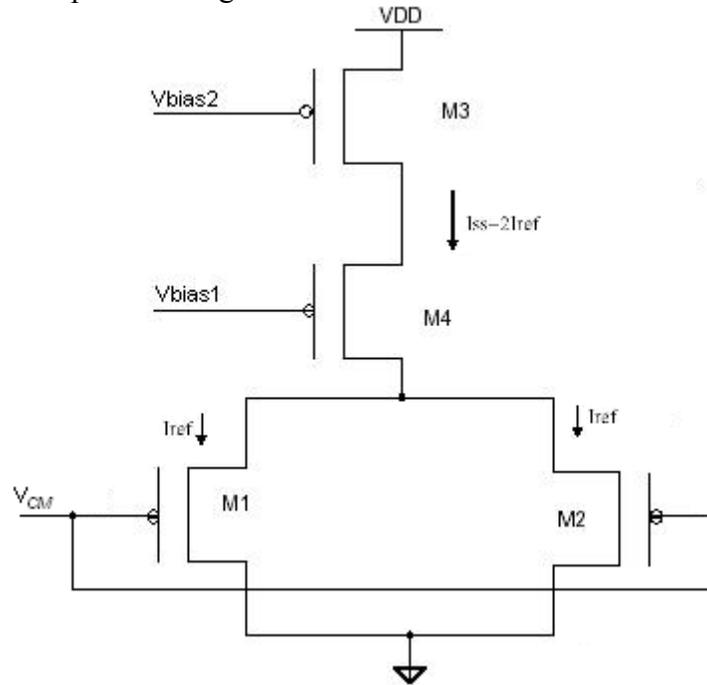
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MSU3    Vbiasp     Vsur     Vbiasn  0
        NMOS L=1 W=10
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```
.ends
```

### Problem 22.3

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Q) Determine the maximum and minimum common mode voltages for the PMOS version of the diff-amp seen in Fig. 22.4.



**Solution:** The minimum voltage at which the transistors M1 and M2 will operate in saturation (That is, the transistors will just enter the saturation region). This voltage is called Minimum Common Mode voltage  $V_{CMMIN}$ . From the above figure, For M1 and M2 to be in saturation

$$V_{SD} \geq V_{SG} - V_{THP}$$

$$V_D \leq V_G + V_{THP}, V_D \text{ is nothing but Ground and } V_G \text{ is } V_{CMMIN}$$

$$V_{CMMIN} = 0 - V_{THP} = -V_{THP}$$

For long channel  $V_{CMMIN} = -0.9V = -0.9V$  (From table 9.1)

For Short channel  $V_{CMMIN} = -0.28V = -0.28V$  (From Table 9.2)

Maximum Common Mode voltage on gates of M1 or M2 can be written as minimum gate to source voltage on M1 or M2 plus the minimum voltage on source of M1 or M2 to maintain the  $I_{SS}$  current to flow and keep M3 and M4 in saturation. That turns out to be

$$V_{CMMAX} = V_{DD} - V_{SG1or2} - 2 V_{SD, sat}$$

$$V_{CMMAX} = 5 - 1.15 - 2*0.25 = 3.35V \text{ (From table 9.1)}$$

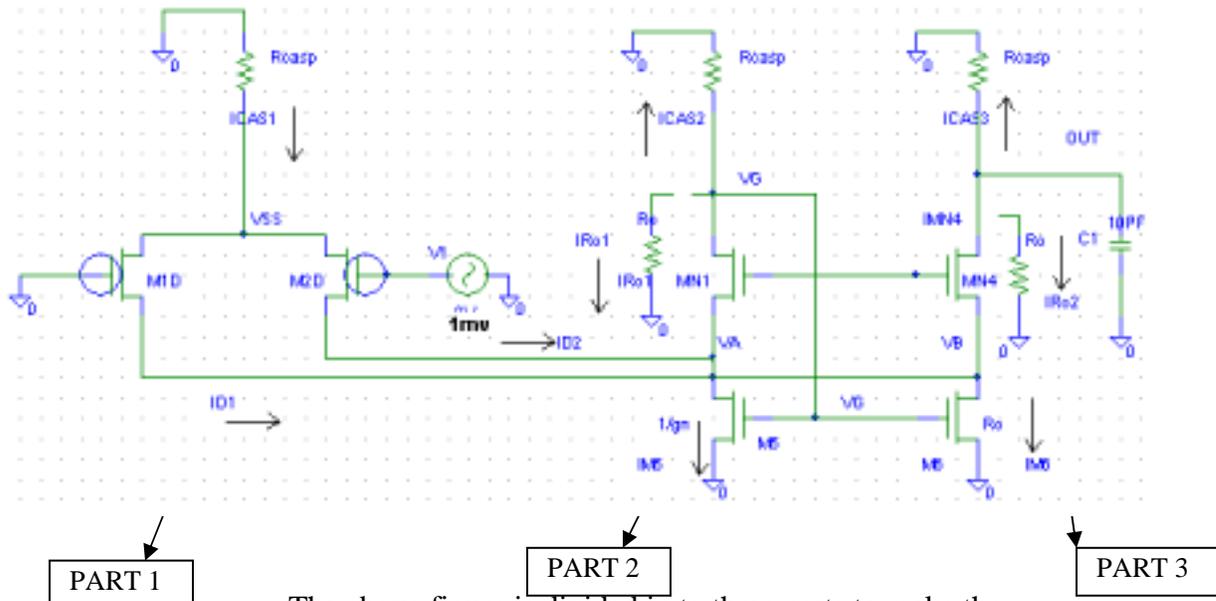
$$V_{CMMAX} = 1 - 0.35 - 2*0.05 = 0.55V \text{ (From table 9.2)}$$

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**PROBLEM 22.4:** To find the AC currents in all the branches of figure 22.5 with an ac voltage of 1mV applied to the gate of M2.

**SOLUTION:**

The small signal equivalent circuit may be represented as shown in the figure below:



The above figure is divided in to three parts to make the calculations more clear to the reader. Here the voltage is assumed as 1mV peak to peak (since nothing is mentioned in the problem).

**PART 1:**

Part 1 deals with basic differential amplifier. An ac voltage source is applied to the gate of M2D. Simple KCL equations can be written at the node Vss to derive the currents entering the and leaving the node.

KCL @ node Vss:

Current flowing from Vss to VA via M2D =  $I_{D2}$

Current flowing from Vss to VB via M1D =  $I_{D1}$

Current flowing form ground to Vss via Rcas =  $I_{CAS1}$

Sum of Currents entering the node = Sum of Currents leaving the node

$$\Rightarrow I_{CAS1} = I_{D2} + I_{D1}; \text{ where } I_{D2} = g_m \cdot V_{sg} = g_m \cdot (V_{ss} - 1mV)$$

$$\text{Similarly } I_{D1} = g_m \cdot (V_{ss} - 0) = g_m \cdot V_{ss} \text{ and } I_{CAS1} = -V_{ss} / R_{casp}.$$

$$R_{casp} = g_{mp} \cdot r_{op}^2 = 2.4Gohms$$

So, 
$$-\frac{V_{ss}}{R_{casp1}} = g_m.(V_{ss} - 1mV) + g_m.V_{ss}$$

$$V_{ss}(2.g_m + \frac{1}{R_{casp1}}) = g_m.(1mV) \quad ; \Rightarrow V_{ss}(300u + 4.8n) = (150u).(1mV) ;$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{ss} = +0.5mV \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Simulated value = 0.45mV.

So, 
$$I_{casp1} = -(V_{ss}/R_{casp}) = -(0.5m/2.4G) = -0.208pA \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Simulated value=0.1pA. refer to figure 2.

Again, 
$$I_{D1} = g_m. V_{ss} = (150u).(0.5m) = 75nA.$$

So, we can estimate  $I_{D2}$  as almost equal to  $I_{D1}$  as  $I_{CAS1}$  is very small compared to  $I_{D1}$ .  $\Rightarrow I_{D2} = -I_{D1} = -75nA \dots \dots \dots (3)$

Simulate values for  $I_{D1}$ ,  $I_{D2}$  are both the same which being equal to 79nA.

Simulated values for PART 1 are as shown below:

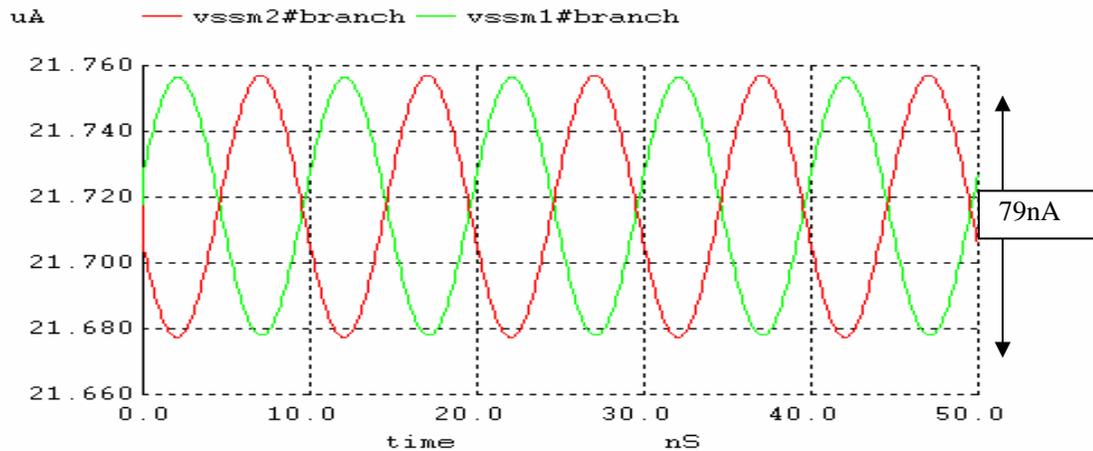


figure1:  $I_{D2}$  in green and  $I_{D1}$  in red

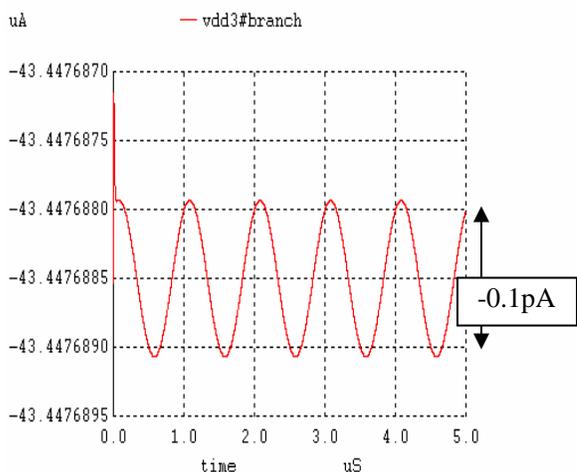


figure 2: I\_CAS1

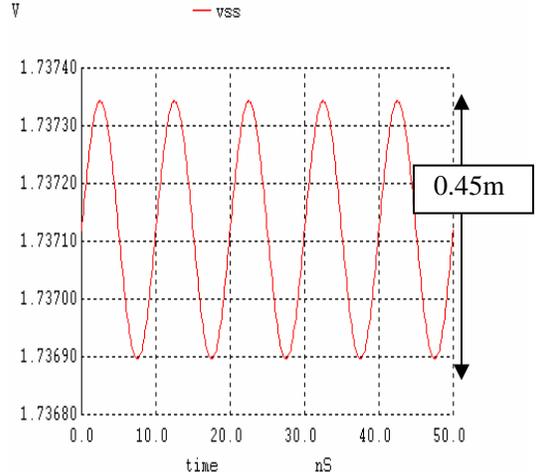
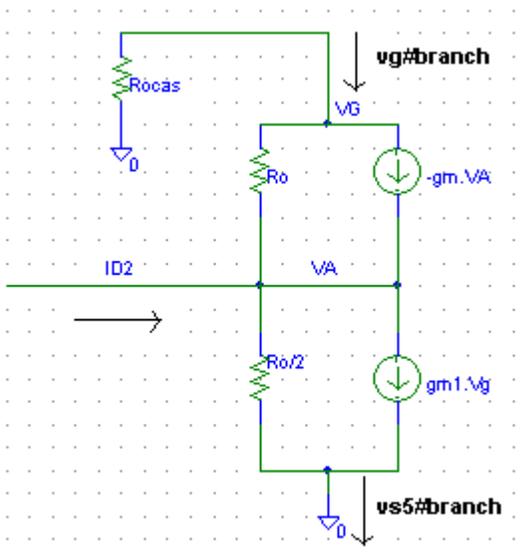


Figure 3: Vss

PART 2:



4. Figure showing the small signal equivalent of PART 2

The small signal equivalent circuit is used to derive the currents in the respective branches of part2.

Writing KCL at node VA:

$$\frac{Vg - Vs}{Ro} - gm.Vs - Id2 = \frac{2.Vs}{Ro} + \sqrt{2}gmVg \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

$$\frac{Vg}{Rocas} + \frac{Vg - Va}{Ro} - gmVa = 0$$

$$Vg \left( \frac{1}{Ro} + \frac{1}{Rocas} \right) = Va \left( \frac{1}{Ro} + gm \right) \text{ since } Rocas \gg Ro \text{ and } gm \gg 1/Ro$$

$$Vg = \frac{Va \cdot (gm)}{(1/Ro)} = gm \cdot Ro \cdot Va \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

Substituting the value of (5) in equation (4 )

$$\frac{Va(gmRo - 1)}{Ro} - gmVa + Id2 = \frac{2.Va}{Ro} + \sqrt{2}gm^2RoVa$$

$$Id2 = Va \left( \frac{2}{Ro} + \sqrt{2}gm^2Ro \right) \quad \text{Since } 2/Ro \ll \text{the second term}$$

$$Va = \frac{-75nA}{\sqrt{2} \cdot (112500uA/V)} = -0.47uV$$

Simulated value for Va= -0.5uV refer to figure 6.b. Here the simulation is at 100KHz, this is because there were some iteration problems during the simulation and hence shifted the frequency, the frequency will not matter much as far as it is not changed a lot. Remaining simulations were done at 100MegHz.

Substituting the value of Va in equation (5 )

$$Vg = -0.353mV \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

Simulated value for Vg=-0.35mV as shown in figure 7.

Simulations showing the currents in PART 2.

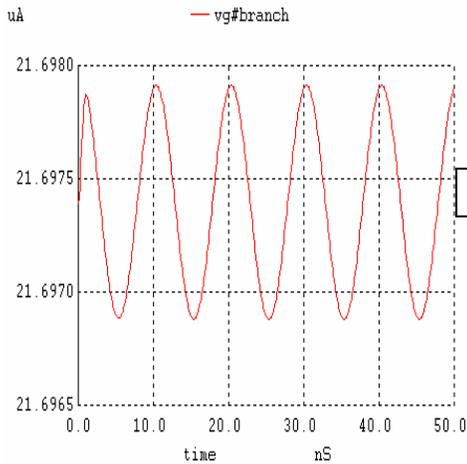


Figure 5. Current through MN1

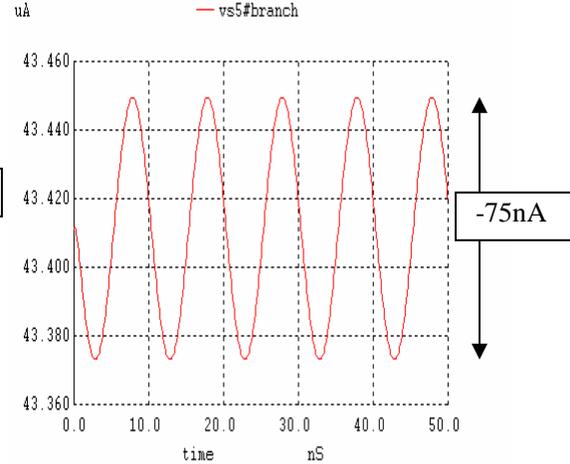


Figure6. Current through M5.

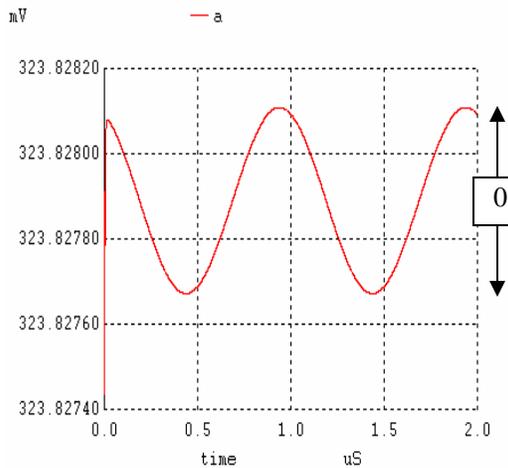


Figure6.b Showing the value of  $V_a$ .

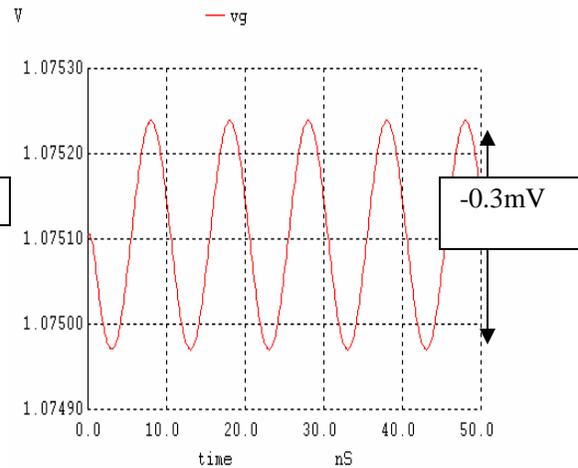


Figure 7 showing the voltage at node VG

Current through M5 is then given by:

$$I_{M5} = g_{m5} \cdot V_g = \sqrt{2} \cdot (150 \mu A/V) \cdot (-0.353 mV) = -74.8 nA$$

Simulated value for  $I_{m5} = 75 nA$  Refer to figure 6.

PART 3:

Referring to the main circuit, the current flowing through M6 can be written as:

$I_{m6} = g_{m6} \cdot V_{gs6}$ ; but as derived for the M6 the  $g_m$  is  $\sqrt{2}$  times the normal MOSFET  $g_m$ . Also referring to equation (6)  $V_g = -0.353 mV$ ,

$\Rightarrow I_{m6} = \sqrt{2} \cdot (150 \mu A/V) \cdot (-0.353 mV) = 74.87 nA$  Observe that the currents  $I_{M5}$  and  $I_{m6}$  are equal. Simulated value for  $I_{m6} = 75 nA$  as shown in figure 7.

Writing KCL at node B,

$$I_{D1} = I_{M5} - I_{ro2}. \Rightarrow I_{ro2} = 75nA + 74.87nA = 149.87nA.$$

Simulated value for  $I_{ro2}=151nA$  as shown in figure 8.

The simulated currents are as shown in the figure below:

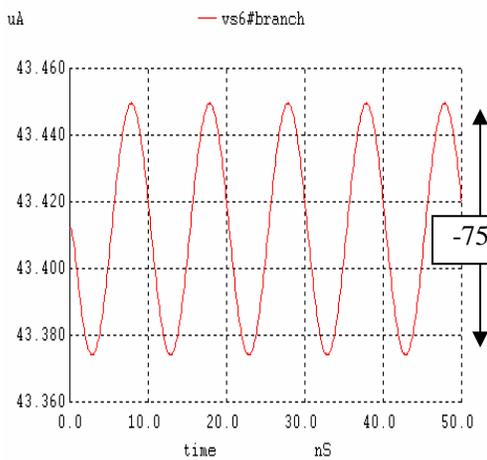


Figure7. Current through M6 ( $I_{m6}$ )

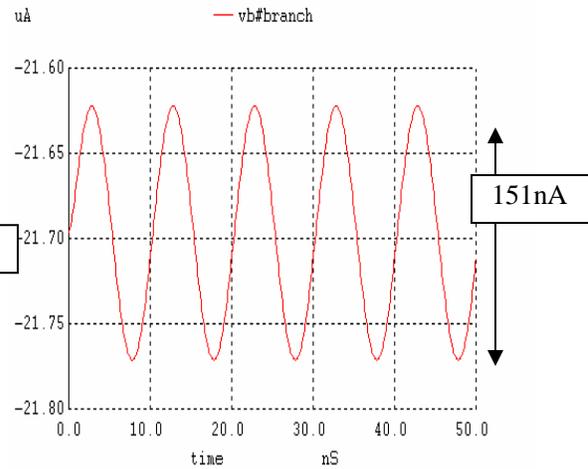


Figure8. Current through the MN4 ( $I_{ro2}$ )

NETLIST:

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```
.control
destroy all
run
.endc
```

```
.option scale=1u reltol=1u rshunt=1e9
.TRAN .1N 50n
*.OP
```

```
VDD      VDD  0      DC    5
VG       VG1  VG    DC    0
VPLUS   VPLUS  0      DC    0   SIN 0 0.5M 100MEG
VAA1    A     DC    0
VBB     B1    DC    0
VS5     S5    0      DC    0
VS6     S6    0      DC    0
VSSCAS  VSS   VSSCAS  DC    0
VSSM1   VSS   VSSM1   DC    0
VSSM2   VSS   VSSM2   DC    0
vdd1    vdd   vdd1   dc    0
vdd2    vdd   vdd2   dc    0
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```

vdd3      vdd  vdd3  dc    0
CLOAD    OUT  0     10P
Xbias    VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow Vncas Vpcas bias

MPx1     VC1  VBIAS1      VDD1   VDD     PMOS L=2 W=30
MPx2     VG1  VBIAS2      VC1    VDD     PMOS L=2 W=30
MNx1     VG   VBIAS3      A1     0       NMOS L=2 W=10
M5       A    VG          S5     0       NMOS L=2 W=20
M6       B    VG          S6     0       NMOS L=2 W=20
MNx4     OUT  VBIAS3      B1     0       NMOS L=2 W=10
MPx3     OUT  VBIAS2      VC2    VDD     PMOS L=2 W=30
MPx4     VC2  VBIAS1      VDD2   VDD     PMOS L=2 W=30

M4C      CAS1      VBIAS1      VDD3    VDD  PMOS L=2 W=60
M3C      VSSCAS    VBIAS2      CAS1    VDD  PMOS L=2 W=60
M1D      B         0          VSSM1   VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
M2D      A         VPLUS      VSSM2   VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30

.subckt bias VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow Vncas Vpcas
MN1      Vbias2 Vbiasn 0      0      NMOS L=2 W=10
MN2      Vbias1 Vbiasn 0      0      NMOS L=2 W=10
MN3      Vncas Vncas vn1 0      NMOS L=2 W=10
MN4      vn1   Vbias3 vn2 0      NMOS L=2 W=10
MN5      vn2   vn1   0      0      NMOS L=2 W=10
MN6      Vbias3 Vbias3 0      0      NMOS L=10 W=10
MN7      Vbias4 Vbias3 Vlow 0      NMOS L=2 W=10
MN8      Vlow  Vbias4 0      0      NMOS L=2 W=10
MN9      Vpcas Vbias3 vn3 0      NMOS L=2 W=10
MN10     vn3   Vbias4 0      0      NMOS L=2 W=10

MP1      Vbias2 Vbias2 VDD  VDD  PMOS L=10 W=30
MP2      Vhigh Vbias1 VDD  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
MP3      Vbias1 Vbias2 Vhigh VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
MP4      vp1   Vbias1 VDD  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
MP5      Vncas Vbias2 vp1  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
MP6      vp2   Vbias1 VDD  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
MP7      Vbias3 Vbias2 vp2  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
MP8      vp3   Vbias1 VDD  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
MP9      Vbias4 Vbias2 vp3  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
MP10     vp4   vp5   VDD  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
MP11     vp5   Vbias2 vp4  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
MP12     Vpcas Vpcas vp5  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30

MBM1     Vbiasn Vbiasn 0      0      NMOS L=2 W=10
MBM2     Vbiasp Vbiasn Vr  0      NMOS L=2 W=40
MBM3     Vbiasn      Vbiasp VDD  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30

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MBM4  Vbiasp Vbiasp VDD  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=30
Rbias  Vr    0    6.5k
MSU1  Vsur  Vbiasn 0    0    NMOS L=2 W=10
MSU2  Vsur  Vsur  VDD  VDD  PMOS L=100 W=10
MSU3  Vbiasp Vsur  Vbiasn 0    NMOS L=1 W=10
.ends
```

**Problem 20.5 solution:**

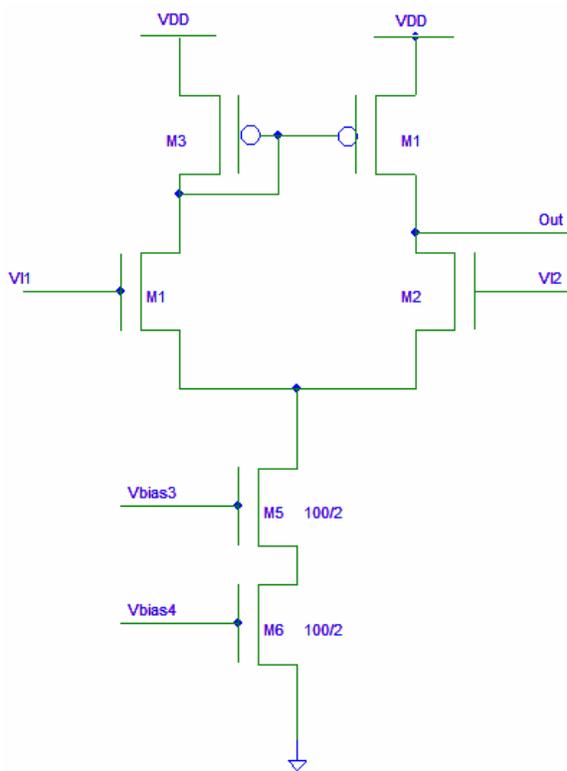


Fig 5a. Diff -Amp

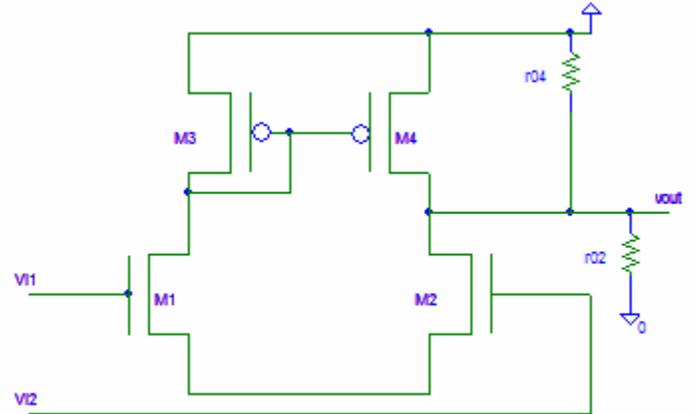


Fig 5b. AC circuit of diff -amp

**NMOS Diff – Amp:**

To determine the AC gain of the differential amplifier (diff amp) with current mirror load shown in Fig 5a, consider the small signal model shown in Fig 5b. Since M3 is a diode connected MOSFET, it can be replaced by a resistor of value  $1/gm3$ . Also the resistance looking into the output of the diff amp is  $ro4 \parallel ro2$ . Since the current in M4 is mirrored from the current in M3 and the current in M3 is equal to the current in M1, we can define the current in M4 as being equal to the current in M1, or  $id4 = id1$ . Since the total current supplied by M1 and M2 is a constant value set by the current source devices M5 and M6, any changes in  $id1$  will be equal and opposite to  $id2$ , or  $id1 = -id2$ . Therefore the output voltage can be written as:

$$v_{out} = (i_{d1} - i_{d2}) \cdot (r_{o4} \parallel r_{o2})$$

Since  $id1 = -id2 = id$

$$v_{out} = 2i_d \cdot (r_{o4} \parallel r_{o2}).$$

Using KVL between the gate of M1 and the gate of M2 in Fig 5b:

$$V_{in1} = V_{gs1} - V_{gs2} + V_{in2}$$

$$V_{in1} - V_{in2} = V_{di} = V_{gs1} - V_{gs2}$$

Since  $i_{d1} = -i_{d2}$ , any change in  $v_{gs1}$  will be equal and opposite in  $v_{gs2}$  or  $v_{gs1} = -v_{gs2}$

$$V_{in1} - V_{in2} = V_{di} = 2v_{gs1} = \frac{2i_d}{g_{mn}}$$

Therefore the differential mode gain,  $A_d$  is:

$$A_d = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{di}} = g_{mn} \cdot (r_{o2} \parallel r_{o4})$$

Plugging in  $g_{mn} = 150 \mu\text{A/V}$ ,  $r_{o2} = 167 \text{ kohms}$ , and  $r_{o4} = 333 \text{ kohms}$  from Table 9.2 yields:

$$A_d = 16.7 \text{ V/V}$$

Another method to calculate the AC small signal gain of the diff amp involves converting transistors M2 and M4 into a current source of current  $g_m \cdot v_{gs}$  in parallel to a resistor with a resistance equal to the output resistance of the MOSFET in saturation,  $r_o$ . Applying KCL to the output node yields:

$$V_{out} / (r_{o4} \parallel r_{o2}) + g_{mn} \cdot v_{gs2} - g_{mp} \cdot v_{gs4} = 0$$

Since we know from Table 9.2 that  $g_{mn} = g_{mp}$ , we will replace both with  $g_m$ . Also, since  $i_d$  is equal to  $g_m \cdot v_{gs}$  and  $i_{d4}$  is equal to  $i_{d1}$ , and taking into consideration that  $g_{mn} = g_{mp}$ , we know that:

$$g_{mn} \cdot v_{gs2} - g_{mp} \cdot v_{gs4} = g_m \cdot (v_{gs2} - v_{gs1}) = g_m \cdot -v_{di}$$

$$V_{out} / (r_{o4} \parallel r_{o2}) = g_m \cdot v_{di}$$

$$A_d = V_{out} / v_{di} = g_m \cdot (r_{o4} \parallel r_{o2}) = 16.7 \text{ V/V}$$

Determining the input CMR or the minimum and maximum gate voltage that can be applied simultaneously to both gates and still keep the diff amp transistors in saturation. When a maximum gate voltage is being applied, the head room between the source of M1 and M2 ( $V_{S12}$ ) and VDD is compressed. The minimum voltage difference between VDD and  $V_{S12}$  to keep M1 and M3 out of the triode region will be equal to  $V_{ovn} + V_{sg3}$  for the short channel process.

$$VDD - V_{S12} = V_{ovn} + V_{sg3}$$

$$V_{S12} = V_{I2} - V_{gs2} = V_{CMmax} - V_{gs2}$$

Combining these two equations:

$$V_{DD} - (V_{CMmax} - V_{gs2}) = V_{ovn} + V_{sg3}$$

$$V_{CMmax} = V_{DD} + V_{gs2} - V_{ovn} - V_{sg3} = V_{DD} + V_{thn} - V_{sg3}$$

Using these values from Table 9.2 -  $V_{DD} = 1V$ ,  $V_{GS} = 0.35V$ , and  $V_{ovn} = 70 \text{ mV}$ :

$$V_{CMmax} = 1V + 0.28V - 0.35V = 0.93V$$

When a minimum gate voltage is being applied, the head room between the source of M1 and M2 ( $V_{S12}$ ) and  $V_{SS}$  is compressed. The minimum voltage difference between  $V_{S12}$  and  $V_{SS}$  to keep M5 and M6 out of the triode region will be equal to  $2 * V_{ovn}$  for the short channel process.

$$V_{S12} = 2 * V_{ovn} = V_{I2} - V_{GS2} = V_{CMmin} - V_{GS2}$$

$$V_{CMmin} = V_{GS2} + 2 * V_{ovn}$$

Using these values from Table 9.2 -  $V_{DD} = 1V$ ,  $V_{GS} = 0.35V$ , and  $V_{ovn} = 70 \text{ mV}$ :

$$V_{CMmin} = 0.35V + 2 * 0.07V = 0.49V$$

Another method to calculate  $V_{CMmax}$  is to find the maximum  $v_i$  that limits my M1 and M2 from going into the triode region. In order to keep M1 and M2 in saturation

$$V_{DS} \geq V_{GS} - V_{THN}$$

$$V_D \geq V_G - V_{THN} \text{ where } V_G = V_{CMMAX}$$

$$V_{CMMAX} = V_D + V_{THN}; \text{ where drain of M1 and M2 are at } V_{DD} - V_{SG} \text{ of PMOS.}$$

Therefore

$$V_{CMMAX} = V_{DD} - V_{SG} + V_{THN}$$

Since  $V_{DD} = 1V$ ,  $V_{THN} = 280 \text{ mV}$  and  $V_{SG} = 350 \text{ mV}$

Therefore

$$V_{CMMAX} = 0.93V$$

Minimum  $v_i$  is limited my M5 and M6 going into triode region. In order to keep M5 and M6 in saturation

$$v_{in} \geq V_{GS1,2} + 2.V_{OVN}$$

$$V_{CMMIN} = V_{GS1,2} + 2.V_{OVN}$$

Therefore

$$V_{CMMIN} = 0.49V$$

\*\*\*Problem 22.5 N-MOS CMOS: Circuit Design, Layout, and Simulation \*\*\*

```
.control
destroy all
run
plot vout xlimit 300n 500n ylimit 620m 680m
.endc
.option scale=50n ITL1=300
.tran 5n 500n UIC
```

```
VDD VDD 0 DC 1
Vi1 Vi1 0 DC 0 sin 0.5 0.5m 10MEG
Vi2 Vi2 0 DC 0 sin 0.5 -0.5m 10MEG
```

```
M1 vd1 vi1 vsn 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
M2 vout vi2 vsn 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
M3 vd1 vd1 VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
M4 vout vd1 VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
Mb3 vsn Vbias3 vn1 0 NMOS L=2 W=100
Mb4 vn1 Vbias4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=100
```

```
Xbias VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow Vncas Vpcas bias
```

\*\*\*\*\* THIS IS THE BIAS GENERATOR SUBCIRCUIT NETLIST \*\*\*\*\*

```
.subckt bias VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow Vncas Vpcas
```

```
MP1 Vbias3 Vbiasp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP2 Vbias4 Vbiasp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP3 vp1 vp2 VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP4 vp2 Vbias2 vp1 VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP5 Vpcas Vpcas vp2 VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP6 Vbias2 Vbias2 VDD VDD PMOS L=10 W=20
MP7 Vhigh Vbias1 VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP8 Vbias1 Vbias2 Vhigh VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP9 vp3 Vbias1 VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP10 Vncas Vbias2 vp3 VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
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MN1 Vbias3 Vbias3 0 0 NMOS L=10 W=10
MN2 Vbias4 Vbias3 Vlow 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN3 Vlow Vbias4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN4 Vpcas Vbias3 vn1 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN5 vn1 Vbias4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN6 Vbias2 Vbias3 vn2 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN7 vn2 Vbias4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN8 Vbias1 Vbias3 vn3 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN9 vn3 Vbias4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
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MN10 Vncas Vncas vn4 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN11 vn4 Vbias3 vn5 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN12 vn5 vn4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50

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MBM1 Vbiasn Vbiasn 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MBM2 Vreg Vreg Vr 0 NMOS L=2 W=200
MBM3 Vbiasn Vbiasp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MBM4 Vreg Vbiasp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100

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Rbias Vr 0 5.5k

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\*amplifier

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MA1 Vamp Vreg 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MA2 Vbiasp Vbiasn 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MA3 Vamp Vamp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MA4 Vbiasp Vamp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100

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MCP VDD Vbiasp VDD VDD PMOS L=100 W=100

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\*start-up stuff

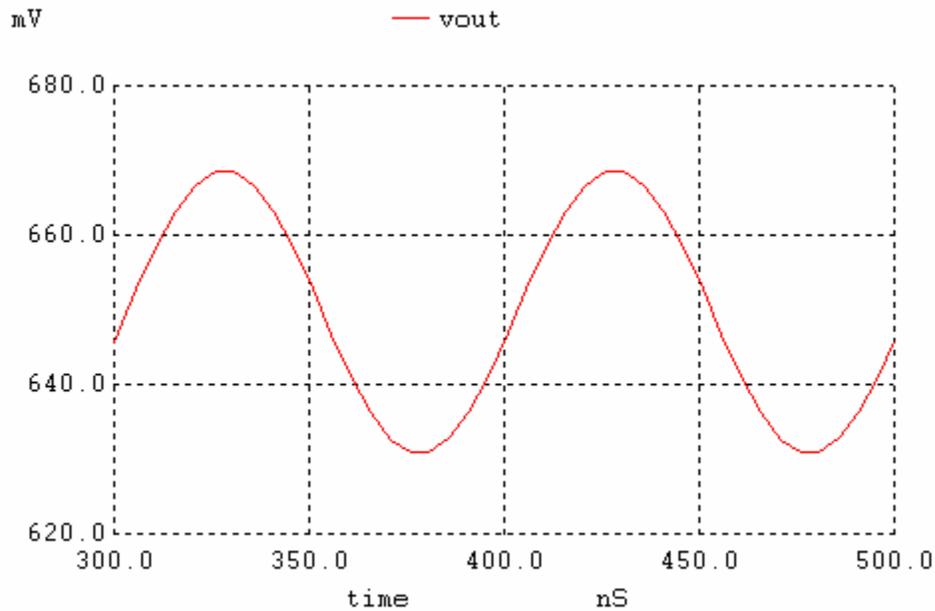
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MSU1 Vsur Vbiasn 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MSU2 Vsur Vsur VDD VDD PMOS L=20 W=10
MSU3 Vbiasp Vsur Vbiasn 0 NMOS L=1 W=10

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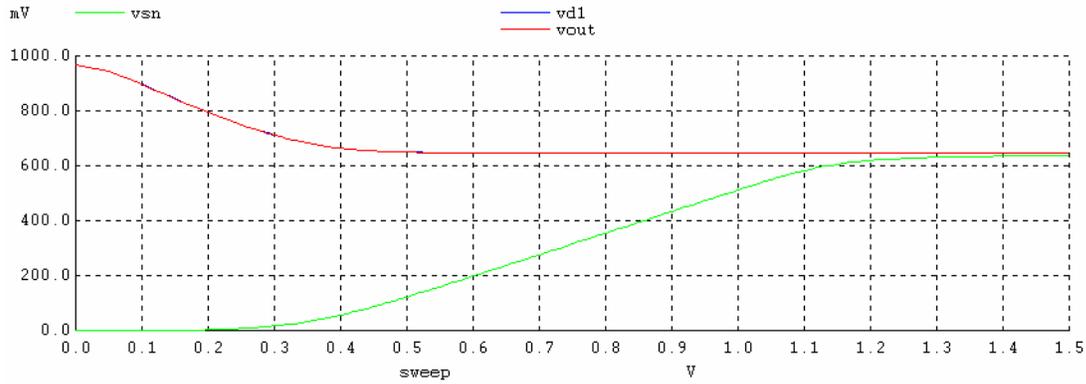
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### SIMULATION RESULTS FOR AC GAIN

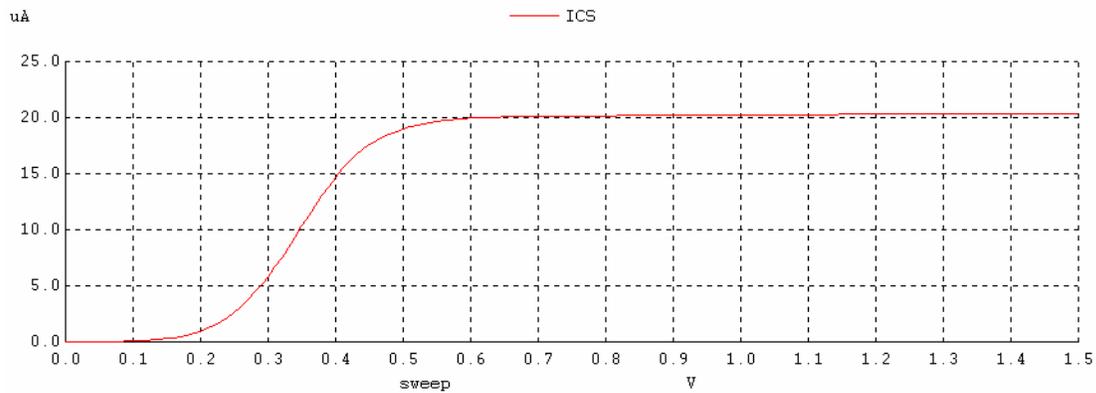


The input voltage differential between the two gates of M1 and M2 for the simulation was set at 1 mV. From the graph, the amplitude of the vout waveform is 18mV for a gain,  $v_{out} / v_{in}$  of 18 V/V. This value verifies our 16.7 V/V calculated value.

### CMR SIMULATION RESULTS



VOUT, VD1, AND VSN (VS12) VERSUS VI1 (GATE OF M1 & M2)



CURRENT SOURCE CURRENT VERSUS VI1

The VCMmin is the voltage where the current source (M5 & M6) enters the saturation region. From the ICS versus VI1 plot, the ICS switch from the triode to the saturation at approximately 0.54V. Also notice that vout flattens off at approximately 0.52V. The VCMmax can be measured by determining where vsn stops linearly following VI1 which was at 1.13V. Notice that vsn minus vout at this point is approximately Vovn. The VCMmax was calculated to be 0.93V and VCMmin was calculated to be 0.49V.

## PMOS Diff – Amp:

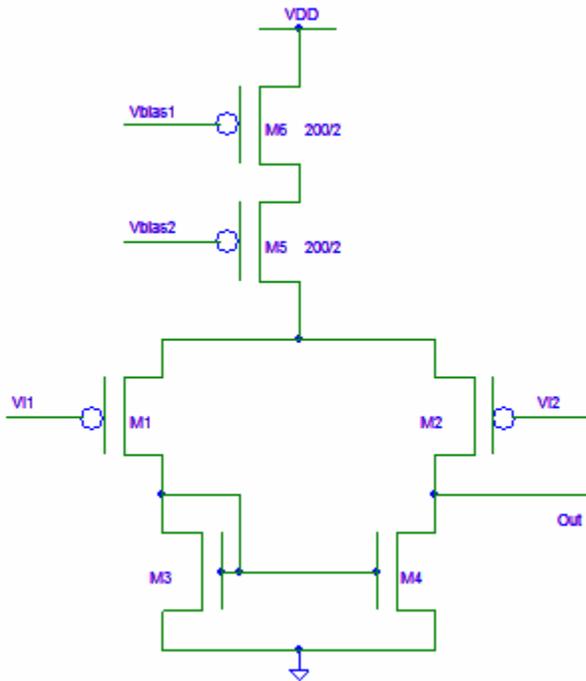


Fig 5c. PMOS Diff –Amp

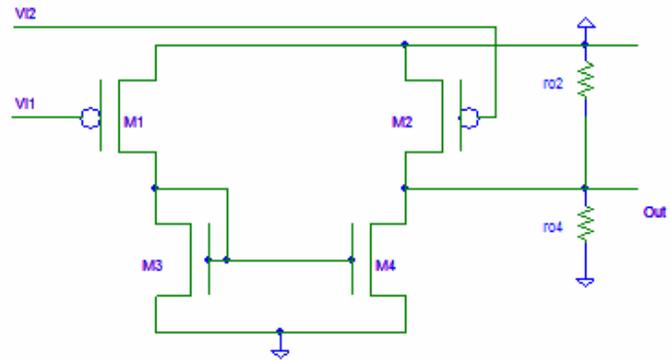


Fig 5d. AC circuit of PMOS diff -amp

To determine AC gain of diff amp with current mirror load shown in Fig 5c, consider the small signal model seen in Fig 5d. Since M3 is a diode connected MOSFET, it can be replaced by a resistor of value  $1/g_{m3}$ . Also the resistance looking into the output of the diff amp is  $r_{o4} \parallel r_{o2}$ . Since the current in M4 is mirrored from the current in M3 and the current in M3 is equal to the current in M1, we can define the current in M4 as being equal to the current in M1, or  $i_{d4} = i_{d1}$ . Since the total current current supplied by M1 and M2 is a constant value set by the current source devices M5 and M6, any changes in  $i_{d1}$  will be equal and opposite to  $i_{d2}$ , or  $i_{d1} = -i_{d2}$ . Therefore the output voltage can be written as:

$$v_{out} = (i_{d1} - i_{d2}) \cdot (r_{o4} \parallel r_{o2})$$

Since  $i_{d1} = -i_{d2} = i_d$

$$v_{out} = 2i_d \cdot (r_{o4} \parallel r_{o2}).$$

Using KVL between the gate of M1 and the gate of M2 in Fig 5d:

$$v_{in1} = v_{sg1} - v_{sg2} + v_{in2}$$

$$v_{in1} - v_{in2} = v_{di} = v_{sg1} - v_{sg2}$$

Since  $i_{d1} = -i_{d2}$ , therefore  $v_{sg1} = -v_{sg2}$

$$v_{in1} - v_{in2} = v_{di} = 2v_{sg1} = \frac{2i_d}{g_{mp}}$$

Therefore differential mode gain is

$$A_d = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{di}} = g_{mp} \cdot (r_{o2} \parallel r_{o4})$$

Since  $g_{mn} = 150 \mu\text{A/V}$  and  $r_o = 333 \text{ kohms}$

$$A_d = 16.7 \text{ V/V}$$

Another method to calculate the AC small signal gain of the diff amp involves converting transistors M2 and M4 into a current source of current  $g_m \cdot v_{gs}$  in parallel to a resistor with a resistance equal to the output resistance of the MOSFET in saturation,  $r_o$ .

Applying KCL to the output node yields:

$$V_{out} / (r_{o4} \parallel r_{o2}) + g_{mn} \cdot v_{gs2} - g_{mp} \cdot v_{sg4} = 0$$

Since we know from Table 9.2 that  $g_{mn} = g_{mp}$ , we will replace both with  $g_m$ . Also, since  $i_d$  is equal to  $g_m \cdot v_{gs}$  and  $i_{d4}$  is equal to  $i_{d1}$ , and taking into consideration that  $g_{mn} = g_{mp}$ , we know that:

$$g_{mn} \cdot v_{gs2} - g_{mp} \cdot v_{sg4} = g_m \cdot (v_{gs2} - v_{gs1}) = g_m \cdot -v_{di}$$

$$V_{out} / (r_{o4} \parallel r_{o2}) = g_m \cdot v_{di}$$

$$A_d = V_{out} / v_{di} = g_m \cdot (r_{o4} \parallel r_{o2}) = 16.7 \text{ V/V}$$

Determining the input CMR or the minimum and maximum gate voltage that can be applied simultaneously to both gates and still keep the diff amp transistors in saturation. When a maximum gate voltage is being applied, the head room between the source of M1 and M2 ( $V_{S12}$ ) and VDD is compressed. The minimum voltage difference between VDD and  $V_{S12}$  to keep M5 and M6 out of the triode region will be equal to  $2 \cdot V_{ovp}$  for the short channel process.

$$V_{DD} - V_{S12} = 2 \cdot V_{ovp}$$

$$V_{S12} = V_{I2} + V_{SG2} = V_{CMmax} + V_{GS2}$$

Combining these two equations:

$$V_{DD} - (V_{CMmax} + V_{GS2}) = 2 \cdot V_{ovp}$$

$$V_{CMmax} = V_{DD} - V_{GS2} - 2 * V_{ovp}$$

Using these values from Table 9.2 -  $V_{DD} = 1V$ ,  $V_{GS} = 0.35V$ , and  $V_{ovp} = 70 \text{ mV}$ :

$$V_{CMmax} = 1V - 0.35V - 2 * 0.07V = 0.51V$$

When a minimum gate voltage is being applied, the head room between the source of M1 and M2 ( $V_{S12}$ ) and  $V_{SS}$  is compressed. The minimum voltage difference between  $V_{S12}$  and  $V_{SS}$  to keep M1 and M3 out of the triode region will be equal to  $V_{ovp} + V_{gs1}$  for the short channel process.

$$V_{S12} = V_{ovp} + V_{gs1} = V_{I2} + V_{GS2} = V_{CMmin} + V_{GS2}$$

$$V_{CMmin} = V_{ovp} + V_{gs1} - V_{GS2}$$

Using these values from Table 9.2 -  $V_{DD} = 1V$ ,  $V_{GS} = 0.35V$ , and  $V_{ovn} = 70 \text{ mV}$ :

$$V_{CMmin} = 0.07V + 0.35 - 0.35V = 70 \text{ mV}$$

Here is another method to calculate the input CMR or the minimum and maximum gate voltage that can be applied simultaneously to both gates and still keep the diff amp transistors in saturation. When a maximum gate voltage is being applied, the head room between the source of M1 and M2 ( $V_{S12}$ ) and  $V_{DD}$  is compressed. The minimum voltage difference between  $V_{DD}$  and  $V_{S12}$  to keep M2 and M4 out of the triode region will be greater than or equal to  $2 * V_{ovn}$  for the short channel process.

$$V_{DD} - V_{S12} \geq 2 V_{OVP}$$

$$\text{Where } V_{S12} = V_{II} - V_{GS1}, \text{ and } V_{II} = V_{CMMAX}$$

Therefore

$$V_{II} \leq V_{DD} - 2V_{OVP} - V_{SG1}$$

Therefore

$$V_{CMMAX} = V_{DD} - 2V_{OVP} - V_{SG1}$$

Therefore

$$V_{CMMAX} = 0.51V$$

Minimum  $v_i$  is limited by M1 and M2 going into triode region. In order to keep M1 and M2 in saturation

$$V_{SD1} \geq V_{SG1} - V_{THP}$$

$$V_{D1} \leq V_{G1} + V_{THP} \text{ where } V_{G1} = V_{CMMIN}$$

Therefore

$$V_{\text{CMMIN}} = V_{\text{D1}} - V_{\text{THP}} \quad ; \text{where } V_{\text{D1}} = V_{\text{GS3}}$$

where  $V_{\text{D}} = 350\text{mV}$  and  $V_{\text{THP}} = 280\text{mV}$

Therefore

$$V_{\text{CMMIN}} = 70\text{mV}$$

This following netlist was used to simulate the gain:

\*\*\*Problem 22.5 PMOS CMOS: Circuit Design, Layout, and Simulation \*\*\*

.control

destroy all

run

plot vout xlimit 300n 500n ylimit 300m 400m

.endc

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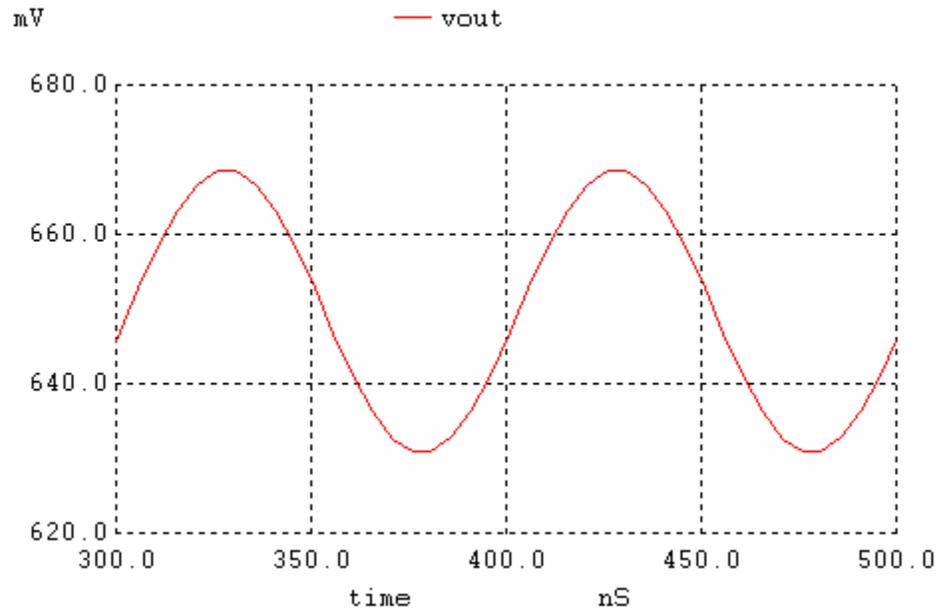
.tran 5n 500n UIC

VDD	VDD	0	DC	1	
Vi1	Vi1	0	DC	0	sin 0.5 0.5m 10MEG
Vi2	Vi2	0	DC	0	sin 0.5 -0.5m 10MEG
Mb1	vdb1	Vbias1	vdd	vdd	PMOS L=2 W=200
Mb2	vsn	Vbias2	vdb1	vdd	PMOS L=2 W=200
M1	vd1	vi1	vsn	vdd	PMOS L=2 W=100
M3	vd1	vd1	0	0	NMOS L=2 W=50
M2	vout	vi2	vsn	vdd	PMOS L=2 W=100
M4	vout	vd1	0	0	NMOS L=2 W=50

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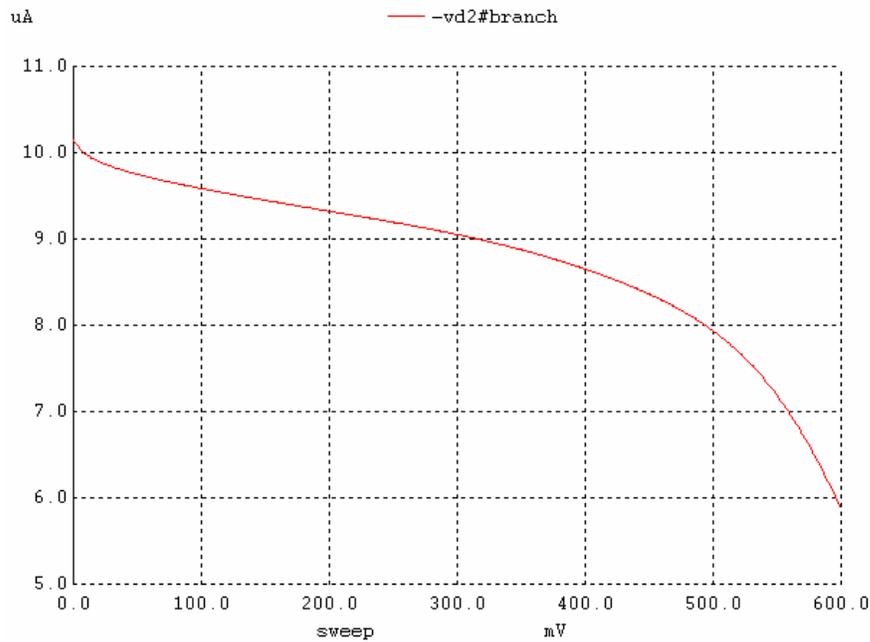
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### SIMULATION RESULTS FOR AC GAIN

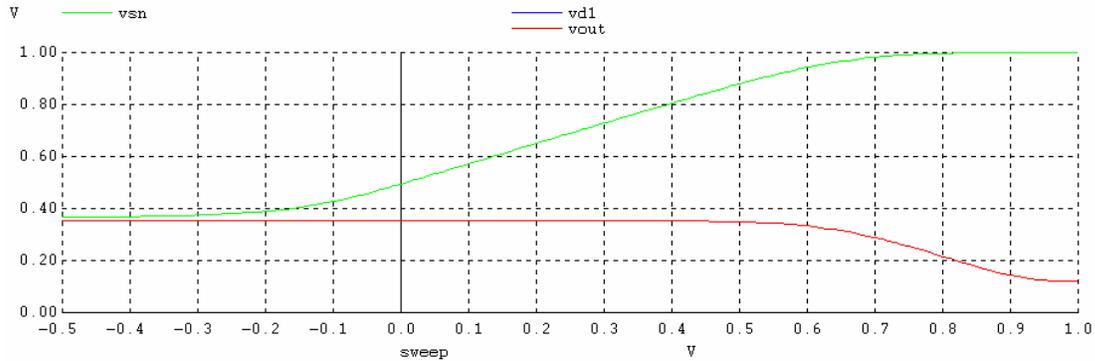


The input voltage differential between the two gates of M1 and M2 for the simulation was set at 1 mV. From the graph, the amplitude of the  $v_{out}$  waveform is 18mV for a gain,  $v_{out} / v_{in}$  of 18 V/V. This value verifies our 16.7 V/V calculated value.

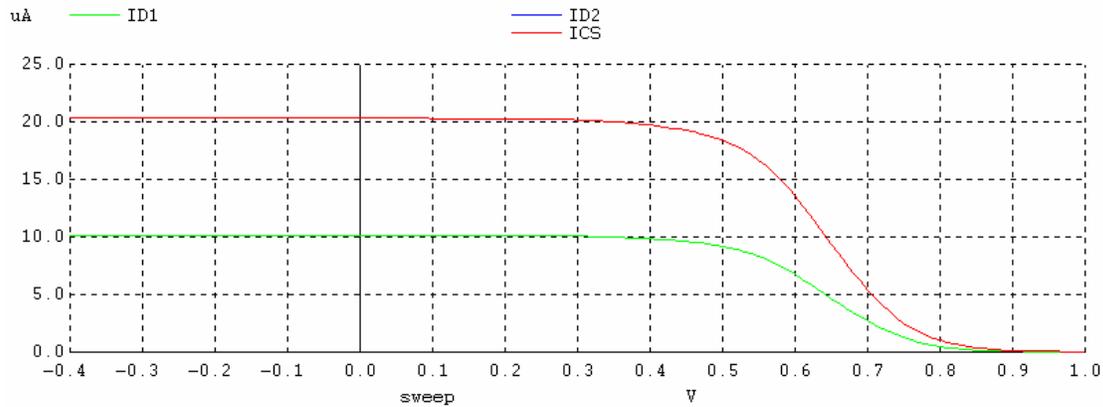
### CMR SIMULATION RESULTS



Above figure shows sweeping of  $V_{in1}$  from 0 to 600 mV with  $V_{in2}=0$   $V_{CMMIN}=20$  mV (calculated shows 70 mV) and  $V_{CMMAX}=530$  mV(Calculated shows 510 mV)



Vout, VD1, AND Vsn (VS12) VERSUS VI1 (GATE OF M1 & M2)



CURRENT SOURCE CURRENT VERSUS VI1

If we measure the  $V_{CMmax}$  from the plot of  $V_{out}$  versus  $V_{I1}$ , we pick the point where  $V_{out}$  remains constant or  $V_{I1}$  equal to 0.52V. If we measure the  $V_{CMmax}$  from the plot of  $I_{cs}$  versus  $V_{I1}$ , we pick the point where  $I_{cs}$  moves out of the triode region and into the saturation region or 0.47V. The  $V_{CMmin}$  is measured in the  $V_{out}$  versus  $V_{I1}$  plot as the point where the difference between  $V_{out}$  and  $V_{sn}$  is approximately 70mV or the  $V_{ovp}$  voltage. This point is at approximately -0.1V. The calculated value for  $V_{CMmax}$  was 0.53V and  $V_{CMmin}$  was 70mV.

Problem 22.6 Solution by Russell A. Benson – CNS and Robert J. Hanson, CNS:

Show that the capacitance on the sources of M1/M2 in example 22.6 causes the CMRR to roll off quicker with increasing frequency.

From equation 22.27:

$$\text{CMRR} = 20 \cdot \log (|A_d/A_c|) = 20 \cdot \log(\text{gm}_{1,2} \cdot (\text{ro}_2//\text{ro}_4) \cdot 2\text{gm}_{3,4} \cdot \text{Ro})$$

$$\text{Where } A_d = \text{gm}_{1,2} \cdot (\text{ro}_2//\text{ro}_4) \text{ and } A_c = 1/(2\text{gm}_{3,4} \cdot \text{Ro})$$

However when a capacitance ( $C_{\text{source}}$ ) is added on the source of M1/M2 the common mode gain ( $A_c$ ) increases at higher frequencies, while the differential gain ( $A_d$ ) remains unchanged:

Adding a  $C_{\text{source}}$  and using KCL yields the following, where  $v_{\text{ss}}$  is the voltage on the source of M1/M2:

$$(v_{\text{ss}} - 0) / \text{Ro} + (v_{\text{ss}} - 0) / (1 / j\omega C_{\text{source}}) = 2 \cdot i_d$$

Solving for  $v_{\text{ss}}$  yields:

$$v_{\text{ss}} = 2i_d / (1/\text{Ro} + j\omega C_{\text{source}})$$

Solving for  $v_c$  (used to determine  $A_c$  with a  $C_{\text{source}}$  added) yields:

$$v_c = v_{\text{gs}1,2} + v_{\text{ss}} = i_d / \text{gm}_{1,2} + 2i_d / (1/\text{Ro} + j\omega C_{\text{source}}) =$$

$$= v_c = i_d \cdot (1/\text{gm}_{1,2} + 2/(1/\text{Ro} + j\omega C_{\text{source}}))$$

And knowing that  $v_{\text{out}} = i_d / \text{gm}_{3,4}$  due to symmetry.

Solving for  $A_c$  yields the following result:

$$A_c = v_{\text{out}} / v_c = (i_d / \text{gm}_3) / [i_d \cdot (1/\text{gm}_{1,2} + 2/(1/\text{Ro} + j\omega C_{\text{source}}))]$$

Assuming that  $\text{Ro}$  is much larger than  $1/\text{gm}_{1,2}$  simplifies  $A_c$  to:

$$A_c = (1/\text{gm}_3) / [2/(1/\text{Ro} + j\omega C_{\text{source}})]$$

Now plugging  $A_c$  into the CMRR equation results in:

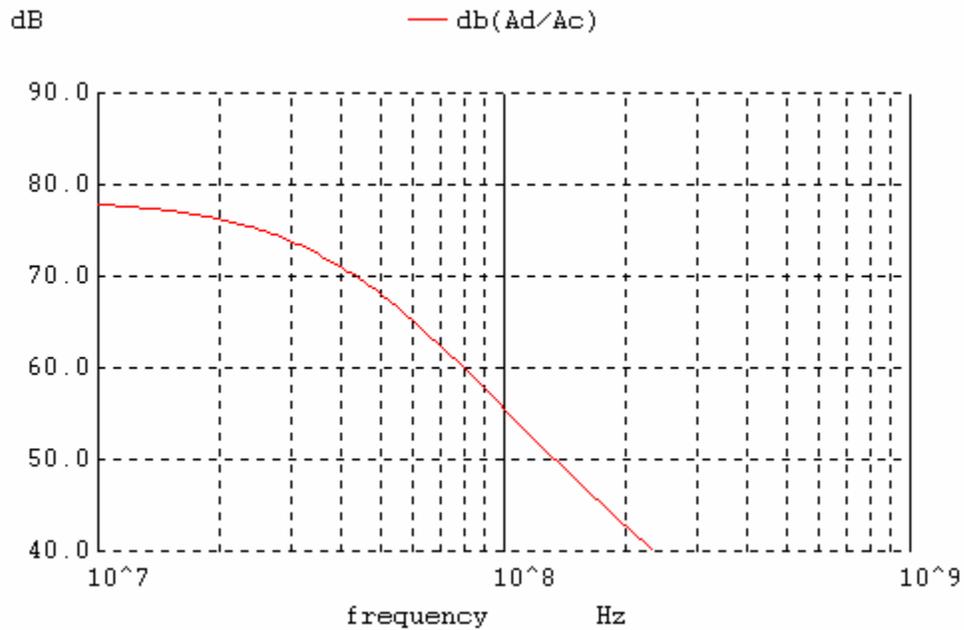
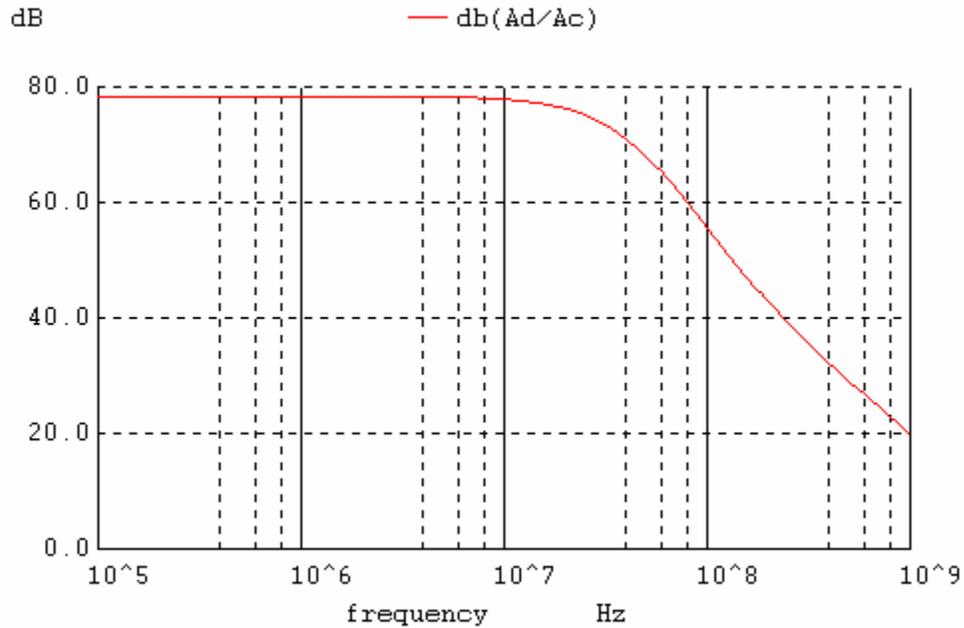
$$\text{CMRR} = 20 \cdot \log (|A_d/A_c|) = 20 \cdot \log(\text{gm}_{1,2} \cdot (\text{ro}_2//\text{ro}_4) \cdot 2\text{gm}_{3,4} \cdot 1/[1/\text{Ro} + j\omega C_{\text{source}}])$$

- This shows that for a  $C_{\text{source}}$  added, the CMRR rolls off quicker with increasing frequency. Note that when  $C_{\text{source}}$  is very large it can cause CMRR to roll off at even lower frequencies.
- The best way to limit the parasitic capacitances at the source is with a good layout design that minimizes the size (area) of the shared source regions of M1/M2.

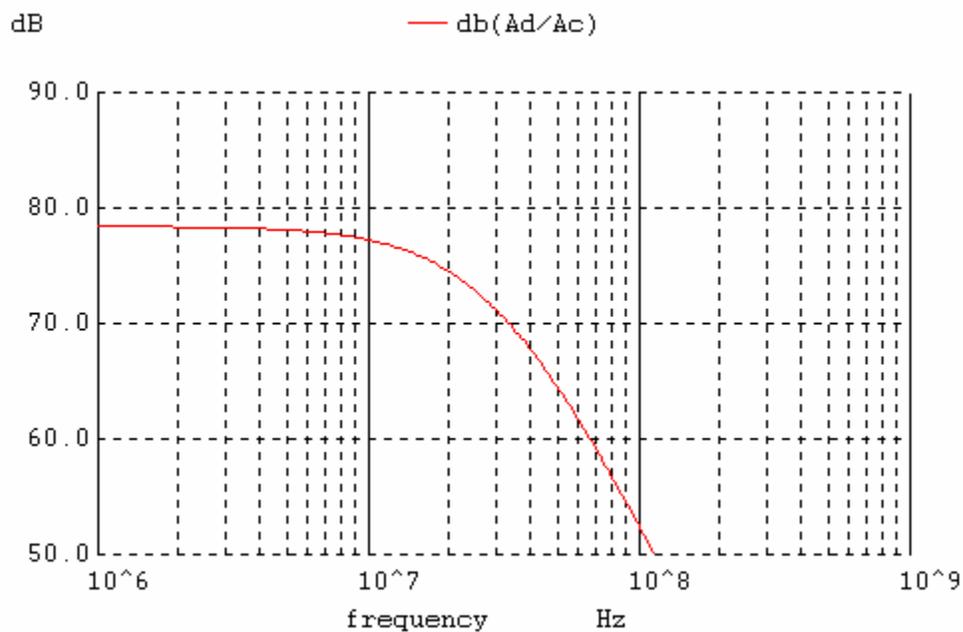
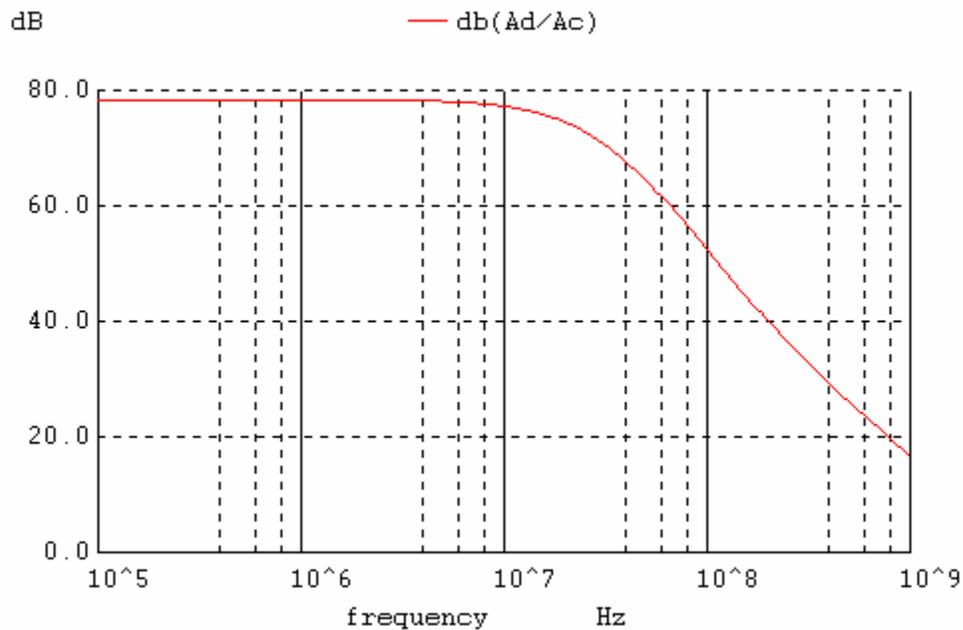
### SIMULATIONS:

The SPICE simulations below illustrate the concept of the CMRR roll off by adding a different Csource capacitor in each example.

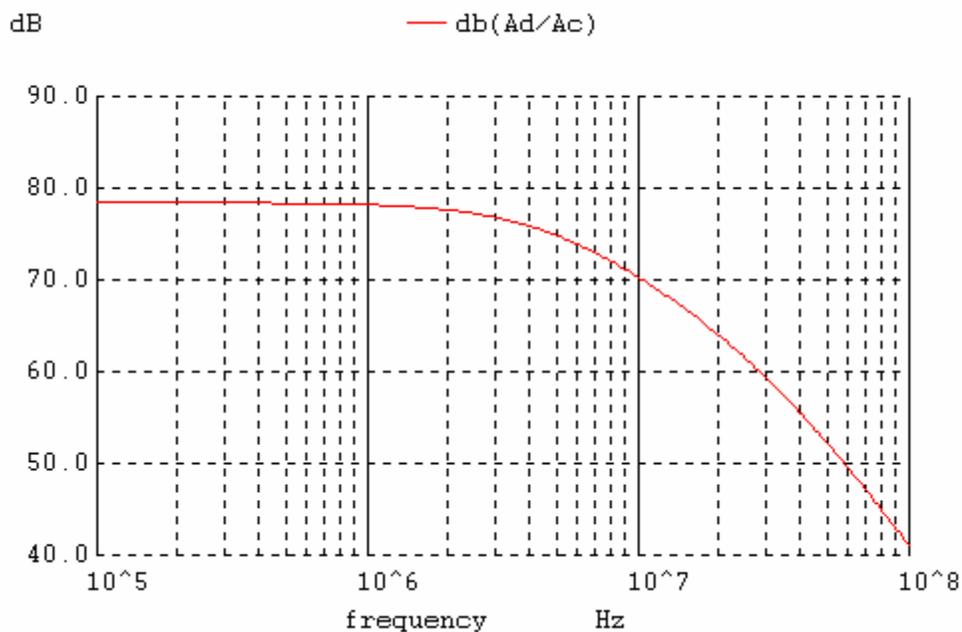
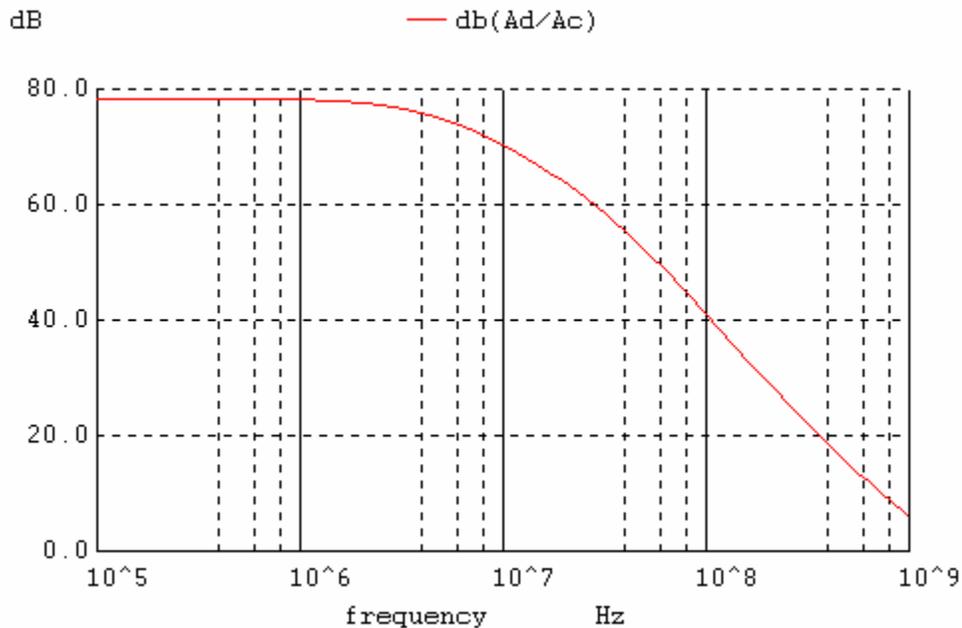
- The spice simulations below illustrate the CMRR of the circuit in Example 22.6 driving a load of 1pF, here Csource=0. CMRR roll off begins at approximately 10 MHz.



- The spice simulations below illustrate the CMRR of the circuit in Example 22.6 driving a load of 1pF with a Csource of 3fF added at the source of M1/M2. Notice that the CMRR roll off begins earlier than in the previous simulation, at about 9 MHz. Note that at a high frequency of 1GHz the CMRR is about 16.5, which is less than it was in the above simulations (20dB @ 1GHz),



- The spice simulations below illustrate the CMRR of the circuit in Example 22.6 driving a load of 1pF with a larger Csource of 30fF added at the source of M1/M2. Notice that the CMRR roll off begins quite a bit earlier than in the previous simulations, at about 2 MHz. That is because a much larger capacitance of 30fF is used in this example. The high frequency CMRR at 1GHz is also much less than the above 2 examples, it is approximately 6dB.



The SPICE netlist for the above simulation is provided below for reference (note that it excludes the BSIM4 50nm model parameters to make the netlist shorter):

\*\*\* Problem 22.6 Solution by Russ Benson - CNS and Robert Hanson, CNS \*\*\*

```

.control
destroy all
run
plot db(Ad/Ac)
.endc

.option scale=50n ITL1=300 rshunt=1e8
.ac dec 100 100k 1000MEG

VDD      VDD      0      DC      1

Vi1      Vi1      0      DC      0.7    AC 1
Vi2      Vi2      0      DC      0.7

Vc       Vc       0      DC      0.7    AC 1

Xbias    VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow Vncas Vpcas bias
X1       VDD      Vbias3  Vbias4  vc      vc      Ac      diff_amp
X2       VDD      Vbias3  Vbias4  vi1     vi2     Ad      diff_amp

.subckt diff_amp VDD      Vbias3  Vbias4  vi1     vi2     vout

M1       vd1      vi1      vss      0      NMOS L=2 W=50
M2       vout     vi2      vss      0      NMOS L=2 W=50
MB1      Vdb1     Vbias4   0        0      NMOS L=2 W=100
MB2      vss      Vbias3   vdb1     0      NMOS L=2 W=100
M3       vd1      vd1      VDD      VDD    PMOS L=2 W=100
M4       vout     vd1      VDD      VDD    PMOS L=2 W=100

Cload    vout     0        1p
Csource  vss      0        30f

.ends

.subckt bias VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow Vncas Vpcas

MP1      Vbias3  Vbiasp   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=100
MP2      Vbias4  Vbiasp   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=100
MP3      vp1      vp2      VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=100
MP4      vp2      Vbias2   vp1      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=100
MP5      Vpcas  Vpcas    vp2      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=100
MP6      Vbias2  Vbias2   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=10 W=20
MP7      Vhigh   Vbias1   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=100
MP8      Vbias1  Vbias2   Vhigh    VDD      PMOS L=2 W=100
MP9      vp3      Vbias1   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=100
MP10     Vncas   Vbias2   vp3      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=100

MN1      Vbias3  Vbias3   0        0        NMOS L=10 W=10
MN2      Vbias4  Vbias3   Vlow     0        NMOS L=2 W=50
MN3      Vlow   Vbias4   0        0        NMOS L=2 W=50
MN4      Vpcas  Vbias3   vn1      0        NMOS L=2 W=50
MN5      vn1     Vbias4   0        0        NMOS L=2 W=50
MN6      Vbias2  Vbias3   vn2      0        NMOS L=2 W=50
MN7      vn2     Vbias4   0        0        NMOS L=2 W=50
MN8      Vbias1  Vbias3   vn3      0        NMOS L=2 W=50
MN9      vn3     Vbias4   0        0        NMOS L=2 W=50
MN10     Vncas   Vncas    vn4      0        NMOS L=2 W=50
MN11     vn4     Vbias3   vn5      0        NMOS L=2 W=50
MN12     vn5     vn4      0        0        NMOS L=2 W=50

MBM1     Vbiasn  Vbiasn   0        0        NMOS L=2 W=50
MBM2     Vreg    Vreg     Vr        0        NMOS L=2 W=200
MBM3     Vbiasn  Vbiasp   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=100
MBM4     Vreg    Vbiasp   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=100

Rbias    Vr      0        5.5k

```

```
*amplifier
MA1  Vamp  Vreg  0      0      NMOS L=2 W=50
MA2  Vbiasp Vbiasn 0      0      NMOS L=2 W=50
MA3  Vamp  Vamp  VDD    VDD    PMOS L=2 W=100
MA4  Vbiasp Vamp  VDD    VDD    PMOS L=2 W=100

MCP  VDD    Vbiasp VDD    VDD    PMOS L=100 W=100

*start-up stuff
MSU1 Vsur  Vbiasn 0      0      NMOS L=2 W=50
MSU2 Vsur  Vsur   VDD    VDD    PMOS L=20 W=10
MSU3 Vbiasp Vsur   Vbiasn 0      NMOS L=1 W=10

.ends
```

Problem 22.7)

To estimate the slew rate limitations in charging and discharging a 1pF tied to the outputs of the circuits shown below:

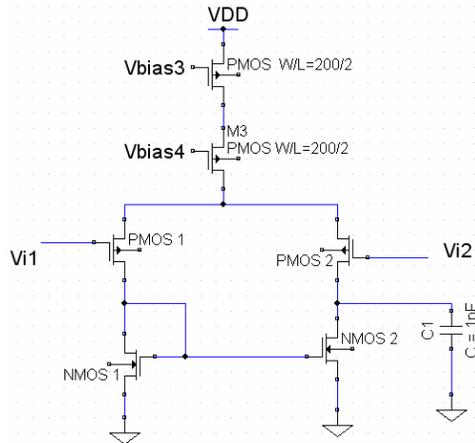


Fig 1.

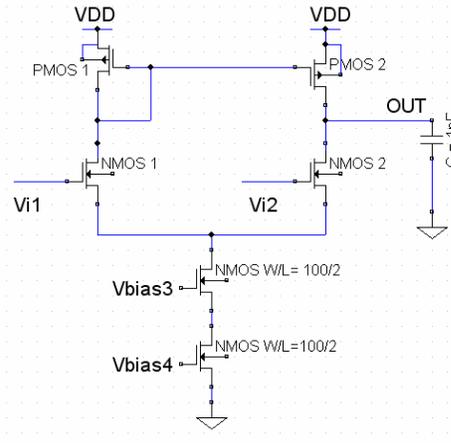


Fig 2.

Circuit operation:

When the two gate voltages of PMOS1 and PMOS2 (in fig 1) and NMOS1 and NMOS2 (fig 2) are equal then the current through each branch would be  $10\mu\text{A}$  each respectively. (Assuming in saturation). In fig 1 when the  $v_{i1}$  increases the  $V_{SG}$  of the PMOS 1 starts increasing thus shutting off the transistor. As a result the total current now flows through the PMOS 2 and charges the capacitor and increasing the output voltage. Thus the terminal  $v_{i1}$  is also called non-inverting input of the diff amp. Similarly  $v_{i2}$  is called inverting input of the diff amp since increasing the  $v_{i2}$  results in shutting off the PMOS 2 and now the total current flows through the PMOS 1. NMOS 2 mirrors the current in NMOS1 and thus the capacitor gets discharged.

When the two gate voltages of PMOS1 and PMOS2 (in fig 1) and NMOS1 and NMOS2 (fig 2) are equal then the current through each branch would be  $10\mu\text{A}$  each respectively. (Assuming in saturation).

Slew rate can be defined as the maximum rate of change of output voltage i.e maximum rate, which the output capacitor gets charged or discharged.

Similar to class A amplifiers diff amp also exhibits slew rate limitations because for proper operation all the MOSFETS should be conducting.

Now when PMOS 1 in fig 1. is OFF then the current available to charge the capacitor is  $20\mu\text{A}$ . Similarly when PMOS 2 is OFF then the total current available to discharge the capacitor is  $20\mu\text{A}$ . (i.e current through source)

$$\therefore \text{slew rate} = \frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{I_{total}}{C_L} = \frac{20\mu A}{1pF} = 20mV/ns$$

Similarly in figure 2 when NMOS 1, NMOS 2 is OFF then the capacitor would discharge or charge accordingly and the corresponding slew rate is given by

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = \frac{I_{total}}{C_L} = \frac{20\mu A}{1pF} = 20mV/ns$$

Common mode operation range:

In order to find the common mode voltage range that can be applied to the diff amp given in the fig.

In fig 1. the maximum common mode voltage is given by

$$V_{CMMAX} = V_{DD} - V_{SG} - 2V_{SDSAT} = 1 - 0.35 - 0.1 = 0.55V$$

Similarly the minimum common mode voltage is given by

$$V_{CMMIN} = V_{DSSAT} - V_{THP} = 0.05 - 0.28 = -0.23V$$

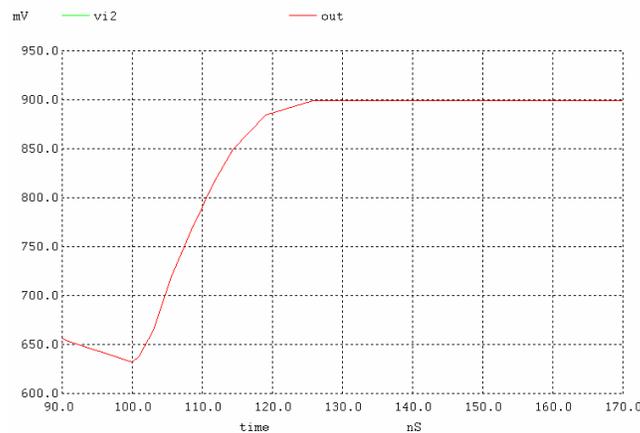
Similarly for fig 2. following eq 22.12 from the text and table 9.2 we get

$$V_{CMMAX} = V_{DD} - V_{SG} + V_{THN} = 0.93V \text{ and}$$

$$V_{CMMIN} = 2V_{DSAT} + V_{GS} = 0.450V$$

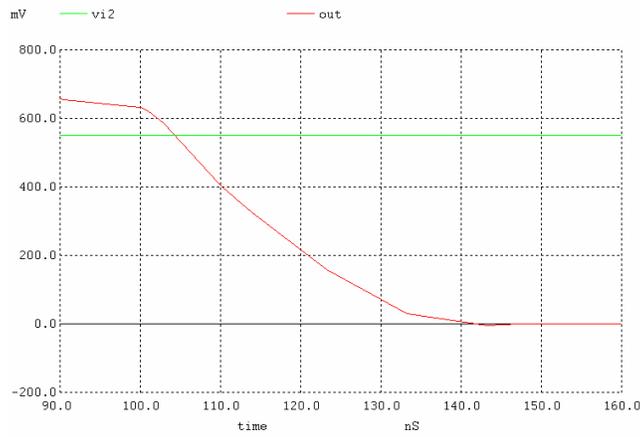
Simulation results for figure 1.

Charging of a capacitor:



From figure above the slope is 17.82mV/ns

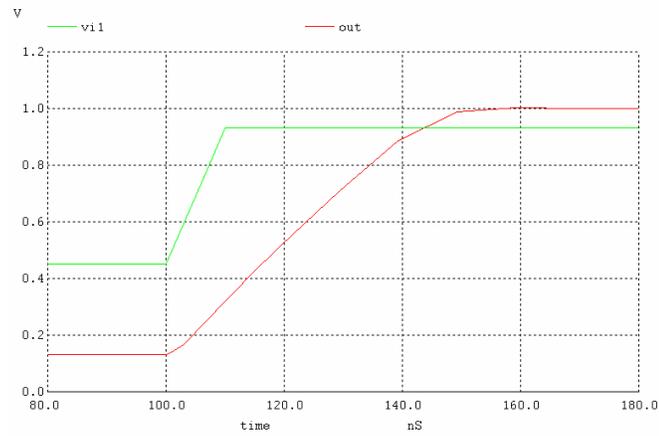
Discharging of a capacitor:



From the figure above the slope is  $18.8 \text{ V}/\mu\text{s}$

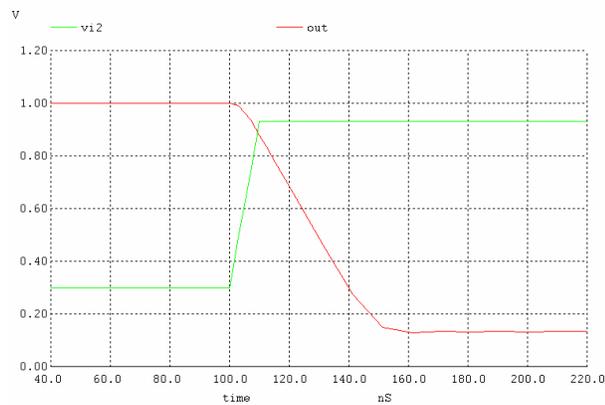
Simulation results for figure 2.

Charging of a capacitor:



From figure above the slope is  $19.40 \text{ mV}/\text{ns}$

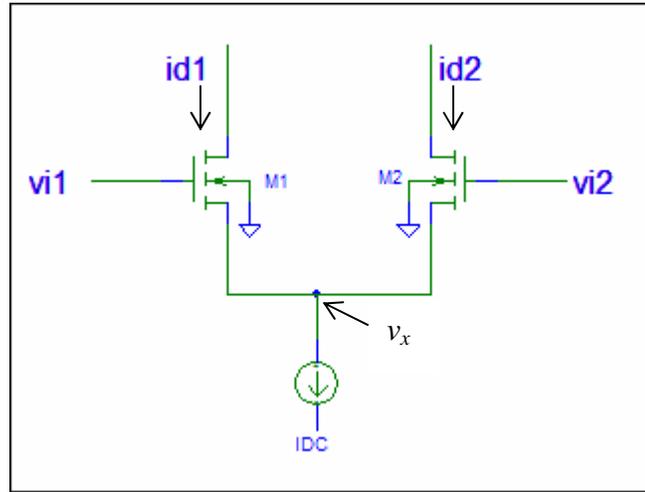
Discharging of a capacitor:



From the figure above the slope is  $19.55 \text{ mV}/\text{ns}$

Note: Slew rate limitations can be eliminated by employing a source cross coupled pair differential amplifier. The circuit diagram and the operation is given in the text. (Fig 22.22 ,page 22-18).

22.8)



For the n-channel differential pair, without considering the body effect,

$$v_{gs1} = -v_{gs2}$$

$$v_{i1} - v_x = v_{i2} - v_x$$

$$v_x = \frac{v_{i1} + v_{i2}}{2}$$

From fig. 21.40 and the associated discussion, we observe that body effect reduces the gain of a SF.

$$v_{out} = v_{in} \cdot \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}}$$

So for the NMOS differential pair,

$$v_x = \frac{(v_{i1} + v_{i2})}{2} \cdot \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}}$$

The equation for the current would be [considering body effect]

$$i_{d1} = g_m \cdot v_{gs1} - g_{mb} \cdot v_{sb}$$

$$i_{d1} = g_m \cdot \left[ v_{i1} - \frac{(v_{i1} + v_{i2})}{2} \cdot \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right] - g_{mb} \cdot \frac{(v_{i1} + v_{i2})}{2} \cdot \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}}$$

$$i_{d1} = g_m \cdot \left[ v_{i1} - \frac{(v_{i1} + v_{i2})}{2} \cdot \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right] - \frac{(v_{i1} + v_{i2})}{2} \cdot \frac{g_m g_{mb}}{g_m + g_{mb}}$$

$$i_{d1} = \frac{g_m}{2} \cdot \left[ v_{i1} \cdot \left( 2 - \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right) - v_{i2} \cdot \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right] - \frac{(v_{i1} + v_{i2})}{2} \cdot \frac{g_m g_{mb}}{g_m + g_{mb}} \longrightarrow \text{A}$$

$$i_{d2} = g_m \cdot v_{gs2} - g_{mb} \cdot v_{sb}$$

$$i_{d2} = g_m \cdot \left[ v_{i2} - \frac{(v_{i1} + v_{i2})}{2} \cdot \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right] - g_{mb} \cdot \frac{(v_{i1} + v_{i2})}{2} \cdot \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}}$$

$$i_{d2} = g_m \cdot \left[ v_{i2} - \frac{(v_{i1} + v_{i2})}{2} \cdot \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right] - \frac{(v_{i1} + v_{i2})}{2} \cdot \frac{g_m g_{mb}}{g_m + g_{mb}}$$

$$i_{d2} = \frac{g_m}{2} \cdot \left[ v_{i2} \cdot \left( 2 - \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right) - v_{i1} \cdot \frac{g_m}{g_m + g_{mb}} \right] - \frac{(v_{i1} + v_{i2})}{2} \cdot \frac{g_m g_{mb}}{g_m + g_{mb}} \longrightarrow \text{B}$$

So the given equations for the currents  $i_{d1}$  and  $i_{d2}$  are valid.

## Problem 22.9

**Determine:** (a) the transconductance of the diff-amp, (b) the AC small-signal drain currents of all transistors in terms of the input voltages and  $g_{mn}$ , (c) and the small-signal voltage gain  $(v_{o+} - v_{o-})/(v_{I+} - v_{I-})$

### Solution:

For this problem reference the diff-amp in Fig 22.39. Let's label the four NMOS transistors (from left to right) as M1, M2, M3, and M4 respectively. The four PMOS transistors will be labeled as M5, M6, M7, and M8 from left to right as well. Finding the small signal voltage gain makes solving for the transconductance and the small signal drain currents very easy so we will derive the gain first.

The first step is to write a voltage loop around the inputs and across the gate-source of M1 and M4. The following equation results:  $v_{I+} - v_{I-} = v_{gs1} - v_{gs4}$ . Next, find the source voltage of the NMOS transistors,  $v_x$ :  $v_x = v_{I+} - v_{gs1}$  and  $v_x = v_{I-} - v_{gs4}$ . Since  $v_{gs1} = -v_{gs4}$ , these two equations combine to yield:  $v_x = (v_{I+} + v_{I-})/2$ . This result makes intuitive sense because the source of the NMOS transistors is simply a voltage divider between two equivalent arms in the diff-amp. We would expect that  $v_x$  be divided evenly because the diff-amp is a symmetrical circuit.

The next step is to solve for  $v_{gs1}$ . The gate voltage of M1 is  $v_{I+}$  and the source voltage is  $v_x$ . Thus:  $v_{gs1} = v_{I+} - v_x = (v_{I+} - v_{I-})/2$ . Next is to solve for the output voltages,  $v_{o+}$  and  $v_{o-}$ . This configuration of diff-amp is somewhat unique in the sense that the pair of diode connected PMOS transistors (M6 and M7) act as a constant current source and inhibit any small signal current in the other PMOS transistors (M5 and M8). The effect of this is that M5 and M8 will not sink or source any additional current to the output like the convention diff-amp. In the conventional diff-amp when the non-inverting input terminal is raised a small-signal current is created in the PMOS current load that is mirrored to the load and then sourced to the output terminal. For the case of the fully differential diff-amp any small signal change on M5 is not mirrored to M8 because the diode pair prevents them.

The positive output will see an output resistance of  $r_{o8}||r_{o4}$  or in general terms  $r_{op}||r_{on}$ . On the positive output terminal  $v_{o+}$  the small signal current  $g_{mn}v_{gs}$  is pulled from the output load. Therefore:  $v_{o+} = g_{mn}v_{gs}(r_{op}||r_{on})$ . Conversely,  $v_{o-}$  will source current from the diff-amp, and  $v_{o-} = -g_{mn}v_{gs}(r_{op}||r_{on})$ . Substituting  $v_{gs} = (v_{I+} - v_{I-})/2$  into these two equations produce  $v_{o+}/(v_{I+} - v_{I-}) = g_{mn}(r_{op}||r_{on})/2$  and  $v_{o-}/(v_{I+} - v_{I-}) = -g_{mn}(r_{op}||r_{on})/2$ . Subtracting these gives us the small signal voltage gain:  $(v_{o+} - v_{o-})/(v_{I+} - v_{I-}) = g_{mn}(r_{op}||r_{on})$ . Note that this gain is identical to that of the conventional diff-amp. This amplifier is a valid alternative when a differential output signal is desired.

The transconductance of the entire diff-amp is that of the amplifying device, which is just a single n-type MOSFET. Thus, the transconductance of this diff-amp is simply  $g_{mn}$ . From previous diff-amp experience it should be obvious that  $i_{d1} = i_{d2} = -i_{d3} = -i_{d4}$ . Since  $i_d = g_{mn}v_{gs}$  then  $i_{d1} = i_{d2} = -i_{d3} = -i_{d4} = g_{mn}v_{gs} = g_{mn}(v_{I+} - v_{I-})/2$ .

**Simulation:**

To simulate this circuit it is necessary to apply a 1mV input AC voltage to each input terminal (+1mV to  $v_{I+}$  and -1mV to  $v_{I-}$ ). The gain can be observed by comparing the input voltages to the output voltages. The following two graphs show these.

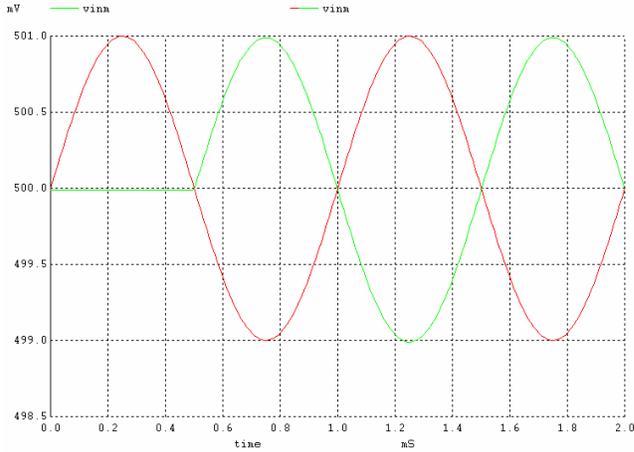


Figure 1.  $V_{I+}$  and  $V_{I-}$   $\Delta V=1\text{mV}$

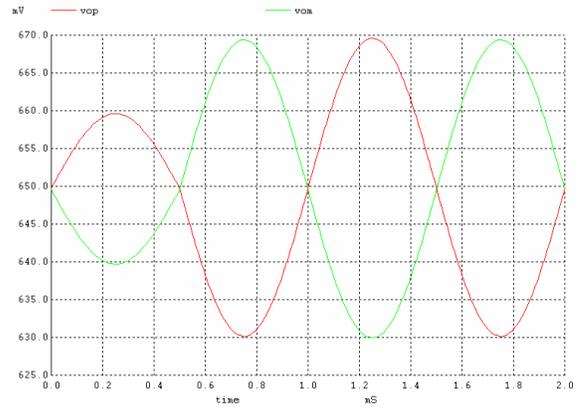


Figure 2.  $V_{O+}$  and  $V_{O-}$   $\Delta V=19.5\text{mV}$

The gain of the diff-amp can be determined by measuring the amplification on the output terminal with respect to the input terminal. Thus, in simulation the gain is approximately 19.5V/V.

When comparing the currents 0v voltage sources were inserted between the drains of the NMOS devices and the PMOS current source loads. From Figure 3 below the following information can be determined.  $i_{d1} = -i_{d4}$  and  $i_{d2} = -i_{d3}$ .

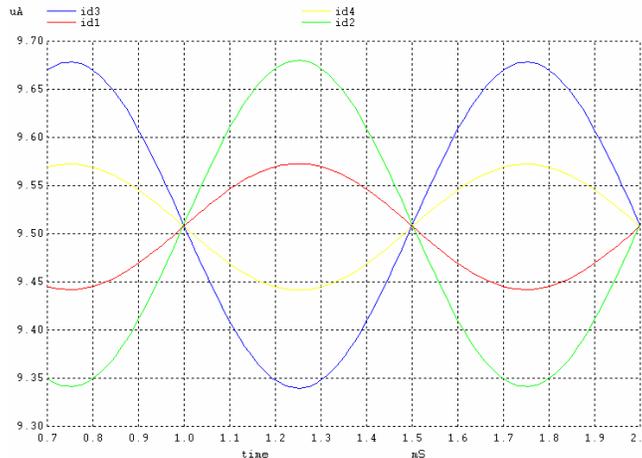


Figure 3. Winspice AC current summary

One disconcerting thing about this graph is that the magnitude of  $i_{d1}$  and  $i_{d4}$  is not equal to  $i_{d2}$  and  $i_{d3}$ . A possible reason for this is that the set of diode connected PMOS attenuate the signal swing on transistors M1 and M4 while allowing M2 and M4 to swing to the expected levels. The expected swing is about 150nA ( $150\text{nA} = g_{mn}v_{gs} = (150\text{uA/V})(1\text{mV})$ ). For M1 and M4 the swing is only about one third of 150nA.

## Netlist:

\*\*\* Solution to Problem 22.9 \*\*\*

```
.control
destroy all
run
let vindif=vinp-vinm
let voutdif=vop-vom
let gain=voutdif/vindif
let id1=i(vid1)
let id2=i(vid2)
let id3=i(vid3)
let id4=i(vid4)
plot id1 id2 id3 id4 xlimit .8m 2m
plot gain ylimit 16 20
plot vop vom
plot vinp vinm
.endc
```

```
.option scale=50n
```

```
.tran 10u 2m
```

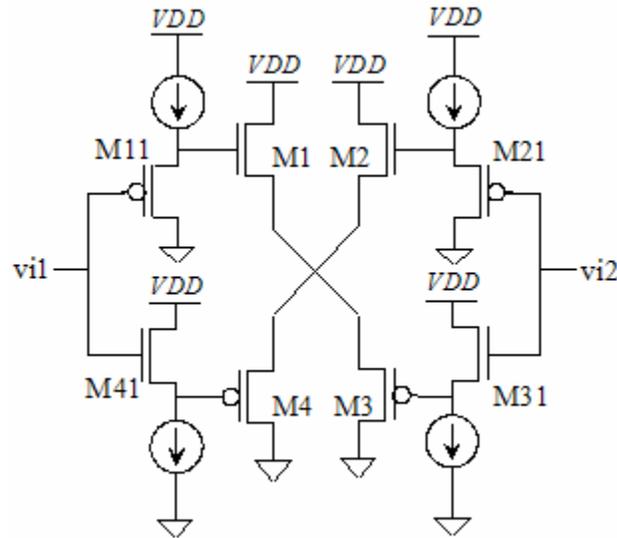
```
VDD  VDD  0    DC    1
Vinp  vinp  0    DC    0    AC    SIN 0.5 1m 1k
Vinm  vinm  0    DC    0    AC    SIN 0.49999 1m 1k 500u
vid1  vom   vd1  DC    0
vid2  center vd2  DC    0
vid3  center vd3  DC    0
vid4  vop   vd4  DC    0
Vbias3 Vbias3  0    DC    .544
Vbias4 Vbias4  0    DC    .362

M1    vd1    vinp  vx    0    NMOS L=2 W=50
M2    vd2    vinp  vx    0    NMOS L=2 W=50
M3    vd3    vinm  vx    0    NMOS L=2 W=50
M4    vd4    vinm  vx    0    NMOS L=2 W=50
M9    vx     Vbias3 vy    0    NMOS L=2 W=200
M10   vy     Vbias4 0     0    NMOS L=2 W=200

M5    vom    center VDD  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=100
M6    center center VDD  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=100
M7    center center VDD  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=100
M8    vop    center VDD  VDD  PMOS L=2 W=100
```

\* BSIM4 models

Problem 22.11



Net list

\*\*\* Figure 22.26 CMOS: Circuit Design, Layout, and Simulation \*\*\*

```
.control
destroy all
run
print all
.endc
```

```
.option scale=1u
.op
```

```
VDD VDD 0 DC 5
Vi1 vi1 0 DC 3.5
Vi2 vi2 0 DC 3.5
vm13 vmeas1 vmeas3 dc 0
vm24 vmeas2 vmeas4 dc 0
```

```
iss1 vdd vs11 DC 20u
iss2 vdd vs21 DC 20u
iss3 vs31 0 DC 20u
iss4 vs41 0 DC 20u
```

```
M1 vdd vs11 vmeas1 vmeas1 NMOS L=2 W=10
M2 vdd vs21 vmeas2 vmeas2 NMOS L=2 W=10
M3 0 vs31 vmeas3 vmeas3 PMOS L=2 W=30
M4 0 vs41 vmeas4 vmeas4 PMOS L=2 W=30
```

M11	0	vi1	vs11	vs11	PMOS L=2 W=30
M41	VDD	vi1	vs41	vs41	NMOS L=2 W=10
M31	VDD	vi2	vs31	vs31	NMOS L=2 W=10
M21	0	vi2	vs21	vs21	PMOS L=2 W=30

vm13 and vm24 are the zero voltage sources to measure the current in M1-M4

DC Operating Point ... 100%  
vm13#branch = 1.973939e-05  
vm24#branch = 1.973939e-05

From the operating point analysis it can be seen that the currents in M1-M4 is  $19.73\mu\text{A}$  without body effect(i.e, source of the MOSFETS tied to the body) which is almost the same as the biasing currents ( $20\mu\text{A}$ ) in the source followers.

With body effect(i.e body of NMOS tied to ground & body of PMOS tied to VDD) the currents are

vm13#branch = 5.706939e-07  
vm24#branch = 5.706939e-07

The currents in M1-M4 are  $0.57\mu\text{A}$ . Hence a large mismatch in the currents can be seen due to body effect.

### Problem 22.12

Using the parameters from table 9.1 and equation 22.48, the gain is approximated as

$A_d = g_{m1}(g_{m2} \cdot r_{o2} \parallel g_{m4} \cdot r_{o4}) = 219kV/V$  for low frequencies. The simulated gain of the circuit is actually about 77.5 kV/V when the frequency is less than 10 kHz as seen in Figure 22.1 below.

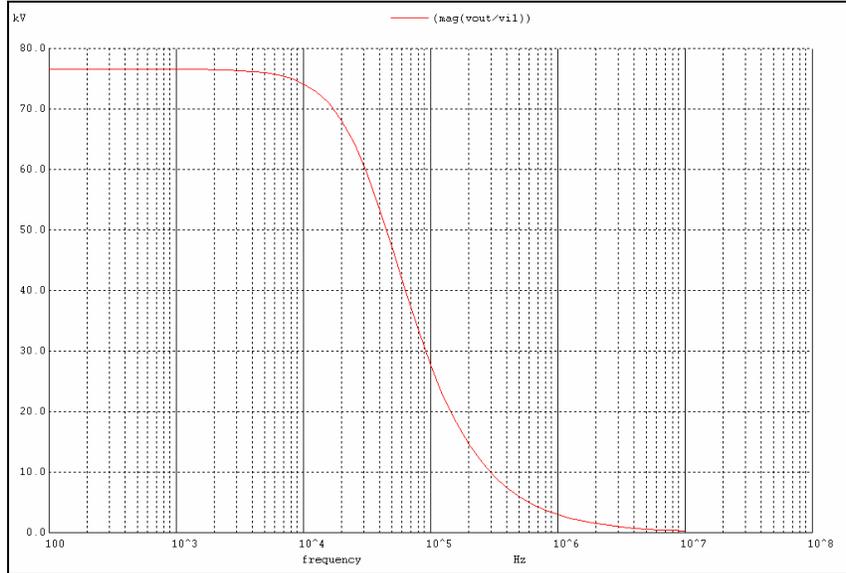


Figure 22.1: Plot of vout/vin showing gain versus frequency

As seen in example 22.9 (page 22-25), the minimum input voltage (VCMMIN) is about 1.55V and the maximum input voltage (VCMMAX) is about 4.45V. By choosing a DC bias input voltage of 2.5V, we guaranteed that the circuit would work. A plot of the input voltages is shown in Figure 22.2.

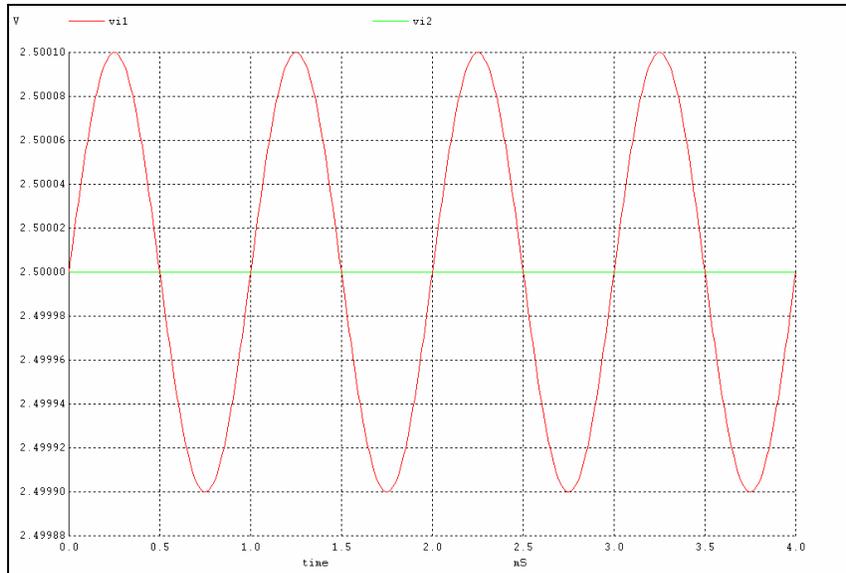


Figure 22.2: Plot of vi1 and vi2 vs. time

The maximum output voltage is calculated by the following:

$$V_{out\ max} = VDD - 2V_{DS, sat} \cong 4.5V$$

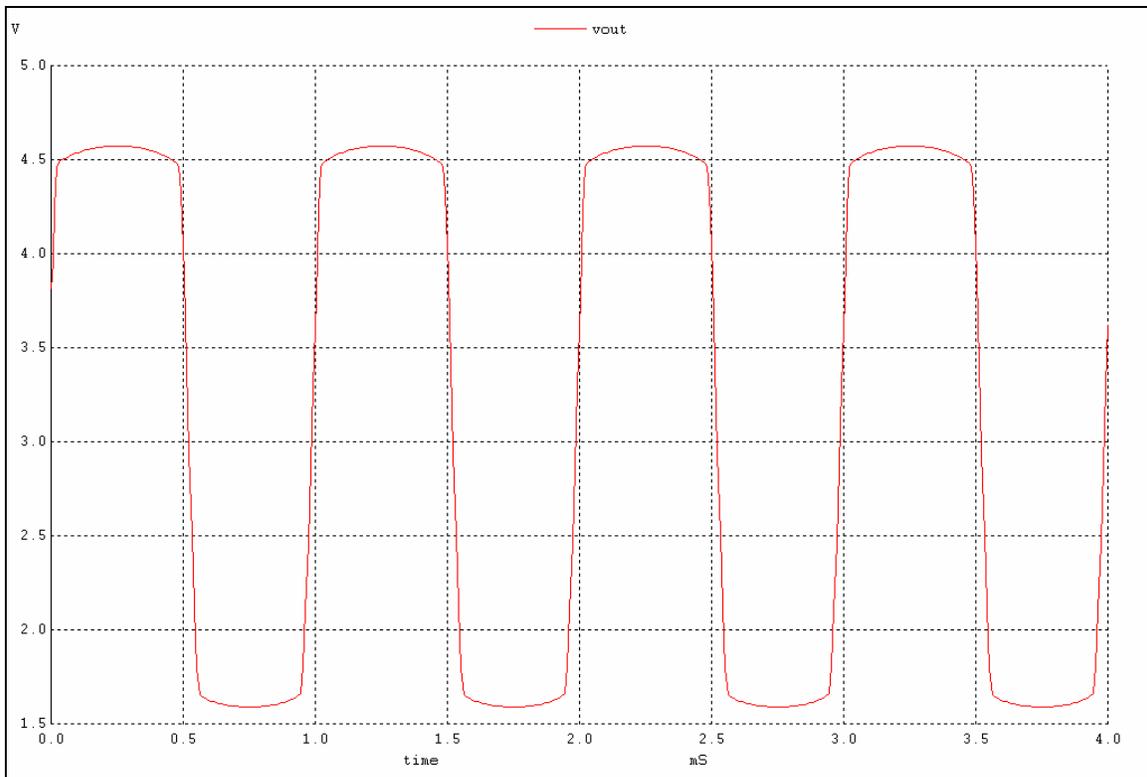
The minimum output voltage is calculated by the following:

$$V_{out\ min} = V_{I2} - V_{GS2} + 2V_{DS, sat} \cong 1.9V$$

For our problem parameters  $V_{in}=100\mu V$  @ 1KHz and  $V_{cm}=2.5\ V$  we would expect to see output voltage

magnitude of 
$$V_{out} = A_d \cdot v_{in} = 77.5 \frac{kV}{V} \cdot 100\mu V \cong 7.75V$$
.

From our simulation plots (Figure 22.3) we can see that our output voltage is between 1.7V and 4.5V because we are limited by  $V_{out\ max}$  and  $V_{out\ min}$ . Output voltage is still sinusoidal (only cut off at  $V_{out\ max}$  and  $V_{out\ min}$ ) and at 1KHz frequency.



**Figure 22.3: Plot of vout showing maximum and minimum output voltage**

\*\*\* Problem 22.12 (Figure 22.31) CMOS: Circuit Design, Layout, and Simulation \*\*\*

```

.control
destroy all
run
plot vout/vi1
*plot vi1 vi2
*plot vout
*print vtest#branch dm1 dmb3 vout
.endc

.option scale=1u
.ac DEC 10 100 10MEG
*.tran 10u 4m

VDD      VDD      0      DC      5
vi1      vi1      0      DC      2.5      AC      100u sin 2.5 100u 1k
vi2      vi2      0      DC      2.5
vtest    vtest    0      DC      0

M1      dm1      vi1      dmb3     0      NMOS L=2 W=10
M2      dm2      vi2      dmb3     0      NMOS L=2 W=10
M3      dm3      gm3      vdd      vdd     PMOS L=2 W=30
M4      dm4      gm3      vdd      vdd     PMOS L=2 W=30
M6      gmc1     gm3      dmb3     0      NMOS L=8 W=10

MC1     gm3      gmc1     dm1      0      NMOS L=2 W=10
MC2     vout     gmc1     dm2      0      NMOS L=2 W=10
MC3     gm3      vbias2   dm3      vdd     PMOS L=2 W=30
MC4     vout     vbias2   dm4      vdd     PMOS L=2 W=30

MB1     dmb1     vbias1   vdd      vdd     PMOS L=2 W=30
MB2     gmc1     vbias2   dmb1     vdd     PMOS L=2 W=30
MB3     dmb3     vbias3   dmb4     0      NMOS L=2 W=30
MB4     dmb4     vbias4   vtest    0      NMOS L=2 W=30

Xbias   VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow Vncas Vpcas bias

.subckt bias VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow Vncas Vpcas
MN1     Vbias2   Vbiasn   0        0        NMOS L=2 W=10
MN2     Vbias1   Vbiasn   0        0        NMOS L=2 W=10
MN3     Vncas   Vncas    vn1      0        NMOS L=2 W=10
MN4     vn1      Vbias3   vn2      0        NMOS L=2 W=10
MN5     vn2      vn1      0        0        NMOS L=2 W=10
MN6     Vbias3   Vbias3   0        0        NMOS L=10 W=10
MN7     Vbias4   Vbias3   Vlow     0        NMOS L=2 W=10
MN8     Vlow     Vbias4   0        0        NMOS L=2 W=10
MN9     Vpcas    Vbias3   vn3      0        NMOS L=2 W=10
MN10    vn3      Vbias4   0        0        NMOS L=2 W=10

MP1     Vbias2   Vbias2   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=10 W=30
MP2     Vhigh   Vbias1   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30
MP3     Vbias1   Vbias2   Vhigh    VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30
MP4     vp1      Vbias1   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30
MP5     Vncas   Vbias2   vp1      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30
MP6     vp2      Vbias1   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30
MP7     Vbias3   Vbias2   vp2      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30
MP8     vp3      Vbias1   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30
MP9     Vbias4   Vbias2   vp3      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30
MP10    vp4      vp5      VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30
MP11    vp5      Vbias2   vp4      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30
MP12    Vpcas    Vpcas    vp5      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30

MBM1    Vbiasn   Vbiasn   0        0        NMOS L=2 W=10
MBM2    Vbiasp   Vbiasn   Vr       0        NMOS L=2 W=40
MBM3    Vbiasn   Vbiasp   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30
MBM4    Vbiasp   Vbiasp   VDD      VDD      PMOS L=2 W=30

Rbias   Vr       0        6.5k

MSU1    Vsur     Vbiasn   0        0        NMOS L=2 W=10
MSU2    Vsur     Vsur     VDD      VDD      PMOS L=100 W=10
MSU3    Vbiasp   Vsur     Vbiasn   0        NMOS L=1 W=10
.ends

```

**Problem 22.13**

This problem shows the operation of the current differential amplifier in figure 22.33 of the text using SPICE with current sources for inputs. The values from table 9.2 will be used.

We'll start by building the netlist.

We will use 3 separate current sources, and call them Iss1 - 3.

If we want to display the current through each transistor, 0V voltage sources can be added as well. These are labeled Vmeas1 - 4 in the netlist.

We shall sweep a current in I1 in the circuit in figure 22.33 from  $-10\mu$  to  $10\mu$ A, and hold I2 constant at 0A.

The output current can be measured by adding a 350mV source to the drain of M4, then plotting the current through that source. 350mV is used to hold the drain at  $\sim V_{GS}$ .

**Netlist**

```
.control
destroy all
run
let IM1=vmeas1#branch
let IM2=vmeas2#branch
let IM3=vmeas3#branch
let IM4=vmeas4#branch
let Iout=vout#branch
plot Iout IM1 IM2 IM3 IM4
.endc

.option scale=50n
.DC i1 -10u 10u 10n

I1      0      Iss1   DC    0
I2      0      Iss2   DC    0

Vout    Iss3   0      DC    350m

VDD     VDD    0      DC    1
Iss1    VDD    Iss1   DC    10u   AC    0
Iss2    VDD    Iss2   DC    20u   AC    0
Iss3    VDD    Iss3   DC    10u   AC    0

M1      Iss1   Iss1   Imeas1 0      NMOS L=2 W=50
M2      Iss2   Iss1   Imeas2 0      NMOS L=2 W=50
M3      Iss2   Iss2   Imeas3 0      NMOS L=2 W=50
M4      Iss3   Iss2   Imeas4 0      NMOS L=2 W=50

Vmeas1  Imeas1  0      DC    0
Vmeas2  Imeas2  0      DC    0
Vmeas3  Imeas3  0      DC    0
Vmeas4  Imeas4  0      DC    0
```

We notice in the simulation shown in figure 1 that when we input zero current in I1,  $I_d = 10\mu$ A for all MOSFETs as expected. When we pull  $10\mu$ A out of node I1, M1 is off. All the current supplied by Iss1 is pulled out to I1. M2 is off so M3 must sink all of Iss2 ( $20\mu$ A here). The  $20\mu$ A in M3 is mirrored over to M4, and the output is  $\sim I1 = 10\mu$ A. The results are similar but opposite when we input current into I1.

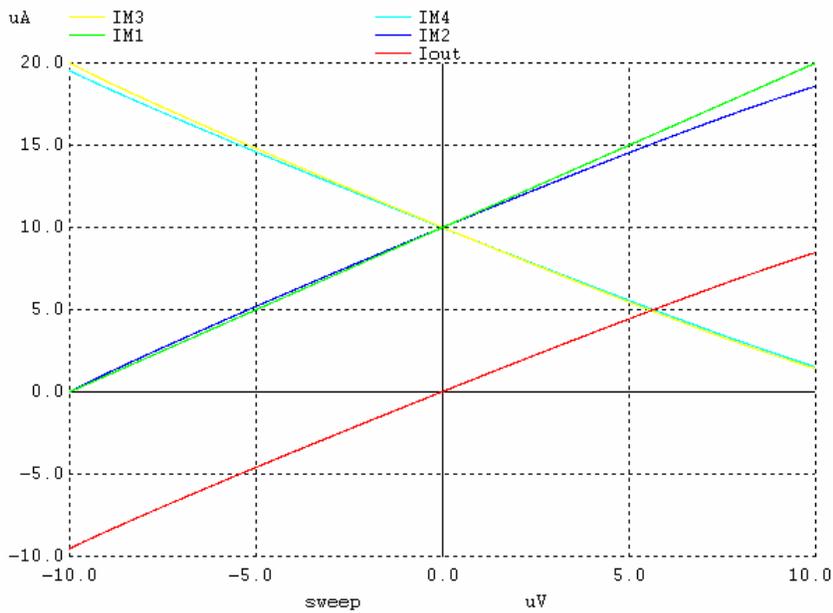


Figure 1. SPICE simulation of figure 22.33 from the text.

If we want to give the diff amp gain or scale the input currents we can change the size of M1-4. In the following example we'll double the width of M1 and M4. This simulation is shown in figure 2. We see that with the width of M1 and 4 increased we can scale the input current down. When  $I_1 = -10\mu\text{A}$  to  $10\mu\text{A}$ , the output is scaled down by roughly  $20\mu\text{A}$ , so we get  $-30\mu\text{A}$  to  $-10\mu\text{A}$ .

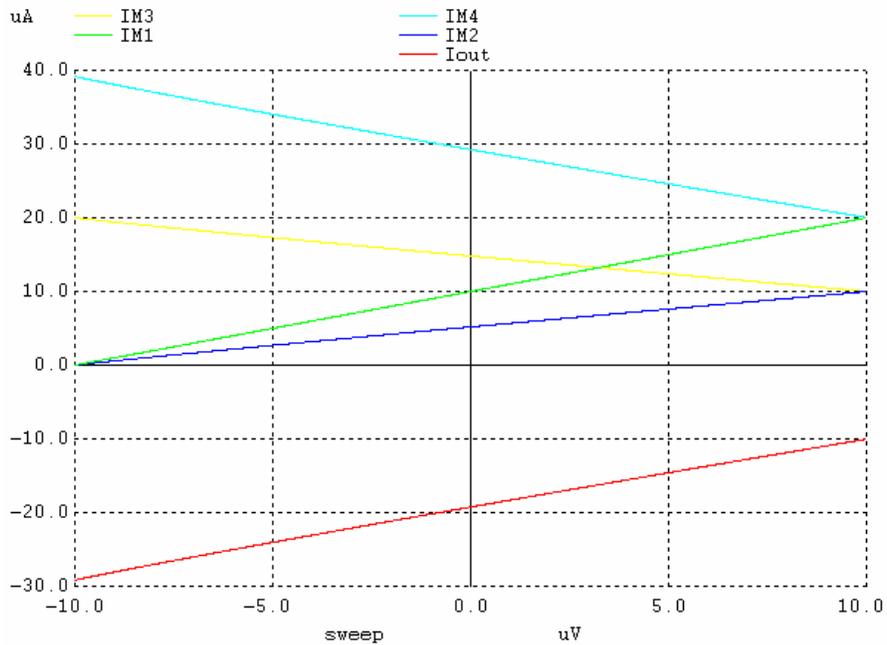


Figure 2. SPICE simulation of figure 22.33 from the text with M4s width doubled.

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Below in, figure 1 is the schematic of the circuit that is discussed and simulated in this problem.

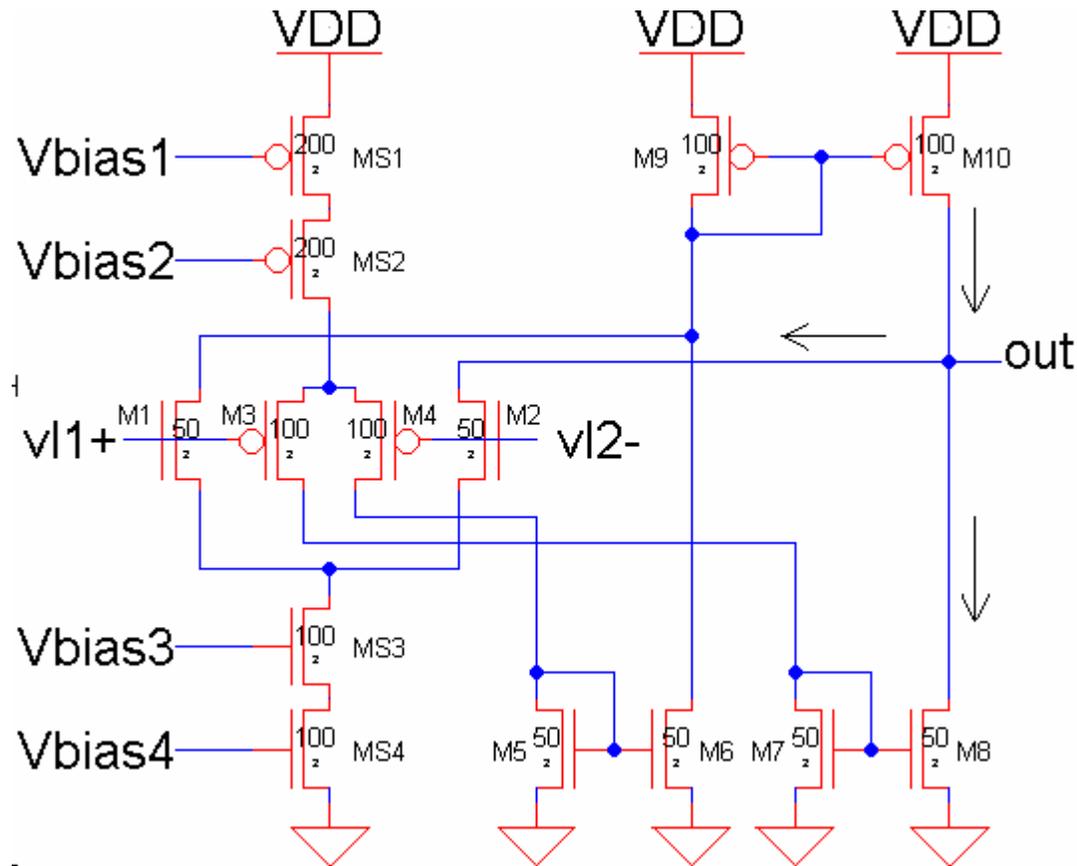


Figure 1

To begin to explain how this circuit works, we will start by considering what happens when the common mode input signal is such that both the PMOS and NMOS diff-amps are both on, (and the gate voltages of diff-amps are equal.) If this is true, both the PMOS and the NMOS diff-amps are conducting a current. If the PMOS is set up to source a current, we'll call  $I_p$ , and the NMOS source is set up to sink a current, we'll call  $I_n$ , then M1 and M2 are pulling  $\frac{I_n}{2}$  from the drains of M9 and M10. At the same time, M3 and M4 are each sourcing  $\frac{I_p}{2}$ . M4's current is being pushed down the drain of M5, which is mirrored over onto M6. M3's current is being pushed through M7, which is then mirrored in M8. This puts the drain current of M8 at  $\frac{I_p}{2}$ . Since M8's drain is connected to the drain of M10, M8's current is also being pulled through M10. This puts the current

sourced by M10 at  $\frac{I_n}{2} + \frac{I_p}{2}$ . If  $I_p=I_n=I$ , then M10's current is the sum of the current through M2 and M8. In the figures below we have set  $I_p=I_n=20\mu$ . In the following figure the current on the drain of M10 is clearly the sum of the currents through M2 and M8.

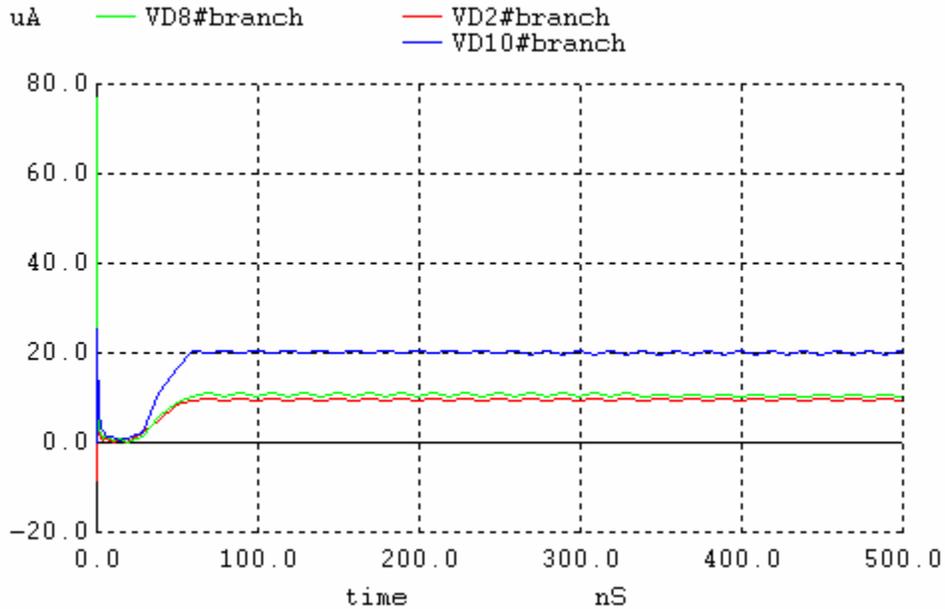
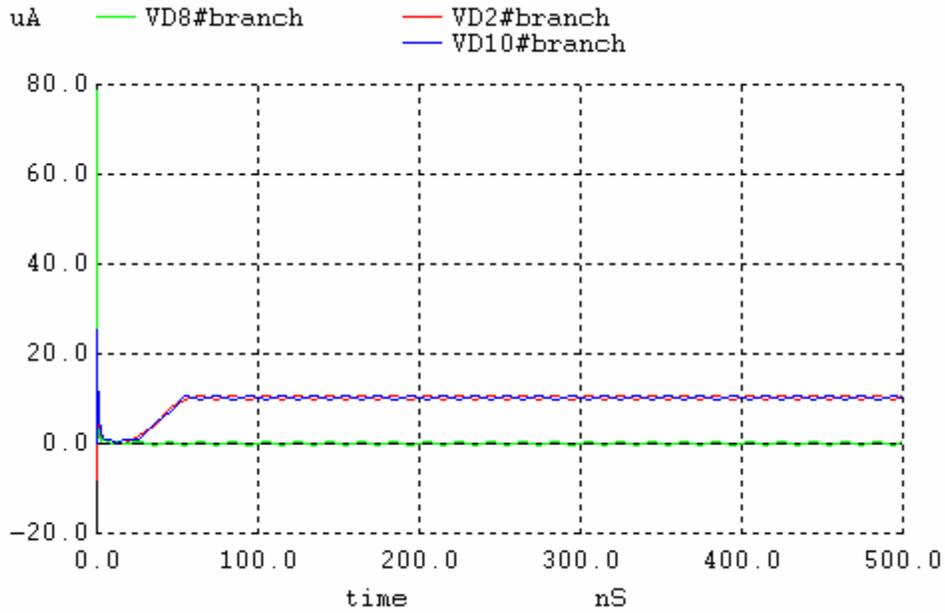


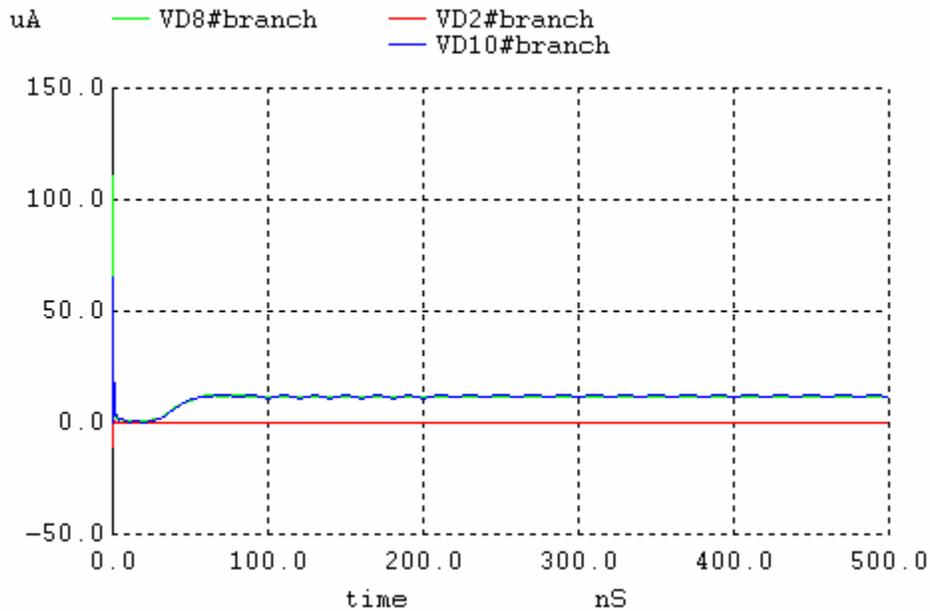
Figure 2

Now lets turn on only the NMOS diff-amp by setting  $V_{I1} = V_{I2} = 1V$  and look at the currents flowing through the same branches. We notice that all the current from M10 is flowing through M2 and none through M8. This is because The PMOS diff-amp is off and therefore not forcing current down M5, M6, M7 and M8. This means that since M8 is not sinking a current, M10 only sources  $\frac{I}{2}$ , (since  $I_n=I_p$ .) This can be seen in Figure 3.



**Figure 3**

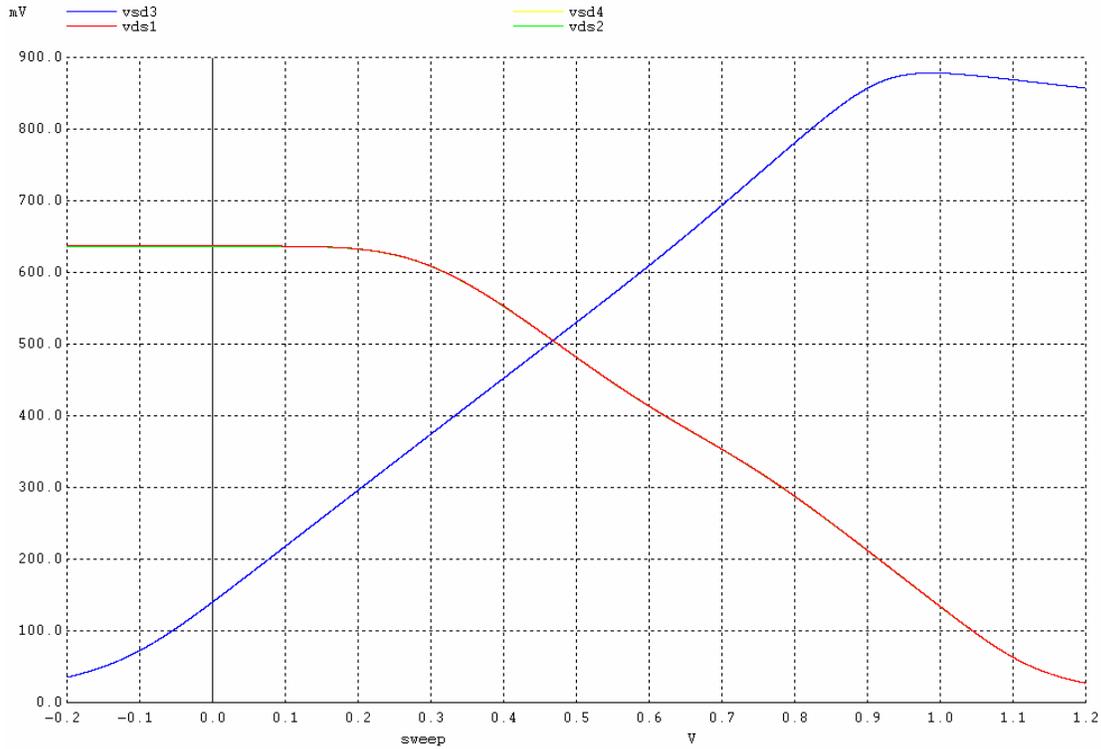
Now let's turn on only the PMOS diff-amp by setting  $V_{I1} = V_{I2} = 0V$  and look at the same currents. We see that all the current from M10 is now flowing through M8. This is because the NMOS diff-amp is off and M2 is not sinking any current. This means that again, M10 only needs to source  $\frac{I}{2}$ . This is seen in figure 4.



**Figure 4**

Similar behavior is happening at the other summing junction of M9, M6, and M1.

To verify that the common-mode voltage range goes beyond the power rails, we can connect  $V_{I1}$  and  $V_{I2}$  and sweep the now common input voltage of the differential amplifiers. Lets sweep it from below zero and above VDD (-0.2 to 1.2). When the common input is below 0.5 we will look at the PMOS diff-amp to verify that the  $V_{SD}$  of the PMOS transistors are above  $V_{SDsat}$ . When above 0.5 we will look to verify that the  $V_{DS}$  of the NMOS diff-amp transistors are above  $V_{DSsat}$ . This is seen in Figure 5.



**Figure 5**

We see from figure 5 that  $V_{SD}$  of the PMOS diff-amp, (transistors M3 and M4,) do not go below  $V_{SDsat}$  (50mV) until the common input voltage goes below  $-0.15V$ .  $V_{DS}$  of the NMOS diff-amp, (transistors M1 and M2,) do not go below  $V_{DSsat}$  (50mV) until the common input voltage goes above 1.125 V.

Figure 6, below, was produced by tying the inverting input to the output of the diff-amp, This was done to prove that the common mode output range reaches the power supply rails, (but does not exceed them, as the common mode input range does.)

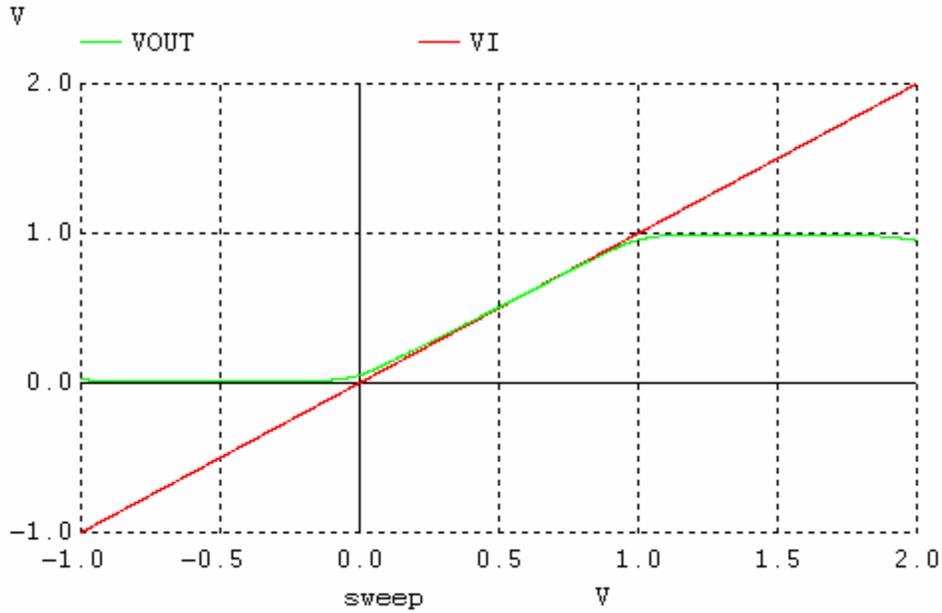


Figure 6

\*\*\* Problem 22.14 CMOS: Circuit Design, Layout, and Simulation \*\*\*

```
.control
destroy all
run
LET
PLOT VD10#BRANCH VD8#BRANCH VD2#BRANCH
*LET VOUT=OUT
*PLOT VI VOUT
.endc
```

```
.option scale=50n ITL1=300
.tran 10n 500n UIC
*.DC VI -1 2 .001
```

```
VDD VDD 0 DC 1
VI VI 0 DC .5
```

```
VD2 OUT D2 DC 0
VD8 OUT D8 DC 0
VD10 D10 OUT DC 0
```

```
MS1 A VBIAS1 VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=200
MS2 PS VBIAS2 A VDD PMOS L=2 W=200
MS3 PN VBIAS3 B 0 NMOS L=2 W=100
MS4 B VBIAS4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=100
```

```
M1 D1 VI PN 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
M2 OUT VI PN 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
M3 D3 VI PS VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
M4 D4 VI PS VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
```

```

M5 D4 D4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
M6 D1 D4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
M7 D3 D3 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
M8 D8 D3 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
M9 D1 D1 VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
M10 D10 D1 VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100

```

```
Xbias VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow Vncas Vpcas bias
```

```
.subckt bias VDD Vbias1 Vbias2 Vbias3 Vbias4 Vhigh Vlow Vncas Vpcas
```

```

MP1 Vbias3 Vbiasp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP2 Vbias4 Vbiasp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP3 vp1 vp2 VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP4 vp2 Vbias2 vp1 VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP5 Vpcas Vpcas vp2 VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP6 Vbias2 Vbias2 VDD VDD PMOS L=10 W=20
MP7 Vhigh Vbias1 VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP8 Vbias1 Vbias2 Vhigh VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP9 vp3 Vbias1 VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MP10 Vncas Vbias2 vp3 VDD PMOS L=2 W=100

```

```

MN1 Vbias3 Vbias3 0 0 NMOS L=10 W=10
MN2 Vbias4 Vbias3 Vlow 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN3 Vlow Vbias4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN4 Vpcas Vbias3 vn1 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN5 vn1 Vbias4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN6 Vbias2 Vbias3 vn2 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN7 vn2 Vbias4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN8 Vbias1 Vbias3 vn3 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN9 vn3 Vbias4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN10 Vncas Vncas vn4 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN11 vn4 Vbias3 vn5 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MN12 vn5 vn4 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50

```

```

MBM1 Vbiasn Vbiasn 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MBM2 Vreg Vreg Vr 0 NMOS L=2 W=200
MBM3 Vbiasn Vbiasp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MBM4 Vreg Vbiasp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100

```

```
Rbias Vr 0 5.5k
```

```
*amplifier
```

```

MA1 Vamp Vreg 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MA2 Vbiasp Vbiasn 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MA3 Vamp Vamp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100
MA4 Vbiasp Vamp VDD VDD PMOS L=2 W=100

```

```
MCP VDD Vbiasp VDD VDD PMOS L=100 W=100
```

```
*start-up stuff
```

```

MSU1 Vsur Vbiasn 0 0 NMOS L=2 W=50
MSU2 Vsur Vsur VDD VDD PMOS L=20 W=10
MSU3 Vbiasp Vsur Vbiasn 0 NMOS L=1 W=10

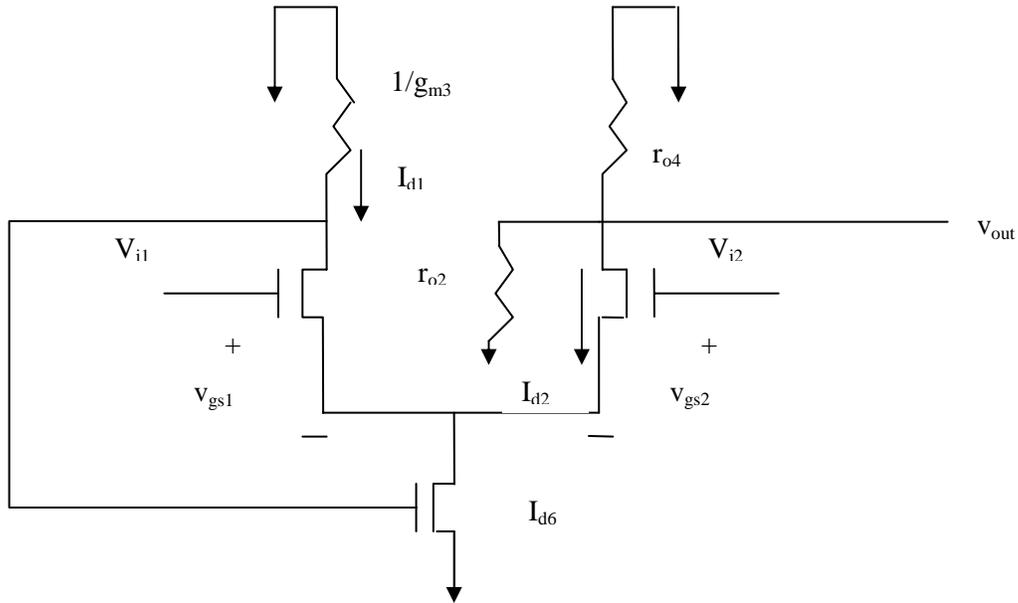
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```
.ends
```

```
* BSIM4 models
```

Problem 22.15

Small signal equivalent for the circuit in fig. 22.41:



From the figure, the resistance looking into the output node is  $r_{o2} // r_{o4}$  and the current flowing is  $i_{d1} - i_{d2}$ , since the current flowing in M1 is  $i_{d1}$ , M2 is  $i_{d2}$  and M6 is  $i_{d6}$ .

and  $i_{d6} = i_{d1} + i_{d2}$

$$\therefore v_{out} = (i_{d1} - i_{d2}) * (r_{o2} // r_{o4}) \quad \text{---- (1)}$$

At M1 and M2 we have,

$$v_{i1} - v_{gs1} + v_{gs2} - v_{i2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow v_{i1} - v_{i2} = v_{gs1} - v_{gs2}$$

$$v_{gs1} = \frac{i_{d1}}{g_{m1}}$$

$$v_{gs2} = \frac{i_{d2}}{g_{m2}}$$

assuming  $g_{m1} = g_{m2} = g_{mn}$

$$v_{gs1} - v_{gs2} = \frac{(i_{d1} - i_{d2})}{g_{mn}}$$

$$\therefore v_{i1} - v_{i2} = \frac{(i_{d1} - i_{d2})}{g_{mn}} \quad \text{-----(2)}$$

Small-signal gain  $A_d = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{i1} - v_{i2}}$

Using (1) and (2), we have

$$A_d = \frac{v_{out}}{v_{i1} - v_{i2}} = \frac{(i_{d1} - i_{d2}) * (r_{o4} // r_{o2})}{(i_{d1} - i_{d2})}$$

$$\therefore A_d = g_{mn} * (r_{o4} // r_{o2})$$