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Exam #1

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Problem 1 (50 points)

For the circuit shown below, all transistors are operating in the saturation region. Use the following transistor parameters

$K_{PN} = \mu_n C_{ox} = 200 \mu A/V^2$, $V_{TH,N} = 0.4V$

$K_{PP} = \mu_p C_{ox} = 100 \mu A/V^2$, $V_{TH,P} = -0.4V$

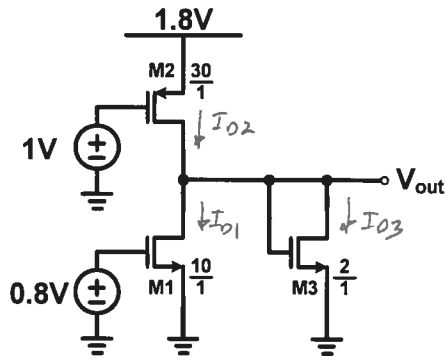
$\lambda_N = \lambda_P = 0.1V^{-1}$

$$I_D = \frac{\mu C_{ox}}{2} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2$$

$$I_{D1} = \frac{200\mu}{2} (10) (0.8V - 0.4)^2 = 160\mu A$$

$$I_{D2} = \frac{100\mu}{2} (30) (0.8 - |-0.4|)^2 = 240\mu A$$

$$I_{D3} = I_{D2} - I_{D1} = 80\mu A$$



- a) Calculate the DC operating points of the circuit, including I_{D1-3} and V_{out} . Note, you can neglect λ effects for this part.

$$V_{out} = V_{GS3} = V_{TH} + \sqrt{\frac{2I_D}{\mu C_{ox} \frac{W}{L}}}$$

$$= 0.4V + \sqrt{\frac{2(80\mu)}{200\mu(2)}} = 1.03V$$

$$I_{D1} = 160\mu A$$

$$I_{D2} = 240\mu A$$

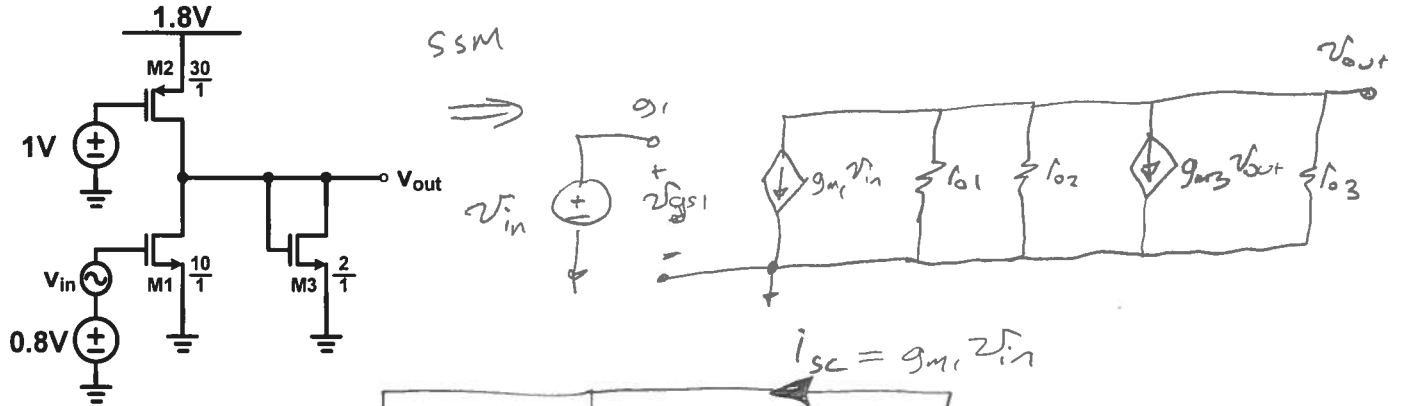
$$I_{D3} = 80\mu A$$

$$V_{out} = 1.03V$$

Now a small-signal input v_{in} is applied to the gate of M1. Calculate (give numbers) the following:

- b) Short-circuit transconductance, G_m . Here use the book convention where i_{sc} flowing into the circuit is positive.
- c) Output resistance, R_{out}
- d) Small-signal gain, $A_v = v_{out}/v_{in}$
- e) Input resistance, R_{in}

Note, you must include relevant λ effects for parts (b)-(e).



b. For $G_m \Rightarrow$

$$G_m = \frac{i_{sc}}{v_{in}} = \frac{g_{m1} 2v_{in}}{v_{in}} = g_{m1} = \sqrt{200\mu(10)(2)(160\mu)} = 800\mu A/V$$

c.

$$R_{out} = r_{o1} || r_{o2} || r_{o3} || \frac{1}{g_{m3}} = \frac{1}{g_{o1} + g_{o2} + g_{o3} + g_{m3}}$$

$$g_{o1} = \lambda I_{D1} = (0.1V^{-1})(160\mu A) = 16\mu A/V \quad g_{o2} = 24\mu A/V \quad g_{o3} = 8\mu A/V$$

$$g_{m3} = \sqrt{200\mu(2)(2)(80\mu)} = 253\mu A/V$$

$$R_{out} = \frac{1}{16\mu + 24\mu + 8\mu + 253\mu} = 3.32k\Omega$$

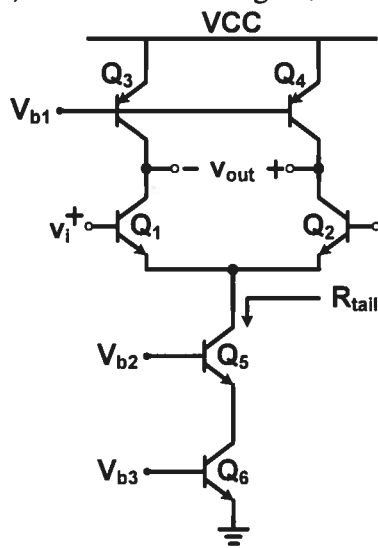
d. $A_v = -G_m R_{out} = -(800\mu A/V)(3.32k\Omega) = -2.66 V/V$

e. $R_{in} = \infty$ (MOSFET input)

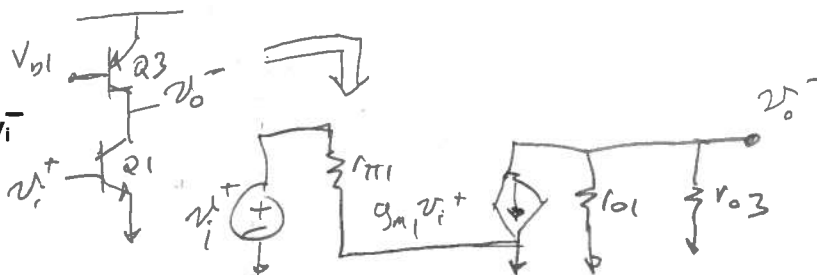
Problem 2 (50 points)

For the differential amplifier circuit shown below, assume that all transistors are operating in the active region and that $V_A \neq \infty$ for all transistors. Obtain expressions for the following:

- a) Small-signal differential-mode gain, $A_{DM} = v_{out} / (v_{i+} - v_{i-})$
- b) **Differential R_{in}**
- c) Tail current source impedance, R_{tail}
- d) Common-mode gain, $A_{CM} = V_{out,CM} / V_{in,CM}$



a. Equivalent Diff. $\frac{1}{2}$ Circuit



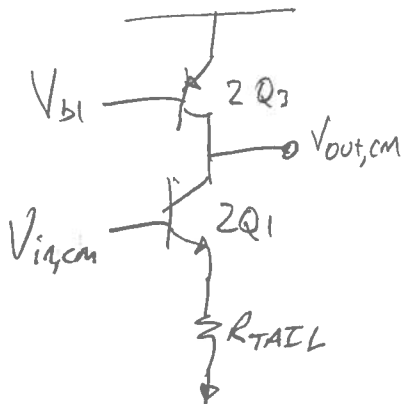
$$v_o^- = -g_{m1} v_i^+ (r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3})$$

$$A_v = \left(\frac{v_o^-}{v_i^+} \right) = (-1) \left(\frac{v_o^-}{v_i^+} \right) = g_{m1} (r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3})$$

b. Differential $R_{in} = 2r_{\pi 1}$

c. $R_{tail} = r_{o5} + r_{o6} \parallel r_{\pi 5} + g_{m5} r_{o5} (r_{o6} \parallel r_{\pi 5})$

d. Equivalent CM circuit



$$A_{cm} = \frac{-\alpha \left(\frac{r_{o3}}{2} \parallel \left[\frac{r_{o1}}{2} + R_{TAIL} \parallel \frac{r_{\pi 1}}{2} + g_{m1} r_{o1} (R_{TAIL} \parallel \frac{r_{\pi 1}}{2}) \right] \right)}{\frac{r_{e1}}{2} + R_{TAIL}}$$

$$\approx \frac{-\alpha \frac{r_{o3}}{2}}{\frac{r_{e1}}{2} + R_{TAIL}} = \frac{-g_{m1} r_{o3}}{1 + 2g_{m1} R_{TAIL}}$$

Scratch Paper
