

## Final Exam, ECE 137A

Thursday March 23, 2023, Noon - 3 p.m.

Name: Solution

Closed Book Exam:

Class Crib-Sheet and 2 pages (4 surfaces) of student notes permitted

Do not open this exam until instructed to do so. Use any and all reasonable approximations (5% accuracy), *after stating & justifying them*.

**Show your work:**

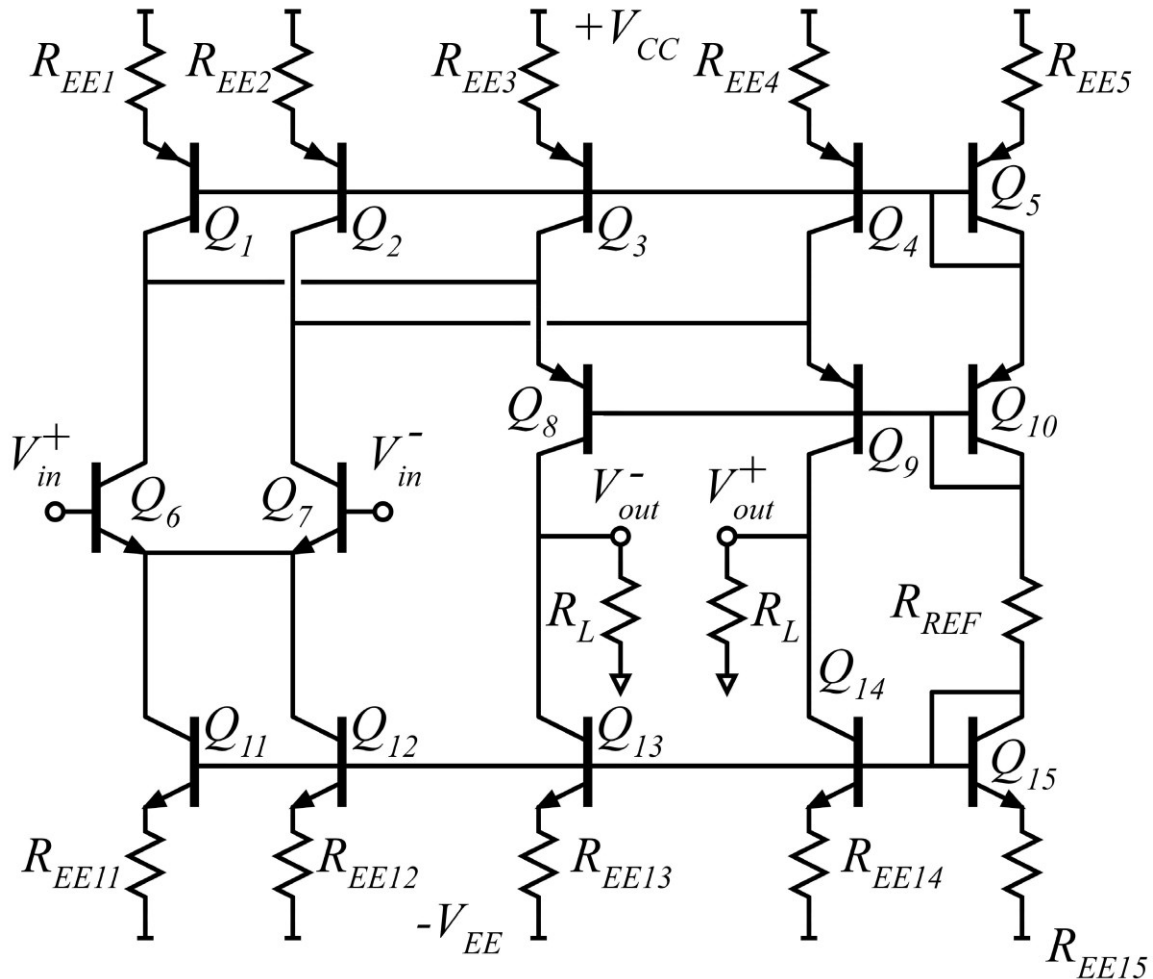
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Good luck

| Part  | Points Received | Points Possible | Part | Points Received | Points Possible |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1a    |                 | 5               | 2c   |                 | 5               |
| 1b    |                 | 5               | 2d   |                 | 15              |
| 1c    |                 | 5               | 2e   |                 | 10              |
| 1d    |                 | 10              | 3a   |                 | 5               |
| 1e    |                 | 10              | 3b   |                 | 10              |
| 2a    |                 | 10              | 3c   |                 | 5               |
| 2b    |                 | 5               |      |                 |                 |
| total |                 | 100             |      |                 |                 |

**Problem 1, 35 points**

**This is an NOT an Op-Amp:** Analyze under the assumption that the differential and common mode input voltages are at zero volts.



All the transistors have the same (matched)  $I_S$ , have  $\beta = \infty$ , and  $V_A = \infty$  Volts .

$V_{CE(sat)} = 0.5V$ .  $V_{be}$  is approximately 0.7 V, but use the exact relationship

$V_{be} = (kT/q) \ln(I_E / I_S)$  when appropriate. The supplies are +3 Volts and -3 Volts. All transistors have the same  $I_S$ , and all are biased at 1 mA collector current.

The DC voltage drops across REE5 and REE15 are both 300 mV.  $R_L = 1$  kOhm.

Part a, 5 points

DC bias

Find the value of the following resistors:

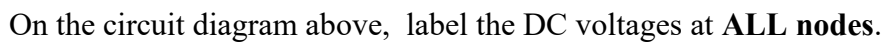
$$\begin{aligned} R_{EE5} &= \underline{300\Omega} & R_{EE15} &= \underline{300\Omega} & R_{REF} &= \underline{3.5\text{ k}\Omega} \\ R_{EE11} &= \underline{300\Omega} & R_{EE12} &= \underline{300\Omega} \end{aligned}$$

1 [ all  $K_D$ : same  $I_E$ , same  $I_S \rightarrow$  same  $V_{BE}$

$$2 [ R_{EE11} = R_{EE12} = R_{EE5} = R_{EE15} = 0.3V / 1mA = 300\Omega$$

$$2 [ R_{REF} = (1.5V + 2V) / 1mA = 3.5k\Omega$$

DC bias



a

Part c, 5 points

find the following for all transistors

$$g_m = \underline{35.5 \text{ mS}} \quad R_{be} = \underline{\infty \Omega} \quad R_{ce} = \underline{\infty \Omega}$$

$$3 \quad \left[ g_m = \frac{I_c}{V_T} = \frac{1 \text{ mA}}{26 \text{ mV}} = 35.8 \text{ mS} = \frac{1}{26 \Omega} \right]$$

$$✓ \quad \left[ R_{be} = \beta / g_m = \infty \Omega \right]$$

$$✓ \quad \left[ R_{ce} = V_A / I_c = \infty \Omega \right]$$

$$R_L = 1k\Omega$$

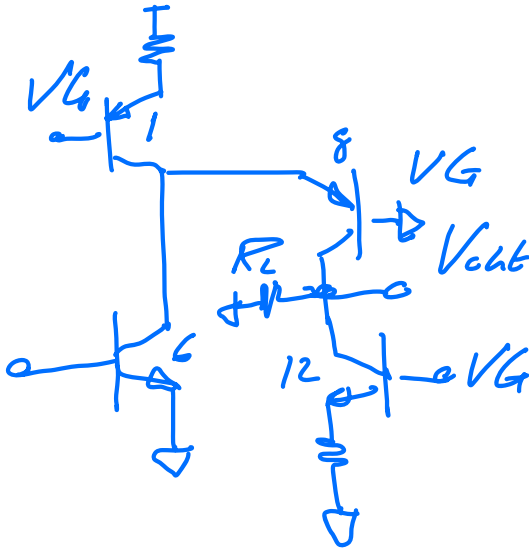
Part d, 10 points.

Find the following

Overall voltage gain  $(V_{out}^+ - V_{out}^-) / (V_{in}^+ - V_{in}^-) = -38.5$

Differential input impedance  $R_{in, Diff} = 2/g_m = \infty \Omega$

first solution method  
 $V_G = \text{virtual ground.}$



Q 8  $R_{eq 8} = R_L = 1k\Omega$

$r_{i8} = 1/g_{m8} = 26\Omega$

$A_{v8} = R_{eq 8} / r_{i8} = 1k\Omega / 26\Omega$

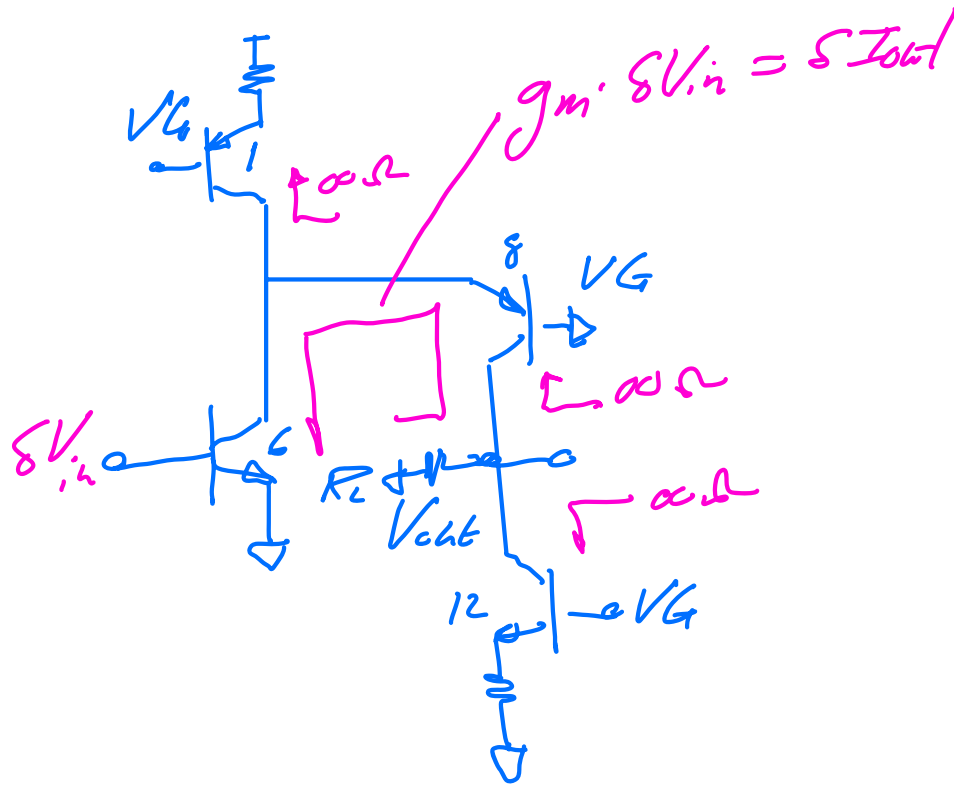
$R_{eq 6} = R_{L6} = 1/g_{m8} = 26\Omega$

$A_{v6} = -g_{m8} R_{eq 6} = -26\Omega / 26\Omega = -1$

overall

$A_v = -A_{v8} A_{v6} = -R_{eq 8} \cdot g_{m6} = \frac{-1k\Omega}{26\Omega}$   
 $= -38.5$

# either/or points assignment.



Second solution method

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{eq\ 8} &= R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega & \left[ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{array} \right] \\
 \delta I_{out} &= \delta I_{L8} = \delta I_{L6} = -g_m \delta V_{in} \\
 \delta V_{out} &= \delta I_{L8} \cdot R_L
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\delta V_o}{\delta V_{in}} &= g_{m6} \cdot R_L \\
 &= \frac{1\text{ k}\Omega}{2600} = 38.5 & \left[ \begin{array}{c} 3 \end{array} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$R_L = 1k\Omega$$

$$\text{all } K: I_{CQ} = 1mA$$

Part e, 10 points

Maximum output voltage swings \*\*\*at  $V_{out}^+$  (not  $V_{out}^-$ )\*\*\* (show all your work).

|                | magnitude and sign of maximum output signal swing due to <i>cutoff</i> | magnitude and sign of maximum output signal swing due to <i>saturation</i> |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Transistor Q6  | $-1V$                                                                  | Do not calculate                                                           |
| Transistor Q7  | $+1V$                                                                  | Do not calculate                                                           |
| Transistor Q9  | $-1$                                                                   | $+1.5V$                                                                    |
| Transistor Q14 | Do not calculate                                                       | $-2.2V$                                                                    |

cutoff Q6

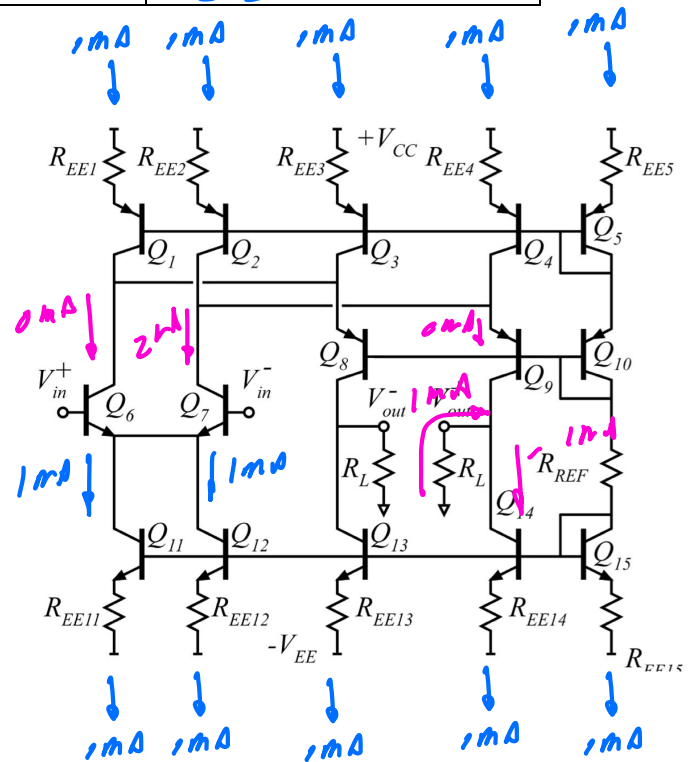
$$\text{If } I_{C6} = 0mA$$

$$\rightarrow I_{C7} = 2mA$$

$$\rightarrow I_{C9} = 0mA$$

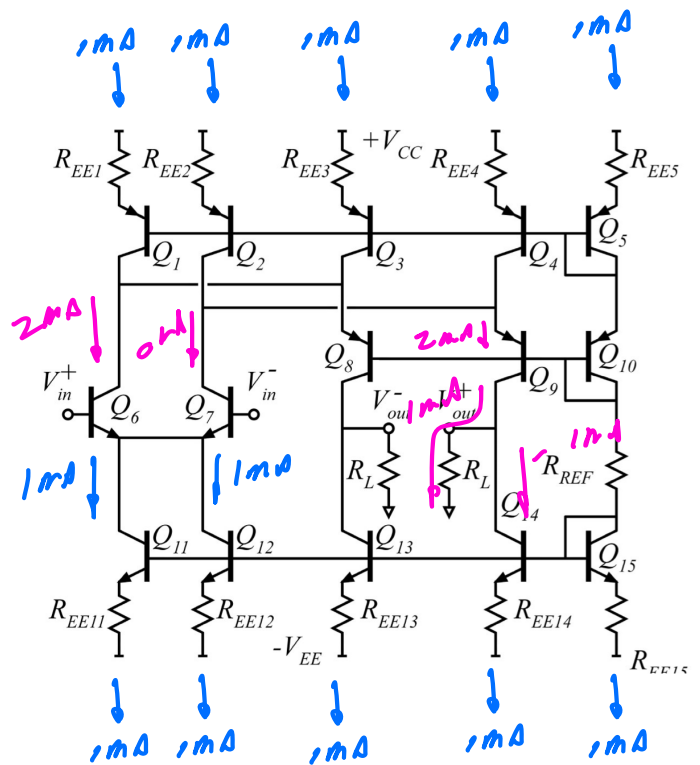
$$\rightarrow I_{C6}^+ = -1mA$$

$$V_{C6}^+ = -1mA \cdot 1k\Omega = -1V$$



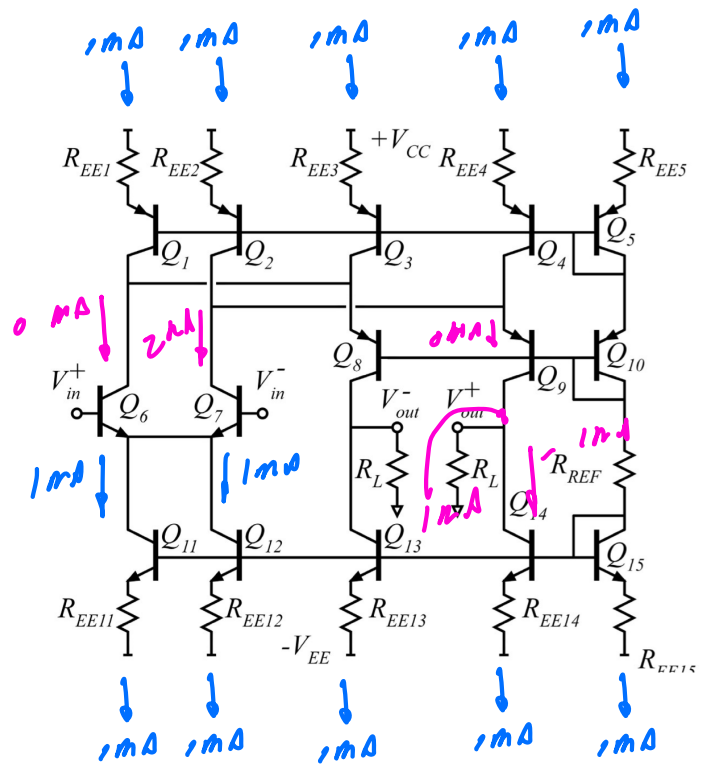
## Cutoff Q7

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{If } I_{C7} = 0 \text{ mA} \\
 & (\rightarrow I_{C6} = 2 \text{ mA}) \\
 & \rightarrow I_{C9} = 2 \text{ mA} \\
 & \rightarrow I_{cat}^+ = +1 \text{ mA} \\
 & V_{cat}^+ = 1 \text{ mA} \cdot 1 \text{ k}\Omega \\
 & = +1 \text{ V}
 \end{aligned}$$

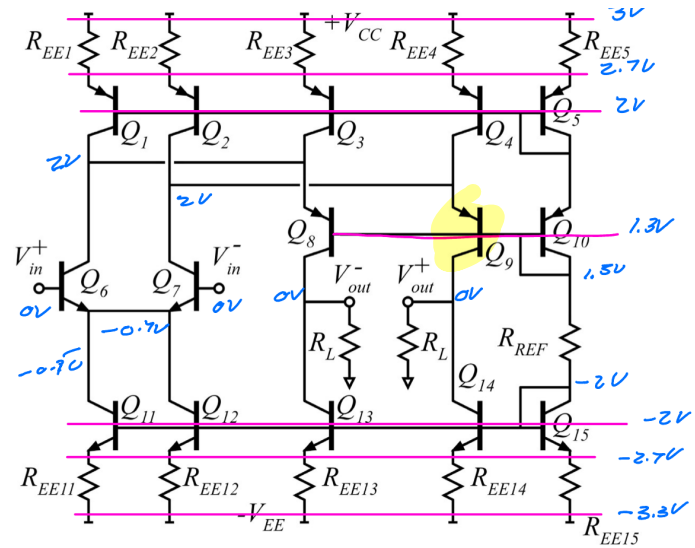
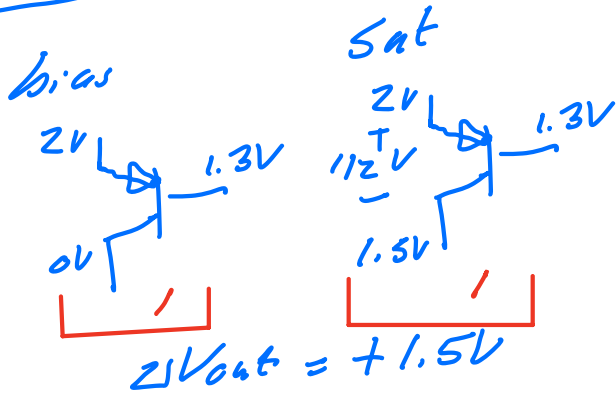


## Cutoff Q9

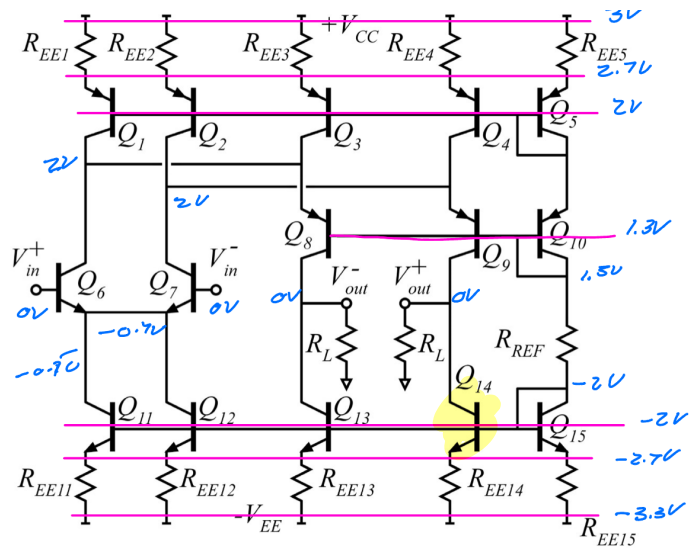
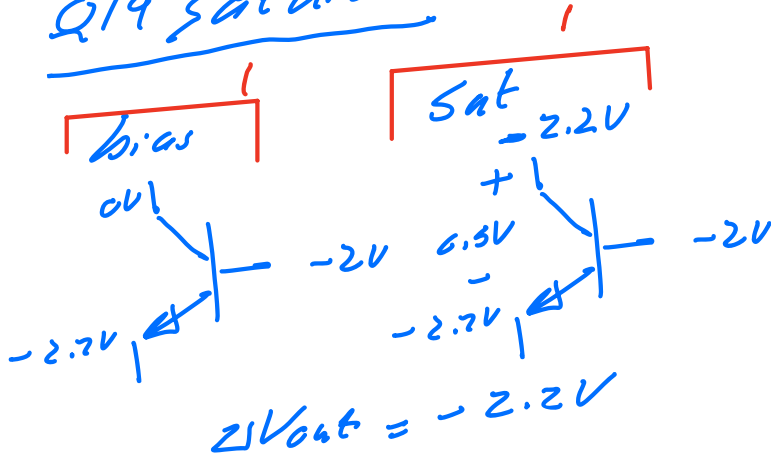
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{If } I_{C9} = 0 \text{ mA} \\
 & (\rightarrow I_{C7} = 2 \text{ mA}) \\
 & (\rightarrow I_{C6} = 0 \text{ mA}) \\
 & \rightarrow I_{cat}^+ = -1 \text{ mA} \\
 & V_{cat}^+ = -1 \text{ mA} \cdot 1 \text{ k}\Omega \\
 & = -1 \text{ V}
 \end{aligned}$$



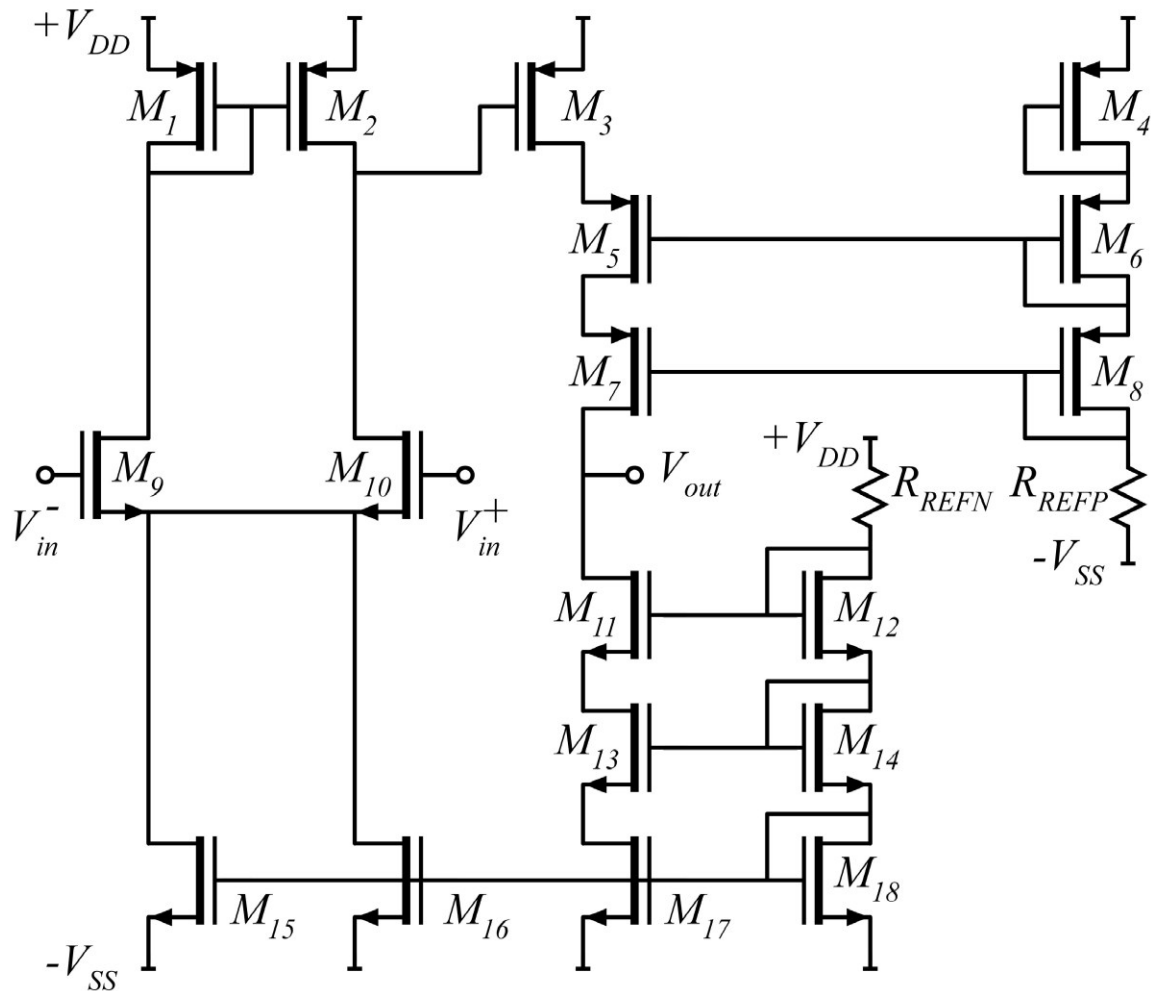
## Q9 Saturation



## Q14 Saturation



**This is an Op-Amp**---analyze the bias under the assumption that DC output voltage  $V_{out}$  is zero volts, that the positive input  $V_{i+}$  is zero volts, and that we must determine the DC value of the negative input voltage ( $V_{i-}$ ) necessary to obtain this.



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Part a, 10 points

DC bias.

Analyze the bias under the assumption that DC output voltage is zero volts, that the positive input  $V_{i+}$  is zero volts, and that we must determine the DC value of the negative input voltage ( $V_{i-}$ ) necessary to obtain this.

(Hint, this should give  $V_{i-} = 0V$ )

Find the following:

Gate widths of M9 and M10 = 1.74  $\mu m$

Gate width of M15 and M16 = 1.81  $\mu m$

Gate width of **all other MOSFETS** = 1.905  $\mu m$

value of  $R_{REFN}$  = 15 k $\Omega$  value of  $R_{REFP}$  = 15 k $\Omega$

M9, M10  $V_{DS} = 0.75V$   
 $V_{GS} = 0.25V$

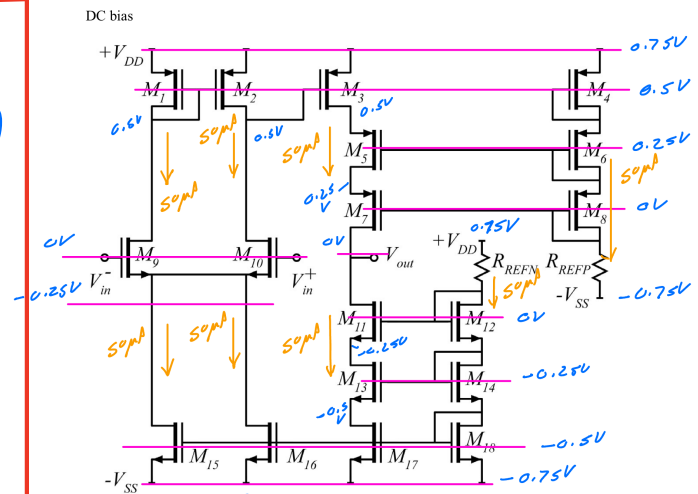
$$I_D = 10 \mu A = \frac{W_9}{L_9} \cdot \frac{\mu_n}{2} (V_{GS} - V_{th})^2 (1 + \lambda V_{DS})$$

$$\frac{1}{20} \mu A = 10 \mu A \cdot \frac{W_9}{L_9} \cdot \frac{\mu_n}{2} \left( \frac{1}{20} V \right)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{0.75V}{5V} \right)$$

$$\frac{W_9}{L_9} = \frac{1}{20} \cdot \frac{1}{10} \cdot 20 \cdot 20 \cdot \frac{1}{1.15}$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{1.15} = 1.74$$

$$W_9 = 1.74 \mu m$$



Z  $R_{REFN} = R_{REFP} = \frac{0.75V}{0.05mA} = \frac{75}{5} k\Omega = 15 k\Omega$

M15, m16  $V_{DS} = 0.5 \text{ V}$   
 $V_{GS} = 0.25 \text{ V}$

$$I_D = 10 \frac{\mu\text{A}}{\text{V}^2} \cdot \frac{Wg}{L_{\text{min}}} (V_{GS} - V_{th})^2 (1 + \lambda V_{DS})$$

$$\frac{1}{20} \cancel{\mu\text{A}} = 10 \cancel{\frac{\mu\text{A}}{\text{V}^2}} \cdot \frac{Wg}{1 \mu\text{m}} \left( \frac{1}{20} \right)^2 \underbrace{\left( 1 + \frac{0.5 \text{ V}}{5 \text{ V}} \right)}_{1.1}$$

$$\frac{Wg}{1 \mu\text{m}} = \frac{1}{20} \cdot \frac{1}{10} \cdot 20 \cdot 20 \cdot \frac{1}{1.1}$$

$$= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{1.1} = 1.81$$

$$Wg = 1.81 \mu\text{m}$$

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All others

$V_{DS} = 0.25 \text{ V}$   
 $V_{GS} = 0.25 \text{ V}$

$$I_D = 10 \frac{\mu\text{A}}{\text{V}^2} \cdot \frac{Wg}{L_{\text{min}}} (V_{GS} - V_{th})^2 (1 + \lambda V_{DS})$$

$$\frac{1}{20} \cancel{\mu\text{A}} = 10 \cancel{\frac{\mu\text{A}}{\text{V}^2}} \cdot \frac{Wg}{1 \mu\text{m}} \left( \frac{1}{20} \right)^2 \underbrace{\left( 1 + \frac{0.25 \text{ V}}{5 \text{ V}} \right)}_{1.05}$$

$$\frac{Wg}{1 \mu\text{m}} = \frac{1}{20} \cdot \frac{1}{10} \cdot 20 \cdot 20 \cdot \frac{1}{1.05}$$

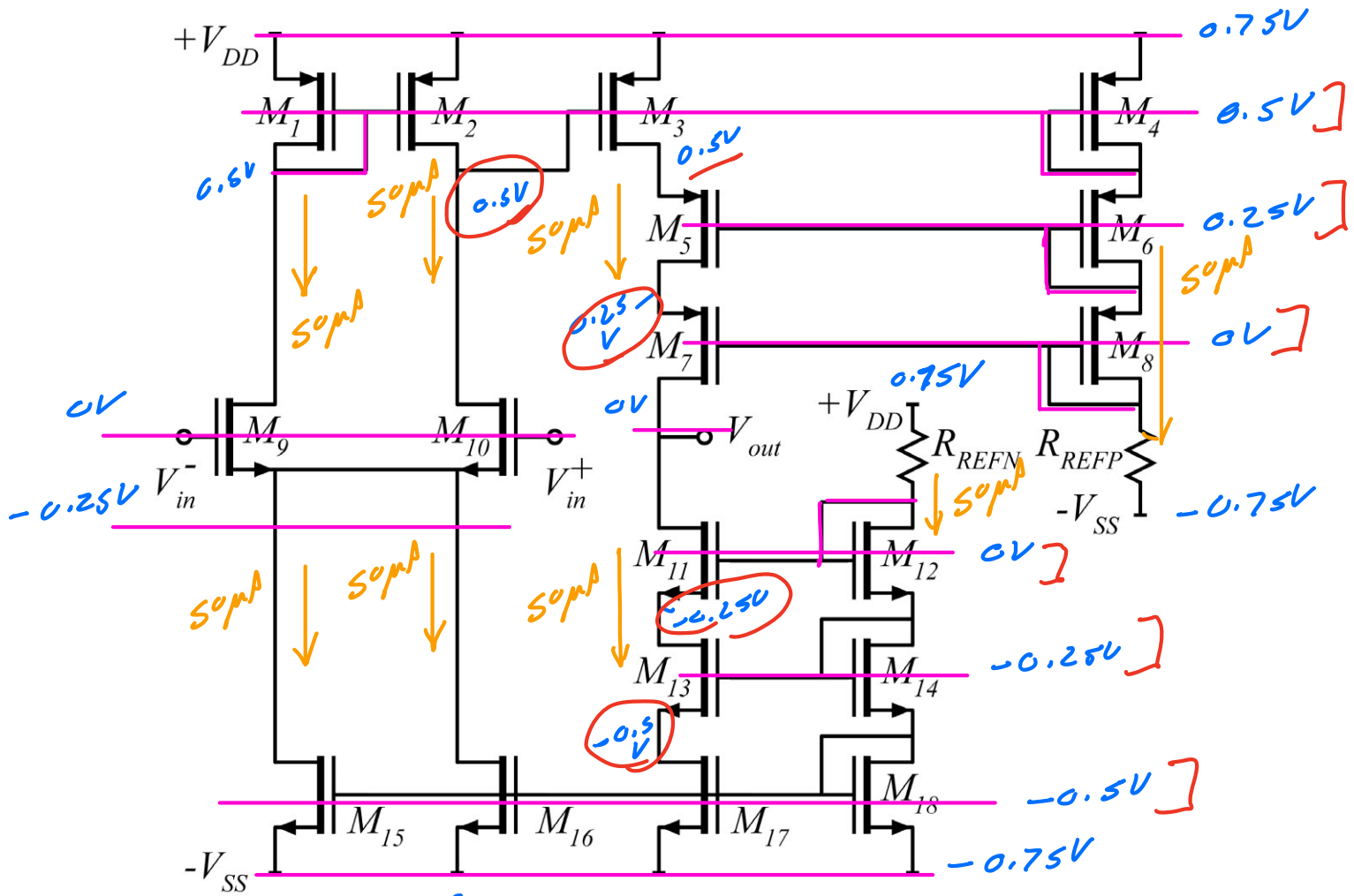
$$= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{1.05} = 1.905$$

$$Wg = 1.905 \mu\text{m}$$

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Part b, 5 points

DC bias



On the circuit diagram above, label the DC voltages at **ALL** nodes.

0.5 pts each for #5  
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Part c, 5 points.

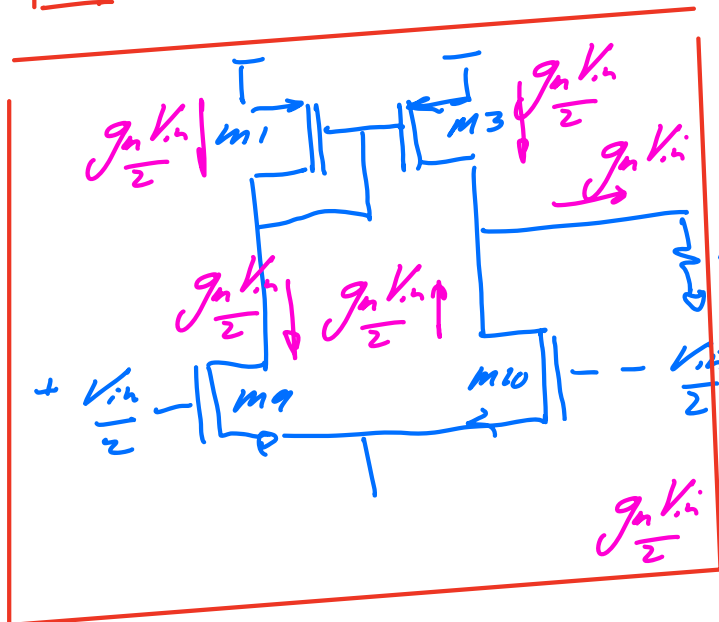
Find the following

|                                             | Voltage Gain       | Input impedance |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Transistor combination<br>M1,2,9, 10,15, 16 | $g_m R_{ds} = 100$ | $\infty \Omega$ |

all 1 = ETS:

$$g_m = \frac{2 I_D}{V_{gs} - V_{th}} = \frac{2 \cdot 50 \mu A}{50 mV} = 2 mS$$

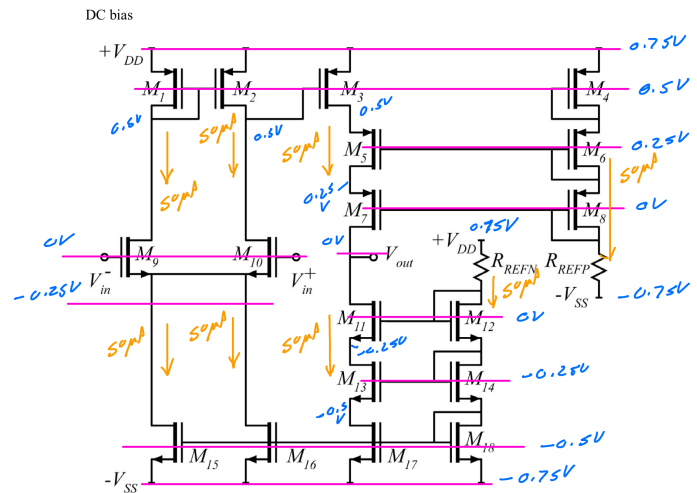
$$R_{ds} = 1 / I_D = \frac{5V}{0.05 mA} = 100 k\Omega$$



$$R_{Leg} = R_{ds10} \parallel R_{ds13} = \frac{R_{ds}}{2} = 50 k\Omega$$

$$A_v = \frac{g_m R_{ds}}{2} = 2 mS \cdot 50 k\Omega = 100$$

$R_{in} = \infty \Omega$  because  
gate currents are zero.



2m5

100kΩ

$$g_m R_{ds} = 200$$

Part d, 15 points.

Find the following

|                                                     | Voltage Gain                              | Input impedance |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Transistor combination<br>M3,5,7,11,13,17           | $-g_m^3 R_{ds}^2 / 2 = 4 \cdot 10^6$      | $\infty \Omega$ |
| Overall op-amp<br>$V_{out} / (V_{in}^+ - V_{in}^-)$ | $\frac{g_m^4 R_{ds}^4}{4} = 4 \cdot 10^8$ | $\infty \Omega$ |

Note

1) You can analyze M3, M5, and M7 as separate stages, or as a combined stage using Norton/Thevenin methods. Don't ask for hints as to how to do this.

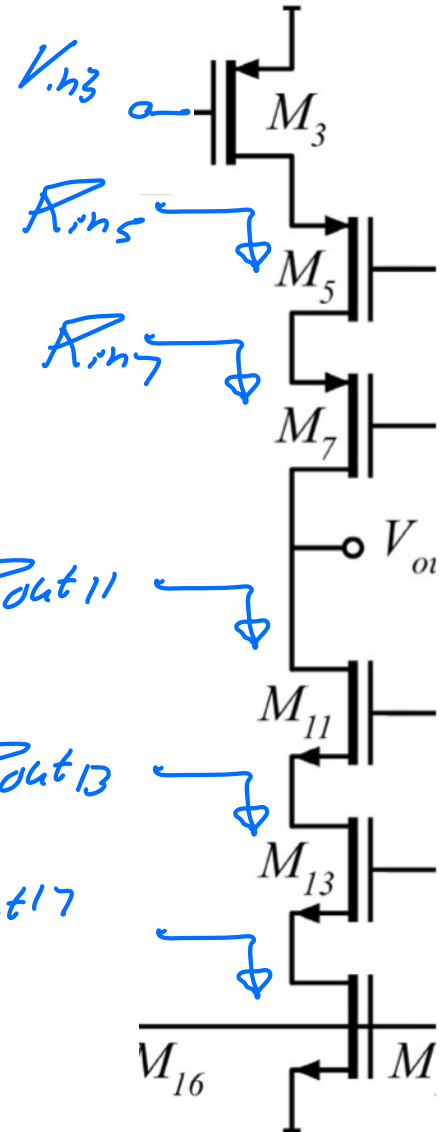
$$R_{out17} = R_{ds} = 100k\Omega \quad 1$$

$$R_{out13} = R_{ds}(1 + g_m R_{ds}) \approx g_m R_{ds}^2 = 20M\Omega \quad 1$$

$$R_{out11} = R_{ds}(1 + g_m^2 R_{ds}^2) = R_{eq7} \approx (g_m R_{ds})^2 \cdot R_{ds} = 4 \cdot 10^9 \Omega = 4G\Omega \quad 2$$

$$R_{in7} = \frac{1}{g_m} \left( \frac{R_{eq7} + R_{ds}}{R_{ds}} \right) \approx \frac{1}{g_m} \cdot R_{eq7} / R_{ds} = g_m^{-1} g_m^2 R_{ds}^3 / R_{ds} = g_m R_{ds}^2 = 20M\Omega = R_{eq5} \quad 2$$

$$R_{in5} = R_{eq7} / R_{in7} \quad 2$$



λ/2 (W/L) V<sub>a</sub>

$$= g_m^2 R_{DS}^3 / (g_m R_{DS}^2)$$

$$= g_m R_{DS} = 200$$

$$R_{in5} = 1/g_m \left( \frac{R_{DS} + R_{Leg5}}{R_{DS}} \right)$$

$$\approx 1/g_m \cdot R_{Leg5} / R_{DS}$$

$$= 1/g_m \cdot g_m R_{DS}^2 / R_{DS}$$

$$= R_{DS} = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$A_{v5} = R_{Leg5} / R_{in5}$$

$$= g_m R_{DS}^2 / R_{DS}$$

$$= g_m R_{DS} = 200$$

$$R_{Leg3} = R_{DS3} \parallel R_{in5} = R_{DS}/2 = 50 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$A_{v3} = -g_m R_{Leg3}$$

$$= -g_m R_{DS}/2$$

$$= -100$$

$$A_{v3} A_{v5} A_{v7} = - (g_m R_{DS})^3 / 2 = -4 \cdot 10^6$$

$$R_{in3} = \infty \text{ because } I_g = 0 \text{ A}$$

$$A_{v, \text{opamp}} = A_{v1,2,4,6} \cdot A_{v3} A_{v5} A_{v7} = (g_m R_{DS})^4 / 4$$

$$= 4 \cdot 10^8$$

Norton method - first find I-short-circuit.

$$R_{in} = 1/g_m$$

$$R_{in5} = \frac{1}{g_m} \left( \frac{R_{DS} + 1/g_m}{R_{DS}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{g_m} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{g_m R_{DS}} \right)$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{g_m}$$

$$\delta I_{D3} = g_m \delta V_g$$

$$\delta I_{D5} = \delta I_{D3} \left( \frac{R_{DS} + 1/g_m}{R_{DS}} \right)$$

$$= g_m \cdot \delta V_g \cdot \left( 1 + 1/g_m R_{DS} \right)$$

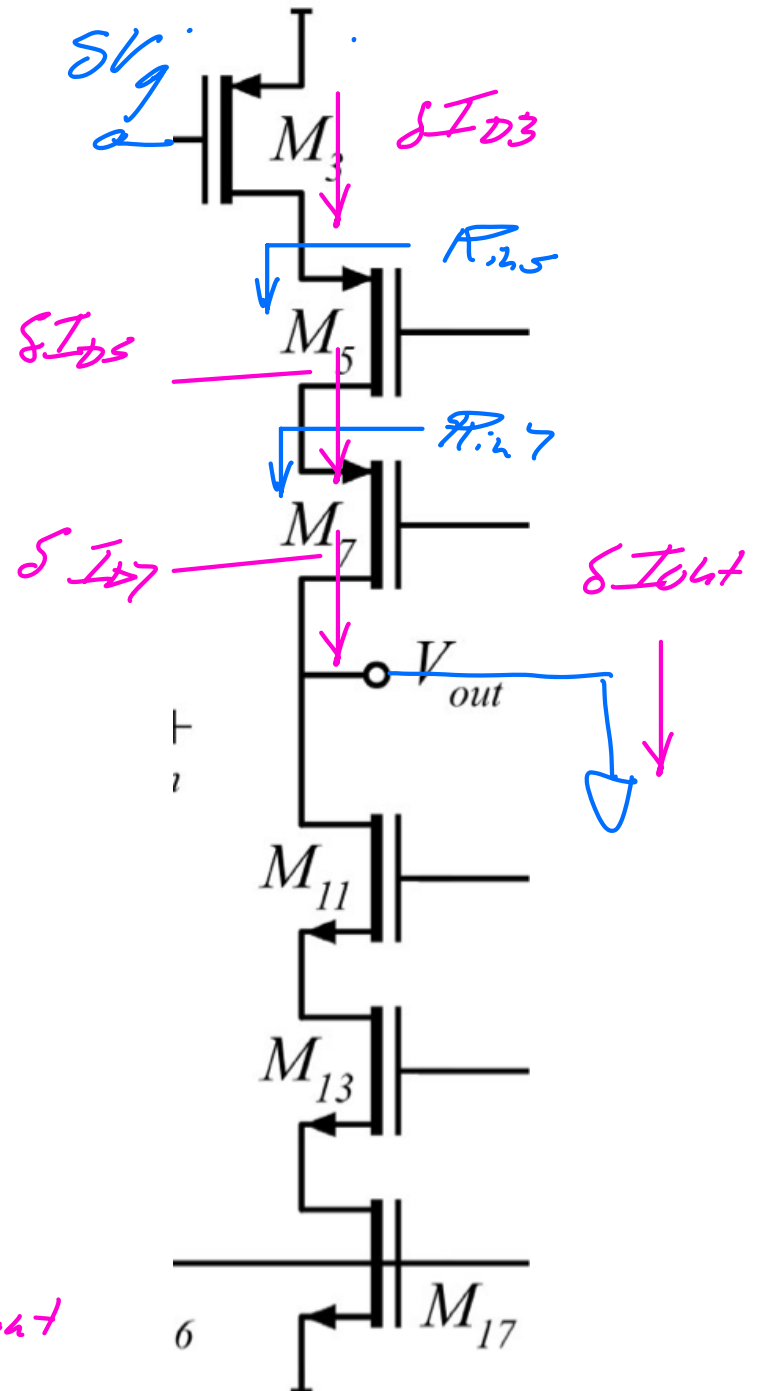
$$\approx g_m \delta V_g$$

$$\delta I_{D7} = \delta I_{D5} \left( \frac{R_{DS} + 1/g_m}{R_{DS}} \right)$$

$$= g_m \cdot \delta V_g \cdot \left( 1 + 1/g_m R_{DS} \right)$$

$$\approx g_m \delta V_g = \delta I_{out}$$

Alternate solution.



# NORTON method - output impedance

$$1 \left[ R_{out17} = R_{DS}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{out13} &= R_{out17} (1 + g_m R_{DS}) \\ &= R_{DS} (1 + g_m R_{DS}) \\ &\approx g_m R_{DS}^2 \end{aligned}$$

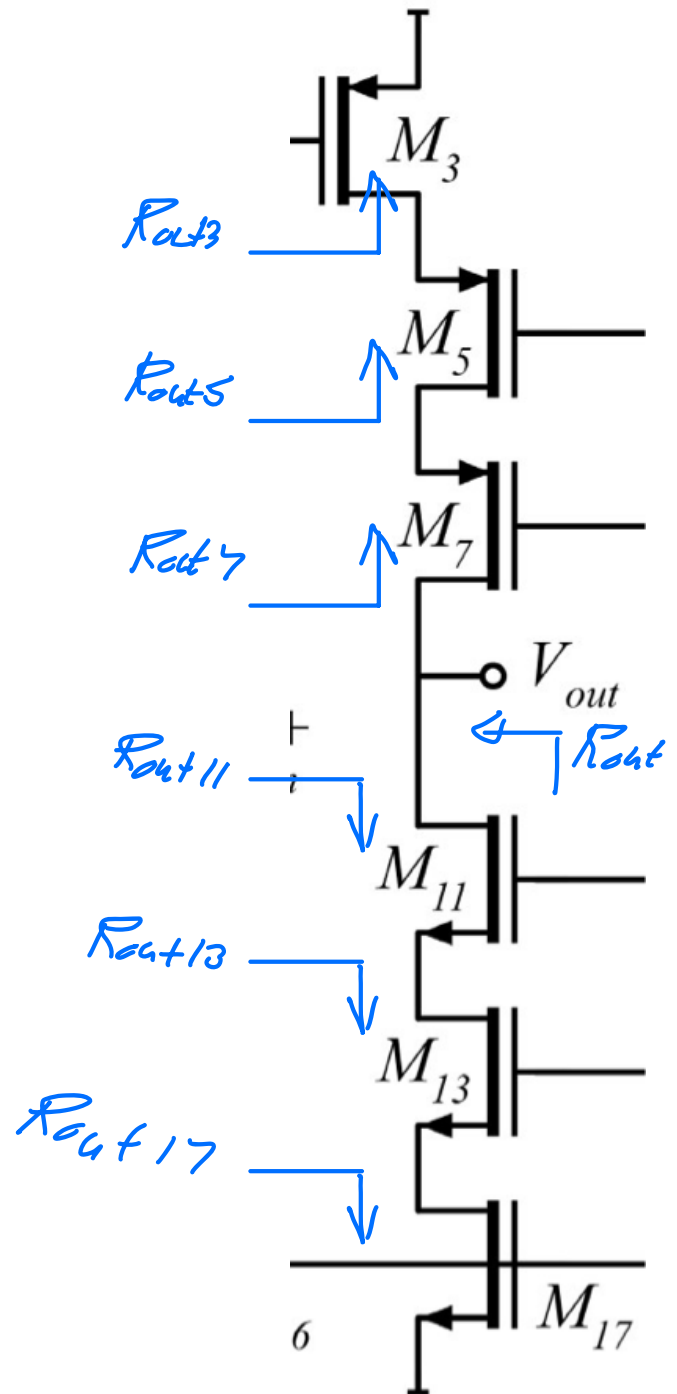
$$\begin{aligned} R_{out11} &= R_{out13} (1 + g_m R_{DS}) \\ &= g_m R_{DS}^2 (1 + g_m R_{DS}) \\ &\approx g_m^2 R_{DS}^3 = 4 \text{ G}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{out3} = R_{DS}$$

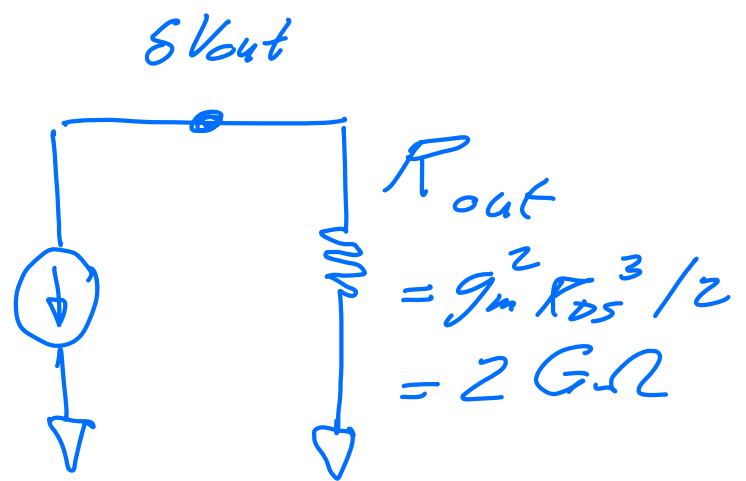
$$\begin{aligned} R_{out5} &= R_{out3} (1 + g_m R_{DS}) \\ &= R_{DS} (1 + g_m R_{DS}) \\ &\approx g_m R_{DS}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{out7} &= R_{out5} (1 + g_m R_{DS}) \\ &= g_m R_{DS}^2 (1 + g_m R_{DS}) \\ &\approx g_m^2 R_{DS}^3 = 4 \text{ G}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{out} &= R_{out7} \parallel R_{out11} \\ &= g_m^2 R_{DS}^3 / 2 = 2 \text{ G}\Omega \end{aligned}$$



$$I_{out} = g_m \delta V_g$$



$$\delta V_{out} = -I_{out} \cdot R_{out}$$

$$= -g_m \delta V_g \cdot g_m^2 R_{DS}^3 / 2$$

$$= -\delta V_g \cdot g_m^3 R_{DS}^3 / 2$$

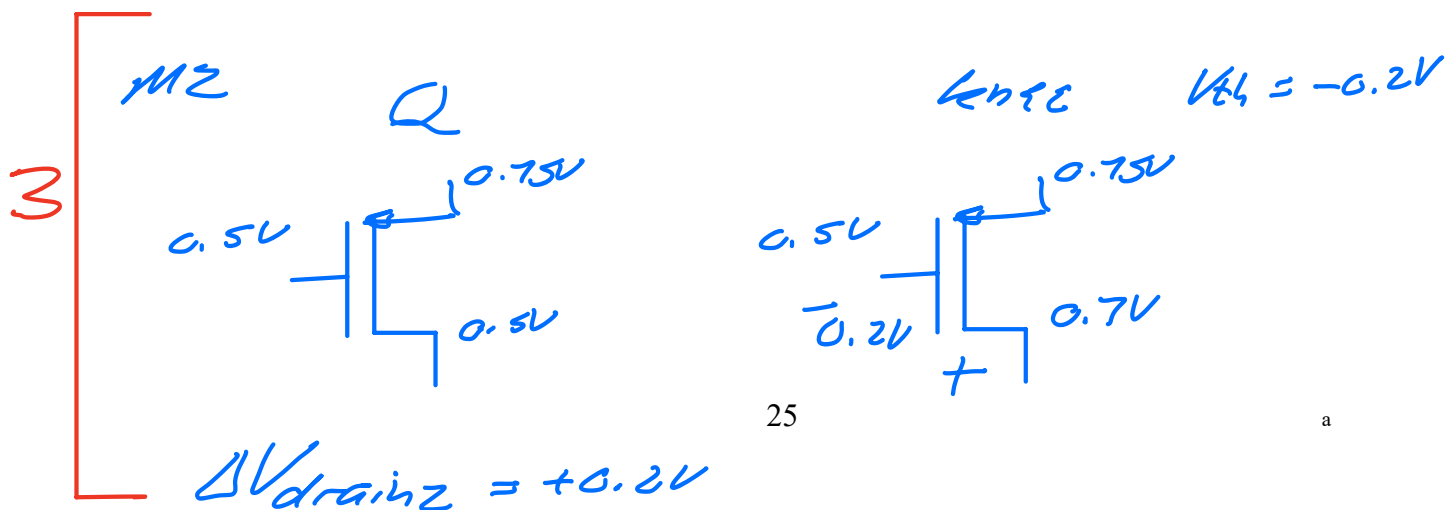
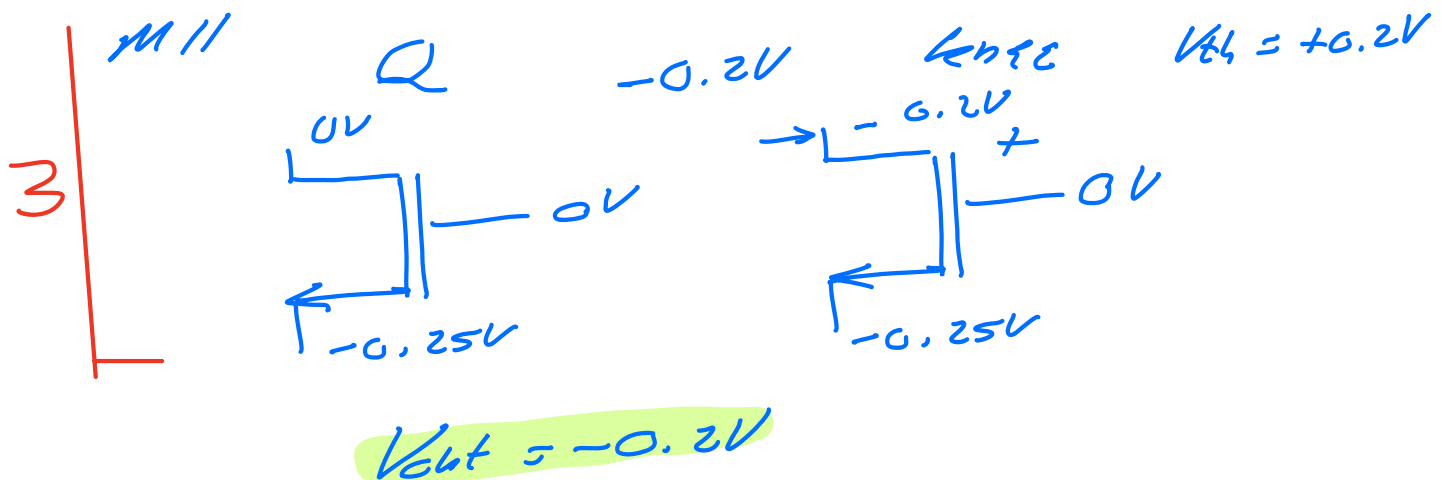
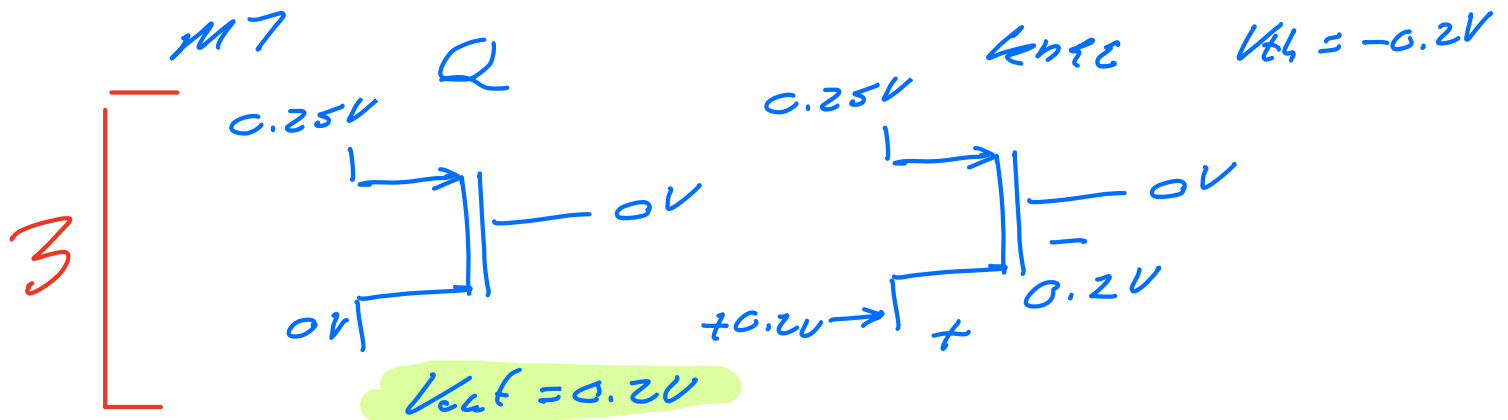
$$\frac{\delta V_{out}}{\delta V_g} = A_{v3} A_{v5} A_{v7} = -g_m^3 R_{DS}^3 / 2$$

$$= -4 \cdot 10^6$$

Part e, 10 points

Maximum output voltage swings \*\*\*at  $V_{out}^+$  (not  $V_{out}^-$ )\*\*\* (show all your work).

|                | magnitude and sign of maximum output signal swing due to <i>knee voltage</i> (saturation) |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Transistor M7  | $+0.2V$                                                                                   |
| Transistor M11 | $-0.2V$                                                                                   |
| Transistor M2  | $-8.105V$                                                                                 |

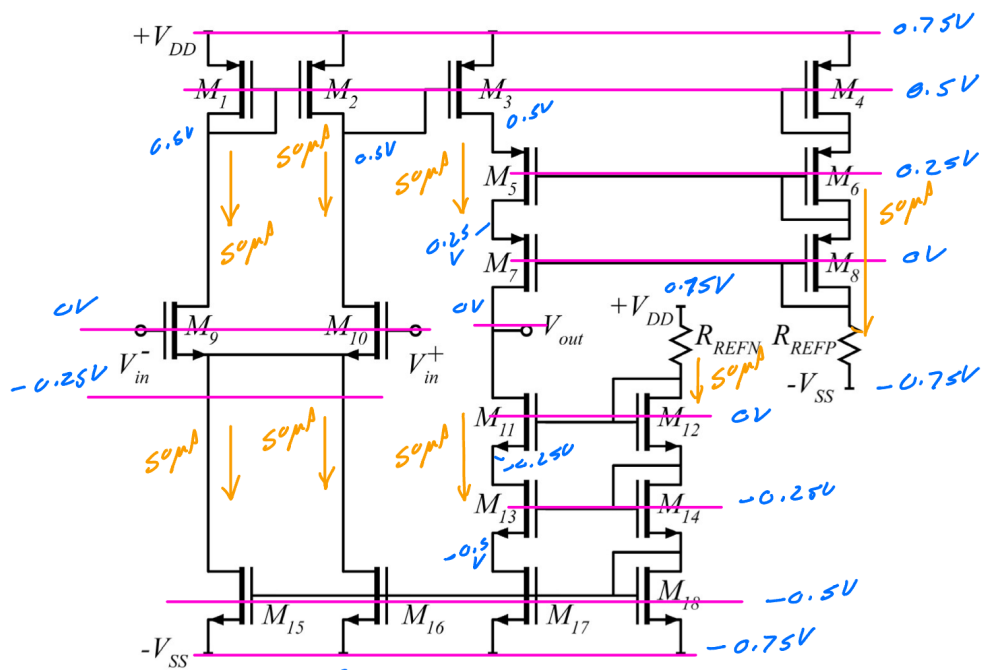


$$\Delta V_{out} = \Delta V_{drain2} \cdot A_{v3} A_{v5} A_{v7}$$

$$= 0.2V (-4 \cdot 10^6)$$

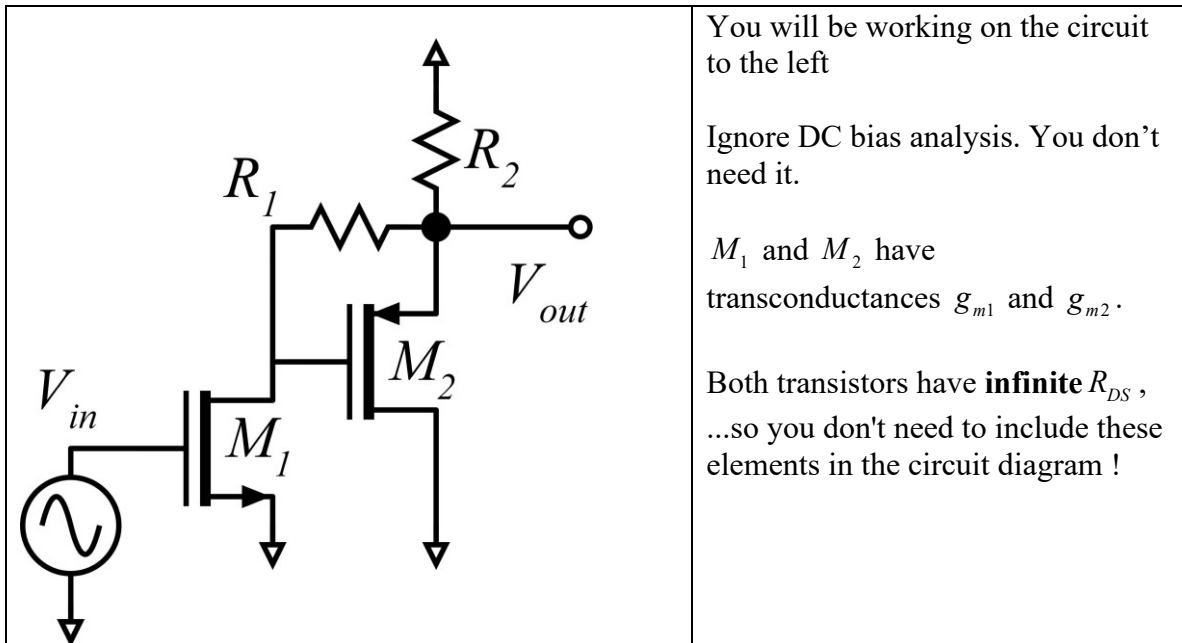
$$= -8 \cdot 10^5 V$$

(obviously not the dominant clipping limit)



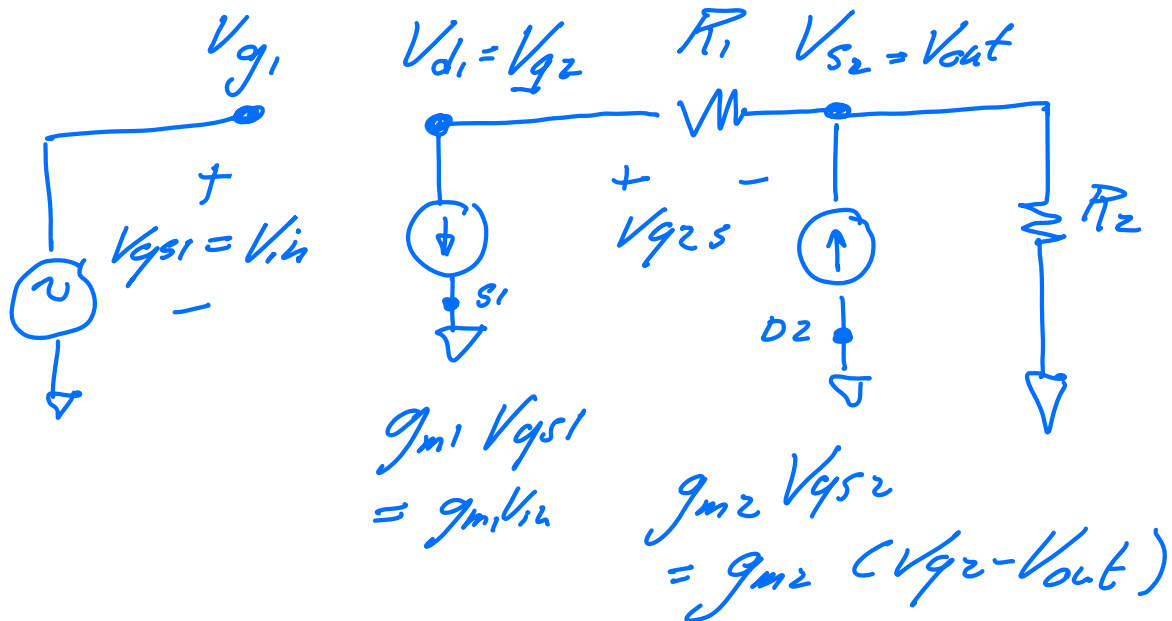
On the circuit diagram above, label the DC voltages at ALL nodes.

Problem 3, 20 points



Part a, 5 points

Draw a small-signal equivalent circuit of the circuit.

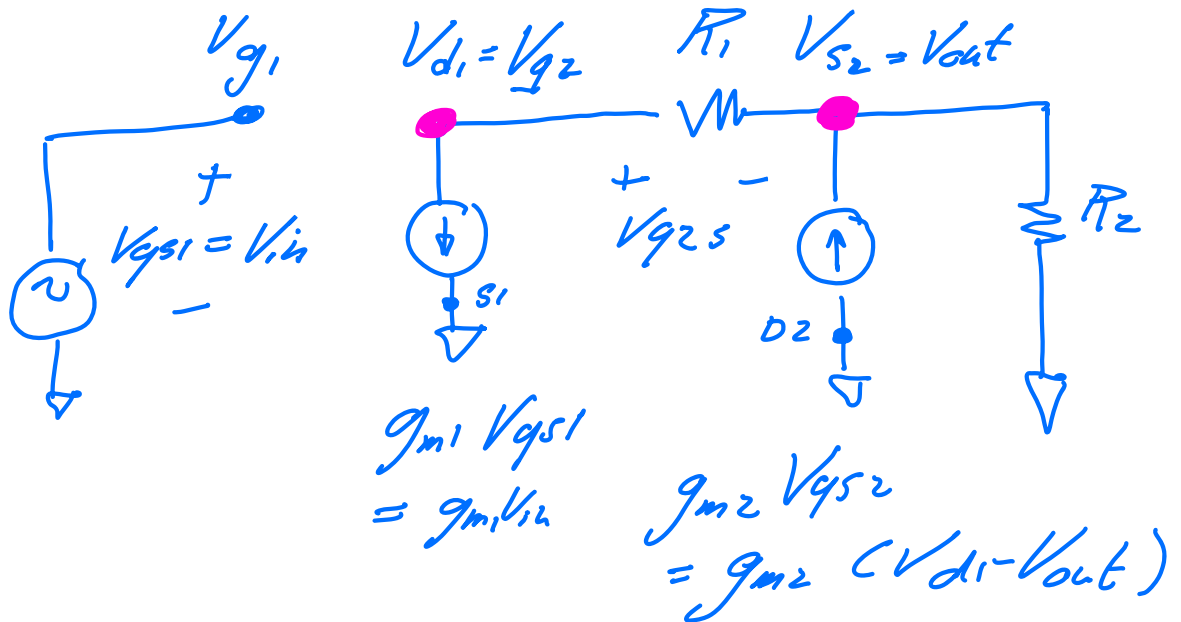


0 pts if topology is wrong  
 - 2 pts each if  $V_{gs}$  controlling  $g_m V_{gs}$   
 is not correctly indicated.

Part b, 10 points

Derive an algebraic expression for  $V_{out}/V_{in}$  in terms of  $g_{m1}$ ,  $g_{m2}$ ,  $R_1$ , and  $R_2$

$$V_{out}/V_{in} = -g_{m1} R_2 (1 + g_{m1} R_1)$$



$$\Sigma I = 0 @ V_{d1}$$

$$g_{m1} V_{in} = (V_{out} - V_{d1}) / R_1 \quad 3$$

$$g_{m1} R_1 V_{in} = V_{out} - V_{d1} \quad 3$$

$$\Sigma I = 0 @ V_{out}$$

$$V_{out} / R_2 + (V_{out} - V_{d1}) / R_1 = g_{m2} (V_{d1} - V_{out})$$

$$V_{out} / R_2 + g_{m1} V_{in} + g_{m2} (V_{out} - V_{d1}) = 0$$

$$V_{out} / R_2 + g_{m1} V_{in} + g_{m2} g_{m1} R_1 \cdot V_{in} = 0$$

$$V_{out} + g_{m1} R_2 V_{in} + g_{m2} g_{m1} R_1 R_2 V_{in} = 0$$

$$V_{out} + g_{m1} R_2 (1 + g_{m1} R_1) V_{in} = 0$$

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = -g_{m1} R_2 (1 + g_{m1} R_1)$$

Part c, 5 points

Set  $g_{m1}=1 \text{ mS}$ ,  $g_{m2}=2 \text{ mS}$ ,  $R_1=1 \text{ k}\Omega$ , and  $R_2=2 \text{ k}\Omega$ .

Find the numerical value of  $V_{out}/V_{in}$

$$V_{out}/V_{in} = -6$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} &= -g_{m1}R_2(1+g_{m1}R_1) \\ &= -1\text{mS} \cdot 2\text{k}\Omega(1+2\text{mS} \cdot 1\text{k}\Omega) \\ &= -2(1+2) \\ &= -6\end{aligned}$$