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**ECE 523/421 – Analog Electronics (Fall 2010)**

**Exam 1**

Name: **Answers**

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Note: Only calculator, pencils, and pens are allowed.

1. (10 points) True or false:

- (a) In a properly biased BJT, the input resistance looking at the emitter terminal has the lowest resistance. ( **T** )
- (b) The voltage gain of a source-follower amplifier is slightly larger than 1. ( **F** )
- (c) The source-degradation resistor improves the stability of the transistor's bias point. ( **T** )
- (d) A BJT with  $\beta \approx \infty$  is exactly equivalent to a MOSFET. ( **F** )
- (e) The absolute maximum gain (intrinsic gain) of a BJT at room temperature can be expressed as  $V_A/25\text{mV}$ . ( **T** )

2. (10 points) A PMOS is biased at  $100\mu\text{A}$ . Calculate  $V_{OV}$ ,  $g_m$ , and  $r_o$ . Assume that  $K_p' = 50 \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$ ,  $(W/L)=10$ , and  $V_A=-5\text{V}$ .

$$V_{OV} = 0.632 \text{ V}$$

$$g_m = 0.316 \text{ mA/V}$$

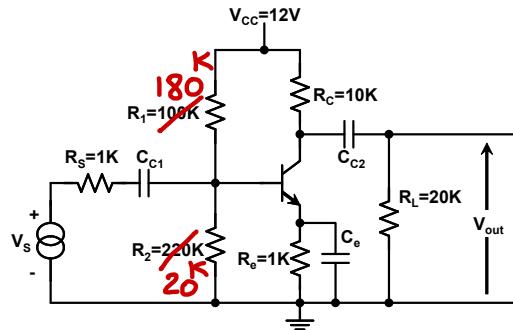
$$r_o = 50 \text{ k}\Omega$$

3. (20 points) Consider the common emitter amplifier shown in the circuit below:

- Compute the transistor operating point ( $V_{CE}$  and  $I_C$ ). Assume that  $\beta=100$  for the transistor.
- Compute the voltage gain of the amplifier ( $V_{out}/V_S$ ). Assume that  $C_{C1}$ ,  $C_{C2}$ , and  $C_e$  are very large.

a)  $I_C = 0.42 \text{ mA}$

$V_{CE} = 7.38 \text{ V}$



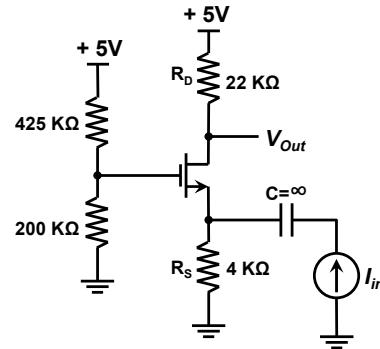
b)  $\frac{V_{out}}{V_s} = -91.5$

4. (30 points) The following circuit is a transimpedance amplifier, where the input current is amplified into the output voltage. Assume that  $K_n = 100 \mu A/V^2$ ,  $V_T = 1V$ , and  $(W/L) = 50$ . Ignore the channel length modulate effect.

(a) Find  $V_G$ ,  $V_S$ ,  $V_D$ ,  $V_{OV}$ ,  $I_D$ , and  $g_m$  at the bias point.  
 (b) Determine the transimpedence gain  $V_{out}/i_{in}$ . (Hint: Use either the T model or the same technique that you learned in the class to directly find the gain)  
 (c) Compute  $V_{out}(\max)$  and  $V_{out}(\min)$  and the total swing. Is the  $V_D$  found in part (a) in the middle of the output swing?

a)  $V_G = 1.6 V$   
 $V_S = 0.4 V$   
 $V_D = 2.8 V$   
 $V_{OV} = 0.2 V$   
 $I_D = 0.1 mA$   
 $g_m = 1 mA/V$

b)  $V_o/i_{in} = 17.6 k\Omega$



c)  $V_{o\max} = 5 V$   
 $V_{o\min} = 0.6 V$   
 $Swing = 4.4 V$

yes.

5. (30 points) We would like to design the following CMOS Cascode circuit to implement a  $100 \mu\text{A}$  current source with the output resistance of  $5 \text{ M}\Omega$ . Assume that  $K'_n = 100 \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$ ,  $V_A = 5\text{V}$ , and  $V_T = 1\text{V}$ .

- Find  $r_o$ .
- From the output resistance equation in cascode and the result in part (a), determine the  $g_m$  that can give us the desired output resistance.
- From the result in part (b), find the overdrive voltage,  $V_{ov}$ .
- From the result in part (c), determine the transistor sizes  $(W/L)_1$  and  $(W/L)_2$ .
- To get the maximum output swing, how do you determine the bias point for  $V_{G1}$  and  $V_{G2}$ ?
- What is the minimum output voltage that the current source can still work properly?

a)  $r_o = 50 \text{ k}\Omega$

b)  $g_m = 2 \text{ mA/V}$

c)  $V_{ov} = 0.1 \text{ V}$

d)  $(\frac{W}{L})_{1,2} = 200$

e)  $V_{G1} = 1.1 \text{ V}$ ,  $V_{G2} = 1.2 \text{ V}$

f)  $V_{omin} = 0.2 \text{ V}$

