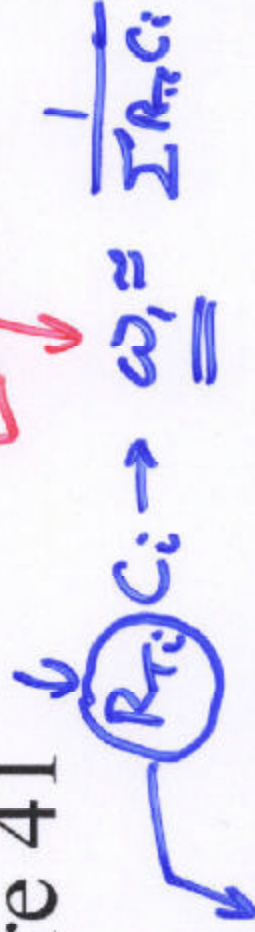


Lecture 41

Thevenin

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BANDWIDTH



- Last time:
 - Applications of open-circuit time constant analysis: CE amplifier and cascode amplifier
 - Today :
 - The four-stage voltage amplifier: using OCTC to find the dominant pole
- ↪ Introduction to differential amplifiers

Gain-Bandwidth Product

Metric for amplifier performance: note that

$$|A_v(j\omega^*)| = 1 \quad \text{when} \quad \omega^* = |A_{vo}| \omega_1$$

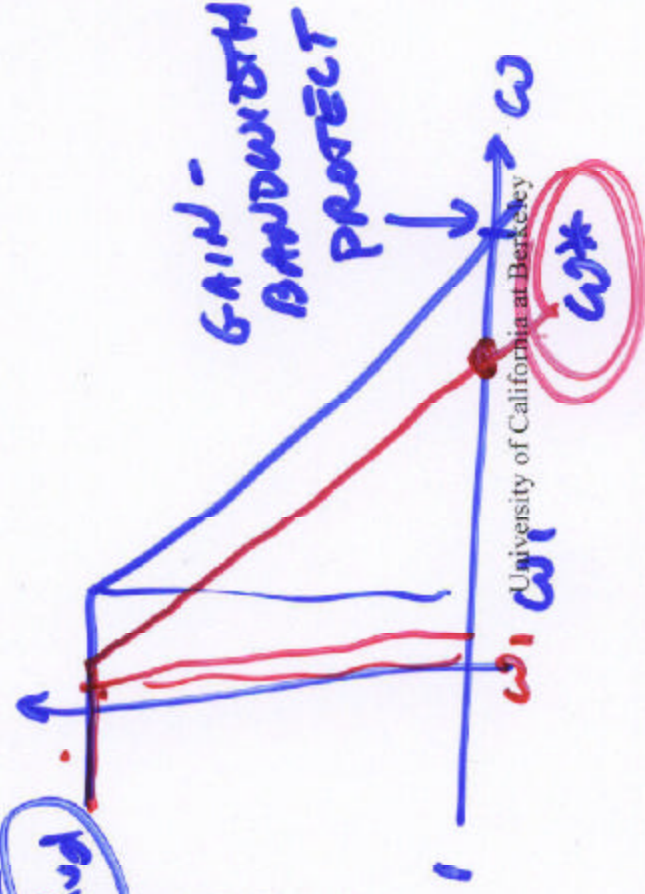
$$|A_{vo}| \omega_1 = \frac{g_{m1} R_L}{R_S C_{gs1} + R_S (1 + g_{m1} / g_{m2}) C_{gd1} + C_{\pi 2} / g_{m2} + R_L C_{\mu 2}}$$

Special case: small R_S

$$|A_{vo}| \omega_1 \approx \frac{g_{m1} R_L}{C_{\pi 2} / g_{m2} + R_L C_{\mu 2}}$$

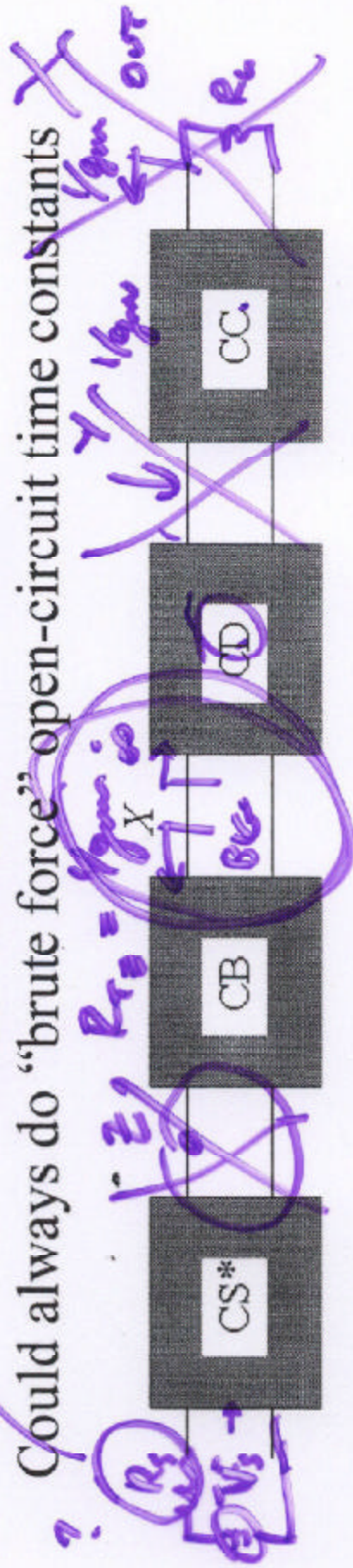
$$\approx \omega_T$$

(A_{vd})



Qualitative Insight

Could always do "brute force" open-circuit time constants



• CS*-CB is a wideband stage ... so is the CD-CC buffer

→ Look for large $R_{Tx}C_x$ products: high-impedance nodes are likely candidates

$$R_{out_{CD}} \parallel R_{in_{CD}} \rightarrow B_{le} \dots$$

Node X

CS*-CB is a wideband stage ... so is the CD-CC buffer

resistance

“High impedance node” is node X ... look at $R_{Tx}C_x$

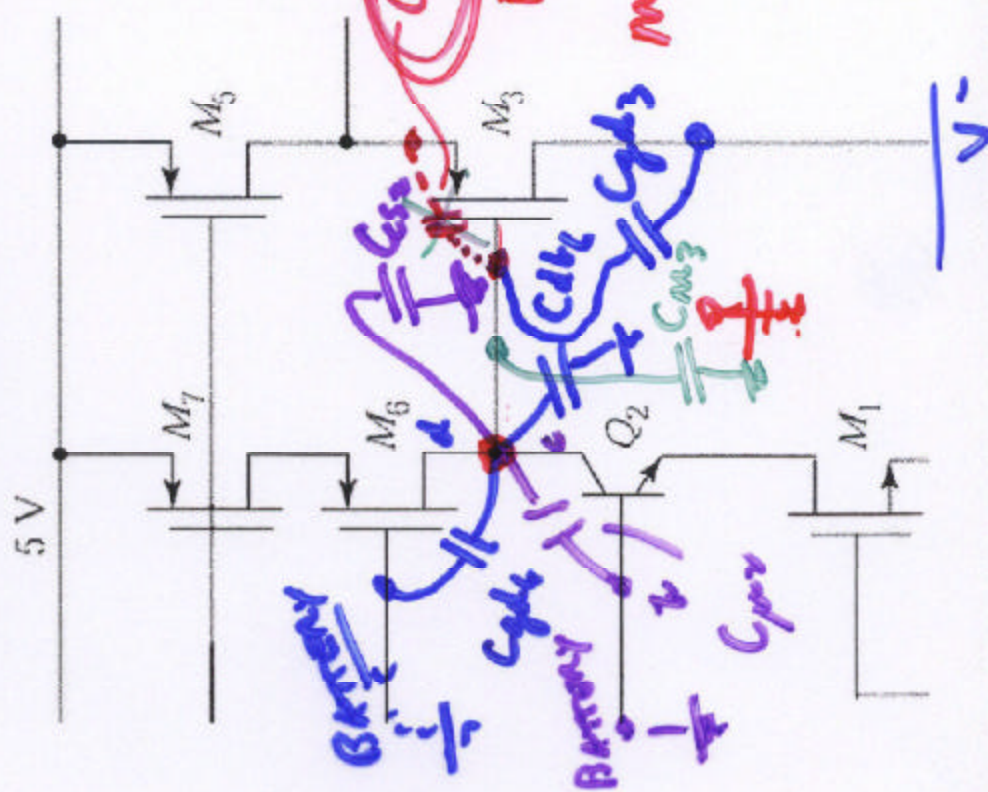
$R_{Tx} =$ _____

Capacitance:

$$C_x = C_{gd6} + C_{db6} + C_{\mu 2} +$$

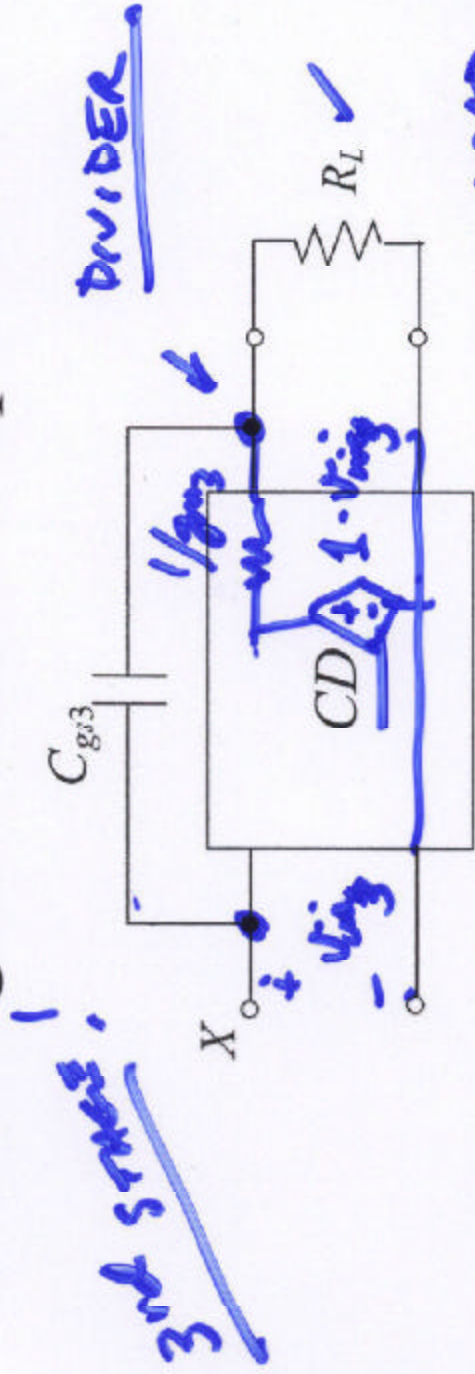
$$C_{cs2} + C_{gd3} + C_{M3}$$

Miller for CD stage (M_3)



Finding the Miller Capacitance C_{M3}

SMALL!

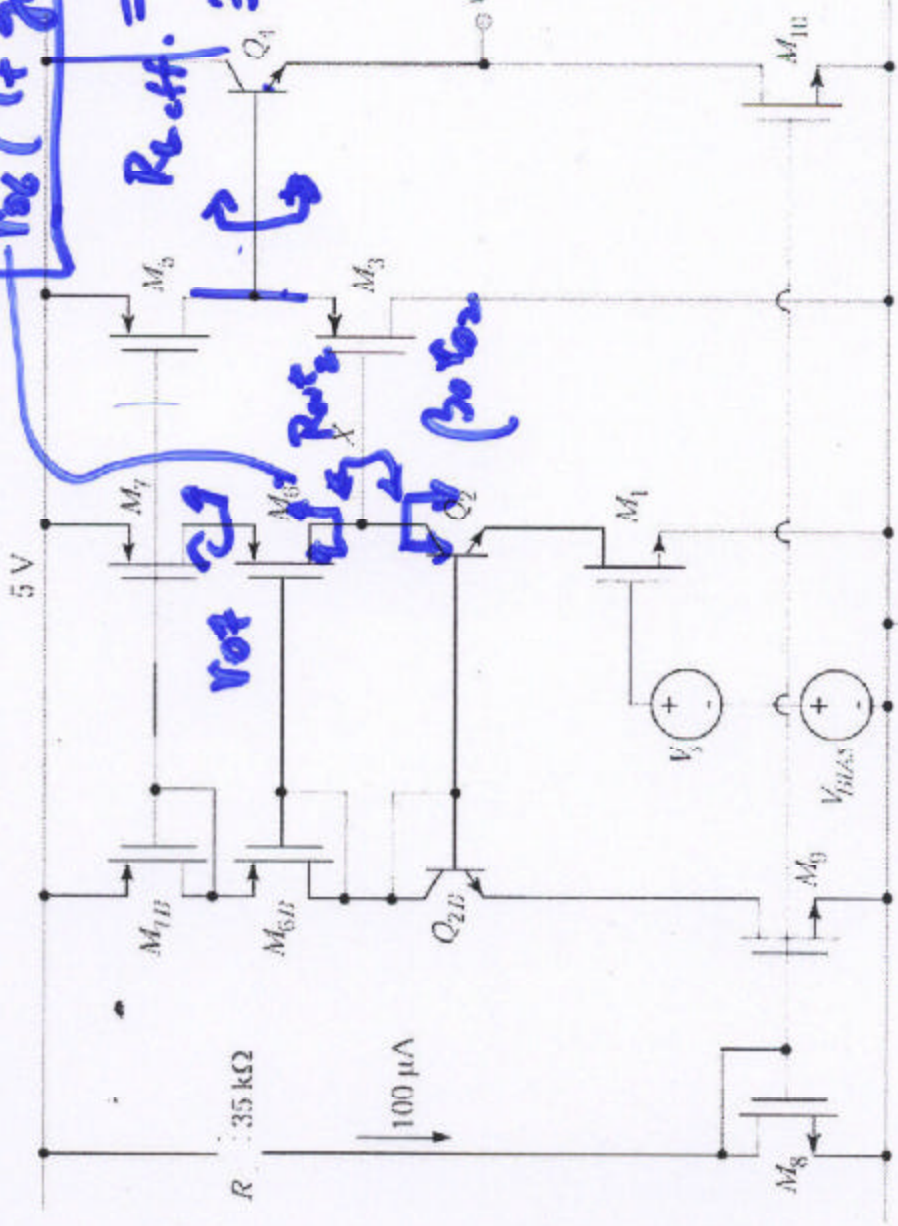


LOAD FOR STAGE 3.

Gain across C_{gs3} : $A_{vC_{gs3}} = \frac{R_{Loff}}{1/g_{m3} + R_{Loff}}$

$R_{Loff} = R_{inCC} = r_{o4} + \beta(R_{E11} \dots)$

Insight into the Frequency Response



$10x (1 + gm R_o)$

$R_{eff} = R_{inCC}$

$\approx r_{\pi 4} + \beta_0 R_e \uparrow$

$R_{inCC} \approx 10x$

R_{inCC}

R_{inCC}

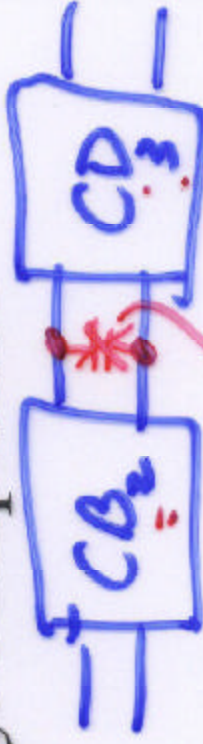
R_{inCC}

$R_T; C_i$

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 $1/gm$
 $\beta_0 R_o \dots$ LOOK AT IT!

$C_x = \sum \text{BUNCH OF STUFF}$

→ Dominant Pole of Voltage Amplifier



Thévenin resistance for C_x :

$$R_{Tx} = R_{out2} \parallel R_{in3} = R_{out,CB} \parallel R_{in,CD}$$

$$R_{Tx} = r_{oc} \parallel r_{o2} (1 + g_{m2} (r_{\pi 2} \parallel R_{S2})) \approx r_{o6} (1 + g_{m6} r_{o7}) \parallel r_{o2} \beta_o$$

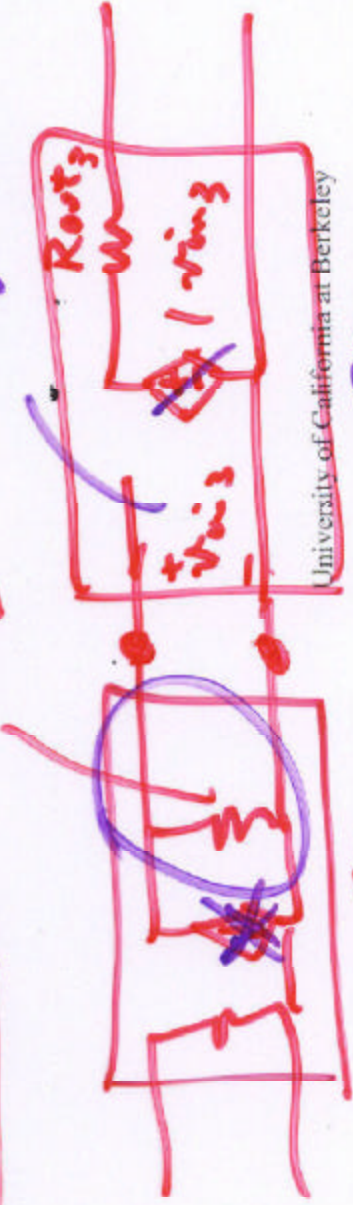
HUGE

Dominant pole:

$$\omega_1^{-1} \approx R_{Tx} C_x$$

$R_{in3} \rightarrow \infty$

R_{out2}



OCTC → Low-Pass Filter!

$$A_v(j\omega) \approx \frac{|A_{vo}|}{1 + j\omega/\omega_c} \quad ; \quad \omega \text{ small-ish}$$

OCTC!

$|A_v(j\omega)| \approx 20,000$

GAIN-BANDWIDTH PRODUCT!!

mid-band plot

-20dB/dec

WHERE

$$|A_v(j\omega)| = 1$$

1 (0dB)

$$\frac{|A_{vo}|}{\omega/\omega_c}$$

ω

ω_c

1 (0dB)

$$1 = \frac{|A_{vo}|}{1 + j\omega/\omega_c} \Rightarrow \frac{|A_{vo}|}{\omega/\omega_c} = \sqrt{1 + (\omega/\omega_c)^2}$$

$$\omega_c \approx |A_{vo}| / \omega_c$$

Magnitude Bode Plot

Low-frequency voltage gain was found in Lecture 38:

$$A_v = -g_{m1} (\beta_o r_{o2} \parallel r_{o6} (1 + g_{m6} r_{o7}))$$

← SAME RESISTOR

(neglect loading at output ($R_L \gg R_{out}$))

$R_{Tx} !!$



$$A_{v0} \omega_1 \approx (-g_{m1} [R_{out, CB}]) (R_{out, CB}) \cdot C_x$$

$$R_{Tx} C_x = \omega_1^{-1}$$

$$A_{v0} \omega_1 \approx g_{m1} / C_x$$

Gain-Bandwidth product = unity gain frequency

Differential Amplifiers

What's wrong with our EE 105 amplifiers?

140!

1.2035 V.

1. Customer must supply V_{BIAS} or I_{BIAS} — impractical!

2. The input signals and output signals are referenced to ground or “single-ended” →

+ v_{in}

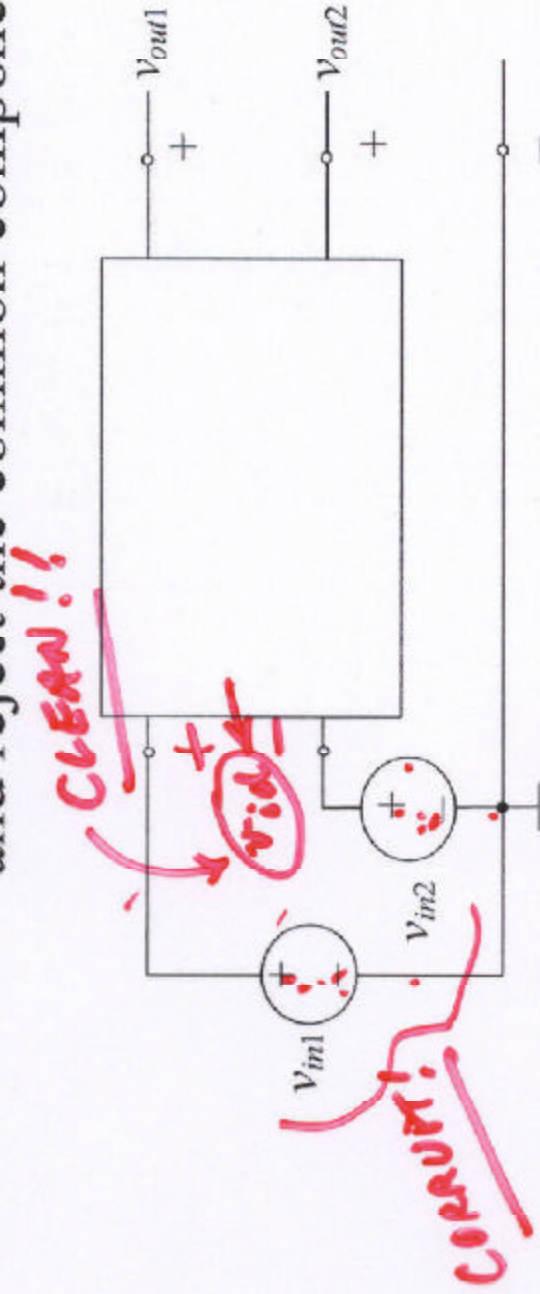
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they're easily corrupted by a variety of interfering signals (e.g., loops in your circuit picking up radio stations or cell phones, V_{DD} has high-frequency components from lightning strikes in the Sierra, etc.)

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The Differential Amplifier Concept

The basic idea: amplify the *difference* between two inputs and reject the common component



$$V_{out, diff} = A_{v, diff} (V_{in, diff}) = A_{v, diff} (V_{in1} - V_{in2}) \dots \text{large}$$

$$V_{out, comm} = A_{v, comm} (V_{in, comm}) = A_{v, comm} [(V_{in1} + V_{in2})/2] \dots \text{small}$$

A Simple MOS Differential Amplifier

