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**Homework 10 Solution**

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**1** It is given that

$$\Delta I_d = I_{ss} \left[ \frac{\Delta v_i}{(V_{gs} - V_{th})} \right] \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{\Delta v_i}{(V_{gs} - V_{th})} \right]^2 \right\}^{1/2} \quad (1)$$

Using the Taylor series expansion  $(1 - x^2)^{1/2} \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$  (for small values of  $x$ ), equation (1) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta I_d &= I_{ss} \left[ \frac{\Delta v_i}{(V_{gs} - V_{th})} \right] \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{8} \left[ \frac{\Delta v_i}{(V_{gs} - V_{th})} \right]^2 \right\} \\ \Rightarrow \Delta I_d &= I_{ss} \left[ \frac{\Delta v_i}{(V_{gs} - V_{th})} \right] - \frac{I_{ss}}{8} \left[ \frac{\Delta v_i}{(V_{gs} - V_{th})} \right]^3 \\ \Rightarrow \Delta I_d &= \underbrace{\left[ \frac{I_{ss}}{(V_{gs} - V_{th})} \right]}_{\alpha_1} \Delta v_i - \underbrace{\left[ \frac{I_{ss}}{8} \frac{1}{(V_{gs} - V_{th})^3} \right]}_{\alpha_3} \Delta v_i^3 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Hence,

$$HD_3 = \frac{1}{4} \frac{a_3}{a_1} V_{in}^2 = \frac{1}{32} \frac{1}{(V_{gs} - V_{th})^2} V_{in}^2 \quad (3)$$

If  $HD_3 = 1\%$ , given that  $V_{gs} - V_{th} = 1V$ ,

$$V_{in} = \sqrt{32 HD_3} = \sqrt{32 \times 0.01} = 566mV \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{2} \quad IM_3 = \frac{3}{4} \frac{a_3}{a_1} V_{in}^2 = \frac{3}{32} \frac{1}{(V_{gs} - V_{th})^2} V_{in}^2 \quad (5)$$

If  $IM_3 = 1\%$ , given that  $V_{gs} - V_{th} = 1V$ ,

$$V_{in} = \sqrt{\frac{32}{3} IM_3} = \sqrt{\frac{32}{3} 0.01} = 327mV \quad (6)$$

**3** From definition, at  $IIP_3$ :

$$IM_3 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{in}^2 = \frac{32}{3}1 = 10.67V^2$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{in,rms}^2 = \frac{1}{2}10.67V^2 = 5.33V^2 \quad (7)$$

Hence,

$$IIP_3 = 10 \log \left( \frac{V_{in,rms}^2}{R \times 1mW} \right) = 10 \log \left( \frac{5.33V^2}{50\Omega \times 10^{-3}W} \right) = 20.28dBm \quad (8)$$