

PROBLEM SET #5

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Due (at 8 a.m.): Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2015, in the EE 140/240A HW box near 125 Cory.

1. This problem considers a Wildlar current source design. In Fig. PS5-1(a), assume all BJTs have $V_{BE(on)} = 0.7V$ when $I_C = 1mA$. $I_{ref} = 100\mu A$.
 - (a) Assuming $\beta = \infty$, design the circuit to have $I_o = 10\mu A$.
 - (b) Assuming $\beta = 200$ and $V_A = 100V$, find the value of the output resistance R_o and the change in output current corresponding to a 5-V change in output voltage.

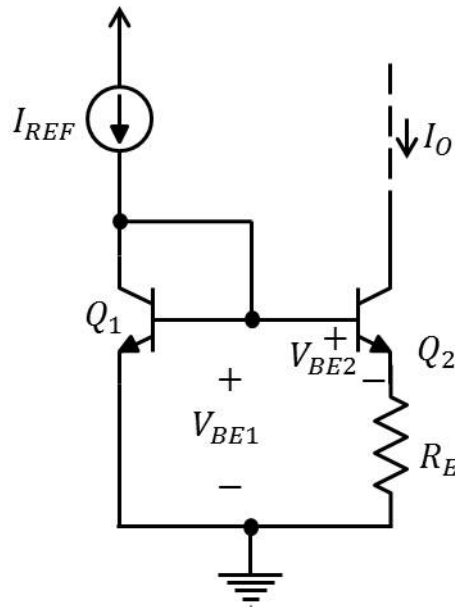


Fig. PS5-1

2. In the circuit shown in Fig. PS5.2, a source follower using a wide transistor M_4 and a small bias current is inserted in series with the gate of M_3 so as to bias M_2 at the edge of saturation. Assuming $M_0 - M_3$ are identical with non-zero channel length modulation parameter, i.e. $\lambda \neq 0$, estimate the mismatch between I_{out} and I_{ref} if:

(a) $\gamma = 0$.

(b) $\gamma \neq 0$.

Express your final answers in terms of λ , zero-bias threshold voltage V_{t0} , threshold voltage parameter γ , Fermi level ϕ_f , transconductance parameter k_n' , transistor W/L ratios, and I_1 .

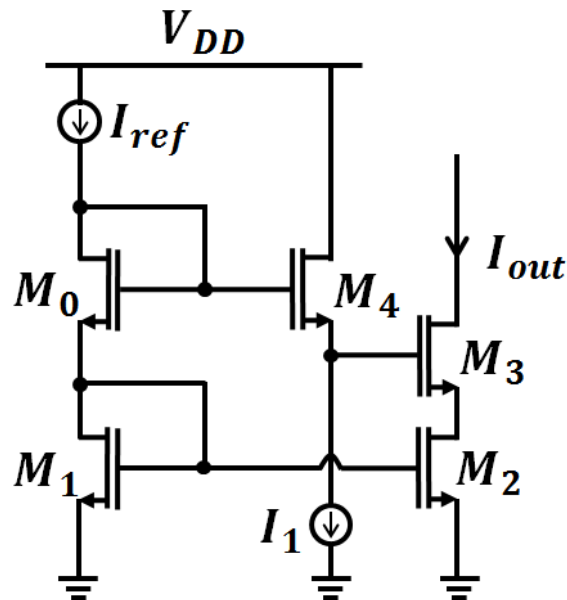


Fig. PS5.2

3. Fig. PS5-3 shows a cascode current mirror modified for high-swing operation.

(a) Find V_X and determine the minimum value of V_b .

(b) Estimate the deviation of I_{out} from $300\mu\text{A}$ if the drain voltage of M_4 is higher than V_X by 1 V.

MOS Parameters:

$$\mu_n C_{ox} = \frac{130\mu\text{A}}{\text{V}^2}, L_{ovn} = 0.08\mu\text{m}, V_{Tn} = 0.7, V_{Tp} = -0.8, \lambda_n = 0.1, I_{REF} = 100\mu\text{A}.$$

$$\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_{1,2} = \frac{20\mu\text{m}}{0.5\mu\text{m}}, \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_{3,4} = \frac{60\mu\text{m}}{0.5\mu\text{m}}$$

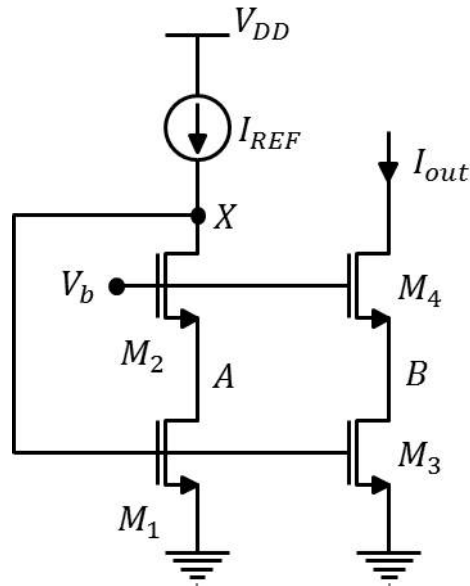


Fig. PS5-3

4. Fig. PS5.4 depicts a self-biasing V_t reference circuit capable of providing a current reference independent of supply voltage.
- (a) Provide expressions for I_{out} , I_{bias1} , and I_{bias2} in terms of circuit elements and transistor parameters. Ignore the body effect and channel length modulation.
- (b) Calculate the numerical values for the expressions in the previous part.
- (c) Calculate the ratio of small-signal variations in I_{out} to small-signal variations in V_{DD} at low frequencies. Ignore the body effect but include finite transistor r_o in this calculation.

MOS Parameters:

$$V_{th} = 0.5V, k_n' = \frac{200\mu A}{V^2}, k_p' = \frac{100\mu A}{V^2}, \lambda = 0.05V^{-1}, V_{DD} = 3V, R = 1.75k\Omega$$

$$\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_1 = \frac{12.5\mu m}{0.25\mu m}, \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_2 = \frac{6.25\mu m}{0.25\mu m}, \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_3 = \frac{31.25\mu m}{0.25\mu m}$$

$$\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_4 = \frac{6.25\mu m}{0.25\mu m}, \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_5 = \frac{12.5\mu m}{0.25\mu m}, \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_6 = \frac{15.5\mu m}{0.25\mu m}$$

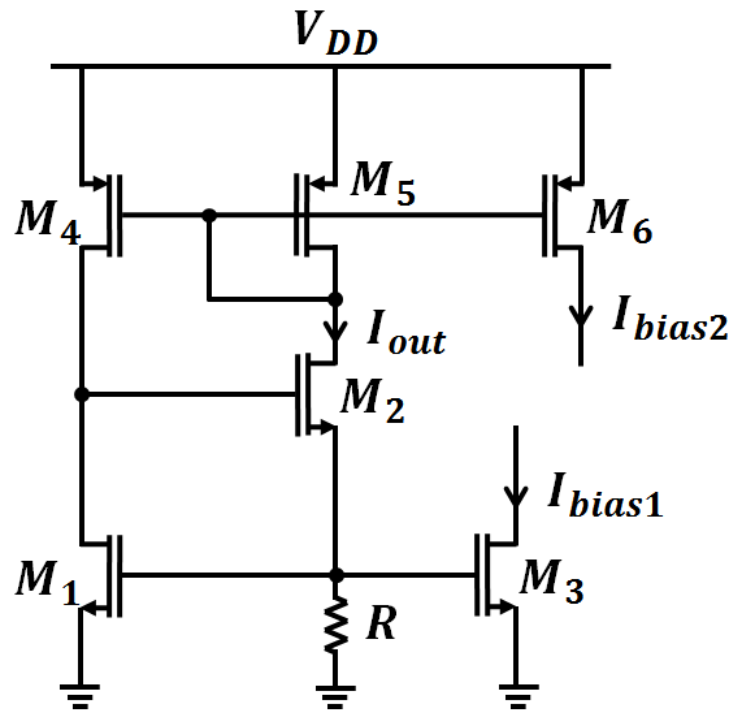


Fig. PS5-4