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**EECS 140**

**Spring 2005**

**Midterm Exam  
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Time Allowed: 80 minutes**

SOLUTIONS

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- This is a closed-book exam, except for use of one 8.5 x 11 inch sheet of your notes.
- Show all your work to receive full or partial credit. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.
- No electronic devices of any kind may be used.

Problem #:	Points:
1	/60
2	/40
Total	/100

1.) (60 points total)

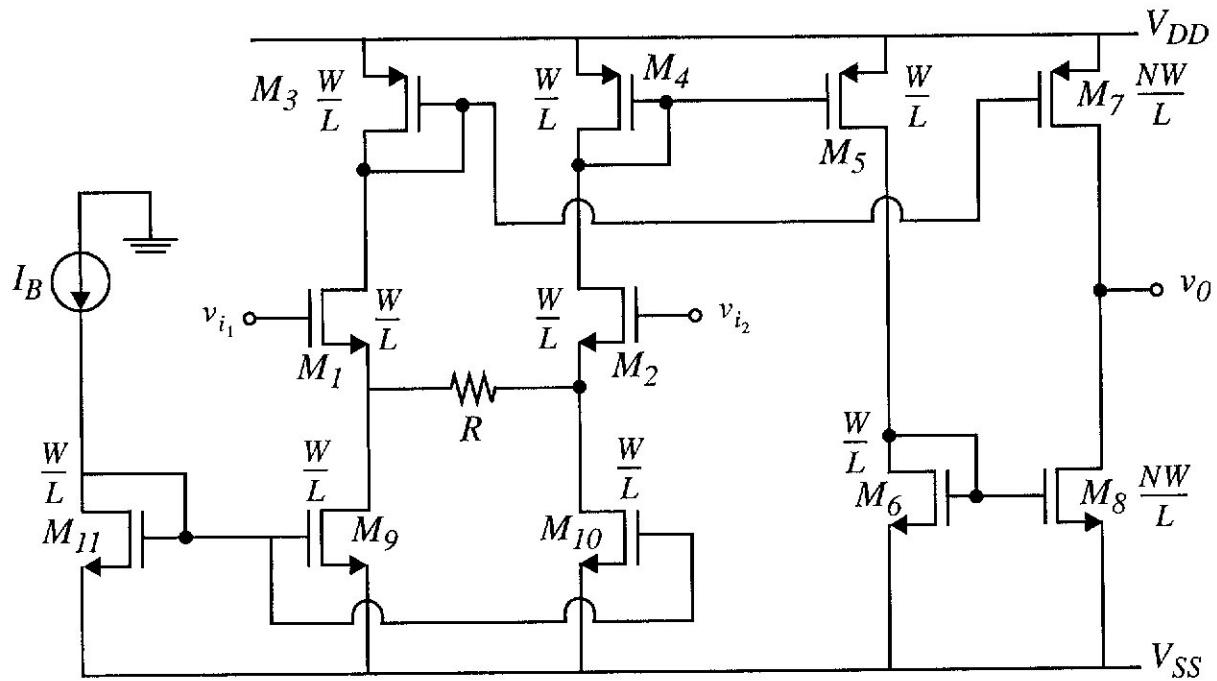


Figure 1: Current Mirror Op-Amp

a.) (10 points)

Suppose inputs  $v_{i_1}$  and  $v_{i_2}$  are grounded, i.e.  $v_{i_1} = v_{i_2} = 0$ .

Determine the dc bias values for the following variables: (see next page) (You may neglect the  $r_o$  of all transistors for this.)

Leave your results in symbolic form involving  $I_B$ ,  $k'_p$ ,  $k'_n$ , etc.

$I_{D_1}$	$I_B$
$I_{D_2}$	$I_B$
$I_{D_6}$	$I_B$
$I_{D_8}$	$NI_B$
$\Delta V_1$	$\sqrt{\frac{2I_B}{k_n W/L}}$
$\Delta V_2$	$\Delta V_1$
$\Delta V_3$	$\sqrt{\frac{2I_B}{k_p W/L}}$
$\Delta V_4$	$\Delta V_3$
$\Delta V_5$	$\Delta V_3$
$\Delta V_6$	$\Delta V_1$
$\Delta V_7$	$\Delta V_3$
$\Delta V_8$	$\Delta V_1$
$\Delta V_9$	$\Delta V_1$
$\Delta V_{10}$	$\Delta V_1$
$V_0$	$V_{SS} + \Delta V_{6,8} + V_{t6,8}$

b.) (10 points)

Determine the common mode input range for the circuit, that is consistent with all transistors remaining active.

$$V_{SS} + \Delta V_g + \Delta V_1 + V_{t1} < V_i < V_{DD} + V_{t1} - V_{t3} - \overbrace{V_{Dsat3}}^{\Delta V_3}$$

c.) (10 points)

Determine the output voltage range, that is consistent with all transistors remaining active.

$$V_{SS} + \Delta V_8 < V_o < V_{DD} - |\Delta V_7|$$

d.) (10 points)

Determine  $R_{out}$ .

$$r_{o7} // r_{o8}$$

e.) (10 points)

Determine the differential mode circuit  $G_m$ , i.e.  $G_{m_{dm}} = \left. \frac{i_{out}}{v_{id}} \right|_{v_{out}=0}$ ;  $v_{id} = v_{i_1} - v_{i_2}$ .

$$\frac{2g_{m_1} \cdot N}{2 + g_{m_1} R} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{N g_{m_1}}{1 + g_{m_1} \frac{R}{2}}$$

(ignoring body effect)

f.) (10 points)

Determine the common mode voltage gain:  $A_{v-cm} = \frac{v_o}{v_{i_{cm}}}$ .

$$\frac{1}{1 + g_{m_1} r_{o_1}}$$

2.) (40 points total)

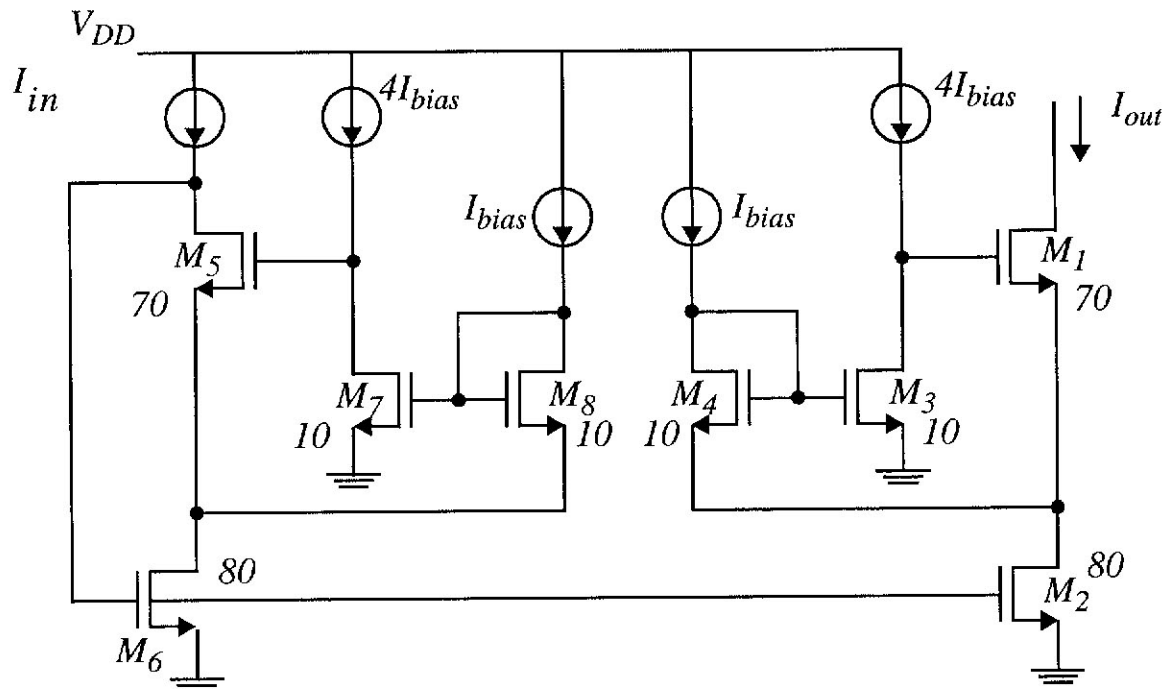


Figure 2: Current Mirror

In the current mirror of Figure 2, all devices have  $\frac{W}{L}$ 's as shown in the figure.

a.) (10 points)

Assuming all devices are biased in the active region, determine the nominal bias values for the following (see the next page).

Leave your answers as expressions involving  $V_T$ 's,  $k'$ ,  $I_B$ ,  $I_{ref}$ ,  $\frac{W}{L}$  etc.:

$I_{out}$	$I_{in}$
$V_{GS1}$	$V_{t1} + \sqrt{\frac{2I_{in}}{k'_1(W/L)_1}}$
$V_{GS2}$	$V_{t2} + \sqrt{\frac{2(I_{in} + I_{bias})}{k'_1(W/L)_2}}$
$V_{GS3}$	$V_{t3} + \sqrt{\frac{2.4 I_{bias}}{k'_1(W/L)_3}}$
$V_{GS4}$	$V_{t4} + \sqrt{\frac{2 I_{bias}}{k'_1(W/L)_4}}$
$V_{GS5}$	$V_{GS1}$
$V_{GS6}$	$V_{GS2}$
$V_{GS7}$	$V_{GS3}$
$V_{GS8}$	$V_{GS4}$

b.) (10 points)

Determine the minimum output voltage that keeps all devices in the active region.

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{o,min} &= V_{GS3} - V_{GS4} + \Delta V_1 \\
 &= \Delta V_3 + V_{t3} - \Delta V_4 - V_{t4} + \Delta V_1
 \end{aligned}$$

c.) (10 points)

Determine  $R_{out}$  for this circuit assuming all devices are active. Express your answer as a formula involving transistor small signal parameters like  $g_{m_{1-8}}$ ,  $r_{o_{1-8}}$ , etc.

$$\text{Loop gain} = g_{m3} r_{o3} = A_L$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{out} &= g_{m1} r_{o1} r_{o2} (1 + A_L) \\ &= g_{m1} r_{o1} r_{o2} (1 + g_{m3} r_{o3}) \end{aligned}$$

d.) (10 points)

Briefly explain the purposes of  $M_3$ ,  $M_4$ ,  $M_5$ ,  $M_7$  and  $M_8$  in this circuit.

- $M_3$  is a common source amplifier used in a feedback loop to increase output resistance of  $M_1$ - $M_2$  cascode connection.
- $M_4$  provides level shifting so that the drain of  $M_2$  is biased at about  $\Delta V_2$ .
- $M_5$ ,  $M_7$ ,  $M_8$  provide for symmetry in the ckt & keep drain voltage of  $M_6$  approx equal to that of  $M_2$ .