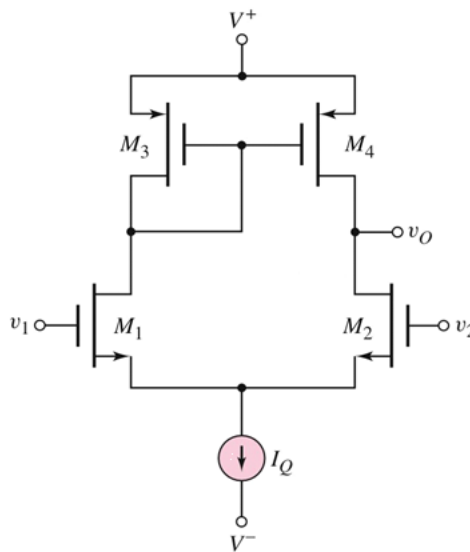


Question:

The circuit parameters for differential amplifier with active load shown in **Figure 1** are $V^+ = 5\text{ V}$, $V^- = -5\text{ V}$, and $I_Q = 220\ \mu\text{A}$. The NMOS transistor parameters are $V_{TN} = 0.4\text{ V}$, $k'_n = 100\ \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$, $(W/L)_n = 8$, and $\lambda_n = 0.018\text{ V}^{-1}$. The PMOS transistor parameters are $V_{TP} = -0.4\text{ V}$, $k'_p = 40\ \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$, $(W/L)_p = 10$, and $\lambda_p = 0.02\text{ V}^{-1}$.

- Determine** the output resistance (R_o) of the differential amplifier. [4 marks]
- Calculate** the differential-mode voltage gain (A_d) and the common-mode voltage gain (A_{cm}) if **CMRR** of the differential amplifier is **55 dB**. [6 marks]
- Draw** a differential amplifier with active load that has a higher differential-mode voltage gain compared to the differential amplifier shown in the **Figure 1**. [2 marks]

Answer:



; N – MOSFET

$$v_{DS}(\text{sat}) = v_{GS} - V_{TN}$$

$$i_D = K_n [v_{GS} - V_{TN}]^2$$

$$K_n = \frac{k'_n \cdot W}{2 \cdot L}$$

; P – MOSFET

$$v_{SD}(\text{sat}) = v_{SG} + V_{TP}$$

$$i_D = K_p [v_{SG} + V_{TP}]^2$$

$$K_p = \frac{k'_p \cdot W}{2 \cdot L}$$

; Small signal

$$g_m = 2\sqrt{K_n I_{DQ}}$$

$$r_o \cong \frac{1}{\lambda I_{DQ}}$$

(a) $I_D = I_Q / 2 = 220\ \mu / 2 = 110\ \mu\text{A}$ [1]

$r_{o2} = 1 / (\lambda_n I_D) = 1 / [(0.018)(110\ \mu)] = 505.05\ \text{k}\Omega$ [1]

$r_{o4} = 1 / (\lambda_p I_D) = 1 / [(0.02)(110\ \mu)] = 454.54\ \text{k}\Omega$ [1]

$R_o = r_{o2} \parallel r_{o4} = 505.05\ \text{k} \parallel 454.54\ \text{k} = 239.23\ \text{k}\Omega$ [1]

(b) $R_o = r_{o2} \parallel r_{o4} = 239.23\ \text{k}\Omega$

$g_{m2} = 2\sqrt{K_n I_D} = 2\sqrt{[(k'_n / 2)(W/L)_n (I_Q / 2)]}$
 $= 2\sqrt{[(100\ \mu / 2)(8)(110\ \mu)]} = 0.4195\ \text{mA}/\text{V}^2$ [1]

$A_d = g_{m2} R_o = (0.4195\ \text{m})(239.23\ \text{k}) = 100.35$ [1]

$CMRR_{dB} = 20 \log [A_d / A_{cm}] = 55\ \text{dB}$ [1]

$A_{cm} = A_d / [10^{55/20}] = 0.17845$ [1]

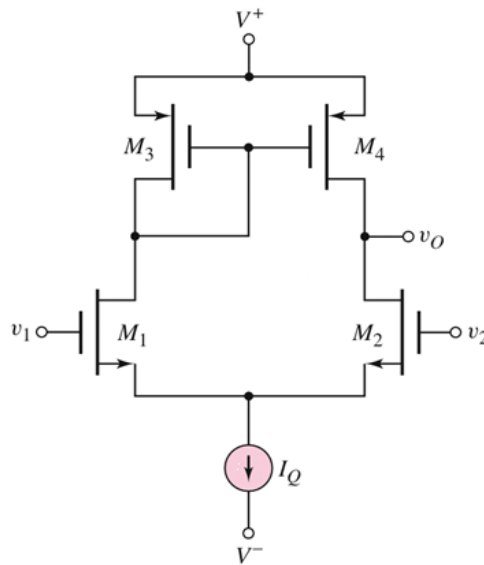
(c) **A drawing using cascode or Wilson active load** [2]

Question:

The circuit parameters for differential amplifier with active load shown in **Figure 1** are $V^+ = 5\text{ V}$, $V^- = -5\text{ V}$, and $I_Q = 230\ \mu\text{A}$. The NMOS transistor parameters are $V_{TN} = 0.4\text{ V}$, $k'_n = 100\ \mu\text{A/V}^2$, $(W/L)_n = 8$, and $\lambda_n = 0.02\text{ V}^{-1}$. The PMOS transistor parameters are $V_{TP} = -0.4\text{ V}$, $k'_p = 40\ \mu\text{A/V}^2$, $(W/L)_p = 10$, and $\lambda_p = 0.018\text{ V}^{-1}$.

- Determine** the output resistance (R_o) of the differential amplifier. [4 marks]
- Calculate** the differential-mode voltage gain (A_d) and the common-mode voltage gain (A_{cm}) if $CMRR$ of the differential amplifier is **45 dB**. [4 marks]
- Draw** a differential amplifier with active load that has a higher differential-mode voltage gain compared to the differential amplifier shown in the **Figure 1**. [2 marks]

Answer:



; N – MOSFET

$$v_{DS}(\text{sat}) = v_{GS} - V_{TN}$$

$$i_D = K_n [v_{GS} - V_{TN}]^2$$

$$K_n = \frac{k'_n \cdot W}{2 \cdot L}$$

; P – MOSFET

$$v_{SD}(\text{sat}) = v_{SG} + V_{TP}$$

$$i_D = K_p [v_{SG} + V_{TP}]^2$$

$$K_p = \frac{k'_p \cdot W}{2 \cdot L}$$

; Small signal

$$g_m = 2\sqrt{K_n I_{DQ}}$$

$$r_o \cong \frac{1}{\lambda I_{DQ}}$$

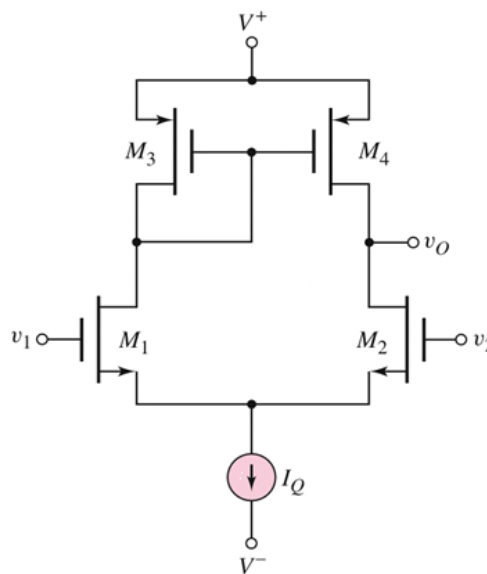
- $I_D = I_Q / 2 = 230\ \mu / 2 = 115\ \mu\text{A}$ [1]
 $r_{o2} = 1 / (\lambda_n I_D) = 1 / [(0.02)(115\ \mu)] = 434.78\ \text{k}\Omega$ [1]
 $r_{o4} = 1 / (\lambda_p I_D) = 1 / [(0.018)(115\ \mu)] = 483.09\ \text{k}\Omega$ [1]
 $R_o = r_{o2} \parallel r_{o4} = 434.78\ \text{k} \parallel 483.09\ \text{k} = 228.83\ \text{k}\Omega$ [1]
- $R_o = r_{o2} \parallel r_{o4} = 228.83\ \text{k}\Omega$
 $g_{m2} = 2\sqrt{[K_n I_D]} = 2\sqrt{[(k'_n / 2)(W/L)_n (I_Q / 2)]}$
 $= 2\sqrt{[(100\ \mu / 2)(8)(115\ \mu)]} = 0.4289\ \text{mA/V}^2$ [1]
 $A_d = g_{m2} R_o = (0.4289\ \text{m})(228.83\ \text{k}) = 98.145$ [1]
- $CMRR_{dB} = 20 \log [A_d / A_{cm}] = 45\ \text{dB}$ [1]
 $A_{cm} = A_d / [10^{45/20}] = 0.5519$ [1]
- A drawing using cascode or Wilson active load** [2]

Question:

The circuit parameters for differential amplifier with active load shown in **Figure 1** are $V^+ = 5\text{ V}$, $V^- = -5\text{ V}$, and $I_Q = 240\ \mu\text{A}$. The NMOS transistor parameters are $V_{TN} = 0.4\text{ V}$, $k'_n = 100\ \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$, $(W/L)_n = 5$, and $\lambda_n = 0.018\text{ V}^{-1}$. The PMOS transistor parameters are $V_{TP} = -0.4\text{ V}$, $k'_p = 40\ \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$, $(W/L)_p = 10$, and $\lambda_p = 0.02\text{ V}^{-1}$.

- Determine** the output resistance (R_o) of the differential amplifier. [4 marks]
- Calculate** the differential-mode voltage gain (A_d) and the common-mode voltage gain (A_{cm}) if $CMRR$ of the differential amplifier is **55 dB**. [4 marks]
- Draw** a differential amplifier with active load that has a higher differential-mode voltage gain compared to the differential amplifier shown in the **Figure 1**. [2 marks]

Answer:



- $I_D = I_Q / 2 = 240\ \mu / 2 = 120\ \mu\text{A}$ [1]
 $r_{o2} = 1 / (\lambda_n I_D) = 1 / [(0.018)(120\ \mu)] = 462.96\ \text{k}\Omega$ [1]
 $r_{o4} = 1 / (\lambda_p I_D) = 1 / [(0.02)(120\ \mu)] = 416.67\ \text{k}\Omega$ [1]
 $R_o = r_{o2} \parallel r_{o4} = 462.96\ \text{k} \parallel 416.67\ \text{k} = 219.29\ \text{k}\Omega$ [1]
- $R_o = r_{o2} \parallel r_{o4} = 219.29\ \text{k}\Omega$
 $g_{m2} = 2\sqrt{[K_n I_D]} = 2\sqrt{[(k'_n / 2)(W/L)_n (I_Q / 2)]}$ [1]
 $= 2\sqrt{[(100\ \mu / 2)(5)(120\ \mu)]} = 0.3464\ \text{mA}/\text{V}^2$ [1]
 $A_d = g_{m2} R_o = (0.3464\ \text{m})(219.29\ \text{k}) = 75.96$ [1]
- $CMRR_{dB} = 20 \log [A_d / A_{cm}] = 55\ \text{dB}$ [1]
 $A_{cm} = A_d / [10^{55/20}] = 0.13507$ [2]
- A drawing using cascode or Wilson active load** [2]

; N – MOSFET

$$v_{DS}(\text{sat}) = v_{GS} - V_{TN}$$

$$i_D = K_n [v_{GS} - V_{TN}]^2$$

$$K_n = \frac{k'_n \cdot W}{2 \cdot L}$$

; P – MOSFET

$$v_{SD}(\text{sat}) = v_{SG} + V_{TP}$$

$$i_D = K_p [v_{SG} + V_{TP}]^2$$

$$K_p = \frac{k'_p \cdot W}{2 \cdot L}$$

; Small signal

$$g_m = 2\sqrt{K_n I_{DQ}}$$

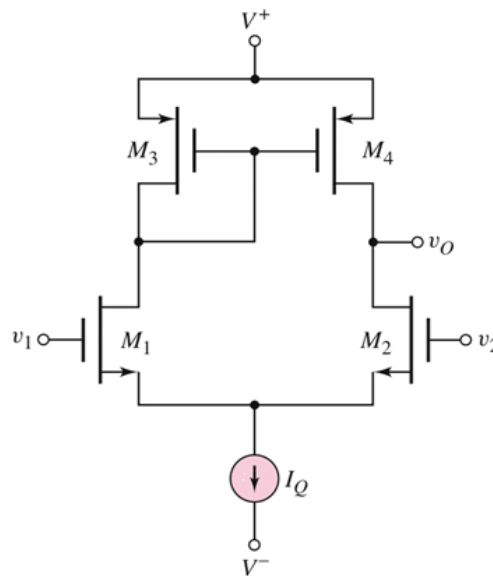
$$r_o \cong \frac{1}{\lambda I_{DQ}}$$

Question:

The circuit parameters for differential amplifier with active load shown in **Figure 1** are $V^+ = 5\text{ V}$, $V^- = -5\text{ V}$, and $I_Q = 260\text{ }\mu\text{A}$. The NMOS transistor parameters are $V_{TN} = 0.4\text{ V}$, $k'_n = 100\text{ }\mu\text{A/V}^2$, $(W/L)_n = 5$, and $\lambda_n = 0.02\text{ V}^{-1}$. The PMOS transistor parameters are $V_{TP} = -0.4\text{ V}$, $k'_p = 40\text{ }\mu\text{A/V}^2$, $(W/L)_p = 10$, and $\lambda_p = 0.018\text{ V}^{-1}$.

- Determine the output resistance (R_O) of the differential amplifier. [4 marks]
- Calculate the differential-mode voltage gain (A_d) and the common-mode voltage gain (A_{cm}) if $CMRR$ of the differential amplifier is **65 dB**. [4 marks]
- Draw a differential amplifier with active load that has a higher differential-mode voltage gain compared to the differential amplifier shown in the **Figure 1**. [2 marks]

Answer:



; N – MOSFET

$$v_{DS}(\text{sat}) = v_{GS} - V_{TN}$$

$$i_D = K_n [v_{GS} - V_{TN}]^2$$

$$K_n = \frac{k'_n \cdot W}{2 \cdot L}$$

; P – MOSFET

$$v_{SD}(\text{sat}) = v_{SG} + V_{TP}$$

$$i_D = K_p [v_{SG} + V_{TP}]^2$$

$$K_p = \frac{k'_p \cdot W}{2 \cdot L}$$

; Small signal

$$g_m = 2\sqrt{K_n I_{DQ}}$$

$$r_o \cong \frac{1}{\lambda I_{DQ}}$$

- $I_D = I_Q / 2 = 260\mu / 2 = 130\text{ }\mu\text{A}$ [1]
 $r_{o2} = 1 / (\lambda_n I_D) = 1 / [(0.02)(130\mu)] = 384.61\text{ k}\Omega$ [1]
 $r_{o4} = 1 / (\lambda_p I_D) = 1 / [(0.018)(130\mu)] = 427.35\text{ k}\Omega$ [1]
 $R_o = r_{o2} \parallel r_{o4} = 384.61\text{k} \parallel 427.35\text{k} = 202.43\text{ k}\Omega$ [1]
- $R_o = r_{o2} \parallel r_{o4} = 202.43\text{ k}\Omega$
 $g_{m2} = 2\sqrt{[K_n I_D]} = 2\sqrt{[(k'_n / 2)(W/L)_n (I_Q / 2)]}$
 $= 2\sqrt{[(100\mu / 2)(5)(130\mu)]} = 0.3605\text{ mA/V}^2$ [1]
 $A_d = g_{m2} R_o = (0.3605\text{m})(202.43\text{k}) = 72.97$ [1]
- $CMRR_{dB} = 20 \log [A_d / A_{cm}] = 65\text{ dB}$ [1]
 $A_{cm} = A_d / [10^{65/20}] = 0.04103$ [1]
- A drawing using cascode or Wilson active load** [2]