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**TSEK37 ANALOG CMOS INTEGRATED  
CIRCUITS**

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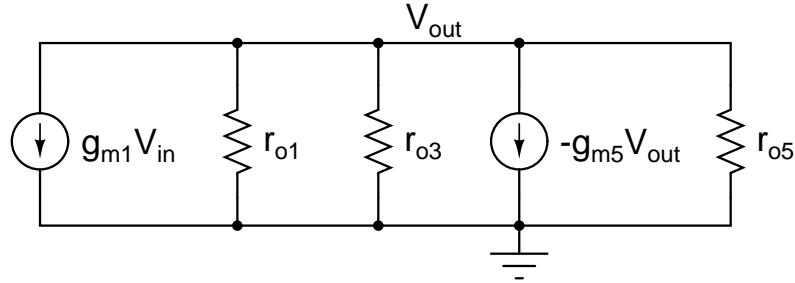
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1)

(a) Small-signal model:



(b) Find the DC gain:

**KCL at  $V_{out}$ :**

$$g_{m1}V_{in} + (g_{ds1} + g_{ds3} + g_{ds5} - g_{m5})V_{out} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} = -\frac{g_{m1}}{g_{ds1} + g_{ds3} + g_{ds5} - g_{m5}} = -\frac{g_{m1} \frac{r_{o1}r_{o3}r_{o5}}{r_{o1}r_{o3} + r_{o3}r_{o5} + r_{o1}r_{o5}}}{1 - g_{m5} \frac{r_{o1}r_{o3}r_{o5}}{r_{o1}r_{o3} + r_{o3}r_{o5} + r_{o1}r_{o5}}} = -\frac{g_{m1}(r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3} \parallel r_{o5})}{1 - g_{m5}(r_{o1} \parallel r_{o3} \parallel r_{o5})}$$

(c) What kind of circuit element do  $M_5$  and  $M_6$  realize?

**Answer:** From (b) we can see that  $M_5$ ( $M_6$ ) realize a negative resistor. If sized properly this can be used to increase the gain of the circuit.

2)

To have a perfect mirror  $V_{DS1} = V_{DS2} = V_Y = 1 \text{ V}$ .

Thus  $V_{DS3} = V_{DD} - V_{DS2} = 2 - 1 = 1 \text{ V}$

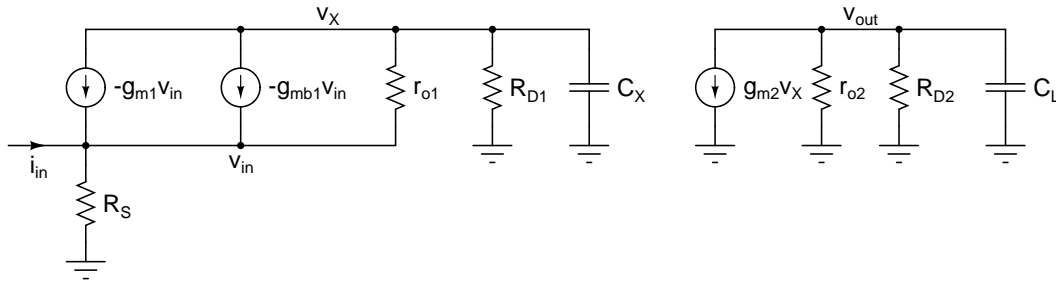
$$I_{D2} = I_{D3} \Rightarrow (1 - 0.5)^2(1 + 0.1 \times 1) = 4 \times (V_{GS3} - 0.5)^2(1 + 0.1 \times 1) \Rightarrow V_{GS3} = 0.75 \text{ V}$$

So:  $V_b = 1 + V_{GS3} = 1.75 \text{ V}$ .

**Answer:**  $V_b = 1.75 \text{ V}$ .

3)

(a) Small-signal model:

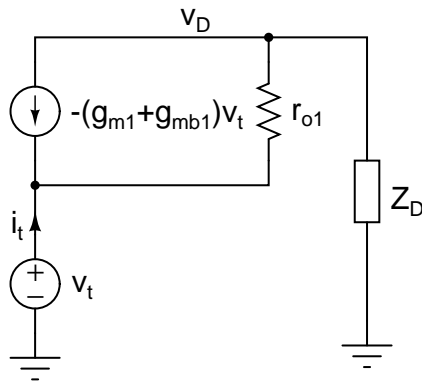


(b) Derive the transfer function. Find expressions for the DC transimpedance and the two poles.

We can divide the transfer function into three separate transfer functions:

$$R(s) = \frac{v_{out}(s)}{i_{in}} = \frac{v_{in}}{i_{in}} \frac{v_X}{v_{in}} \frac{v_{out}(s)}{v_X}$$

The first one is the input impedance of the circuit. It is the parallel combination of the source resistance  $R_s$  and the impedance looking into the source of the transistor. To find the latter, we use the following model of the first stage transistor:



We see that  $i_t = \frac{v_D}{Z_D}$  where  $Z_D = \left( R_{D1} \parallel \frac{1}{sC_X} \right) = \frac{R_{D1}}{1 + sC_X R_{D1}}$ .

And  $Z_{in,M1} = \frac{v_t}{i_t} = \frac{v_t}{v_D} Z_D$  (1)

**KCL at  $v_D$ :**

$$\left(\frac{1}{Z_D} + \frac{1}{r_{o1}}\right)v_D = \left(g_{m1} + g_{mb1} + \frac{1}{r_{o1}}\right)v_t \Rightarrow \frac{v_t}{v_D} = \frac{\frac{1}{Z_D} + \frac{1}{r_{o1}}}{g_{m1} + g_{mb1} + \frac{1}{r_{o1}}} \quad (2)$$

So from (1) and (2):

$$Z_{in,M1} = \frac{1 + \frac{Z_D}{r_{o1}}}{g_{m1} + g_{mb1} + \frac{1}{r_{o1}}} = \frac{r_{o1} + Z_D}{1 + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}} = \frac{r_{o1} + R_{D1}}{\underbrace{1 + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}}_{Z_0}} \frac{1 + sC_X(R_{D1} \parallel r_{o1})}{1 + sC_X R_{D1}} \quad (3)$$

The input impedance is the parallel combination of  $R_S$  and  $Z_{in,M1}$

$$Z_{in} = \frac{v_{in}}{i_{in}} = \frac{R_S Z_{in,M1}}{R_S + Z_{in,M1}} = \frac{R_S Z_0}{R_S + Z_0} \frac{1 + sC_X(R_{D1} \parallel r_{o1})}{1 + sC_X \frac{R_S R_{D1} + Z_0(R_{D1} \parallel r_{o1})}{R_S + Z_0}} \quad (4)$$

The second transfer function, from  $v_{in}$  to  $v_x$  is easily found from (2).

$$\frac{v_x}{v_{in}} = \frac{g_{m1} + g_{mb1} + \frac{1}{r_{o1}}}{\frac{1}{Z_D} + \frac{1}{r_{o1}}} = \frac{[1 + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}]R_{D1}}{r_{o1} + R_{D1}} \frac{1}{1 + sC_X(R_{D1} \parallel r_{o1})} \quad (5)$$

The third transfer function, from  $v_x$  to  $v_{out}$ , can be found from KCL at  $v_{out}$ :

$$\left(\frac{1}{r_{o2}} + \frac{1}{R_{D2}} + sC_L\right)v_{out} = -g_{m2}v_x \Rightarrow \frac{v_{out}}{v_x} = -\frac{g_{m2}(R_{D2} \parallel r_{o2})}{1 + sC_L(R_{D2} \parallel r_{o2})} \quad (6)$$

(4), (5) and (6) then gives the final transfer function as

$$\frac{v_{out}}{i_{in}} = \frac{v_{in}}{i_{in}} \frac{v_x}{v_{in}} \frac{v_{out}}{v_x} = R_0 \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p1}}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{s}{\omega_{p2}}}$$

where,

$$R_0 = -\frac{g_{m2}(R_{D2} \parallel r_{o2})[1 + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}]R_{D1}}{[1 + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1}]R_S + r_{o1} + R_{D1}} \cdot R_S$$

$$\omega_{p1} = \frac{1}{C_L(R_{D2} \parallel r_{o2})}$$

$$\omega_{p2} = \frac{1}{C_X(R_{D1} \parallel [(1 + (g_{m1} + g_{mb1})r_{o1})R_S + r_{o1}])}$$

(c) Calculate the value of the DC transimpedance and the poles found in (b).

We need to find the values for  $g_{m1}$ ,  $g_{mb1}$ ,  $r_{o1}$ ,  $g_{m2}$  and  $r_{o2}$ . We have:

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2 (1 + \lambda_n V_{DS})$$

$$V_{TH} = V_{t0n} + \gamma \sqrt{V_{SB} + 2\Phi_F}$$

$$g_m = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{GS}} = \sqrt{2 \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} I_D (1 + \lambda_n V_{DS})}$$

$$g_{mb} = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{BS}} = g_m \left( -\frac{\partial V_{TH}}{\partial V_{BS}} \right) = g_m \left( \frac{\partial V_{TH}}{\partial V_{SB}} \right) = g_m \frac{\gamma}{2\sqrt{V_{SB} + 2\Phi_F}}$$

$$g_{ds} = \frac{1}{r_o} = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{DS}} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2 \lambda_n = \frac{\lambda_n I_D}{1 + \lambda_n V_{DS}}$$

We calculate the parameters we need to find  $V_{DS1}$ ,  $V_{SB1}$  and  $V_{DS2}$ .

$$V_{DS1} = V_{dd} - I_1 (R_{D1} + R_S) = 1.3 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{SB1} = I_1 R_S = 1 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{DS2} = V_{dd} - I_2 R_{D2} = 2.3 \text{ V}$$

Plugging in the values gives:

$$\begin{aligned} g_{m1} &= 4.25 \text{ mS} & g_{m2} &= 8.87 \text{ mS} \\ g_{mb1} &= 0.62 \text{ mS} & r_{o2} &= 6.15 \text{ k}\Omega \\ r_{o1} &= 22.6 \text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Using the expressions from (b) yields the following values for the DC transimpedance and the poles:

$$R_0 = -7385 \Omega$$

$$\omega_{p1} = 1.08 \text{ Grad/s} = 172.1 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\omega_{p2} = 2.02 \text{ Grad/s} = 320.9 \text{ MHz}$$

4)

$$R = r \cdot d = 5 \times 10^3 \times 2 \times 10^{-3} = 10 < 2Z_0 \times \ln(2) = 2 \times 50 \times 0.69 = 69$$

Then the wire is an LC wire:

$$t_d = \frac{d}{v} = \frac{d}{\frac{C_0}{\sqrt{\epsilon_r}}} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-3}}{\frac{3 \times 10^{-8}}{\sqrt{4}}} = 13.4 \text{ ps}$$

5)

The stage gain is  $-g_m R_{tot}$ , where  $R_{tot} = R // r_o$ . Circuit has three poles as:

$$\omega_{p1} = \omega_{p2} = \omega_{p3} = \frac{1}{R_{tot} C}$$

Open-loop transfer function:  $H(s) = \frac{(-g_m R_{tot})^3}{(1 + R_{tot} C s)^3}$

To calculate the phase margin, we solve  $|H(j\omega_u)| = 1$  to find the unity-gain frequency.  
Thus:

$$\frac{g_m^3 R_{tot}^3}{|1 + j\omega_u R_{tot} C|^3} = 1 \rightarrow \omega_u = 9.2 \times 10^9 \text{ rad/s}$$

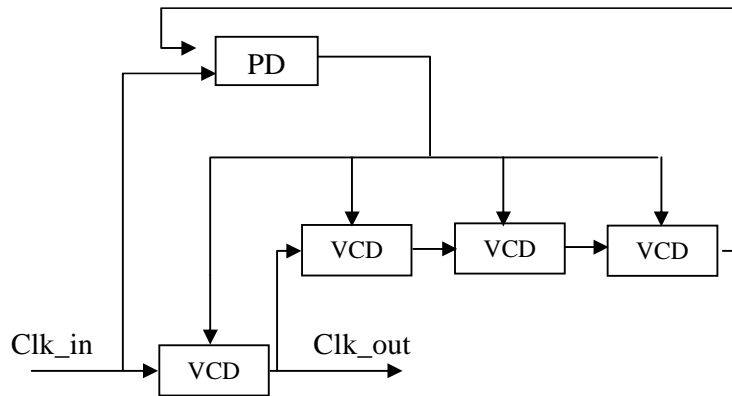
The phase of open-loop transfer function is:

$$-3 \tan^{-1}(R_{tot} C \omega_u) = -\tan^{-1}(2.4) = -202^\circ$$

Thus the phase margin is  $-202 + 180 = -22^\circ$ . Due to this negative phase margin, the feed-back loop is unstable and it oscillates.

6)

A DLL does the job. We need  $360^\circ/90^\circ = 4$  voltage controlled delay elements (VCDs) in the voltage controlled delay line. The block diagram is shown below.



$$\text{Average} = 1 - \frac{2 \times 45}{360} \times 1 = 0.75 \text{ V}$$