

Example Questions - Final

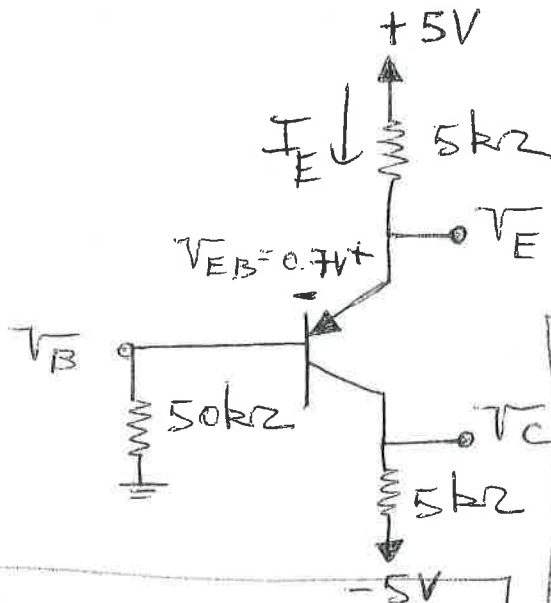
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1. (20 pts) In the circuit below, a measurement shows that the emitter voltage is 1.2V. Find V_B , V_C , I_E , I_B , I_C , and the value of β and α . Neglect the effect of the Early voltage ($\lambda=0$).



$$I_E = \frac{5 - 1.2}{5} = 0.76 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_B = 1.2 - 0.7 = 0.5 \text{ V}$$

$$I_B = \frac{0.5 - 0}{50 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.01 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_C = I_E - I_B = 0.75 \text{ mA}$$

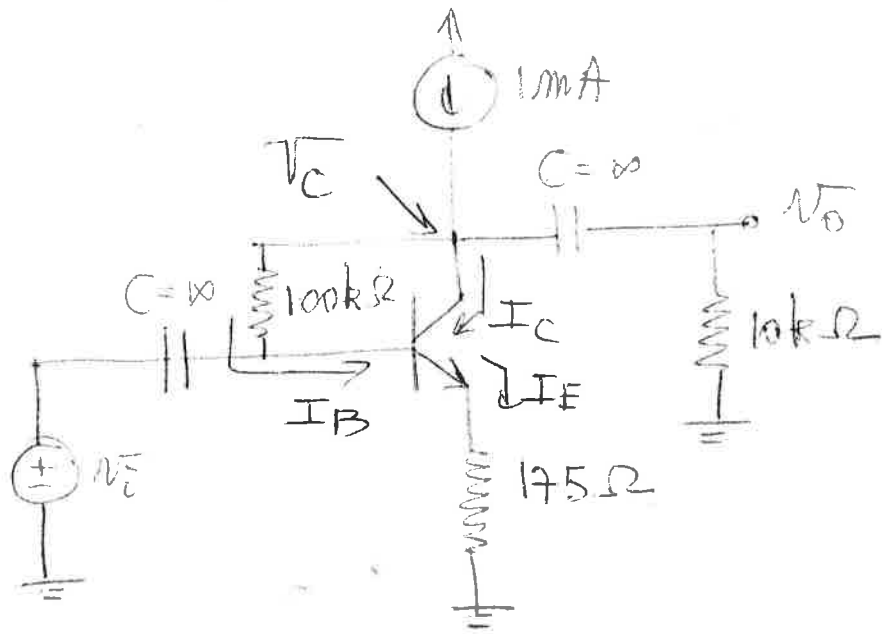
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$$V_C = -5 + 0.75 \times 5 = -1.25 \text{ V}$$

$$\beta = \frac{I_C}{I_B} = \frac{0.75}{0.01} = 75$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\beta}{\beta + 1} = \frac{75}{76} = 0.987$$

III. (30pts) For the circuit below, find the DC collector current and the DC voltage at the collector. Assume β is 100 and that V_{BE} is 0.7 V. Use the T-model and draw the small signal equivalent circuit of the amplifier. Neglect the effect of r_o . Determine the voltage gain v_o/v_i .



DC

$$I_C = 0.99 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_C = R_E I_E + V_{BE} + R_B I_B = (1 \times 0.175) + 0.7 + (0.01 \times 100) = \underline{\underline{1.875 \text{ V}}}$$

AC

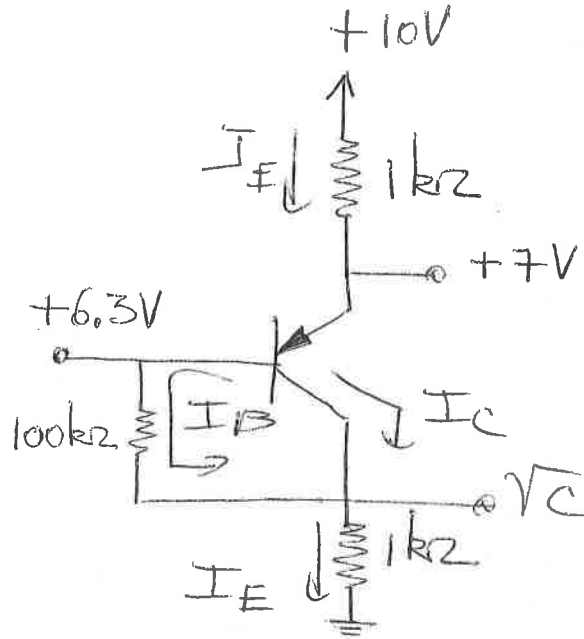
$$r_E = \frac{V_T}{I_E} = \frac{25 \text{ mV}}{0.99 \text{ mA}} \approx 25 \Omega$$

$$\text{KCL: } \frac{v_o - v_i}{100 \text{ k}\Omega} + i_c + \frac{v_o}{10 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0$$

$$0.01 v_o - 0.01 v_i + 0.99 \frac{v_i}{0.2} + 0.1 v_o = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v_o}{v_i} = -44.9 \text{ V/V}$$

2. (20 pts) Measurements on the circuit below produce the labeled voltages as indicated. Find the value of β for the transistor.



$$I_E = \frac{10 - 7}{1k} = 3 \text{ mA}$$

(+4)

$$I_E = I_C + I_B = 3 \text{ mA}$$

(+4)

$$V_C = 3 \text{ mA} (1k) = 3 \text{ V}$$

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$$I_B = \frac{6.3 - 3}{100k} = 33 \mu\text{A}$$

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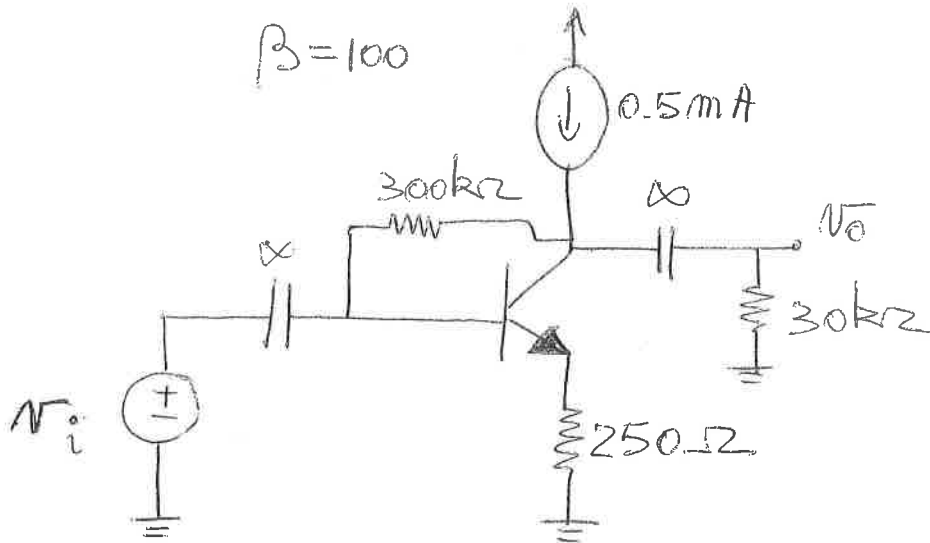
$$\frac{I_E}{I_B} = \beta + 1 = \frac{3 \text{ mA}}{33 \mu\text{A}} = 90.9$$

$$\rightarrow \beta = 89.9$$

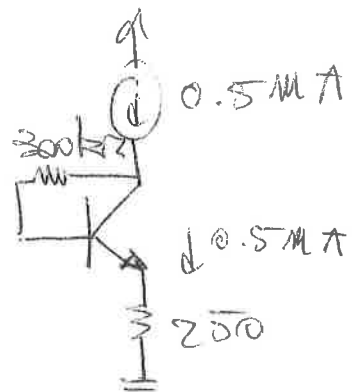
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3. (30 pts) The BJT as an amplifier

- (a) In the circuit below, assume $V_{BE} = 0.7V$ and calculate the value of the collector current and the voltage at the collector.
- (b) Using the T-model of the BJT and neglecting the effect of r_o , draw the small signal equivalent circuit of the amplifier.
- (c) Using the results of part (b), calculate the voltage gain of the amplifier, v_o/v_i .



(a) DC



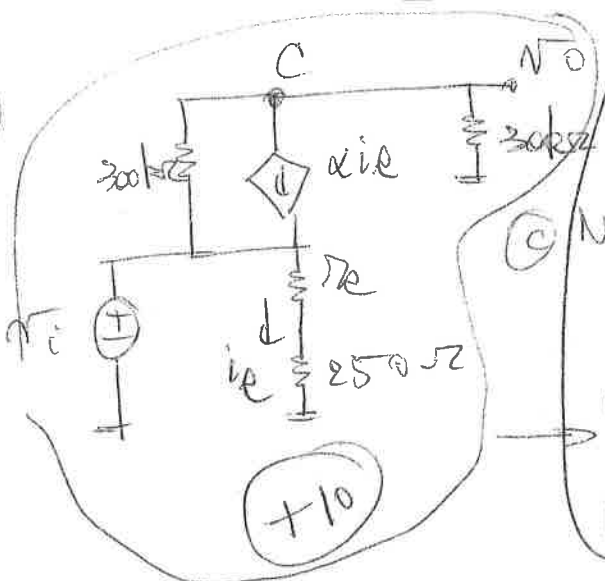
$$I_C = 0.99 \times 0.5 \text{ mA} = 0.495 \text{ mA}$$

$$V_C = I_C R_E + V_{BE} + R_B I_B$$

$$= 0.5 \times 0.175 + 0.7 + 0.005 \times 300$$

$$V_C = 2.28 \text{ V} \quad (+10)$$

(b)



$$i_e = v_i / (r_e + R_E) = v_i / 300$$

$$r_e = \frac{V_T}{I_E} = 50 \Omega$$

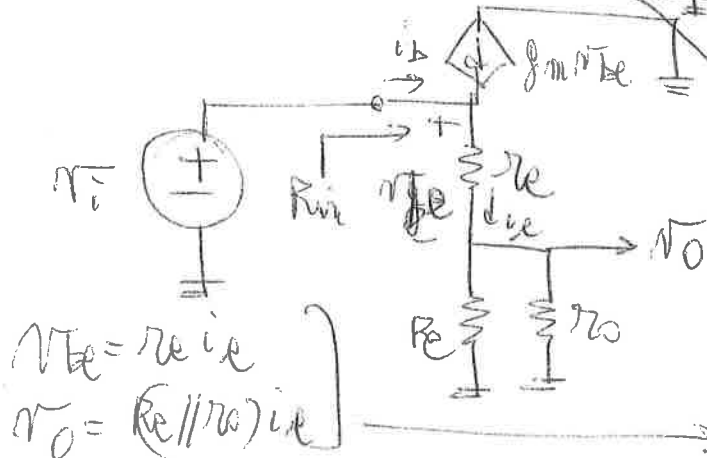
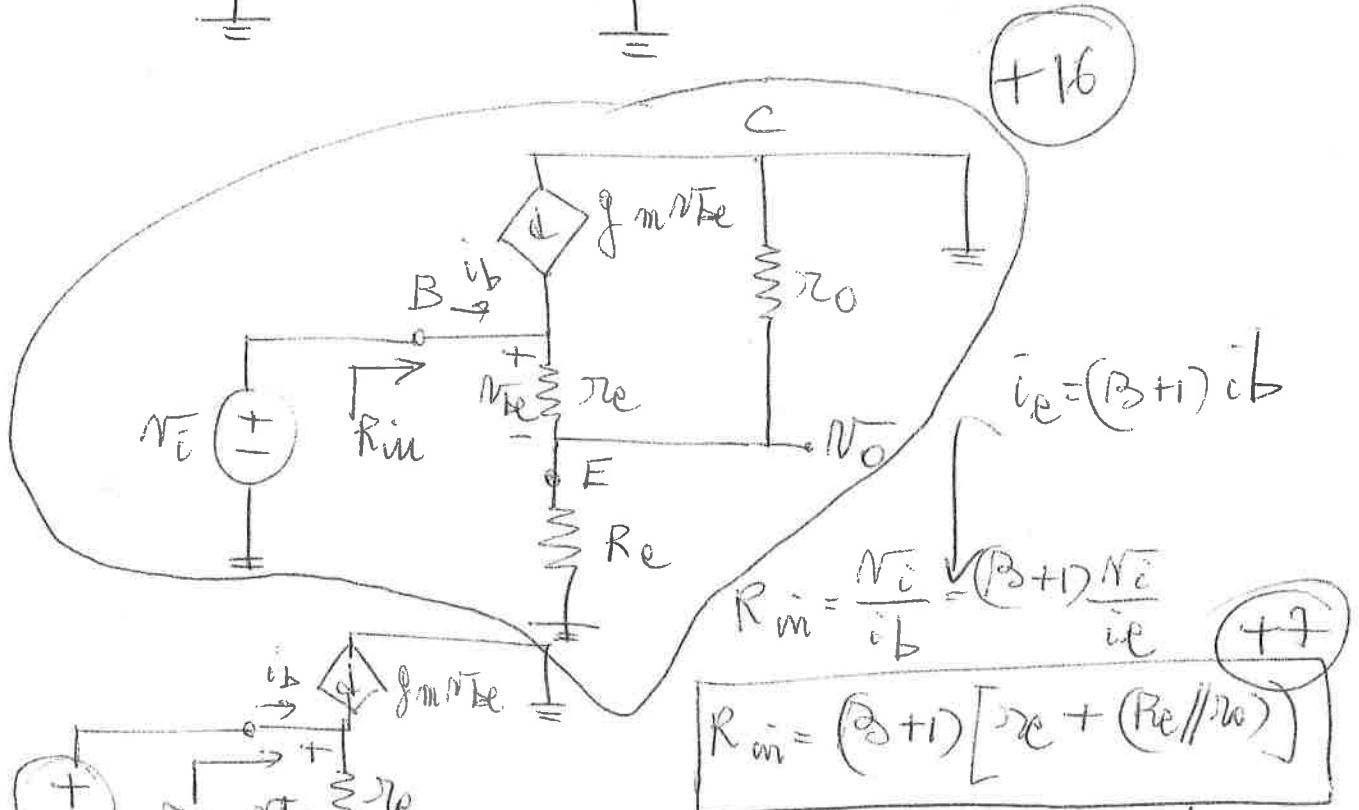
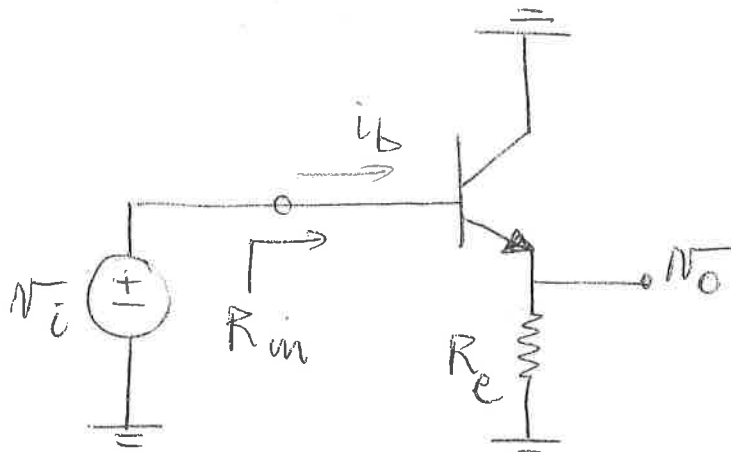
(c) Node sig. at C

$$\frac{v_o - v_i}{300 \text{ k}\Omega} + \alpha i_e + \frac{v_o}{30 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0$$

$$\frac{v_o}{v_i} = -90 \text{ V/V} \quad (+10)$$

4. (30 pts) **The BJT as an amplifier**

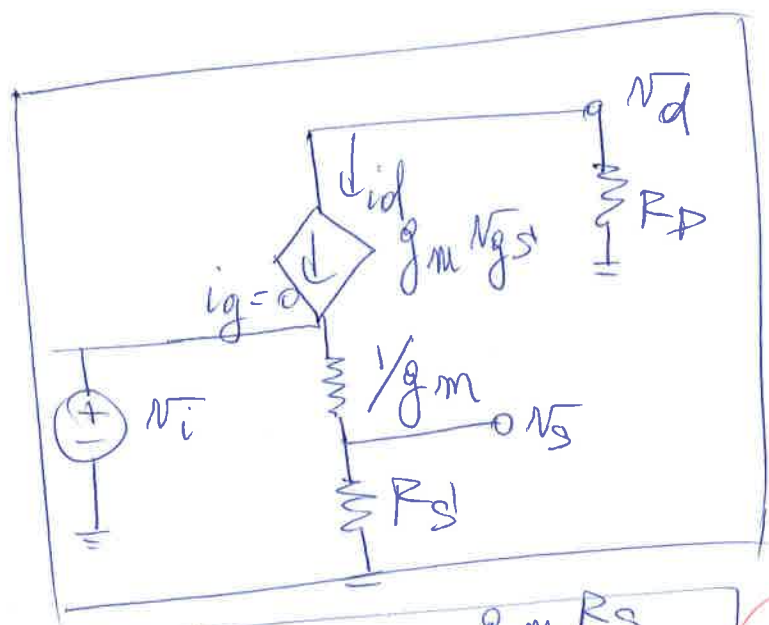
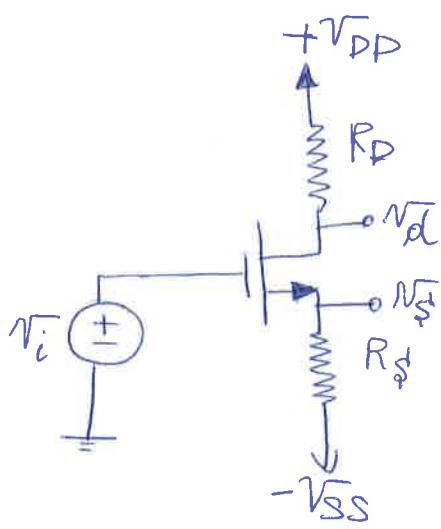
- (a) Is the amplifier below a (1) common-emitter, (2) common-base, or (c) common-collector configuration (circle the correct answer)?
- (b) Including the effects of r_0 and using the T-model of the transistor, draw the small-signal equivalent circuit of the amplifier. Derive the analytical expression for the small-signal voltage gain $A_v = v_o/v_i$ of the amplifier.
- (c) Derive the expression for the input resistance R_{in} .



$$v_i = v_{be} + v_o = r_o \left[1 + \frac{r_e}{r_o} \right]$$

$$\frac{v_o}{v_i} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{r_e}{r_o}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{r_e}{R_e \parallel r_0}} \quad (+7)$$

8. (30 pts) For the NMOS amplifier below, replace the transistor with its T equivalent circuit while neglecting the effect of r_0 . Calculate the voltage gains v_d/v_i and v_s/v_i .



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$$\frac{v_s}{v_i} = \frac{R_S}{R_S + \frac{1}{g_m}} = \frac{g_m R_S}{1 + g_m R_S}$$

+5

$$v_d = -g_m v_{gs} R_D$$

+5

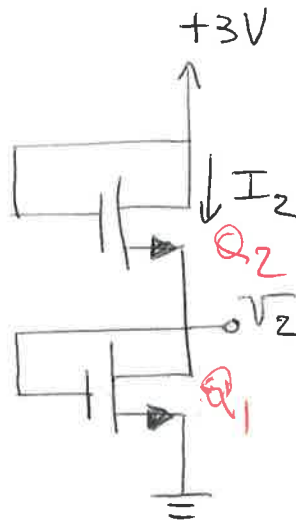
$$v_{gs} = \frac{\frac{1}{g_m} v_i}{\frac{1}{g_m} + R_S} = \frac{v_i}{1 + g_m R_S}$$

+5

$$\text{So } \frac{v_d}{v_i} = \frac{-g_m R_D}{1 + g_m R_S}$$

+5

V. For the circuit shown below, both transistors are characterized by the following parameters $\mu_n C_{ox} = 20 \mu A/V^2$, $V_t = 1V$, $\lambda = 0$, $L = 10 \mu m$, and $W = 30 \mu m$. Find the labeled current and voltage.



Q_1, Q_2 identical
and operating in saturation
with equal drain currents

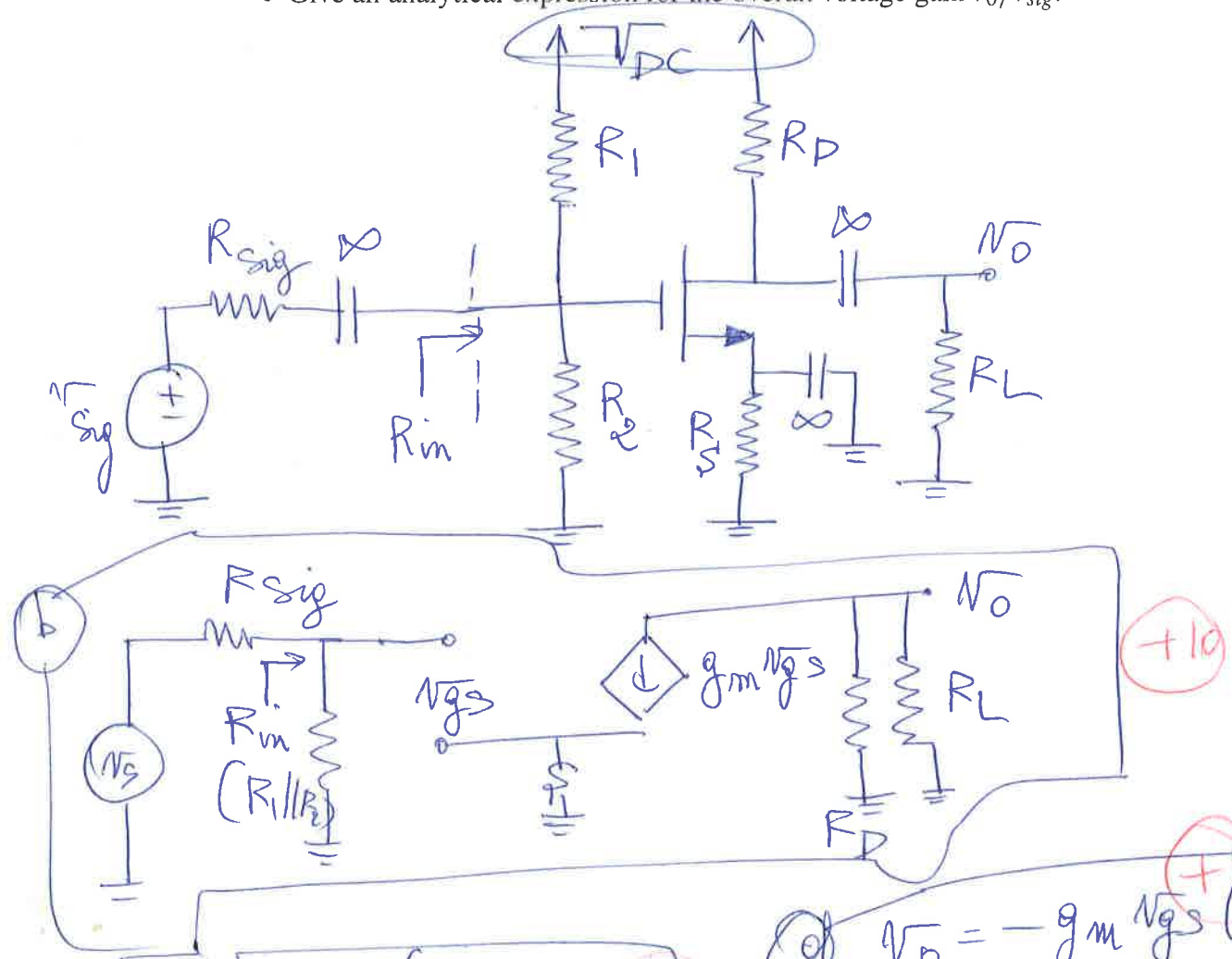
$$\Rightarrow V_{GS1} = V_{GS2}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_2 = 3 - V_2 \Rightarrow V_2 = \underline{1.5V}$$

$$I_2 = \frac{1}{2} \times 20 \times \frac{30}{10} (1.5 - 1)^2 = \underline{7.5 \mu A}$$

7. (30 pts) For the amplifier circuit shown below:

- Which type of amplifier configuration is it? common source, common gate, or common drain. Circle your answer. +5
- Use the hybrid- π equivalent AC circuit for the transistor and draw the small signal equivalent circuit for the amplifier.
- Give an analytical expression for the input resistance R_{in} , as shown on the diagram.
- Give an analytical expression for the overall voltage gain v_o/v_{sig} .

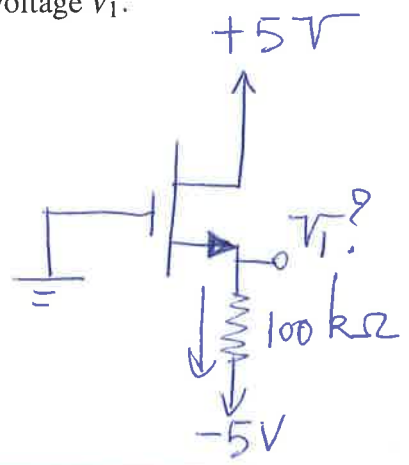


(c) $R_{in} = (R_1 // R_2)$ +5

(d) $v_o = -g_m v_{gs} (R_D // R_L)$ +10
 $v_{gs} = \frac{(R_1 // R_2)}{R_{sig} + (R_1 // R_2)} v_{sig}$
 $\frac{v_o}{v_{sig}} = -g_m \frac{(R_D // R_L)(R_1 // R_2)}{[R_{sig} + (R_1 // R_2)]}$ +10

6. (20 pts) The transistor in the circuit below has a $V_t = 1V$, $k_n'(\frac{W}{L}) = 0.4mA/V^2$ and $\lambda = 0$.

Find the labeled node voltage V_1 .



$V_D = 5$
 $V_G = 0$
 $V_S = ?$
 $V_{DS} \geq V_{GS} - V_t$
 $V_D > V_G - V_t$
 $5 > 0 - 1V$
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$$\frac{V_1 + 5}{100} = I = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.4 \cdot (5 - \frac{100I - 1}{V_1})^2 \quad +5$$

$$I = 0.0 \times 5 / 0.036 \text{ mA} \quad +5$$

because $V_{GS} < V_t \rightarrow$ cut-off +5

only acceptable solution

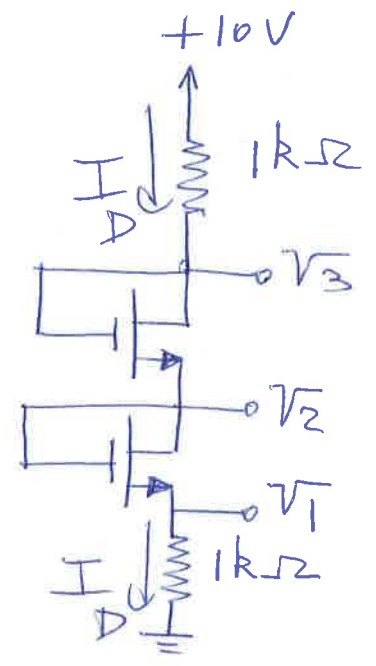
$$V_1 = -5 + 100I = -1.4V \quad +5$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}
 I &= \frac{1}{2} k_n' \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_t)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} k_n' \frac{W}{L} (0 - V_1 - V_t)^2 \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} k_n' \frac{W}{L} (-(-5 + 100I) - 1)^2 \\
 I &= 0.2(4 - 100I)^2 \rightarrow I_1, I_2 \text{ above}
 \end{aligned}$$

5. (20 pts) The NMOS transistors in the circuit below have $V_t = 1V$, $k_n'(\frac{W}{L}) = 2mA/V^2$ and $\lambda = 0$.

Find the labeled node voltages, V_1 , V_2 , and V_3 .



$$\frac{10 - V_3}{1} = \frac{V_1}{1} = I \quad \textcircled{1} \quad +4$$

$$I_{D1} = \frac{V_1}{1} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 (V_3 - V_2 - 1)^2 \quad \textcircled{2} \quad +4$$

$$\rightarrow V_1 = (V_3 - V_2 - 1)^2$$

$$I_{D2} = \frac{V_1}{1} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 (V_2 - V_1 - 1)^2 \quad \textcircled{3} \quad +4$$

$$\textcircled{2} \textcircled{3} \rightarrow V_3 - V_2 - 1 = V_2 - V_1 - 1 \rightarrow V_1 = 2V_2 - V_3 \quad \textcircled{4}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \textcircled{4} \rightarrow 2V_2 - V_3 = 10 - V_3 \rightarrow V_2 = 5V \quad +4$$

$$\rightarrow V_1 = (4 - V_1)^2 \rightarrow V_1^2 - 9V_1 + 16 = 0$$

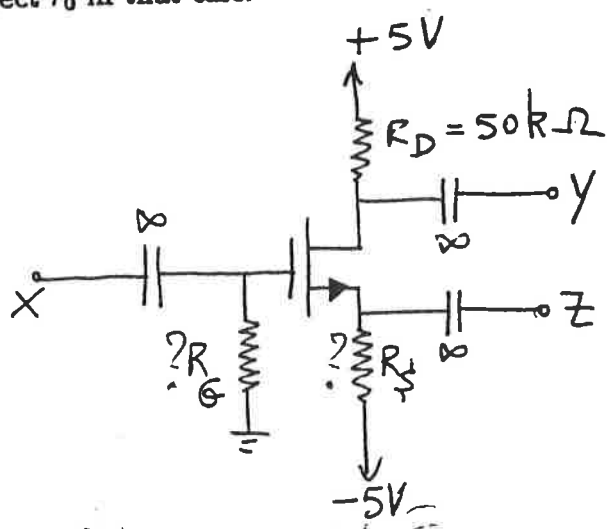
$$\rightarrow V_1 = 6.5 \text{ or } 2.45V \quad +4$$

$$\rightarrow V_3 = 10 - 2.45 \text{ mA} (1k\Omega) = 7.55V$$

from $\textcircled{1}$ $I_D = 2.45 \text{ mA}$

VI. The MOSFET in the circuit below has $V_t = 1V$, $K = 0.4mA/V^2$, and $V_A = 40V$. (a) Assuming $R_D = 50k\Omega$, find R_S and R_G so that $I_D = 0.1mA$. (b) Find the values of g_m and r_o at the bias point. (c) If terminal Y is grounded, find the voltage gain from X to Z with Z open-circuited. (d) If terminal X is grounded and terminal Z is connected to a current source delivering a current of $10\mu A$ and having a resistance of $100k\Omega$, find the voltage signal at Y. Neglect r_o in that case.

amplitude



R_G undetermined but must be high
 Choose $R_G = 10M\Omega$

$V_D = 0$
 $(+) R_D = \frac{5-0}{0.1} = 50k\Omega$
 $0.1 = 0.4(V_{GS}-1)^2$

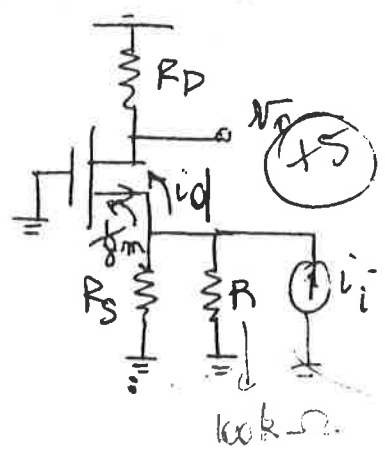
$V_{GS} = 1.5V (+2)$
 $\Rightarrow V_S = -1.5V (+2)$
 $R_S = \frac{-1.5 - (-5)}{0.1} = 35k\Omega (+2)$

$g_m = 2K(V_{GS} - V_t) = 0.4mA/V (+2)$
 $r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_D} = 400k\Omega (+2)$

(c)

$A_v = \frac{(R_S || r_o)}{(R_S || r_o) + \frac{1}{g_m}} = 0.928 V/V (+2)$

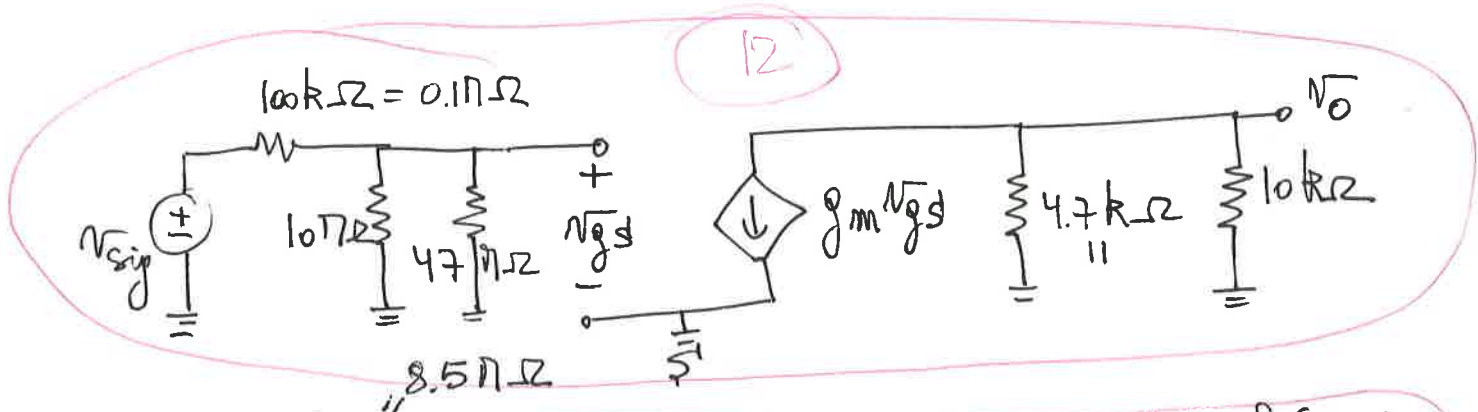
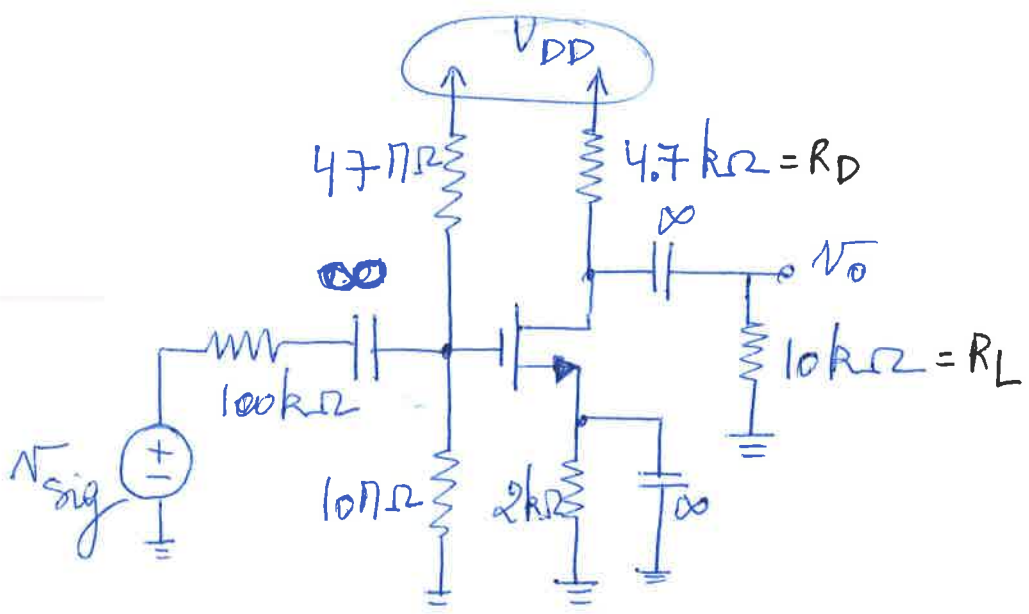
(d)



$i_d = i_i \frac{(R || R_S)}{(R || R_S) + \frac{1}{g_m}} (+2)$
 $= 10 \frac{(100 || 35)}{(100 || 35) + 0.4} = 9.12 \mu A$
 $v_o = R_D i_d = 9.12 \times 50 = 456 \mu V (+2)$

8. (25 pts) The amplifier circuit shown below is biased in the saturation mode of operation with a value of the transconductance $g_m = 1 \text{ mA/V}$. Assume $\lambda = 0$.

- Use the hybrid- π model of the transistor and draw the small signal equivalent circuit for the amplifier.
- Calculate the voltage gain v_o/v_{sig} .



$$v_{gs} = \left[\frac{(47//10)}{(47//10) + 0.1} \right] v_{sig}$$

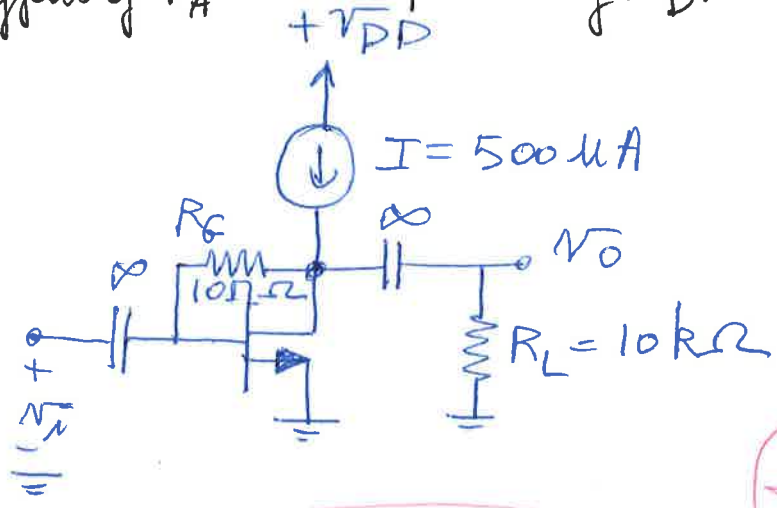
$$\frac{v_o}{v_{sig}} = -g_m (R_D//R_L) \cdot \left[\frac{(47//10)}{(47//10) + 0.1} \right]$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{v_o}{v_{sig}} = -1(4.7k//10k) \cdot \left[\frac{8.25}{8.25 + 0.1} \right]$$

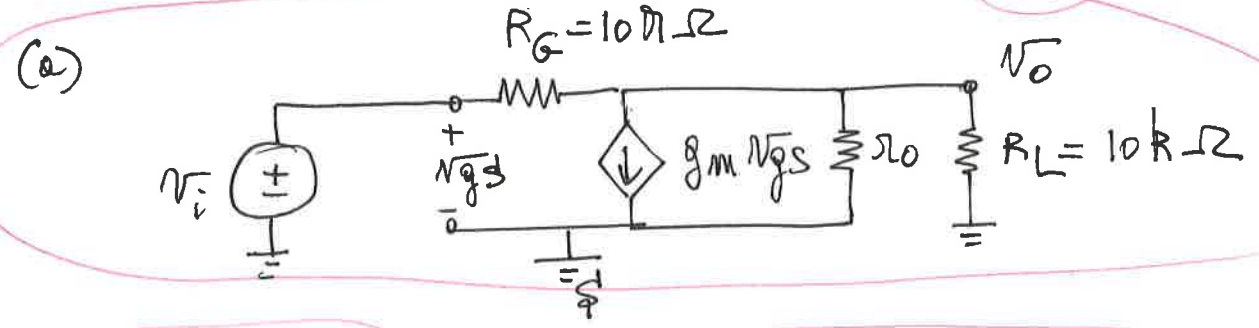
$$\rightarrow \boxed{\frac{v_o}{v_{sig}} = -3.16 \text{ V/V}} \quad (+1)$$

6. (25 pts) In the circuit below, the NMOS has a $|V_t|$ of = 0.9 V and a V_A of 50 V and operates with $V_D = 2V$.

- (a) • Using the hybrid- π model of the MOS transistor, draw the small signal equivalent circuit of the amplifier. Include the effect of r_o .
- (b) • What do the DC value V_D becomes if the current I is changed to 1 mA? *Neglect the effects of V_A in the expression of I_D .*



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(b)
$$I_{D1} = \frac{k_n}{2} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS1} - V_t)^2 \quad \text{For } I_{D1} = 500 \mu A$$

$$I_{D2} = \frac{k_n}{2} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS2} - V_t)^2 \quad \text{For } I_{D2} = 1 \text{ mA}$$

$$\frac{I_{D1}}{I_{D2}} = \frac{(V_{GS1} - V_t)^2}{(V_{GS2} - V_t)^2} \Rightarrow V_{GS2} = V_t + \sqrt{2} (V_{GS1} - V_t)$$

$$V_{GS2} = 0.9 + \sqrt{2}(2 - 0.9) = \underline{\underline{2.5V}}$$

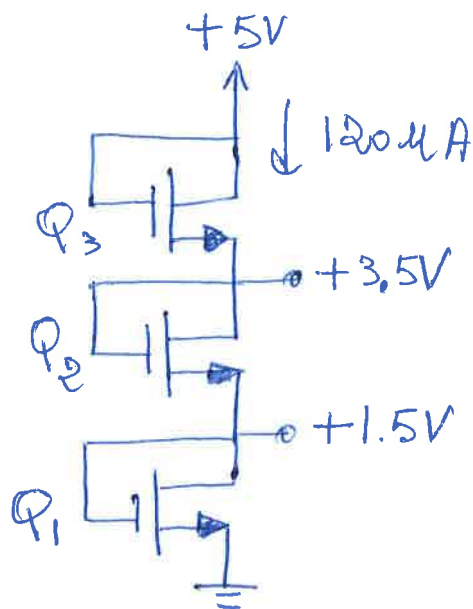
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$V_{D1} = V_{GS1}$

$V_{D2} = V_{GS2}$

5. (25 pts) The NMOS transistors in the circuit below have $V_t = 1V$, $\mu_n C_{ox} = 120\mu A/V^2$, $\lambda = 0$, and $L_1, L_2, L_3 = 1\mu m$.

Find the required values of the gate widths W_1 of Q_1 , W_2 of Q_2 , W_3 of Q_3 to obtain the voltage and current values indicated on the figure.



$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} k'_m \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_t)^2$$

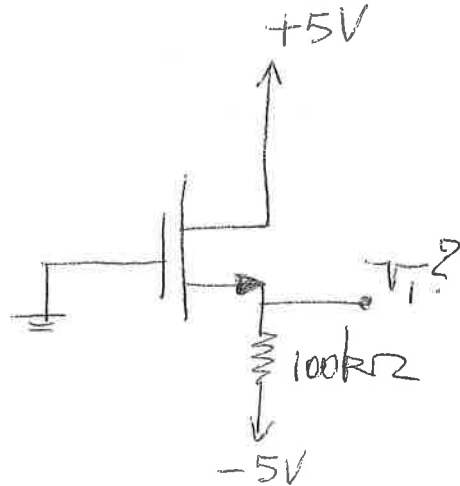
$$k'_m = \mu_n C_{ox}$$

$$V_{GS1} = 1.5V \rightarrow 120\mu A = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 120 \cdot \frac{W_1}{L_1} (1.5 - 1)^2 \rightarrow W_1 = \underline{\underline{8\mu m}}$$

$$V_{GS2} = 3.5 - 1.5 = 2V \rightarrow 120 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 120 \cdot \frac{W_2}{L_2} (2 - 1)^2 \rightarrow W_2 = \underline{\underline{2\mu m}}$$

$$V_{GS3} = 1.5V \rightarrow W_3 = W_1 = \underline{\underline{8\mu m}}$$

5. (20 pts) In the circuit below, the enhancement-NMOS transistor has a threshold voltage $V_t = 1V$. Furthermore $k_n'(W/L) = 0.4 \text{ mA/V}^2$ and $\lambda = 0$. Find the labeled voltage V_1 .



$$\begin{aligned}
 V_D &= 5V \\
 V_G &= 0 \\
 V_S &? \text{ unknown} \\
 V_{DS} &\geq V_{GS} - V_t \\
 V_D &> V_G - V_t \\
 5V &> 0 - 1 \\
 &\rightarrow \text{Saturation } (+5)
 \end{aligned}$$

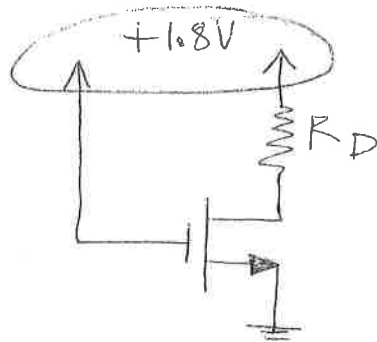
$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{V_1 + 5}{100} = I &= \frac{1}{2} (0.4) (5 - V_1)^2 \quad (+5) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (0.4) (5 - 100I - 1)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rightarrow I &= \cancel{0.45} / \cancel{0.036} \text{ mA} \quad (+5) \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &V_{GS} < V_t \\
 &\text{cut off}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{V_1 = -5 + 100I = -1.4V} \quad (+5)$$

6. (20 pts) The transistor below has a threshold voltage $V_t = 0.5V$. Furthermore $k_n' = 0.4 \text{ mA/V}^2$ and $\lambda = 0$. Show that the transistor operates at the edge of saturation if the following condition is satisfied

$$\frac{W}{L} R_D = 1.5 \text{ k}\Omega$$



$$k_n' = 0.4 \text{ mA/V}^2$$

$$V_t = 0.5 \text{ V}$$

$$\lambda = 0$$

Saturation boundary $V_{DS} = 5 \text{ V} = R_D I_D$ (+5)

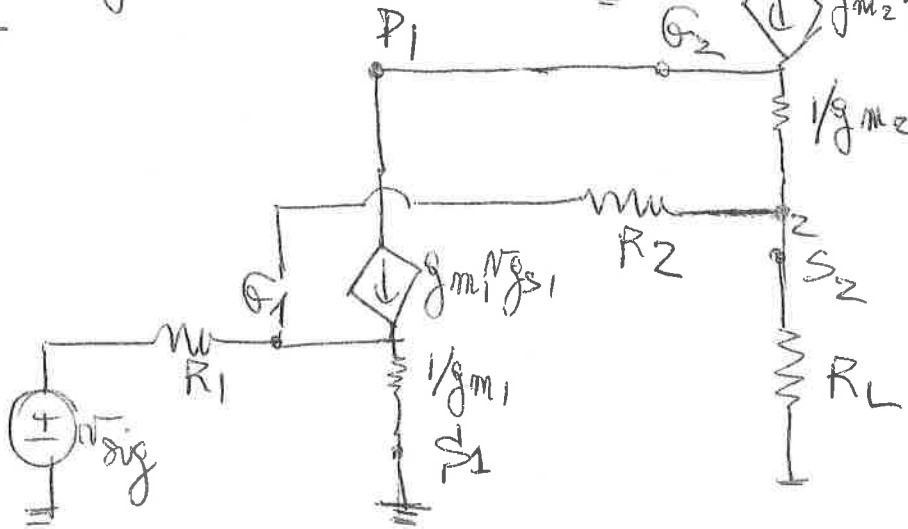
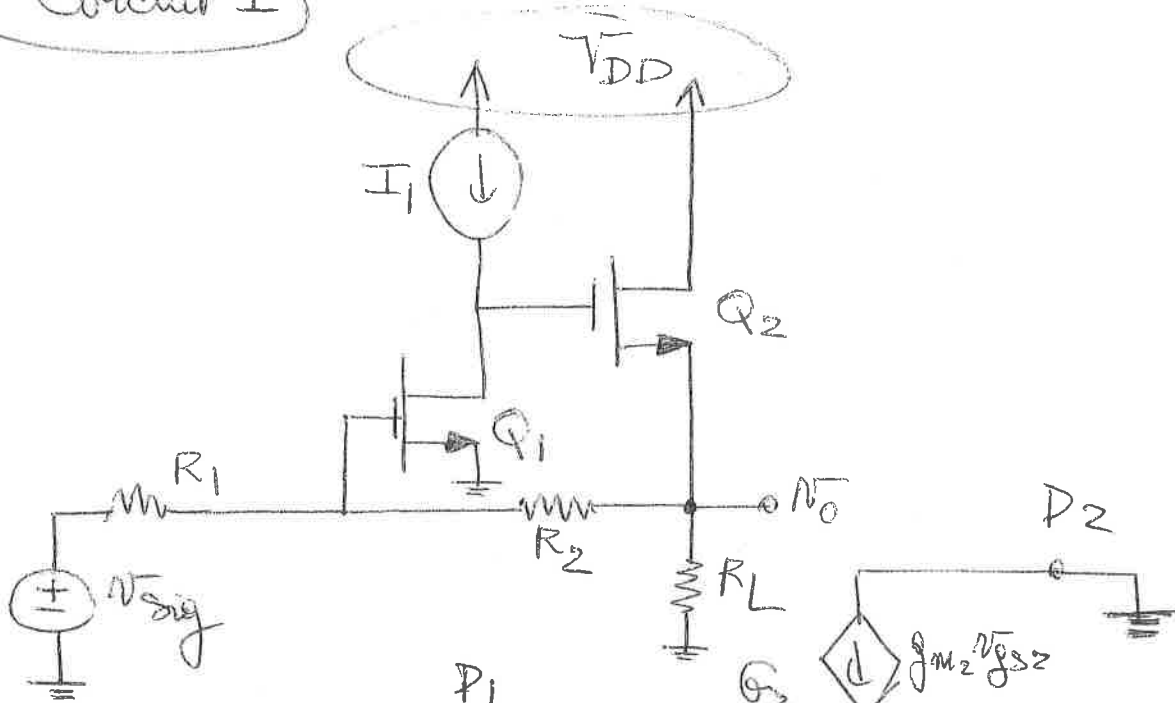
$$0.5 = \frac{1}{2} k_n' \frac{W}{L} (1.8 - 0.5)^2 R_D$$
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$$\rightarrow \boxed{\frac{W}{L} R_D = 1.48 \text{ k}\Omega}$$
 (+5)

7. (30 pts) For the two amplifiers shown below, draw their small signal equivalent circuit.

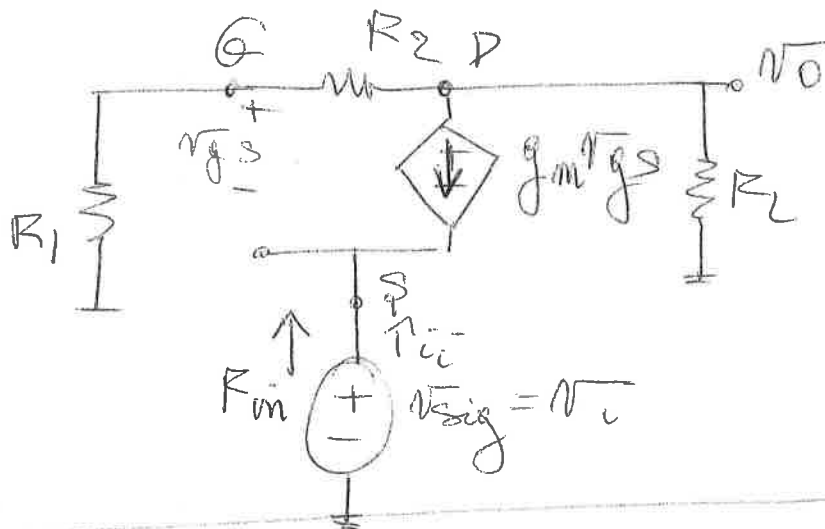
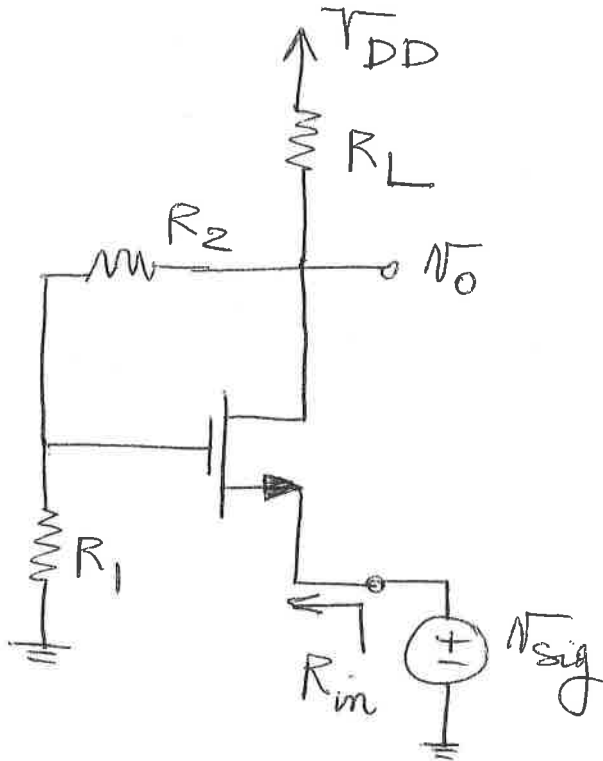
- Use the T-model for both transistors in circuit I and neglect the effect of r_o .
- For circuit II, using the hybrid- π model of the transistor and neglect the effect of r_o . Use your small signal equivalent circuit to derive an analytical expression of the input resistance R_{in} .

Circuit I



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Circuit II



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$$\frac{v_{gs} + v_c}{R_1} + g_m v_{gs} + \frac{v_o}{R_L} = 0$$

$$v_{gs} = v_o \left(\frac{R_L}{R_1 + R_2} \right) - v_c$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{g_m v_o}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{v_o}{R_1} + g_m v_c + \frac{v_o}{R_L} + \frac{v_o R_1}{R_1 + R_2} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow v_o \left[\frac{1 + g_m R_1}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{1}{R_L} \right] = g_m v_c$$

$$\frac{v_o}{v_c} = g_m / \left[\frac{g_m R_1 + 1}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{1}{R_L} \right]$$

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$$R_i = \frac{v_{sig}}{i_i}$$

$$-g_m v_{gs} = \left(\frac{1}{R_L} + \frac{1}{R_1 + R_2} \right) v_o$$

$$v_i = -g_m v_{gs}$$

$$v_i = \left(\frac{1}{R_L} + \frac{1}{R_1 + R_2} \right) v_o$$

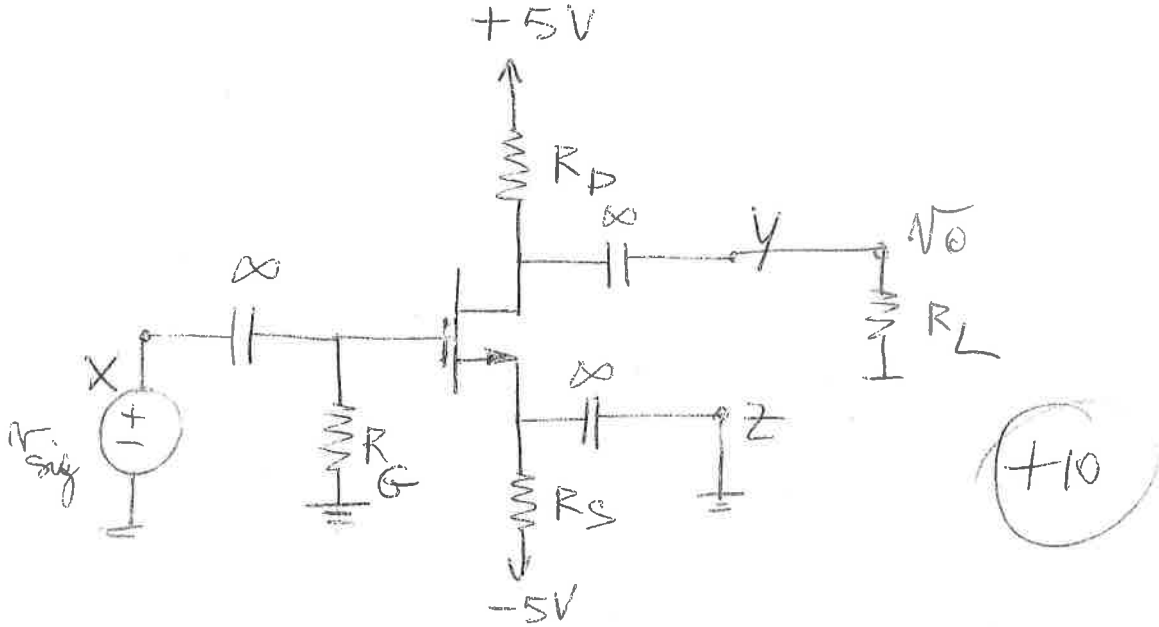
$$\frac{v_i}{v_o} = \frac{v_o}{v_i} \left(\frac{1}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{1}{R_L} \right)$$

$$\frac{v_i}{v_o} = \frac{g_m}{\left[\frac{g_m R_1 + 1}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{1}{R_L} \right]} \cdot \frac{1}{\left[\frac{1}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{1}{R_L} \right]}$$

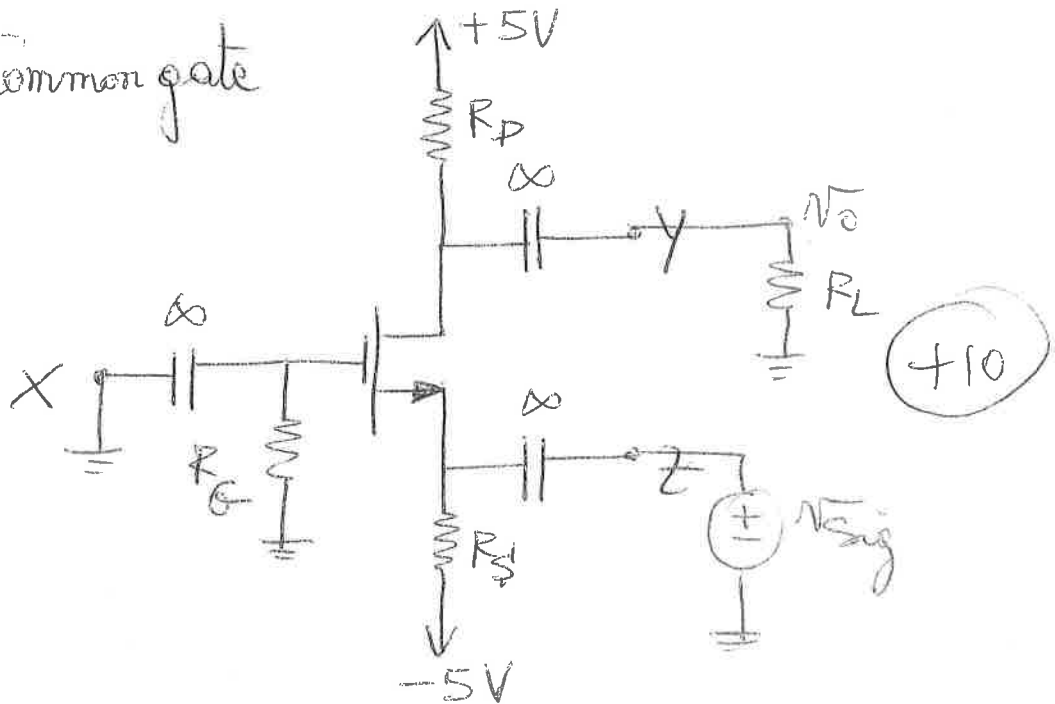
$$\rightarrow R_m = \frac{v_i}{i_i} = \frac{\left[\frac{g_m R_1 + 1}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{1}{R_L} \right]}{g_m} \cdot \left[\frac{1}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{1}{R_L} \right]$$

8. (30 pts) For the amplifier shown below with 3 terminals X, Y, and Z, show how to connect to which terminal a signal source v_{sig} , load resistance R_L , and AC ground to build a common-source, common-gate, and common-drain amplifier. Draw the three separate circuits (10 points each).

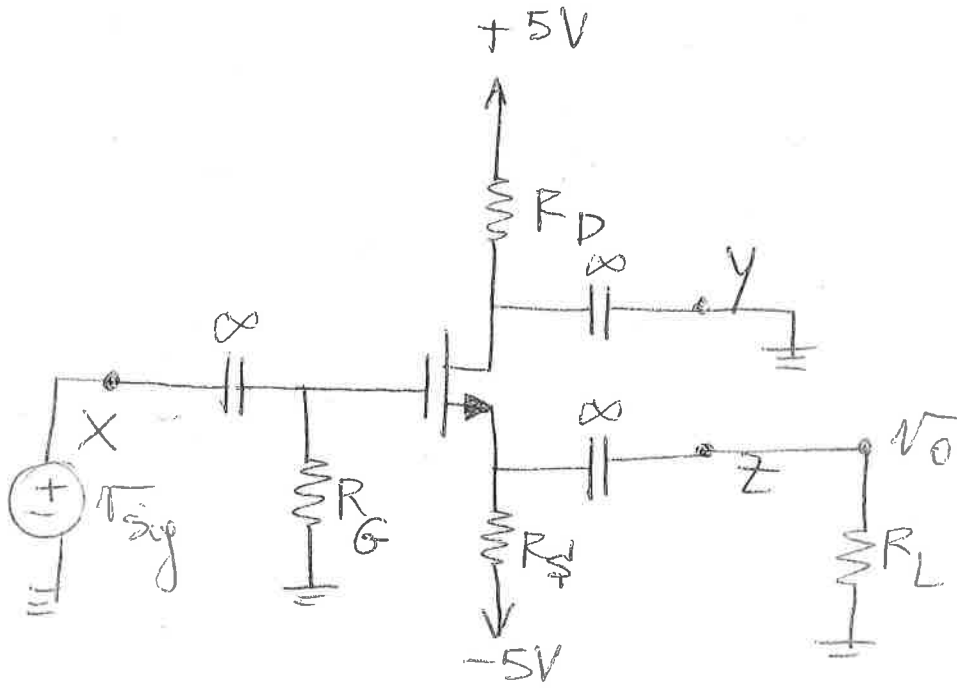
Common Source



Common gate



Common Drain



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