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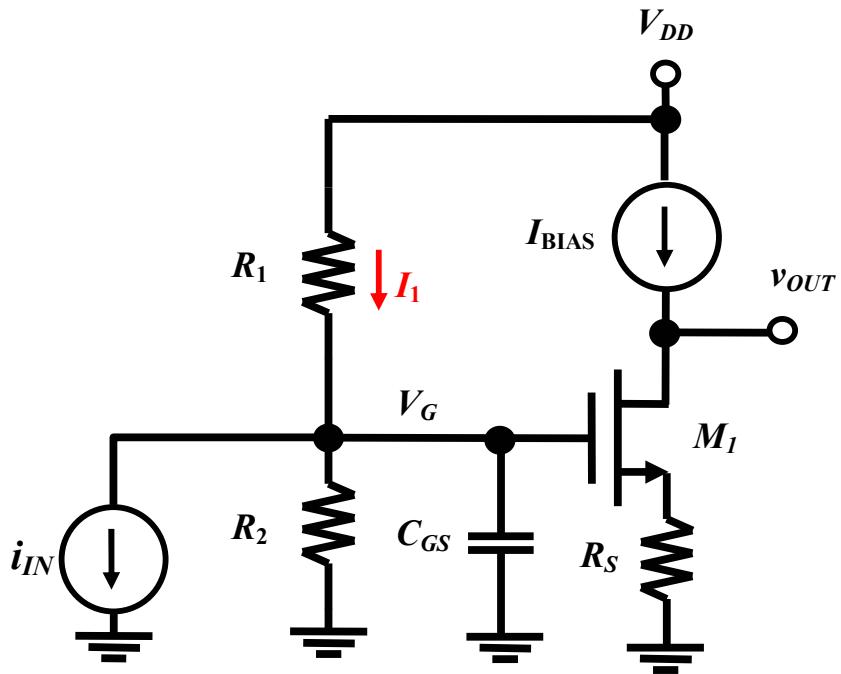
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1. This is a closed book exam. However you may use one page of handwritten double sided notes.
2. Non programmable calculators are allowed only.
3. Make sure to write down your name on every page.

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**Problem 4. MOSFET [30 points]**



**Parameters:**

$$V_{DD} = 9V$$

$$I_{BIAS} = 2mA$$

$$R_1 = 3k\Omega$$

$$R_2 = 6k\Omega$$

$$R_S = 500\Omega$$

$$V_T(M_1) = 0.5V$$

$$\lambda(M_1) = 0.5V^{-1}$$

$$\mu_n C_{ox}(M_1) = 100 \mu A/V^2$$

$$W/L(M_1) = 2$$

a. The voltage  $V_G$  considering  $I_{IN} = 1\text{mA}$ . Note that  $i_{IN} = i_{in} + I_{IN}$  [5pts]

$$V_G = V_{DD} - I_1 \cdot R_1$$

$$I_1 = i_{IN} + \frac{V_G}{R_2}$$

$$V_G = 9V - (i_{IN} + \frac{V_G}{6k}) \cdot 3k$$

$$\frac{3}{2}V_G = 9V - i_{IN} \cdot 3k\Omega$$

$$\frac{3}{2}V_G = 9V - (i_{in} + 1mA) \cdot 3k\Omega$$

$$V_G = 4V - 2k \cdot i_{in}$$

$V_G = 4V$  if  $i_{in}$  is 0 for DC analysis

Mistake 1: Ignoring  $I_{IN} = 1\text{mA}$ , and just do a voltage divide. (-0.5 point)

Mistake 2: Plug in the wrong values for unknown reasons. (-0.5 point)

Mistake 3: Wrong sign when setting up the equation(+ or -) (-0.5 point)

b. Find the source voltage of  $M_1$ . [5pts]

$$V_S = I_{BIAS} \cdot R_S = 1V$$

c. Find  $V_{DS}$  using the values from **a.** and **b.** What region is M1 operating in? [5pts]

Assume M1 is in saturation region.

$$I_{DS} = \mu Cox \frac{W}{2L} (V_{GS} - V_t)^2 (1 + \lambda V_{DS})$$

$$2mA = (100\mu A/V^2) \frac{2}{2} (3V - 0.5V)^2 (1 + 0.5V^{-1} \cdot V_{DS})$$

Mistake 1: Wrong  $V_{DS}$  (-0.5)  
 Mistake 2: No  $V_{DS}$  but otherwise correct (-1)

$$V_{DS} = 4.4V, V_{GS} = 3V, V_t = 0.5V$$

$$V_{DS} > V_{GS} - V_t \text{ and } V_{GS} > V_t$$

Assumption was correct, and M1 is in Saturation Region.

d. Find the transfer function  $v_g/i_{in}$ . Note that  $i_{in}$  is a small signal without a DC component. [5pts]

$$V_g = -i_{in} (R_1 // R_2 // Z(C_{GS}))$$

$$\frac{V_g}{i_{in}} = -\frac{1}{(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + jwC_{GS})}$$

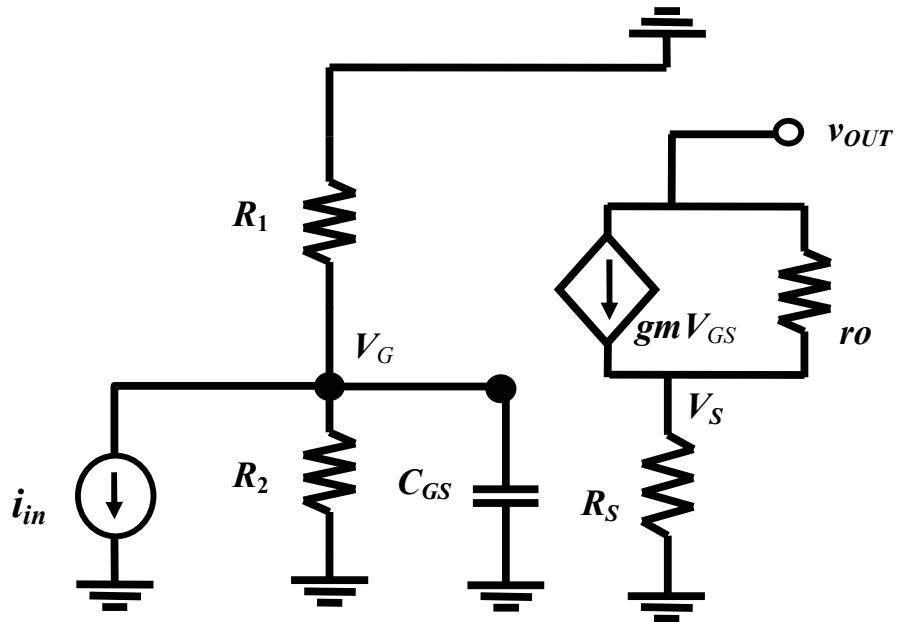
Common Mistake 1: Forgetting the negative sign (-0.5 point)

Common Mistake 2: Inverting the answer  $V_g/i_{in}$  because the student forgot how to calculate impedance in parallel (-0.5 point)

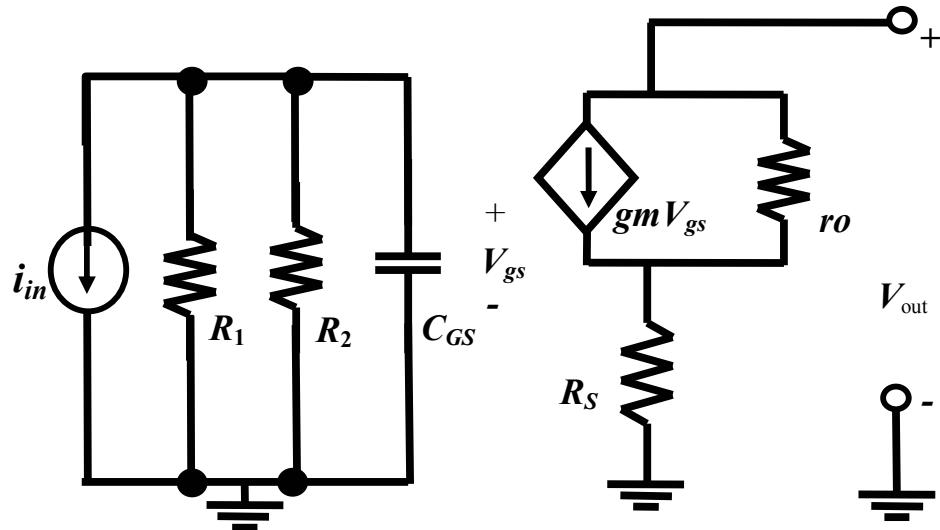
Common Mistake 3: Both Mistake 1 and Mistake 2. (-1 point)

e. Sketch the small signal model of this configuration and find the transfer function  $v_{out}/i_{in}$ . [10 pts: 5pts for the small signal model, 5 pts for the calculations]

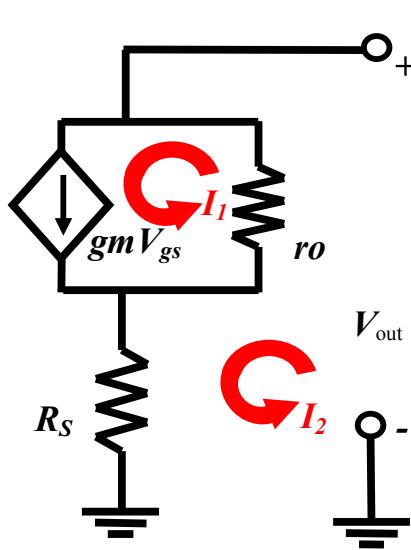
Step 1. Replace the circuit with all small circuit elements. That is eliminate all the DC (constant voltage or constant current) elements.



Step 2. which gives a small signal model of:



- Notice, the small signal circuit is a new circuit, the “big” signal  $V_G$ ,  $V_S$ , and  $V_{OUT}$  are not here. Only small signal elements exist in a small signal model.
- $C_{GS}$  is a misnomer. It is not the capacitor between the gate and source of M1.



$$\begin{cases} I_1 = gmV_{gs} \\ I_1 = \frac{V_s - V_{out}}{ro} \\ V_{out} = (I_2 - I_1)ro + I_2 \cdot R_s \\ I_2 = \frac{V_s}{R_s} \\ gm = \mu_n C_{ox} \left( \frac{W}{L} \right) (V_{GSQ} - V_t) = 0.5m \\ ro = \frac{1}{\lambda I_{DS}} = 1k \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} I_1 = 0.5m (V_g - V_s) \\ I_1 = \frac{V_s - V_{out}}{1k} \\ v_{out} = (I_2 - I_1) \cdot 1k + I_2 \cdot 500 \\ I_2 = \frac{V_s}{500} \end{cases}$$

$$V_{out} = -1.375 V_g$$

$$\frac{V_{out}}{i_{in}} = 1.375 (R_1 // R_2 // Z(C_{GS}))$$

Common Mistake 1: The circuit said  $v_{OUT}$ , but this question asked for  $v_{out}/v_{in}$ . So the  $v_{out}$  is supposed to be small signal output only, without the DC bias.

Common Mistake 2: Wrong small signal circuit. Some assumed  $C_{GS}$  is infinite and shorted  $C_{GS}$  in the small signal circuit.

**BONUS [2 points]:** Find the output impedance of this configuration.

$$R_{out} = \frac{1}{gm} // ro + Rs$$

$$R_{out} = ro + Rs + gm \cdot Rs \cdot ro$$