

① a)  $V_{GS}$ ,  $V_{DS}$  and  $I_D$  are all negative.

b) TRIODE REGION:  $I_D = -\mu C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH} - \frac{1}{2} V_{DS}) V_{DS}$

FORWARD ACTIVE:  $I_D = -\frac{1}{2} \mu C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2 (1 - \lambda V_{DS})$

c) (i)  $|V_{DS}| = 3V > |V_{GS}| - |V_{TH}| = 3V - 1V = 2V \Rightarrow$  FORWARD ACTIVE

$$I_D = -\frac{1}{2} 100 \frac{\mu A}{V^2} \cdot 10 [-3 - (-1)]^2 [1 - 0.1 \cdot (-3)]$$

or  $I_D = -\frac{1}{2} 100 \frac{\mu A}{V^2} \cdot 10 (3-1)^2 (1 + 0.1 \cdot 3) = \underline{\underline{-2.6 mA}}$

$\rightarrow$  note that it's OK to use the n-channel expression. Just use absolute values for  $V_{GS}$ ,  $V_{DS}$  and  $V_{TH}$  and then add a negative sign for  $I_D$ ...

(ii)  $|V_{DS}| = 0V < |V_{GS}| - |V_{TH}| = 5V - 1V = 4V \Rightarrow$  TRIODE

$$I_D = \underline{\underline{0}} \quad \text{since } V_{DS} = 0!$$

(iii)  $|V_{DS}| = 2.5V > |V_{GS}| - |V_{TH}| = 1.5V - 1V = 0.5V \Rightarrow$  FORWARD ACTIVE

$$I_D = -\frac{1}{2} 100 \frac{\mu A}{V^2} \cdot 10 \cdot (0.5V)^2 (1 + 2.5 \cdot 0.1) = \underline{\underline{-156.25 \mu A}}$$

② a)  $I_D = \mu C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} \left[ (V_{GS} - V_{TH}) V_{DS} - \frac{1}{2} V_{DS}^2 \right]$

$$g_m' = \frac{dI_D}{dV_{GS}} = \underline{\underline{\mu C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} V_{DS}}}$$

$$\frac{1}{r_o'} = \frac{dI_D}{dV_{DS}} = \underline{\underline{\mu C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH} - V_{DS})}}$$

or  $r_o' = \frac{1}{\mu C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH} - V_{DS})}$

② b) assuming FORWARD ACTIVE leads to a contradiction: \*

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n' \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2$$

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} \frac{mA}{V^2} (2V)^2 = 2mA > I = 1mA \rightarrow \leftarrow$$

→ so the device must be operating in the triode region:

$$I_D = \mu_n' \frac{W}{L} \left[ (V_{GS} - V_{TH}) V_{DS} - \frac{1}{2} V_{DS}^2 \right]$$

$$10^{-3} = 10^{-3} \left( 2V_{DS} - \frac{1}{2} V_{DS}^2 \right)$$

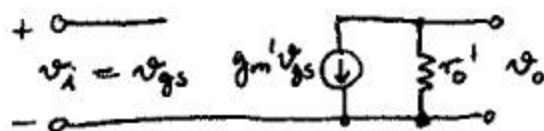
$$0 = V_{DS}^2 - 4V_{DS} + 2$$

$$V_{DS1,2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{4-2} = 2 \pm 1.414$$

$$V_{DS1} = 3.414V \quad V_{DS2} = 0.586V$$

→  $V_{DS1}$  can be discarded, because of \*

$$\Rightarrow V_{DS} = 0.586V$$



$$g_m' = \mu_n' \frac{W}{L} V_{DS} = 1 \frac{mA}{V^2} \cdot 0.586V = \underline{\underline{0.586 \frac{mA}{V}}}$$

$$r_o' = 1 / \mu_n' \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH} - V_{DS}) = 1 / 1 \frac{mA}{V^2} (3-1-0.586)V = \underline{\underline{707 \Omega}} !$$

$$a_{vo}' = -g_m' r_o' = 0.586 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 707 = \underline{\underline{-0.414}} !$$

$$(2) (c) \quad g_m \approx \sqrt{2 \mu_n' \frac{W}{L} I_D} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 1 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{V}^2} \cdot 1 \text{mA}} = \underline{\underline{1.414 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{V}}}}$$

$$r_o \approx \frac{1}{\lambda I_D} = \frac{1}{0.05 \cdot 1 \text{mA}} = \underline{\underline{20 \text{ k}\Omega}}$$

$$a_{vo} = -g_m r_o = \underline{\underline{-28.28}}$$

(d)	TRIODE	FORWARD ACTIVE
$g_m$	$0.586 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{V}}$	$1.414 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{V}}$
$r_o$	$707 \Omega$	$20 \text{ k}\Omega$
$a_{vo}$	$-0.414$	$-28.28$

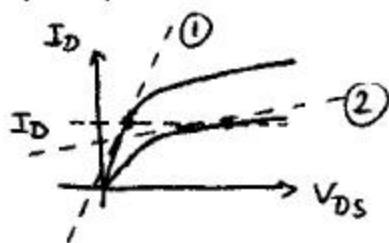
→ For the same drain current bias,  $g_m$  and  $r_o$  are significantly lower in the triode region of operation yielding a poor gain performance.

Therefore, devices are usually operated in the forward active region.

① slope  $\frac{dI_D}{dV_{DS}}$  triode  $\gg$

② slope  $\ll$  forward active

and  $r_o \propto 1 / \frac{dI_D}{dV_{DS}}$



$$(e) \quad \text{TRIODE: } g_m r_o' = \frac{\mu_n' \frac{W}{L} V_{DS}}{\mu_n' \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH} - V_{DS})} = \underline{\underline{\frac{V_{DS}}{V_{GS} - V_{TH} - V_{DS}}}}$$

$$\text{FORWARD ACTIVE: } g_m r_o = \frac{2 I_D}{(V_{GS} - V_{TH}) \lambda I_D} = \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{\lambda (V_{GS} - V_{TH})}}}$$

② e) ctd. TRIODE

$$\begin{aligned} |a_v| &= \frac{V_{DS}}{V_{GS} - V_{TH} - V_{DS}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\frac{V_{DSAT}}{V_{DS}} - \cancel{1}} \rightarrow \text{small} \\ &\approx \frac{V_{DS}}{V_{DSAT}} \end{aligned}$$

→  $V_{DS} \ll V_{DSAT}$   
IN TRIODE REGION

⇒ low gain!

FORWARD ACTIVE

$$\begin{aligned} |a_v| &= \frac{2}{\lambda (V_{GS} - V_{TH})} \\ &\approx \frac{2V_A}{V_{DSAT}} \end{aligned}$$

→  $2V_A \gg V_{DSAT}$  IN  
FORWARD ACTIVE REGION

⇒ high gain!

③ a) (i)  $\frac{W}{L} = \frac{10\mu}{1\mu}$ ;  $I_D = 0.2\text{mA}$ ;  $\lambda = 0.1$

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} k' \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2 (1 + \lambda V_{DS})$$

$$0.2 = (V_{GS} - 1)^2 (1 + 0.1 \cdot 3)$$

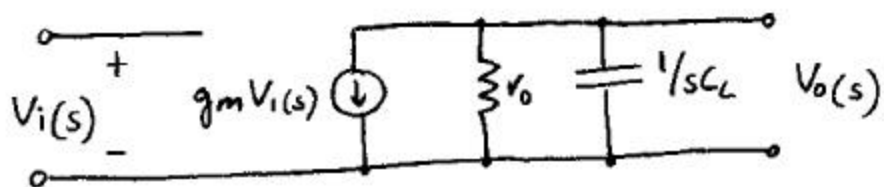
$$\Rightarrow V_{GS} = 0.3922 \pm 1\text{V} \Rightarrow V_{GS} = V_A = \underline{\underline{1.3922\text{V}}}$$

$$g_m = \frac{2I_D}{V_{GS} - V_{TH}} = \frac{400\mu\text{A}}{0.3922\text{V}} = \underline{\underline{1020 \frac{\mu\text{A}}{\text{V}}}}$$

$$r_o = \frac{2}{k' \frac{W}{L} (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2 \lambda} = \frac{2}{1 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{V}^2} (0.3922\text{V})^2 \cdot 0.1} = \underline{\underline{65.01\text{k}\Omega}}$$

$$a_{vo} = -g_m r_o = -66.31 \hat{=} \underline{\underline{36.43\text{dB}}}$$

③ a) (i) ctd.



$$H(s) = \frac{V_o(s)}{V_i(s)} = - \frac{g_m}{\frac{1}{r_o} + sC_L}$$

steady state:  $s \rightarrow j\omega$ ; define  $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{r_o C_L}$ ,  $a_{vo} = -g_m r_o$

$$\Rightarrow H(\omega) = \frac{a_{vo}}{1 + j \frac{\omega}{\omega_0}}; \quad |H(\omega)| = \frac{|a_{vo}|}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)^2}}$$

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi r_o C_L} = \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 65.01k \cdot 1pF} = \underline{\underline{2.448 \text{ MHz}}}$$

$$|H(\omega)| = 1 \Rightarrow f_u = f_0 \sqrt{a_{vo}^2 - 1} = \underline{\underline{163.04 \text{ MHz}}}$$

(ii) found  $V_A = 1.3922V$  @  $V_{DS} = 3V$   
→ exact match. Need to use 5 digits because of high gain!

(iii) from SPICE listing:

$V_{DS} = 3.002V$
$g_m = 1020 \frac{mA}{V}$
$r_o = 65.0k\Omega$

→ device is in forward active region ✓  
→ exact match to hand analysis

(iv) see attached plot. No discrepancies!

$$\textcircled{3} \textcircled{b} \quad \frac{W}{L} = \frac{20\mu}{2\mu}; \quad I_D = 0.2 \text{ mA}; \quad \lambda = 0.05$$

→ hand analysis and simulation agree, obtain the following values:

$$V_A = 1.4170 \text{ V} \quad (\Rightarrow V_{DS} = 3.003 \text{ V in SPICE})$$

$$g_m = 959 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{V}}$$

$$r_o = 115 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$|a_{v0}| = 40.9 \text{ dB}$$

$$f_0 = 1.38 \text{ MHz}$$

$$f_u = 153 \text{ MHz}$$

$$\textcircled{c} \quad \frac{W}{L} = \frac{20\mu}{1\mu}; \quad I_D = 0.4 \text{ mA}; \quad \lambda = 0.1$$

→ hand analysis and simulation agree, obtain the following values:

$$V_A = 1.3922 \text{ V} \quad (\Rightarrow V_{DS} = 3.002 \text{ V in SPICE})$$

$$g_m = 2040 \frac{\text{mA}}{\text{V}}$$

$$r_o = 32.5 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$|a_{v0}| = 36.4 \text{ dB}$$

$$f_0 = 4.89 \text{ MHz}$$

$$f_u = 324 \text{ MHz}$$

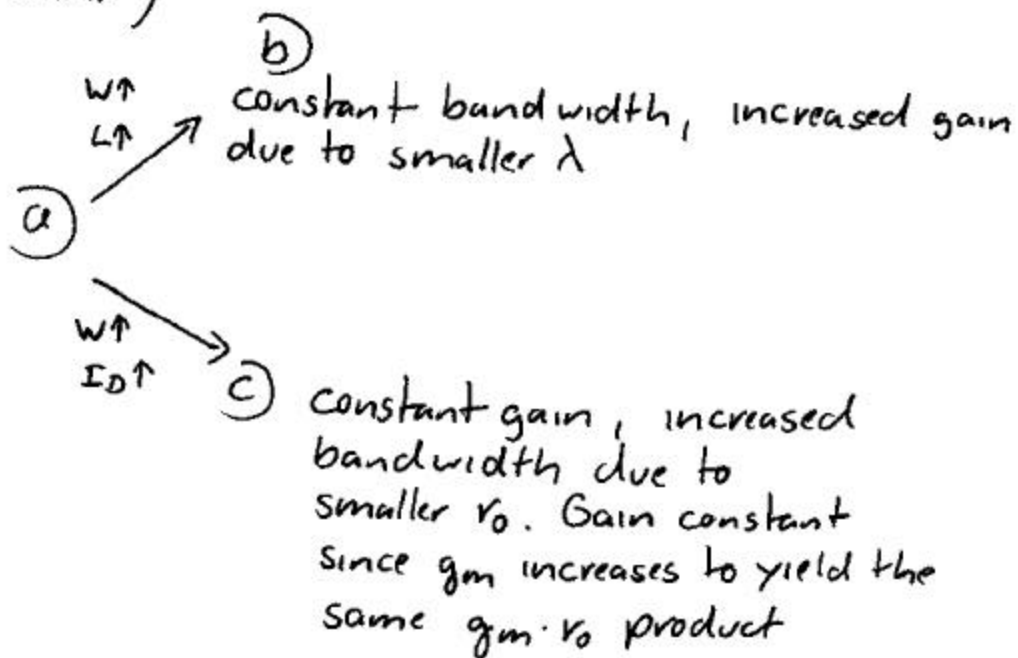
③ d) → see attached plot

Results:

	GAIN/dB	BANDWIDTH/MHz
a) (nominal)	36.4	162
b) ( $W \uparrow 2x, L \uparrow 2x$ )	40.9	153
c) ( $I_D \uparrow 2x, W \uparrow 2x$ )	36.4	324

"small change"

→ Looking at the SPICE plot, note that gain and bandwidth can be controlled independently of each other (... at least to first order)



(A) hw3sim1.dat

EECS140 - HW3 - Problem3  
Gain vs. frequency plots

