

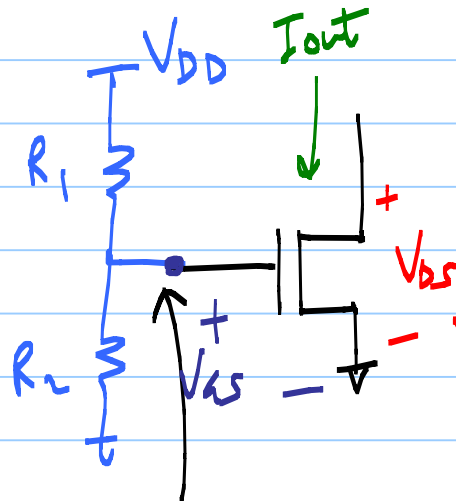
ECE 511 - Lecture 6.

Note Title

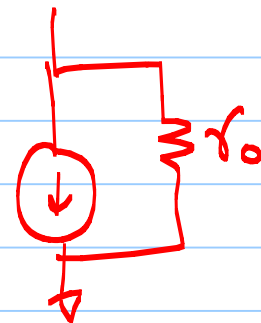
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How to design stable current sources.

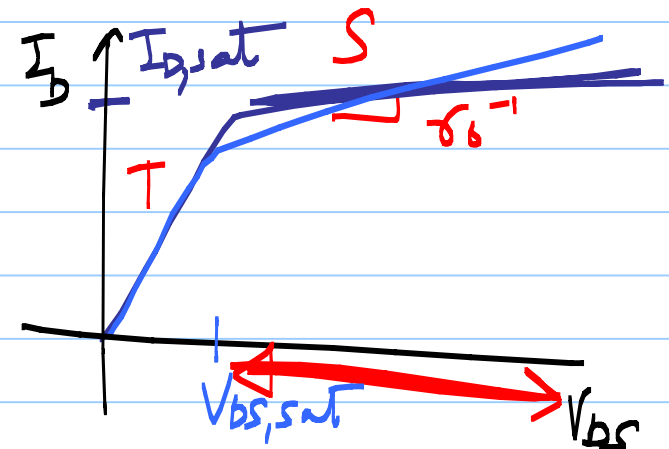
$V_{DD} = 5V$



$$V_{DD} \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



$$V_{DS} > V_{DS, sat} = V_{GS} - V_{THN}$$



$$\lambda = 0$$

$\lambda=0$, SAT

I_D

$\mu_n C_{ox}$

$\frac{K P_n}{2}$

$\frac{W}{L}$

$$\left(\frac{V_{DD} \cdot R_2}{R_1 + R_2} - V_{THN} \right)^2$$

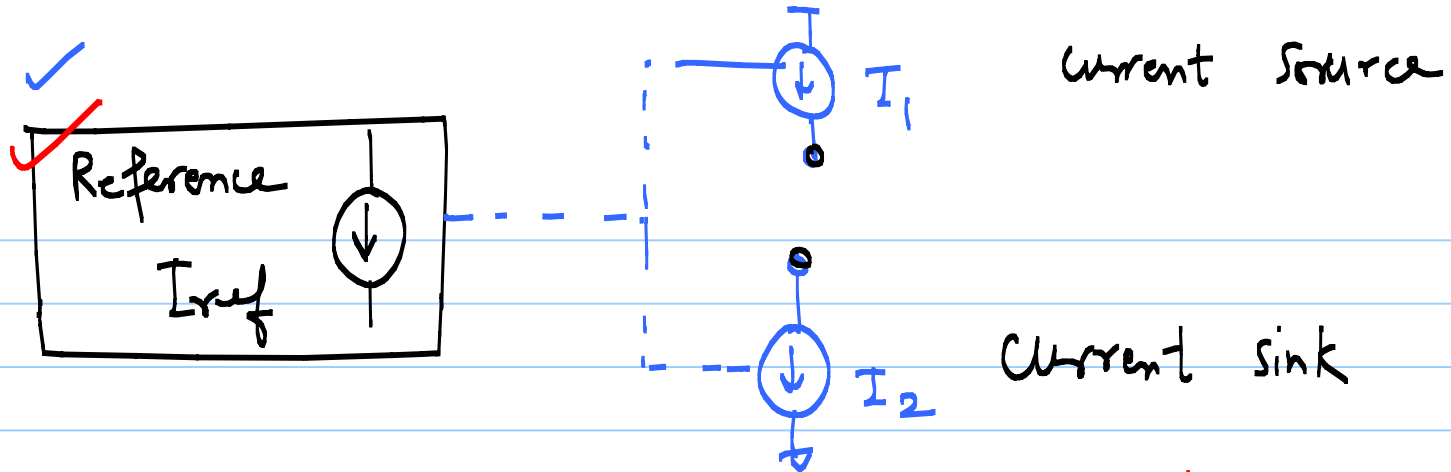
depend on V_{DD}

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process

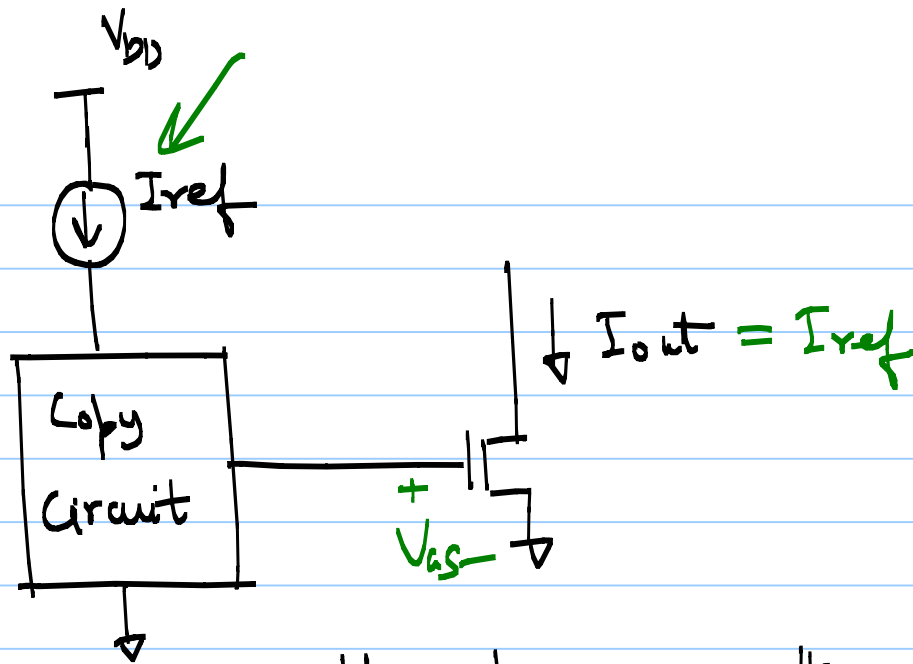
I_{out} is poorly defined.

→ need to get rid of V_{DD}
Sensitivity.

V_{DD}



Copy the golden reference on chip



How to ensure that $I_{out} = I_{ref} ??$

$\lambda = 0$, I_D has no dependence on V_{DS}

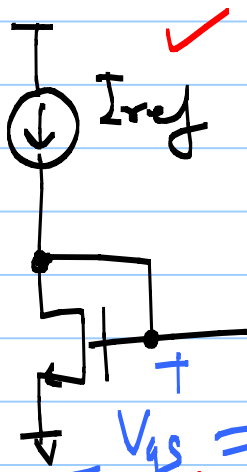
$$I_D = f(V_{gs}) \Rightarrow V_{gs} = f^{-1}(I_D)$$

$$\underline{V_{as}} = f^{-1}(I_{ref})$$

$$I_{out} = f(V_{as})$$

$$= f f^{-1}(I_{ref}) = I_{ref}$$

$$V_{as} \rightarrow f(\cdot)$$



$$V_{gs} = V_{as}$$

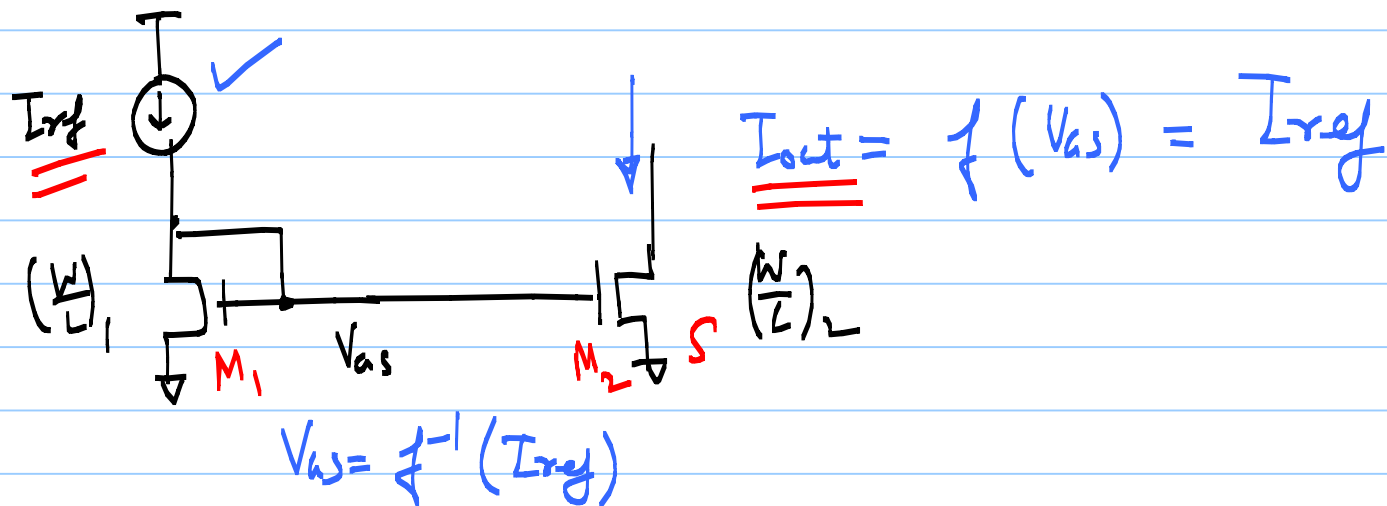
$$\underline{V_{as}} = f^{-1}(I_{ref})$$

$$I_b = \frac{K_p}{2} \frac{W}{L} (V_{as} - V_{thn})^2$$

I_{ref} ↑

$$\underline{V_{as}} = f^{-1}(I_{ref})$$

$$\lambda = 0$$



$$I_{ref} = \frac{\cancel{K_P n}}{\cancel{2}} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_1 \left(\cancel{V_{gs}} - V_{THN}\right)^2 \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

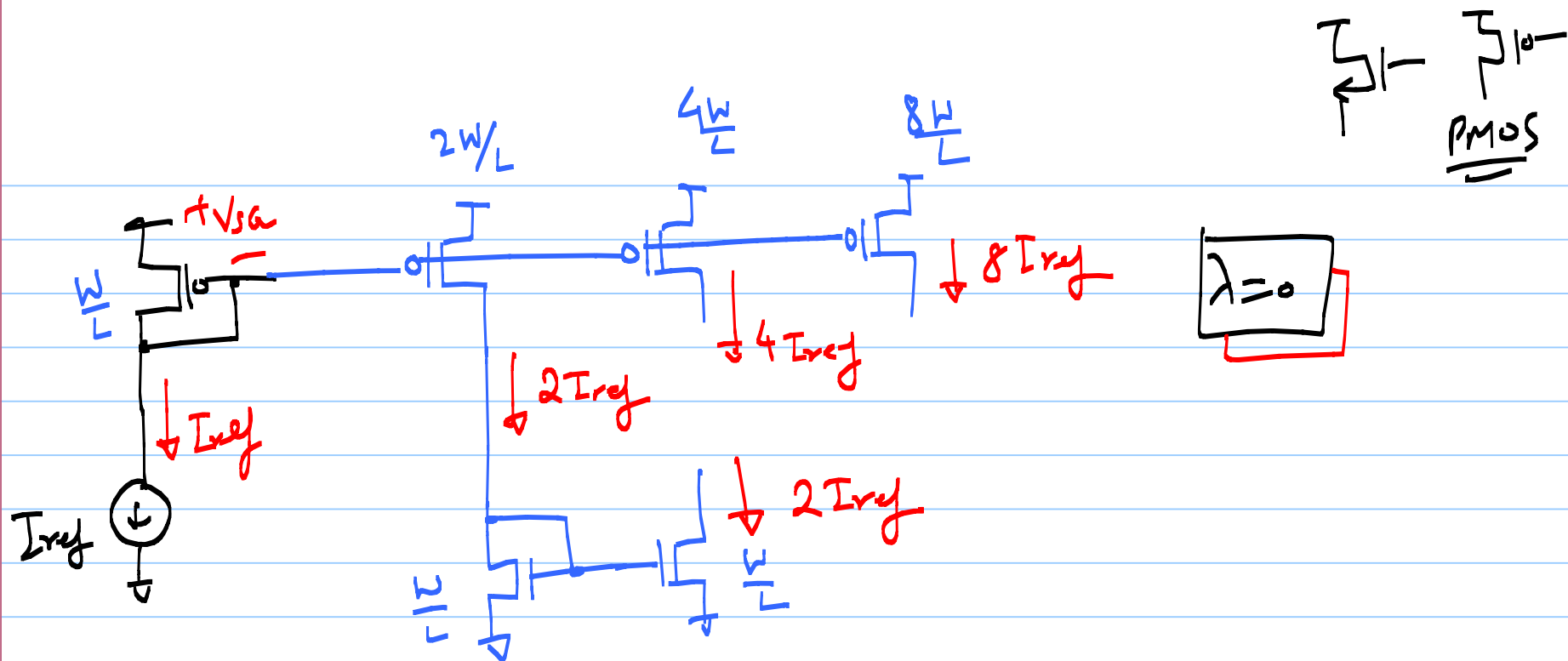
$$I_{out} = \frac{\cancel{K_P n}}{\cancel{2}} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_2 \left(\cancel{V_{gs}} - V_{THN}\right)^2 \longrightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

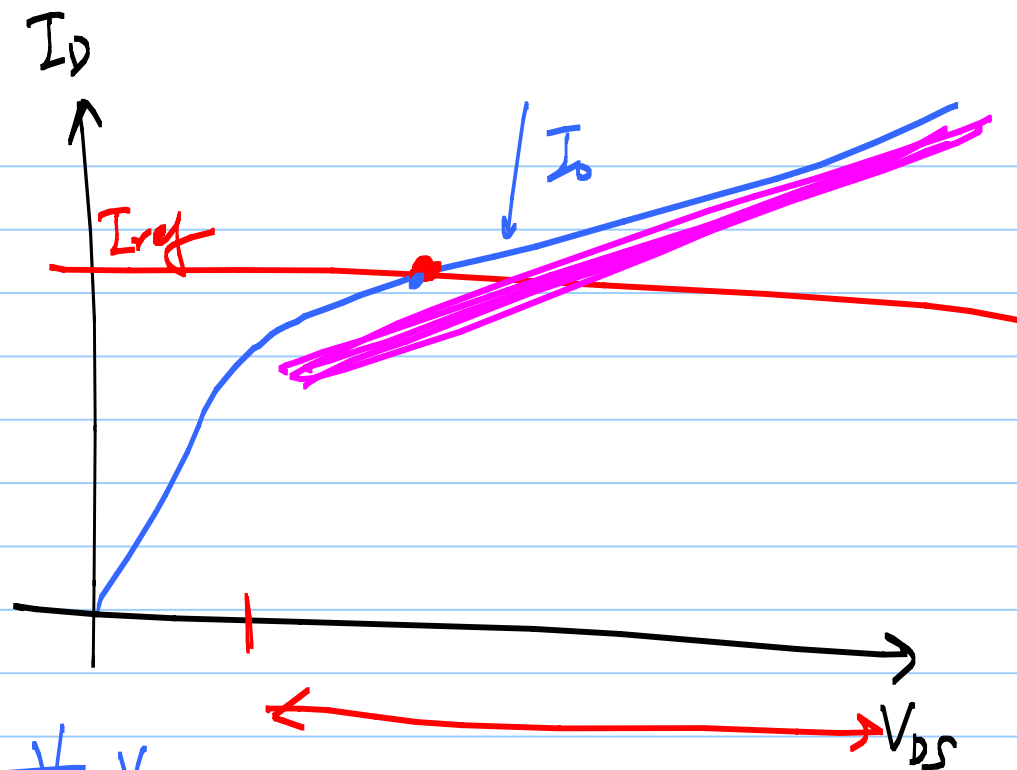
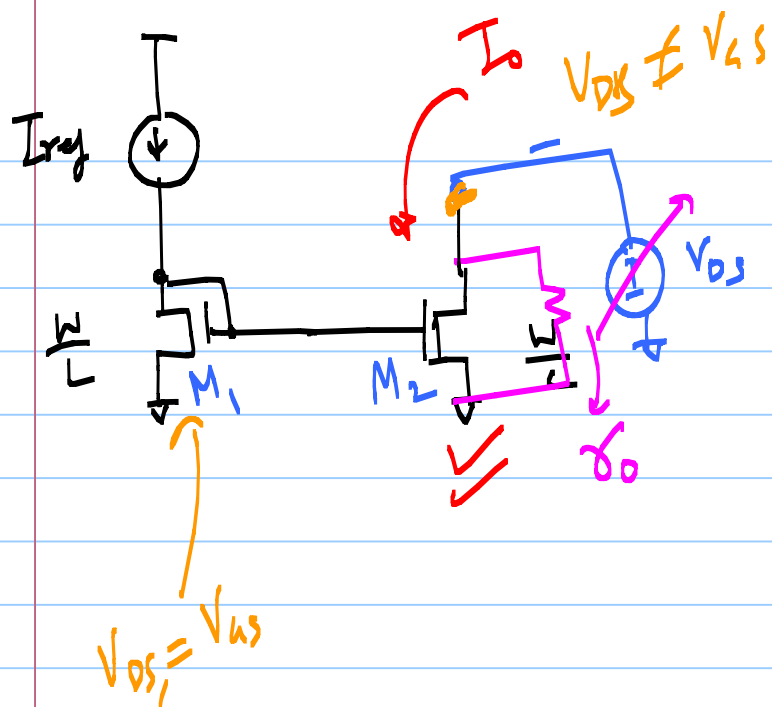
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①

$$L_1 = L_2$$

$$\frac{I_{out}}{I_{ref}} = \frac{(W/L)_2}{(W/L)_1} = \frac{W_2}{W_1} \quad \checkmark$$

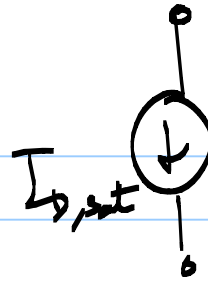
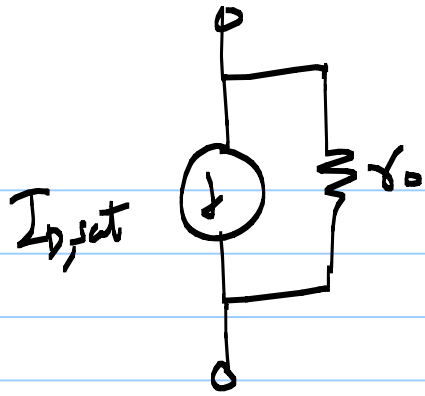
I_{out} precisely copies I_{ref}
scale





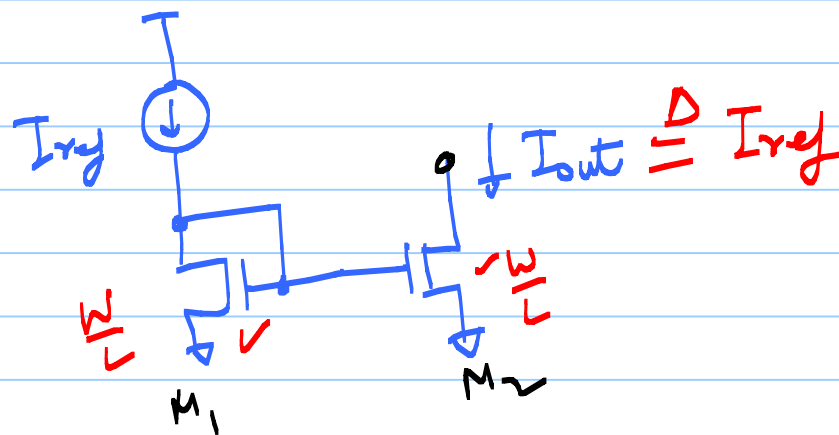
$I_0 \neq I_{ref}, \forall V_{DS}$

for precise matching of currents
 $V_{DS2} = V_{GS1} = V_{GS}$



A good current source
should have
large r_o

Matching in Current Mirrors



$$V_{DS} \Delta \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) \checkmark$$

$$\Delta V_{THN} \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{doping} \\ \text{tox} \end{matrix} \checkmark$$

$$\Delta \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{WL}}$$

$$y = f(x_1, x_2, \dots)$$

$$\Delta y = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} \right) \Delta x_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} \Delta x_2 + \dots$$

Sensitivity
mismatch

$$I_D = \frac{k_p n}{2} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) (V_{GS} - V_{THN})^2$$

$$\Delta I_D = \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial (W/L)} \Delta (W/L) + \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial (V_{GS} - V_{THN})} \Delta (V_{GS} - V_{THN})$$

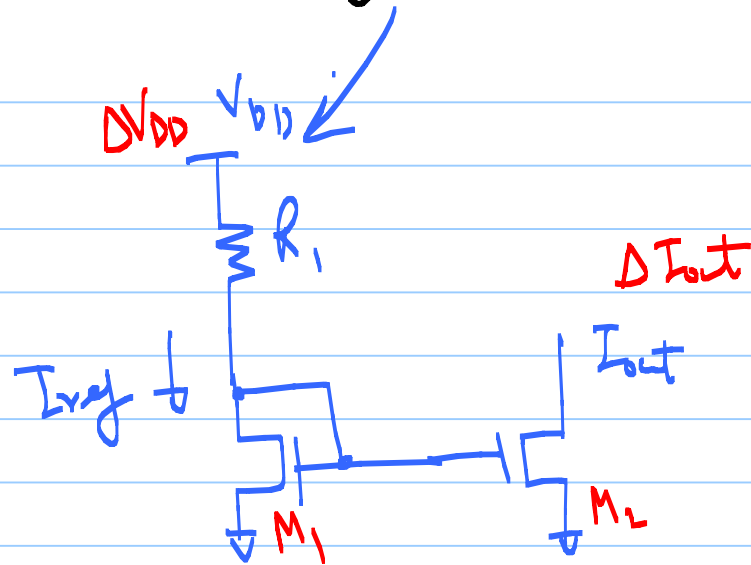
$$\frac{\Delta I_D}{I_D} = \frac{\Delta (W/L)}{W/L} + \frac{2 \Delta V_{THN}}{(V_{GS} - V_{THN})}$$

Subthresholds
 $V_{GS} \approx V_{THN}$

To minimize ^{current} mismatch

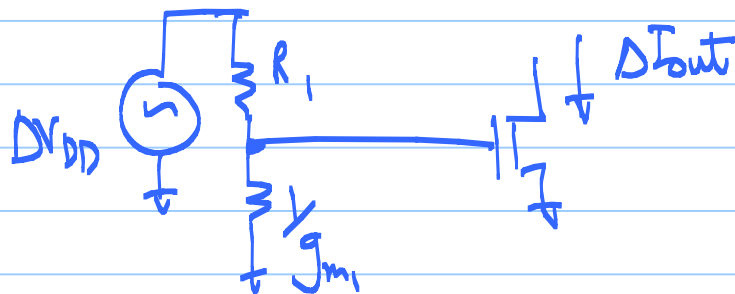
⇒ ① overdrive should be sufficiently large

* how to generate I_{ref} ?



small signal analysis

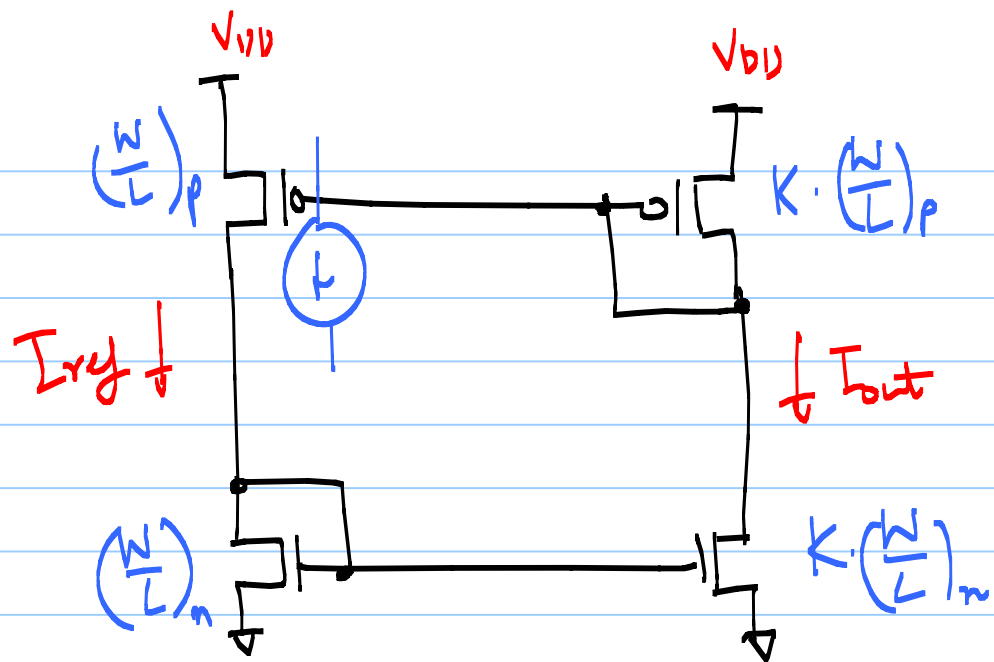
$$\underline{\underline{\Delta I_{out}}} = \frac{\Delta V_{DD}}{R_1 + \frac{1}{g_{m1}}} \frac{(\mu/L)_2}{(\mu/L)_1}$$



Supply independent Biasing

I_{ref} should not be derived from V_{DD} .

I_{ref} should be derived from I_{out} .



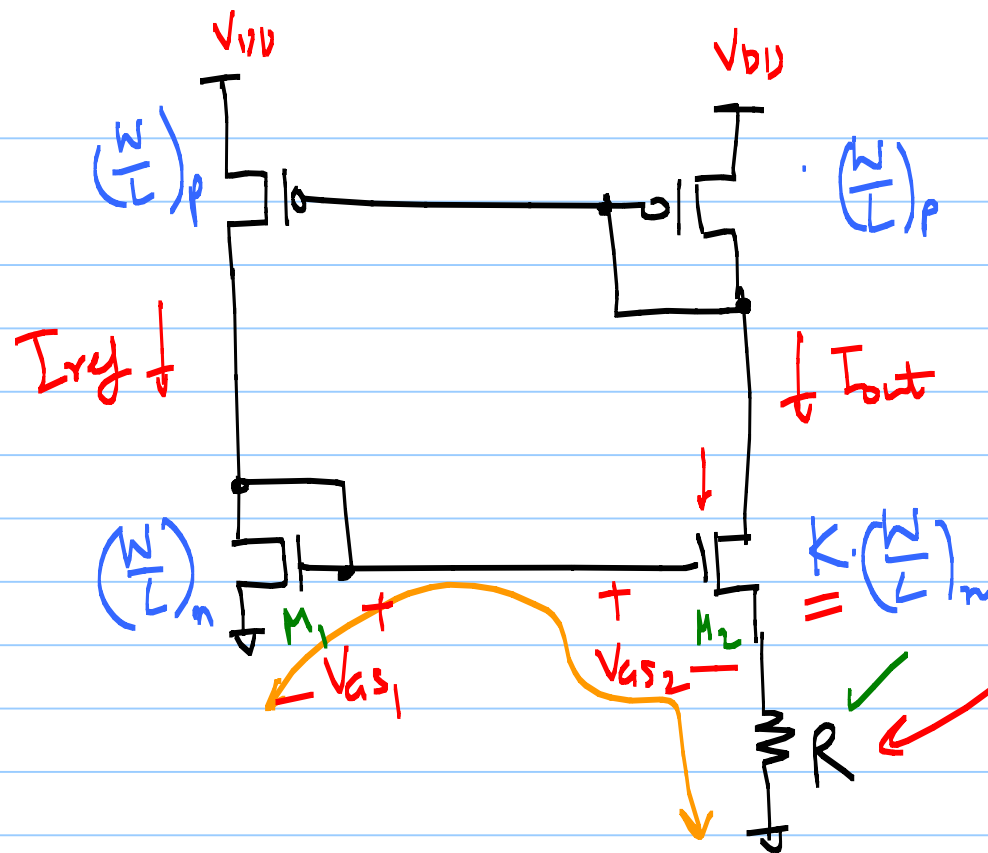
$$\lambda = 0$$

$$x = y$$

$$I_{out} = K \cdot I_{ref}$$

Circuit admits any solution for I_{ref} & I_{out} .

→ fix the value of I_{ref} & I_{out}



Due to PMOS devices

$$I_{ref} = I_{out}$$

add a constant element to the circuit

$$V_{gs1} = V_{gs2} + I_{out} \cdot R$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2I_{out}}{K P_n (W/L)}} + V_{THN1} = \sqrt{\frac{2I_{out}}{K P_n (W/L) K}} + V_{THN2} + I_{out} \cdot R \quad \left(V_{as} = \sqrt{\frac{2I_0}{\beta}} + V_{THN} \right)$$

neglecting body effect $V_{THN1} = V_{THN2}$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2I_{out}}{K P_n (W/L)}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}} \right) = I_{out} \cdot R$$

$$I_{out} = \underline{\underline{0}}$$

$$\frac{2}{K P_n (W/L) R^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}} \right)^2$$

$$I_{ref} = I_{out} = \frac{2}{k \ln\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{R^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right)^2$$

independent of V_{DD}
(assuming saturation)

Beta Multiplier Circuit (BMR)

$$g_m \text{ of } M_1 = g_{m1} = \sqrt{2 \beta I_{REF}}$$

$$g_m = \frac{2}{R} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}\right)$$

* Constant - g_m
Biasing

$$\text{for } K=4$$

$$g_m = \frac{1}{R}$$

$$\text{on-chip } R \rightarrow \pm 15\%$$