

ECE 511 - Lecture 5

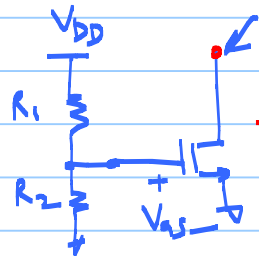
Note Title

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* How to design stable current sources?

$$f_T \propto \frac{V_{ov}}{L}$$

$$g_m r_o \propto \frac{L}{V_{ov}}$$



$$I_{out} = \frac{k_p n}{2} \frac{W}{L} (V_{gs} - V_{THN})^2$$

(initially $\lambda=0$)

$$I_{out} = \frac{k_p n}{2} \frac{W}{L} \left(\underbrace{\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_{DD}}_{V_{ov}} - V_{THN} \right)^2$$

I_{out} depends upon $\rightarrow V_{DD}, T, \mu_n, V_{THN}$

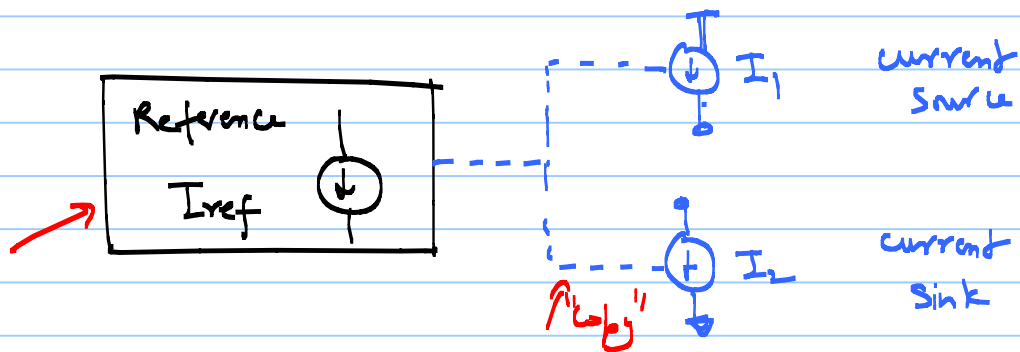
$$V_{ov} \rightarrow V_{DD} \text{ \& \> } V_{THN}$$

I_{out} is poorly defined

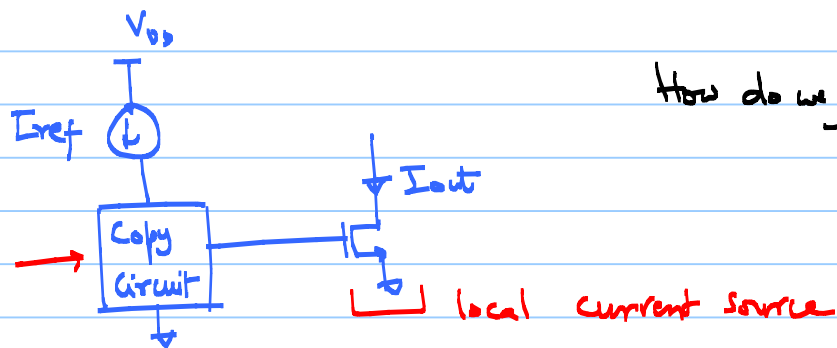
"precise"

Solⁿ

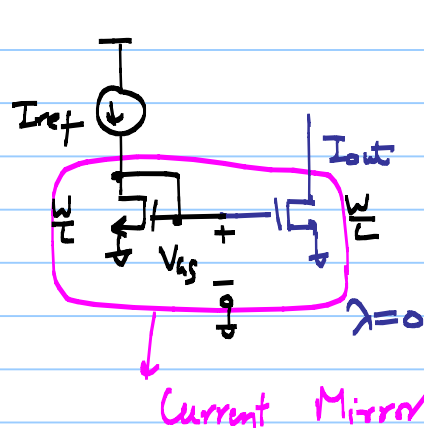
Create a stable, "precise" reference generator, and
"copy" the currents.



* How to generate copies of a reference current?



How do we get $I_{out} = I_{ref}$??



$$I_D = f(V_{GS}, V_{DS}) = f(V_{GS})$$

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

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

"matched transistors"

$$I_{ref} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_p \left(\frac{W}{L} \right)_1 (\underline{V_{GS}} - V_{THN})^2$$

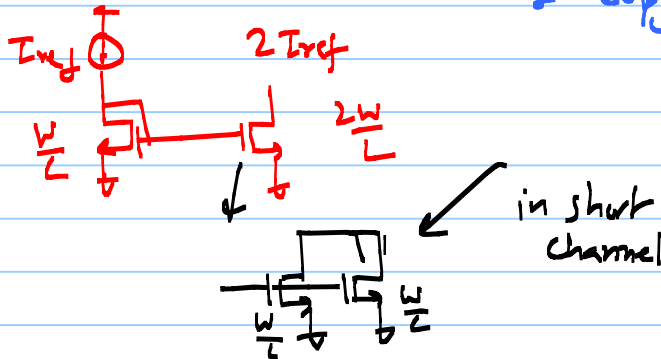
$$I_{out} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_p \left(\frac{W}{L} \right)_2 (\underline{V_{GS}} - V_{THN})^2$$

$$\boxed{\lambda = 0}$$

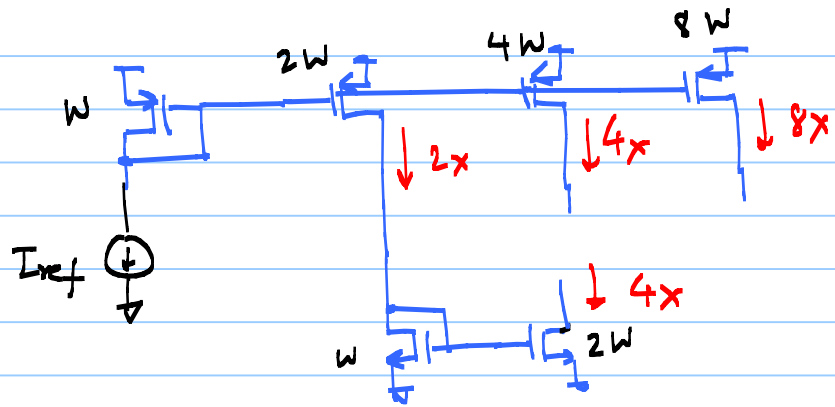
for same L

$$\frac{I_{out}}{I_{ref}} = \frac{(W/L)_2}{(W/L)_1} \Rightarrow \boxed{I_{out} = \left(\frac{W_2}{W_1} \right) I_{ref}}$$

* Copy and scale currents by $(\frac{W}{L})$ ratio



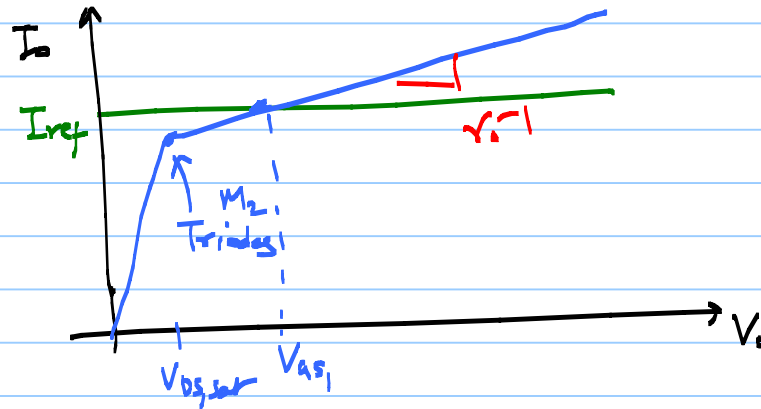
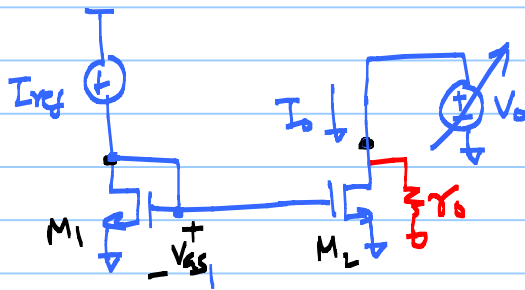
$$\lambda = 0$$



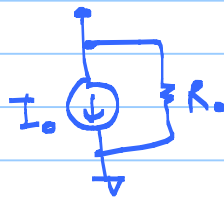
$$\lambda > 0$$

$$\text{For } M_2, I_D = f(V_{GS}, V_{DS})$$

$\uparrow$
 V_O

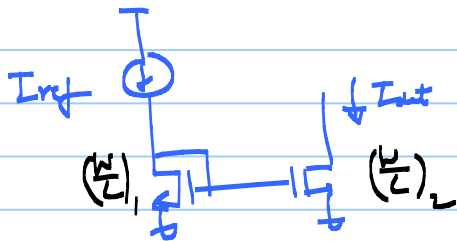


for precise matching $\Rightarrow V_{DS2} = V_{GS1}$

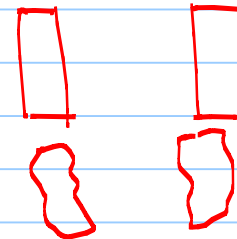


$\Rightarrow$ A good current source should have large " R_O "

Matching in current mirrors



✓ $V_{TH1} \neq V_{TH2}$
 ✓ $\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)$ mismatch



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

$$\Delta y = \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}\right)}_{\text{sensitivity}} \Delta x_1 + \underbrace{\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}\right)}_{\text{error (mismatch)}} \Delta x_2 + \dots$$

$$I_D = \frac{k_n}{2} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right) (V_{GS} - V_{TH})^2$$

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

$$= \frac{K P_n}{2} \cdot (V_{GS} - V_{THN})^2 \cdot \Delta \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) - K P_n \left(\frac{W}{L} \right) (V_{GS} - V_{THN}) \cdot \Delta V_{THN}$$

Normalize

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

$$\sigma_{(W/L)} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{WL}}$$

$$\sigma_{\Delta V_{THN}} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{WL}}$$

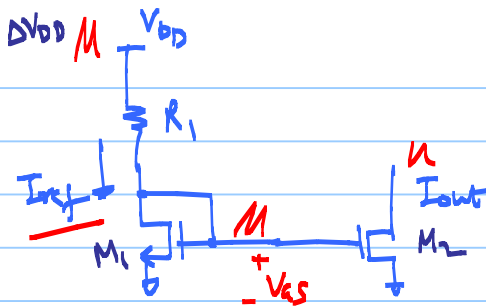
$$\sigma_{\frac{\Delta I_D}{I_D}}^2 = \frac{\sigma_{\Delta (W/L)}^2}{(W/L)^2} + 4 \cdot \frac{\sigma_{\Delta V_{THN}}^2}{(V_{GS} - V_{THN})^2}$$

* To minimize the current mismatch

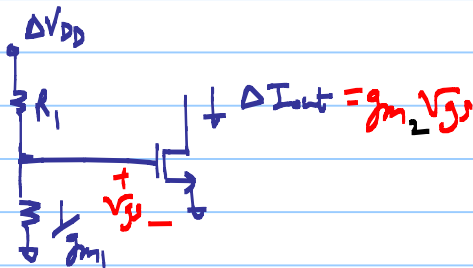
① Large "WL"

② Use larger V_{DD}

* How do we generate I_{ref} ?



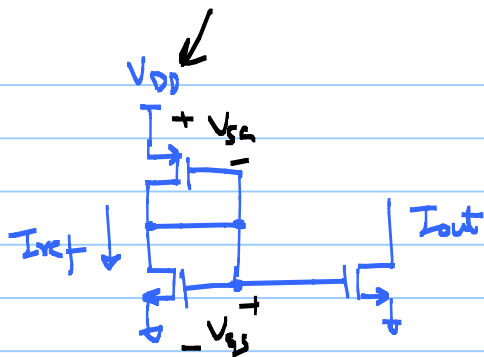
V_{DD} ← Supply independent biasing
 T ← "BGR"



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

"PSRR"

$$\Delta I_{out} = \frac{\Delta V_{DD}}{R_1 + \frac{1}{g_{m1}}} \cdot \frac{1}{g_{m1}} \cdot g_{m2}$$



$$V_{DD} = V_{GS} + V_{SD}$$

Solve for I_{ref}

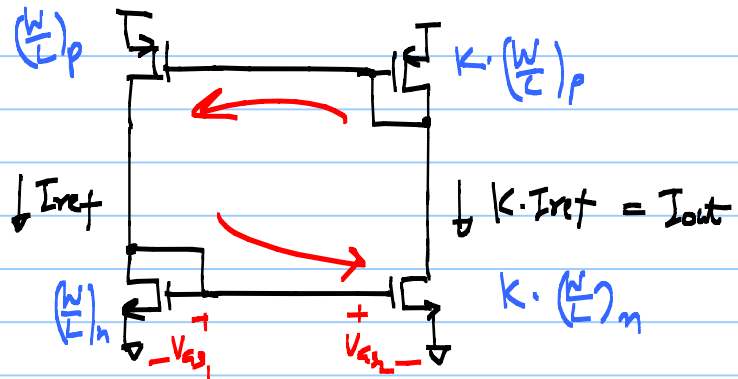
$$(V_{DD} - V_{THP} - V_{THN})^2 = I_{ref} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta_p}} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta_n}} \right)^2$$

$$I_{ref} = \frac{1}{K} \cdot (V_{DD} - V_{THP} - V_{THN})^2$$

* How to get rid of V_{DD} dependence??

$$\Delta I_{ref} = \frac{\Delta V_{DD}}{\frac{1}{g_{mn}} + \frac{1}{g_{mp}}}$$

Assuming $\lambda = 0$



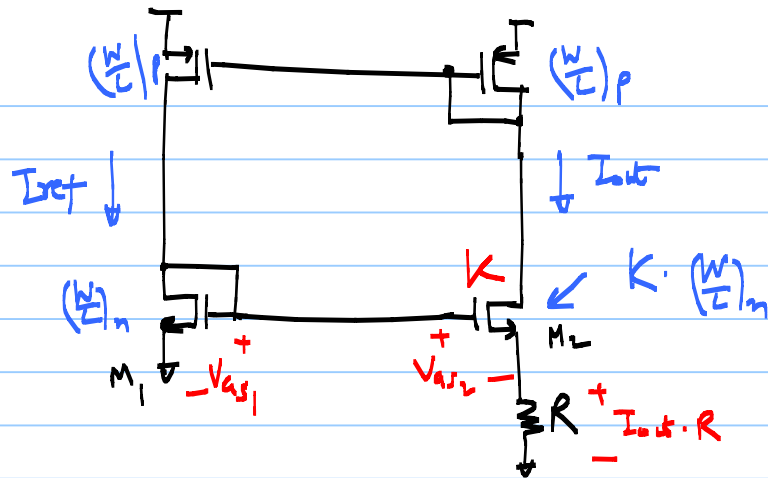
$$\underline{I_{out} = K \cdot I_{ref}}$$

* $\because I_{out}$ & I_{ref} feed from each other
 $\hookrightarrow$ indep. of V_{DD}

* How do we set value of I_{ref} ?

$$\lambda = 0$$

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



$$V_{GS1} = V_{GS2} + I_{out} \cdot R$$

* assume $V_{TH1} = V_{TH2}$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2 I_{out}}{K P_n \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_1}} + \cancel{V_{TH1}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 I_{out}}{K P_n \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_2}} + \cancel{V_{TH2}} + I_{out} \cdot R$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2 I_{out}}{K P_n \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_2}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}\right) = I_{out} \cdot R \longrightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$I_{out} = 0, \quad \boxed{\frac{2}{K P_n \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{R^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{R}}\right)^2} \leftarrow \text{independent of } V_{DD}$$

Beta Multiplier Reference (BMR)

↳ 'cos g/k