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MIDTERM EXAM I

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INSTRUCTIONS

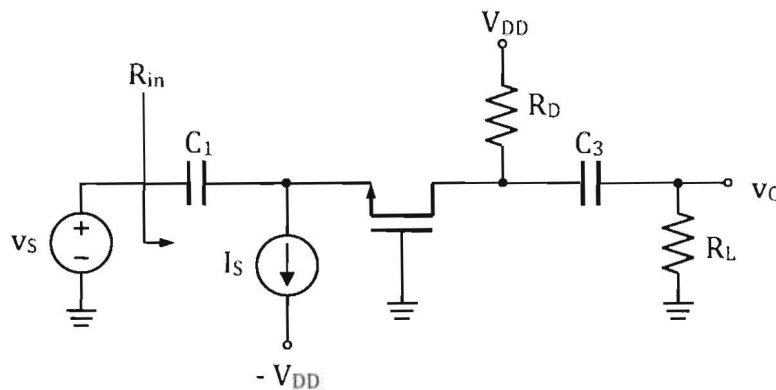
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The basic equations of the output characteristics of an NMOS transistor		
V_{GS}	V_{DS}	I_D
i) $V_{GS} < V_{Tn}$	-	0
ii) $V_{GS} > V_{Tn}$	a) $V_{DS} < V_{GS} - V_{Tn}$	$K_n [2 (V_{GS} - V_{Tn}) V_{DS} - V_{DS}^2]$
	b) $V_{GS} - V_{Tn} \leq V_{DS}$	$K_n (V_{GS} - V_{Tn})^2$
where $K_n = \frac{K'_n}{2} \left(\frac{W}{L} \right)$ and $K'_n = \mu_n C_{ox}$		

Q1. (25 pts) Consider the common-gate amplifier given below. All capacitors are assumed short at the frequencies interest.

- Draw the DC model of the circuit.
- Determine the value of the resistor R_D to set $V_{DSQ} = 11$ V.
- Determine the small signal parameters g_m and r_o of the transistor.
- Draw the AC small signal equivalent circuit.
- Determine the overall small signal voltage gain $A_v = v_o/v_s$.
- Determine the small signal input resistance R_{in} .



Circuit Parameters

$$V_{DD} = 15 \text{ V}$$

$$I_S = 2 \text{ mA}$$

$$R_L = 9 \text{ k}\Omega$$

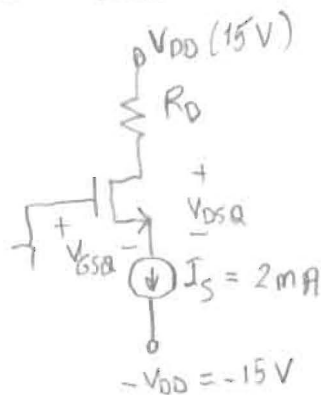
Transistor Parameters

$$V_{TN} = 1 \text{ V}$$

$$K_N = 2 \text{ mA/V}^2$$

$$\lambda = 0$$

a) DC Model :



b) Assume SAT :

$$I_D = K_N (V_{GSQ} - V_{TN})^2 = I_S$$

$$2 = 2 (V_{GSQ} - 1)^2$$

$$1 = V_{GSQ} - 1 \Rightarrow V_{GSQ} = 2 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{GSQ} = V_{GQ} - V_{SQ} = -V_{SQ} \Rightarrow V_{SQ} = -2 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{DSQ} = V_{DQ} - V_{SQ}$$

$$11 = V_{DQ} - (-2 \text{ V}) \Rightarrow V_{DQ} = 9 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{DQ} = V_{DD} - R_D I_{DQ}$$

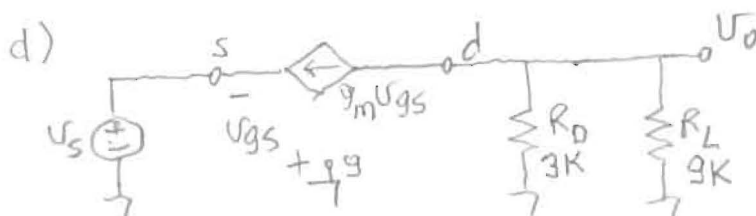
$$9 = 15 - R_D (2) \Rightarrow R_D = \frac{15 - 9}{2} = 3 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{SAT check: } V_{DSQ} \geq V_{GSQ} - V_{TN} \Rightarrow 11 \text{ V} \geq 2 - 1 = 1 \text{ V} \checkmark$$

c) Small signal parameters :

$$g_m = 2 K_N (V_{GS} - V_{TN}) = (2)(2 \text{ mA/V}^2)(1 \text{ V}) = 4 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$r_o = \frac{1}{\lambda I_{DQ}} = \infty$$

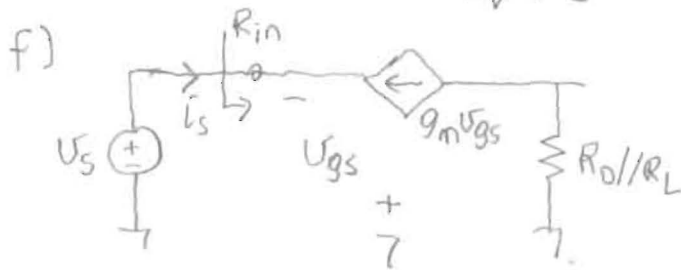


$$e) \quad V_o = -g_m V_{gs} (R_o // R_L)$$

$$V_s = -V_{gs} \Rightarrow V_o = g_m (R_o // R_L) V_s$$

$$A_v = \frac{V_o}{V_s} = g_m (R_o // R_L) = (4 \text{ mA/V}) \frac{(3)(9) \text{ k}}{12}$$

$$A_v = 9$$



$$R_{in} = \frac{V_s}{I_s}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} V_s = -V_{gs} \\ I_s = -g_m V_{gs} \end{array} \right\} R_{in} = \frac{1}{g_m}$$

$$R_{in} = \frac{1}{4 \text{ mA/V}} = \frac{1 \text{ V}}{4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A}}$$

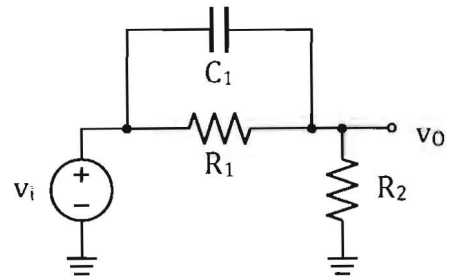
$$R_{in} = 250 \Omega$$

Q2. (25 pts)

(a) Consider the RC-circuit given.

Assume $R_1 = 2.5 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$, and $C_1 = 25 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$

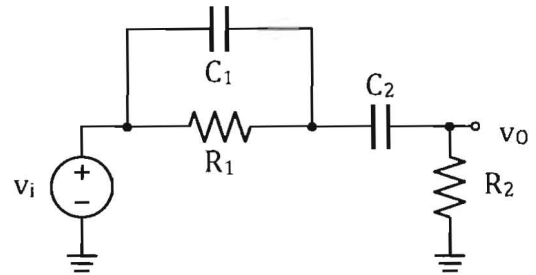
- Determine the voltage frequency transfer function $H(j\omega) = V_o(j\omega)/V_i(j\omega)$.
- Sketch the Bode magnitude plot and Bode phase plot of the voltage transfer function.



(b) For the RC-circuit given, assume

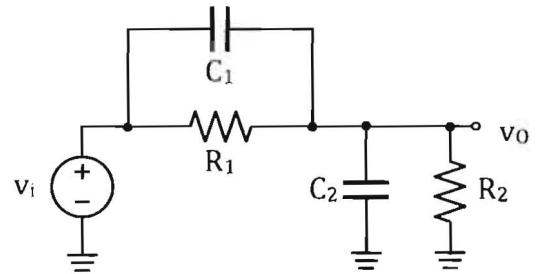
$R_1 = 4 \text{ k}\Omega$, $R_2 = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_1 = 1 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$ and $C_2 = 2 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$

- Using short circuit and open circuit time constants method, determine the break frequencies.
- Sketch the Bode magnitude plot and Bode phase plot of the voltage transfer function $H(j\omega) = V_o(j\omega)/V_i(j\omega)$.



(c) For the RC-circuit given, the component values are chosen so that $R_1 C_1 = R_2 C_2$

- Determine the voltage transfer function $H(j\omega) = V_o(j\omega)/V_i(j\omega)$.
- Sketch the Bode magnitude plot and Bode phase plot.



(a)

$$Z_1 = R_1 \parallel \frac{1}{j\omega C_1} = \frac{(R_1)(\frac{1}{j\omega C_1})}{R_1 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_1}} = \frac{R_1}{1 + j\omega R_1 C_1}$$

$$\omega_1 = \frac{1}{R_1 C_1} \Rightarrow Z_1 = \frac{R_1}{1 + j(\frac{\omega}{\omega_1})}$$

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{V_o(j\omega)}{V_i(j\omega)} = \frac{R_2}{R_2 + Z_1} = \frac{R_2}{R_2 + \frac{R_1}{1 + j(\frac{\omega}{\omega_1})}} = \frac{R_2(1 + j\frac{\omega}{\omega_1})}{R_1 + R_2 + j(\frac{\omega R_2}{\omega_1})}$$

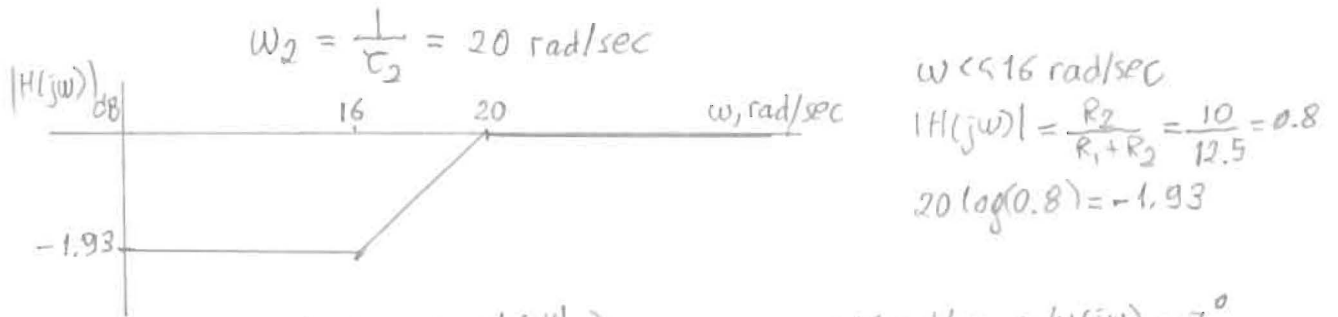
$$= \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot \frac{1 + j\frac{\omega}{\omega_1}}{1 + j(\frac{\omega R_1 R_2 C_1}{R_1 + R_2})} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot \frac{1 + j(\frac{\omega}{\omega_1})}{1 + j(\frac{\omega}{\omega_2})}$$

where $\omega_1 = \frac{1}{R_1 C_1}$; $\omega_2 = \frac{1}{(R_1 \parallel R_2) C_1}$

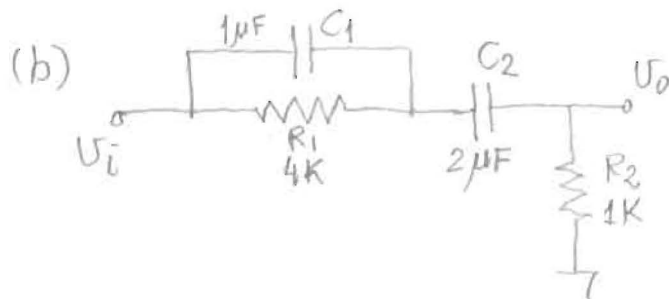
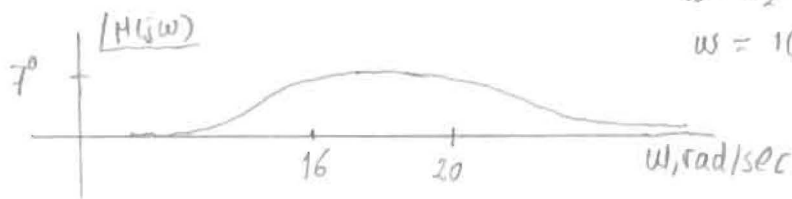
$$R_1 = 2.5 \text{ k}\Omega, C_1 = 25 \text{ }\mu\text{F} \Rightarrow \tau_1 = R_1 C_1 = 62.5 \text{ msec}$$

$$\omega_1 = \frac{1}{\tau_1} = \frac{1}{62.5 \times 10^{-3}} = 16 \text{ rad/sec}$$

$$R_1/R_2 = 2.5K//10K = 2K \Rightarrow \tau_2 = C_1(R_1//R_2) = (25\mu F)(2K) = 50\text{msec}$$



$$\angle H(j\omega) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_1}\right) - \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_2}\right)$$



$$H(j\omega) = \frac{R_2}{Z_1 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_2} + R_2}$$

$$= \frac{R_2}{Z_1 + \frac{1 + j\omega R_2 C_2}{j\omega C_2}}$$

$$= \frac{R_2}{\frac{R_1}{1 + j\omega R_1 C_1} + \frac{1 + j\omega R_2 C_2}{j\omega C_2}} \quad (B1)$$

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{(j\omega R_2 C_2)(1 + j\omega R_1 C_1)}{1 + j\omega(R_1 C_1 + R_2 C_2 + R_1 C_2) - \omega^2 R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2}$$

$$= \frac{(j\omega \tau_2)(1 + j\omega \tau_1)}{(1 + j\omega \tau_3)(1 + j\omega \tau_4)} \quad \text{where } \tau_2 = R_2 C_2, \tau_1 = R_1 C_1 \quad (B2)$$

The time constants τ_3 and τ_4 may be obtained using short circuit and open circuit time constants.

- At very low frequencies where C_2 is becoming active, but C_1 is open; τ_3 is obtained as the open circuit time constant for C_2 , (C_1 is open) =

$$\tau_3 = C_2(R_1 + R_2) = (2\mu F)(4K + 1K) = 10 \text{ msec}$$

- At the frequencies where C_1 is becoming active (C_2 is already short); τ_4 is obtained as the short circuit time constant for C_1 (C_2 is short) =

$$\tau_4 = C_1(R_1//R_2) = (1\mu F)(4K//1K) = 0.8 \text{ msec}$$

From Eq. B1 and Eq. B2;

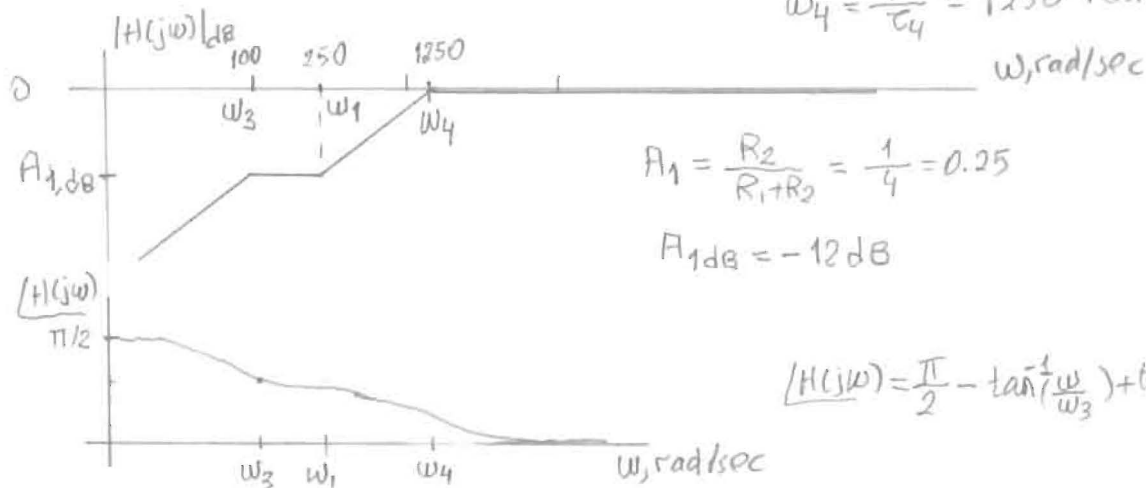
$$\tau_3 \tau_4 = R_1 C_1 R_2 C_2$$

Since $\tau_3 = C_2(R_1 + R_2)$; $\tau_4 = C_1(R_1 // R_2) = C_1 \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$; above condition is satisfied.

Break frequencies:

$$\omega_1 = \frac{1}{\tau_1} = \frac{1}{(1\mu F)(4K)} = 250 \text{ msec}^{-1}; \omega_3 = \frac{1}{\tau_3} = 100 \text{ rad/sec}$$

$$\omega_4 = \frac{1}{\tau_4} = 1250 \text{ rad/sec}$$



$$Z_1 = \frac{R_1}{1 + j\omega R_1 C_1}$$

$$Z_2 = \frac{R_2}{1 + j\omega R_2 C_2}$$

$$H(j\omega) = \frac{Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} = \frac{\frac{R_2}{1 + j\omega R_2 C_2}}{\frac{R_1}{1 + j\omega R_1 C_1} + \frac{R_2}{1 + j\omega R_2 C_2}}$$

Substitute $R_2 C_2 = R_1 C_1 \Rightarrow H(j\omega) = \frac{\frac{R_2}{1 + j\omega R_2 C_2}}{\frac{R_1 + R_2}{1 + j\omega R_2 C_2}} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$



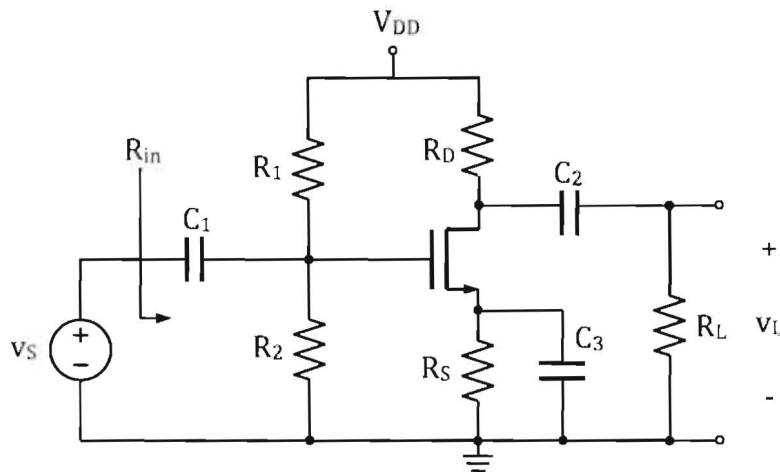
$$|H(j\omega)|_{dB} = 20 \log \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) \text{ constant!}$$

$$\angle H(j\omega) = 0$$



Q3. (25 pts) Consider the common source amplifier given below.

- Determine R_S and R_D so that $V_{GSQ} = 2\text{ V}$ and $V_{DSQ} = 4\text{ V}$.
- Determine the small signal parameters g_m and r_o of the transistor.
- Determine the break frequencies and 3-dB corner frequency.
- Sketch the Bode magnitude plot of the voltage frequency transfer function.
- If the resistor R_S is replaced with a constant-current source producing the same I_{DQ} quiescent current, determine the break frequencies and the 3-dB corner frequency and sketch the Bode magnitude plot.



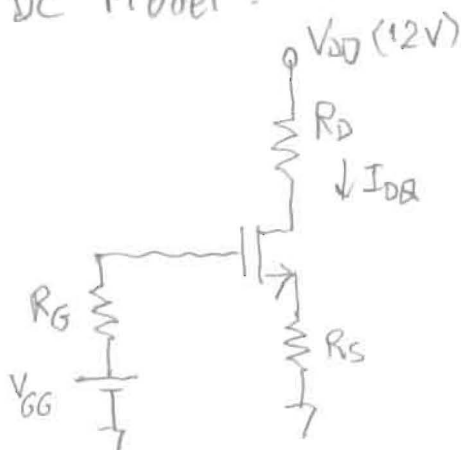
Circuit Parameters

$$\begin{aligned} V_{DD} &= 12\text{ V} \\ R_1 &= 200\text{ k}\Omega \\ R_2 &= 100\text{ k}\Omega \\ R_L &= 9\text{ k}\Omega \\ C_1 &= 100\text{ }\mu\text{F} \\ C_2 &= 50\text{ }\mu\text{F} \\ C_3 &= 100\text{ }\mu\text{F} \end{aligned}$$

Transistor Parameters

$$\begin{aligned} V_{TN} &= 1\text{ V} \\ K_N &= 2\text{ mA/V}^2 \\ \lambda &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(a) DC Model =



$$R_G = R_1 \parallel R_2 = 66\text{ k}\Omega$$

$$V_{GG} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_{DD} = \frac{100}{300} \cdot 12 = 4\text{ V}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{GSQ} &= 2\text{ V} \Rightarrow I_{DQ} = K_N (V_{GSQ} - V_{TN})^2 \\ I_{DQ} &= 2\text{ mA/V}^2 (2 - 1)^2 = 2\text{ mA} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{GG} &= V_{GSQ} + R_S I_{DQ} \\ \Rightarrow R_S &= \frac{V_{GG} - V_{GSQ}}{I_{DQ}} = \frac{4 - 2\text{ V}}{2\text{ mA}} = 1\text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$R_D + R_S = \frac{V_{DD} - V_{DSQ}}{I_{DQ}} = \frac{12 - 4\text{ V}}{2\text{ mA}} = 4\text{ k}\Omega \Rightarrow R_D = 4\text{ k}\Omega - R_S = 3\text{ k}\Omega$$

$$\text{Check SAT: } V_{DSQ} \geq V_{GSQ} - V_{TN} \Rightarrow 4\text{ V} \geq 2 - 1\text{ V} = 1\text{ V} \checkmark$$

$$(b) \quad g_m = 2K_N (V_{GSQ} - V_{TN}) = (2)(2\text{ mA/V}^2)(2 - 1) = 4\text{ mA/V}$$

$$r_o = \frac{1}{\lambda I_{DQ}} = \infty$$

$$\frac{1}{g_m} = \frac{1}{4\text{ mA/V}} = 0.25\text{ k}\Omega$$

$$(c) \quad \tau_1 = C_1(R_1 \parallel R_2) = (100 \mu F)(66 K) = 6.6 \text{ sec} \Rightarrow \omega_1 = \frac{1}{\tau_1} = 0.15 \text{ rad/sec}$$

$$\tau_2 = C_2(R_D + R_L) = (50 \mu F)(3 K + 3 K) = 0.6 \text{ sec} \Rightarrow \omega_2 = \frac{1}{\tau_2} = 1.66 \text{ rad/sec}$$

There are two break frequencies due to C_3 :

$$\tau_3 = C_3 R_S = (100 \mu F)(1 K) = 0.1 \text{ sec} \Rightarrow \omega_3 = \frac{1}{\tau_3} = 10 \text{ rad/sec}$$

$$\tau_4 = C_3(R_S \parallel \frac{1}{g_m}) = (100 \mu F)(1 K \parallel 0.25 K) = 20 \text{ msec} \Rightarrow \omega_4 = \frac{1}{\tau_4} = 50 \text{ rad/sec}$$

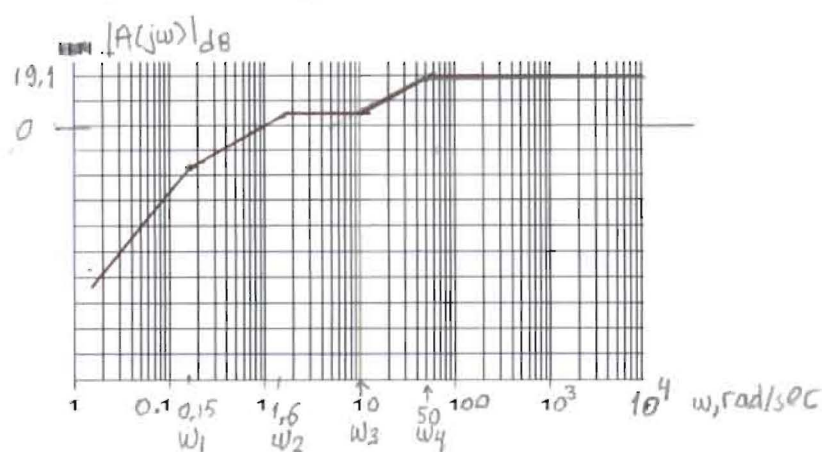
Then

$$A_v(j\omega) = A_{MB} \frac{(j\frac{\omega}{\omega_1})(j\frac{\omega}{\omega_2})(1+j\frac{\omega}{\omega_3})\omega_3}{(1+j\frac{\omega}{\omega_1})(1+j\frac{\omega}{\omega_2})(1+j\frac{\omega}{\omega_4})\omega_4}$$

$$= A_{MB} \frac{(j\omega)(j\omega)(\omega_3 + j\omega)}{(\omega_1 + j\omega)(\omega_2 + j\omega)(\omega_4 + j\omega)}$$

where $A_{MB} = -g_m(R_D \parallel R_L) = -(4 \text{ mA/V})(3 K \parallel 9 K) = -9$

$$A_{MB, dB} = 20 \log 9 \approx 19.1 \text{ dB}$$

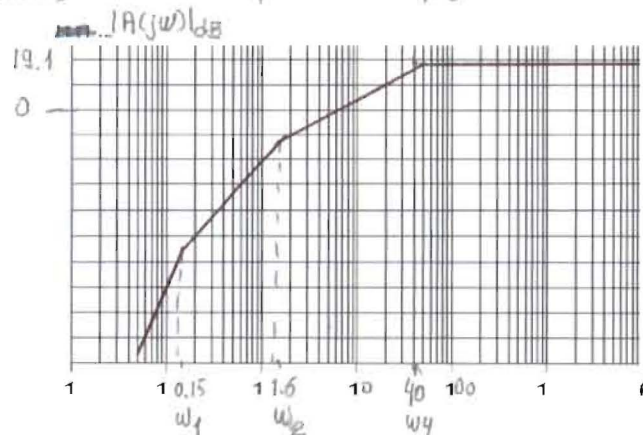


(e) If a current source is used then $R_S = \infty$. ω_3 and ω_4 are recalculated as

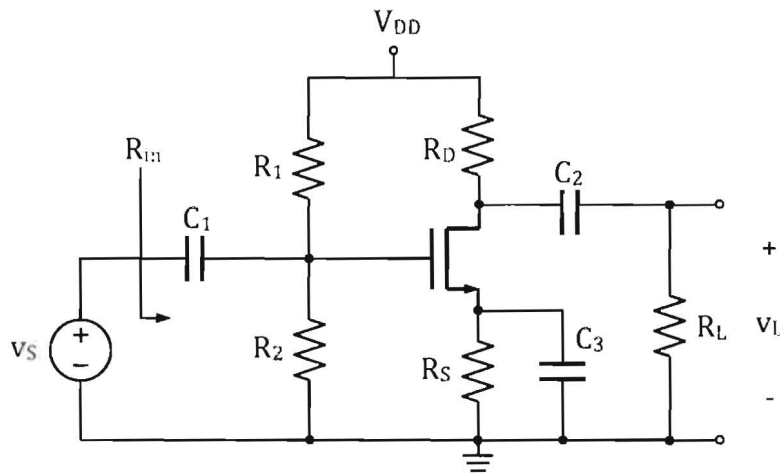
$$\omega_3 = \frac{1}{C_3 R_S} = 0$$

$$\omega_4 = \frac{1}{C_3(\frac{1}{g_m})} = \frac{1}{(100 \mu F)(0.25 K)} = 40 \text{ rad/sec}$$

$$A(j\omega) = \frac{A_{MB}(j\omega)(j\omega)(j\omega)}{(\omega_1 + j\omega)(\omega_2 + j\omega)(\omega_4 + j\omega)}$$



- Q4. (25 pts)** Consider the common source amplifier given below. The Q point is located at $V_{GSQ} = 2\text{ V}$.
- Draw the high frequency small signal equivalent circuit.
 - Determine the Miller capacitance.
 - Determine the break frequencies and the upper 3-dB frequency.
 - Sketch the Bode magnitude plot over the high frequency range.



Circuit Parameters

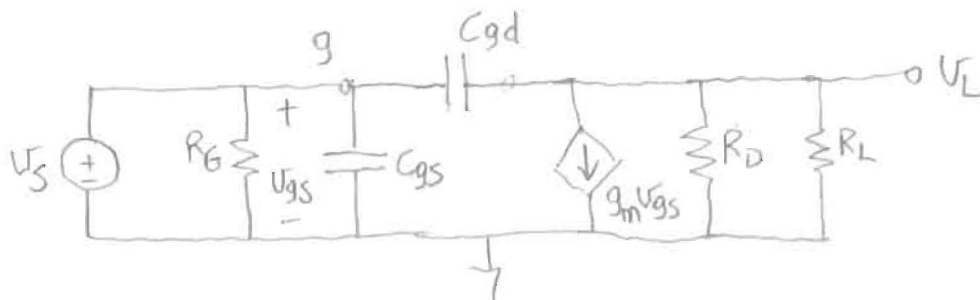
$$\begin{aligned} V_{DD} &= 12\text{ V} \\ R_1 &= 200\text{ k}\Omega \\ R_2 &= 100\text{ k}\Omega \\ R_D &= 3\text{ k}\Omega \\ R_L &= 9\text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

Transistor Parameters

$$\begin{aligned} V_{Tn} &= 1\text{ V} \\ K_n &= 2\text{ mA/V}^2 \\ \lambda &= 0 \\ C_{gs} &= 2\text{ pF} \\ C_{gd} &= 0.2\text{ pF} \end{aligned}$$

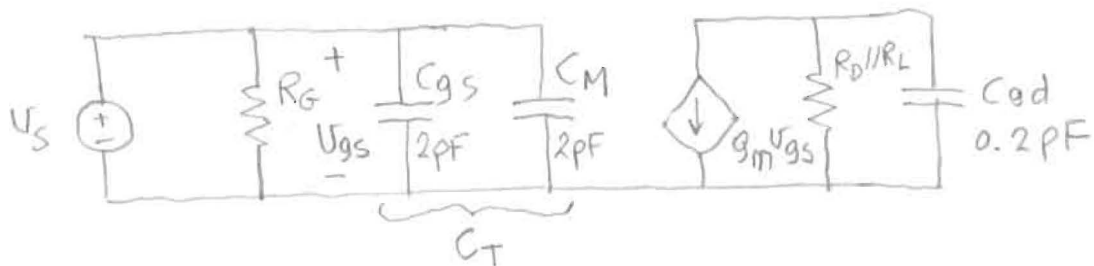
(a) $g_m = 2K_n(V_{GSQ} - V_{Tn}) = (2)(2\text{ mA/V}^2)(2 - 1\text{ V}) = 4\text{ mA/V}$

High frequency small signal model (all external capacitors are short circuited.)



(b)
$$C_M = C_{gd} [1 + g_m(R_D \parallel R_L)]$$

$$= (0.2\text{ pF}) [1 + 4 \cdot (3\text{ k}\Omega \parallel 9\text{ k}\Omega)] = (0.2\text{ pF}) (10) = 2\text{ pF}$$



$$(c) \omega_1 = \frac{1}{C_T R_{eq,T}}$$

$$R_{eq,T} = 0 \quad (U_5 = 0!) \Rightarrow \omega_1 = \infty$$

$$\omega_2 = \frac{1}{C_{gd}(R_D // R_L)} = \frac{1}{(0.2 \times 10^{-12})(2.25 \times 10^3)} = 2.2 \times 10^9 \text{ rad/sec}$$

$$A(j\omega) = \frac{A_{MB}}{(1+j\frac{\omega}{\omega_1})(1+j\frac{\omega}{\omega_2})} = \frac{A_{MB}}{1+j\frac{\omega}{\omega_2}}$$

$$A_{MB} = -g_m(R_D // R_L) = -(14 \text{ mA/V})(2.25 \text{ K}) \quad 9$$

$$A_{MB,dB} = 20 \log 9 = 19.1 \text{ dB}$$

(d)

