## FET EXPERIMENT

Lab 1 Notes – EE 321K



Given for the prep:

Drain current when in saturation:  $I_{DSS} = 2.5 \text{ mA}$ 

Pinch-off voltage:  $V_P = -1$  V

Gate current:  $I_G = 0 \text{ mA}$ 

Slope of output characteristic in saturation  $Y_{\alpha s} = 0 \ \Omega^{-1}$ 

#### TRANSFER CHARACTERISTIC

The relationship between the drain current and the gate-to-source voltage with the FET in saturation.

$$I_D = I_{DSS} \left( 1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_P} \right)$$

#### DC LOAD LINE

The relationship between the drain current and the gate-to-source voltage with the gate at ground potential.

$$I_D = -\frac{1}{R_S} V_{GS}$$

## $V_{GSQ}$ , $I_{DQ}$ Q POINT

The DC operating point of the FET, found at the intersection of the above two functions; the point at  $(V_{GSQ}, I_{DQ})$ .

#### SATURATION REGION

The FET is in the saturation region when  $V_{DS} > |V_P|$ .

# *V<sub>GSQ</sub>* DRAIN-TO-SOURCE OPERATING VOLTAGE

The drain-to-source voltage present when the FET is operating at the Q-point.

$$V_{DSQ} = V_{DQ} - V_{SQ} = \left(V_{DD} - I_{DQ}R_d\right) - I_{DQ}R_s$$

### Y<sub>fs</sub> TRANSCONDUCTANCE

The transconductance of the FET model is the rate of change of the drain current in response to a change in the gate-to-source voltage, or the slope of the transfer characteristic curve at the Q-point.

Gate •  
+  

$$V_{GS}$$
  $V_{fs}V_{GS} \ge 1/Y_{os}$   
Source •  
 $Y_{fsQ} = g_m = \left|\frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{GS}}\right|$ 

#### **Y**os OUTPUT TRANSCONDUCTANCE

The output transconductance of the FET model is the rate of change of the drain current as a function the drain-to-source voltage, or the slope of the output characteristic at the Q-point.

$$Y_{os} = \frac{1}{r_o} = \left| \frac{\partial I_D}{\partial V_{DS}} \right|$$

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## FREQUENCY CORNER DUE TO C<sub>1</sub>

The capacitor  $C_1$  produces a low frequency corner.

$$f_{L1} = \frac{1}{2\pi C_1 \left( R_{th} + R_g \right)}$$

## FREQUENCY CORNER DUE TO C<sub>2</sub>

The capacitor  $C_2$  produces a low frequency corner.

$$f_{L2} = \frac{1}{2\pi C_2 \left[ R_d + \left( R_{VM} || R_{SC} \right) \right]}$$

## FREQUENCY CORNER DUE TO C<sub>h</sub> and C<sub>sc</sub>

The capacitor  $C_h$  and the capacitance due to cables and instruments  $C_{sc}$  produce a high frequency corner.

$$f_{H} = \frac{1}{2\pi (C_{h} + C_{sc}) (R_{d} \parallel R_{VM} \parallel R_{SC})}$$

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## DISTORTION ANALYSIS

Given an input sinewave of 0.12V peak. V = V = + 0.12 sin of

 $V_{GS} = V_{GSQ} + 0.12\sin\omega t$ 

What is the percent second harmonic distortion?. Using the transfer function:

$$I_D = I_{DSS} \underbrace{\left(1 - V_{GS} / V_P\right)^2}_{\text{Only this term needs}}$$

to be evaluated.

Evaluate:

$$\left(1 - \frac{V_{GSQ} + 0.12\sin\omega t}{V_p}\right)^2 = \left(1 - \frac{-0.38 + 0.12\sin\omega t}{-1}\right)^2$$
$$= (0.62 + 0.12\sin\omega t)^2 = (0.0144\sin^2\omega t + 0.148\sin\omega t + 0.3844)$$

Taking the coefficients from the first and second harmonic:  $\% 2^{nd}$  harmonic =  $\frac{0.0144}{0.1488} \times 100 = 9.6774\%$ 

