

## APPENDIX G

# COMPARISON OF THE MOSFET AND THE BJT

In this appendix we present a comparison of the characteristics of the two major electronic devices: the MOSFET and the BJT. To facilitate this comparison, typical values for the important parameters of the two devices are first presented. We also discuss the design parameters available with each of the two devices, such as  $I_C$  in the BJT, and  $I_D$  and  $V_{OV}$  in the MOSFET, and the trade-offs encountered in deciding on suitable values for these.

### G.1 Typical Values of MOSFET Parameters

Typical values for the important parameters of NMOS and PMOS transistors fabricated in a number of CMOS processes are shown in Table G.1. Each process is characterized by the minimum allowed channel length,  $L_{\min}$ ; thus, for example, in a 0.18- $\mu\text{m}$  process, the smallest transistor has a channel length  $L = 0.18 \mu\text{m}$ . The technologies presented in Table G.1 are in descending order of channel length, with that having the shortest channel length being the most modern. Although the 0.8- $\mu\text{m}$  process is now obsolete, its data are included to show trends in the values of various parameters. It should also be mentioned that although Table G.1 stops at the 65-nm process, by 2014 there were 45-, 32-, and 22-nm processes available, and processes down to 14 nm were in various stages of development. The 0.18- $\mu\text{m}$  and the 0.13- $\mu\text{m}$  processes, however, remained popular in the design of analog ICs. The most recently announced digital ICs utilize 32-nm and 22-nm processes and pack as many as 4.3 billion transistors onto one chip. An important caution is in order regarding the data presented in Table G.1: These data do *not* pertain to any particular commercially available process. Accordingly, these generic data are not intended for use in an actual IC design; rather, they show trends and, as we shall see, help to illustrate design trade-offs as well as enable us to work out design examples and problems with parameter values that are as realistic as possible.

Table G.1 Typical Values of CMOS Device Parameters														
Parameter	0.8 $\mu\text{m}$		0.5 $\mu\text{m}$		0.25 $\mu\text{m}$		0.18 $\mu\text{m}$		0.13 $\mu\text{m}$		65 nm		28 nm	
	NMOS	PMOS	NMOS	PMOS	NMOS	PMOS	NMOS	PMOS	NMOS	PMOS	NMOS	PMOS	NMOS	PMOS
$t_{ox}$ (nm)	15	15	9	9	6	6	4	4	2.7	2.7	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
$C_{ox}$ (fF/ $\mu\text{m}^2$ )	2.3	2.3	3.8	3.8	5.8	5.8	8.6	8.6	12.8	12.8	25	25	34	34
$\mu$ ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ )	550	250	500	180	460	160	450	100	400	100	216	40	220	200
$\mu C_{ox}$ ( $\mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$ )	127	58	190	68	267	93	387	86	511	128	540	100	750	680
$V_{t0}$ (V)	0.7	-0.7	0.7	-0.8	0.5	-0.6	0.5	-0.5	0.4	-0.4	0.35	-0.35	0.3	-0.3
$V_{DD}$ (V)	5	5	3.3	3.3	2.5	2.5	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9
$ V_A $ (V/ $\mu\text{m}$ )	25	20	20	10	5	6	5	6	5	6	3	3	1.5	1.5
$C_{ov}$ (fF/ $\mu\text{m}$ )	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.37	0.33	0.36	0.33	0.33	0.31	0.4	0.4

As indicated in Table G.1, the trend has been to reduce the minimum allowable channel length. This trend has been motivated by the desire to pack more transistors on a chip as well as to operate at higher speeds or, in analog terms, over wider bandwidths.

Observe that the oxide thickness,  $t_{ox}$ , scales down with the channel length, reaching 1.4 nm for the 65-nm process. Since the oxide capacitance  $C_{ox}$  is inversely proportional to  $t_{ox}$ , we see that  $C_{ox}$  increases as the technology scales down. The surface mobility  $\mu$  decreases as the technology minimum-feature size is decreased, and  $\mu_p$  decreases faster than  $\mu_n$ . As a result, the ratio of  $\mu_p$  to  $\mu_n$  has been decreasing with each generation of technology, falling from about 0.5 for older technologies to 0.2 or so for the newer ones. Despite the reduction of  $\mu_n$  and  $\mu_p$ , the transconductance parameters  $k'_n = \mu_n C_{ox}$  and  $k'_p = \mu_p C_{ox}$  have been steadily increasing. As a result, modern short-channel devices achieve required levels of bias currents at lower overdrive voltages. As well, they achieve higher transconductance, a major advantage.

Although the magnitudes of the threshold voltages  $V_m$  and  $V_p$  have been decreasing with  $L_{min}$  from about 0.7–0.8 V to 0.3–0.4 V, the reduction has not been as large as that of the power supply  $V_{DD}$ . The latter has been reduced dramatically, from 5 V for older technologies to 1.0 V for the 65-nm process. This reduction has been necessitated by the need to keep the electric fields in the smaller devices from reaching very high values. Another reason for reducing  $V_{DD}$  is to keep power dissipation as low as possible given that the IC chip now has a much larger number of transistors.<sup>1</sup>

The fact that in modern short-channel CMOS processes  $|V_t|$  has become a much larger proportion of the power-supply voltage poses a serious challenge to the circuit design engineer. Recalling that  $|V_{GS}| = |V_t| + |V_{OV}|$ , where  $V_{OV}$  is the overdrive voltage, to keep  $|V_{GS}|$  reasonably small,  $|V_{OV}|$  for modern technologies is usually in the range of 0.1 V to 0.2 V. To appreciate this point further, recall that to operate a MOSFET in the saturation region,  $|V_{DS}|$  must exceed  $|V_{OV}|$ ; thus, to be able to have a number of devices stacked between the power-supply rails in a regime in which  $V_{DD}$  is only 1.8 V or lower, we need to keep  $|V_{OV}|$  as low as possible. We will shortly see, however, that operating at a low  $|V_{OV}|$  has some drawbacks.

Another significant though undesirable feature of modern deep submicron ( $L_{min} < 0.25 \mu\text{m}$ ) CMOS technologies is that the channel-length modulation effect is very pronounced. As a result,  $V'_A$  has decreased to about 3 V/ $\mu\text{m}$ , which combined with the decreasing values of  $L$  has caused the Early voltage  $V_A = V'_A L$  to become very small. Correspondingly, short-channel MOSFETs exhibit low output resistances.

Studying the MOSFET high-frequency<sup>2</sup> equivalent-circuit model in Section 10.2 and the high-frequency response of the common-source amplifier in Section 10.3 shows that two major MOSFET capacitances are  $C_{gs}$  and  $C_{gd}$ . While  $C_{gs}$  has an overlap component,<sup>3</sup>  $C_{gd}$  is entirely an overlap capacitance. Both  $C_{gd}$  and the overlap component of  $C_{gs}$  are almost equal and are denoted  $C_{ov}$ . The last line of Table G.1 provides the value of  $C_{ov}$  per micron of gate width. Although the normalized  $C_{ov}$  has been staying more or less constant with the reduction in  $L_{min}$ , we will shortly see that the shorter devices exhibit much higher operating speeds and wider amplifier bandwidths than the longer devices. Specifically, we will, for example, see that  $f_T$  for a 0.25- $\mu\text{m}$  NMOS transistor can be as high as 10 GHz.

<sup>1</sup>Chip power dissipation is a very serious issue, with some ICs dissipating as much as 100 W. As a result, an important current area of research concerns what is termed “power-aware design.”

<sup>2</sup>For completeness, this appendix includes material on the high-frequency models and operation of both the MOSFET and the BJT. These topics are covered in Chapter 10. The reader can easily skip the appendix paragraphs dealing with these topics until Chapter 10 has been studied.

<sup>3</sup>Overlap capacitances result because the gate electrode overlaps the source and drain diffusions (Fig. 5.1).

## G.2 Typical Values of IC BJT Parameters

Table G.2 provides typical values for the major parameters that characterize integrated-circuit bipolar transistors. Data are provided for devices fabricated in two different processes: the standard, old process, known as the “high-voltage process,” and an advanced, modern process, referred to as a “low-voltage process.” For each process we show the parameters of the standard *nnp* transistor and those of a special type of *pnp* transistor known as a **lateral *pnp*** (as opposed to **vertical**, as in the *nnp* case) (see Appendix A). In this regard we should mention that a major drawback of standard bipolar integrated-circuit fabrication processes has been the lack of *pnp* transistors of a quality equal to that of the *nnp* devices. Rather, there are a number of *pnp* implementations for which the lateral *pnp* is the most economical to fabricate. Unfortunately, however, as should be evident from Table G.2, the lateral *pnp* has characteristics that are much inferior to those of the vertical *nnp*. Note in particular the lower value of  $\beta$  and the much larger value of the forward transit time  $\tau_F$  that determines the emitter–base diffusion capacitance  $C_{de}$  and, hence, the transistor speed of operation. The data in Table G.2 can be used to show that the unity-gain frequency of the lateral *pnp* is 2 orders of magnitude lower than that of the *nnp* transistor fabricated in the same process. Another important difference between the lateral *pnp* and the corresponding *nnp* transistor is the value of collector current at which their  $\beta$  values reach their maximums: For the high-voltage process, for example, this current is in the tens of microamperes range for the *pnp* and in the milliamperes range for the *nnp*. On the positive side, the problem of the lack of high-quality *pnp* transistors has spurred analog circuit designers to come up with highly innovative circuit topologies that either minimize the use of *pnp* transistors or minimize the dependence of circuit performance on that of the *pnp*. We encounter some of these ingenious circuits at various locations in this book.

The dramatic reduction in device size achieved in the advanced low-voltage process should be evident from Table G.2. As a result, the scale current  $I_S$  also has been reduced by about three orders of magnitude. Here we should note that the base width,  $W_B$ , achieved in the advanced process is on the order of 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$ , as compared to a few microns in the standard high-voltage process. Note also the dramatic increase in speed; for the low-voltage *nnp* transistor,  $\tau_F = 10$  ps as opposed to 0.35 ns in the high-voltage process. As a result,  $f_T$  for the modern *nnp* transistor is 10 GHz to 25 GHz, as compared to the 400 MHz to 600 MHz achieved in the high-voltage process. Although the Early voltage,  $V_A$ , for the modern process

**Table G.2** Typical Parameter Values for BJTs\*

Parameter	Standard High-Voltage Process		Advanced Low-Voltage Process	
	<i>nnp</i>	Lateral <i>pnp</i>	<i>nnp</i>	Lateral <i>pnp</i>
$A_E$ ( $\mu\text{m}^2$ )	500	900	2	2
$I_S$ (A)	$5 \times 10^{-15}$	$2 \times 10^{-15}$	$6 \times 10^{-18}$	$6 \times 10^{-18}$
$\beta_0$ (A/A)	200	50	100	50
$V_A$ (V)	130	50	35	30
$V_{CEO}$ (V)	50	60	8	18
$\tau_F$	0.35 ns	30 ns	10 ps	650 ps
$C_{je0}$	1 pF	0.3 pF	5 fF	14 fF
$C_{\mu0}$	0.3 pF	1 pF	5 fF	15 fF
$r_x$ ( $\Omega$ )	200	300	400	200

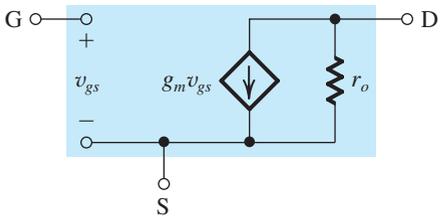
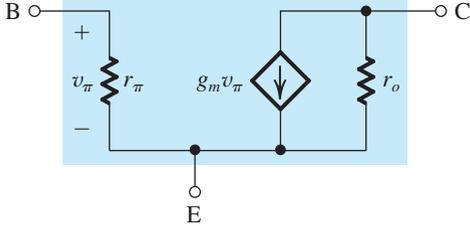
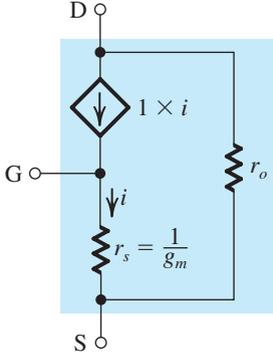
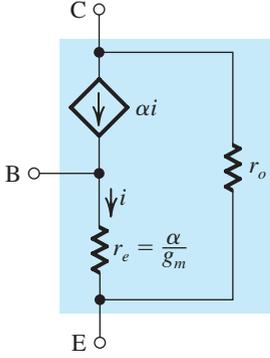
\*Adapted from Gray et al. (2001); see Appendix I.

is lower than its value in the old high-voltage process, it is still reasonably high at 35 V. Another feature of the advanced process—and one that is not obvious from Table G.2—is that  $\beta$  for the *npn* peaks at a collector current of 50  $\mu\text{A}$  or so. Finally, note that as the name implies, *npn* transistors fabricated in the low-voltage process break down at collector–emitter voltages of 8 V, versus 50 V or so for the high-voltage process. Thus, while circuits designed with the standard high-voltage process utilize power supplies of  $\pm 15\text{ V}$  (e.g., in commercially available op amps of the 741 type), the total power-supply voltage utilized with modern bipolar devices is 5 V (or even 2.5 V to achieve compatibility with some of the submicron CMOS processes).

### G.3 Comparison of Important Characteristics

Table G.3 provides a compilation of the important characteristics of the NMOS and the *npn* transistors. The material is presented in a manner that facilitates comparison. In the following, we comment on the various items in Table G.3. As well, a number of numerical examples and exercises are provided to illustrate how the wealth of information in Table G.3 can be put to use. Before proceeding, note that the PMOS and the *pnp* transistors can be compared in a similar way.

Table G.3 Comparison of MOSFET and the BJT		
	NMOS	<i>npn</i>
Circuit Symbol		
To Operate in the Active Mode, Two Conditions Have to Be Satisfied	<p>(1) <i>Induce a channel:</i></p> $v_{GS} \geq V_t, \quad V_t = 0.3\text{--}0.5\text{ V}$ <p>Let <math>v_{GS} = V_t + v_{OV}</math></p> <p>(2) <i>Pinch-off channel at drain:</i></p> $v_{GD} < V_t$ <p>or equivalently,</p> $v_{DS} \geq V_{OV}, \quad V_{OV} = 0.1\text{--}0.3\text{ V}$	<p>(1) <i>Forward-bias EBJ:</i></p> $v_{BE} \geq V_{BEon}, \quad V_{BEon} \simeq 0.5\text{ V}$ <p>(2) <i>Reverse-bias CBJ:</i></p> $v_{BC} < V_{BCon}, \quad V_{BCon} \simeq 0.4\text{ V}$ <p>or equivalently,</p> $v_{CE} \geq 0.3\text{ V}$
Current–Voltage Characteristics in the Active Region	$i_D = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} (v_{GS} - V_t)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{v_{DS}}{V_A} \right)$ $= \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} v_{OV}^2 \left( 1 + \frac{v_{DS}}{V_A} \right)$ $i_G = 0$	$i_C = I_S e^{v_{BE}/V_T} \left( 1 + \frac{v_{CE}}{V_A} \right)$ $i_B = i_C / \beta$

<b>Table G.3</b>		
	NMOS	npn
Low-Frequency, Hybrid- $\pi$ Model		
Low-Frequency T Model		
Transconductance $g_m$	$g_m = I_D / (V_{OV}/2)$ $g_m = (\mu_n C_{ox}) \left( \frac{W}{L} \right) V_{OV}$ $g_m = \mu \sqrt{2(\mu_n C_{ox}) \left( \frac{W}{L} \right) I_D}$	$g_m = I_C / V_T$
Output Resistance $r_o$	$r_o = V_A / I_D = \frac{V_A' L}{I_D}$	$r_o = V_A / I_C$
Intrinsic Gain $A_0 \equiv g_m r_o$	$A_0 = V_A' / (V_{OV}/2)$ $A_0 = \frac{2V_A' L}{V_{OV}}$ $A_0 = \frac{V_A' \sqrt{2\mu_n C_{ox} W L}}{\sqrt{I_D}}$	$A_0 = V_A' / V_T$
Input Resistance with Source (Emitter) Grounded	$\infty$	$r_\pi = \beta / g_m$

(continued)

Table G.3 continued		
	NMOS	npn
High-Frequency Model		
Capacitances	$C_{gs} = \frac{2}{3}WLC_{ox} + WL_{ov}C_{ox}$ $C_{gd} = WL_{ov}C_{ox}$	$C_{\pi} = C_{de} + C_{je}$ $C_{de} = \tau_F g_m$ $C_{je} \simeq 2C_{je0}$ $C_{\mu} = C_{\mu0} \left[ 1 + \frac{V_{CB}}{V_{C0}} \right]^m$
Transition Frequency $f_T$	$f_T = \frac{g_m}{2\pi(C_{gs} + C_{gd})}$ <p>For <math>C_{gs} \gg C_{gd}</math> and <math>C_{gs} \simeq \frac{2}{3}WLC_{ox}</math>,</p> $f_T \simeq \frac{1.5\mu_n V_{OV}}{2\pi L^2}$	$f_T = \frac{g_m}{2\pi(C_{\pi} + C_{\mu})}$ <p>For <math>C_{\pi} \gg C_{\mu}</math> and <math>C_{\pi} \simeq C_{de}</math>,</p> $f_T \simeq \frac{2\mu_n V_T}{2\pi W_B^2}$
Design Parameters	$I_D, V_{OV}, L, \frac{W}{L}$	$I_C, V_{BE}, A_E$ (or $I_S$ )
Good Analog Switch?	Yes, because the device is symmetrical and thus the $i_D-v_{DS}$ characteristics pass directly through the origin.	No, because the device is asymmetrical with an offset voltage $V_{CEoff}$ .

### G.3.1 Operating Conditions

At the outset, note that we shall use **active mode** or **active region** to denote both the active mode of operation of the BJT and the saturation mode of operation of the MOSFET.

The conditions for operating in the active mode are very similar for the two devices: The explicit threshold  $V_t$  of the MOSFET has  $V_{BEon}$  as its implicit counterpart in the BJT. Furthermore, for modern processes,  $V_{BEon}$  and  $V_t$  are almost equal.

Also, pinching off the channel of the MOSFET at the drain end is very similar to reverse biasing the CBJ of the BJT; the first makes  $i_D$  nearly independent of  $v_D$ , and the second makes  $I_C$  nearly independent of  $v_C$ . Note, however, that the asymmetry of the BJT results in  $V_{BCon}$  and  $V_{BEon}$  being unequal, while in the symmetrical MOSFET the operative threshold voltages at the source and the drain ends of the channel are identical ( $V_t$ ). Finally, for both the MOSFET and the BJT to operate in the active mode, the voltage across the device ( $v_{DS}$ ,  $v_{CE}$ ) must be at least 0.1 V to 0.3 V.

### G.3.2 Current–Voltage Characteristics

The square-law control characteristic,  $i_D-v_{GS}$ , in the MOSFET should be contrasted with the exponential control characteristic,  $i_C-v_{BE}$ , of the BJT. Obviously, the latter is a much more sensitive relationship, with the result that  $i_C$  can vary over a very wide range (five decades or more) within the same BJT. In the MOSFET, the range of  $i_D$  achieved in the same device is much more limited. To appreciate this point further, consider the parabolic relationship between  $i_D$  and  $v_{OV}$ , and recall from our discussion above that  $v_{OV}$  is usually kept in a narrow range (0.1 V to 0.3 V).

Next we consider the effect of the device dimensions on its current. For the bipolar transistor, the control parameter is the area of the emitter–base junction (EBJ),  $A_E$ , which determines the scale current  $I_S$ . It can be varied over a relatively narrow range, such as 10 to 1. Thus, while the emitter area can be used to achieve current scaling in an  $I_C$  (as we can see in Section 8.2 in connection with the design of current mirrors), its narrow range of variation reduces its significance as a design parameter. This is particularly so if we compare  $A_E$  with its counterpart in the MOSFET, the aspect ratio  $W/L$ . MOSFET devices can be designed with  $W/L$  ratios in a wide range, such as 1.0 to 500. As a result,  $W/L$  is a very significant MOS design parameter. Like  $A_E$ , it is also used in current scaling, as we can see in Section 8.2. Combining the possible range of variation of  $v_{OV}$  and  $W/L$ , one can design MOS transistors to operate over an  $i_D$  range of four decades or so.

The channel-length modulation in the MOSFET and the base-width modulation in the BJT are similarly modeled and give rise to the dependence of  $i_D$  ( $i_C$ ) on  $v_{DS}$  ( $v_{CE}$ ) and, hence, to the finite output resistance  $r_o$  in the active region. Two important differences, however, exist. In the BJT,  $V_A$  is solely a process-technology parameter and does not depend on the dimensions of the BJT. In the MOSFET, the situation is quite different:  $V_A = V'_A L$ , where  $V'_A$  is a process-technology parameter and  $L$  is the channel length used. Also, in modern deep submicron processes,  $V'_A$  is very low, resulting in  $V_A$  values that are lower than the corresponding values for the BJT.

The last, and perhaps most important, difference between the current–voltage characteristics of the two devices concerns the input current into the control terminal: While at low frequencies the gate current of the MOSFET is practically zero and the input resistance looking into the gate is practically infinite, the BJT draws base current  $i_B$  that is proportional to the collector current; that is,  $i_B = i_C/\beta$ . The finite base current and the corresponding finite input resistance looking into the base comprise a definite disadvantage of the BJT in comparison to the MOSFET. Indeed, it is the infinite input resistance of the MOSFET that has made possible analog and digital circuit applications that are not feasible with the BJT. Examples include dynamic digital memory (Chapter 16) and switched-capacitor filters (Chapter 17).

#### Example G.1

- (a) For an NMOS transistor with  $W/L = 10$  fabricated in the 0.18- $\mu\text{m}$  process whose data are given in Table G.1, find the values of  $V_{OV}$  and  $V_{GS}$  required to operate the device at  $I_D = 100\ \mu\text{A}$ . Ignore channel-length modulation.
- (b) Find  $V_{BE}$  for an  $npn$  transistor fabricated in the low-voltage process specified in Table G.2 and operated at  $I_C = 100\ \mu\text{A}$ . Ignore base-width modulation.

**Example G.1** *continued*

**Solution**

(a)

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} (\mu_n C_{ox}) \left( \frac{W}{L} \right) V_{OV}^2$$

Substituting  $I_D = 100 \mu\text{A}$ ,  $W/L = 10$ , and, from Table G.1,  $\mu_n C_{ox} = 387 \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$  results in

$$100 = \frac{1}{2} \times 387 \times 10 \times V_{OV}^2$$

$$V_{OV} = 0.23 \text{ V}$$

Thus,

$$V_{GS} = V_m + V_{OV} = 0.5 + 0.23 = 0.73 \text{ V}$$

(b)

$$I_C = I_S e^{V_{BE}/V_T}$$

Substituting  $I_C = 100 \mu\text{A}$  and, from Table G.2,  $I_S = 6 \times 10^{-18} \text{ A}$  gives,

$$V_{BE} = 0.025 \ln \frac{100 \times 10^{-6}}{6 \times 10^{-18}} = 0.76 \text{ V}$$

**EXERCISES**

**G.1** (a) For NMOS transistors fabricated in the 0.18- $\mu\text{m}$  technology specified in Table G.1, find the range of  $I_D$  obtained for active-mode operation with  $V_{OV}$  ranging from 0.2 V to 0.4 V and  $W/L = 0.1$  to 100. Neglect channel-length modulation.

(b) If a similar range of current is required in an *n*pn transistor fabricated in the low-voltage process specified in Table G.2, find the corresponding change in its  $V_{BE}$ .

**Ans.** (a)  $I_{D\min} = 0.8 \mu\text{A}$  and  $I_{D\max} = 3.1 \text{ mA}$  for a range of about 4000:1; (b) for  $I_C$  varying over a 4000:1 range,  $\Delta V_{BE} = 207 \text{ mV}$

**G.3.3 Low-Frequency Small-Signal Models**

The low-frequency models for the two devices are very similar except, of course, for the finite base current (finite  $\beta$ ) of the BJT, which gives rise to  $r_\pi$  in the hybrid- $\pi$  model and to the unequal emitter and collector currents in the T models  $\alpha < 1$ . Here it is interesting to note that the low-frequency, small-signal models become identical if one thinks of the MOSFET as a BJT with  $\beta = \infty$  ( $\alpha = 1$ )

For both devices, the hybrid- $\pi$  model indicates that the **open-circuit voltage gain** obtained from gate to drain (base to collector) with the source (emitter) grounded is  $-g_m r_o$ . It follows that  $g_m r_o$  is the *maximum gain available from a single transistor* of either type. This important transistor parameter is given the name **intrinsic gain** and is denoted  $A_0$ . We have more to say about the intrinsic gain in Section 8.3.2.

Although not included in the MOSFET low-frequency model shown in Table G.3, the body effect can have some implications for the operation of the MOSFET as an amplifier. In simple terms, if the body (substrate) is not connected to the source, it can act as a second gate for the MOSFET. The voltage signal that develops between the body and the source,  $v_{bs}$ , gives rise to a drain current component  $g_{mb} v_{bs}$ , where the body transconductance  $g_{mb}$  is proportional to  $g_m$ ; that is,  $g_{mb} = \chi g_m$ , where the factor  $\chi$  is in the range of 0.1 to 0.2. The body effect has no counterpart in the BJT.

### G.3.4 The Transconductance

For the BJT, the transconductance  $g_m$  depends *only* on the dc collector current  $I_C$ . (Recall that  $V_T$  is a physical constant  $\simeq 0.025$  V at room temperature.) It is interesting to observe that  $g_m$  does not depend on the geometry of the BJT, and its dependence on the EBJ area is only through the effect of the area on the total collector current  $I_C$ . Similarly, the dependence of  $g_m$  on  $V_{BE}$  is only through the fact that  $V_{BE}$  determines the total current in the collector. By contrast,  $g_m$  of the MOSFET depends on  $I_D$ ,  $V_{OV}$ , and  $W/L$ . Therefore, we use three different (but equivalent) formulas to express  $g_m$  of the MOSFET.

The first formula given in Table G.3 for the MOSFET's  $g_m$  is the most directly comparable with the formula for the BJT. It indicates that for the same operating current,  $g_m$  of the MOSFET is smaller than that of the BJT. This is because  $V_{OV}/2$  is the range of 0.05 V to 0.15 V, which is two to six times the corresponding term in the BJT's formula, namely  $V_T$ .

The second formula for the MOSFET's  $g_m$  indicates that for a given device (i.e., given  $W/L$ ),  $g_m$  is proportional to  $V_{OV}$ . Thus a higher  $g_m$  is obtained by operating the MOSFET at a higher overdrive voltage. However, we should recall the limitations imposed on the magnitude of  $V_{OV}$  by the limited value of  $V_{DD}$ . Put differently, the need to obtain a reasonably high  $g_m$  constrains the designer's interest in reducing  $V_{OV}$ .

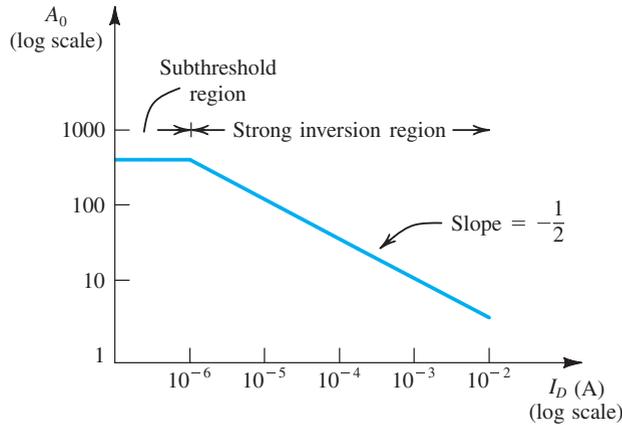
The third  $g_m$  formula shows that for a given transistor (i.e., given  $W/L$ ),  $g_m$  is proportional to  $\sqrt{I_D}$ . This should be contrasted with the bipolar case, where  $g_m$  is directly proportional to  $I_C$ .

### G.3.5 Output Resistance

The output resistance for both devices is determined by similar formulas, with  $r_o$  being the ratio of  $V_A$  to the bias current ( $I_D$  or  $I_C$ ). Thus, for both transistors,  $r_o$  is inversely proportional to the bias current. The difference in nature and magnitude of  $V_A$  between the two devices has already been discussed.

### G.3.6 Intrinsic Gain

The intrinsic gain  $A_0$  of the BJT is the ratio of  $V_A$ , which is solely a process parameter (5 V to 100 V), and  $V_T$ , which is a physical parameter (0.025 V at room temperature). Thus  $A_0$  of a BJT is independent of the device junction area and of the operating current, and its value ranges from 200 V/V to 5000 V/V. The situation in the MOSFET is very different:



**Figure G.1** The intrinsic gain of the MOSFET versus bias current  $I_D$ . Outside the subthreshold region, this is a plot of  $A_0 = V_A' \sqrt{2\mu_n C_{ox} WL I_D}$ , for the case:  $\mu_n C_{ox} = 20 \mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$ ,  $V_A' = 20 \text{V}/\mu\text{m}$ ,  $L = 2 \mu\text{m}$ , and  $W = 20 \mu\text{m}$ .

Table G.3 provides three different (but equivalent) formulas for expressing the MOSFET’s intrinsic gain. The first formula is the one most directly comparable to that of the BJT. Here, however, we note the following:

1. The quantity in the denominator is  $V_{OV}/2$ , which is a design parameter, and although it is becoming smaller in designs using short-channel technologies, it is still at least two to four times larger than  $V_T$ . Furthermore, as we have seen, there are reasons for selecting larger values for  $V_{OV}$ .
2. The numerator quantity  $V_A$  is both process- and device-dependent, and its value has been steadily decreasing.

As a result, the intrinsic gain realized in a single MOSFET amplifier stage fabricated in a modern short-channel technology is only 20 V/V to 40 V/V, at least an order of magnitude lower than that for a BJT.

The third formula given for  $A_0$  in Table G.3 points out a very interesting fact: For a given process technology ( $V_A'$  and  $\mu_n C_{ox}$ ) and a given device ( $L$  and  $W$ ), the intrinsic gain is inversely proportional to  $\sqrt{I_D}$ . This is illustrated in Fig. G.1, which shows a typical plot of  $A_0$  versus the bias current  $I_D$ . The plot confirms that the gain increases as the bias current is lowered. The gain, however, levels off at very low currents. This is because the MOSFET enters the subthreshold region of operation (Section 5.1.9), where it becomes very much like a BJT with an exponential current–voltage characteristic. The intrinsic gain then becomes constant, just like that of a BJT. Note, however, that although a higher gain is achieved at lower bias currents, the price paid is a lower  $g_m$  and less ability to drive capacitive loads and thus a decrease in bandwidth. This point will be further illustrated shortly.

### Example G.2

We wish to compare the values of  $g_m$ , input resistance at the gate (base),  $r_o$ , and  $A_0$  for an NMOS transistor fabricated in the 0.25- $\mu\text{m}$  technology specified in Table G.1 and an  $n\text{pn}$  transistor fabricated in the

**Example G.2** *continued*

low-voltage technology specified in Table G.2. Assume both devices are operating at a drain (collector) current of 100  $\mu\text{A}$ . For the MOSFET, let  $L = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$  and  $W = 4 \mu\text{m}$ , and specify the required  $V_{OV}$ .

**Solution**

For the NMOS transistor,

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2}(\mu_n C_{ox}) \left(\frac{W}{L}\right) V_{OV}^2$$

$$100 = \frac{1}{2} \times 267 \times \frac{4}{0.4} \times V_{OV}^2$$

Thus,

$$V_{OV} = 0.27 \text{ V}$$

$$g_m = \sqrt{2(\mu_n C_{ox}) \left(\frac{W}{L}\right) I_D}$$

$$= \sqrt{2 \times 267 \times 10 \times 100} = 0.73 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$R_{in} = \infty$$

$$r_o = \frac{V_A' L}{I_D} = \frac{5 \times 0.4}{0.1} = 20 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$A_0 = g_m r_o = 0.73 \times 20 = 14.6 \text{ V/V}$$

For the *npn* transistor,

$$g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} = \frac{0.1 \text{ mA}}{0.025 \text{ V}} = 4 \text{ mA/V}$$

$$R_{in} = r_x = \beta_0 / g_m = \frac{100}{4 \text{ mA/V}} = 25 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_C} = \frac{35}{0.1 \text{ mA}} = 350 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$A_0 = g_m r_o = 4 \times 350 = 1400 \text{ V/V}$$

**EXERCISE**

**G.2** For an NMOS transistor fabricated in the 0.5- $\mu\text{m}$  process specified in Table G.1 with  $W = 5 \mu\text{m}$  and  $L = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ , find the transconductance and the intrinsic gain obtained at  $I_D = 10 \mu\text{A}$ , 100  $\mu\text{A}$ , and 1 mA.

**Ans.** 0.2 mA/V, 200 V/V; 0.6 mA/V, 62 V/V; 2 mA/V, 20 V/V

### G.3.7 High-Frequency Operation

The simplified high-frequency equivalent circuits for the MOSFET and the BJT are very similar, and so are the formulas for determining their unity-gain frequency (also called **transition frequency**)  $f_T$ . As we demonstrate in Chapter 10,  $f_T$  is a measure of the *intrinsic* bandwidth of the transistor itself and does *not* take into account the effects of capacitive loads. We address the issue of capacitive loads shortly. For the time being, note the striking similarity between the approximate formulas given in Table G.3 for the value of  $f_T$  of the two devices. In both cases  $f_T$  is inversely proportional to the square of the critical dimension of the device: the channel length for the MOSFET and the base width for the BJT. These formulas also clearly indicate that shorter-channel MOSFETs<sup>4</sup> and narrower-base BJTs are inherently capable of a wider bandwidth of operation. It is also important to note that while for the BJT the approximate expression for  $f_T$  indicates that it is entirely process determined, the corresponding expression for the MOSFET shows that  $f_T$  is proportional to the overdrive voltage  $V_{OV}$ . Thus we have conflicting requirements on  $V_{OV}$ : While a higher low-frequency gain is achieved by operating at a low  $V_{OV}$ , wider bandwidth requires an increase in  $V_{OV}$ . Therefore the selection of a value for  $V_{OV}$  involves, among other considerations, a trade-off between gain and bandwidth.

For *npn* transistors fabricated in the modern low-voltage process,  $f_T$  is in the range of 10 GHz to 20 GHz as compared to the 400 MHz to 600 MHz obtained with the standard high-voltage process. In the MOS case, NMOS transistors fabricated in a modern submicron technology, such as the 0.18- $\mu\text{m}$  process, achieve  $f_T$  values in the range of 5 GHz to 15 GHz.

Before leaving the subject of high-frequency operation, let's look into the effect of a capacitive load on the bandwidth of the common-source (common-emitter) amplifier. For this purpose we shall assume that the frequencies of interest are much lower than  $f_T$  of the transistor. Hence we shall not take the transistor capacitances into account. Figure G.2(a) shows a common-source amplifier with a capacitive load  $C_L$ . The voltage gain from gate to drain can be found as follows:

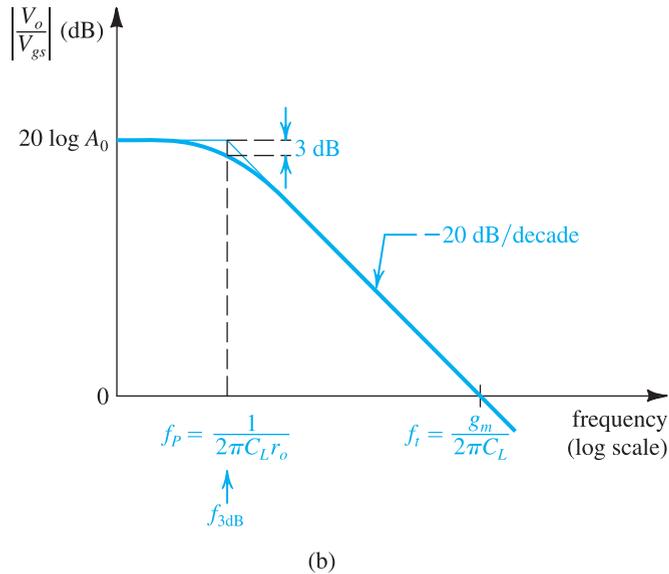
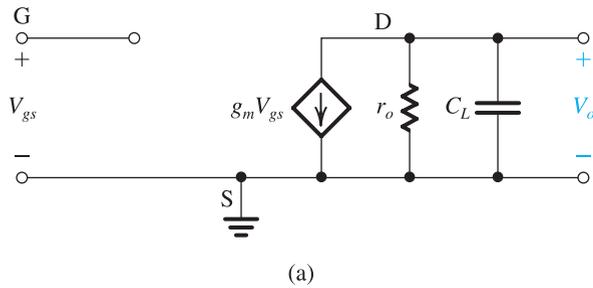
$$\begin{aligned} V_o &= -g_m V_{gs} (r_o \parallel C_L) \\ &= -g_m V_{gs} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{r_o} + sC_L} \\ A_v &= \frac{V_o}{V_{gs}} = -\frac{g_m r_o}{1 + sC_L r_o} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{G.1})$$

Thus the gain has, as expected, a low-frequency value of  $g_m r_o = A_0$  and a frequency response of the single-time-constant (STC) low-pass type with a break (pole) frequency at

$$\omega_p = \frac{1}{C_L r_o} \quad (\text{G.2})$$

Obviously this pole is formed by  $r_o$  and  $C_L$ . A sketch of the magnitude of gain versus frequency is shown in Fig. G.2(b). We observe that the gain crosses the 0-dB line at

<sup>4</sup>Although the reason is beyond our capabilities at this stage,  $f_T$  of MOSFETs that have very short channels varies inversely with  $L$  rather than with  $L^2$ .



**Figure G.2** Frequency response of a CS amplifier loaded with a capacitance  $C_L$  and fed with an ideal voltage source. It is assumed that the transistor is operating at frequencies much lower than  $f_T$ , and thus the internal capacitances are not taken into account.

frequency  $\omega_t$ ,

$$\omega_t = A_0 \omega_p = (g_m r_o) \frac{1}{C_L r_o}$$

Thus,

$$\omega_t = \frac{g_m}{C_L} \quad (\text{G.3})$$

That is, the **unity-gain frequency** or, equivalently, the **gain–bandwidth product**<sup>5</sup>  $\omega_t$  is the ratio of  $g_m$  and  $C_L$ . We thus clearly see that for a given capacitive load  $C_L$ , a larger gain–bandwidth product is achieved by operating the MOSFET at a higher  $g_m$ . Identical analysis and conclusions apply to the case of the BJT. In each case, bandwidth increases as bias current is increased.

<sup>5</sup>The unity-gain frequency and the gain–bandwidth product of an amplifier are the same when the frequency response is of the single-pole type; otherwise the two parameters may differ.

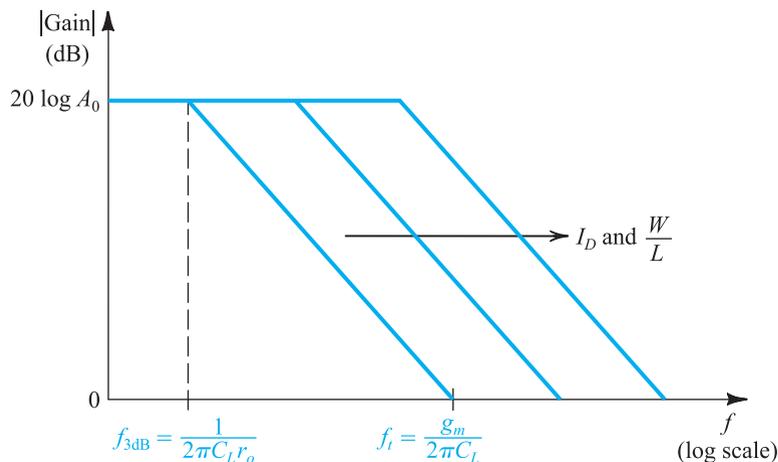
### G.3.8 Design Parameters

For the BJT there are three design parameters— $I_C$ ,  $V_{BE}$ , and  $I_S$  (or, equivalently, the area of the emitter–base junction)—and the designer can select any two. However, since  $I_C$  is exponentially related to  $V_{BE}$  and is very sensitive to the value of  $V_{BE}$  ( $V_{BE}$  changes by only 60 mV for a factor of 10 change in  $I_C$ ),  $I_C$  is much more useful than  $V_{BE}$  as a design parameter. As mentioned earlier, the utility of the EBJ area as a design parameter is rather limited because of the narrow range over which  $A_E$  can vary. It follows that for the BJT there is only one effective design parameter: the collector current  $I_C$ . Finally, note that we have not considered  $V_{CE}$  to be a design parameter, since its effect on  $I_C$  is only secondary. Of course, as we learned in Chapter 7,  $V_{CE}$  affects the output-signal swing.

For the MOSFET there are four design parameters— $I_D$ ,  $V_{OV}$ ,  $L$ , and  $W$ —and the designer can select any three. For analog circuit applications the trade-off in selecting a value for  $L$  is between the higher speed of operation (wider amplifier bandwidth) obtained at lower values of  $L$  and the higher intrinsic gain obtained at larger values of  $L$ . Usually one selects an  $L$  of about 25% to 50% greater than  $L_{\min}$ .

The second design parameter is  $V_{OV}$ . We have already made numerous remarks about the effect of the value of  $V_{OV}$  on performance. Usually, for submicron technologies,  $V_{OV}$  is selected in the range of 0.1 V to 0.3 V.

Once values for  $L$  and  $V_{OV}$  have been selected, the designer is left with the selection of the value of  $I_D$  or  $W$  (or, equivalently,  $W/L$ ). For a given process and for the selected values of  $L$  and  $V_{OV}$ ,  $I_D$  is proportional to  $W/L$ . It is important to note that the choice of  $I_D$  or, equivalently, of  $W/L$  has no bearing on the value of intrinsic gain  $A_0$  and the transition frequency  $f_T$ . However, it affects the value of  $g_m$  and hence the gain–bandwidth product. Figure G.3 illustrates this point by showing how the gain of a common-source amplifier operated at a constant  $V_{OV}$  varies with  $I_D$  (or, equivalently,  $W/L$ ). Note that while the dc gain remains unchanged, increasing  $W/L$  and, correspondingly,  $I_D$ , increases the bandwidth proportionally. This, however, assumes that the load capacitance  $C_L$  is not affected by the device size, an assumption that may not be entirely justified in some cases.



**Figure G.3** Increasing  $I_D$  or  $W/L$  increases the bandwidth of a MOSFET amplifier operated at a constant  $V_{OV}$  and loaded by a constant capacitance  $C_L$ .

**Example G.3**

In this example we investigate the gain and the high-frequency response of an *npn* transistor and an NMOS transistor. For the *npn* transistor, assume that it is fabricated in the low-voltage process specified in Table G.2, and assume that  $C_\mu \simeq C_{\mu 0}$ . For  $I_C = 10 \mu\text{A}$ ,  $100 \mu\text{A}$ , and  $1 \text{ mA}$ , find  $g_m$ ,  $r_o$ ,  $A_0$ ,  $C_{de}$ ,  $C_{je}$ ,  $C_\pi$ ,  $C_\mu$ , and  $f_T$ . Also, for each value of  $I_C$ , find the gain-bandwidth product  $f_i$  of a common-emitter amplifier loaded by a 1-pF capacitance, neglecting the internal capacitances of the transistor. For the NMOS transistor, assume that it is fabricated in the 0.25- $\mu\text{m}$  CMOS process with  $L = 0.4 \mu\text{m}$ . Let the transistor be operated at  $V_{OV} = 0.25 \text{ V}$ . Find  $W/L$  that is required to obtain  $I_D = 10 \mu\text{A}$ ,  $100 \mu\text{A}$ , and  $1 \text{ mA}$ . At each value of  $I_D$ , find  $g_m$ ,  $r_o$ ,  $A_0$ ,  $C_{gs}$ ,  $C_{gd}$ , and  $f_T$ . Also, for each value of  $I_D$ , determine the gain-bandwidth product  $f_i$  of a common-source amplifier loaded by a 1-pF capacitance, neglecting the internal capacitances of the transistor.

**Solution**

For the *npn* transistor,

$$g_m = \frac{I_C}{V_T} = \frac{I_C}{0.025} = 40I_C \text{ A/V}$$

$$r_o = \frac{V_A}{I_C} = \frac{35}{I_C} \Omega$$

$$A_0 = \frac{V_A}{V_T} = \frac{35}{0.025} = 1400 \text{ V/V}$$

$$C_{de} = \tau_F g_m = 10 \times 10^{-12} \times 40I_C = 0.4 \times 10^{-9} I_C \text{ F}$$

$$C_{je} \simeq 2C_{je0} = 10 \text{ fF}$$

$$C_\pi = C_{de} + C_{je}$$

$$C_\mu \simeq C_{\mu 0} = 5 \text{ fF}$$

$$f_T = \frac{g_m}{2\pi(C_\pi + C_\mu)}$$

$$f_i = \frac{g_m}{2\pi C_L} = \frac{g_m}{2\pi \times 1 \times 10^{-12}}$$

We thus obtain the following results:

$I_C$	$g_m$ (mA/V)	$r_o$ (k $\Omega$ )	$A_0$ (V/V)	$C_{de}$ (fF)	$C_{je}$ (fF)	$C_\pi$ (fF)	$C_\mu$ (fF)	$f_T$ (GHz)	$f_i$ (MHz)
10 $\mu\text{A}$	0.4	3500	1400	4	10	14	5	3.4	64
100 $\mu\text{A}$	4	350	1400	40	10	50	5	11.6	640
1 mA	40	35	1400	400	10	410	5	15.3	6400

**Example G.3** *continued*

For the NMOS transistor,

$$I_D = \frac{1}{2} \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L} V_{OV}^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times 267 \times \frac{W}{L} \times \frac{1}{16}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{W}{L} = 0.12 I_D$$

$$g_m = \frac{I_D}{V_{OV}/2} = \frac{I_D}{0.25/2} = 8 I_D \text{ A/V}$$

$$r_o = \frac{V_A' L}{I_D} = \frac{5 \times 0.4}{I_D} = \frac{2}{I_D} \Omega$$

$$A_0 = g_m r_o = 16 \text{ V/V}$$

$$C_{gs} = \frac{2}{3} W L C_{ox} + C_{ov} = \frac{2}{3} W \times 0.4 \times 5.8 + 0.6 W$$

$$C_{gd} = C_{ov} = 0.6 W$$

$$f_T = \frac{g_m}{2\pi (C_{gs} + C_{gd})}$$

$$f_i = \frac{g_m}{2\pi C_L}$$

We thus obtain the following results:

$I_D$	$W/L$	$g_m$ (mA/V)	$r_o$ (k $\Omega$ )	$A_0$ (V/V)	$C_{gs}$ (fF)	$C_{gd}$ (fF)	$f_T$ (GHz)	$f_i$ (MHz)
10 A	1.2	0.08	200	16	1.03	0.29	9.7	12.7
100 A	12	0.8	20	16	10.3	2.9	9.7	127
1 mA	120	8	2	16	103	29	9.7	1270

**EXERCISE**

**G.3** Find  $I_D$ ,  $g_m$ ,  $r_o$ ,  $A_0$ ,  $C_{gs}$ ,  $C_{gd}$ , and  $f_T$  for an NMOS transistor fabricated in the 0.5- $\mu\text{m}$  CMOS technology specified in Table G.1. Let  $L = 0.5 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $W = 5 \mu\text{m}$ , and  $V_{OV} = 0.3 \text{ V}$ .

**Ans.** 85.5  $\mu\text{A}$ ; 0.57 mA/V; 117 k $\Omega$ ; 66.7 V/V; 8.3 fF; 2 fF; 8.8 GHz

## G.4 Combining MOS and Bipolar Transistors—BiCMOS Circuits

From the discussion above it should be evident that the BJT has the advantage over the MOSFET of a much higher transconductance ( $g_m$ ) at the same value of dc bias current. Thus, in addition to realizing higher voltage gains per amplifier stage, bipolar transistor amplifiers have superior high-frequency performance compared to their MOS counterparts.

On the other hand, the practically infinite input resistance at the gate of a MOSFET makes it possible to design amplifiers with extremely high input resistances and an almost zero input bias current. Also, as mentioned earlier, the MOSFET provides an excellent implementation of a switch, a fact that has made CMOS technology capable of realizing a host of analog circuit functions that are not possible with bipolar transistors.

It can thus be seen that each of the two transistor types has its own distinct and unique advantages: Bipolar technology has been extremely useful in the design of very-high-quality general-purpose circuit building blocks, such as op amps. On the other hand, CMOS, with its very high packing density and its suitability for both digital and analog circuits, has become the technology of choice for the implementation of very-large-scale integrated circuits. Nevertheless, the performance of CMOS circuits can be improved if the designer has available (on the same chip) bipolar transistors that can be employed in functions that require their high  $g_m$  and excellent current-driving capability. A technology that allows the fabrication of high-quality bipolar transistors on the same chip as CMOS circuits is aptly called **BiCMOS**. At appropriate locations throughout this book we present interesting and useful BiCMOS circuit blocks.

## G.5 Validity of the Square-Law MOSFET Model

We conclude this appendix with a comment on the validity of the simple square-law model we have been using to describe the operation of the MOS transistor. While this simple model works well for devices with relatively long channels ( $> 1 \mu\text{m}$ ), it does *not* provide an accurate representation of the operation of short-channel devices. This is because a number of physical phenomena come into play in these submicron devices, resulting in what are called **short-channel effects**. Although a detailed study of short-channel effects is beyond the scope of this book, it should be mentioned that MOSFET models have been developed that take these effects into account. However, they are understandably quite complex and do not lend themselves to hand analysis of the type needed to develop insight into circuit operation. Rather, these models are suitable for computer simulation and are indeed used in SPICE (Appendix B). For quick, manual analysis, however, we will continue to use the square-law model, which is the basis for the comparison of Table G.3.

**G.1** Find the range of  $I_D$  obtained in a particular NMOS transistor as its overdrive voltage is increased from 0.15 V to 0.4 V. If the same range is required in  $I_C$  of a BJT, what is the corresponding change in  $V_{BE}$ ?

**G.2** What range of  $I_C$  is obtained in an *npn* transistor as a result of changing the area of the emitter–base junction by a factor of 10 while keeping  $V_{BE}$  constant? If  $I_C$  is to be kept constant, by what amount must  $V_{BE}$  change?

**G.3** For each of the CMOS technologies specified in Table G.1, find the  $|V_{OV}|$  and hence the  $|V_{GS}|$  required to operate a device with a  $W/L$  of 10 at a drain current  $I_D = 100 \mu\text{A}$ . Ignore channel-length modulation.

**G.4** Consider NMOS and PMOS devices fabricated in the 0.25- $\mu\text{m}$  process specified in Table G.1. If both devices are to operate at  $|V_{OV}| = 0.25 \text{ V}$  and  $I_D = 100 \mu\text{A}$ , what must their  $W/L$  ratios be?

**G.5** Consider NMOS and PMOS transistors fabricated in the 0.25- $\mu\text{m}$  process specified in Table G.1. If the two devices are to be operated at equal drain currents, what must the ratio of  $(W/L)_p$  to  $(W/L)_n$  be to achieve equal values of  $g_m$ ?

**G.6** An NMOS transistor fabricated in the 0.18- $\mu\text{m}$  CMOS process specified in Table G.1 is operated at  $V_{OV} = 0.2 \text{ V}$ . Find the required  $W/L$  and  $I_D$  to obtain a  $g_m$  of 10 mA/V. At what value of  $I_C$  must an *npn* transistor be operated to achieve this value of  $g_m$ ?

**G.7** For each of the CMOS process technologies specified in Table G.1, find the  $g_m$  of an NMOS and a PMOS transistor with  $W/L = 10$  operated at  $I_D = 100 \mu\text{A}$ .

**G.8** An NMOS transistor operated with an overdrive voltage of 0.25 V is required to have a  $g_m$  equal to that of an *npn* transistor operated at  $I_C = 0.1 \text{ mA}$ . What must  $I_D$  be? What value of  $g_m$  is realized?

**G.9** It is required to find the incremental (i.e., small-signal) resistance of each of the diode-connected transistors shown in Fig. PG.9. Assume that the dc bias current  $I = 0.1 \text{ mA}$ . For the MOSFET, let  $\mu_n C_{ox} = 200 \mu\text{A/V}^2$  and  $W/L = 10$ .

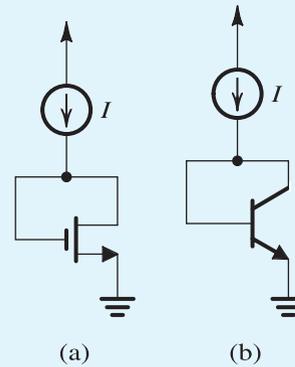


Figure PG.9

**G.10** For an NMOS transistor with  $L = 1 \mu\text{m}$  fabricated in the 0.8- $\mu\text{m}$  process specified in Table G.1, find  $g_m$ ,  $r_o$ , and  $A_0$  if the device is operated with  $V_{OV} = 0.5 \text{ V}$  and  $I_D = 100 \mu\text{A}$ . Also, find the required device width  $W$ .

**G.11** For an NMOS transistor with  $L = 0.3 \mu\text{m}$  fabricated in the 0.18- $\mu\text{m}$  process specified in Table G.1, find  $g_m$ ,  $r_o$ , and  $A_0$  obtained when the device is operated at  $I_D = 100 \mu\text{A}$  with  $V_{OV} = 0.2 \text{ V}$ . Also, find  $W$ .

**G.12** Fill in the table below. For the BJT, let  $\beta = 100$  and  $V_A = 100 \text{ V}$ . For the MOSFET, let  $\mu_n C_{ox} = 200 \mu\text{A/V}^2$ ,  $W/L = 40$ , and  $V_A = 10 \text{ V}$ . Note that  $R_{in}$  refers to the input resistance at the control input terminal (gate, base) with the (source, emitter) grounded.

	BJT		MOSFET	
Bias Current	$I_C = 0.1 \text{ mA}$	$I_C = 1 \text{ mA}$	$I_D = 0.1 \text{ mA}$	$I_D = 1 \text{ mA}$
$g_m$ (mA/V)				
$r_o$ (k $\Omega$ )				
$A_0$ (V/V)				
$R_{in}$ (k $\Omega$ )				

**G.13** For an NMOS transistor fabricated in the 0.18- $\mu\text{m}$  process specified in Table G.1 with  $L = 0.3 \mu\text{m}$  and  $W = 6 \mu\text{m}$ , find the value of  $f_T$  obtained when the transistor is operated at  $V_{OV} = 0.2 \text{ V}$ . Use both the formula in terms of  $C_{gs}$  and  $C_{gd}$  and the approximate formula. Why does the approximate formula overestimate  $f_T$ ?

**G.14** An NMOS transistor fabricated in the 0.18- $\mu\text{m}$  process specified in Table G.1 and having  $L = 0.3 \mu\text{m}$  and  $W = 6 \mu\text{m}$  is operated at  $V_{OV} = 0.2 \text{ V}$  and used to drive a

capacitive load of 100 fF. Find  $A_0$ ,  $f_p$  (or  $f_{3\text{ dB}}$ ), and  $f_T$ . At what  $I_D$  value is the transistor operating? If it is required to double  $f_T$ , what must  $I_D$  become? What happens to  $A_0$  and  $f_p$  in this case?

**G.15** For an *npn* transistor fabricated in the high-voltage process specified in Table G.2, evaluate  $f_T$  at  $I_C = 10\ \mu\text{A}$ ,  $100\ \mu\text{A}$ , and  $1\ \text{mA}$ . Assume  $C_\mu \simeq C_{\mu 0}$ . Repeat for the low-voltage process.

**G.16** Consider an NMOS transistor fabricated in the  $0.8\text{-}\mu\text{m}$  process specified in Table G.1. Let the transistor have  $L = 1\ \mu\text{m}$ , and assume it is operated at  $I_D = 100\ \mu\text{A}$ .

- For  $V_{OV} = 0.25\ \text{V}$ , find  $W$ ,  $g_m$ ,  $r_o$ ,  $A_0$ ,  $C_{gs}$ ,  $C_{gd}$ , and  $f_T$ .
- To what must  $V_{OV}$  be changed to double  $f_T$ ? Find the new values of  $W$ ,  $g_m$ ,  $r_o$ ,  $A_0$ ,  $C_{gs}$ , and  $C_{gd}$ .

**G.17** For a lateral *pnp* transistor fabricated in the high-voltage process specified in Table G.2, find  $f_T$  if the

device is operated at a collector bias current of  $1\ \text{mA}$ . Compare to the value obtained for a vertical *npn*.

**G.18** Show that for a MOSFET the selection of  $L$  and  $V_{OV}$  determines  $A_0$  and  $f_T$ . In other words, show that  $A_0$  and  $f_T$  will not depend on  $I_D$  and  $W$ .

**G.19** Consider an NMOS transistor fabricated in the  $0.18\text{-}\mu\text{m}$  technology specified in Table G.1. Let the transistor be operated at  $V_{OV} = 0.2\ \text{V}$ . Find  $A_0$  and  $f_T$  for  $L = 0.2\ \mu\text{m}$ ,  $0.3\ \mu\text{m}$ , and  $0.4\ \mu\text{m}$ .

**D G.20** Consider an NMOS transistor fabricated in the  $0.5\text{-}\mu\text{m}$  process specified in Table G.1. Let  $L = 0.5\ \mu\text{m}$  and  $V_{OV} = 0.3\ \text{V}$ . If the MOSFET is connected as a common-source amplifier with a load capacitance  $C_L = 1\ \text{pF}$  (as in Fig. G.2a), find the required transistor width  $W$  and bias current  $I_D$  to obtain a unity-gain bandwidth of  $100\ \text{MHz}$ . Also, find  $A_0$  and  $f_{3\text{ dB}}$ .