

# CMOS Delay-7 (H.8) Delay Model

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$\beta$  : Device Transconductance Parameter

$k$  : Process Transconductance Parameter

$\mu$  : Electron / Hole Mobility

$$\text{PMOS} \quad \beta_p = k'_p \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_p \quad k'_p = \mu_p C_{ox} \quad C_{ox} = \frac{\epsilon_{ox}}{t_{ox}}$$

$$\text{nMOS} \quad \beta_n = k'_n \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_n \quad k'_n = \mu_n C_{ox} \quad C_{ox} = \frac{\epsilon_{ox}}{t_{ox}}$$

$$\text{PMOS} \quad \beta_p = \mu_p \frac{\epsilon_{ox}}{t_{ox}} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_p$$

$$\text{nMOS} \quad \beta_n = \mu_n \frac{\epsilon_{ox}}{t_{ox}} \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_n$$

Saturation Current

$$I_{d_p} = \frac{\beta_p}{2} (V_{G_Sn} - |V_{T_p}|)^2 \quad V_{T_p} < 0$$

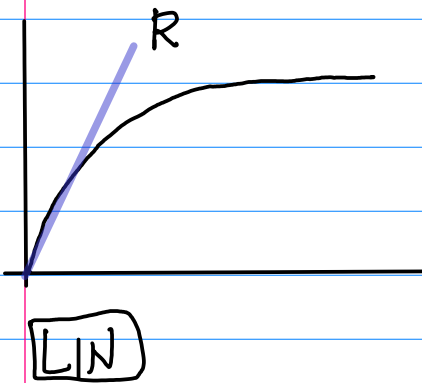
$$I_{d_n} = \frac{\beta_n}{2} (V_{G_Sn} - V_{T_n})^2 \quad V_{T_n} > 0$$

$$\frac{\beta_n}{\beta_p} = \frac{k'_n \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_n}{k'_p \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_p}$$

$$\frac{k'_n}{k'_p} = 2 \sim 3$$

$$\frac{k'_n}{k'_p} = \frac{\mu_n}{\mu_p} = \gamma$$

$$\frac{\beta_n}{\beta_p} = \frac{k'_n \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_n}{k'_p \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_p}$$



$$R_n = \frac{1}{\beta_n (V_{DD} - V_{Tn})}$$

$$R_p = \frac{1}{\beta_n (V_{DD} - V_{Tn})}$$

fall time  $t_f$

$$\tau_n = R_n C_{out}$$

rise time  $t_r$

$$\tau_p = R_p C_{out}$$

$$C_{out} = C_{para} + C_L$$

fall time	$t_f = 2.2 \tau_n = \ln 9 \tau_n$	$0.9 V_{DD} \rightarrow 0.1 V_{DD}$
rise time	$t_r = 2.2 \tau_p = \ln 9 \tau_p$	$0.1 V_{DD} \rightarrow 0.9 V_{DD}$
propagation delay time	$t_p = \frac{1}{2} (t_{pf} + t_{pr})$ $= 0.35 (t_{pf} + t_{pr})$	$0.5 V_{DD} \rightarrow 0.5 V_{DD}$
propagation fall time	$t_{pf} = 0.7 \tau_n = \ln 2 \tau_n$	$V_{DD} \rightarrow 0.5 V_{DD}$
propagation rise time	$t_{pr} = 0.7 \tau_p = \ln 2 \tau_p$	$0 \rightarrow 0.5 V_{DD}$

$$\tau_n = R_n (C_{para} + C_L)$$

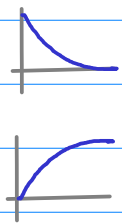
$$\tau_p = R_p (C_{para} + C_L)$$

$$C_{out} = C_{para} + C_L$$

$$\left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_p = r \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_n$$

$$r = \frac{\mu_n}{\mu_p} = \frac{k'_n}{k'_p} > 1$$

$$R_n = R_p = R = \frac{1}{\beta(V_{DD} - V_T)}$$

$$\begin{cases} V_{out}(t) = V_{DD} (1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \\ V_{out}(t) = V_{DD} e^{-t/\tau} \end{cases}$$


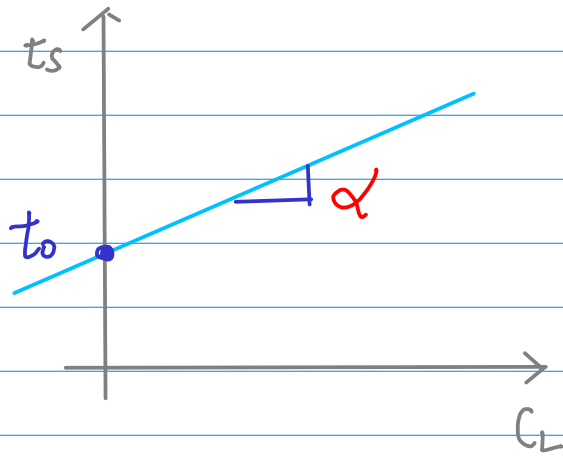
$$\tau = RC_{out} = R(C_{par} + C_L)$$

### Generic Switching Delay

$$t_s = t_0 + \alpha C_L \Rightarrow t_s = t_r = t_f$$

## Generic Switching Delay

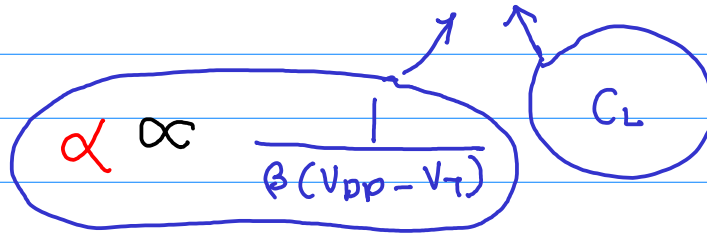
$$t_s = t_0 + \alpha C_L$$



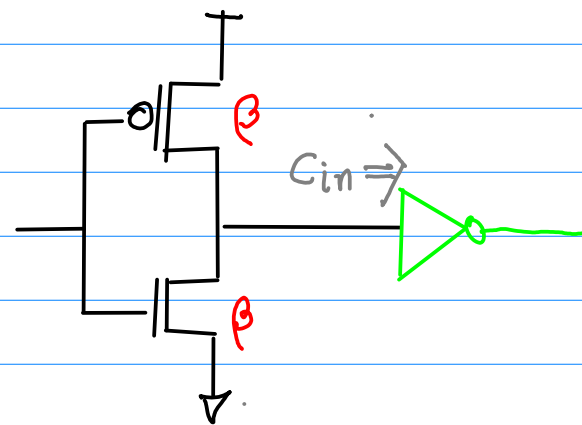
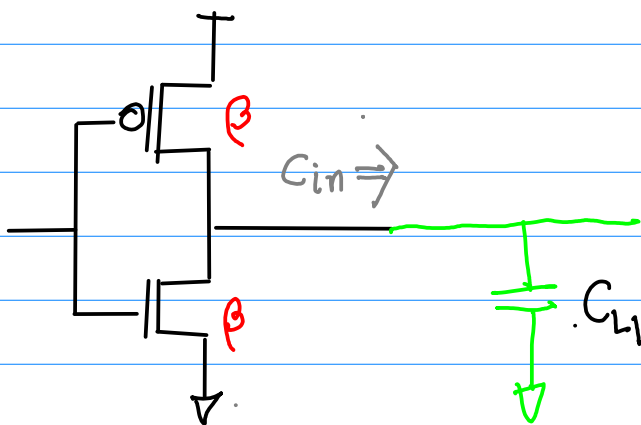
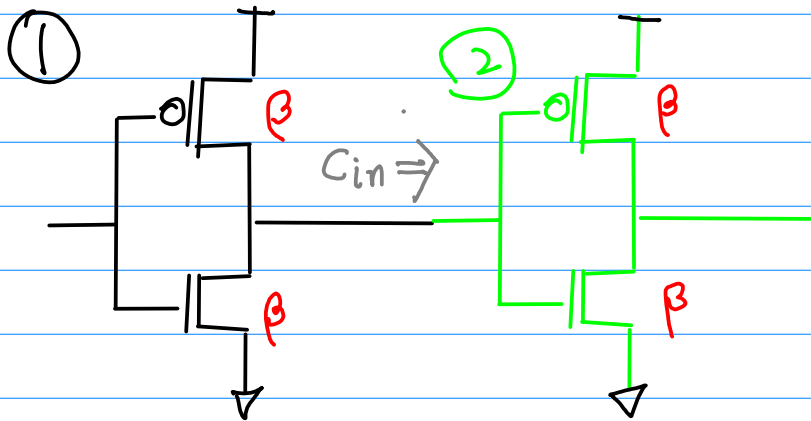
$t_0$  : zero delay

$\alpha$  : slope

$$\tau \approx RC$$







reference case

$$C_{in} = C_{L1}$$

Generic Switching Delay of ①

$$t_{s1} = t_0 + \alpha C_{L1}$$

$$= t_0 + \alpha C_{in}$$

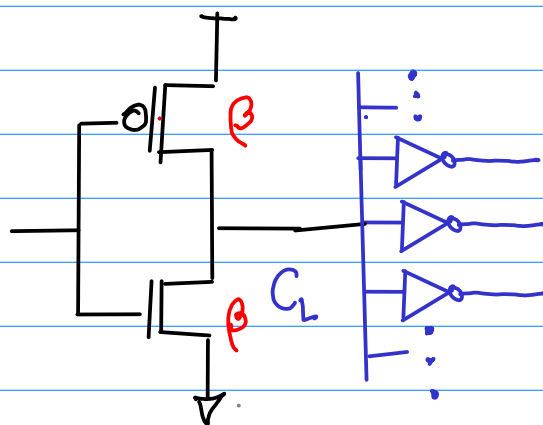
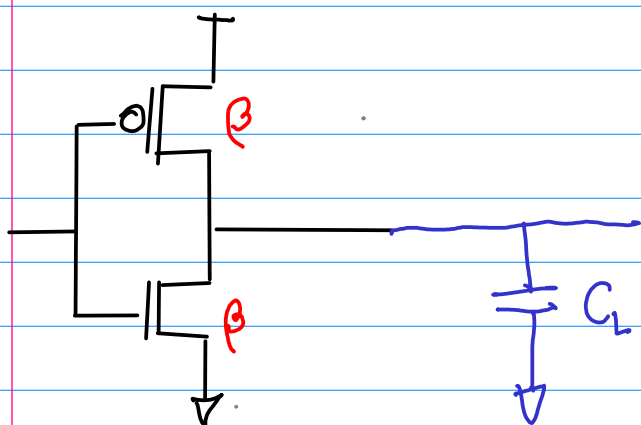
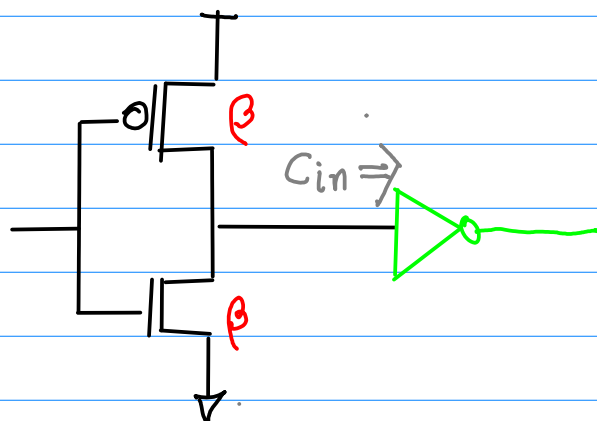
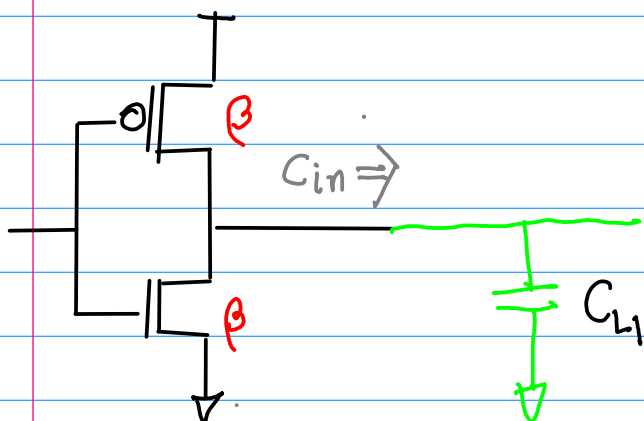
$$\begin{aligned}C_{in} &= C_{Gn} + C_{Gp} \\ &= C_{ox} (A_{Gn} + A_{Gp})\end{aligned}$$

$A_i$ : gate area

the channel length  $L$  assumed

$$\begin{aligned}C_{in} &= C_{ox} L (W_n + W_p) \\ &= C_{ox} L (W_n + r W_p) \\ &= C_{ox} L W_n \cdot (1 + r) \\ &= C_{Gn} (1 + r)\end{aligned}$$

When  $C_L \gg C_{in}$



to minimize  $t_s$

$\alpha \downarrow \Rightarrow R \downarrow \Rightarrow \beta \uparrow \Rightarrow$  bigger size

speed v.s. area tradeoff

$$t_s = t_0 + \alpha C_L \quad t \approx RC$$

$$\alpha \propto \frac{1}{\beta(V_{DD} - V_T)}$$

A diagram showing the relationship between  $\alpha$  and  $C_L$ . A blue oval contains the equation  $\alpha \propto \frac{1}{\beta(V_{DD} - V_T)}$ . A blue circle contains  $C_L$ . Two blue arrows point from the oval and the circle towards the  $t \approx RC$  term in the equation above.

to minimize  $t_s$

$$\alpha \downarrow \Rightarrow R \downarrow \Rightarrow \beta \uparrow \Rightarrow \text{bigger size}$$

Speed v.s. Area tradeoff

Scaling Factor  $S$

$$\beta' = S \beta$$

$$R' = \frac{R}{S}$$

$$\alpha' = \frac{\alpha}{S^2}$$

$$t_s = t_0 + \left( \frac{\alpha}{S} \right) C_L$$

Compensation Factor  $\left( \frac{1}{S} \right)$

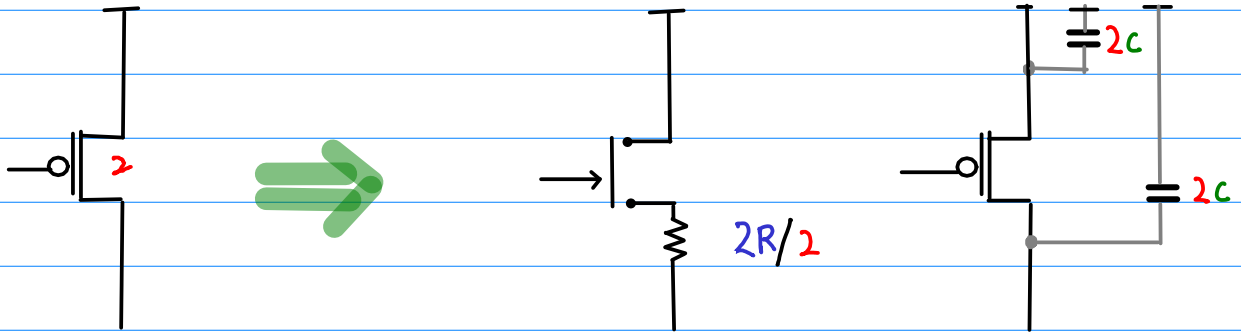
enables a NOT gate drive larger values of  $C_L$

If  $C_L = S C_{in}$  (increased by the scaling factor  $S$ )

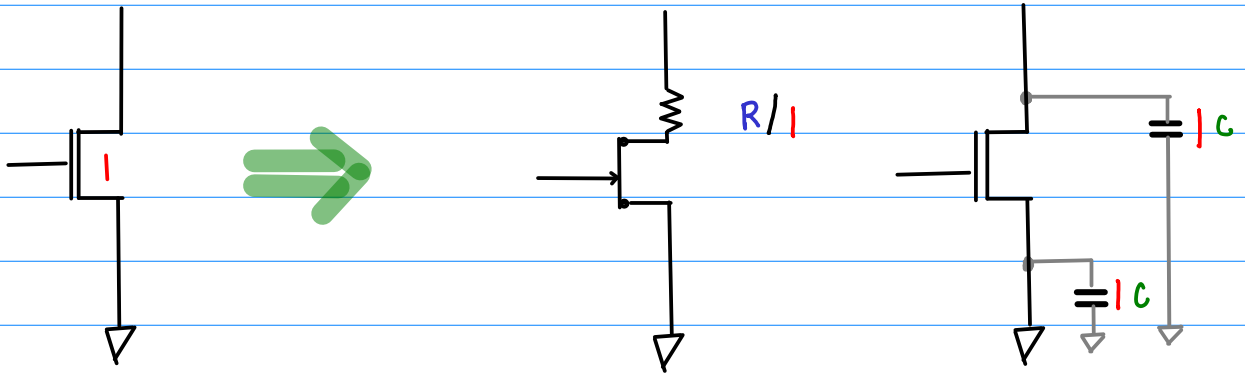
then the switching time is the same

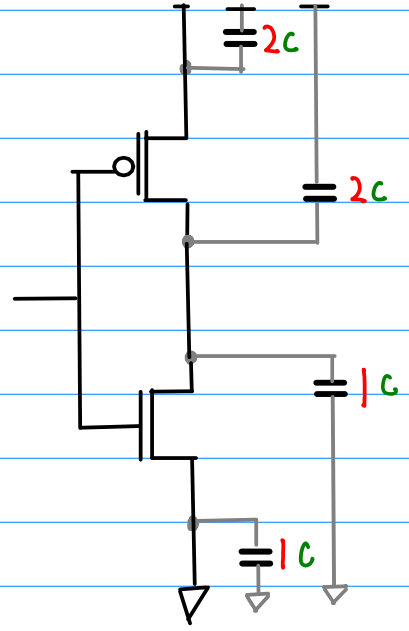
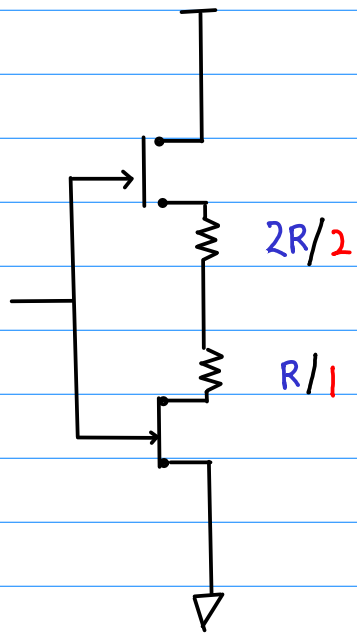
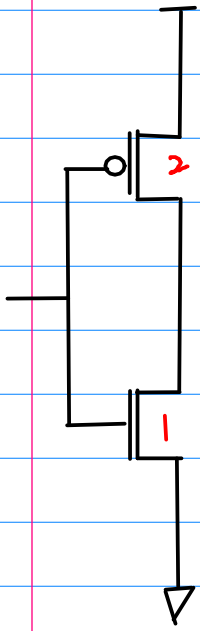
# RC Delay Model

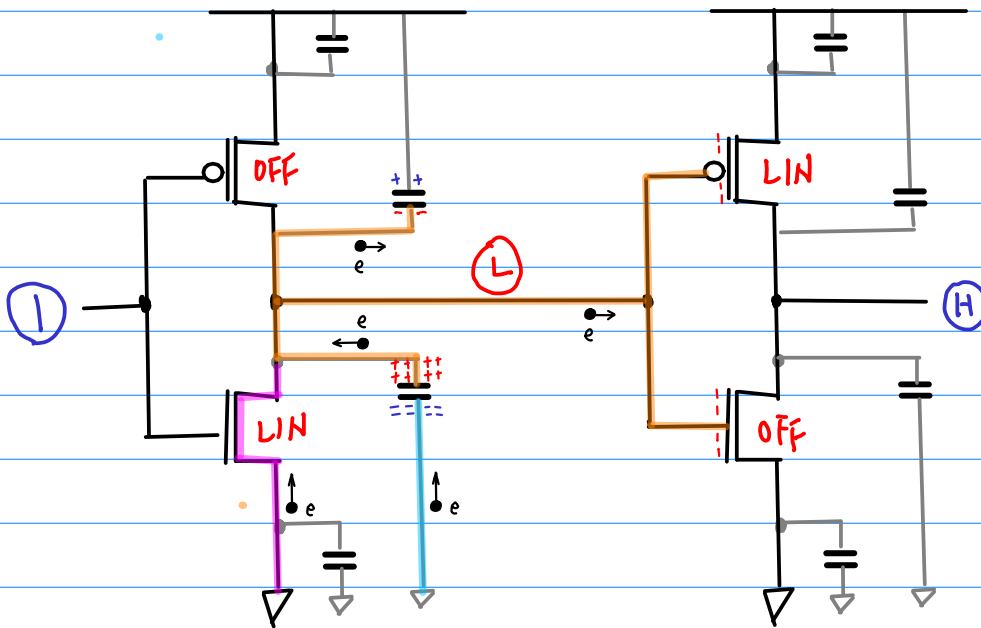
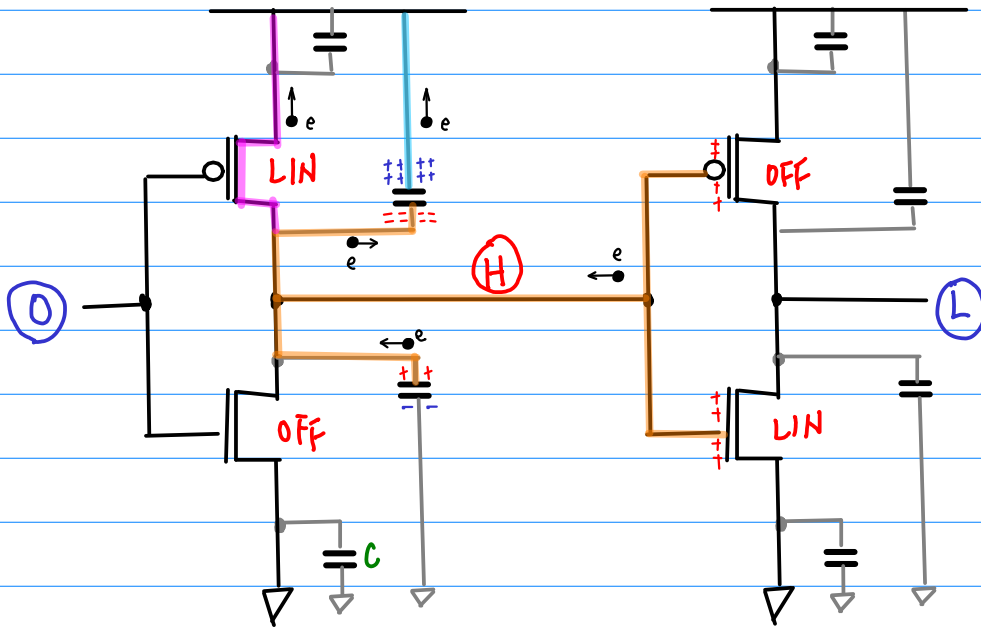
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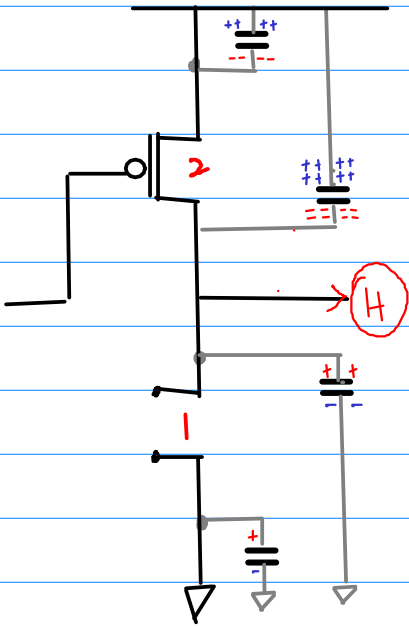


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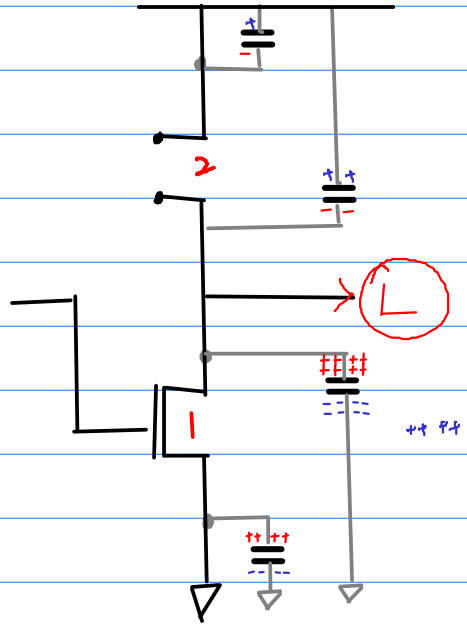




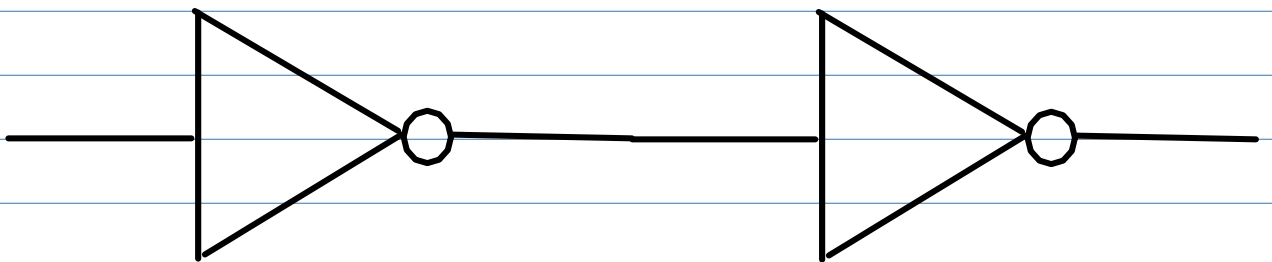
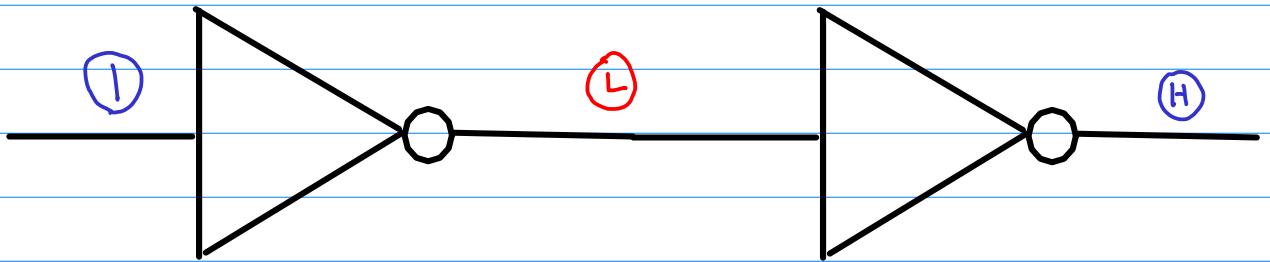
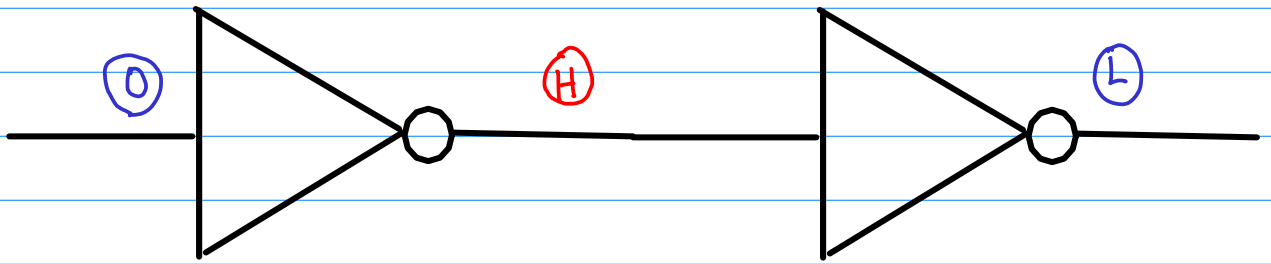


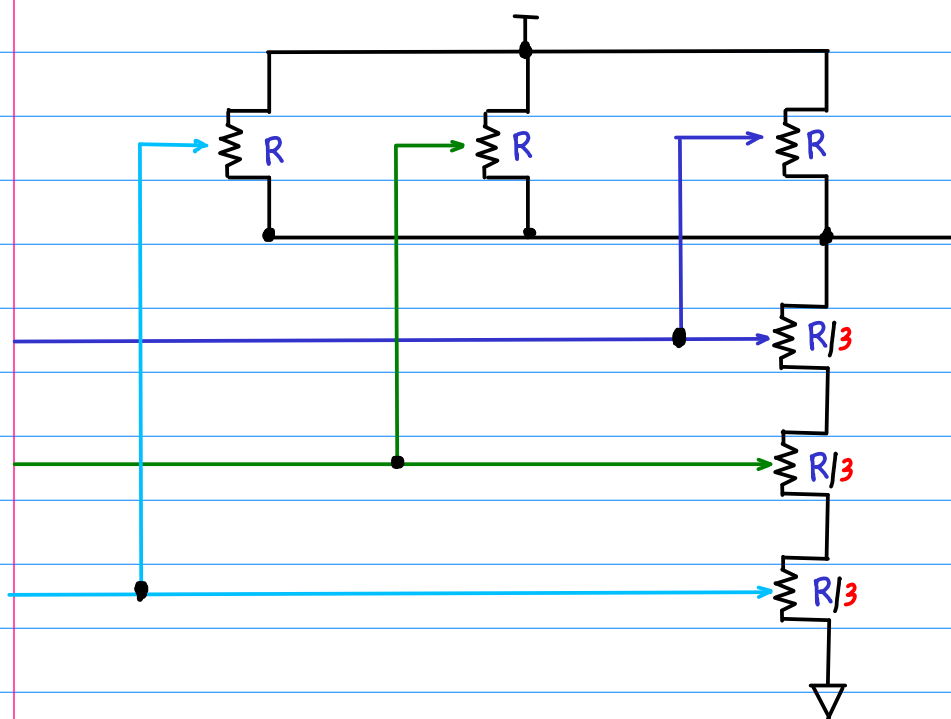
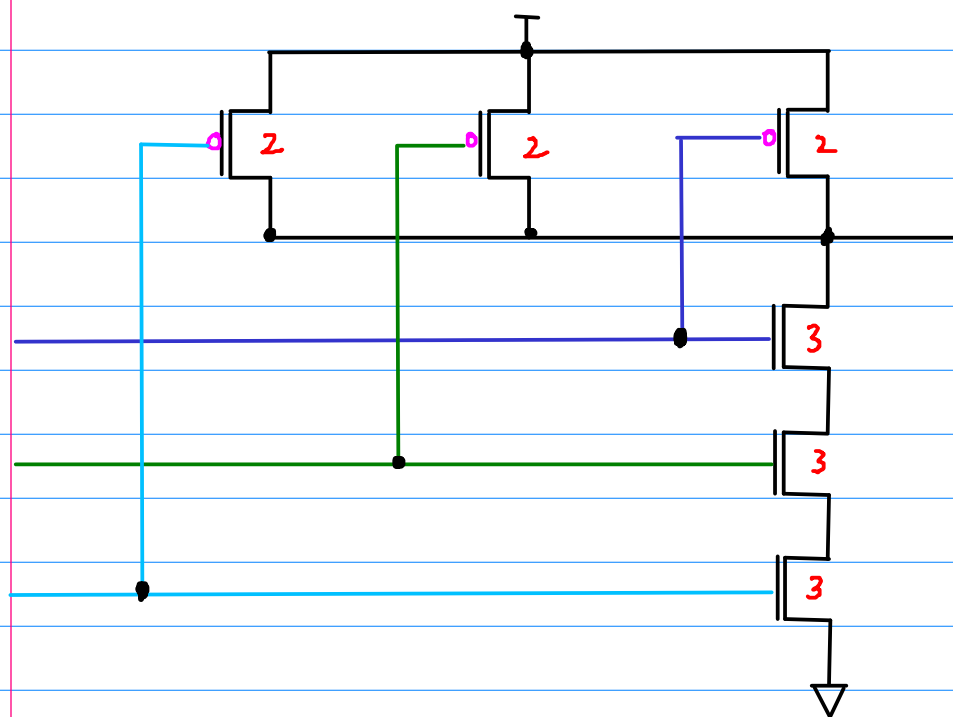
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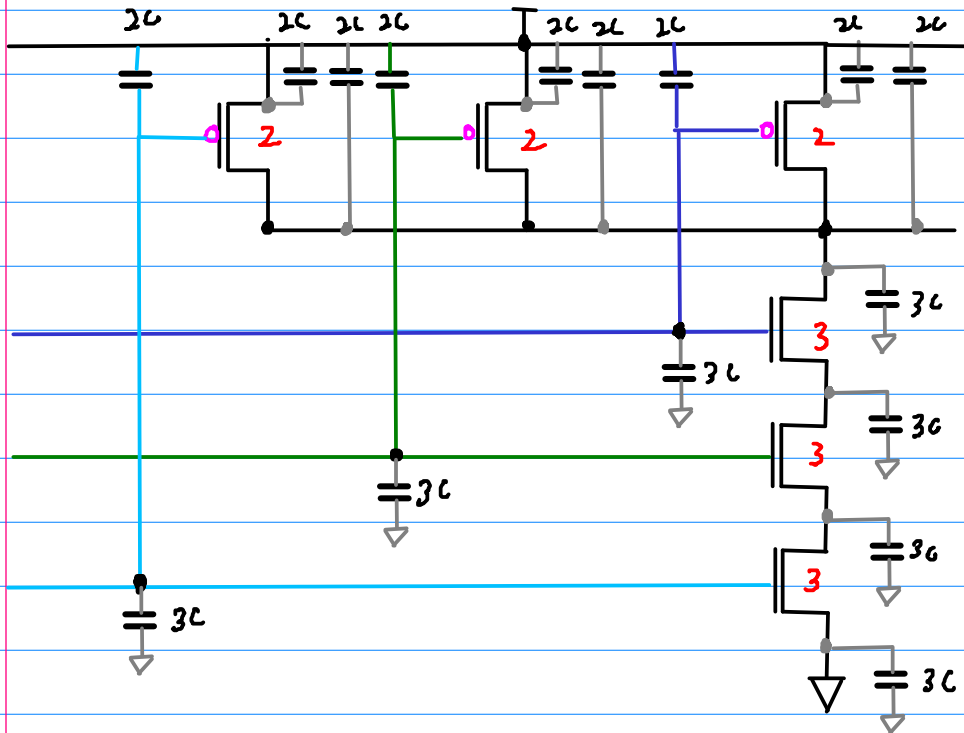
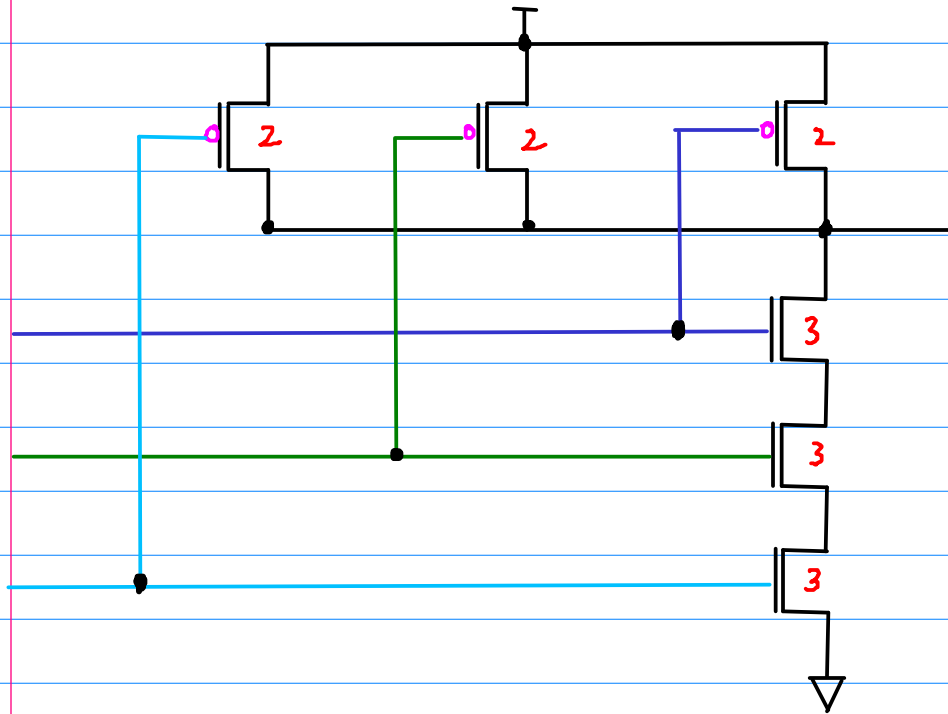
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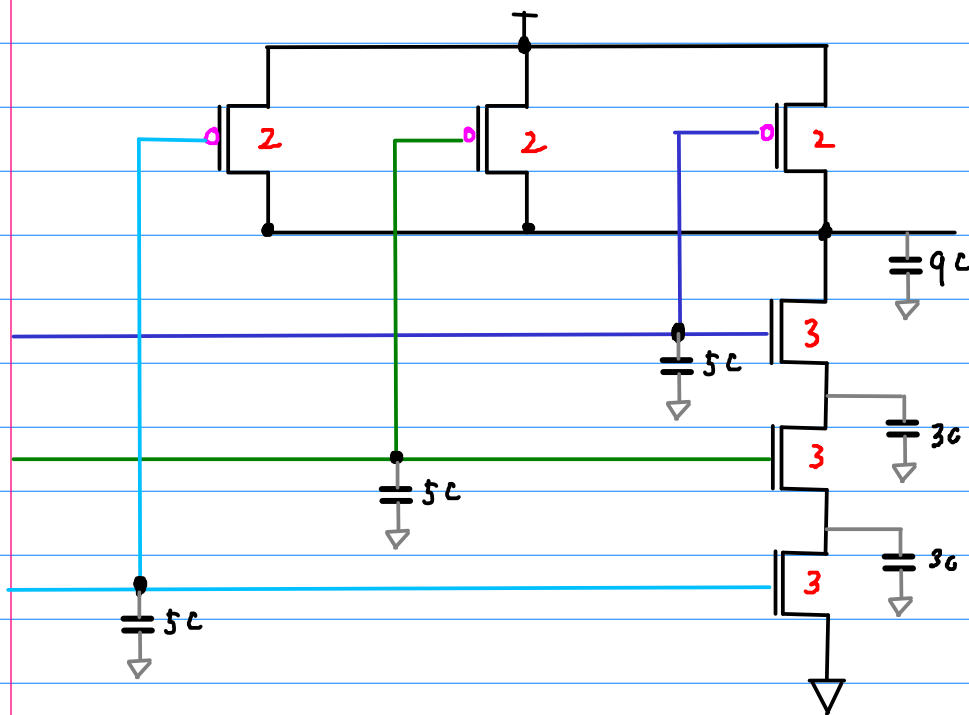
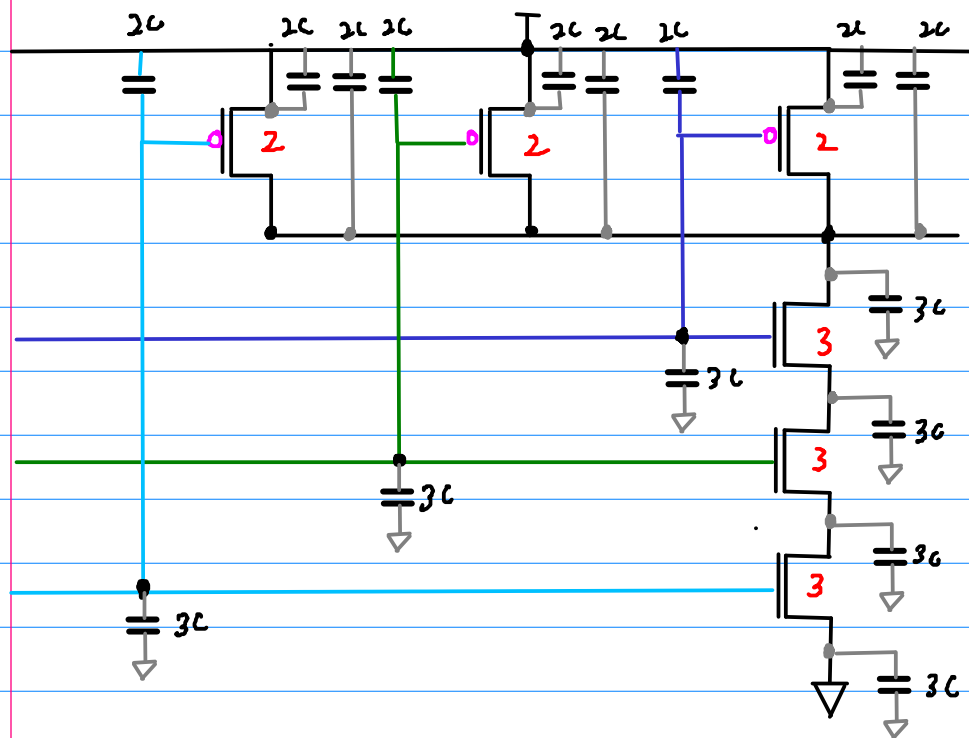




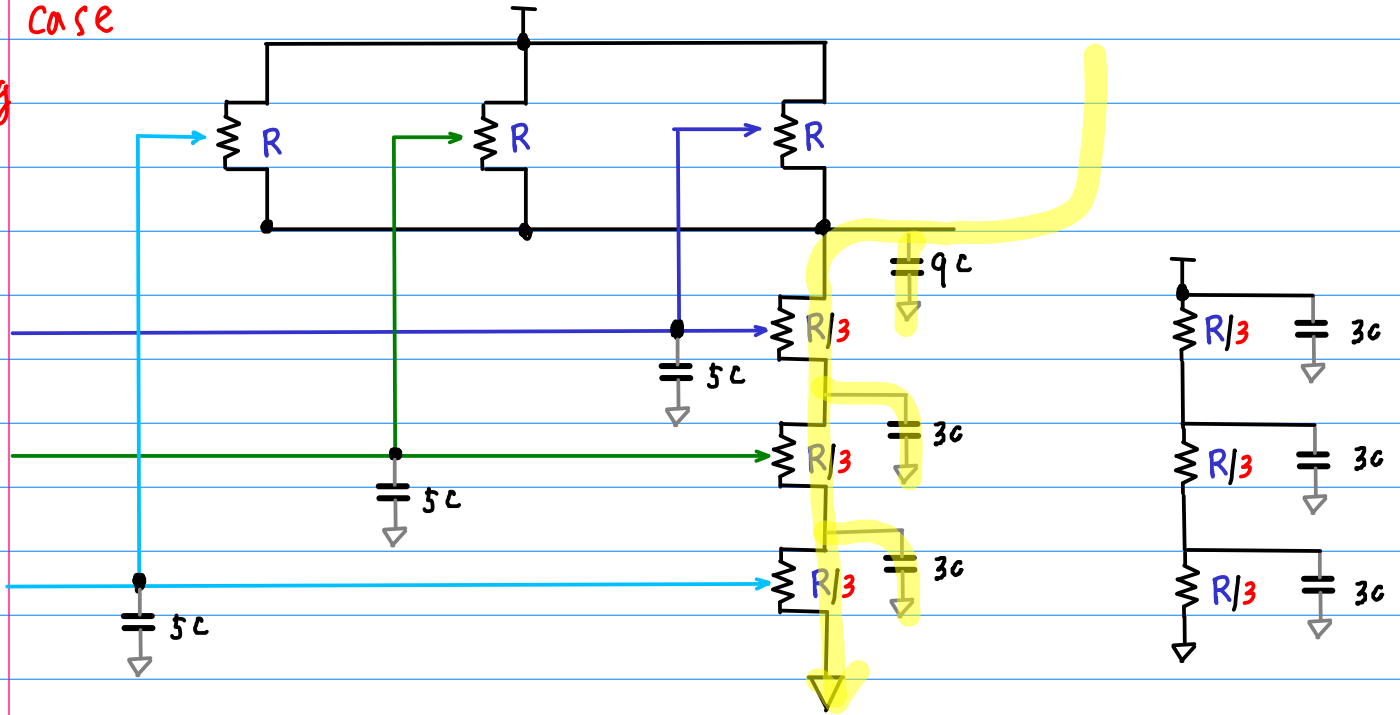




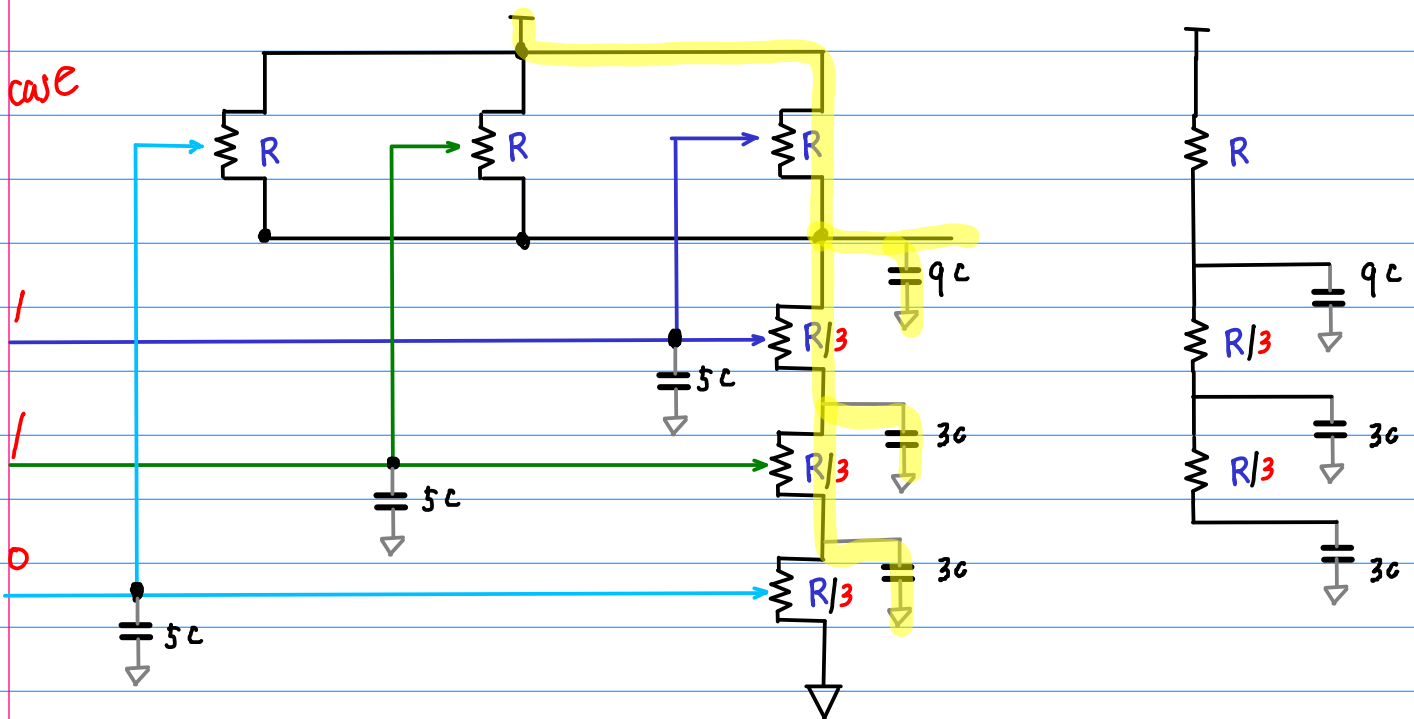




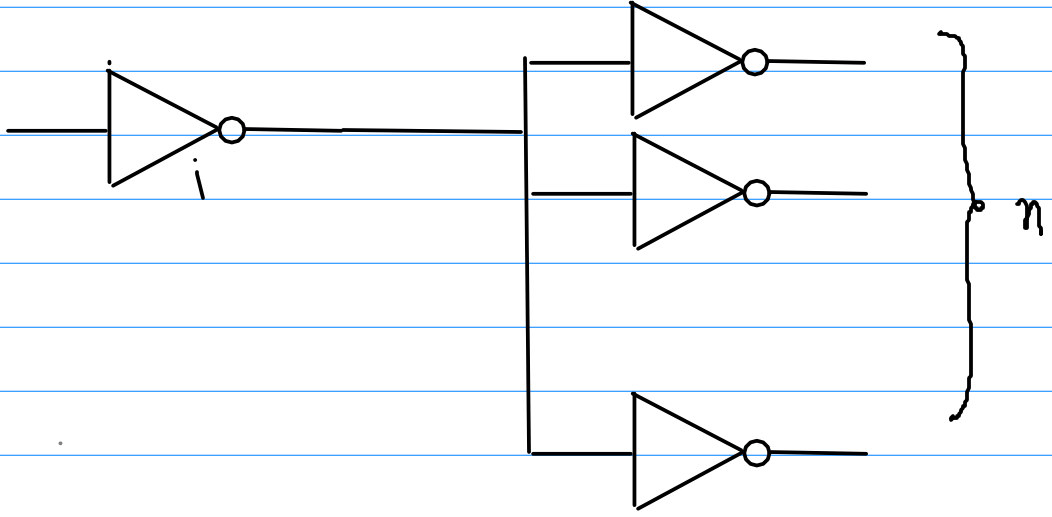
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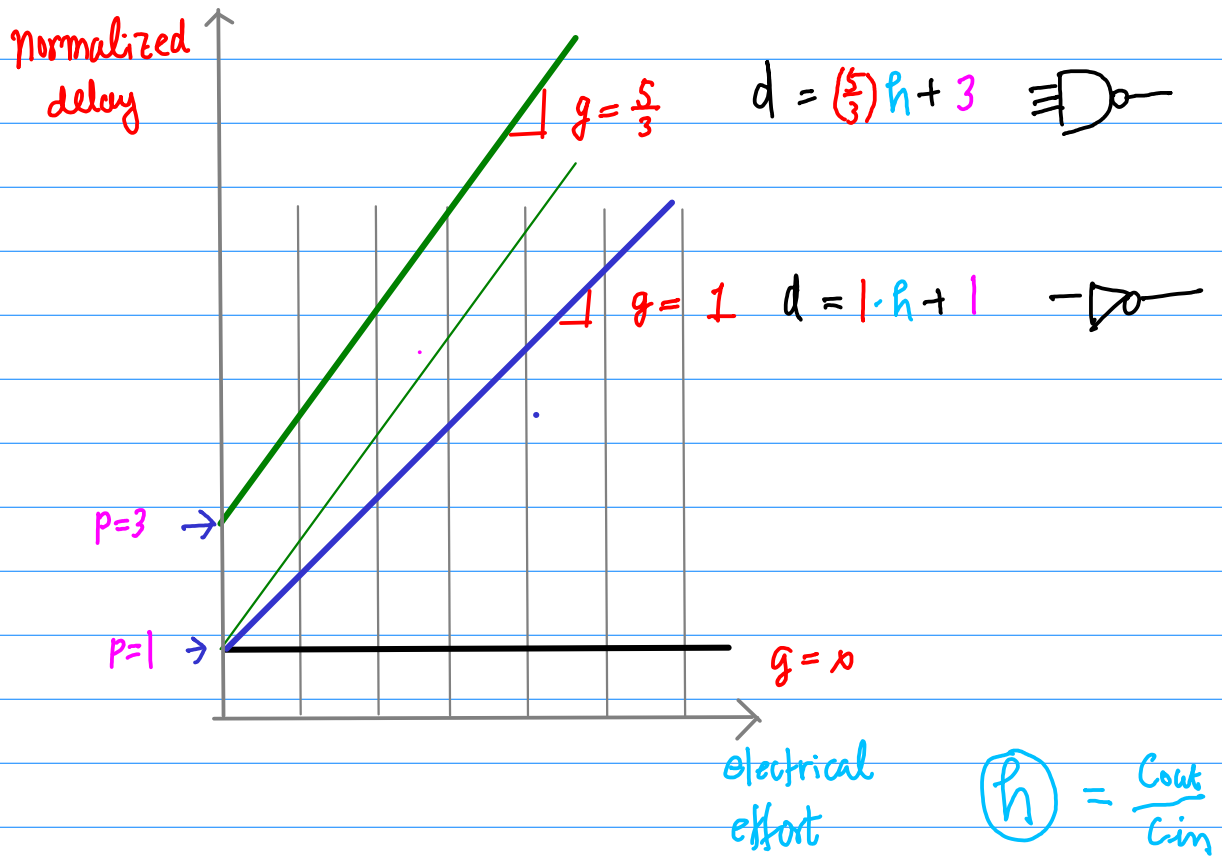
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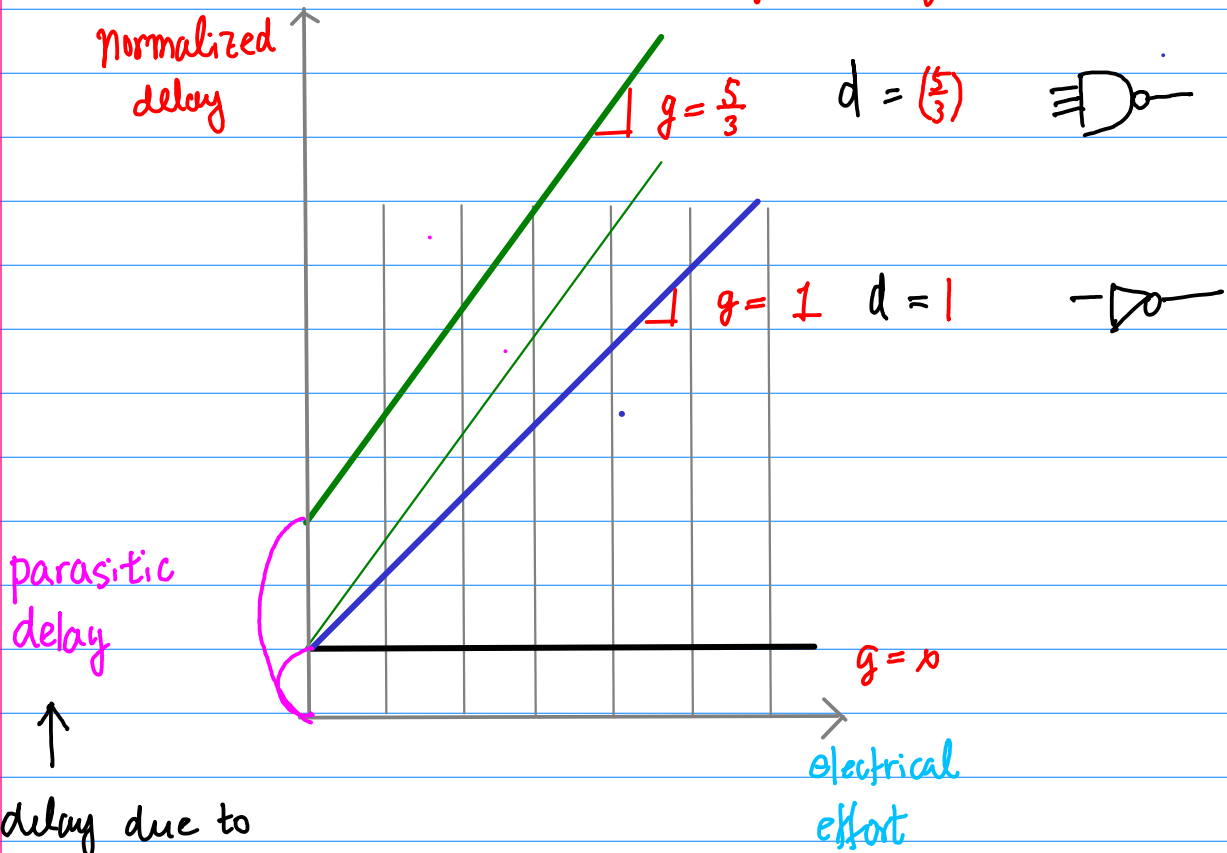
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# Linear Delay Model



Slope : logical effort



↑  
delay due to  
only internal cap  
without external load cap

$$d = g \cdot h + p$$

↑     ↑     ↑  
k    c    c



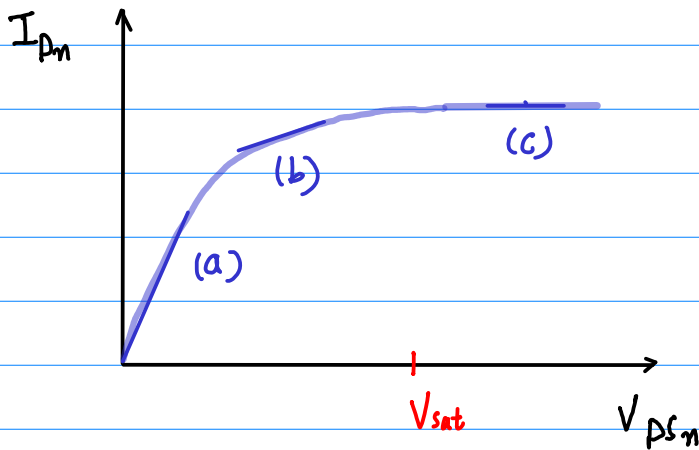


# FET RC Model

$$R_n = \frac{V_{DSn}}{I_{Dn}}$$

$$I_{Dn} \cong \beta_n (V_{GSn} - V_{Tn}) V_{DSn}$$

non-saturated	{	$R_n \cong \frac{1}{\beta_n (V_{GSn} - V_{Tn})}$	(a) small $V_{DSn}$	$V_{DSn}^2 \approx 0$
		$R_n = \frac{2}{\beta_n [2(V_{GSn} - V_{Tn}) - V_{DSn}]}$	(b)	$V_{DS} \neq 0$
saturated	{	$R_n = \frac{2V_{DSn}}{\beta_n (V_{GSn} - V_{Tn})^2}$	(c)	



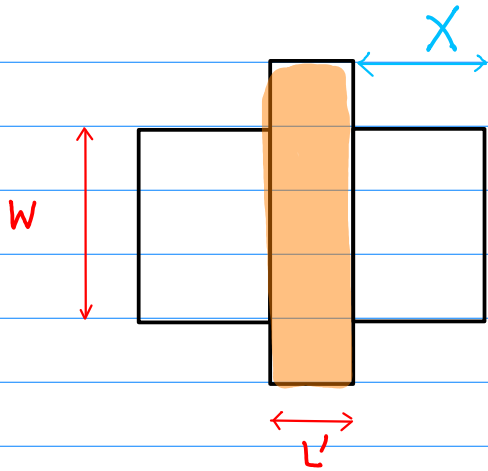
$$R_n \propto \frac{1}{\beta_n} \quad \beta_n = k'_n \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_n$$

$$R_n = \frac{\eta}{\beta_n (V_{DD} - V_{Tn})} \quad \eta = 1 \sim 6$$

↑  
largest possible  $V_{GSn}$

$$\boxed{R_n = \frac{1}{\beta_n (V_{DD} - V_{Tn})}} \quad \Omega \quad \eta = 1$$

# MOS Capacitance



$$C_g = C_{ox} A_g \quad A_g = WL'$$
$$= C_{ox} WL'$$

$$C_{gs} = \frac{1}{2} C_g$$

$$C_{gd} = \frac{1}{2} C_g$$

# Junction Capacitance

$A_{pn}$ : area of p-n junction

$V_R$ : the reverse bias voltage

$$C_0 = C_j A_{pn}$$

$C_0$ : zero-bias capacitance ( $V_R=0$ )

$$C = \frac{C_0}{\left(1 + \frac{V_R}{\phi_0}\right)^{m_j}}$$

$m_j$ : grading coefficient

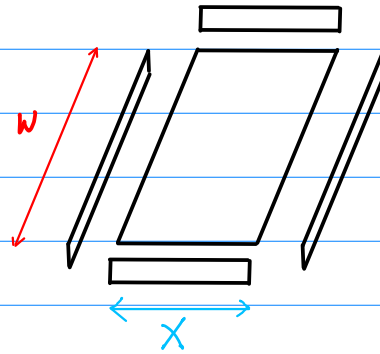
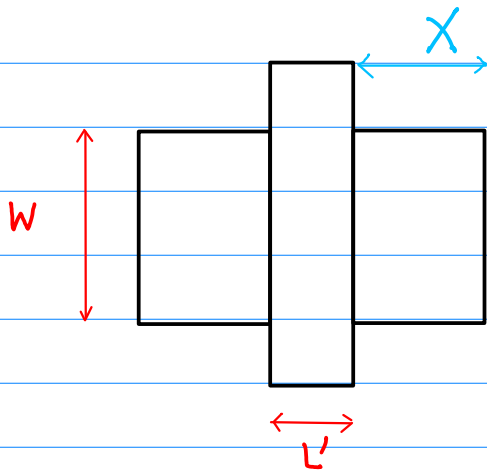
$\phi_0$ : built-in potential

$m_j, \phi_0 \leftarrow$  doping characteristics

$$\phi_0 = \left(\frac{kT}{q}\right) \ln \left[ \frac{N_d N_a}{n_i^2} \right]$$

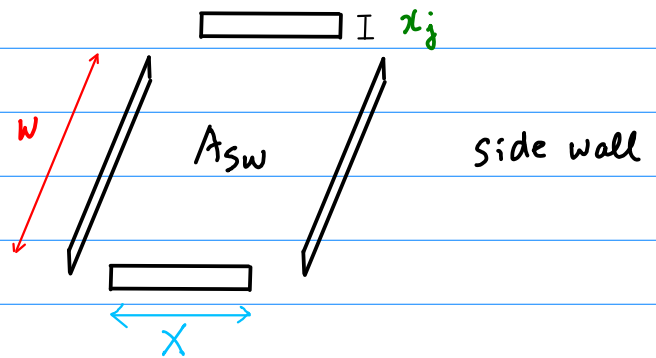
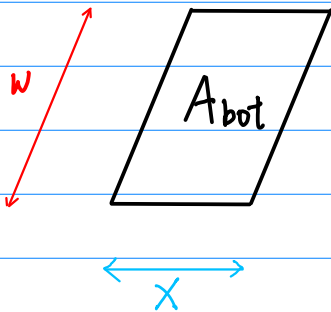
for an abrupt (step) junction

for a linearly graded function



bottom

sidewall



$$A_{bot} = X W$$

$$A_{sw} = 2(W \cdot x_j) + 2(X \cdot x_j)$$

$$= x_j P_{sw} = x_j (2W + 2X)$$

$$C_{bot} = C_j A_{bot}$$

$$C_{sw} = C_j A_{sw}$$

$$= C_j x_j P_{sw}$$

$$= C_{jsw} P_{sw}$$

$$A_{bot} = X W$$

$$A_{sw} = 2(W \cdot x_j) + 2(X \cdot x_j)$$

$$P_{sw} = (2W + 2X)$$

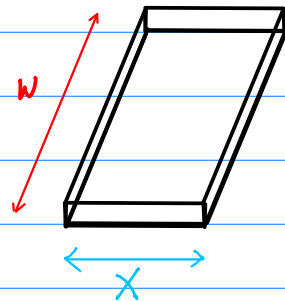
$$C_{jsw} = C_j x_j$$

for overlap  $X \leftarrow X + L_o$

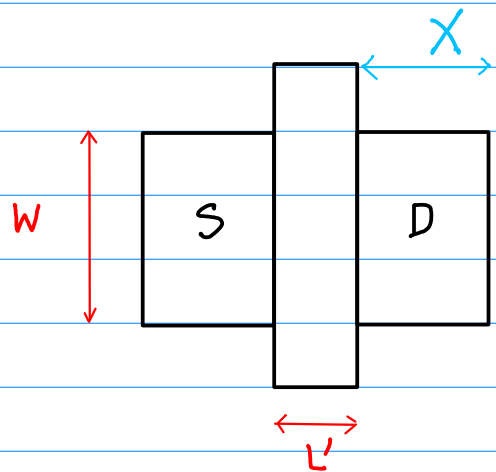
The total zero-bias capacitance of  $n+$  region

$$C_n = C_{bot} + C_{sw}$$

$$= C_j A_{bot} + C_{jsw} P_{sw}$$



$$C_n \Rightarrow C_{SB} \text{ \& \ } C_{DB}$$



$$C_S = C_{GS} + C_{SB}$$

$$C_D = C_{GD} + C_{DB}$$

non-linear version

$$C_n = \frac{C_j A_{bot}}{\left(1 + \frac{V}{\phi_o}\right)^{m_j}} + \frac{C_{jsw} P_{sw}}{\left(1 + \frac{V}{\phi_{osw}}\right)^{m_{jsw}}}$$

$V$  : reverse voltage

$m_j$  : grading coefficients ) bottom  
 $\phi_o$  : built-in potential )

$m_{jsw}$  : grading coefficients ) sidewalls  
 $\phi_{osw}$  : built-in potential )

$$C_s = C_{gs} + C_{sb}$$

$$C_D = C_{gd} + C_{db}$$

$$C_{gs} = \frac{1}{2} C_g$$

$$C_{sb} = C_n$$

$$C_{gd} = \frac{1}{2} C_g$$

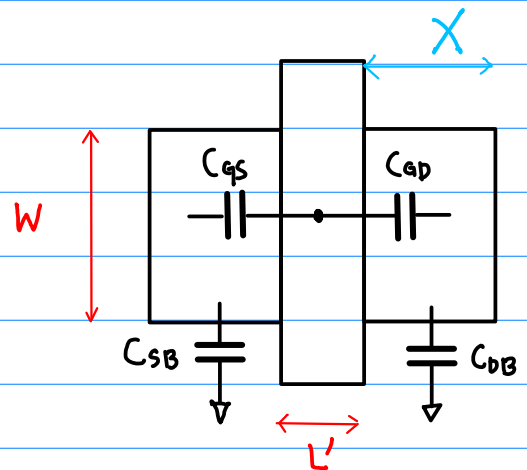
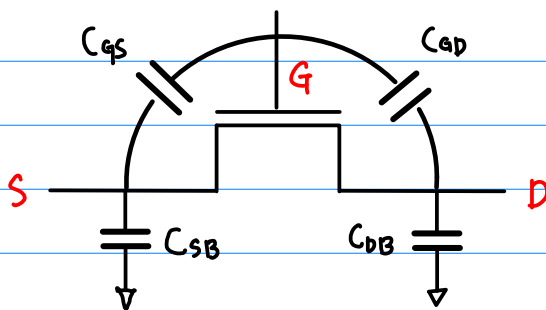
$$C_{db} = C_n$$

$$C_g = C_{ox} W L'$$

$$C_n = C_j \{ X W + 2 X_j (W + X) \}$$

gate cap

junction cap





# P FET Characteristics

$$C_{ox} = \frac{\epsilon_{ox}}{t_{ox}}$$

$$I_{Dp} = \frac{\beta_p}{2} (V_{SGp} - |V_{Tp}|)^2$$

$$\beta_p = k'_p \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_p$$

$$k'_p = \mu_p C_{ox}$$

$$r = \frac{\mu_n}{\mu_p} = 2 \sim 3$$

$$\beta_n = k'_n \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_n$$

$$\beta_p = k'_p \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_p$$

$$V_{sat} = V_{SGp} - |V_{Tp}|$$

$$I_{Dp} = \frac{\beta_p}{2} [2(V_{SGp} - |V_{Tp}|) V_{SDp} - V_{SDp}^2]$$

$$I_{Dp} = \frac{\beta_p}{2} [V_{SGp} - |V_{Tp}|]^2$$

$$R_p = \frac{1}{\beta_p (V_{DD} - |V_{Tp}|)}$$

$$R_p \propto \frac{1}{\beta_p} = \frac{1}{k'_p \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_p}$$

$$C_{gp} = C_{ox} (W L)_p$$

$$C_{gs} = \frac{1}{2} C_{gp} \approx C_{gp}$$

$$C_p = C_j A_{bot} + C_{jsw} P$$

# Inverter Switching Characteristics

$$R_n = \frac{1}{\beta_n (V_{DD} - V_{Tn})}$$

$$R_p = \frac{1}{\beta_p (V_{DD} - |V_{Tp}|)}$$

$$C_{Dn} = C_{GDn} + C_{DBn} = \frac{1}{2} C_{ox} L' W_n + C_{jn} A_n + C_{jsw_n} P_n$$

$$C_{Dp} = C_{GDp} + C_{DBp} = \frac{1}{2} C_{ox} L' W_p + C_{jp} A_p + C_{jsw_p} P_p$$

$$C_{in} = C_{Gp} + C_{Gn}$$

$$C_L = 3 C_{in}$$

$$C_{out} = C_{FET} + C_L$$

$$C_{FET} = C_{Dn} + C_{Dp}$$

## Fall Time Calculation

$$i = -C_{out} \frac{dV_{out}}{dt} = \frac{V_{out}}{R_n}$$

$$V_{out}(t) = V_{DD} e^{-t/\tau_n}$$

$$\tau_n = R_n C_{out}$$

$$t = \tau_n \ln \left( \frac{V_{DD}}{V_{out}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_f = t_y - t_x &= \tau_n \ln \left( \frac{V_{DD}}{0.1 V_{DD}} \right) - \tau_n \ln \left( \frac{V_{DD}}{0.9 V_{DD}} \right) \\ &= \tau_n \ln(9) \end{aligned}$$

$$t_{HL} = t_f \cong 2.2 \tau_n$$

## Rise Time Calculation

$$i = -C_{out} \frac{dV_{out}}{dt} = \frac{V_{DD} - V_{out}}{R_p}$$

$$V_{out}(t) = V_{DD} [1 - e^{-t/\tau_p}]$$

$$\tau_p = R_p C_{out}$$

$$t = \tau_p \ln \left( \frac{V_{DD}}{V_{out}} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_f = t_r - t_u &= \tau_p \ln \left( \frac{V_{DD}}{0.1 V_{DD}} \right) - \tau_n \ln \left( \frac{V_{DD}}{0.9 V_{DD}} \right) \\ &= \tau_p \ln(9) \end{aligned}$$

$$t_{LH} = t_r \cong 2.2 \tau_p$$

# Propagation Delay

$$t_p = \frac{(t_{pf} + t_{pr})}{2}$$

$$t_{pf} = \ln(2) \cdot \tau_n$$

$$t_{pr} = \ln(2) \cdot \tau_p$$

$$t_p \cong 0.35 (\tau_n + \tau_p)$$

# General Analysis

$$C_{out} = C_{FET} + C_L$$

$$t_r = 2.2 R_p (C_{FET} + C_L)$$

$$t_f = 2.2 R_n (C_{FET} + C_L)$$

$$t_r = t_{ro} + \alpha_p C_L$$

$$t_f = t_{ro} + \alpha_n C_L$$

$$C_L = 0 \rightarrow t_r = t_{ro} \cong 2.2 R_p C_{FET}$$

$$C_L = 0 \quad t_f = t_{ro} \cong 2.2 R_n C_{FET}$$

$$\alpha_p = 2.2 R_p = \frac{2.2}{\beta_p (V_{DD} - |V_{Tp}|)}$$

$$\alpha_n = 2.2 R_n = \frac{2.2}{\beta_n (V_{DD} - |V_{Tn}|)}$$

$$\beta_p = k'_p \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_p$$

$$\beta_n = k'_n \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_n$$