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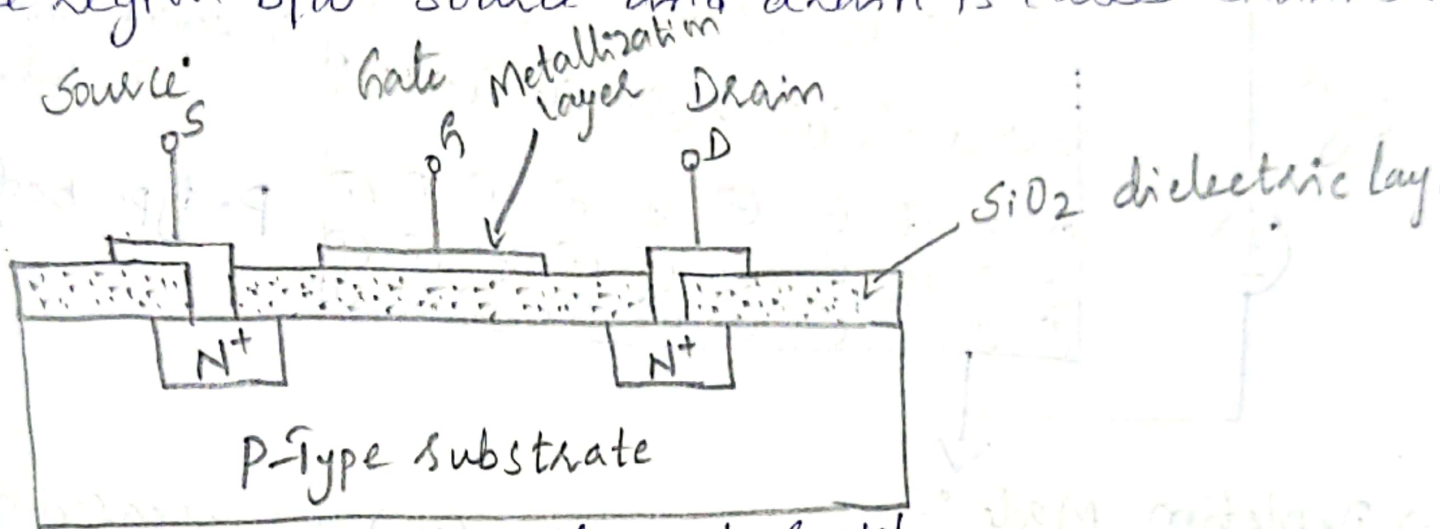
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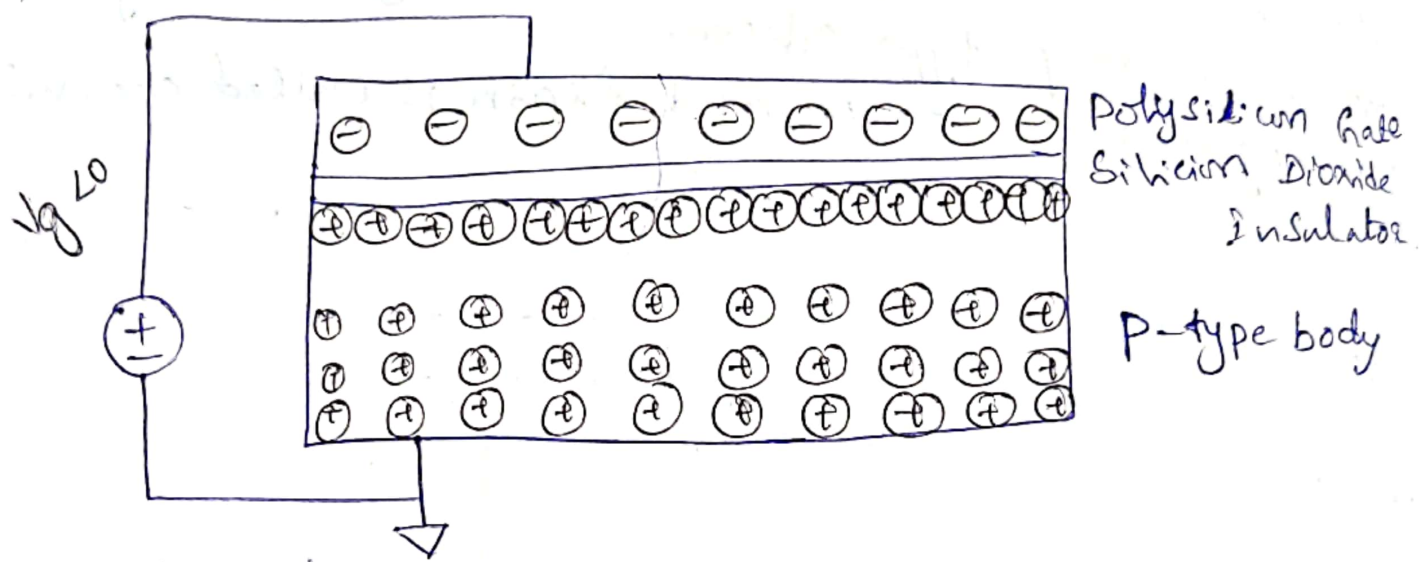
- The transistors consist of 'sandwich' of P-substrate material, insulating layer and metal layers.
- The source and drain are created by diffusing two n^+ regions on p-type silicon.
- The region b/w source and drain is called channel.



- The MOSFET is very efficient switch.
- The switch is normally open in enhancement MOSFET.
- When no positive voltage is applied b/w source and drain (V_{ds}) to gate voltage $V_{gs} = 0V$ then least one of the PN junction is reverse biased.
- There is no current flow in the substrate and region under the gate, the MOSFET is in OFF condition.
- At this condition, if the ^{gate} voltage is increased then the gate changes from p-type to n-type.
- The minimum voltage that should be applied to gate is called 'Threshold voltage - V_t '.
- Based on the applied voltage on V_{gs} , there are three modes of operations are as follows:
 - Accumulation Mode
 - Depletion Mode
 - Inversion Mode.

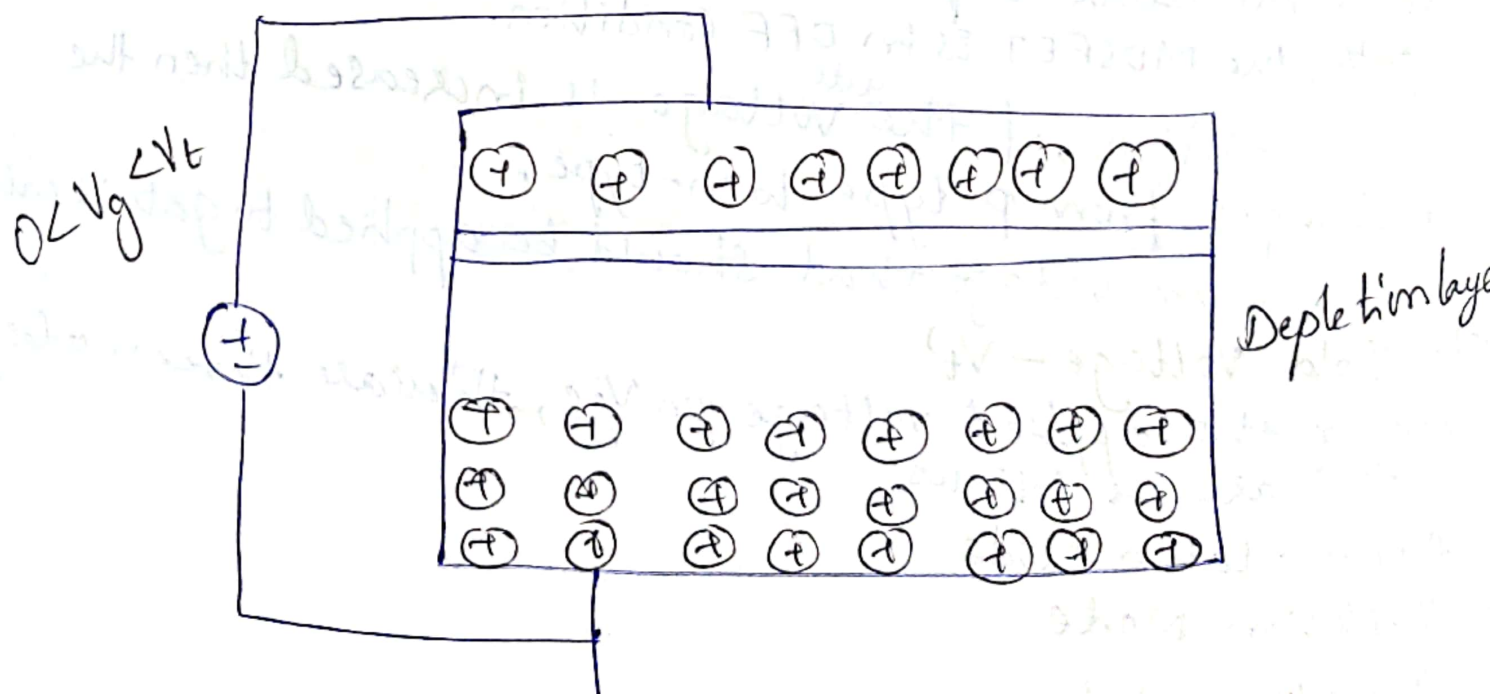
(a) Accumulation Mode :-

- (i) When the gate voltage is zero (or) much lower than V_t then it is known as accumulation mode.
- (ii) In this mode there is no conduction b/w source and drain.
- (iii) The device is in off condition.



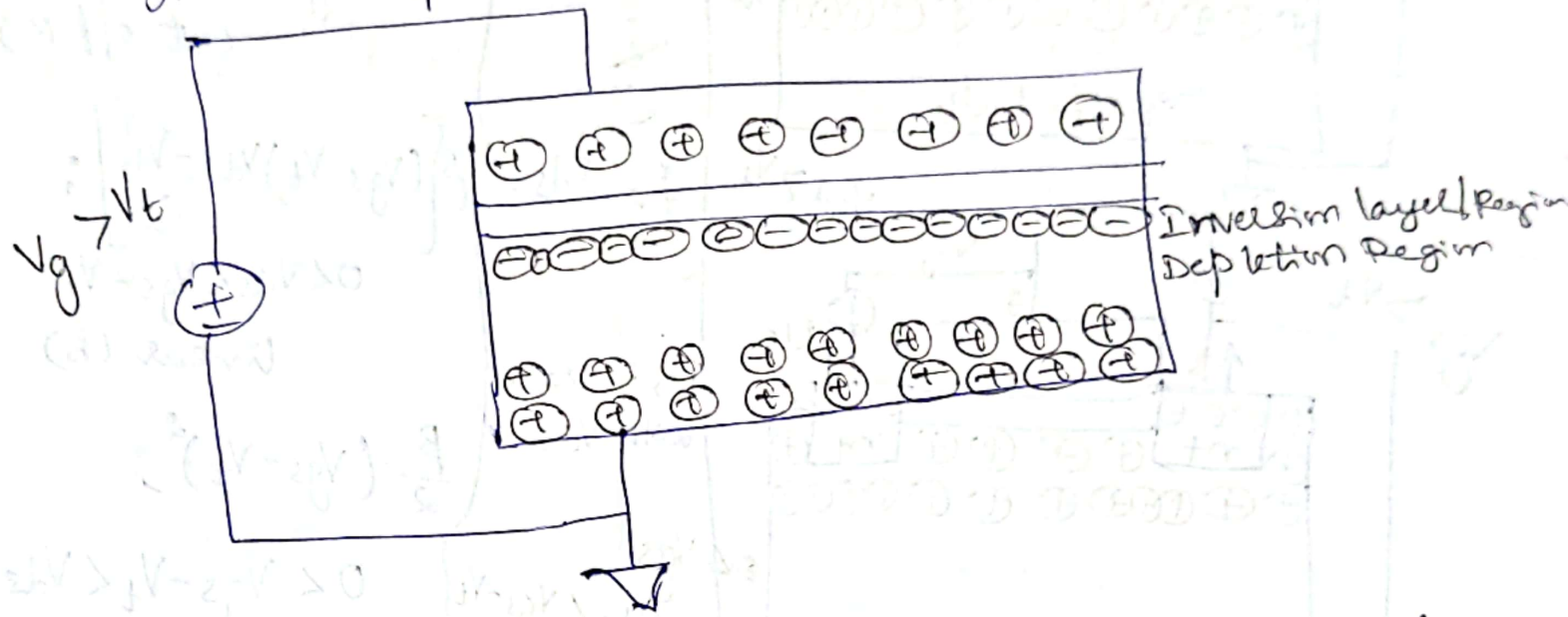
(b) Depletion Mode :-

- (i) When the gate to source voltage (V_{gs}) is increased greater than threshold voltage (V_t) the electrons are attracted towards the gate.
- (ii) The holes are repelled which forms a depletion region under the gate.
- (iii) This structure is called depletion mode.



(c) Inversion Mode:

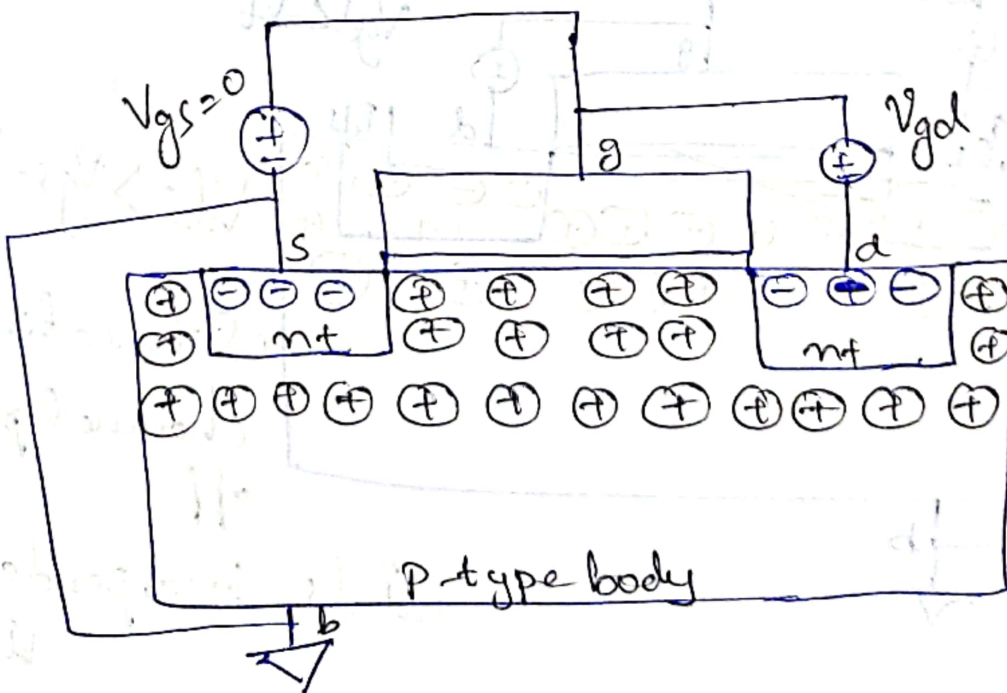
- (i) When ^{the} gate to source voltage is raised above V_t , the electrons are attracted towards the substrate.
- (ii) And the holes are repelled towards the region under the gate.
- (iii) Under this condition the surface of p-type is inverted to n-type which provides conduction.



Q.1) Derive the expression for Drain to source current for an n-channel MOSFET in all three regions.

(i) Cut-off region.

where the current flow is zero: $I_{ds} = 0$ and $V_{gs} \leq V_t$

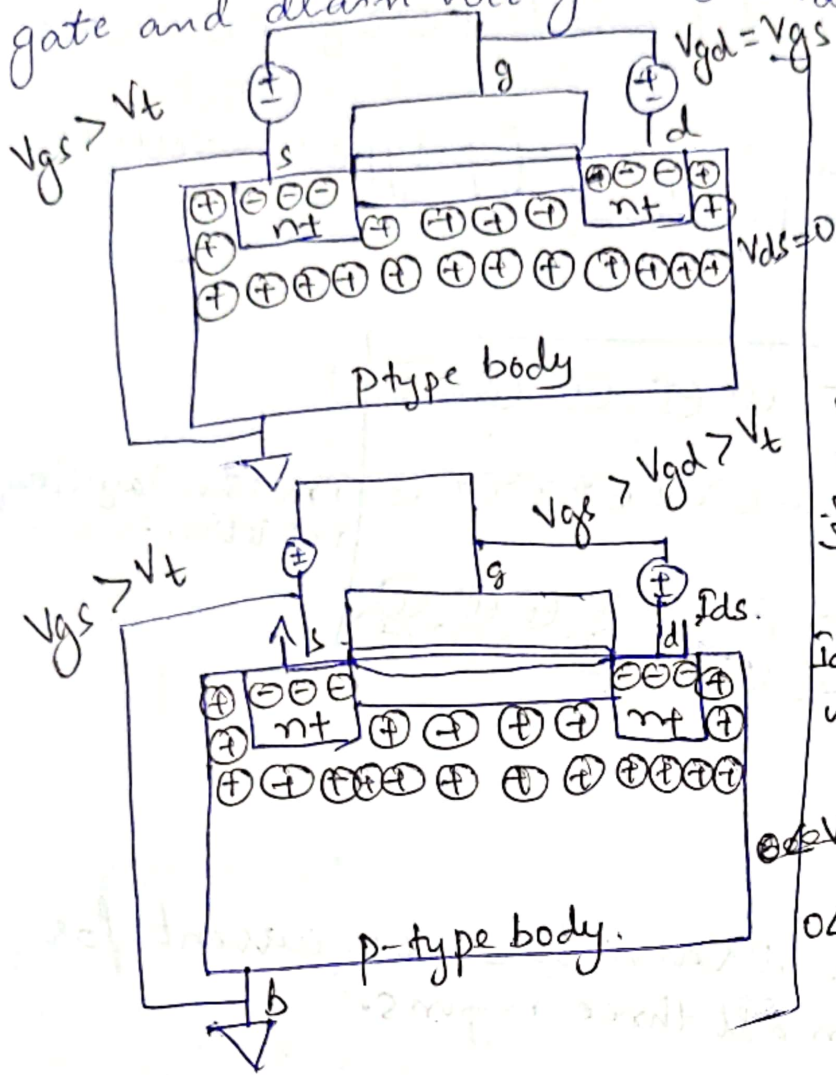


Cutoff:
No channel

$I_{ds} = 0$

(ii) Non-Saturated Region

Weak inversion region where the drain current is depends on gate and drain voltage. $0 < V_{ds} < V_{gs} - V_t$



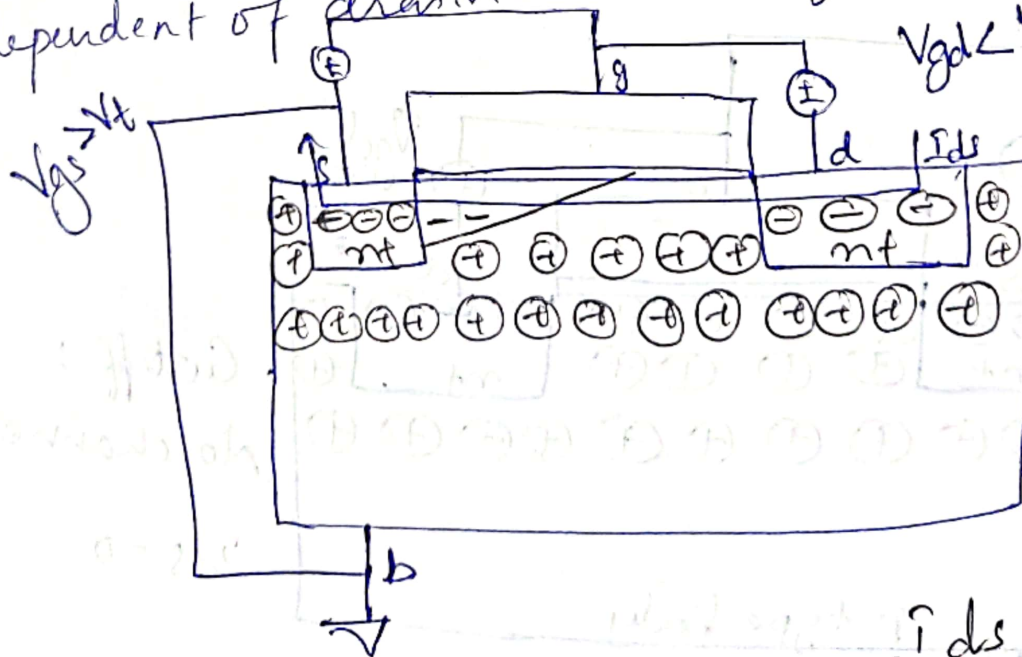
The ideal equation for nMOS device in three regions are

$$I_{ds} = \begin{cases} 0; & V_{gs} - V_t \leq 0 \\ & \text{cut-off (a)} \\ \beta \left[(V_{gs} - V_t) V_{ds} - \frac{V_{ds}^2}{2} \right]; & 0 < V_{ds} < V_{gs} - V_t \\ & \text{linear (b)} \\ \frac{\beta}{2} (V_{gs} - V_t)^2; & 0 < V_{gs} - V_t < V_{ds} \\ & \text{Saturation (c)} \end{cases}$$

I_{ds} increases with V_{ds}

(iii) Saturated Regime

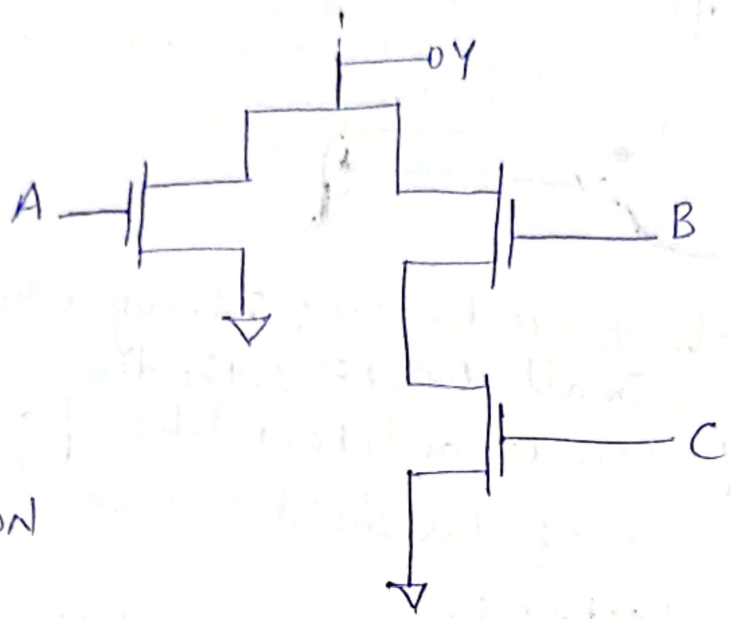
Channel is inverted where the drain current is independent of drain source voltage. $0 < V_{gs} - V_t < V_{ds}$



$V_{ds} > V_{gs} - V_t$
Saturation:
channel pinches off
 I_{ds} independent of V_{ds} .

4. Realize the following logic expression using CMOS.

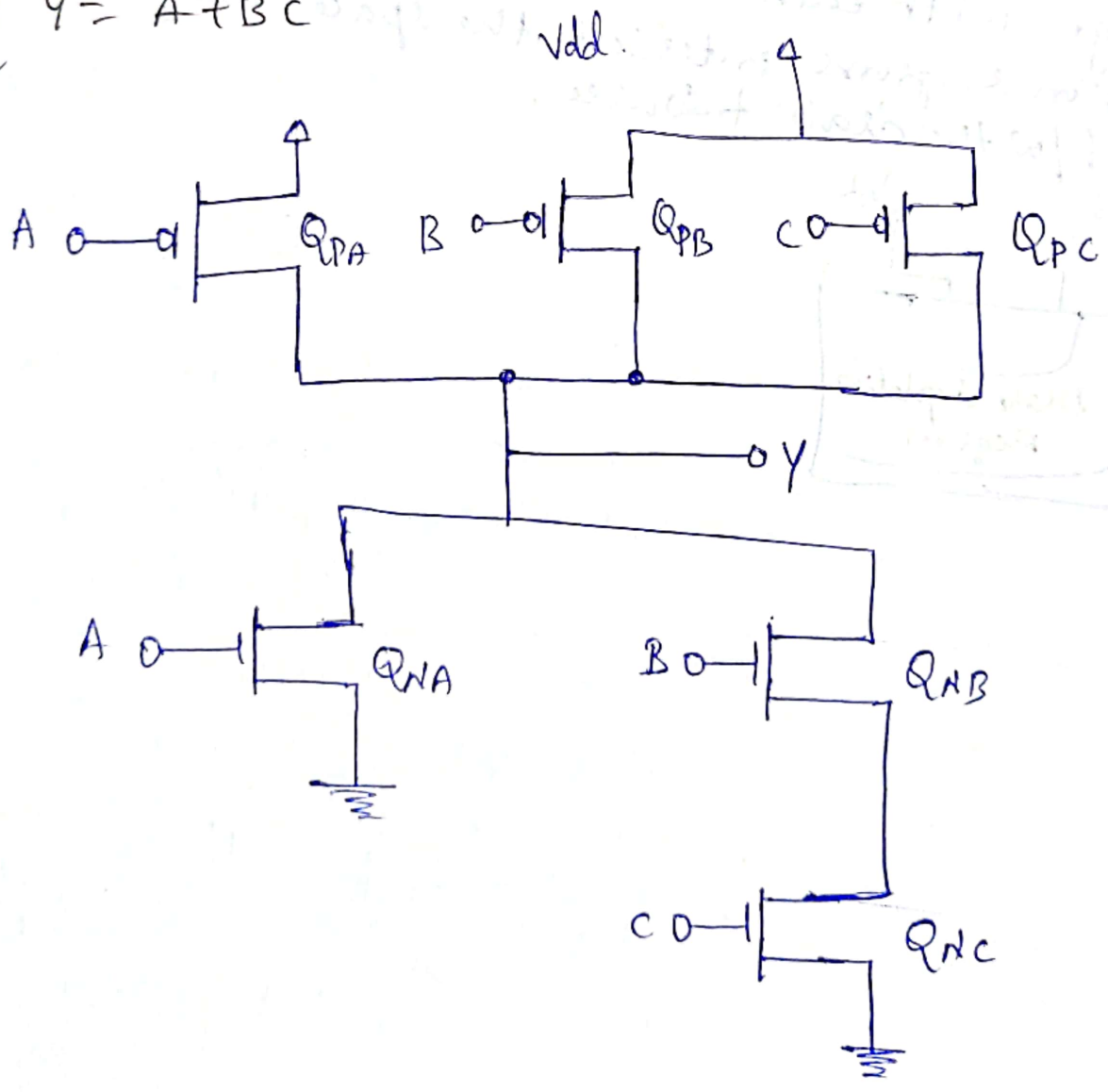
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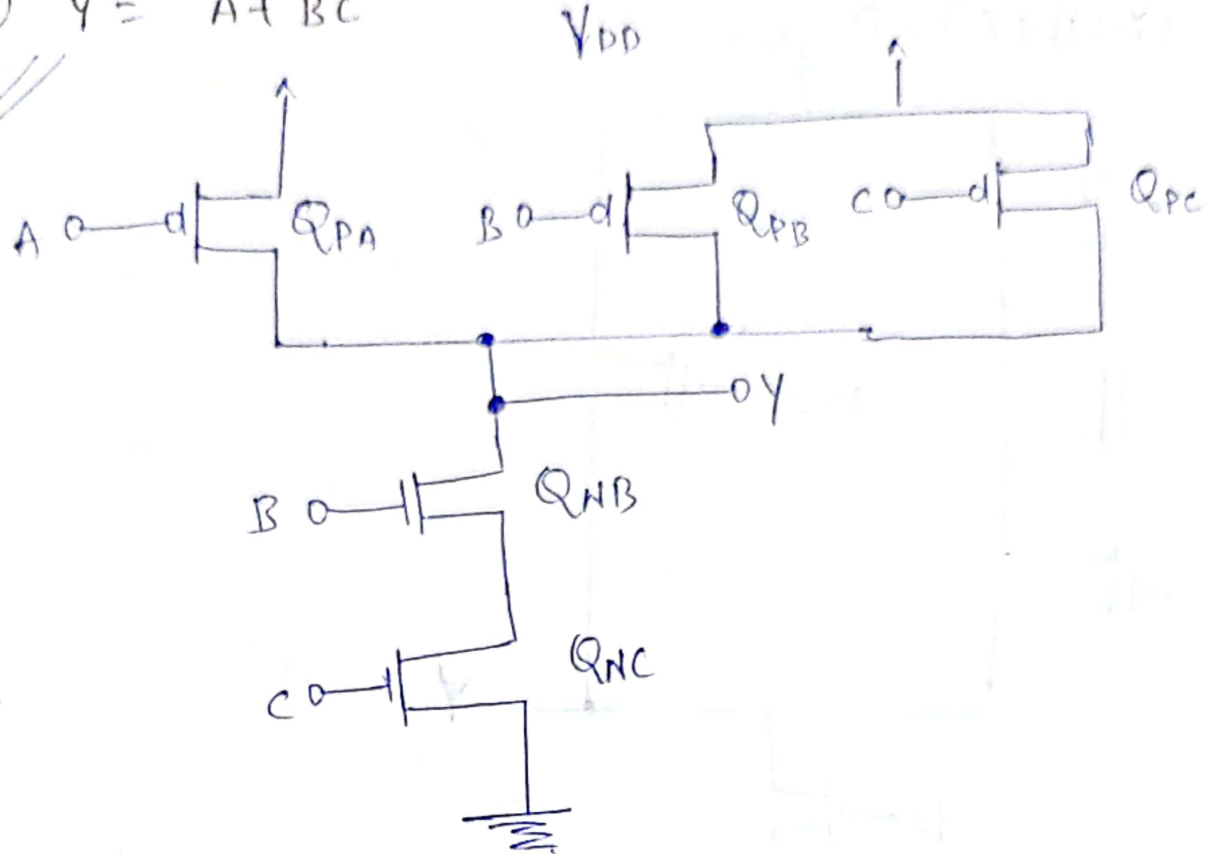
PMOS

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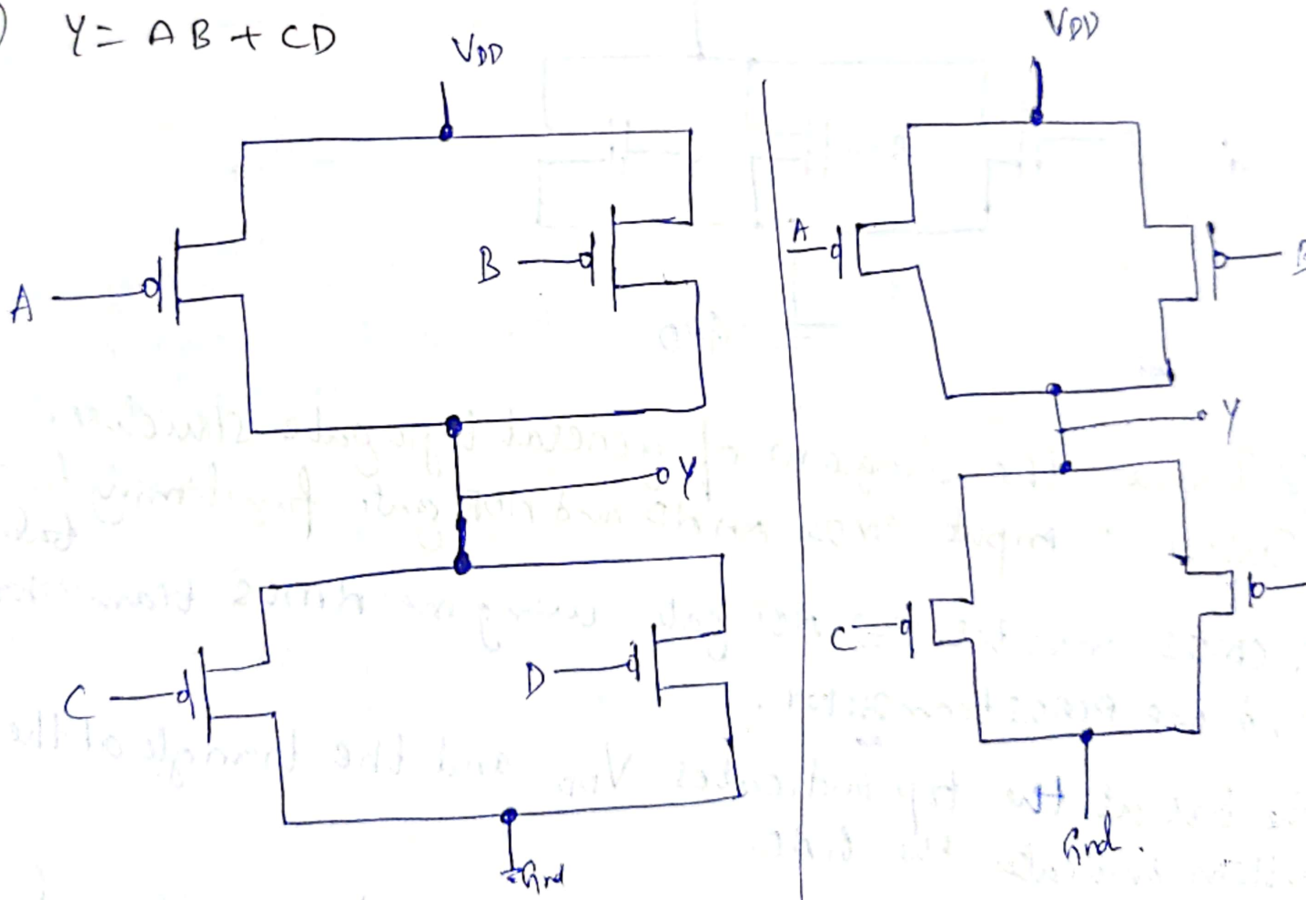
(b) $Y = \overline{A + BC}$



① $Y = A + \overline{BC}$



② $Y = AB + CD$



* A collection of D flip flop sharing a common clock input is called a registers.

* A register is often drawn as a flip-flop with multi-bit D and Q buses.

5. Write neat diagrams explain the DC transfer characteristics of CMOS inverter.

Various regions of operation for the n-channel transistor.

V_{tn} → is the threshold voltage of the n-channel device.

V_{tp} → is the threshold voltage of the p-channel device.

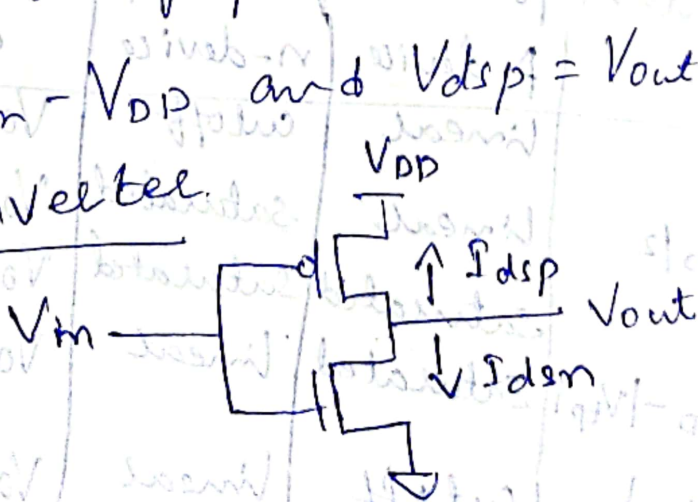
Note that V_{tp} is negative.

The equations are given both in terms of V_{gs}/V_{ds} and V_{in}/V_{out} .

As the source of NMOS transistor is grounded, $V_{gsn} = V_{in}$ and $V_{dsn} = V_{out}$.

As the source of PMOS transistor is tied to V_{DD} , $V_{gsp} = V_{in} - V_{DD}$ and $V_{dsp} = V_{out} - V_{DD}$.

CMOS inverter.



The operations of the CMOS inverter are divided into five regions.

The state of each transistor in each region.

In region A, the NMOS transistor is OFF so the PMOS transistor pulls the output to V_{DD} .

In region B, the NMOS transistor starts to turn ON, pulling the output down.

In region C, both transistors are in saturation.

Notice that ideal transistors are only in region C for $V_{in} = V_{DD}/2$ and the slope of the transfer curve is $\rightarrow \infty$ in this region, corresponding to infinite gain.

In region D, the PMOS transistor is partially on.

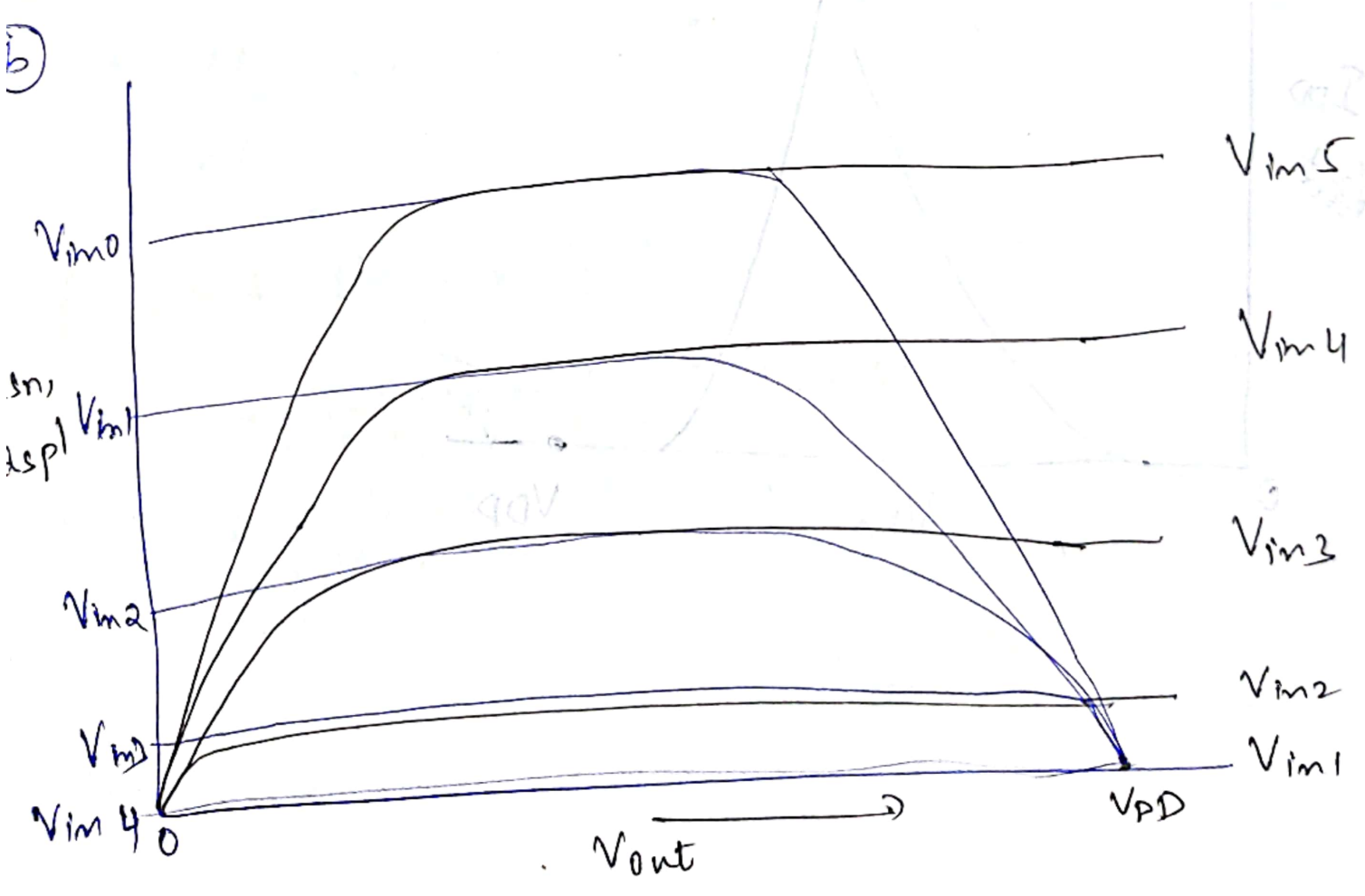
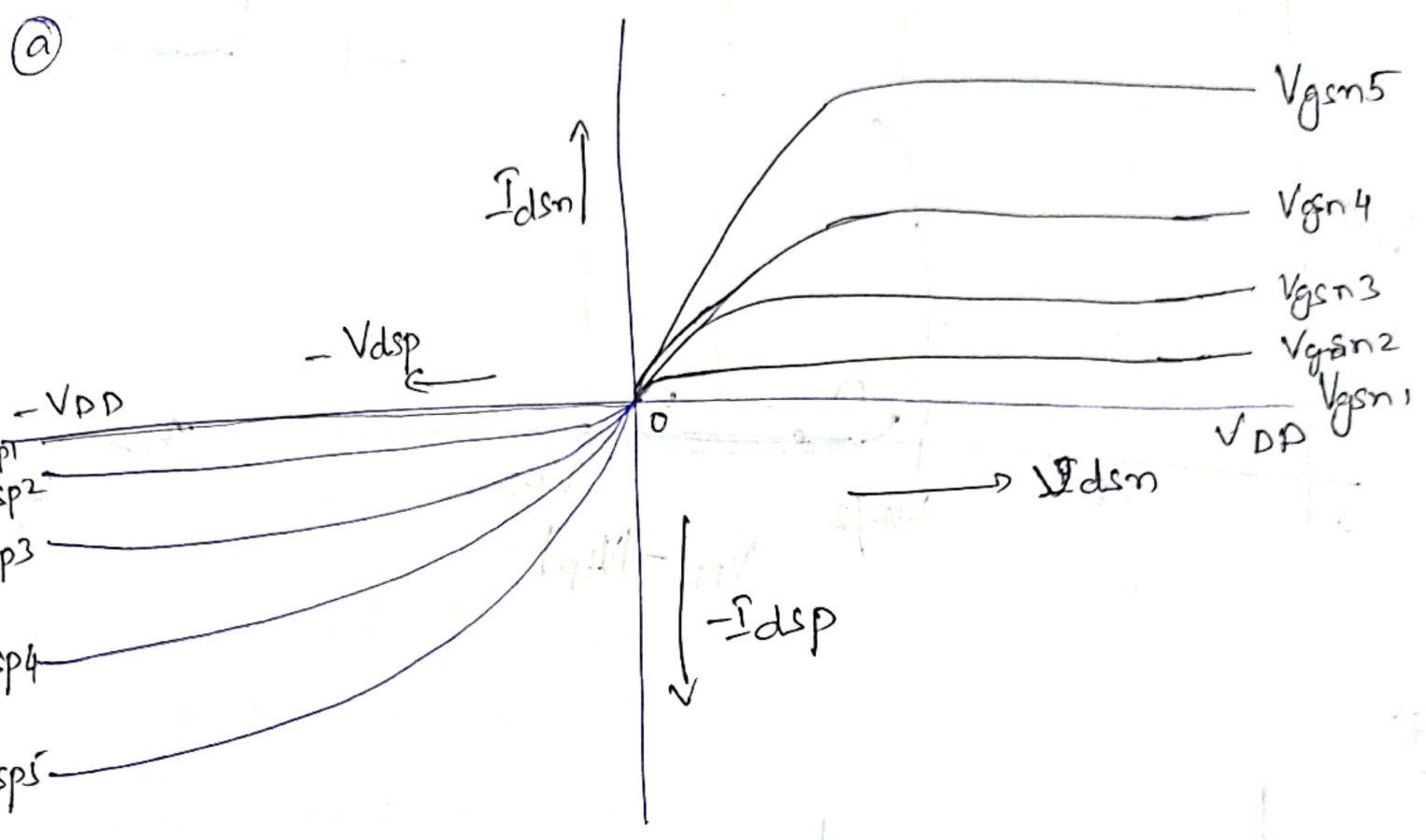
In region E, it is completely off, leaving the NMOS transistor to pull the output down to GND.

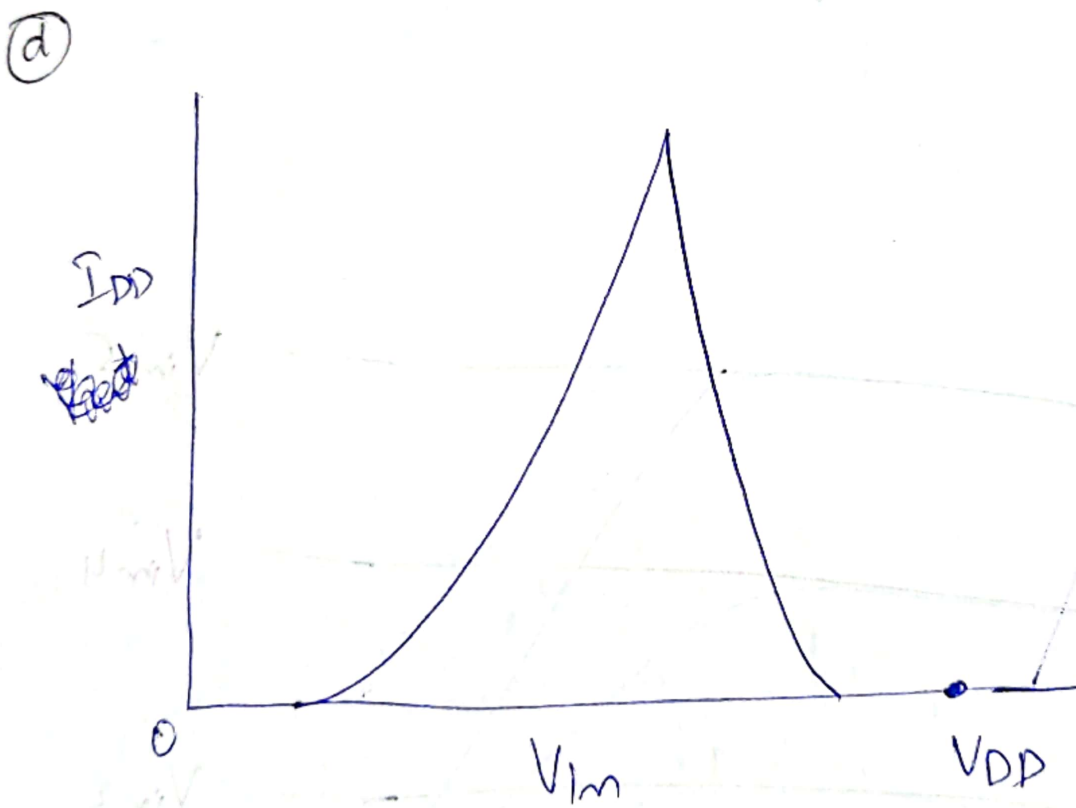
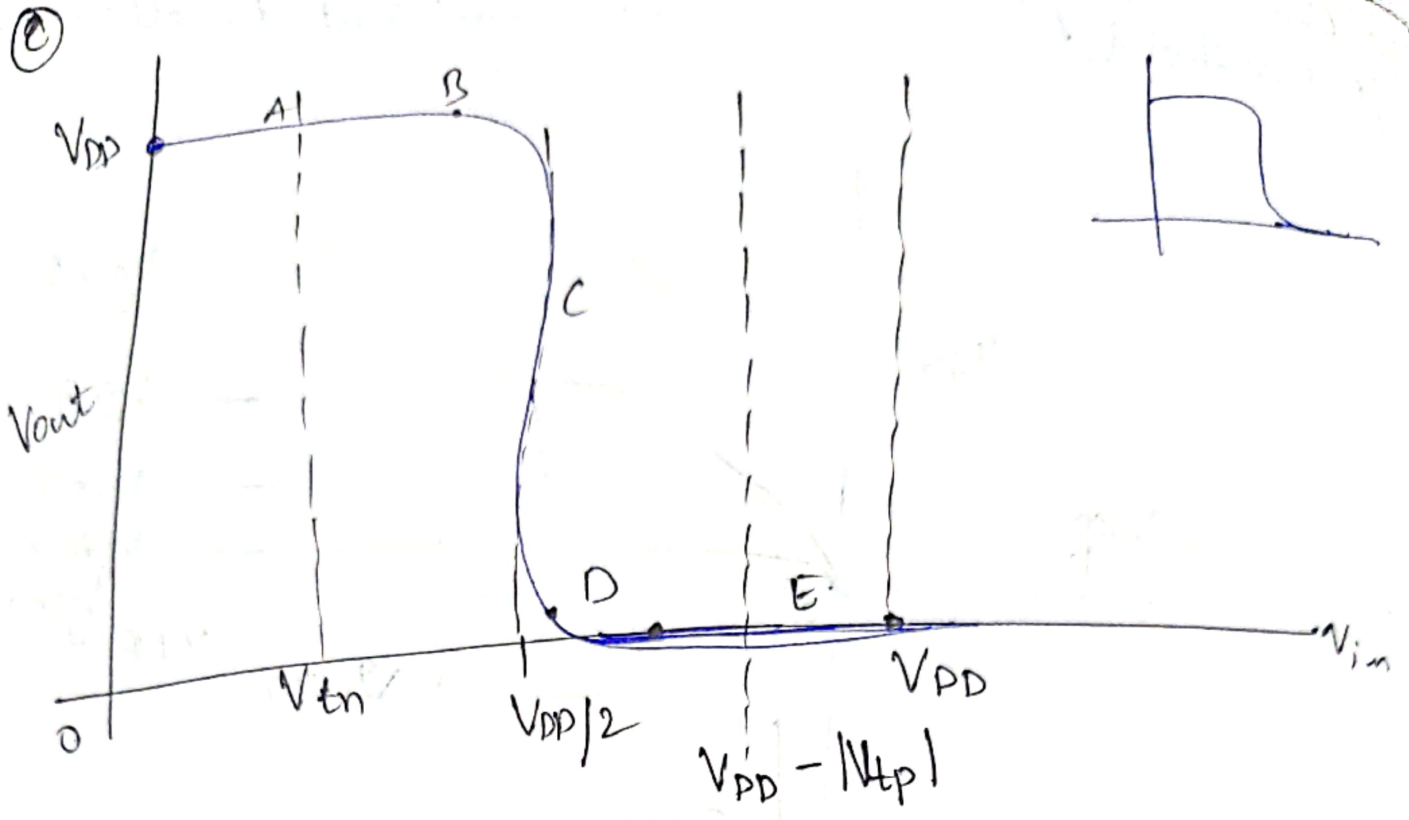
Also notice that the inverter's current consumption is ideal zero, neglecting leakage, when the i/p is within the threshold voltage of V_{DD} (or) AND levels.

This feature is important for low-power operation.

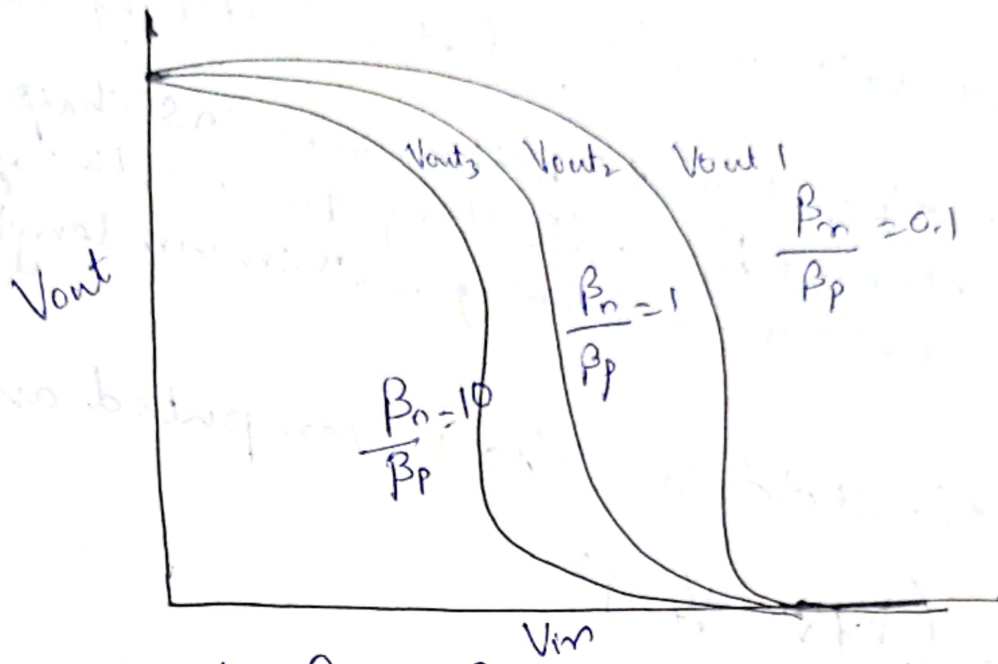
Region	Condition	p-device	n-device	O/P
A	$0 \leq V_{in} < V_{tn}$	linear	cutoff	$V_{out} = V_{DD}$
B	$V_{tn} \leq V_{in} < V_{DD}/2$	linear	saturated	$V_{out} > V_{DD}/2$
C	$V_{in} = V_{DD}/2$	saturated	saturated	V_{out} drops sharply
D	$V_{DD}/2 \leq V_{in} \leq V_{DD} - V_{tp} $	saturated	linear	$V_{out} < V_{DD}/2$
E	$V_{in} > V_{DD} - V_{tp} $	cutoff	linear	$V_{out} = 0$

The cross over point where $V_{in} = V_{out}$ is called e/p threshold.





2. Explain the effects of β_n / β_p ratio variations in the transfer characteristics of CMOS inverter with neat diagram.



We know that $\beta_p = \beta_n$, the inverter threshold voltage V_{inv} is $V_{DD}/2$.

Inverter with different beta ratios

$\gamma = \frac{\beta_p}{\beta_n}$ are called skewed inverter [Sutherland]

If $\gamma > 1$, the inverter is HI-skewed.

If $\gamma < 1$, the inverter is LO-skewed.

If $\gamma = 1$, the inverter has normal skew (or) is unskewed.

A HI-skew inverter has a stronger PMOS transistor. Therefore, if the i/p is $V_{DD}/2$, the o/p will be greater than $V_{DD}/2$.

In other words, the o/p threshold must be higher than the unskewed inverter.

Similarly, a LO-skew inverter has a weaker PMOS transistor and thus a lower switching threshold.

As the beta ratio is changed, the switching threshold moves.

However, the o/p voltage transition remains sharp. Rates are usually skewed by adjusting the widths of transistors while maintaining minimum length for speed.

The inverter threshold can also be computed analytically

$$I_{dn} = \frac{\beta_n}{2} (V_{inv} - V_{tn})^2$$

$$I_{dp} = \frac{\beta_p}{2} (V_{DD} - V_{inv} - V_{tp})^2$$

By setting the currents to be equal & opposite.

$$V_{inv} = \frac{V_{DD} + V_{tp} + V_{tn} \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{1 + \sqrt{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}$$

transistors are fully velocity saturated.

$$I_{dn} = W_n C_{ox} v_{sat-n} (V_{inv} - V_{tn})$$

$$I_{dp} = W_p C_{ox} v_{sat-p} (V_{DD} - V_{inv} - V_{tp})$$

Redefining $\alpha = \frac{W_p v_{sat-p}}{W_n v_{sat-n}}$