Lecture 18, 19, 20 and 21, Current mirrors and Differential Amplifiers E151/3 F17 – Matthew Spencer



Figure 1: A Wilson Current Mirror.

1. This circuit is called a Wilson Current Mirror.

(a) Find Vin, Vout, min, Rout and ϵ for this current mirror. Assume all devices have the same Is and beta.

(b) Draw a PNP version of this current mirror.



Figure 2: A differential amplifier biased with a current mirror.

2. Select an Ib and Vb for the amplifier shown in Figure 2 to achieve a differential mode gain of 20 and a DC output voltage of 4V. Assume $\mu_n C_{ox} = 200 \mu A/V^2$, Vt=1V, $\lambda = 0 V^{-1}$, and the tail node sits at 1V.

Note that MOSFET mirrors have no ϵ because there is no gate current, but also note that the output current is affected by the W/L ratio of the output MOSFET.