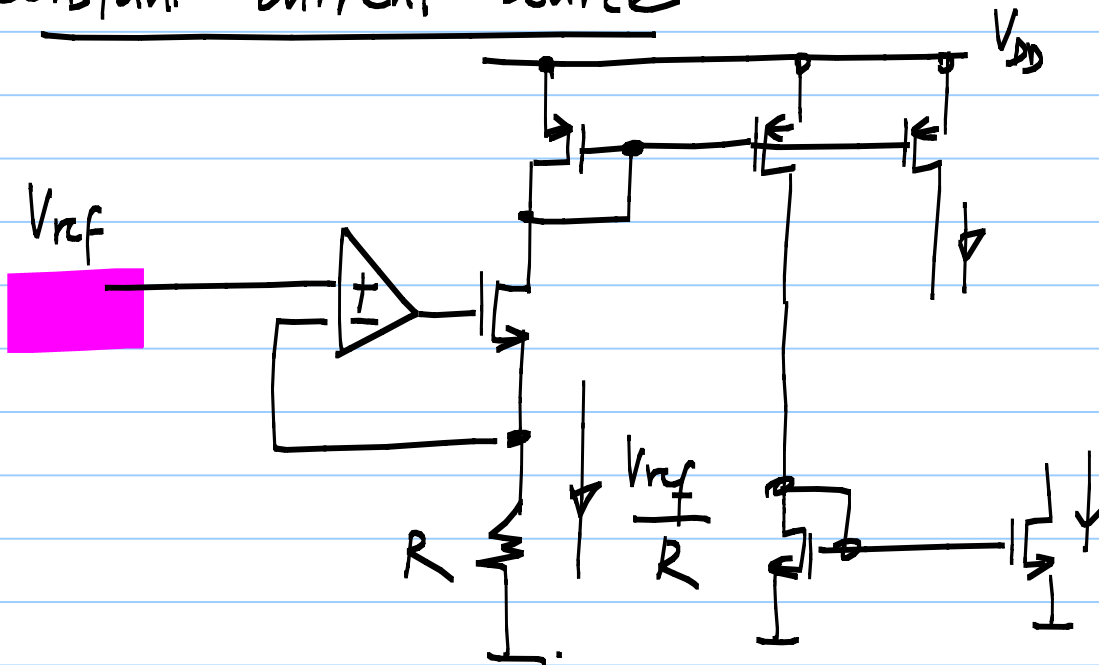


# Lecture 53:

## Constant current source

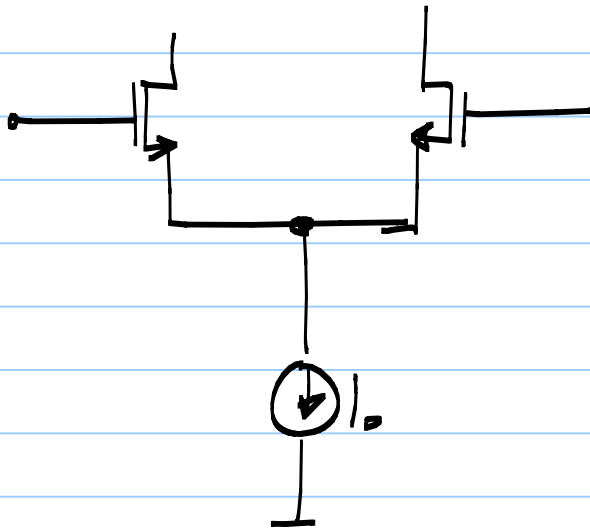
Constant over process, supply voltage & temperature



$I_D$ : constant over temp.

$$g_m = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot I_D / 2}{\mu C_{ox} W/L}} \quad \text{varies with temp}$$

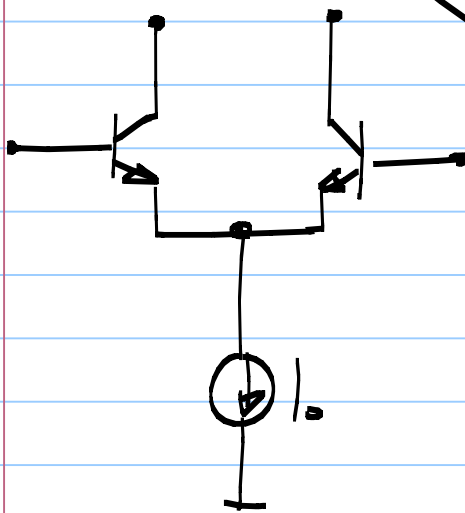
reduces as  $T \uparrow$



$$g_m = \frac{I_0/2}{V_t} = \frac{I_0/2}{kT/q}$$

To keep  $g_m$  constant,

$$I_0 \propto T$$

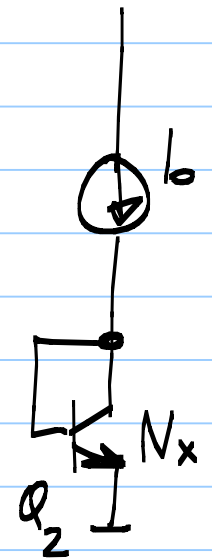
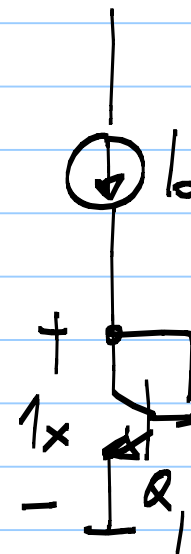


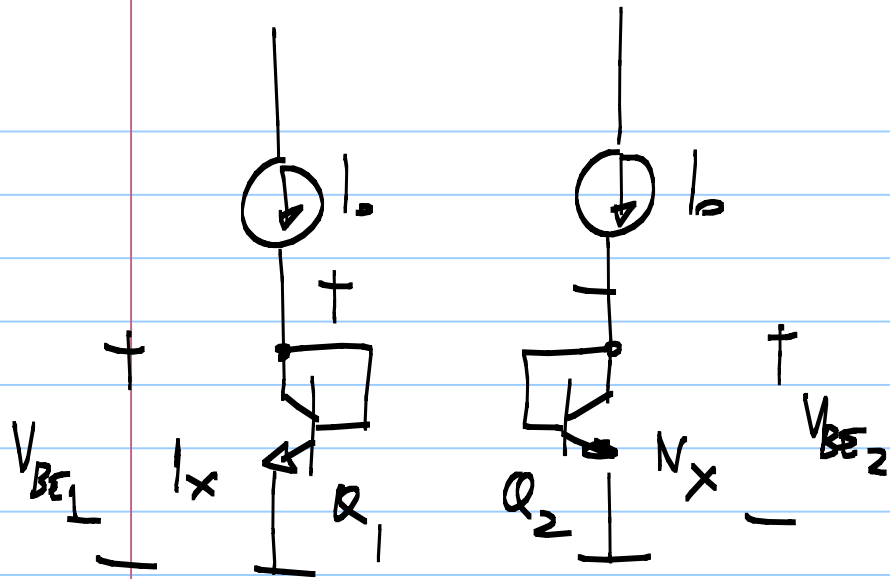
$$V_t = \frac{kT}{q} \propto T$$

$$V_{BE1} = V_t \ln\left(\frac{I_0}{I_s}\right) \propto T$$

depends on T

$$V_{BE2} = V_t \ln\left(\frac{I_0}{N \cdot I_s}\right)$$





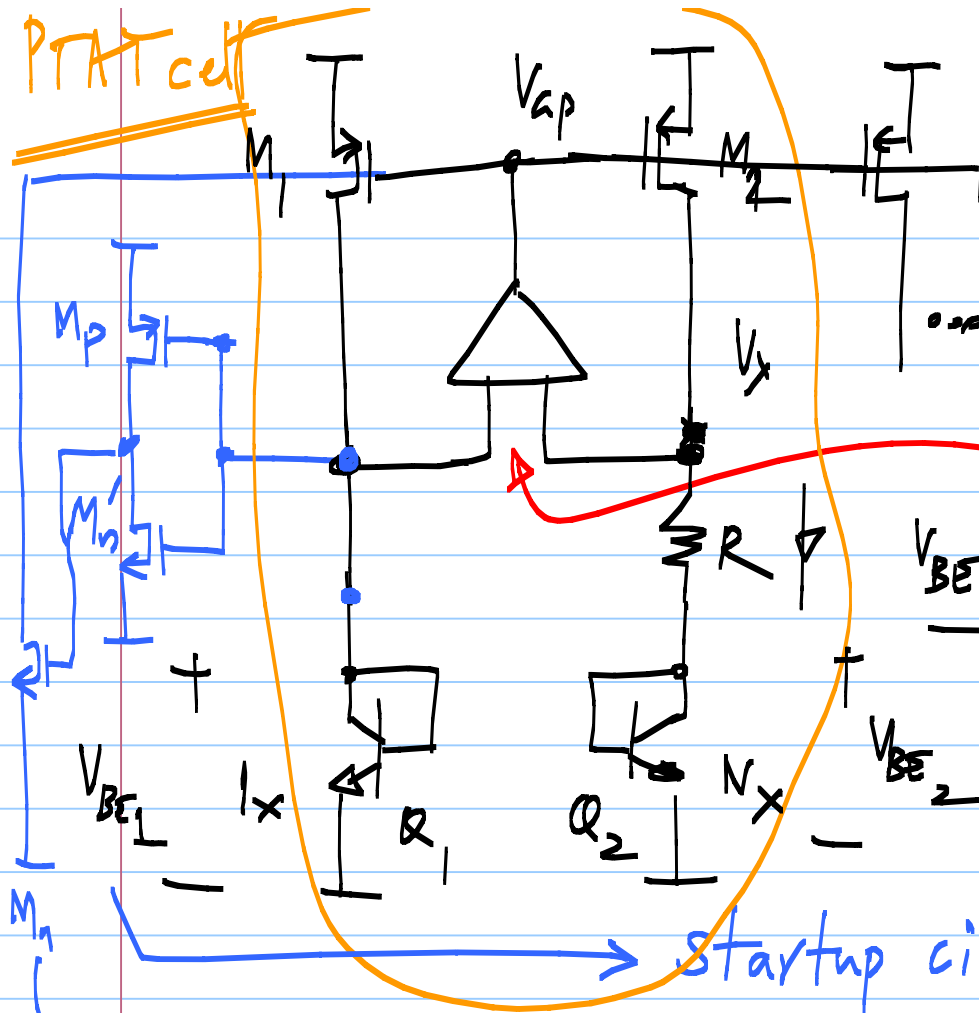
$V_{BE1} - V_{BE2}$  must appear across a resistor (must have zero TC)

$$V_{BE1} = V_t \ln(I_0 / I_s)$$

$$V_{BE1} - V_{BE2} = V_t \ln(N)$$

$$V_{BE2} = V_t \ln(I_0 / NI_s)$$

PTAT cell



Continuously vary  $V_{cp}$  until  $V_x$  becomes equal to  $V_{BE1}$

offset: small

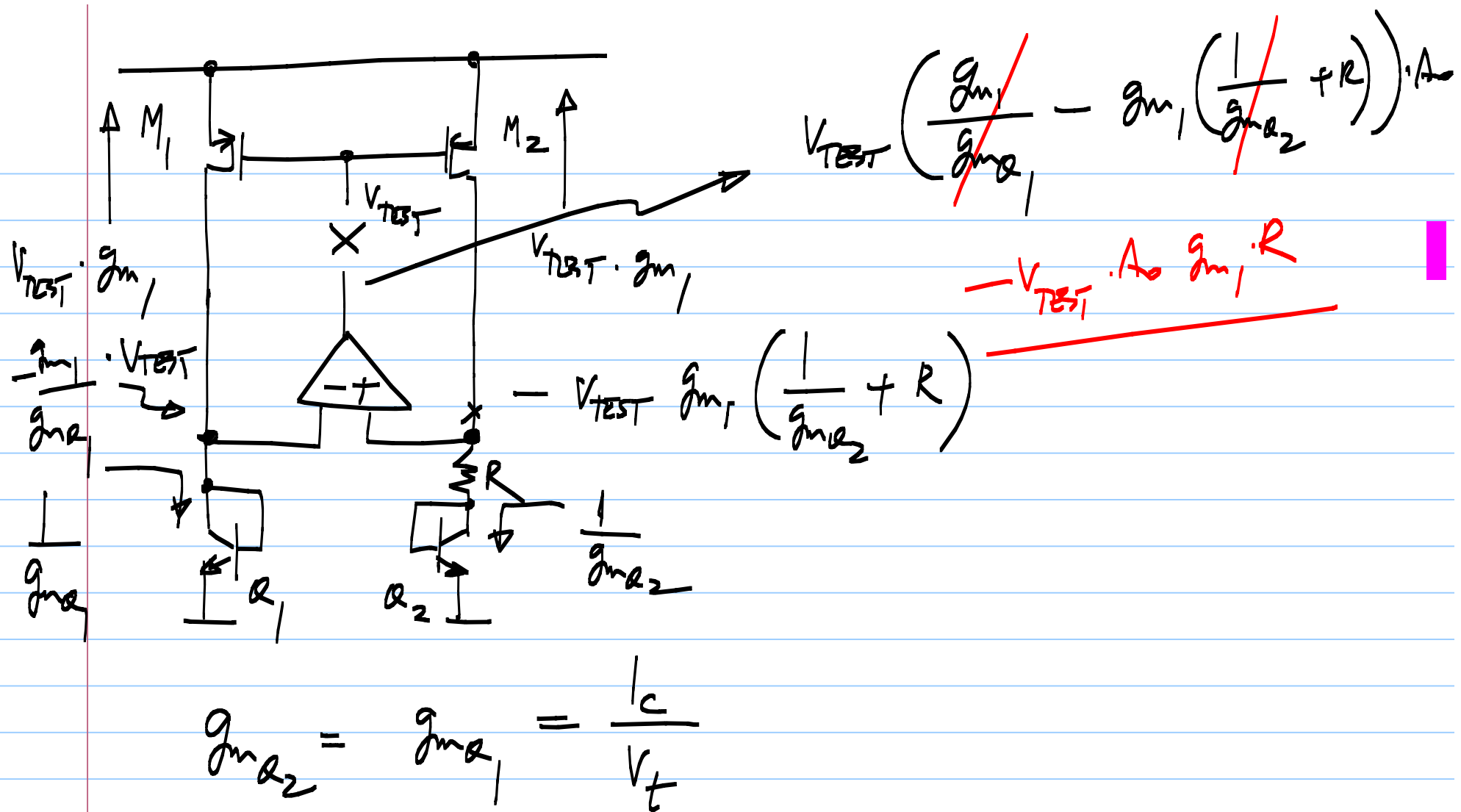
$$\frac{V_{BE1} - V_{BE2}}{R} = \frac{V_b}{R} \ln(N)$$

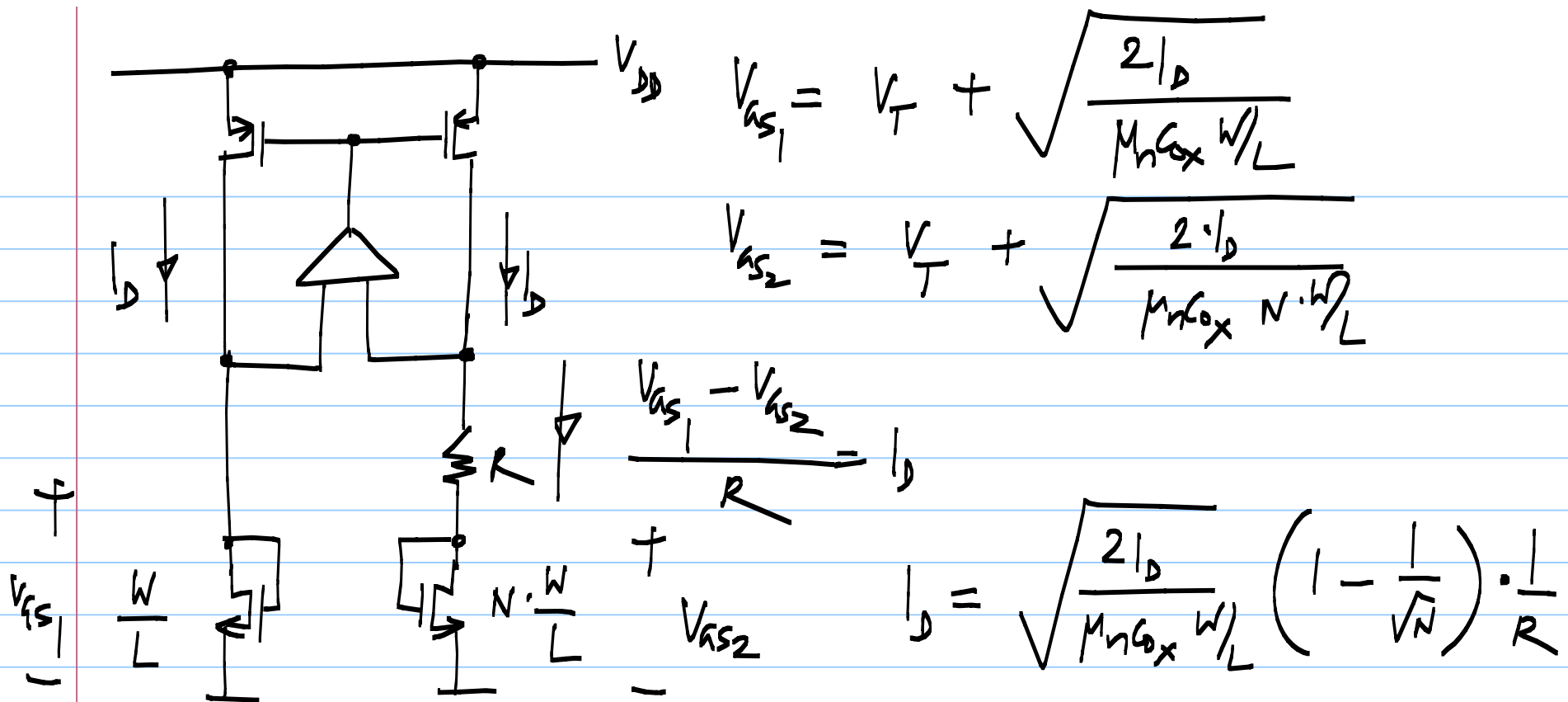
Proportional to absolute temp - PTAT

Startup circuit

Weak

- \* Provides bias current at startup.
- \* Must carry negligible current after startup.





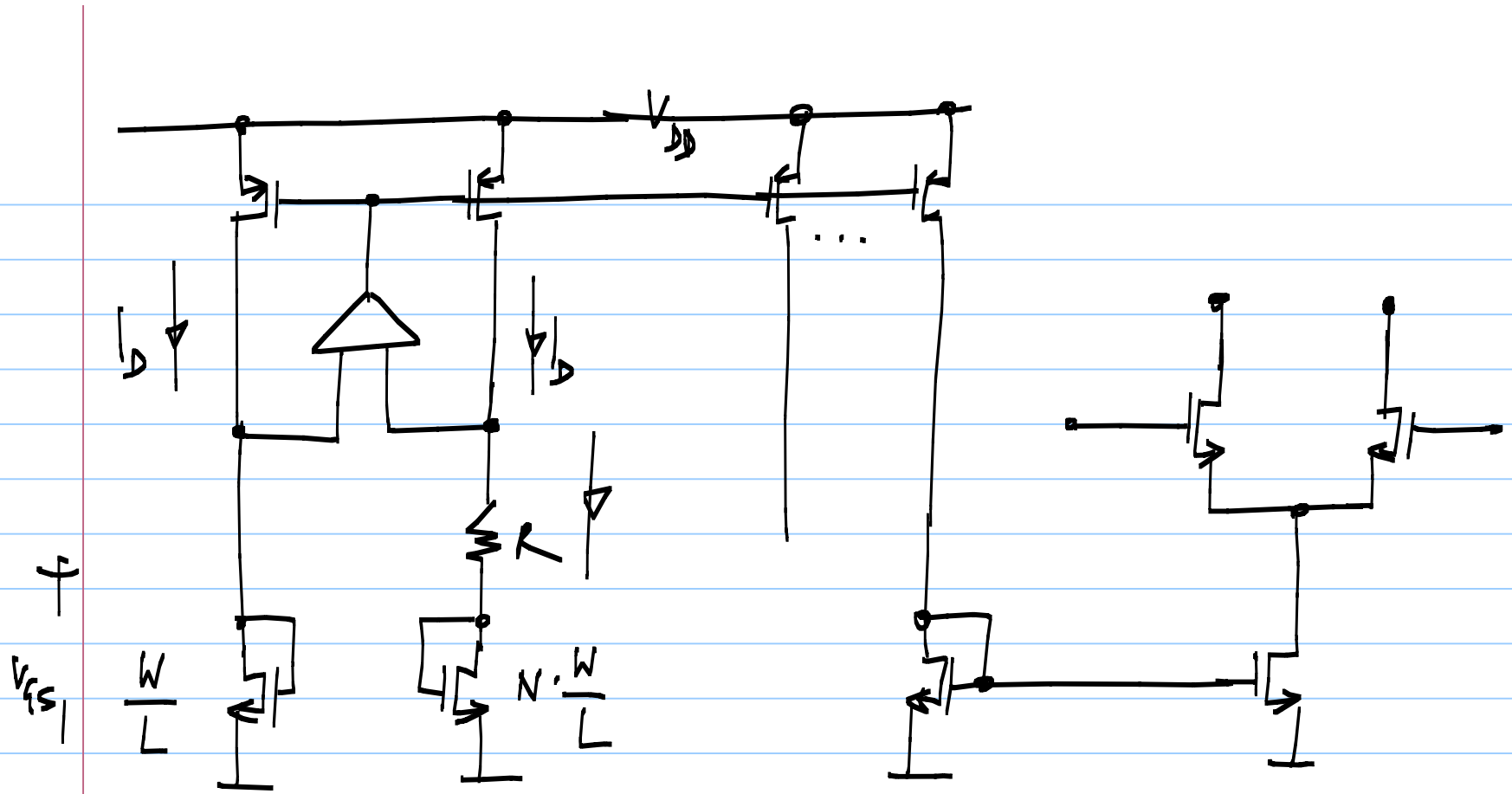
$$I_D = \frac{2}{\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L}} \frac{1}{R^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)^2$$

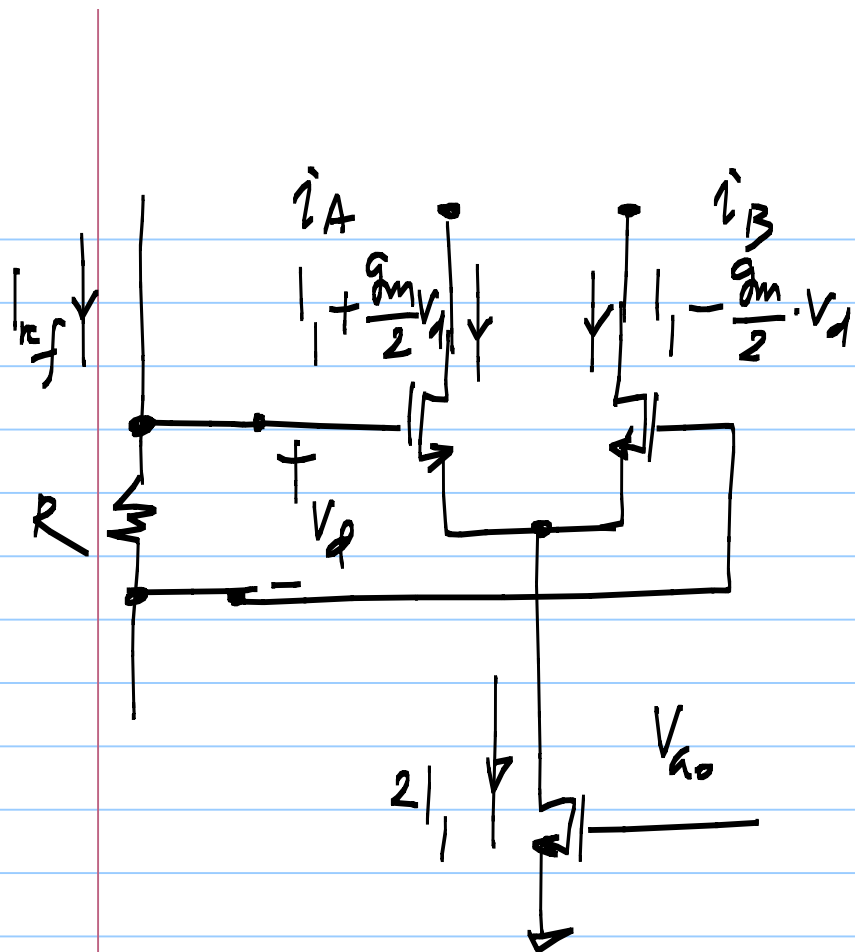
n Mos transistor biased at  $I_D$ :

$$g_{m1} = \sqrt{2I_D \cdot \mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W_1}{L_1}} = 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{W_1/L_1}{W/L} \cdot \frac{I}{R} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)}$$

$$\sqrt{I_D} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\mu_n C_{ox} \frac{W}{L}} \cdot \frac{I}{R} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}\right)}$$







$$i_A = I_1 + \frac{g_m}{2} \cdot V_d = I_1 + \frac{g_m}{2} I_{ref} R$$

$$i_B = I_1 - \frac{g_m}{2} V_d = I_1 - \frac{g_m}{2} I_{ref} R$$

$$V_d = I_{ref} \cdot R$$

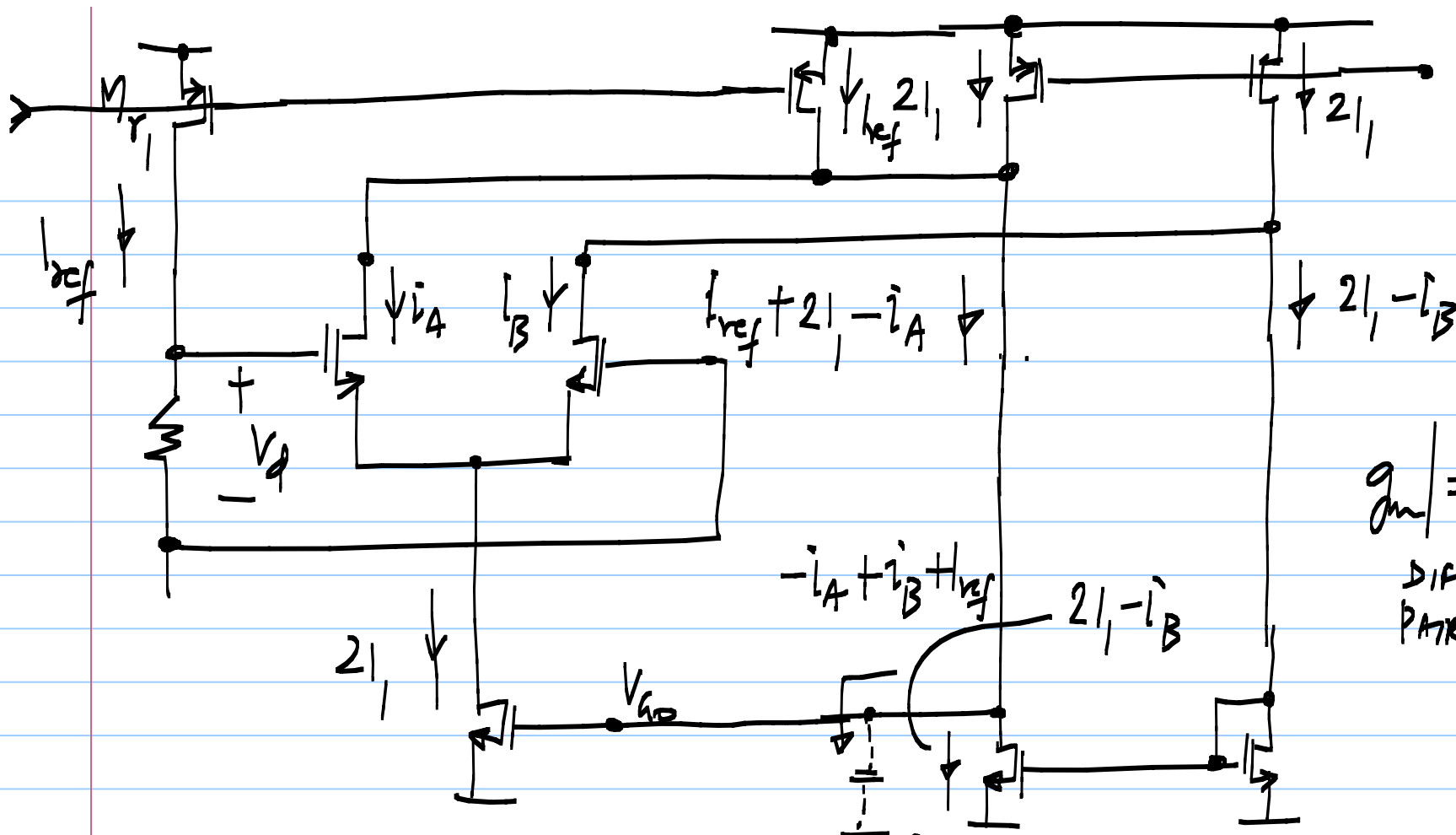
Constant with temp.

$$i_A - i_B = g_m R \cdot I_{ref}$$

$$\text{If } i_A - i_B = I_{ref} \Rightarrow \frac{g_m R}{1} = 1$$

$$\underline{\underline{g_m = \frac{1}{R}}}$$

\* Vary  $g_m$  ( $\Rightarrow$  vary  $2I_1 \Rightarrow$  vary  $V_{o}$ )  
until  $i_A - i_B$  equals  $I_{ref}$



$$g_m = \frac{1}{R}$$

DIFF  
PAIR

If  $i_A - i_B > I_{REF}$ , reduce  $g_m$  (reduce  $V_{o}$ )  
 $[i_A - i_B - I_{REF} > 0]$

