

# Voltage References

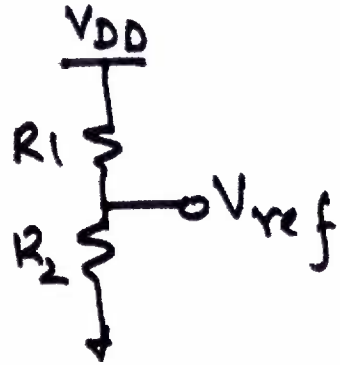
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# 1. Divider Reference with Resistors



$$V_{ref} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_{DD} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}} V_{DD}$$

$$\therefore \frac{dV_{ref}}{dV_{DD}} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$S_{V_{DD}}^{V_{ref}} = \frac{V_{DD}}{V_{ref}} \cdot \frac{\partial V_{ref}}{\partial V_{DD}} = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2} \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 1$$

We see  $\frac{\partial V_{ref}}{V_{ref}} = \frac{\partial V_{DD}}{V_{DD}}$

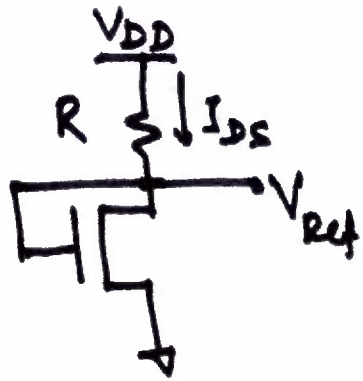
[ % change in  $V_{DD}$  directly reflect in % variation of  $V_{ref}$  ]

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore TC_f(V_{ref}) &= \frac{1}{V_{ref}} \cdot \frac{\partial V_{ref}}{\partial T} = \frac{R_1}{R_2} \frac{V_{ref}}{V_{DD}} \left( \frac{1}{R_2} \frac{\partial R_2}{\partial T} - \frac{1}{R_1} \frac{\partial R_1}{\partial T} \right) \\ &= \frac{R_1}{R_2} \frac{V_{ref}}{V_{DD}} [TC_f(R_2) - TC_f(R_1)] \end{aligned}$$



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## Voltage Reference with MOSFET & Resistor



Clearly  $V_{GS} = V_{ref}$

$$\& I_{DS} = \frac{V_{DD} - V_{ref}}{R}$$

But  $I_{DS} = \frac{\beta}{2} (V_{ov})^2$  for Transistor

$$\therefore V_{DD} - V_{ref} = \frac{\beta}{2} R [V_{ref} - V_T]^2$$

Solving

$$V_{ref} = V_T + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta R} (V_{DD} - V_{ref})}$$

If  $V_{DD} \gg V_{ref}$

$$\text{Then } V_{ref} = V_T + \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta R} V_{DD}^{1/2}}$$



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Then  $S_{V_{DD}}^{V_{ref}} = \frac{V_{DD}}{V_{ref}} \cdot \frac{\partial V_{ref}}{\partial V_{DD}}$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{V_T \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2\beta R}{V_{DD}} + 2}}$$



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Further

$$TC_f(V_{ref}) = \frac{1}{V_{ref}} \cdot \frac{\partial V_{ref}}{\partial T}$$

$$= \frac{1}{V_{ref}} \left[ V_T \cdot TC_f(V_T) - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{2}{w/L} \frac{V_{DD}}{R \beta'(T)}} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{R} \frac{\partial R}{\partial T} - \frac{1.5}{T} \right] \right]$$



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$$\text{Then } I_Q R = V_{Tn} + \sqrt{\frac{2 I_Q}{\beta'_n (W/L)_1}}$$

$$\therefore (I_Q R - V_{Tn})^2 = \frac{2 I_Q}{\beta'_n (W/L)_1}$$

$$\therefore I_Q^2 R^2 + V_{Tn}^2 - 2 I_Q R V_{Tn} - \frac{2 I_Q}{\beta'_n (W/L)_1} = 0$$

One solution is

$$\therefore I_Q = \frac{V_{Tn}}{R} + \frac{1}{\beta_1 R^2} + \frac{1}{R} \sqrt{\frac{2 V_{Tn}}{\beta_1 R} + \frac{1}{\beta_1^2 R^2}} = I_1 = I_2$$

and other solution is

$$I_Q = 0 \text{ giving } I_1 = I_2$$

This is trivial solution, but can occur in reality.



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Since M3 & M4 are chosen to be identical (Same  $\beta$  and  $V_T$ ), with the mirror connected combination,  $\therefore I_1 = I_2$ , where  $I_1$  flows from  $V_{DD}$  to  $V_{SS}$  (0V) through M5 and M1 and  $I_2$  flows similarly from M4 - M2 and through R.

Clearly  $V_{GS1} = I_2 \cdot R$  or  $= I_1 R$

But  $V_{GS1} = V_{Tn} + \sqrt{\frac{2I_1}{\beta'_n (W/L)_1}}$

$\therefore I_2 R = I_1 R = V_{Tn} + \sqrt{\frac{2I_1}{\beta'_n (W/L)_1}}$

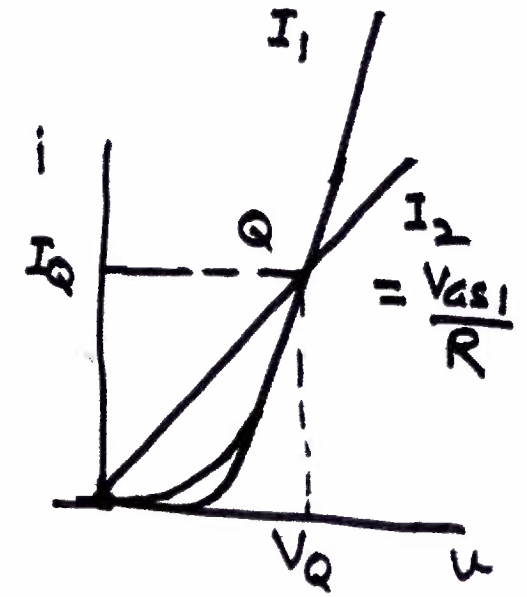
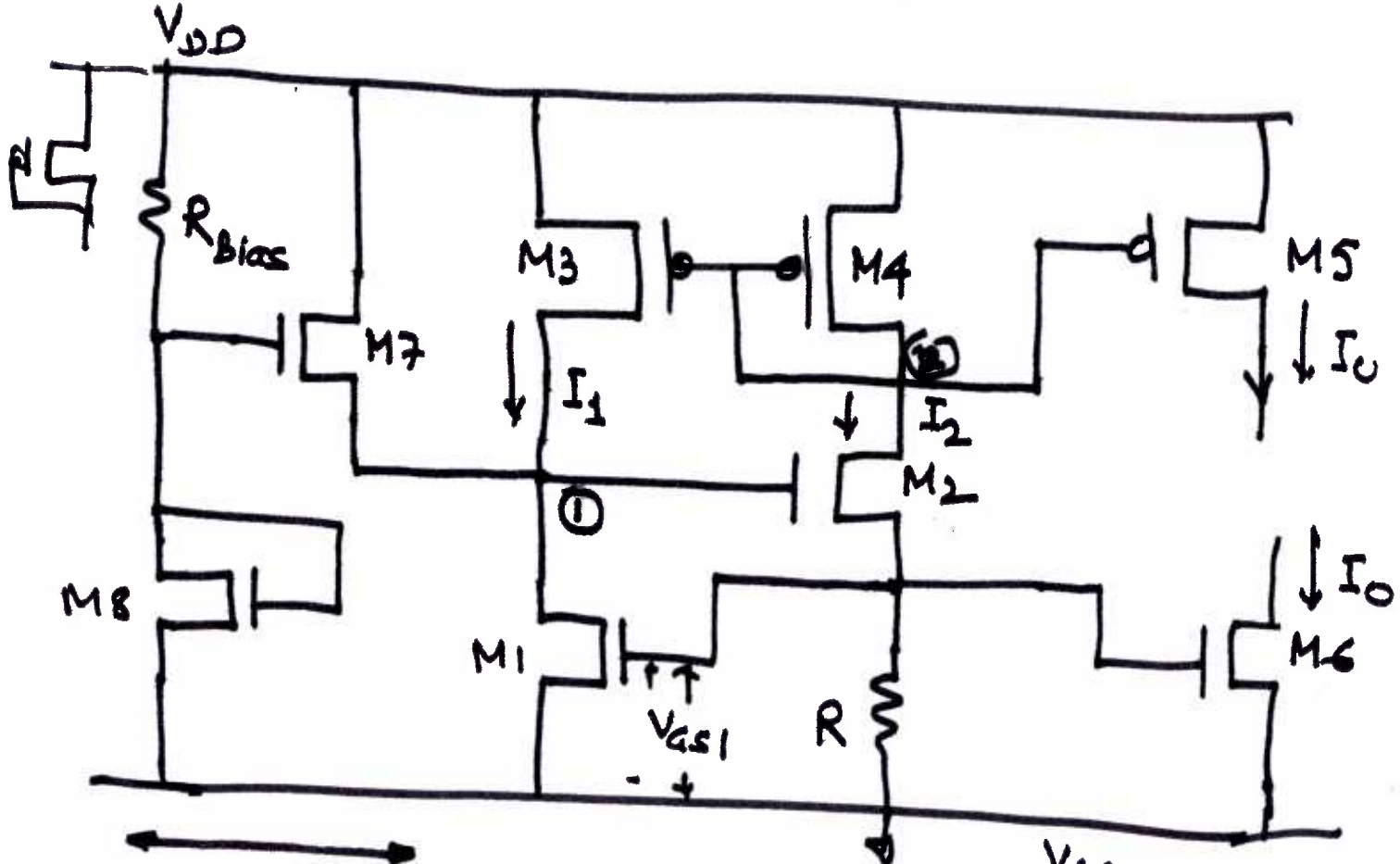
We define  $I_1 = I_2 = I_Q$

A Better  $V_T$  reference is possible using Bootstrap Technique.



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Start-up  
Circuit

Bootstrap Circuit for  $V_T$  reference.



In case of  $I_1 = I_2 = I_Q = 0$ , we see that we need a start-up circuit.

Transistor M7 is 'ON' when initially Node ① is at '0' V. Thus M7 provides

current to M1. This increases  $V_{GS1}$  of M1, which in turn increases  $I_2$  ( $\frac{V_{GS1}}{R}$ ). By feedback (& Mirror) action Node ① voltage starts increasing ( $V_{GS1} + V_{GS2}$ ) and at one time  $V_{GS}$  for M7 goes below  $V_{T7}$ , thereby shutting off M7. Here the Q point of Reference reaches second stable point. Further Starting Circuit then stops participating.



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If  $R$  is created from Polysilicon Layer (nt),

$$\text{then } TC_f(R) = \frac{1}{R} \frac{dR}{dT} \cong -2000 \text{ ppm}/^\circ\text{C}$$

The  $\beta$ -Multiplier circuit thus show

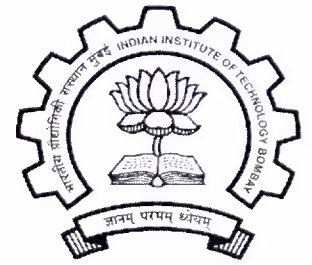
$$TC_f(I_0) = -2 \times 2000 + \frac{1.5}{T} (\text{ok})$$

$$= +1000 \text{ ppm}/^\circ\text{C} \quad \text{at } T = 300^\circ\text{K}$$

We can use this circuit as Voltage Reference  $V_{REF}$  equal to  $V_{AS1}$

$$V_{REF} = V_{AS1} = \frac{2}{\beta_1 R} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}} \right) + V_{TN}$$

$$\frac{\partial V_{REF}}{\partial T} = \frac{\partial V_{TN}}{\partial T} + \frac{2}{\beta_1 R} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}} \right) \left[ \frac{1}{R} \frac{dR}{dT} + \frac{1}{\beta_1} \frac{\partial \beta_1}{\partial T} \right]$$



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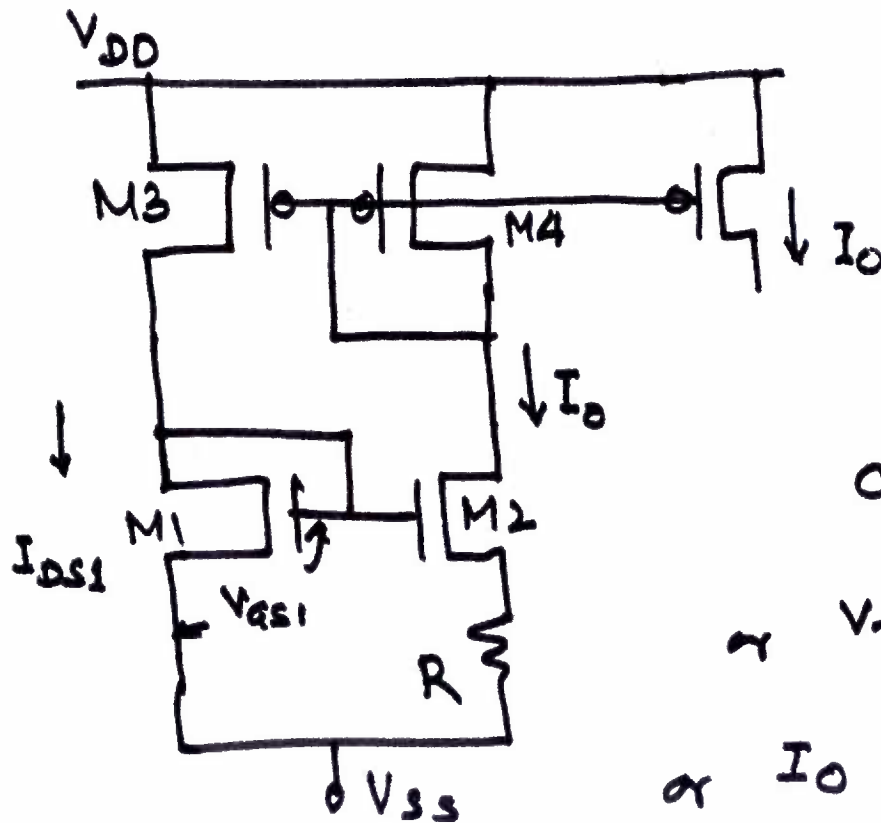
# $\beta$ - Multiplier $V_{REF}$ .



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This scheme is also called Self-Biasing Scheme  
This also uses 'Starting Circuit' for Operation to begin.



$$I_{DS1} = I_O$$

Here width of  $M_2$ ,  $W_2$  is chosen  $K$  times of width  $W_1$  of  $M_1$

$$\alpha \beta_2 = K \beta_1$$

clearly  $V_{GS1} = V_{GS2} + I_O R$

$$\alpha V_{TN} + \sqrt{\frac{2I_O}{\beta_1}} = V_{TN} + \sqrt{\frac{2I_O}{K\beta_1}} + I_O R$$

$$\alpha I_O \cong \frac{2}{R^2 \beta_1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}\right)^2$$

We can find value of  $k$ , for  $\frac{dV_{REF}}{dT} = 0$

Thus choice of  $k$  can give  $TC_f(V_{REF}) = 0$

Corresponding

$$V_{REF} = V_{TN} + \frac{2}{R\beta_1} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \right]$$



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