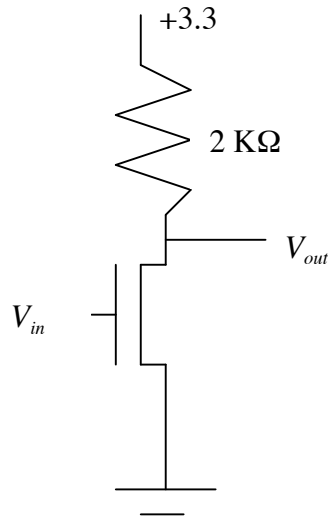


Homework 1

Due February 3rd

1. A CMOS inverter has a switching threshold of 2.5V and $V_{DD}=5V$. We want to reduce the switching threshold to 1.33 V by changing the width(s) of either or both of the transistors. Should we increase or decrease the width(s) and which of the two transistors do you change? Assume that $V_{Tn} = -V_{Tp} = 1$ V. Assume the standard model not including short channel effects.
2. Using the short channel model, find the drain current and V_{out} for the following circuit for three different input voltages: $V_{in}=0V$, $V_{in}=1.67V$, $V_{in}=3.3V$. $V_{Tn}=0.7V$, $V_{DSATn}=1.0V$ and $k_n=0.2$ mA/V²



3. What are the advantages of a CMOS inverter compared to a static load nMOS inverter? Disadvantages?