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# ABSTRACT

A unified approach is given for generating <u>all</u> negative-resistance circuits made of 2 transistors and linear positive resistors only. The 2 transistors may be <u>bipolar</u> (npn or pnp), <u>JFET</u> (n-channel or p-channel), <u>MOSFET</u> (n-channel or p-channel), or their combinations. Since the circuits do <u>not</u> require an internal power supply, they are <u>passive</u> and can be <u>integrated</u> as a 2-terminal <u>device</u> in monolithic form.

Two algorithms are given for generating a <u>negative-resistance</u> device which exhibits either a type-N v-i characteristic similar to that of a tunnel diode, or a <u>type-S</u> v-i characteristic similar to that of a four-layered pnpn diode.

Hundreds of new and potentially useful negative resistance devices have been generated. A selected catalog of many such prototype negative-resistance devices is included for future applications.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The announcement of the first <u>negative-resistance</u> device in 1918 [1] was greeted with skeptism by some and fascination by others. As the name "negative resistance" seems to suggest that the device obeys Ohms law (v = Ri) with R < 0, many physicists and engineers had dismissed this announcement as nonsense because it clearly violates the consertion of energy. This controversy was quickly resolved when it became clear that the device is actually <u>nonlinear</u> and that the term "negative resistance" implies only that the <u>slope</u> is negative at a certain region of the v-i characteristic. So long as this characteristic lies within the <u>first</u> and <u>third</u> quadrants of the v-i plane, the device is <u>passive</u> and is therefore physically realizable without an external source of energy, e.g., a battery.

Spurred by the discovery of the dynatron, and its many potential applications, many <u>vacuum tube</u> negative-reistance circuits have since been invented and reported in the literature [2-18].

The invention of the transistor in 1948 has naturally triggered a search for solid state negative-resistance devices. Unlike vacuum tubes, however, the physics of solid state devices is much more complex. It was not until 1958 before the first negative-resistance solid state device, called the <u>tunnel diode</u>, was invented by Esaki [19]. In fact, so exotic was the physical mechanism responsible for the negative resistance that a Nobel prize in physics was awarded to Esaki in 1973. It took another 8 years before another promising <u>2-terminal</u> solid state negative-resistance device, called the <u>Gunn</u> <u>diode</u>, was invented [20]. Even more exotic is the physical mechanism responsible for this differential negative resistance that it took another researcher to explain the Gunn effect [21].

Nothwithstanding the much more difficult challenge (compared to that of the vacuum tube era), the search for new <u>solid state</u> negative-resistance devices has continued unabated over the years [22-55]. While some of the negative-resistance devices reported in [22-55] are bulk semiconductor devices, most consist of combination of bipolar transistors, JFETs, and MOSFETs.

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Almost all of the negative-resistance devices reported in the literature so far were discovered either by accident, or with the help of intuition and various <u>ad hoc</u> techniques. This is why most papers on this subject are concerned only with <u>one</u> negative-resistance circuit. Moreover, since the circuit is usually presented as if "pulling a rabbit out of a hat," the

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reader is often left with the perplexed question of how the circuit was originally conceived.

One of our objectives in this paper is to remove the mystery behind the discovery of these circuits by showing how they can be systematically derived via a <u>unified</u> approach. In particular, we will present two simple algorithms for generating <u>negative-resistance</u> devices using <u>only linear positive resistors</u> and <u>two transistors</u>, which may be <u>bipolar JFET</u>, or <u>MOSFET</u> [56], or their combinations.

Unlike many negative-resistance circuits in the literature which require an internal power supply, all circuits generated by our algorithm are <u>source</u> <u>free</u>. Hence, once integrated and encapsulated in a standard package, our circuit becomes a <u>2-terminal negative-resistance device</u>, just like the tunnel diode, and the Gunn diode.

In fact, the <u>main contribution</u> of this paper is the wholesale presentation of numerous <u>new</u> two-transistor negative-resistance circuit configurations<sup>†</sup>, both in the body of the paper, and in the form of a selected catalog in the Appendix. Each of these circuit configurations is potentially a useful 2terminal negative-resistance device.

A <u>type-N</u> device is characterized by a <u>continuous non-monotonic voltage</u>-<u>controlled</u> v-i curve having at most one maximum (peak) and one minimum (valley), as shown in Fig. 1(a). The "dual" characteristic shown in Fig. 1(b) defines a <u>type-S</u> device.

Using our algorithm, <u>all</u> negative-resistance circuits reported in the literature (using only linear positive resistors, and two bipolar, JFET or MOSFET transistors, or their combinations) can be generated. Consequently, only a few typical circuits will be presented in this paper to illustrate our algorithm. The symbols for the bipolar, JFET, and MOSFET transistors are shown in Fig. 2.

In <u>Section 2</u>, several <u>type-N devices</u> using at most 2 linear positive resistors are presented first. The algorithm for generating <u>type-N devices</u> is then given without proof.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>T</sup>This is in sharp contrast with previous papers on this subject [1-55] which, with few exceptions, contained only <u>one</u> new circuit in each paper.

In <u>Section 3</u>, several <u>type-S</u> devices using at most 2 linear positive resistors are presented first. The algorithm for generating <u>type-S</u> devices is then given without proof.

The theory behind the algorithms presented in Sections 2 and 3 is given in Section 4.

For future reference, a selected catalog of negative-resistance devices generated using the algorithms in <u>Sections 2 and 3</u> is given in the <u>Appendix</u>, along with their typical v-i characteristics.

#### 2. TYPE-N (VOLTAGE-CONTROLLED) DEVICES

# A. <u>Intrinsic Type-N Devices</u>

A type-N device is said to be <u>intrinsic</u> if it contains <u>no</u> resistors. Using the <u>type-N algorithm</u> to be presented below, we have generated the 3 circuits shown in Fig. 3: the circuit in Fig. 3(a) is made of 2 complementary MOSFETs, that in Fig. 3(b) is made of 2 complementary JFETs, and the circuit in Fig. 3(c) is made of an N-channel JFET and a P-channel MOSFET. These are <u>the only</u> intrinsic <u>type-N</u> devices made of 2 transistors.<sup>†</sup>

We have simulated these circuits using typical device parameters. One typical v-i characteristic for each of these circuits is shown in Figs. 3(a), (b), and (c), respectively.

## B. Type-N Devices Requiring One Resistor

Three type-N devices requiring <u>one</u> resistor are shown in Fig. 4. In addition, the circuit requires 2 complementary MOSFETs in Fig. 4(a), 2 complementary JFETs in Fig. 4(b), and a P-channel MOSFET and an n-channel JFET in Fig. 4(c). The v-i characteristic for each circuit corresponding to a typical value of R is shown in Figs. 4(a), (b), and (c), respectively.

## C. Type-N Devices Requiring Two Resistors

Twelve <u>type-N</u> devices requiring <u>two</u> resistors are shown in Figs. 5-8. In addition, the 3 circuits in Fig. 5 contain 2 complementary MOSFETs; the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Two transistors are said to be <u>complementary</u> if one is N-channel and the other is P-channel. Actually, for circuits involving MOSFETs, there are a few more circuit variations that can be obtained by connecting the <u>substrate</u> terminal to another terminal of the circuit. However, this distinction is only minor and we prefer to regard all these variations as basically the same circuit.

3 circuits in Fig. 6 contain 2 complementary JFETs; the 3 circuits in Fig. 7 contain a bipolar transistor and a MOSFET or a JFET; the 3 circuits in Fig. 8 contain an N-channel MOSFET and a P-channel JFET.

A typical v-i characteristic is shown below each of these circuits.

#### D. Type-N Algorithm

In general, any <u>type-N device</u> can be systematically generated using the following procedure:

- <u>Step 1</u>. Start with the two-transistor feedback structure shown in Fig. 9, where transistor T<sub>1</sub> or T<sub>2</sub> can assume any one of the device symbols shown in Figs. 10, 11, and 12. Here, the terminal marked with an asterisk (\*) always corresponds to the <u>horizontal</u> terminal in Fig. 9.
- Step 2. Connect a <u>current source</u> via a <u>soldering-iron entry</u> across a pair of nodes in the feedback structure obtained from <u>Step 1</u>. There are only 3 distinct ways of doing this: they are shown in Figs. 13(a), (b), and (c), respectively.
- <u>Step 3</u>. Connect "n" linear positive resistors to any of the 3 circuit configurations obtained from <u>Step 2</u>, where n = 0,1,2,..., etc. Here, each resistor may be inserted through <u>any</u> wire via a <u>plier-type entry</u>, or across <u>any</u> pair of nodes via a <u>soldering-iron entry</u>. As will be shown in <u>Section 4</u>, there is <u>no need</u> to connect a resistor either in series, or in parallel, with the current source.

For example, if we pick the circuit configuration in Fig. 13(a) and choose n = 1, we would generate a maximum of 7 topologically <u>distinct</u> circuits, as shown in Fig. 14.

Step 4. Each circuit generated from Step 3 is a candidate for a type-N negative-resistance device. However, not all such candidates will exhibit a negative resistance characteristic. In other words, Steps 1-3 are necessary but not sufficient conditions for a 2-transistor circuit to be a type-N negative resistance device. The final step in this algorithm therefore consists of actually simulating the circuit using a computer simulation program, such as SPICE [57] for different driving-point currents Is. If no negative resistance and device

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parameters<sup> $\top$ </sup>, the candidate is rejected.

There are a number of <u>inspection</u> methods which allow one to eliminate a candidate from <u>Step 3</u> without computer simulation. These methods are described in Section 4.

Using the above algorithm, we have generated hundreds of <u>type-N</u> devices using bipolar, JFET, and MOSFET transistors. A small subset of these circuits are collected in <u>Appendix A</u> along with a typical family of v-i characteristics corresponding to different values of the resistances.

# 3. TYPE-S (CURRENT-CONTROLLED) DEVICES

## A. Intrinsic Type-S Devices

No <u>intrinsic</u> type-S device made of only 2 transistors (bipolar, JFET, MOSFET or their combination) exists.

#### B. Type-S Devices Requiring One Resistor

The only <u>type-S</u> device made of 2 transistors and <u>one</u> resistor is shown in Fig. 15, along with a typical v-i characteristic.

# C. Type-S Devices Requiring Two Resistors

Eight <u>type-S</u> devices requiring <u>two</u> resistors are shown in Figs. 16-18. In addition, the 2 circuits in Fig. 16 contain 2 complementary bipolar transistors; the 3 circuits in Fig. 17 contain a bipolar transistor and a MOSFET; the 3 circuits in Fig. 18 contain 2 MOSFETs in (a), a bipolar and a JFET transistor in (b), and a MOSFET and a JFET transistor in (c), respectively.

A typical v-i characteristic is shown below each of these circuits.

#### D. Type-S Algorithm

In general, any <u>type-S device</u> can be systematically generated using the following "dual" procedure:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>T</sup>In practice, only a few resistance values and device parameters are usually adequate to eliminate a candidate.

- Step 1. Start with the two-transistor feedback structure shown in Fig. 9, where transistor T<sub>1</sub> or T<sub>2</sub> can assume any one of the device symbols shown in Figs. 10, 11, and 12. Here, the terminal marked with an asterisk (\*) always corresponds to the horizontal terminal in Fig. 9.
- Step 2. Connect a voltage source via a plier-type entry through a terminal in the feedback structure obtained from <u>Step 1</u>. There are only 3 distinct ways of doing this: they are shown in Figs. 19(a), (b), and (c), respectively.
- Step 3. Connect "n" linear positive resistors to any of the 3 circuits obtained from <u>Step 2</u>, where n = 0,1,2,...,etc. Here, each resistor may be inserted through <u>any</u> wire via a <u>plier-type entry</u>, or across <u>any</u> pair of nodes via a <u>soldering-iron entry</u>. As will be shown in <u>Section 4</u>, there is <u>no need</u> to connect a resistor either in series, or in parallel, with the voltage source.

For example, if we pick the circuit configuration in Fig. 19(c) and choose n = 1, we would generate a maximum of 7 topologically <u>distinct</u> circuits, as shown in Fig. 20.

<u>Step 4</u>. Each circuit generated from <u>Step 3</u> is a candidate for a <u>type-S</u> <u>negative-resistive device</u>. However, not all such candidates will exhibit a negative resistance characteristic. In other words, <u>Steps 1-3</u> are <u>necessary but not sufficient</u> conditions for a 2-transistor circuit to be a <u>type-S</u> negative resistance device. The <u>final</u> <u>step</u> in this algorithm therefore consists of actually simulating the circuit using a computer simulation program, such as SPICE [57] for <u>different driving-point voltages</u>  $V_s$ . If no negative resistance characteristic is obtained for all values of resistances and device parameters, the candidate is rejected.

## 4. THE UNIFIED APPROACH

To derive the two algorithms presented in the previous sections for systematically generatingall 2-transistor negative-resistance devices, consider the <u>current-driven</u> one-port N<sub>I</sub> shown in Fig. 21(a) and the <u>voltage-driven</u> one-port N<sub>V</sub> shown in Fig. 22(a). N<sub>I</sub> and N<sub>V</sub> are assumed to contain exactly 2 transistors and "n" linear positive resistors. The 2 transistors may be <u>any</u> <u>combination</u> of <u>bipolar</u> (npn or pnp), <u>JFET</u> (n-channel or p-channel), and <u>MOSFET</u> (n-channel or p-channel) transistors.

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Let  $\hat{N}_{I}$  be a simplified one-port obtained by replacing <u>each</u> resistor inside  $N_{I}$  by either a short circuit, or by an open circuit. We will refer to the circuit in Fig. 21(b) as the <u>open-circuited one-port</u>  $\hat{N}_{I}$  associated with  $N_{I}$  (since the port is open circuited).

Let N<sub>V</sub> be a simplified one-port obtained by replacing <u>each</u> resistor inside N<sub>V</sub> by either a short circuit, or by an open circuit. We will refer to the circuit in Fig. 22(b) as the <u>short-circuited one-port</u>  $\hat{N}_V$  associated with N<sub>V</sub> (since the port is short-circuited).

Note that  $\hat{N}_{I}$  and  $\hat{N}_{V}$  contain only 2 transistors and connecting wires. We say that the <u>open-circuited one-port</u>  $\hat{N}_{I}$  in Fig. 21(b), or the <u>short-circuited</u> <u>one-port</u>  $\hat{N}_{V}$  in Fig. 22(b), exhibits a <u>feedback structure</u> if, and only if, it can be redrawn into the "cross-coupled" configuration shown in Fig. 9.

Our algorithms in <u>Sections 2 and 3</u> are based on the following remarkable result due to Nielsen and Willson [58-59]:

# Theorem. (Nielsen and Willson)

Let each bipolar transistor be modeled by the Ebers-Moll equation as in [58]. Let each JFET or MOSFET be described by the typical family of v-i characteristics assumed in [59].

- 1. A <u>necessary</u> condition for the <u>current-driven</u> one-port N<sub>I</sub> in Fig. 21(a) to have multiple solutions is that the <u>open-circuited one-port</u>  $\hat{N}_I$  associated with N<sub>I</sub> exhibits a <u>feedback structure</u>.
- 2. A <u>necessary</u> condition for the <u>voltage-driven</u> one-port  $N_V$  in Fig. 22(a) to have <u>multiple</u> solutions is that the <u>short-circuited one-port</u>  $\hat{N}_V$  associated with  $N_V$  exhibits a <u>feedback structure</u>.

<u>Corollary 1</u>. In order for a 2-transistor one-port N to exhibit a <u>type-N</u> (voltage-controlled) negative resistance v-i characteristic, it is <u>necessary</u> that the <u>open-circuited</u> one-port  $\hat{N}_I$  in Fig. 21(b) exhibits a <u>feedback structure</u>.

<u>Proof</u>. By definition, a one-port is <u>type-N</u> if there exists at least one port current  $i = I_s$  such that there correspond <u>more than one</u> port voltage. Hence <u>Corollary 1</u> follows upon driving the one-port N<sub>I</sub> by a current source and invoking the necessary condition from the above theorem.

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<u>Corollary 2</u>. In order for a 2-transistor one-port N to exhibit a <u>type-S</u> (current-controlled) negative resistance v-i characteristic, it is <u>necessary</u> that the <u>short-circuited</u> one-port  $\hat{N}_V$  in Fig. 22(b) exhibit a <u>feedback structure</u>. Proof. Follows by duality.

#### Remarks.

The open-circuited one-port  $\hat{N}_{I}$  in Fig. 21(b), or the short-circuited one-port  $\hat{N}_{V}$  in Fig. 22(b) <u>cannot</u> exhibit a feedback structure under the following situations:

- (a) Terminal (\*) of T<sub>1</sub> is connected to terminal (\*) of T<sub>2</sub>, where terminal (\*) denotes either the <u>base</u> (for a bipolar transistor) or the <u>gate</u> (for a JFET or MOSFET) of the transistor (see Figs. 10-11).
- (b) A pair of terminals of  $T_1$  (resp.,  $T_2$ ) are <u>short-circuited</u>.
- (c) A terminal of either  $T_1$  or  $T_2$  is <u>open-circuited</u>.
- (d) N contains only <u>one</u> trnasistor.

<u>Corollary 3</u>. In order for N to exhibit a <u>negative</u> resistance, it is necessary that <u>both transistors</u> be operating in the normal <u>active</u> region<sup> $\dagger$ </sup> of the device over the entire dynamic range of the negative resistance.

<u>Proof</u>. If a bipolar, JFET, or MOSFET transistor is <u>not</u> biased in the normal active region, then it can be realistically modeled by a circuit made of linear resistors, batteries and/or current sources, using the techniques described in [60]. Since the resulting circuit in effect contains only one transistor, it <u>cannot</u> have a feedback structure in view of <u>Remark (d)</u>.

We are now ready to derive the algorithms in Sections 2 and 3.

#### A. Type-N Algorithm

Applying <u>Corollary 1</u>, we find there are only 3 <u>distinct</u> configurations for a <u>current-driven</u> 2-transistor circuit <u>without</u> resistors to posses a <u>feedback structure</u>; namely, the configurations in Figs. 13(a), (b), and (c). Since <u>all type-N</u> circuits must reduce to one of these 3 configurations after each resistor is replaced by either a short circuit, or an open circuit, we can systematically generate <u>candidates</u> for <u>type-N</u> negative resistance circuits

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>T</sup>By <u>normal active</u> region, we mean the region where the device is biased for small-signal amplification.

by connecting "n" resistors to the circuit via <u>all possible combinations</u> of plier-type and soldering-iron entries.

There is no need, however, to connect a resistor either in series, or in parallel with the current source  $I_s$ . Indeed, if N' is a <u>type-N</u> device, then connecting a linear positive resistor <u>in series</u> as shown in Fig. 23(a) could lead to a <u>multivalued</u> v-i characteristic, which is no longer <u>type-N</u>, as shown in Fig. 23(b). Similarly, connecting a linear positive resistor <u>in parallel</u> as shown in Fig. 23(c) could lead to a <u>monotone-increasing</u> v-i characteristic which is no longer <u>type-N</u>, as shown in Fig. 23(d). In either case, the addition of the linear resistor either in series, or in parallel, will only reduce the chances of obtaining a <u>type-N</u> v-i characteristic.

As we let n = 0, 1, 2, ..., we would systematically generate all <u>type-N</u> circuit <u>candidates</u> containing, 0, 1, 2, ..., resistors.

Since the "feedback structure" is only a <u>necessary</u> condition for the above candidates to be a type-N device, it is essential to simulate the v-i characteristic using a circuit-simulation program with different values of the resistors and device parameters.

The <u>type-N</u> circuits given in <u>Section 2</u> and in <u>Appendix A</u> are generated using this algorithm.

## B. Type-S Algorithm

Applying <u>Corollary 2</u>, we find there are only 3 distinct configurations for a <u>voltage-driven</u> 2-transistor circuit <u>without</u> resistors to possess a <u>feedback structure</u>; namely, the configurations in Figs. 19(a), (b), and (c). Since <u>all type-S</u> circuits must reduce to one of these 3 configurations after each resistor is replaced by either a short circuit, or an open circuit, we can systematically generate <u>candidates</u> for <u>type-S</u> negative-resistance circuits by connecting "n" resistors to the circuit via <u>all possible</u> configurations of plier-type and soldering-iron entries.

There is no need, however, to connect a resistor either in series, or in parallel with the voltage source  $V_s$ . Indeed, if N' is a <u>type-S</u> device, then connecting a linear positive resistor <u>in series</u> as shown in Fig. 24(a) could lead to a <u>monotone-increasing</u> v-i characteristic, which is no longer <u>type-S</u>, as shown in Fig. 24(b). Similarly, connecting a linear positive resistor <u>in parallel</u> as shown in Fig. 24(c) could lead to a <u>multivalued</u> v-i characteristic, which is no longer <u>type-S</u>, as shown in Fig. 24(c) could lead to a <u>multivalued</u> v-i characteristic, which is no longer <u>type-S</u>, as shown in Fig. 24(d). In either

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case, the addition of the linear resistor either in series, or in parallel, will only reduce the chances of obtaining a <u>type-S</u> v-i characteristic.

As we let n = 0, 1, 2, ..., we would systematically generate all <u>type-S</u> circuit candidates containing 0, 1, 2, ..., resistors.

The <u>type-S</u> circuits given in <u>Section 3</u> and in <u>Appendix B</u> are generated using this algorithm.

#### 5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

We have applied both algorithms in <u>Sections 2 and 3</u> and generated hundreds of <u>type-N</u> and <u>type-S</u> devices, containing up to 5 linear resistors. For future reference, we have included a small catalog of some selected <u>type-N</u> devices in <u>Tables 1 and 2</u> of <u>Appendix A</u>. Also included in <u>Appendix A</u> are families of v-i characteristics (parameterized by different resistor values) for the <u>last</u> circuit in each column of <u>Table 1</u> (Figs. A-1 to A-5) and <u>Table 2</u> (Figs. A-6-A-7).

A small catalog of some selected <u>type-S</u> devices is given in <u>Tables 3 and 4</u> of <u>Appendix B</u>. Also included in <u>Appendix B</u> are families of v-i characteristics (parametrized by different resistor values) for the <u>last</u> circuit in each column of <u>Table 3</u> (Figs. A-8 to A-11) and Table 4 (Figs. A-12 to A-14).

Another catalog of selected <u>type-N</u> and <u>type-S</u> devices using <u>only bipolar</u> transistors and linear resistors is given in [61].

An extensive collection of families of v-i characteristics for <u>each</u> of the circuits listed in <u>Tables 1-4</u> of <u>Appendix A</u> and <u>Appendix B</u> (except the last circuit in each column) is given in Appendix C and Appendix D.

These families of v-i characteristics are extremely useful because they show the effects of the different resistors on the shape of the characteristics. Depending on the application, one circuit may be preferred over another. In any event, the catalog of circuits given in <u>Appendix A</u>, <u>Appendix B</u>, and in [61-62] should be adequate for most applications.

It is not our objective to evaluate which of the numerous circuit configurations presented in this paper are better. Such an evaluation would depend not only on the <u>IC technology</u> being chosen, but also on the applications in mind. Indeed, some configurations are clearly superior for low-frequency high-power applications. Others are clearly better for high-frequency operations. This is the reason why we included a selected catalog of potentially useful prototype negative-resistance circuit configurations.

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#### FIGURE CAPTIONS

- Fig. 1. (a) A type-N device characterized by a non-monotonic voltage-controlled v-i curve with one maximum and one minimum.
  - (b) A type-S device characterized by a non-monotonic currentcontrolled v-i curve with one maximum and one minimum.
- Fig. 2. Transistor symbols: (a) npn transistor; (b) pnp transistor; (c) N-channel JFET (d) P-channel JFET; (e) N-channel MOSFET; and (f) P-channel MOSFET.
- Fig. 3. (a) Type-N device made of 2 complementary MOSFETs ( $V_{t0_1} = -6V$ ,  $V_{t0_2} = +6V$ ).
  - (b) Type-N device made of 2 complementary JFETs (simulated by SPICE 2G with default values).
  - (c) Type-N device made of an N-channel JFET and a P-channel MOSFET  $(V_{t0_1} = -2V, V_{t0_2} = +4V)$ .
- Fig. 4. (a) Type-N device made of 2 complementary MOSFETs and 1 resistor  $(R = 50 \text{ k}\Omega, V_{t0_1} = -6V, V_{t0_2} = +6V).$ 
  - (b) Type-N device made of 2 complementary JFETs and 1 resistor ( $R = 100 \ k\Omega$ , JFETs simulated by SPICE 2G with default values).
  - (c) Type-N device made of a P-channel JFET and an N-channel MOSFET and 1 resistor (R = 50 k $\Omega$ , V<sub>t01</sub> = -6V, JFET simulated by SPICE 2G with default values).
- Fig. 5. Type-N devices made of 2 complementary MOSFETs and 2 resistors:
  - (a)  $R_1 = 200 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 200 \ k\Omega$ ,  $V_{t0_1} = -6V$ ,  $V_{t0_2} = +6V$ (b)  $R_1 = 300 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 75 \ k\Omega$ ,  $V_{t0_1} = -4V$ ,  $V_{t0_2} = +4V$ (c)  $R_1 = 1 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 5 \ k\Omega$ ,  $V_{t0_1} = -4V$ ,  $V_{t0_2} = +4V$
- Fig. 6. Type-N devices made of 2 complementary JFETs and 2 resistors: (a)  $R_1 = 100 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100 \ k\Omega$ ; (b)  $R_1 = 1 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 20 \ k\Omega$ ; (c)  $R_1 = 1 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100 \ k\Omega$ . (JFETs simulated by SPICE 2G with default values).
- Fig. 7. (a) Type-N device made of an npn transistors, a P-channel MOSFET, and 2 resistors:  $R_1 = 100 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 200 \ k\Omega$ ,  $V_{tO_2} = +2V$ .

- (b) Type-N device made of an npn transistor, a P-channel JFET, and 2 resistors:  $R_1 = 25 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 100 \ k\Omega$ , (JFET simulated by SPICE 2G with default values).
- (c) Type-N device made of a pnp transistor, an N-channel JFET, and 2 resistors:  $R_1 = 150 k_{\Omega}$ ,  $R_2 = 6 k_{\Omega}$ ,  $V_{tO_1} = -2V$ .
- Fig. 8. Type-N devices made of an N-channel MOSFET, a P-channel JFET and 2 resistors:
  - (a)  $R_1 = 200 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 200 \ k\Omega$ ,  $V_{t0_2} = +6V$
  - (b)  $R_1 = 300 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 50 \ k\Omega$ ,  $V_{t0_1} = -4V$
  - (c)  $R_1 = 10 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 5 \ k\Omega$ ,  $V_{+0} = -4V$

(JFETs simulated by SPICE 2G with default values).

- Fig. 9. Two-transistor "cross-coupled" feedback structure.
- Fig. 10. npn or pnp transistor replacement for  $T_1$  or  $T_2$  in Fig. 9. The "base" in this case is the starred terminal.
- Fig. 11. N-Channel or P-channel replacement for  $T_1$  or  $T_2$  in Fig. 9. The "gate" in this case is the starred terminal.
- Fig. 12. N-channel or P-channel replacement for  $T_1$  or  $T_2$  in Fig. 10. The "gate" in this case is the starred terminal.
- Fig. 13. Three <u>distinct</u> ways of driving the feedback structure in Fig. 9 with a <u>current source</u>  $I_s$  via a <u>soldering-iron entry</u>.
- Fig. 14. Seven distinct ways of connecting one resistor to the circuit in Fig. 13(a) by either a plier-type or a soldering-iron entry.
- Fig. 15. Type-S device made of 2 complementary bipolar transistors and 1 resistor ( $R = 5 k_{\Omega}$ ).
- Fig. 16. Type-S devices made of 2 complementary bipolar transistors and 2 resistors:

(a)  $R_1 = 500 \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 10 k\Omega$ ; (b)  $R_1 = 400 \Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 2k\Omega$ .

- Fig. 17. (a) Type-S device made of an npn transistor, an N-channel MOSFET and 2 resistors ( $R_1 = 600 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 10 \ k\Omega$ ,  $V_{tO_1} = -5V$ ).
  - (b) Type-S device made of a pnp transistor, a P-channel MOSFET and 2 resistors ( $R_1 = 3.4 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 300 \ k\Omega$ ,  $V_{tO_2} = -4V$ ).

- (c) Type-S device made of an npn transistor, a P-channel MOSFET and 2 resistors ( $R_1 = 100 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 500 \ k\Omega$ ,  $V_{tO_1} = -1V$ ).
- Fig. 18. (a) Type-S device made of 2 complementary MOSFETs and 2 resistors  $(R_1 = 200 \ k\Omega, R_2 = 5 \ k\Omega, V_{t0_1} = -5V, V_{t0_2} = +1V).$ 
  - (b) Type-S device made of an npn transistor, an N-channel JFET and 2 resistors ( $R_1 = 50 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 2k\Omega$ ,  $V_{t0_1} = -5V$ ).
  - (c) Type-S device made of an N-channel MOSFET, an N-channel JFET and 2 resistors ( $R_1 = 100 \ k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 10 \ k\Omega$ ,  $V_{t0_1} = -5V$ ,  $V_{t0_2} = +1V$ ).
- Fig. 19. Three <u>distinct</u> ways of driving the feedback structure in Fig. 9 with a <u>voltage source</u>  $V_s$  via a <u>plier-type entry</u>.
- Fig. 20. Seven <u>distinct</u> ways of connecting <u>one</u> resistor to the circuit in Fig. 19(c) by either a plier-type, or a soldering-iron entry.
- Fig. 21. (a) Current-driven one-port  $N_{I}$  containing 2 transistors and linear positive resistors.
  - (b) Simplified one-port  $N_I$  obtained by open-circuiting the current source, and by replacing each resistor by either a short-circuit, or an open circuit.
- Fig. 22. (a) Voltage-driven one-port N<sub>V</sub> containing 2 transistors and linear positive resistors.
  - (b) Simplified one-port  $N_V$  obtained by short-circuiting the voltage source, and by replacing each resistor by either a short-circuit, or an open-circuit.
- Fig. 23. (a) Connecting a resistor in series with N'.
  - (b) v-i characteristics of N and N' for (a).
  - (c) Connecting a resistor in parallel with N'.
  - (d) v-i characteristics fo N and N' for (b).
- Fig. 24. (a) Connecting a resistor in series with N'.
  - (b) v-i characteristics of N and N' for (a).
  - (c) Connecting a resistor in parallel with N'.
  - (d) v-i characteristics of N and N' for (b).

- Fig. A-1. v-i characteristics of the last circuit (column 1) in the MOSFET family in <u>Table 1</u>:  $V_{t0_1} = -4V$ ,  $V_{t0_2} = +4V$ vertical scale: 0.01 mA per division horizontal scale: 3V per division
- Fig. A-2. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the JFET family (column 2) in <u>Table 1</u>: JFETs simulated by SPICE 2G with default values

vertical scale: 0.01 mA per division horizontal scale: 3V per division

Fig. A-3. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the bipolar transistor MOSFET family in <u>Table 1</u>:  $V_{\pm 01} = -4V$ 

vertical scale: 0.015 mA per division horizontal scale: 1.5V per division

Fig. A-4. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the bipolar transistor -JFET family in <u>Table 1</u>: JFET simulated by SPICE 2G with default values

> vertical scale: 0.01 mA per division horizontal scale: 1V per division

Fig. A-5. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the JFET-MOSFET family in <u>Table 1</u>:  $V_{t0_1} = -4V$ , JFET simulated by SPICE 2G with default values

vertical scale: 0.015 mA per division horizontal scale: 3V per division

- Fig. A-6. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the MOSFET family in  $\frac{\text{Table 2}}{\text{Table 2}}: V_{t0_1} = V_{t0_2} = +2V$ vertical scale: 0.08 mA per division horizontal scale: 3V per division
- Fig. A-7. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the bipolar transistor MOSFET family in <u>Table 2</u>:  $V_{t0_2} = +2V$ vertical scale: 0.2 mA per division

horizontal scale: 2V per division

Fig. A-8. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the MOSFET family in <u>Table 3</u>:  $V_{t0_1} = -5V$ ,  $V_{t0_2} = +1V$ vertical scale: 0.1 mA per division

horizontal scale: 6V per division

Fig. A-9. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the bipolar transistor-MOSFET family in <u>Table 3</u>:  $V_{t0_1} = -5V$ 

vertical scale: 0.05 mA per division horizontal scale: 4V per divison

Fig. A-10. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the bipolar transistor-JFET family in <u>Table 3</u>:  $V_{tO_1} = -5V$ 

vertical scale: 0.3 mA per division horizontal scale: 3V per division

- Fig. A-11. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the JFET-MOSFET family in <u>Table 3</u>:  $V_{t0_1} = -5V$ ,  $V_{t0_2} = +1V$ vertical scale: 0.1 mA per division horizontal scale: 6V per division
- Fig. A-12. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the MOSFET family in  $\frac{\text{Table 4}}{\text{Table 4}}: V_{t0_1} = -1V, V_{t0_2} = +1V$ vertical scale: 3 µA per division horizontal scale: 1V per division
- Fig. A-13. v-i characteristics of the last circuit in the bipolar transistor-MOSFET family in <u>Table 4</u>:  $V_{t0} = -1V$

vertical scale: 3  $\mu A$  per division horizontal scale: 1V per division

Fig. A-14. v-i characteristics of the circuits in the bipolar transistor-JFET family in <u>Table 4</u>: JFET simulated by SPCIE 2G with default values (a) first circuit:

vertical scale: 0.4 mA per division horizontal scale: 1V per division

(b) second circuit:

vertical scale: 0.48 mA per division horizontal scale: 2V per division

(c) last circuit:

vertical scale: 0.48 mA per division horizontal scale: 4V per division

















































Fig. 4













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Fig. 8



Fig. 9



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Fig. 10









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Fig. 13

















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Fig. 14















Fig. 16











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Fig. 18







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 $R_{1}$  (a)  $R_{1}$   $R_{1}$ 











Fig. 20













Fig. 23



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Fig. 24

# APPENDIX A. SELECTED CATALOG OF TYPE-N DEVICES Table I



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Table I (continuation)

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Table 2



## APPENDIX B. SELECTED CATALOG OF TYPE-S DEVICES

Table 3



## Table 4





 $R_1 = 1k R_3 = 400k$ 







R<sub>l</sub>=lk R<sub>3</sub>=400k















 $R_1 = 150 k R_3 = 5 k$ 



 $R_1 = 150 k R_2 = 50 k$ 





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 $R_1 = 200 k R_3 = 500 k$ 



R1=200k R2=10k





 $R_1 = 400k R_3 = 400k$ 



 $R_1 = 400 k R_2 = 20 k$ 





 $R_1 = 25 k R_3 = 100 k$ 







R<sub>1</sub>=100k R<sub>3</sub>=300k







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 $R_1 = 100 k R_3 = 1 meg$ 







 $R_1 = 100k$   $R_3 = 2 meg$ 



R<sub>1</sub>=100k R<sub>2</sub>=500k











Appendix C: Family of V-I Characteristics for Type-N Devices Cataloged in Table 1 and Table 2 (Figures A-15 to A-60)

## Legend:

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vto denotes "threshold voltage" of FET
KP denotes "transconductance parameter" of FET
Area denotes the "area factor" of JFET

## Remarks:

- 1. All MOSFETs in Figs. A-15 to A-22 are "depletion mode" devices.
- 2. All JFETS in Figs. A-23 to A-29 are simulated by SPICE 2G with default value.
- 3. All MOSFETs in Figs. A-30 to A-36 have vto = 4V unless otherwise specified.
- 4. All JFETs in Figs. A-37 to A-51 are simulated by SPICE 2G with default values. All vto in these circuits denote the "threshold voltage" of the MOSFETs.





Fig. A-15





Fig. A-16









vto = 6v



Fig. A-17





Fig. A-18



R<sub>2</sub>=75k vto=4



Fig. A-19









Fig. A-20









 $R_1 = 300 k R_2 = 75 vto = 4v$ 











 $R_1 = 100k R_2 = 75k vto = 4v$ 











Fig. A-23



Fig. A-24







V (volts)

Fig. A-25





Fig. A-26





$$R_1 = lk$$



Fig. A-27

















 $R_1 = 100 k R_3 = 10 k$ 









 $R_{2} = 100k$   $R_{1} = 50k$   $R_{1} = 100k$   $R_{1} = 100k$   $R_{1} = 200k$   $R_{1} = 200k$   $R_{2} = 100k$   $R_{3} = 100k$   $R_{4} = 100k$   $R_{5} = 100$  V (volts)



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R<sub>1</sub>=100k R<sub>2</sub>=200k









R1=100k R3=5k vto=6v



R<sub>1</sub>=100k R<sub>2</sub>=100k vto=6v









 $R_1 = 1k R_3 = 400k$ 



 $R_1 = 1 k R_2 = 200 k$ 







 $R_2 = 6k vto = -2v$ 



 $R_1 = 15k vto = -2v$ 



Fig. A-34



1.00 0.80 0.60 0.40 0.40 0.20 0 0 0 7.5 15 V (volts)

 $R_1 = 150 k R_3 = 200 k$ 



R1=150k R2=50k vto=-4v

R2=50k R3=200k vto=-4v







R<sub>2</sub>= 50k R<sub>3</sub>=5k vto=-4v



 $R_1 = 150k R_3 = 5k$ 





















R<sub>2</sub>=200k R<sub>3</sub>=200k



 $R_1 = 100 k R_3 = 200 k$ 











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 $R_1 = 50k R_3 = 1k$ 















 $R_1 = 1k R_2 = 200k$ 











Fig. A-41










= 200k

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Fig. A-44







Fig. A-45















 $R_1 = 1k R_3 = 200k vto = 4v$ 



 $R_1 = lk R_2 = 200k vto = 4v$ 







v to = -6 v



Fig. A-48







Fig. A-49



 $R_2 = 5k$  vtom = -4v vtoj = -2v



 $R_1 = 5k vtom = -4v vtoj = -2v$ 



Fig. A-50



R1=400k R3=300k vtol=vto2=2v



R1=600k R2=100k R3=300k



R2=200k R3=300k vtol=vto2=2v



R1 = 400k R2= 200k vtol = vto2 = 2v









 $R_2 = 100k R_3 = 200k R_4 = 1k vtol = vto2 = 2v$ 



R1=300k R2=100k R4=1k vto1=vto2=2v



 $R_1 = 300k R_3 = 200k R_4 = 1k vtol = vto2 = 2v$ 



R1 = 300k R2= 100k R3= 200k vtol = vto2 = 2v





R2=200k R3=300k R4=100k vtol=vto2=2v







R1=400k R3=300k R4=100k vtol=vto2=2v



R1=400k R2=200k R3=300k vtol=vto2=2v









R2=50k R3=160k R4=1.5meg vto=-1v





R1=500k R2=50k R3=160k vto=-1v



R1=500k R3=160k R4=1.5meg vto=-1v



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 $R_2 = 50k R_3 = 160k R_4 = 2meg vto = -1v$ 





R₄≖5meg

Fig. A-55





 $R_1 = 500k R_3 = 160k R_4 = 2meg vto = -1v$ 





2.00  $R_1 = 70k$   $R_1 = 100k$   $R_1 = 100k$   $R_1 = 150k$   $R_1 = 150k$  $R_1 = 150$ 

R2=50k R3=500k vto=2v



 $R_1 = 100k R_2 = 50k vto = 2v$ 







 $R_2 = 100k R_3 = 300k R_4 = 1k vtom = 2v$ 



 $R_1 = 200k R_2 = 100k R_4 = 1k vtom = -2v$ 



R1 = 200k R2= 100k R3= 300k vtom = 2v



 $R_1 = 200k R_3 = 300k R_4 = 1k vtom = 2v$ 





 $R_2 = 50k R_3 = 500k R_4 = 100k vto = 2v$ 



 $R_1 = 100k$   $R_2 = 50k$   $R_4 = 100k$  vto = 2v



R1 = 100k R3 = 500k R4 = 100 vto = 2 v



R1=100k R2=50k R3=500k vto=2v

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R1 = 60k R2 = 3k vto = 2v







R<sub>2</sub> = 3k R<sub>3</sub>=50k R<sub>4</sub>=500k vto=2v 5.00  $R_1 = 60 k$ R1 = 80k 4.00 Current (ma) = 100k R, 3.00 2.00 1.00 0 15 0 30 V (volts)



 $R_1 = 80k R_2 = 3k R_4 = 500k v to = 2v R_1 = 80k$ 



 $R_1 = 80k R_2 = 3k R_3 = 50k vto = 2v$ 



 $R_1 = 80k R_3 = 50k R_4 = 500k vto = 2v$ 

Appendix D: Family of V-I Characteristics for Type-S Devices Cataloged in Table 3 and Table 4 (Figures A-61 to A-72).



R2=10k vtol=-5v vto2=1v



R1 = 200k vtol =-5v vto2=lv



Fig. A-61



R2= IOk R3=500k vtol=-5 vto2=lv



R1 = 200k R3= 500k vtol=-5 vto2=1v



R1=200k R2=10k vtol=-5v vto2=1v







 $R_{2} = 2k \text{ vto} = -5v$ 3.00
2.40
1.80
1.80
1.20
0.60
0
15
30
V (volts)









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 $R_2 = 2k R_3 = 10k vtoj = -5$ 



R<sub>1</sub> = 25k R<sub>3</sub> = 10k vtoj = -5v



R1 = 25k R2=2k vtoj=-5v







 $R_2 = 10k vtom = -5v$ 



$$R_1 = 400 k R_2 = 10 k v tom = -5 v$$



 $R_1 = 400k$  vtom = -5v



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R<sub>2</sub>=10k R<sub>3</sub>=100k vtom=-5v



R<sub>1</sub>=400k R<sub>3</sub>=50k vtom=-5v



 $R_1 = 400k R_2 = 10k vtom = -5v$ 







R<sub>2</sub>=10k vtoj=-5v vtom = 1v







R<sub>1</sub> =100k vtoj =-5v vtom = 1v

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R<sub>1</sub>=100k R<sub>3</sub>=100k vtoj=-5v vtom=1v



R<sub>2</sub>=IOk R<sub>3</sub>=IOOk vtoj=-5v vtom=Iv



 $R_1 = 100k R_3 = 100k vtoj = -5v vtom = 1v$ 







R<sub>1</sub> = Imeg R<sub>3</sub> = 3meg vtol=lv vto2=lv



R1=100k R3=1meg vtol=1v vto2=1v



R1=100k R2=1meg vtol=1v vto2=1v







R1=150k R3=500k vtol=-lv vto2=iv



V (volts)

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R2=500k R3=500k vtol=-lv vto2=lv

 $R_1 = 100k$  $R_1 = 150k$ 

R<sub>1</sub> = 200k

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Current (µa)







$$R_1 = 3.5 k vto = -4 v$$



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Fig. A-71



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$$R_1 = 100k$$
 vtol =  $-1v$ 



Fig. A-72