

**Problem 4.2 (6 points)** One can model the thermal noise of resistor  $R$  as a small-signal current source  $i_n$  in parallel with  $R$ . Quantify the impact of the noise current source on the total output current  $I_O + i_o$ , assuming the bias point you found in Problem 4.1 and  $|i_n| = 1\mu\text{A}$ .

Small-signal model:



Current gain for common-gate:  $\frac{i_o}{i_i} = 1$

$R_{i3} \equiv$  common-gate input resistance  
 $= \frac{1}{g_{m3}} \quad (\lambda=0)$

$$\frac{i_i}{i_n} = \frac{R}{R + R_{i3}} \quad (\text{current divider})$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{i_o}{i_n} = (1) \frac{R}{R + 1/g_{m3}}$$

$$g_{m3} = \sqrt{2 I_O K_n' \left(\frac{W}{L}\right)_3}$$

$$= \sqrt{2 (200\mu\text{A}) \left(\frac{300\mu\text{A}}{\sqrt{2}}\right) (2)}$$

$$= 4.90 \times 10^{-4} \text{ S}$$

$$\frac{i_o}{i_n} = \frac{10 \text{ k}\Omega}{10 \text{ k}\Omega + 2.04 \text{ k}\Omega} = 0.83 \Rightarrow |i_o| = 0.83 \mu\text{A}$$

$$\frac{|i_o|}{|I_O|} = 0.415 \%$$