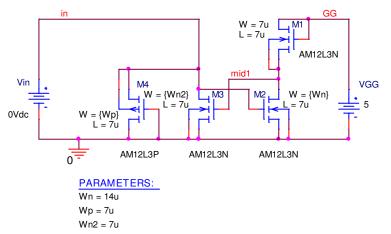
303H Spring 2009 - Homework 7 Due Tu 04/28/09

1. NDR circuit

For the following negative differential resistor (NDR) circuit

- a) Do a DC run and plot Iin vs Vin and calculate the maximum negative differential resistance (take Iin as up through Vin so it is the current flowing into the NDR).
- b) Vary Wn and then Wp and note the differences



2. Use this NDR Iin vs Vin as the F(Vin) for realizing by a CMOS-C circuit the oscillator state variable equations

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = x_2 - F(x_1)$$
$$\frac{dx_2}{dt} = -\omega_0^2 x_1$$

- a) Set this up in Spice; use  $\omega_0 = 1$  (justified by time-capacitor normalization)
- b) Show via Spice transient analysis, plotting x<sub>2</sub>(t) vs x<sub>1</sub>(t), that there is a limit cycle.
- c) Plot the Spice time functions  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  for the limit cycle.
- 3. Repeat problem 1 for the following double NDR circuit and investigate obtaining two limit cycles using the equations of 2. Note that the right portion is a copy of the circuit in problem 1 but with a diode connected NMOS which forces the PMOS to turn on at a larger Vin to give the second valley.

