

**D 7.21** In a MOS cascode amplifier, the cascode transistor is required to raise the output resistance by a factor of 40. If the transistor is operated at  $V_{OV} = 0.2$  V, what must its  $V_A$  be? If the process technology specifies  $V_A'$  as 5 V/ $\mu\text{m}$ , what channel length must the transistor have?

**D 7.24** Design the cascode amplifier of Fig. 7.9(a) to obtain  $g_{m1} = 1$  mA/V and  $R_o = 400$  k $\Omega$ . Use a 0.18- $\mu\text{m}$  technology for which  $V_{in} = 0.5$  V,  $V_A' = 5$  V/ $\mu\text{m}$  and  $k_n' = 400$   $\mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$ . Determine  $L$ ,  $W/L$ ,  $V_{G2}$ , and  $I$ . Use identical transistors operated at  $V_{OV} = 0.2$  V, and design for the maximum possible negative signal swing at the output. What is the value of the minimum permitted output voltage?

**D 7.27** Design the circuit of Fig. 7.10 to provide an output current of 100  $\mu\text{A}$ . Use  $V_{DD} = 3.3$  V, and assume the PMOS transistors to have  $\mu_p C_{ox} = 60$   $\mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$ ,  $V_{ip} = -0.8$  V, and  $|V_A| = 5$  V. The current source is to have the widest possible signal swing at its output. Design for  $V_{OV} = 0.2$  V, and specify the values of the transistor  $W/L$  ratios and of  $V_{G3}$  and  $V_{G4}$ . What is the highest allowable voltage at the output? What is the value of  $R_o$ ?

**D 7.46** For  $V_{DD} = 1.8$  V and using  $I_{REF} = 100$   $\mu\text{A}$ , it is required to design the circuit of Fig. 7.22 to obtain an output current whose nominal value is 100  $\mu\text{A}$ . Find  $R$  if  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are matched with channel lengths of 0.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , channel widths of 4  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  $V_t = 0.5$  V, and  $k_n' = 400$   $\mu\text{A}/\text{V}^2$ . What is the lowest possible value of  $V_o$ ? Assuming that for this process technology the Early voltage  $V_A' = 10$  V/ $\mu\text{m}$ , find the output resistance of the current source. Also, find the change in output current resulting from a +0.5-V change in  $V_o$ .

