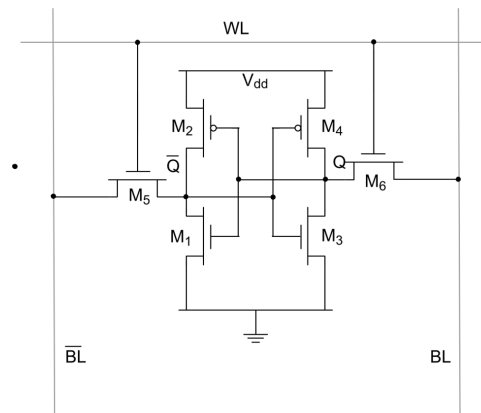


Below is the 6T SRAM cell. We will look at the operation of this cell through a read operation and then a write operation to change the bit value stored in the cell.



1. Assume the cell has a 1 stored ($Q = 1, \bar{Q} = 0$). During the read operation the bitlines (BL & \bar{BL}) are precharged high, and then the wordline (WL) goes high.

(a) Which two transistors are discharging \bar{BL} to Gnd?

(b) What regions of operation are the transistors in?

(c) Assuming the node between the two transistors has a peak voltage of ΔV , write the KCL equation for the two transistors.

2. Again assume the cell has a 1 stored ($Q = 1, \bar{Q} = 0$). During the write operation the bitlines (BL & \bar{BL}) are driven with the write data such that $BL = 0$ and $\bar{BL} = V_{dd}$, and then the wordline (WL) goes high.

(a) Which transistor discharges Q to Gnd?

(b) Which transistor must it overpower to discharge Q ?

(c) What regions of operation are the transistors in?

(d) Assuming the voltage at Q is V_Q , write the KCL equation for the two transistors.