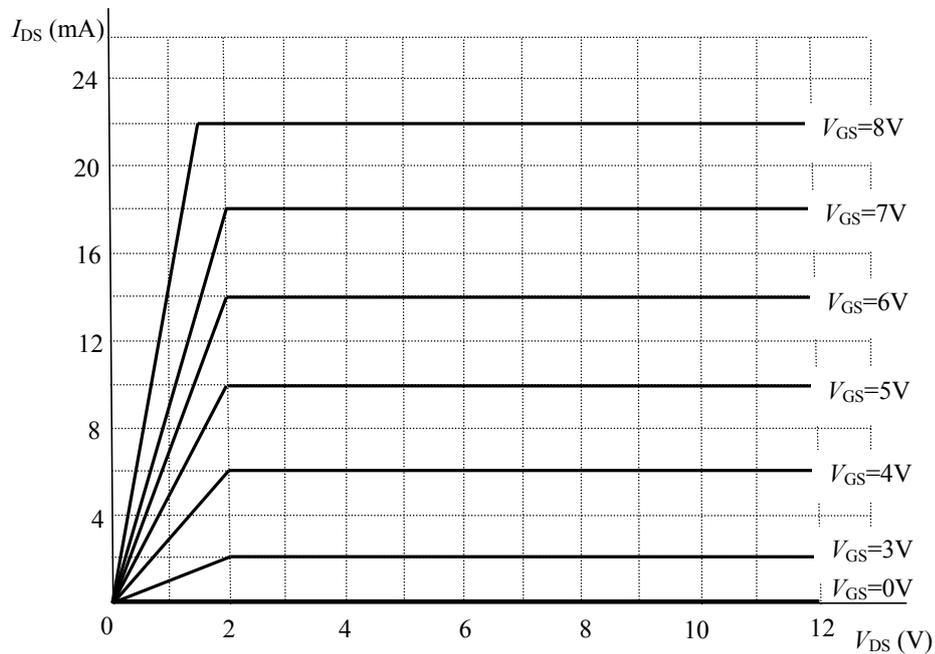


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- (a) Draw a diagram showing the structure of an n-channel MOSFET and describe how the Drain to Source current can be controlled. [4 marks]
- (b) Draw the circuit diagram of a NOT gate that comprises an n-channel MOSFET and a resistor  $R$ . [2 marks]
- (c) For the NOT gate in part (b), plot the relationship between the input voltage,  $V_{in}$ , and the output voltage,  $V_{out}$ . The power supply voltage,  $V_{DD} = 10\text{ V}$ ,  $R = 500\ \Omega$ , and the MOSFET has the characteristics given in the following figure. [6 marks]



- (d) For the NOT gate in part (c), calculate the power dissipated by resistor  $R$  when  $V_{in} = 8\text{ V}$ . [3 marks]
- (e) (i) Describe how the power dissipated by resistor  $R$  can be reduced. State any potential problems with your proposed solution. [3 marks]
- (ii) Present a modified circuit for a NOT gate that eliminates the problem of static power dissipation in resistor  $R$ . [2 marks]