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# Foreword

In recent years, there has been a substantial increase in the demand for skilled electronics technicians due to the continued growth of the electronics industry, and the resulting increase in the development of electronic devices, systems, and appliances for industry, research, medicine, and the consumer. The need for technicians to design, build, test, install, service, repair, and replace these electronic products is being met by numerous electronics technology instructional programs. These programs are found in several different settings including the technical high school, adult continuing education, industrial inservice training, and two-year community and junior colleges and technical institutes.

The Electronics Technology Series is designed for use primarily by students at two-year colleges and technical institutes. However, because each text was designed to meet specific instructional goals, it is felt that the texts will be valuable to electronics technology programs in any of the other settings listed previously.

The authors and editors of this series established the following primary goals: readability, accuracy, currency, and student involvement. Each text was written to a controlled reading level suitable for college level students in technical programs. Each text represents the current state of the art in electronics technology as it is commonly practiced in industry. Electronics theory is presented to support the concepts which are to be applied to practical situations. A competence in algebra and trigonometry will meet the mathematics requirements of this series of texts. Finally, each text is designed to involve the reader in a total learning experience. Each text unit lists the competencies that the reader is expected to demonstrate after mastering the concepts given in the unit. Extended Study Topics are presented to challenge the motivated reader to go on and pursue more complex areas of interest. In addition, each text includes Laboratory Exercises to provide the reader with experience in working with actual electronic components in practical circuits.

To verify the technical content, each text in this series was classroom tested over a period of several years with two-year electronics technology students.



# Preface

With the introduction of the topics of pulse and logic circuits, the reader departs from the world of dc and sinusoidal waveforms. The reader now must learn how to shape these two waveforms to meet his needs. This text proceeds in a logical manner to show the reader how to change a sine wave to a square wave and then how to convert this waveform to spikes or pulses. The method of stretching and shortening these pulses and the creation of a series of pulses from dc is shown. The content presented includes the binary number system, Boolean algebra, multivibrators, and logic circuits with a logic full adder.

*Pulse and Logic Circuits* is intended for use at the post-secondary technician instruction level for a first course in waveshaping, pulse, and digital techniques. This study will lay the foundation for a second course in Digital Logic Circuits.

The format used in *Pulse and Logic Circuits* emphasizes two factors: (1) the student technician learns by doing, and (2) all laboratory exercises should be realistic and use up-to-date components and devices. Each content unit is centered around a student learning activity of the "hands-on" type. Where necessary, the reader will be led through the assignment step-by-step. At other times, the reader will be told to use his imagination and previous learning experiences to complete the assignment. Approximately 90 percent of the text deals with the use of integrated circuits.

Each unit contains the learning activity, adequate theory concerning the activity, the importance of this unit to the overall topic of pulse circuits, sample problems, and a progress evaluation section.

## SECTION I

This section consists of seven units which lay the foundation for pulse and logic circuit generation. Nonsinusoidal waveshapes and their shaping circuits are covered in detail. Each of these topics is necessary if the student is to have a good understanding of pulse circuits as applied to digital electronics. Each topic is presented so as to lead the student toward an understanding of pulse or square wave generation. Units 1, 2, and 3 introduce the student to the square wave and its behavior in two other types of circuitry. Unit 4 is presented to acquaint the student with a special application of the transistor. Unit 5 shows how a special device, the UJT, is used to transform a dc voltage into a series of spikes or pulses. Units 6 and 7 present a variety of circuits that produce a rectangular waveshape for special applications.

## SECTION II

Units 8 and 9 depart from conventional circuitry to introduce two new topics, binary numbers and Boolean algebra. These units present the arithmetic of pulse circuits. The rectangular wave with its distinct voltage levels (as compared to dc and sinusoidal ac) lends itself to this new arithmetic. Voltage levels whose values are sharply defined become logic levels and, in turn, the digits of the binary number system.

Boolean algebra is included to provide the reader with the background necessary to apply what is observed to a complete system in a logical manner.

### **SECTION III**

In units 10 and 11, pulse theory and the one-zero numbers of the binary system are combined. The symbols of logic electronics are presented. The gates which permit the pulses and spikes to pass on code or command are shown.

A system is presented which uses these gates to perform arithmetic operations. In this system, the levels of the rectangular wave are being decoded in a special way. This section lays the groundwork for a succeeding course in Digital Logic Circuits. In addition, Section III uses a different point of view to reexamine all of the circuits and logic expressions covered in Sections I and II.



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**SECTION 1 WAVESHAPING**

# Generation of a square wave

The square in geometry is a special case of a rectangle; similarly, the square wave in electronics is a special case of the rectangular wave. Figure 1-1 shows a rectangular wave and the terminology used to describe it. The rectangular wave is distinguished by the fact that the durations of times  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are not equal. If this wave is to be considered a square wave, time  $t_1$  must equal time  $t_2$ . Unlike the geometric square, the sides of the square wave need not be equal; that is, the peak value length need not equal the length of time  $t_1$ . Figure 1-2 illustrates a square wave.

The circuit of figure 1-3, page 3, is used to produce or generate a rectangular wave (or square wave).

When switch  $S$  is depressed, current flows through resistor  $R$  and causes a voltage  $E$  across  $R$  equal to the product of the current and the resistance. Voltage  $E$  remains as long as the switch is depressed. When switch  $S$  is released, the current flow is interrupted and voltage  $E$  drops to zero.

In figure 1-1, time  $t_1 + t_2$  is called the *pulse repetition time* (prt). This time is the interval between the start of two repeating pulses. The pulse repetition time may be called the time of one cycle of the waveform. The

reciprocal of the pulse repetition time is the frequency of the pulse or the *pulse repetition rate* (prr).

$$\text{prr} = \frac{1}{\text{prt}} \quad \text{Eq. 1.1}$$

For example, if a square wave has a prt of  $10 \mu \text{ sec.}$ , its pulse repetition rate is:

$$\frac{1}{10 \times 10^{-6}} = (0.1) \times (10^{+6}) = 100 \text{ kHz}$$

The frequency (prr) is always given in hertz (Hz).

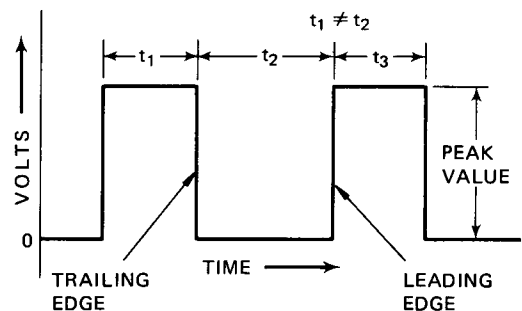


FIG. 1-1 RECTANGULAR WAVE

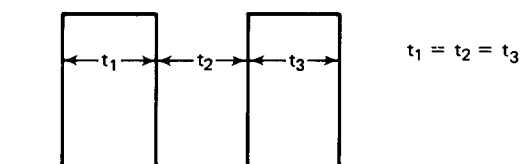


FIG. 1-2 SQUARE WAVE

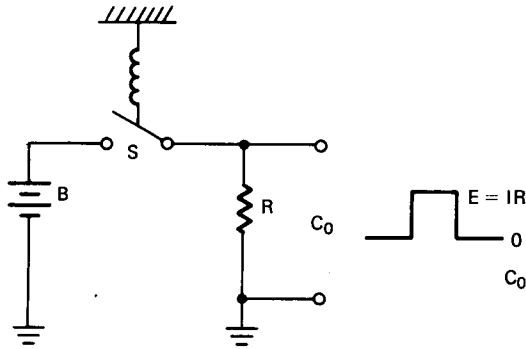


FIG. 1-3 RECTANGULAR WAVE GENERATING CIRCUIT

The average voltage value for the square or rectangular wave is obtained by dividing the area of the pulse waveform by the frequency (prf). The area of the pulse is equal to the product of pulse width and the peak voltage of the pulse, figure 1-4.

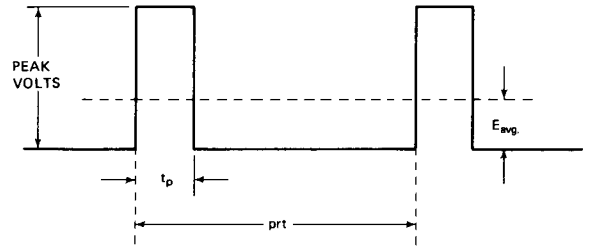


FIG. 1-4 AVERAGE VOLTAGE VALUE FOR A RECTANGULAR WAVE

### PROBLEM 1

If the peak voltage = 15 volts,  $t_p$  (pulse width) =  $20 \mu \text{ sec.}$ , and  $\text{prt} = 60 \mu \text{ sec.}$ , solve for (a) prf and (b)  $E_{\text{avg}}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) prf} &= \frac{1}{\text{prt}} \\ &= \frac{1}{60 \times 10^{-6}} = 15 \text{ kHz} \\ \text{(b) } E_{\text{avg.}} &= \frac{(E_p)(t_p)}{\text{prt}} \\ &= \frac{(15)(20 \times 10^{-6})}{60 \times 10^{-6}} \\ &= 5 \text{ volts} \end{aligned}$$

Another quantity which is important to an understanding of square wave circuits is a ratio known as the duty cycle. The duty cycle relates the pulse width ( $t_p$ ) to the total pulse repetition time (prt) and is given in percent. Eq. 1.2 is used to determine the duty cycle.

$$\text{duty cycle} = \frac{t_p}{\text{prt}} \times (100) \text{ (percent)}$$

Eq. 1.2

### PROBLEM 2

For the values given in Problem 1, find the duty cycle.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{duty cycle} &= \frac{t_p}{\text{prt}} = \frac{20 \times 10^{-6}}{60 \times 10^{-6}} \times 100 \\ &= 33\% \end{aligned}$$

Note that the peak voltage and the average voltage have the same ratio.

The voltage waveforms shown to this point are purely theoretical; that is, the voltage appears to rise from zero to its peak value in zero time. Similarly, the voltage appears to drop from its peak value to zero in zero time. Practically, however, a certain amount of time is required for the voltage to rise to its peak value and to return to zero. The time required for the waveform to rise from 10% of its peak value to 90% of its peak value is called the *rise time*,  $t_R$ . A comparison of the rise time, the fall time, and the pulse duration are shown in figure 1-5, page 4.

A typical square wave pulse is shown in figure 1-5, page 4. If  $E_{pk}$  is equal to 10 volts, point A will be at a value of 1 volt and point B will be at a value of 9 volts.  $E_{pk}$  is the peak value of the pulse regardless of the duration of that value. Therefore, the time required for this pulse to rise from 1 volt to 9 volts is the rise time ( $t_R$ ). The *fall time* ( $t_F$ ) is the time during which the pulse decays or falls from point C (90% of  $E_{pk}$ ) to

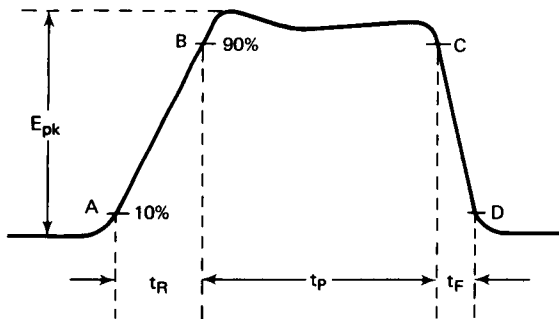


FIG. 1-5 RISE TIME, FALL TIME, AND PULSE DURATION FOR A RECTANGULAR WAVE

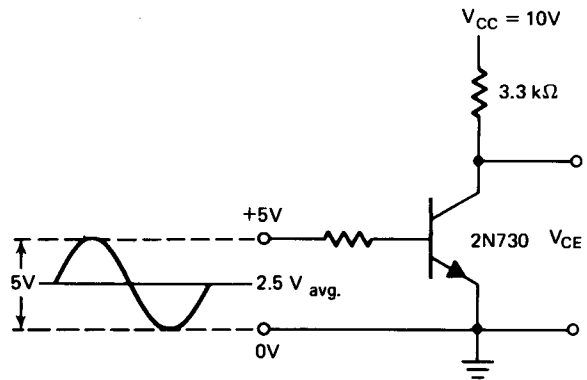


FIG. 1-6

point D (10% of  $E_{pk}$ ). The time or duration that the pulse actually exceeds 90% of  $E_{pk}$  is the pulse duration time.

### LABORATORY EXERCISE 1-1: SQUARE WAVE FAMILIARIZATION

#### PURPOSE

- To acquaint the student with square wave measurement and a method of square wave generation.

#### MATERIALS

- 1 Sine-wave generator
- 1 Power supply, dc, 0-30 volts
- 1 Transistor, 2N730
- 1 Resistor, 3.3 k ohm
- 1 Resistor decade box
- 1 Oscilloscope

#### PROCEDURE

- Construct the amplifier circuit shown in figure 1-6.

Note: Since it is the purpose of this exercise to investigate and analyze a square wave, the amplifier has been designated for the student.

1. Apply a sine wave of 5 volts peak to peak as shown in figure 1-6. Use a frequency of 1000 Hz.
2. Figure 1-7, page 5, shows the family of collector curves for the transistor of the test circuit. The proper load line is drawn on the figure and the base current waveform produced by the sine wave is shown.
3. Using your knowledge of transistor amplifiers, sketch the voltage waveform you can expect to measure from the collector to ground (since the emitter is at ground potential, this value is actually  $V_{CE}$ ).

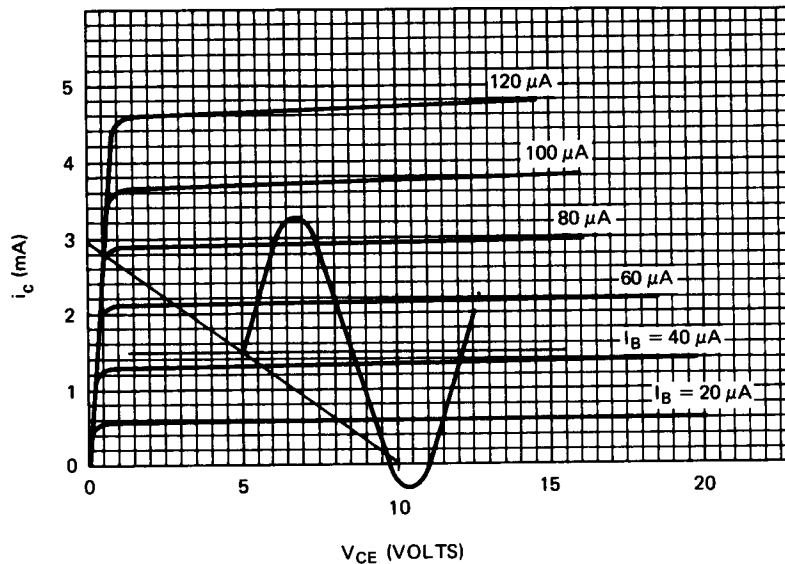


FIG. 1-7 2N730 COLLECTOR CURVES

- C.
  1. Increase the output of the signal generator to 15 volts peak to peak. This change will cause the base current waveform to extend beyond the limits of the load line. As a result, the transistor will operate in the cutoff regions and in its saturated region for a portion of the input sine wave.
  2. Sketch the expected waveform to be measured from the collector to ground ( $V_{CE}$ ).
- D.
  1. Connect an oscilloscope between the collector and ground. Does the waveform displayed on the oscilloscope resemble the sketch drawn in step C.2.?
  2. The method by which the square wave in this laboratory experience is generated is called the overdriven amplifier method.
- E.
  1. Measure and record the peak voltage,  $E_{pk}$ , of the waveform.
  2. Measure and record the rise time, fall time and pulse duration of the generated square wave.
- F. Slowly increase the amplitude of the sine wave being applied to the amplifier. State what happens to the rise time, the fall time, and the pulse duration.

### STUDENT REVIEW

Questions in this section are designed to evaluate student understanding of the concepts of this unit.

- (R-1) Name one disadvantage of generating square waves as demonstrated in this unit.

- (R-2) What distinguishes a square wave from a rectangular wave?
- (R-3) For the square wave generated in Laboratory Exercise 1-1, answer the following questions:
  - (a) What is the prt?
  - (b) What is the prr?
  - (c) From step E of the procedure, what is  $E_{avg}$ ?
- (R-4) Does the duty cycle change when the amplitude of the input signal is changed?
- (R-5) Name one advantage of producing a square wave by the overdriven amplifier method.



# Integrators and differentiators

## OBJECTIVES

After studying this unit, the student will be able to:

- State the difference between integrators and differentiators
- Calculate time constants
- Discuss the importance of time constants to waveshaping and timing circuits

## THE RC TIME CONSTANT

Before beginning the discussion of the resistor-capacitor RC time constant circuit, a brief review of the charging property of capacitors will be helpful. If a capacitor is connected to a battery as shown in figure 2-1, the capacitor will charge (develop a potential across its plates). The amount of charge will equal  $E_B$  if  $SW_1$  remains closed for a long enough period of time.

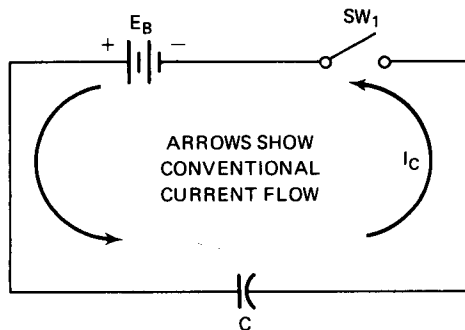


FIG. 2-1

When  $SW_1$  is closed, current  $I_C$  will begin to flow at some initial rate. The capacitor will begin to develop a charge on its plates at this same rate. As the capacitor develops its charge, it will appear to be another voltage source in series with and opposing  $E_B$ , figure 2-2.

As a result, a current  $I_O$  will attempt to flow. Current  $I_O$  will alter the rate of current flowing to the capacitor. This change in the

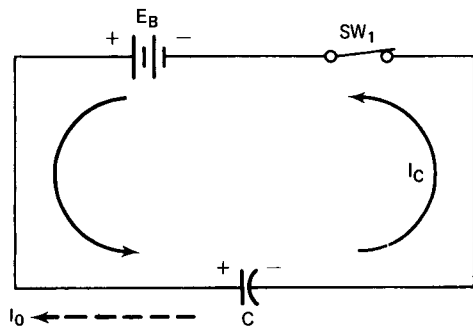


FIG. 2-2

current rate of flow will change the rate at which the capacitor is developing its charge.

If a resistor is placed in the circuit, figure 2-3, the initial current flow in the circuit can be calculated since the only opposition initially to this charging current ( $I_C$ ) is the resistor.

Once the resistor is inserted in the circuit and the switch is closed, the initial current in the circuit,  $I_C$ , equals  $E_B/R$ . At the instant the switch is closed, the capacitor has a zero charge and all of  $E_B$  must be dropped across  $R$ .

As the capacitor begins to charge, current  $I_C$  develops and the initial current,  $I_C$ , begins to decrease, figure 2-4. As the capacitor charge increases, current  $I_C$  continues to decrease. When the charge on the capacitor equals the battery potential, then zero current flows in the circuit. As shown in figure 2-4 this decline in current is not linear but shows an exponential decay.

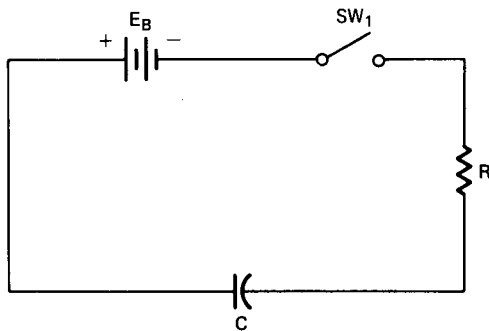


FIG. 2-3

Ohm's Law ( $E_R = I_R R$ ) indicates that the voltage drop across  $R$  must be decreasing since the current in the circuit is decreasing. In other words, the voltage across a resistor is equal to the current through the resistor multiplied by the value of the resistor. The exponential decrease in current means that the voltage across the resistor also decreases exponentially, figure 2-5.

Kirchhoff's voltage law states that the voltage drops around a closed loop (circuit) must equal zero. This means that at any time during the charge cycle of the capacitor, the following statement can be made.

$$(E_B) - (E_R) - (E_C) = 0 \quad \text{Eq. 2.1}$$

The parentheses are used to designate absolute values. Initially,  $E_R$  equals  $E_B$  and  $E_C$  is equal to zero. To maintain the balance in Eq. 2.1 as  $E_R$  decreases exponentially,  $E_C$  must increase exponentially, figure 2-6.

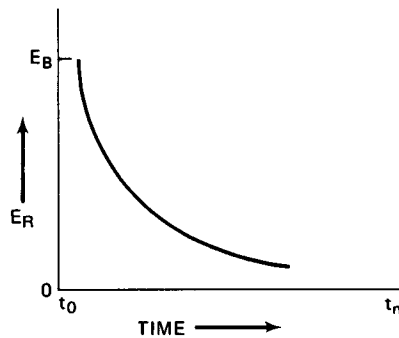


FIG. 2-5

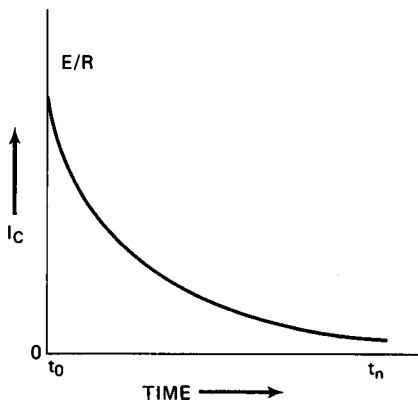


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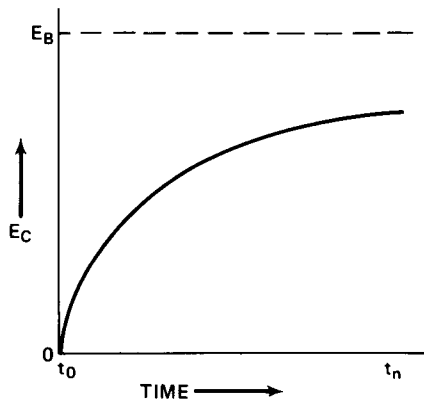


FIG. 2-6

All quantities that grow or decay exponentially do so in the following manner. In the first time span, they will grow or decay to approximately 63% of their maximum potential. For example, if the battery potential in figure 2-3 is 100 volts, then in the first time span of charge for the capacitor it charges to approximately 63 volts. In two time spans, the charge reaches approximately 86% of the maximum value or 86 volts.

In the RC charge circuit of figure 2-3, the length of one time constant (one time span) is equal to the product of the resistor value and the capacitor value. The time constant is given in seconds.

$$\text{TC (time constant)} = RC \quad \text{Eq. 2.2}$$

### PROBLEM 1

If the resistor in figure 2-3 has a value of  $1 \text{ k}\Omega$  and the capacitor has a value of  $1 \mu\text{F}$ , calculate the length of one time constant for the circuit.

$$1 \text{ k}\Omega = 1 \times 10^3 \text{ ohms}$$

$$1 \mu\text{F} = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}$$

Time (of one time constant) = TC, in seconds

$$\text{TC} = R \times C$$

$$\text{TC} = 1 \times 10^3 \times 1 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= 1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ seconds} = \underline{1 \text{ millisecond}}$$

If the time of one time span for charge is called one time constant, then the time of two time spans of charge is called two time constants, and so on.

Figure 2-7 shows the Universal Time Constant Graph for RC time constant circuits. Note that the graph includes only five time constants. For all practical purposes, a capacitor reaches its maximum charge within five time constants. Curve A is the charge curve and curve B is the discharge curve.

### PROBLEM 2

For the circuit of figure 2-8, calculate the following:

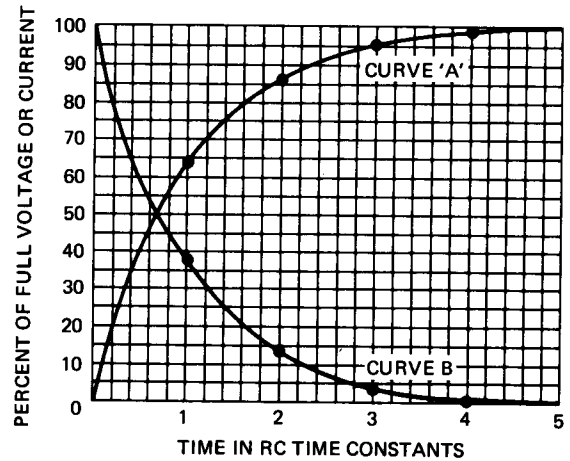


FIG. 2-7

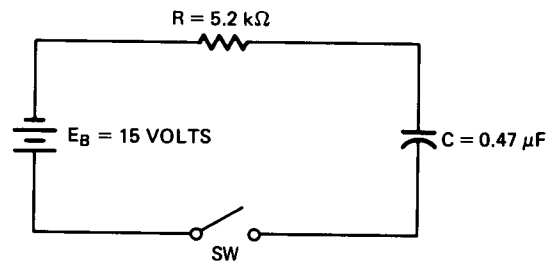


FIG. 2-8

- the RC time constant
- the voltage on the capacitor at the end of one time constant
- the initial current  $I_C$  that will flow in the circuit

(a) The RC time constant is equal to  $(R) \times (C)$

$$\text{TC} = (R) \times (C)$$

$$\text{TC} = (5.2 \times 10^3) \times (0.47 \times 10^{-6})$$

$$\text{TC} = 2.44 \times 10^{-3} \text{ seconds}$$

(b) At the end of one time constant, the voltage across the capacitor is equal to 63% of the maximum value.

$$E_C = 0.63 \times E_B$$

$$E_C = 0.63 \times 15$$

$$E_C = 9.45 \text{ volts}$$

(c) Current ( $I_C$ ) is equal to  $E_B$  divided by  $R$ .

$$I_C = E_B / R$$

$$I_C = 15 / 5.2 \times 10^3$$

$$I_C = 2.88 \times 10^{-3} \text{ amperes}$$

For the circuit in figure 2-8, what is the voltage across the capacitor at the end of two time constants? (R2-1) (See figure 2-8, page 9.)

For the circuit in figure 2-8, what is the voltage across the capacitor at the end of 2.6 time constants? (R2-2)

(Note: to solve question (R2-2), the student should refer to the Universal Time Constant Graph, locate 2.6 TC, follow this value to the point that it reaches the curve, and multiply the value on the curve by 15 volts.)

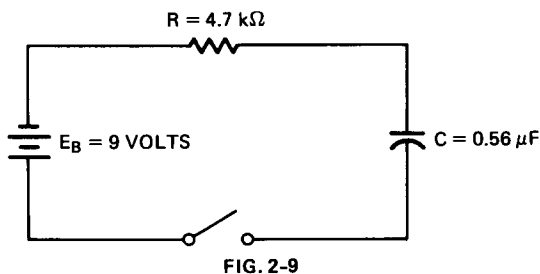
To determine the voltage of the capacitor at some increment of time not equal to a time constant value, the following equation can be used.

$$E_C = (E_B) \times (1 - e^{-t/RC}) \quad \text{Eq. 2.3}$$

In Eq. 2.3,  $t$  is the increment of time at which the voltage across  $C$  is to be determined and  $e$  is a constant equal to 2.718.

**PROBLEM 3**

For the circuit shown in figure 2-9, find the voltage across  $C$ , 3 milliseconds after the switch is closed.



$$E_C = E_B \times (1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

$$E_C = 9 \times (1 - e^{-(3 \times 10^{-3}) / (2.63 \times 10^{-3})})$$

$$E_C = 9 \times (1 - e^{-1.14})$$

$$E_C = 9 \times (1 - 0.319)$$

$$E_C = 9 \times (0.681)$$

$$E_C = 6.13 \text{ volts}$$

Eq. 2.3 can be used to solve for the voltage across the capacitor at any increment of time. This equation provides greater accuracy than can be obtained using the Universal Time

Constant Graph. In Problem 3, the time for one time constant is  $2.63 \times 10^{-3}$  second and the time of charge is  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  second. This means that the capacitor must be charged for approximately 1.14 time constants. The use of these numbers in the Universal Time Constant Graph would be very difficult and would give rise to large errors.

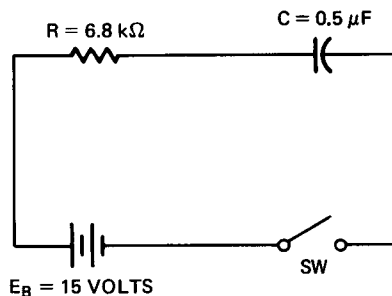


FIG. 2-10

In figure 2-10, what is the voltage across  $C$  after 0.5 milliseconds? (R2-3)

For figure 2-10, how long will it take the capacitor to charge to 6 volts? (R2-4)

Note: The solution to question (R2-4) differs slightly from previous solutions. The steps to be followed in this solution are:

1. Write the charge equation.  
 $E_C = E_B \times (1 - e^{-t/RC})$
2. Substitute values in this equation.

$$6 = 15 \times (1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

3. Substitute  $x$  for  $t/RC$

$$6 = 15 (1 - e^{-x})$$

4. Solve for  $x$

$$\frac{6}{15} = (1 - e^{-x})$$

$$0.4 = 1 - e^{-x}$$

$$0.4 - 1 = e^{-x}$$

$$-0.6 = -e^{-x}$$

$$0.6 = e^{-x}$$

$$x = 0.51$$

5. Substitute value of  $x$  in  $t/RC$  to find  $t$ .

$$x = t/RC$$

$$0.51 = t/3.4 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$(0.51) \times (3.4 \times 10^{-4}) = t$$

$$t = 1.73 \times 10^{-4} \text{ second}$$

Use figure 2-11 to solve for the following quantities.

- Find the RC time constant (R2-5)
- Find the charge on C in the two time constants (R2-6)
- Find the charge on C in  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  second (R2-7)

Figure 2-12 shows the circuit of figure 2-11 with the addition of a two-position switch. If the switch is placed in position A, the battery will be in the circuit and the capacitor will attempt to charge to the battery potential. With the switch in position B, the capacitor will attempt to discharge. The time constants for charging and discharging will be the same. As stated previously, the product  $R \times C$  is the time constant. The Greek letter  $\tau$  (tau) is used to represent  $R \times C$ . Therefore, for figure 2-12,

$$\tau = R \times C$$

$$\tau = 4.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ second}$$

If the switch is placed in position A and is held there for  $4.7 \times 10^{-3}$  second, the capacitor will charge to 63% of  $E_B$  or 9.45 volts. At the end of this time, if the switch is placed in position B, the capacitor will begin to discharge. If the switch is held in position B for  $4.7 \times 10^{-3}$  second, the capacitor will discharge to approximately 37% of its charged value at the start of the discharge cycle. Thus, the capacitor will discharge to 37% of 9.45 volts or 3.5 volts.

#### PROBLEM 4

Using figure 2-12, find the voltage of C when the switch is first placed in position A for  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  seconds, and then when the switch

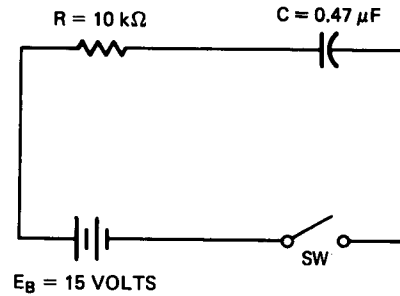


FIG. 2-11

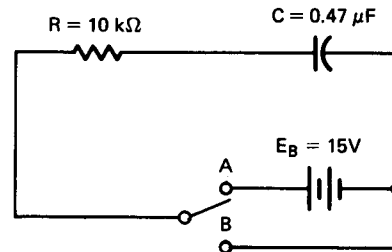


FIG. 2-12

is placed in position B for  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  seconds. Assume that the initial charge is zero.

- Write the charge equation.

$$E_C = E_B (1 - e^{-t/RC}) \text{ or } E_B (1 - e^{-t/\tau})$$

$$E_C = 15 \cdot (1 - e^{-(3 \times 10^{-3})/(4.7 \times 10^{-3})})$$

$$E_C = 15 (1 - e^{-0.638})$$

$$E_C = 15 (1 - 0.528)$$

$$E_C = 15 (0.471)$$

$$E_C = 7.07 \text{ volts}$$

$E_C = 7.07$  volts is the voltage on the capacitor when it begins its discharge cycle (when the switch is placed in position B). The voltage on the capacitor after the discharge cycle is given by Eq. 2.4.

$$E_{Cf} = E_{Ci} (e^{-t/\tau}) \quad \text{Eq. 2.4}$$

where

$E_{Cf}$  = final capacitor voltage after discharge

$E_{Ci}$  = initial capacitor voltage before discharge

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{cf} &= 7.07 (\epsilon^{-3 \times 10^{-3}})/(4.7 \times 10^{-3}) \\
 &= 7.07 (\epsilon^{-0.638}) \\
 &= 7.07 (0.528) \\
 E_{cf} &= 3.73 \text{ volts}
 \end{aligned}$$

Refer to figure 2-12 and solve for the following quantities.

- (a) Find the voltage on C, if the switch is in position A for 6 milliseconds and then is placed in position B for 4 milliseconds. (R2-8)
- (b) Find the voltage on C if the switch is in position A for 6 milliseconds, is placed in position B for 4 milliseconds, and is returned to position A for 3 milliseconds. (R2-9)

Note: To solve part (b) of Problem 4, part (a) must be solved first. Designate the voltage on the capacitor at this time as  $e_C$ . When the switch returns to position A for 3 milliseconds, the capacitor continues to charge toward  $E_B$ . However, the charge value is only  $E_B - e_C$  since part of  $E_B$  or  $e_C$  is already across the capacitor.

The recharging of the capacitor is given by Eq. 2.5.

$$E_C = E_B - e_C (1 - \epsilon^{-t/\tau}) \quad \text{Eq. 2.5}$$

### THE INTEGRATOR

If the battery and switch of figure 2-12 are replaced with a pulse generator, figure 2-13, and the pulses are controlled as shown in figure 2-14, then the result is the automatic switching of the circuit in figure 2-12.

If the square wave output from the pulse generator, figure 2-15a, is applied to the circuit shown in figure 2-13, then the waveshapes are as shown in figure 2-15b.

Note that the waveshapes in figure 2-15 differ for the resistor and the capacitor. The voltage across the capacitor charges expon-

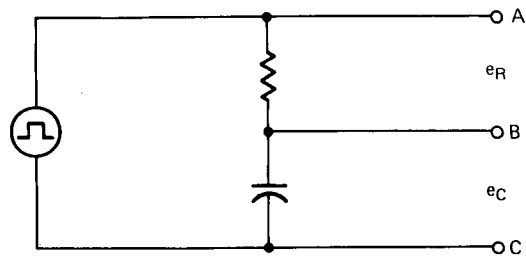


FIG. 2-13

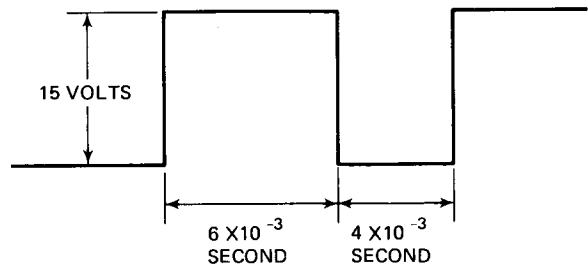


FIG. 2-14

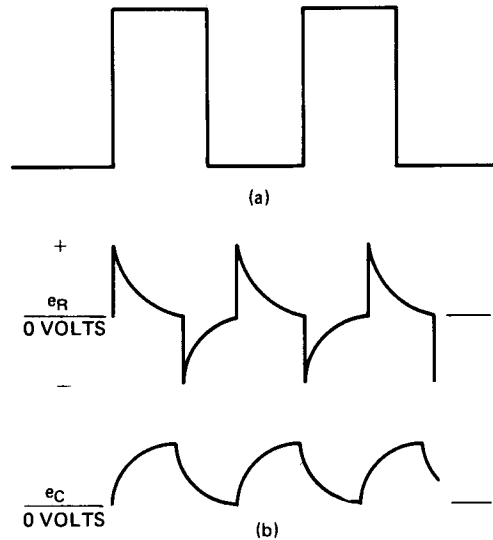


FIG. 2-15

entially and will continue to charge as long as the pulse is present. This charging pattern is called *integrating action*. If the pulse duration is too short, that is, if it does not give the capacitor sufficient time to charge fully, then the output waveshape across the capacitor will be greatly distorted.

## LABORATORY EXERCISE 2-1: ANALYSIS AND MEASUREMENT OF AN RC INTEGRATOR CIRCUIT

### PURPOSE

- To acquaint the student with the techniques of analyzing an RC integrator.

### MATERIALS

- 1 Square wave pulse generator
- 1 Oscilloscope
- 1 Resistor, 2.2 k ohm
- 1 Capacitor, 1.0  $\mu$  F

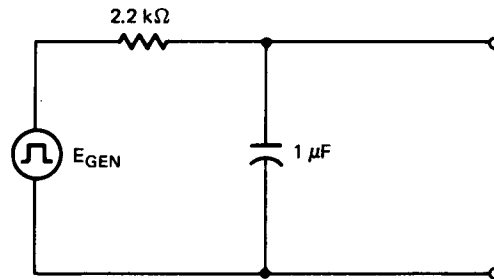


FIG. 2-16

### PROCEDURE

- Construct the circuit of figure 2-16.
- Calculate and record the value of  $\tau = RC$ .
- Apply a 1000-hertz signal of 10 volts peak.
  - What is the prr of a 1000-hertz signal?
  - What is the pulse time ( $t_p$ ) of this signal?
- Calculate the charge on C ( $E_C$  peak) during the on time of the pulse.
- Using the oscilloscope, measure and draw the output waveform across the capacitor.
- Perform the following steps to determine how variations in the prr (pulse repetition rate) affect the waveforms.
  - Decrease the frequency of the square wave to 500 hertz and draw the output waveshape.
  - Increase the frequency of the square wave to 2000 hertz and draw the output waveshape.
  - Increase the frequency to 5000 hertz and draw the output waveshape.

Notice that as the frequency of the square wave input increases, the output waveshape as taken across the capacitor becomes more and more distorted.

### SUMMARY

It is apparent that if the waveshape across the capacitor is to closely resemble the input waveshape, then the following relationship must be true.

$$t_p \geq 10\tau$$

When this condition is observed, the resulting circuit is known as a *short time constant circuit*.

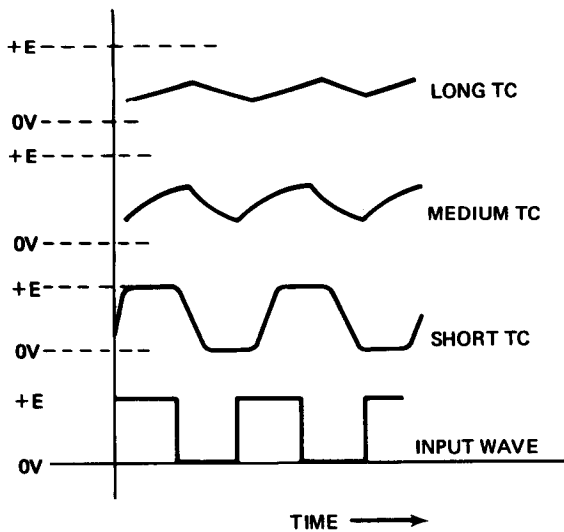


FIG. 2-17

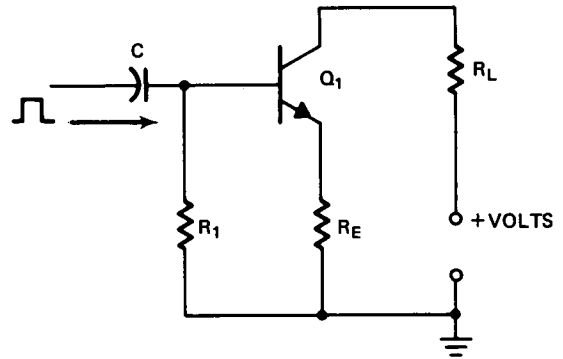


FIG. 2-18

However, the following condition may be true.

$$\tau \cong 10 t_p$$

For this condition, the resulting circuit is a *long time constant circuit*. When  $\tau$  (tau) = 10  $t_p$ , a large distortion in the output waveshape is produced.

Circuits for which the relationship between  $\tau$  and  $t_p$  is between the values shown, are known as *medium time constant circuits*.

The effect of the time constant in the output waveform is shown in figure 2-17.

### THE DIFFERENTIATOR

The RC differentiator circuit is identical in appearance to the RC integrator circuit. The major difference between the two circuits

involves the point where the output waveshapes are measured. For the differentiator circuit, the output is measured across the resistor.

### LABORATORY EXERCISE 2-2: ANALYSIS AND MEASUREMENT OF AN RC DIFFERENTIATOR CIRCUIT

#### PURPOSE

- To acquaint the student with the RC differentiator circuit

#### MATERIALS

- 1 Square wave pulse generator
- 1 Oscilloscope
- 1 Resistor, 2.2 k ohm
- 1 Capacitor, 1.0  $\mu$  F



## PROCEDURE

Use the circuit of figure 2-16 and follow the procedure steps given in Laboratory Exercise 2-1. For the present exercise, however, the output measurements are to be made across the resistor.

If a short spike or pulse is to designate the start of a positive going pulse, then that pulse is inserted into an RC time constant circuit and the output is measured across the resistor. Measurements taken in this laboratory exercise should indicate that the voltage waveform across the resistor has both positive and negative portions due to the fact that the current during the charge cycle passes through the resistor in one direction and reverses itself during the discharge cycle.

*Using the circuit of figure 2-18, page 14, determine the answers to the following questions.*

- (a) *What relationship between  $t_p$  and  $\tau$  will result in the proper coupling of the pulse to the base of  $Q_1$ ? (R2-10)*
- (b) *What factors must be considered when calculating  $\tau$ ? (R2-11)*

## EXTENDED STUDY TOPICS

1. What changes must be made in the charge and discharge equations if the input pulses to an RC integrator are nonsymmetrical?
2. What are the effects on the output waveshape of an RC integrator with a nonsymmetrical input pulse?

## Clippers and clampers

### OBJECTIVES

After studying this unit, the student will be able to:

- Describe the differences between clipper and clamper circuits
- Demonstrate an understanding of series and shunt clipping through circuit construction
- Construct biased and unbiased clipper and clamper circuits

### DIODE CLIPPING

In this unit, the student will investigate the desirable and the undesirable effects of a clipping circuit on a particular waveshape.

*Clipping* implies that a portion of the waveform is cut off (clipped). Another name for a clipper circuit is a *limiter* circuit. There actually is a distinction between the actions of a clipping circuit and a limiter circuit. The limiter circuit limits the amplitude of the waveshape, figure 3-1. The clipper circuit,

on the other hand, cuts off or clips the signal, figure 3-2, page 17. The student should study figures 3-1 and 3-2 to note the differences in the actions of these two circuits. The limiter circuit of figure 3-1 limits the maximum value of the input signal which is allowed to pass. Therefore, if the peak value of the input is seven volts and the limiter circuit is set to limit at 4 volts, then that portion of the sine wave above 4 volts will not pass through the limiter circuit. In other words,

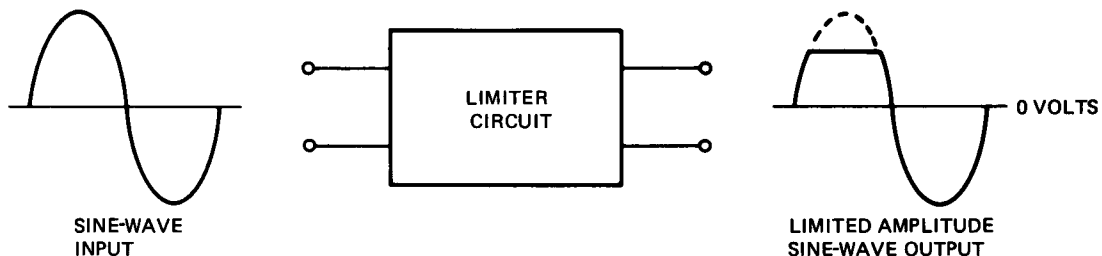


FIG. 3-1 THE LIMITER CIRCUIT

a limitation is placed on the peak value of the input sine wave that is allowed to pass.

The clipper circuit, on the other hand, clips off part of the input waveform. In general, the clipper circuit is used to cut off the positive or negative portion of the input waveform. In this text, the general phrase clipping circuit will be used to refer to both of these circuits.

### SERIES DIODE CLIPPER

The simplest diode clipper circuit is the *series diode clipper*, figure 3-3. The input and output waveshapes for this circuit are also shown. As the input wave goes positive, the diode is forward biased and current flows through the resistor and diode. An ideal diode is assumed; that is, there is no voltage drop across the diode. Therefore, all of the

voltage will be developed across the resistor. As the input wave goes negative, the diode is reverse biased. In this case (again assuming an ideal diode), there is zero current flow in the circuit. As a result, zero voltage is developed across the load resistor. The output waveform in figure 3-3 shows that the negative portion of the input sine wave has been clipped. The action of the circuit results in the shaping or reshaping of a waveform or signal voltage. If the diode is reversed, figure 3-4, the circuit clips the positive portion of the input waveform.

### SHUNT DIODE CLIPPER

To change a series diode clipper to a *shunt diode clipper*, the output is taken across the diode, figure 3-5, page 18. The circuit arrangements for both positive and negative shunt clipping are shown in the figure.

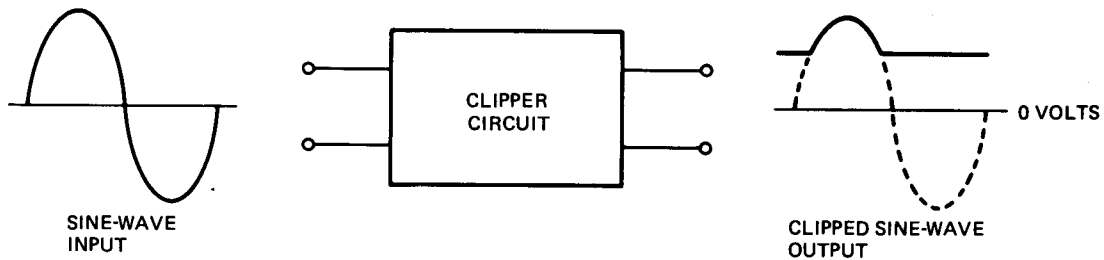


FIG. 3-2 THE CLIPPER CIRCUIT

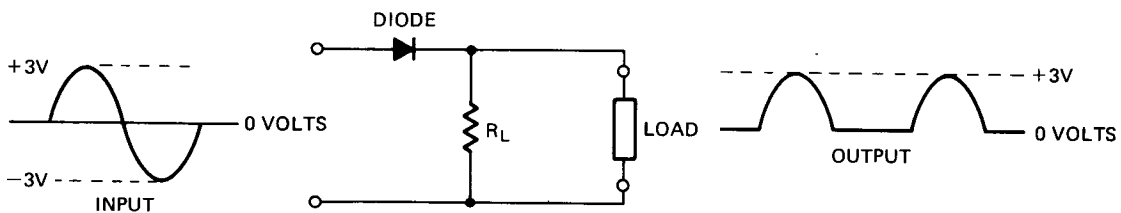


FIG. 3-3 SERIES DIODE CLIPPER CIRCUIT AND WAVESHAPES FOR NEGATIVE CLIPPING

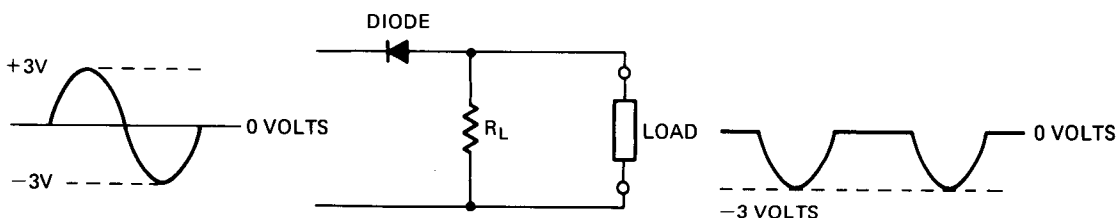


FIG. 3-4 SERIES DIODE CLIPPER CIRCUIT AND WAVESHAPES FOR POSITIVE CLIPPING

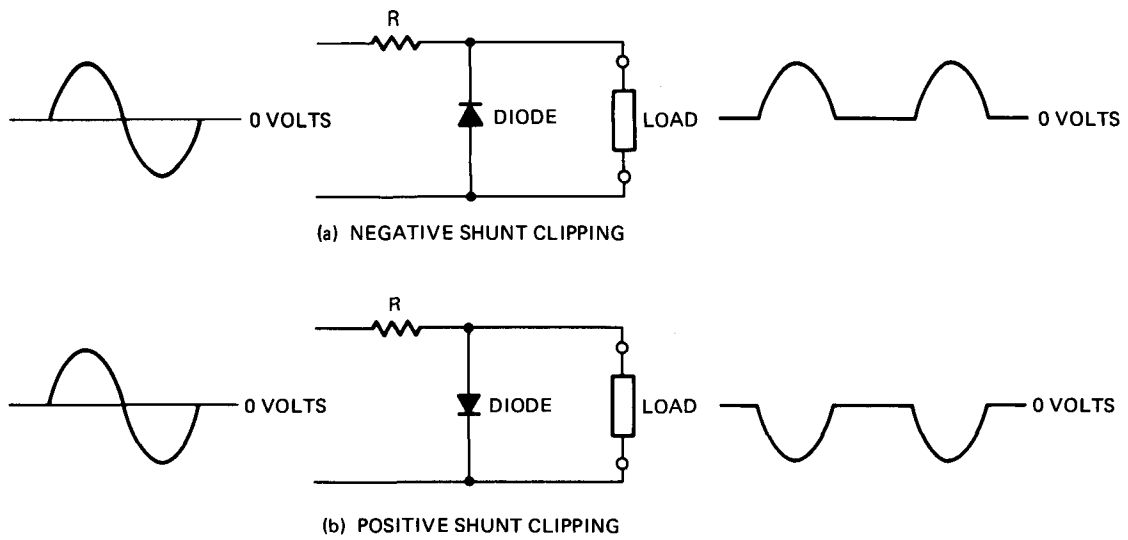


FIG. 3-5 SHUNT DIODE CLIPPER

When the diode conducts in this circuit (when it is forward biased by the input voltage), the circuit is essentially a short circuit and zero voltage is developed. The diode clipping circuits illustrated to this point are considered to be ideal. In other words, when the diodes are reverse biased (nonconducting), they permit no current flow and have infinite resistance. Similarly, when the diodes are forward biased (conducting) they are assumed to be perfect short circuits and thus develop zero voltage drop. In practical applications, however, diodes are not perfect and do not perform as in the ideal assumption. Diodes do exhibit some resistance both in the forward biased and the reverse biased modes of operation. When the diode is operating in the forward direction, its resistance is usually very low, around 100 ohms. When the diode is operating in the reverse direction, its resistance is about 10 megohms. In other words, the proper operation of the clipper circuit requires that the load resistance value must be such that it does not greatly limit the current flow during forward bias operation, and does not develop too large a voltage drop during reverse bias operation. Mathematically, this

statement is expressed as follows:

$$100 \Omega \ll R_L \ll 10 \text{ M} \Omega$$

**PROBLEM 1**

For the circuit shown in figure 3-6, assume a diode with the following characteristics:

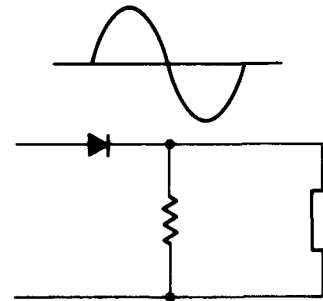


FIG. 3-6

- $R_f$  (diode forward resistance)  $\approx 100 \Omega$
- $R_r$  (diode reverse resistance)  $\approx 100 \text{ M}\Omega$
- $R_L$  (load resistor)  $= 1 \text{ k}\Omega$
- $E_{in}$  (input sine-wave peak voltage)  $= 3 \text{ volts}$

Draw the output waveform and calculate the voltage levels of this waveform.

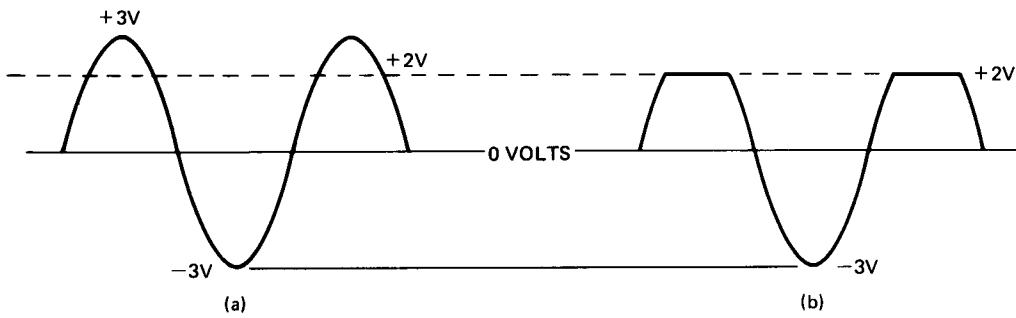


FIG. 3-7 INPUT AND OUTPUT OF NONZERO CLIPPER CIRCUIT

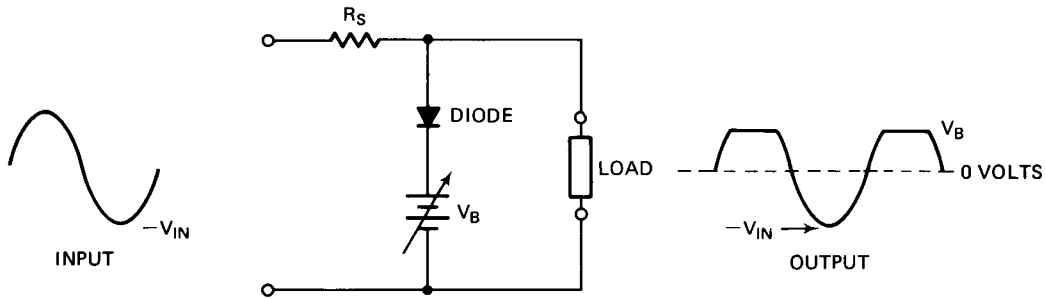


FIG. 3-8 THE BIASED SHUNT CLIPPER

**Positive Half Cycle:**

During the positive half cycle, the diode is conducting. Current flow in the circuit is given by Ohm's Law,  $I = E/R$ .

$$I = \frac{3}{R_f + R_L} = \frac{3}{100 + 1000} \text{ ohms}$$

$$I = \frac{3}{1100} \text{ ohms}$$

$$I = 0.00272 = 2.72 \text{ mA}$$

At this time, the voltage drop across the load resistor is:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{R_L} &= I \times R_L \\ &= (2.72 \times 10^{-3}) \times (1.0 \times 10^3) \\ &= 2.72 \text{ volts} \end{aligned}$$

This means that 0.28 volt is being dropped across the diode. This value may be a large enough signal loss to affect the operation of a transistor amplifier or a transistor switch.

**Negative Half Cycle:**

During the negative half cycle of the input signal, the voltage divider represented

by  $R_f$  and  $R_L$  is great enough to drop only  $30 \times 10^{-6}$  volt across  $R_L$ .

Problem 1 shows that the size of  $R_L$  is increased to insure a greater voltage drop across it while the diode is forward biased. Additionally, there is a larger voltage drop across  $R_L$  when the diode is reverse biased. To find the optimum value of  $R_L$  for the series diode clipper circuit (or for the shunt diode clipper), use the following equation:

$$R_L = \sqrt{R_f R_r} \tag{Eq. 3.1}$$

where  $R_f$  = diode forward resistance

$R_r$  = diode reverse resistance

For Problem 1, calculate the optimum value of  $R_L$ . (R3-1)

Using the value of  $R_L$  found in (R3-1), calculate the voltage drop across  $R_L$  while the diode is forward biased. (R3-2)

What is the difference between shunt diode clipping and series diode clipping? (R3-3)

**BIASED DIODE CLIPPERS**

The clipping circuits examined to this point clip or remove either the positive or

negative half of the sine wave. If it is desired to remove a section of the input sine wave, such as the small portion of the positive half cycle as shown in figure 3-7, page 19, then the circuit of figure 3-8, page 19, is used. When the input signal reaches the level required so that the diode is forward biased, the diode will conduct (short out) and produce a dc level at the output terminals which is equal to the bias battery value.

**PROBLEM 2**

If the input signal of figure 3-8 is 4 volts peak (8 volts peak-to-peak), and one volt is to be clipped from the positive peak, then  $V_B$  is adjusted for 3 volts. As the input signal starts in the positive direction, the diode remains reverse biased (having a very high resistance). For all practical purposes, zero current flows in the circuit. As soon as the

input signal reaches the potential necessary to forward bias the diode, the diode conducts and becomes a short circuit. At this time, it appears that only the battery is connected across the output terminals. Thus, all of  $V_B$  is developed across the load. When the input signal falls below the value at which the diode is forward biased, the diode again appears to be an infinite resistance and all of the signal current flows through the load to recreate the signal waveshape at this time. Figure 3-9 shows these two cases for the biased diode clipper.

The variable battery is convenient in a circuit when it is desired to change the point at which the input signal is clipped. For most situations, however, the point at which the signal is to be clipped is constant and it is not necessary to use a variable battery. For example, note in figure 3-10, page 21, that a

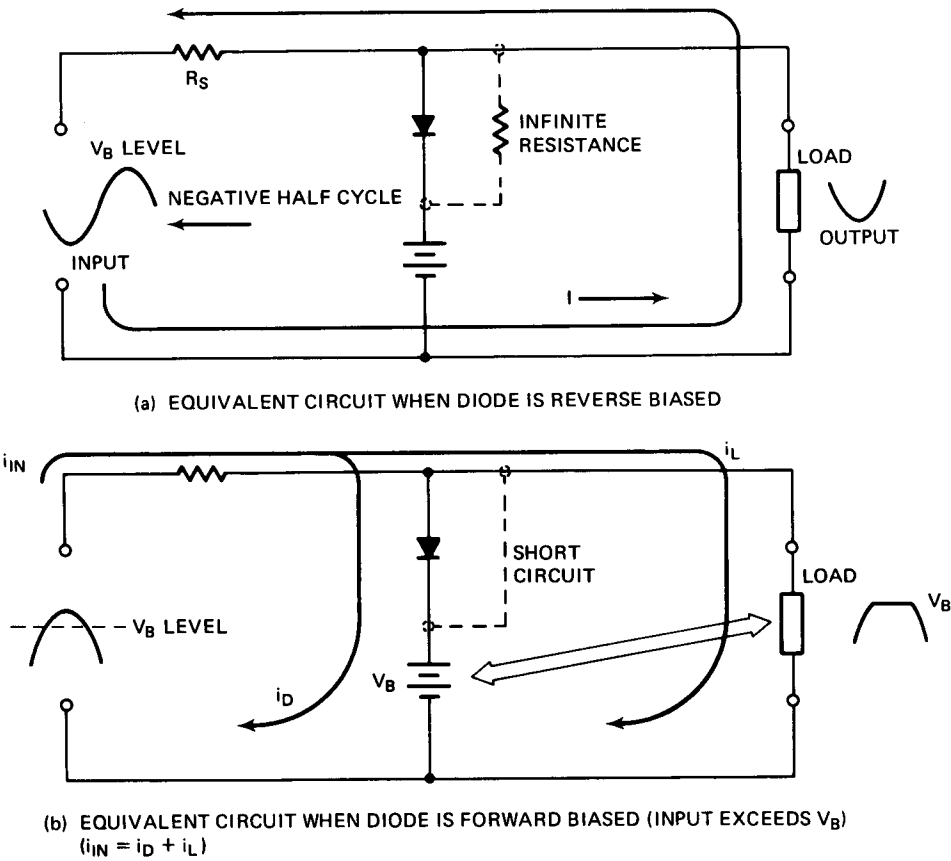


FIG. 3-9

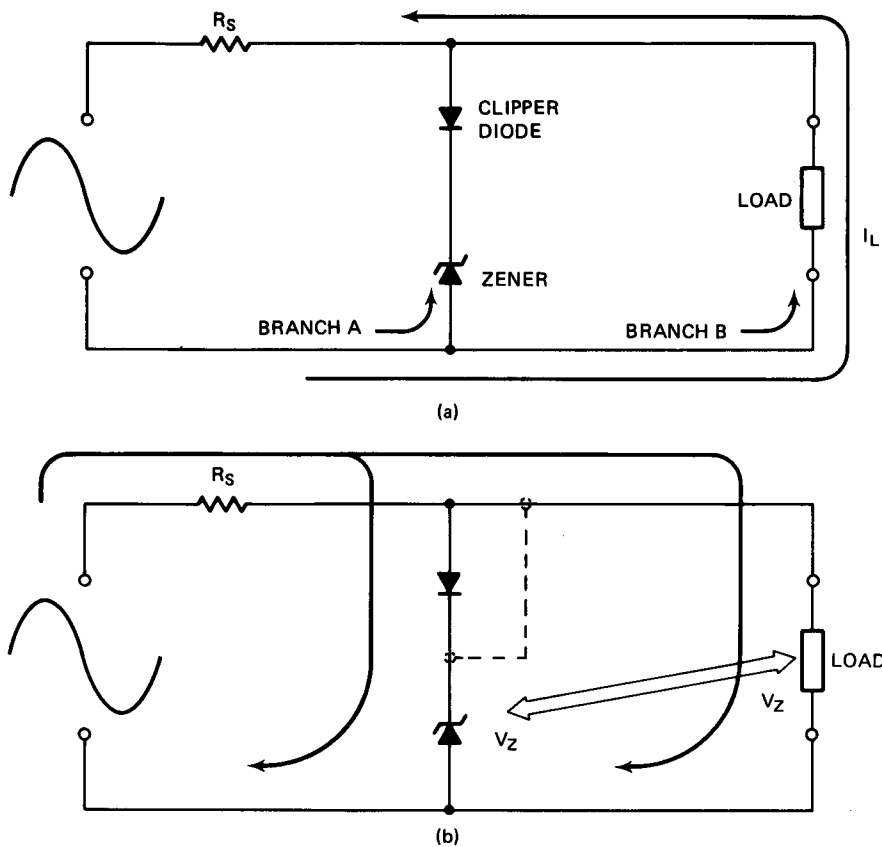


FIG. 3-10 USING A ZENER DIODE TO BIAS THE SHUNT DIODE CLIPPER

zener diode is used in place of the variable battery in figure 3-9. (A small fixed battery can also be substituted for the variable battery.) The operation of the circuit in figure 3-10 differs slightly from that of the battery circuit. During the negative half cycle of the input sine wave, the zener diode is forward biased. The clipper diode, on the other hand, is reverse biased; thus, branch A does not allow any current flow. All of the signal current must go through branch B. As a result, the entire signal voltage is developed across the load and the output voltage equals the input voltage.

*What is the relationship of the load resistance to  $R_S$ ? (R3-4)*

As the input signal goes positive, for the circuit in figure 3-10, the clipper diode cannot be forward biased until the input signal is more positive than the zener voltage. Even though the zener diode is reverse biased at this point, it does conduct since a zener can conduct in the reverse direction. As the zener conducts, a constant voltage is developed across its terminals. This voltage will remain constant for varying amounts of current flow through the zener diode. The input signal diode must overcome this voltage drop across the zener diode before the clipper diode will conduct. When the clipper diode conducts, it becomes a virtual short circuit and the zener voltage is developed at the load, figure 3-10b.

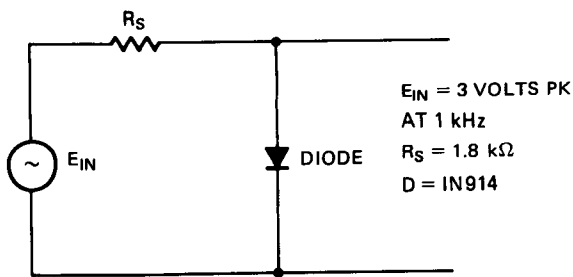
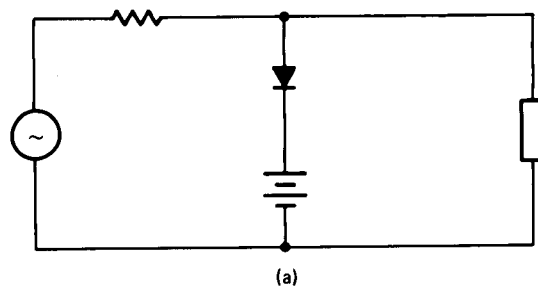


FIG. 3-11 CIRCUIT FOR ANALYSIS



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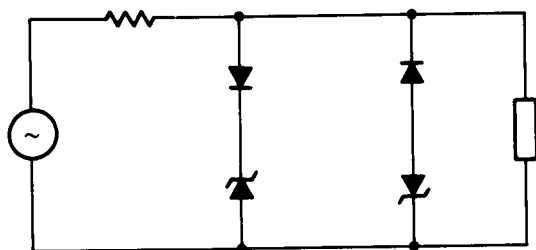
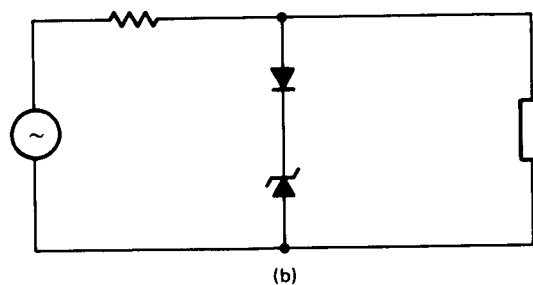


FIG. 3-13 CIRCUIT FOR ANALYSIS



(b)

FIG. 3-12 CIRCUITS FOR ANALYSIS

### LABORATORY EXERCISE 3-1: ANALYSIS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF DIODE CLIPPERS

#### PURPOSE

- To analyze the diode clipper circuits of figures 3-11, 3-12, and 3-13.

#### MATERIALS

- 1 Sine-wave generator, low impedance output at an output frequency of 1 kHz
- 2 Diodes, 1N914, or equivalent
- 2 Zener diodes, 1N4728, or equivalent
- 1 Resistor, 1.8 k $\Omega$
- 1 Oscilloscope

#### PROCEDURE

- Draw the output waveshapes expected for each circuit in figures 3-11, 3-12, and 3-13.
- Correct any errors in the resistor value, if necessary.
1. Construct the circuits and measure the signals.  
2. Compare the output waveforms with those predicted in step A.

#### DIODE CLAMPING CIRCUITS

A commonly used simple electronic waveshaping circuit is the *diode clamper*. The function of the diode clamper circuit is

similar to that of the clipper circuit with one exception: the clipper circuit distorts or changes the appearance of the input wave while the output wave of the clamper circuit



is undistorted but is at a different voltage reference level than the input wave.

A basic diode clamper circuit is shown in figure 3-14. Note that this circuit is similar to the shunt diode clipper circuit except that the series resistor has been replaced by a capacitor.

### Operation of the Diode Clamper Circuit

During the positive half cycle of the input sine wave, the diode is forward biased and conducts. At this time, most of the current flows through the diode and the capacitor. Thus, for all practical purposes, zero current flows through the load, figure 3-15. As the polarity of the input sine wave reverses, the diode is reverse biased. In this condition, the diode appears to be an infinite resistance as shown in figure 3-16. The figure also shows the equivalent circuit of the signal generator at any instant in time. This equivalent circuit is a low resistance in series with a dc battery. (The voltage of this "battery" changes each instant.) When all of the current flows through the diode, figure 3-15, zero voltage is dropped across the load. When the diode is reverse biased, figure 3-16, all of the current flows through the load. This current consists of the current from the generator circuit and the current from the capacitor which charged during the positive half cycle. At the instant the input sine wave reverses to the negative half cycle, the equivalent battery voltage ( $E_G$ ) is zero. Thus, according to Kirchhoff's laws, the voltage drops around the loop are equal to the charge on the capacitor. If the peak of the input sine wave is 3 volts, then the voltage on the fully charged capacitor is 3 volts. The voltage across the load at this time is  $-3$  volts. As the input sine wave continues on the negative half cycle, the equivalent battery voltage continues to become more negative, as does the voltage across the load. As the sine wave reaches

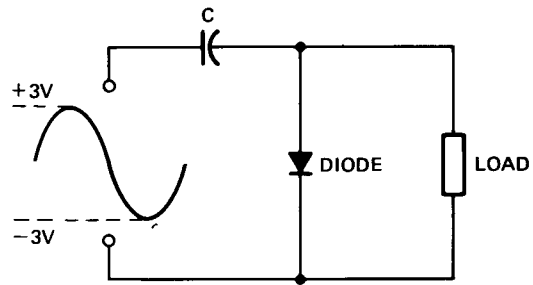


FIG. 3-14 CLAMPER CIRCUIT.

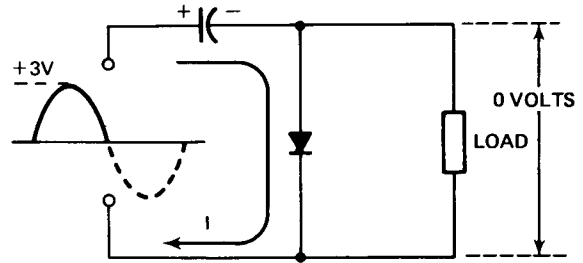


FIG. 3-15 CLAMPER DURING INITIAL CHARGE CYCLE

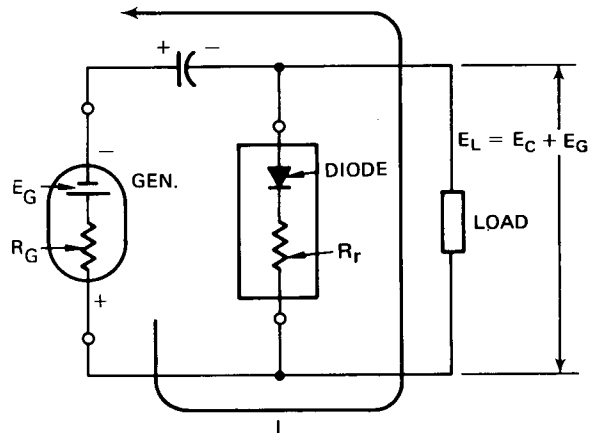


FIG. 3-16 CLAMPER CIRCUIT DURING NEGATIVE HALF CYCLE OF INPUT WAVE

its  $-3$ -volt peak, the voltage across the load is the algebraic sum of the voltages at the generator and the capacitor, or  $-6$  volts.

Similarly, when the generator voltage starts the positive half cycle, figure 3-17, page 24, the voltage on the capacitor keeps the diode reverse biased and keeps the current flow through the load only. The voltage drop on the load is the algebraic sum of the capacitor voltage and the equivalent battery voltage.

Figure 3-18 shows the relationship of the input sine wave to the output sine wave and the voltage across the capacitor. Note that the input and the output voltage waveshapes are in phase. Note also that the output is the undistorted input whose reference level has been shifted.

The student should review Unit 2 and the topic of the charge time for a capacitor. Care must be used in selecting the proper value of C for each input signal frequency to insure the proper operation of the diode clamper circuit.

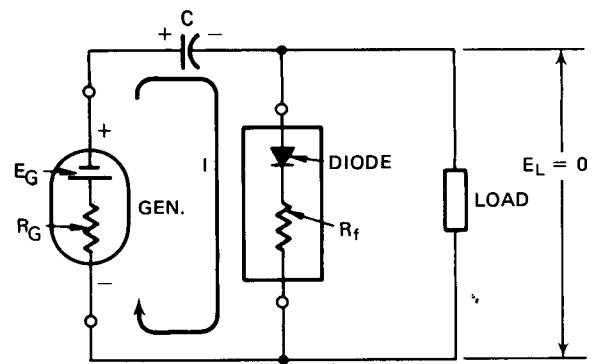


FIG. 3-17 CLAMPER ACTION DURING POSITIVE HALF CYCLE OF INPUT WAVE

**PROBLEM 3**

In the circuit of figure 3-19, a square wave of 1000 Hz prr is applied. What is the maximum value of the capacitor required to insure the proper operation of the clamper circuit?

Calculate the pulse repetition time (prt) of the input signal.

$$prt = \frac{1}{prf} = \frac{1}{1000} = 1000 \times 10^{-6} \text{ sec.}$$

Calculate the pulse width ( $t_p$ ).

$$t_p = \frac{prt}{2} = \frac{1000 \times 10^{-6}}{2} = 500 \times 10^{-6} \text{ sec.}$$

Since  $t_p$  must equal 5 time constants so that C will charge properly, then:

$$t_p = 5\tau \quad \text{where } \tau = 1 \text{ time constant}$$

Therefore,

$$\tau = \frac{t_p}{5} = \frac{500 \times 10^{-6}}{5} = 100 \times 10^{-6} \text{ sec.}$$

Since  $\tau = 1$  time constant =  $R \times C$ , C can be found.

$$C = \frac{\tau}{R}$$

where  $R = R_G + R_f$

$$C = \frac{100 \times 10^{-6}}{150}$$

$$C = 0.66 \times 10^{-6} \text{ F}$$

A good clamping action of this circuit is obtained by selecting a value of C equal to  $0.66 \mu\text{F}$  or less.

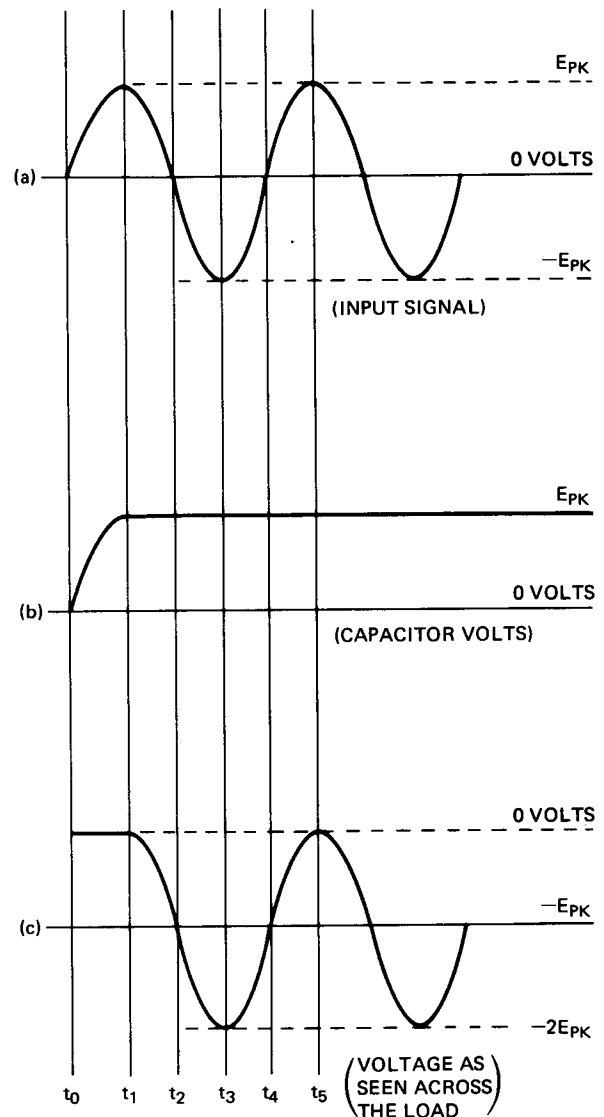


FIG. 3-18 CLAMPING WAVEFORMS

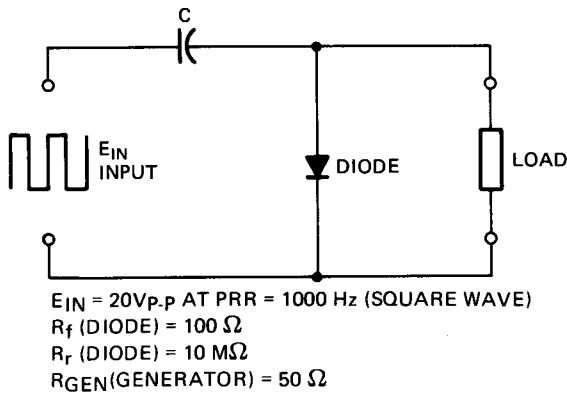


FIG. 3-19

To check that the proper value of the capacitance is selected, recall that while the diode is reverse biased, C will try to discharge. Since the reverse resistance of the diode is 10M $\Omega$ , the time constant  $\tau$  is:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= R \times C \\ &= 10 \times 10^6 \times 0.66 \times 10^{-6} \\ &= 6.6 \text{ sec.}\end{aligned}$$

Since the diode is reverse biased for only 500  $\mu$  seconds, the capacitor does not have enough time to discharge. If the value of the load resistor is only 1 k $\Omega$ , then the discharge time constant is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned}\tau &= R \times C \\ &= 1 \times 10^3 \times 0.66 \times 10^{-6} \\ &= 0.66 \times 10^{-3} \text{ sec.}\end{aligned}$$

Since the time constant is larger than the pulse width of 500  $\mu$  seconds, the diode is reverse biased.

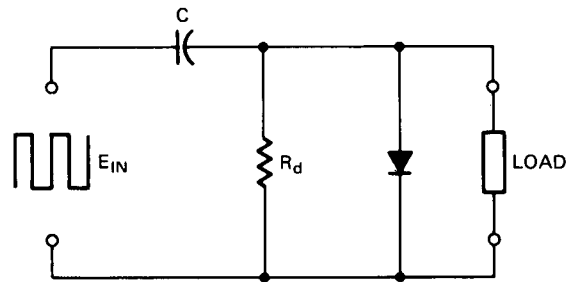
The clamping circuit investigated in Problem 3 clamps the output voltage at zero so that the entire signal goes negative from that value. This type of circuit is called a *negative voltage clamper*.

*To construct a positive voltage clamper circuit where the signal is clamped at zero but goes positive from that point, what change must be made to the negative voltage clamper circuit in figure 3-19? (R3-5)*

The positive and negative clamping circuits shown will clamp the input signal to zero. These circuits are particularly useful

when the output of a pulse generator centers about zero and the required signal must be positive or negative going from zero with no distortion.

If the input voltage fluctuates in a clamping circuit, the output does not clamp to zero because the capacitor must be charged to the peak of the input signal. If the input level decreases, and the time constant of the capacitor does not permit it to discharge to the new level, then the output level will shift. This statement can be verified by studying figure


 FIG. 3-20  $R_d$  PARALLELED TO IMPROVE CLAMPING

3-18. To compensate for any input voltage fluctuations, a resistor may be placed in parallel with the diode, figure 3-20.

To achieve the proper operation of the circuit, the added resistor, ( $R_d$ ), must be greater in value than the forward resistance of the diode, ( $R_f$ ). Additionally, the value of  $R_d$  must be less than the reverse resistance, ( $R_r$ ), of the diode. The value for  $R_d$  is determined by the use of the geometric mean equation.

$$R_d = \sqrt{R_f R_r} \quad \text{Eq. 3.2}$$

For the values of Problem 3,  $R_d$  is equal to:

$$\begin{aligned}R_d &= \sqrt{(100)(10 \times 10^6)} \\ R_d &= 31.62 \text{ k}\Omega\end{aligned}$$

The use of  $R_d$  in the circuit means that a change will occur in the time of the discharge time constant. Since  $R_d$  is in parallel with the diode (and thus  $R_r$ ),  $\tau$  is equal to:

$$\tau = (R_{GEN} + \frac{R_d R_r}{R_d + R_r}) \times (C)$$

For the values of Problem 3:

$$\tau = \left[ 50 + \frac{(31.6 \times 10^3)(10 \times 10^6)}{31.6 \times 10^3 + 10 \times 10^6} \right] \times (C)$$

$$\tau = (50 + 31.50 \times 10^3) \times (C)$$

$$\tau = (31.55 \times 10^3) \times C$$

Since  $\tau$  is the discharge time constant, it should be approximately 100 times greater than the time during which the diode is reverse biased.

$$\begin{aligned} \tau &= 100 t_p \\ &= (100)(500 \times 10^{-6} \text{ sec.}) \\ &= 50 \times 10^{-3} \text{ sec.} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \tau/R \\ &= \frac{50 \times 10^{-3}}{31.6 \times 10^{-3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$C \approx 1.58 \mu\text{F}$$

The student should recall from Unit 2 that when R is in ohms, C is in microfarads ( $\mu\text{F}$ ).

For the circuit in figure 3-21, solve for the following quantities.

- (a)  $R_d$  (R3-6)
- (b) Value of C (R3-7)
- (c)  $\tau$  on discharge (R3-8)

### NONZERO CLAMPING

The clamping circuits investigated to this point in the unit are concerned with clamping at a zero reference level only. If the incoming signal is to be clamped at some value other than zero, then the circuit shown in figure 3-22 can be used. For this circuit, the output is clamped at a value of +5 volts.

Does the circuit in figure 3-22 demonstrate positive or negative clamping? (R3-9)

#### Operation of a Nonzero Clamping Circuit

Figure 3-22a and figure 3-22b illustrate the operation of this type of circuit. At the time the input reaches -10 volts, it and the battery are series additive and the diode is forward biased. The capacitor can charge to the

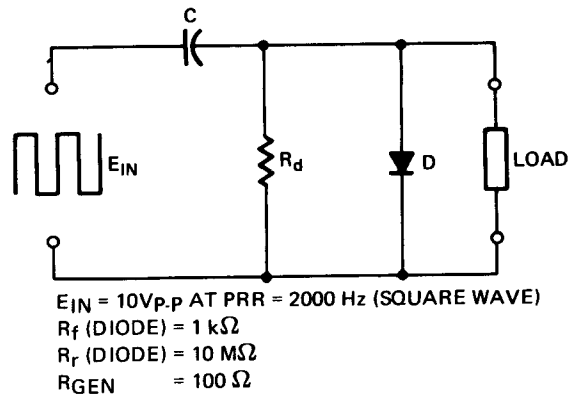


FIG. 3-21 CIRCUIT FOR ANALYSIS

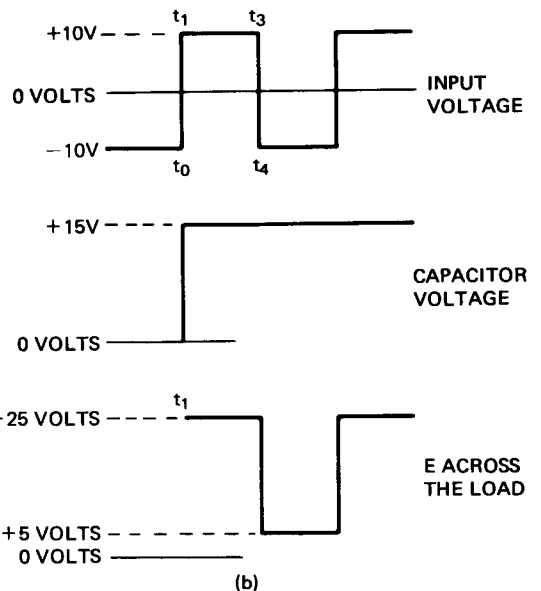
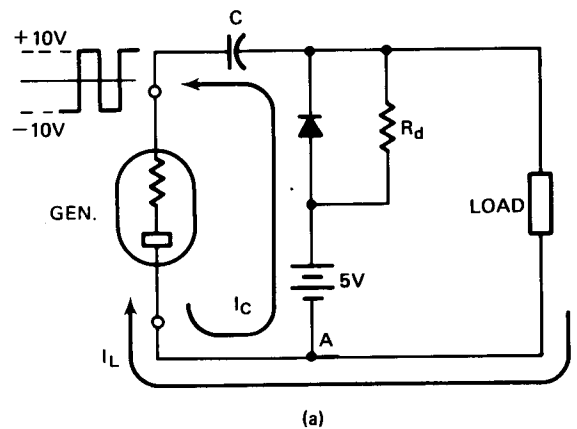


FIG. 3-22 CLAMPER CIRCUIT WITH WAVEFORMS

sum of the battery voltage and the input voltage. Thus, at time  $t_0$ , the capacitor charges to +15 volts with reference to point A. At time  $t_1$ , the input voltage reaches +10 volts. The diode is reverse biased and the load sees an equivalent 10-volt generator battery voltage in series with and aiding the capacitor to form a path for the current flow (outer loop). At the same time, a voltage drop of +25 volts occurs across the load. The capacitor voltage and the generator voltage are now added according to Kirchhoff's law. At time  $t_2$ , the input drops back to -10 volts in series with

## LABORATORY EXERCISE 3-2: ANALYSIS AND MEASUREMENT OF CLAMPER CIRCUITS

### PURPOSE

- To acquaint the student with the function and operation of various clamper circuits.

### MATERIALS

- 1 Square-wave generator, with input at  $10V_{p-p}$  at 1000 Hz
- 1 Diode, 1N914, or equivalent
- 1 Zener diode, 1N4728, or equivalent
- 1 Battery, 3V

### PROCEDURE

- Construct and analyze the circuits of figures 3-23, 3-24, and 3-25.
- Draw the expected waveshapes for the three circuits.
- Calculate the values of  $R_d$  and  $C$  required for the proper operation of each circuit. Check values for  $R_{GEN}$ ,  $R_f$ , and  $R_r$ .

and opposing the capacitor. As a result, the output appears to be +5 volts. Note that the output wave is still 20 volts pk-to-pk; however, its reference voltage is shifted. Another name for nonzero clamping is *bias clamping* or *bias-level clamping*.

Can a zener diode be used to shift the reference voltage in place of a battery? (R3-10)

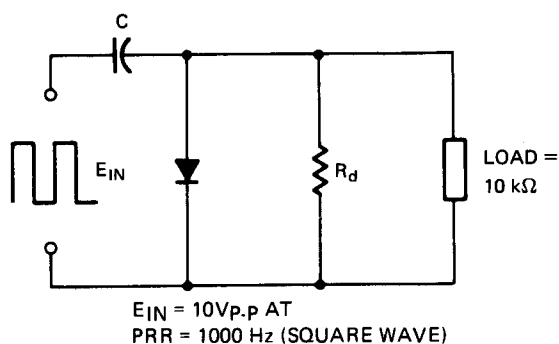


FIG. 3-23 CIRCUIT FOR ANALYSIS

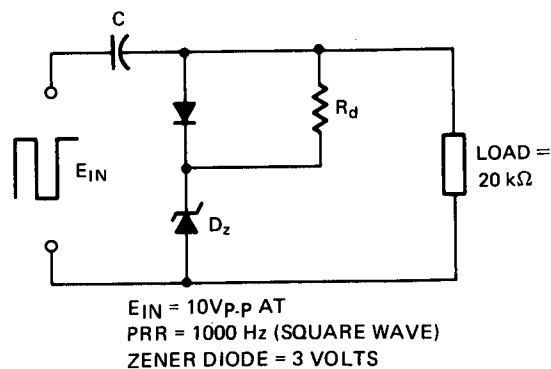


FIG. 3-24 CIRCUIT FOR ANALYSIS

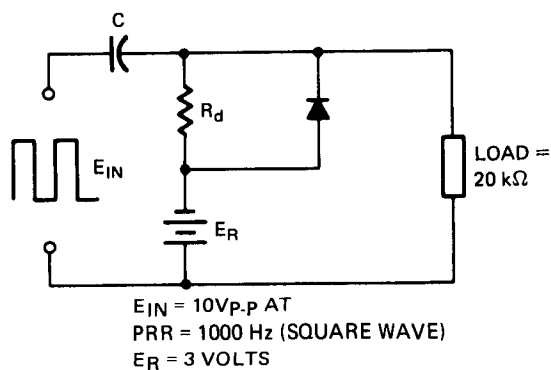


FIG. 3-25 CIRCUIT FOR ANALYSIS

*Name the basic differences between a clipper circuit and a clamper circuit.  
(R3-11)*

*For a clamping circuit, what happens if the generator (or source) resistance is too high? (R3-12)*

### **EXTENDED STUDY TOPICS**

1. Can any waveshape be clamped?
2. With regard to the value of  $C$ , what are the frequency considerations to be taken into account when using a clamper circuit?

## The transistor switch

### OBJECTIVES

After studying this unit, the student will be able to

- Describe the operation of a transistor switch
- Design and analyze a transistor switch circuit
- Discuss why speed-up capacitors are required in certain switch applications

### SWITCHING CHARACTERISTICS AND THE LOAD LINE

The transistor is often used in pulse circuitry as a switching device. This use of a transistor is one of its most important applications. The transistor is operated in one of

two conditions or states when it is used as a switching device or switch. Figure 4-1 illustrates these states which are known as the conducting and nonconducting states.

Figure 4-1a shows a transistor in the reverse bias condition. The base of the transistor

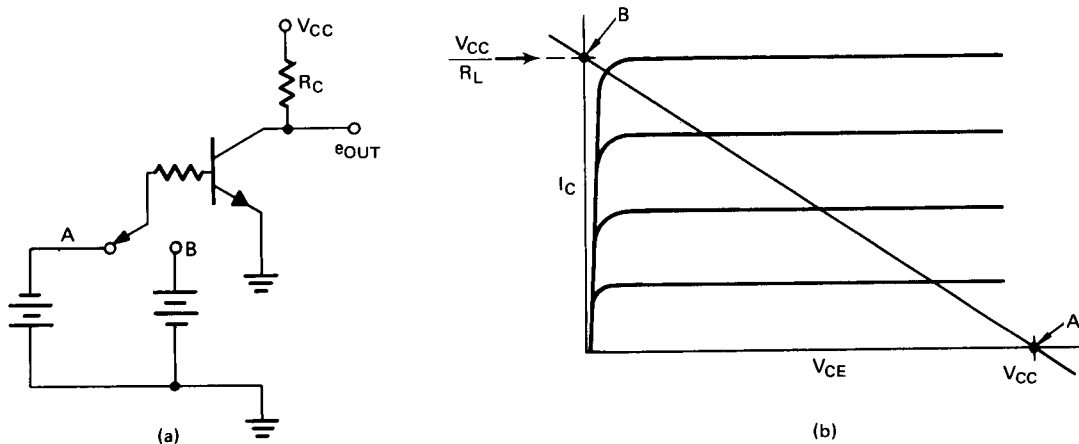


FIG. 4-1 THE TRANSISTOR SWITCH

is connected to the negative terminal of the bias battery (point A), and the transistor emitter is at ground. This means that the NPN transistor will not conduct. Therefore, any voltage developed at its collector ( $e_{out}$ ) will be equal to  $V_{CC}$  and the transistor is acting as an open circuit. This point can be plotted on a load line as shown in figure 4-1b. Since the transistor is not conducting, there is zero collector current flowing. For an ideal situation, then,  $V_{CC}$  appears across the collector-emitter junction ( $V_{CE}$ ).

If the base connection is changed from point A to point B, the transistor is now forward biased. As a result, the transistor is turned on and current will flow. The current flows through  $R_C$  and creates a voltage drop across  $R_C$  which is equal to  $V_{CC}$ . Therefore, the transistor has zero voltage across its emitter-collector junction and the transistor appears as a short circuit. The voltage  $e_{out}$  is equal to zero.

The reverse or forward biasing of a simple transistor circuit, such as the one shown in figure 4-1, provides the capability of switching large amounts of power.

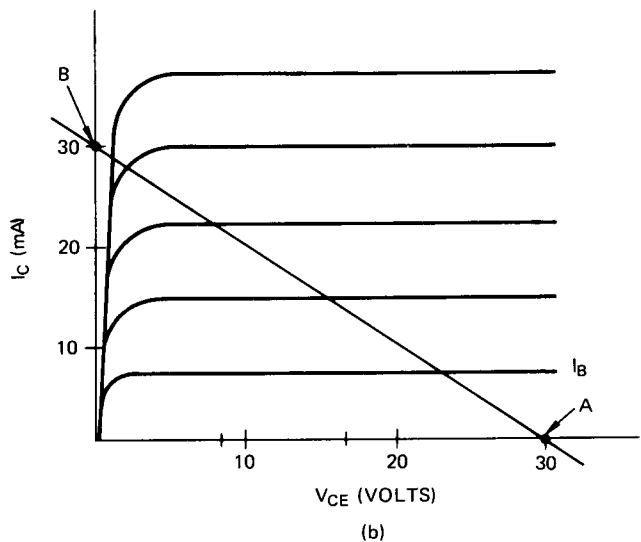
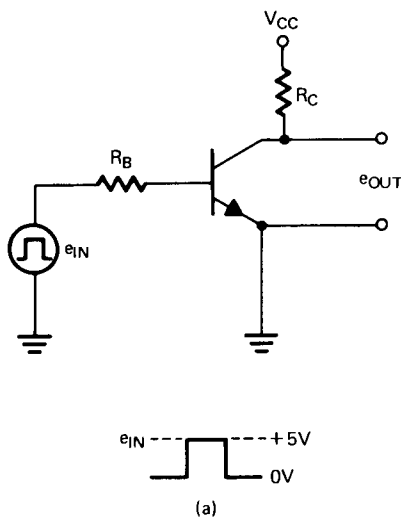


FIG. 4-2

**PROBLEM 1**

An ideal transistor switch will be analyzed in this problem. The term ideal is used because:

1. Actual transistors develop some voltage  $V_{BE}$
2. Actual transistors develop some voltage  $V_{CE}$  even when fully saturated.
3. A square wave has some rise and fall time associated with it.

Therefore, this problem requires the designing of a transistor switch that will have the following circuit parameters:

- (a)  $e_{out}$  must have a peak value of 30 volts
- (b)  $e_{in}$  must be a rectangular wave varying from zero to five volts (+0 V to +5 V)
- (c)  $I_C \text{ max} = 30 \text{ mA}$  (no load connected across the output terminals)
- (d) The transistor used will be an NPN transistor with an  $h_{FE}$  of 60
- (e)  $I_{CBO}$ ,  $V_{CE \text{ sat}}$ , and  $V_{BE}$  are all assumed to be zero

The circuit for this transistor switch is shown in figure 4-2. Since  $e_{out}$  must be 30 volts



peak (given in parameters for the circuit),  $V_{CC}$  must be 30 volts. The student should note that in a transistor switch circuit, the value of  $V_{CC}$  determines the amplitude of the output voltage.

Although the collector curves and the load line are not required to solve this problem, they are included so that the student will become familiar with the use of these valuable tools for circuit analysis. Refer to figure 4-2b where one point can be plotted for the load line. When the switch is open, the transistor is not conducting and  $V_{CE}$  will be equal to  $V_{CC}$  and  $I_C$  will be zero. The point at which these conditions are met is point A on the load line. The other point of the load line can be plotted directly from the circuit parameters. Point B occurs at  $I_{C \max} = 30 \text{ mA}$ .

If the circuit is to function properly, the values of  $R_C$  and  $R_B$  must be determined correctly.

$R_C$  is found by dividing the maximum voltage ( $V_{CC}$ ) by the maximum current ( $I_C$ ). Recall that when the switch is closed and the transistor is conducting, the maximum voltage will be dropped across  $R_C$ . As a result, the maximum current will be flowing through  $R_C$ .

$$R_C = \frac{V_{CC}}{I_C}$$

$$R_C = \frac{30 \text{ V}}{30 \text{ mA}}$$

$$R_C = 1 \text{ k } \Omega$$

The value of  $R_B$  is found by dividing the voltage drop across  $R_B$  by the current flowing through  $R_B$ . Since the voltage drop across  $R_B$  is  $e_{in}$  and the current through  $R_B$  is  $I_B$ ,

$$R_B = \frac{e_{in}}{I_B}$$

The value of  $e_{in}$  is known but  $I_B$  is unknown. However, the following is true of  $I_B$ :

$$I_B = \frac{I_C}{h_{FE}}$$

Therefore,

$$I_B = \frac{30 \text{ mA}}{60}$$

$$I_B = 0.5 \text{ mA}$$

and

$$R_B = \frac{5 \text{ V}}{0.5 \text{ mA}}$$

$$R_B = 10 \text{ k } \Omega$$

Now that the resistor values for this transistor circuit are known, it can be assumed that when the input pulse is applied, the transistor will be forward biased. As a result, the transistor will conduct at saturation and appear as a closed switch. On the other hand, if the input pulse is removed, there will be no base current and the transistor will not conduct. Therefore, there will be no collector current, no voltage drop across  $R_C$ , and the transistor will act as an open switch. The full applied voltage will appear across the collector-emitter junction of the transistor.

*Explain the term saturation. (R4-1)*

The ideal transistor switch will dissipate power only during the time it requires to go from one state to the other. While the transistor is in the conducting state (closed switch), the voltage drop across the transistor is zero. Although the current is at a maximum value at this time, the power is zero as shown in the following expression:

$$P = E \times I$$

$$P = 0 \times 30 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$P = 0$$

Similarly, when the transistor is not conducting and the switch is open, the voltage is at a maximum but the current is zero. As a result, the power is still zero.

## THE PRACTICAL TRANSISTOR SWITCH

The concept of the ideal transistor was used to introduce the discussion of the transistor switch. In practical circuits, however, transistors are not ideal. A transistor does

experience a voltage drop across it even when it is conducting at saturation. An important feature of actual transistor switches is the fact that the nonideal transistor cannot turn on in zero time. It was assumed in Problem 1 that once the input pulse is applied, current starts to flow immediately and the transistor turns on ( $e_{out}$  goes to zero). Another assumption made in Problem 1 is that when the transistor is on (conducting) and the input pulse is removed, the output voltage,  $e_{out}$ , immediately returns to the value of  $V_{CC}$ . However, this is not the case for practical switch circuits.

Figure 4-3 shows the practical switching characteristics of a transistor switch. To understand what happens when a pulse is applied to the input of the transistor switch, the student should refer to figures 4-3 and 4-4.

Figure 4-4a shows an enlarged view of the emitter-base junction of the transistor. (Recall that the  $p$  material is the base and the  $n$  material is the emitter.) At the time the input pulse is negative, this junction is reverse biased. The  $n$  and  $p$  materials are relatively

low resistance areas and the region at the junction (space charge region) can be thought of as an insulator between the  $n$  and  $p$  regions. This situation amounts to a capacitor at the emitter-base junction. The value of this capacitor depends on the width of the space charge region; the width of the space charge region depends on the amount of reverse voltage present.

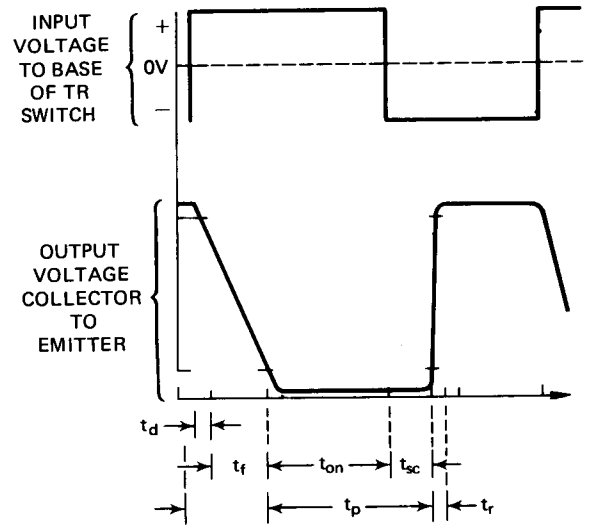


FIG. 4-3 WAVEFORMS OF A TRANSISTOR SWITCH

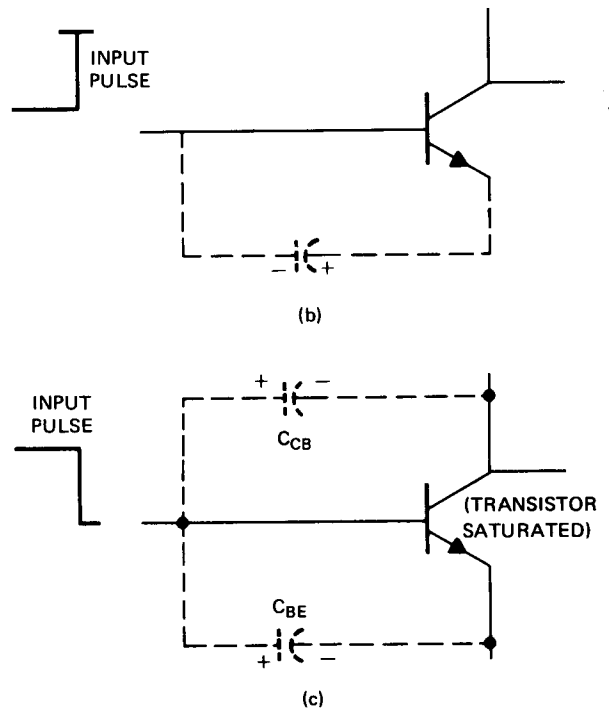
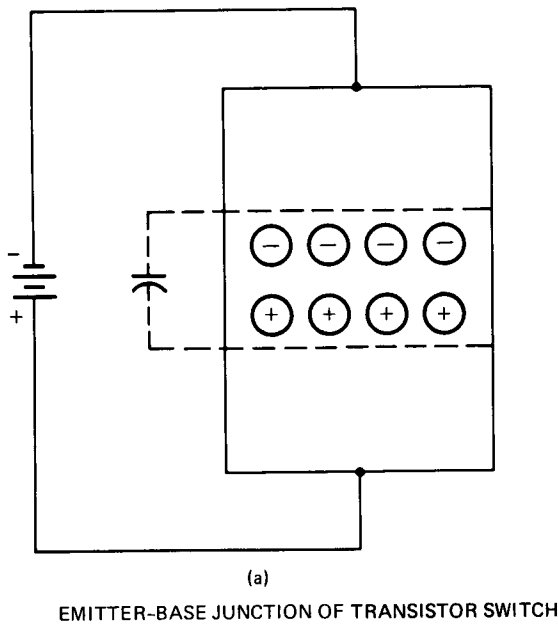


FIG. 4-4 EMITTER-BASE JUNCTION CAPACITANCES IN THE TR SWITCH

Figure 4-4b is a representation of the capacitance at the junction. The figure shows the capacitor charge prior to the change to the positive input pulse. When the pulse goes positive, the capacitor must discharge to zero before it can begin to charge in the opposite direction. During this time, the transistor cannot turn on because the base-emitter junction is still reverse biased.

Once the transistor turns on, the emitter-base junction capacitance is charged as shown in figure 4-4c. Since the base-collector junction also has some capacitance, its charge is shown in figure 4-4c as well. When the input pulse is removed, both of these capacitors will attempt to return to zero. The capacitor action will cause the transistor to remain in the on condition for some time after the input pulse is removed. Note in figure 4-3 that the storage time of the junction capacitors,  $t_{sc}$ , is the time required by the capacitors to discharge enough to turn the transistor off.

These delay times are critical in very fast pulse circuitry where a number of circuits must respond in sequence and on time. One method of overcoming the delay in the turn-on time is to increase the base current. If the base current is doubled, the fall time ( $t_f$  of figure 4-3) is reduced by about one-third; if the base current is tripled the fall time is reduced by about one-fifth. Of course, any increase in the base current causes an increase in the charge built up on the junction capacitors. As a result, the turn-off time is delayed by an even greater amount. The balance of this unit covers a method by which faster switching can be accomplished.

### THE USE OF SPEED-UP CAPACITORS IN TRANSISTOR SWITCHING

To obtain faster switching times, two conditions must be satisfied:

1. An increase in the initial current flow when an input pulse is applied, and
2. A decrease or elimination of the storage charge on the junction capacitors so that the transistor can turn off more quickly.

One method of achieving both of these objectives is shown in figure 4-5. The capacitor connected across  $R_B$  is called a speed-up capacitor. When the input pulse first goes positive, the components of the base current are the current needed to charge the capacitor and the current through  $R_B$ .

As a result, the current through the base is greatly increased.

The capacitor appears initially as a short and current through it is at a maximum value which is limited only by the base-emitter resistance of the transistor. As the capacitor gradually charges and the current decreases to the value of the current through  $R_B$ , the transistor switch turns on faster.

When the input pulse goes negative, or back to zero, the base sees a high negative charge from the speed-up capacitor. The base is almost immediately reverse biased, thus cutting off the transistor.

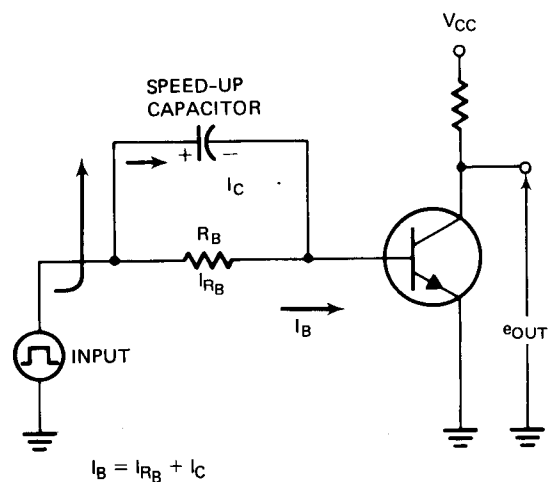


FIG. 4-5 THE SPEED-UP CAPACITOR IN THE TR SWITCH

### **EXTENDED STUDY TOPICS**

1. This unit gives a rule of thumb concerning the effect of doubling or tripling the base current with regard to reducing the delay time. Verify this assumption mathematically.

Hint:  $1 - e^{-tf/\tau} = 80\%$  of total fall time

## The unijunction oscillator

### OBJECTIVES

After studying this unit, the student will be able to:

- Describe the operation of a unijunction transistor.
- Design and construct a UJT relaxation oscillator

### THE UJT

The *unijunction transistor* (UJT) is a three-lead semiconductor device. UJTs are used in numerous types of circuits such as multivibrators, sawtooth generators, and time-delay circuits.

Figure 5-1 shows the structure of a unijunction transistor. The device has three leads but only one  $p-n$  junction. Thus, the device is described as a single (uni) junction device. The UJT consists of a bar of  $n$ -type silicon to which two leads, A and B, are bonded on the longitudinal axis. These connections are resistive (or ohmic) connections and are nonrectifying. An ohmmeter reading taken between A to B will give the same reading as one taken between B to A. A piece of  $p$ -type material, figure 5-1b, is placed just past the center of the  $n$ -type material toward the A lead. The junction of this  $p$ -type material and the main bar of  $n$ -type material forms the  $p-n$  junction of the device. Figure

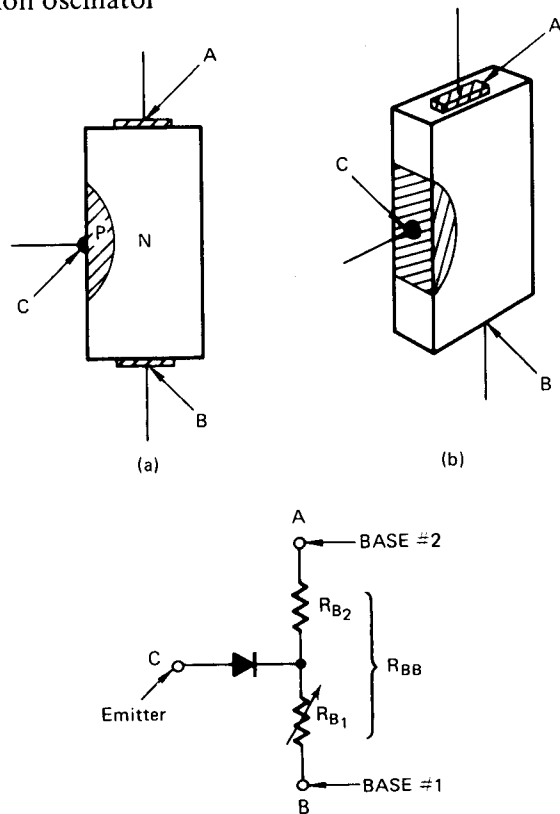


FIG. 5-1 CONSTRUCTION OF THE UNIUNCTION TRANSISTOR (UJT)

5-1c shows the equivalent circuit for the UJT. Note that the total resistance of the device, the resistance from A to B, is shown as two resistors. This situation is not true in actual practice, but is used here to simplify the presentation of the theory of operation for the device. Since the *p-n* junction (equivalent diode) is placed closer to point A than to point B, the resistance  $R_{B2}$  is slightly less than the resistance of  $R_{B1}$ . The total resistance of the UJT (and the only resistance that can be measured) is  $R_{BB}$  and,

$$R_{BB} = R_{B1} + R_{B2} \quad \text{Eq. 5.1}$$

Note that  $R_{B1}$  is shown as a variable resistor in figure 5-1. The reason for designating  $R_{B1}$  in this manner will be covered later in this unit. The UJT operates when the diode is forward biased, figure 5-2. If a bias battery is placed as shown, the voltage from this battery will divide proportionally across  $R_{B1}$  and  $R_{B2}$ . If an external voltage is now placed between points C and B, the diode will be forward biased when this voltage exceeds the voltage across  $R_{B1}$ . Since  $R_{B1}$  cannot be measured (or the voltage drop across it), it will require a trial and error procedure to find the exact voltage required to forward bias the diode. Each device will vary slightly in its requirements; thus, a trial and error approach to finding the voltage will be very time consuming. UJT manufacturers have simplified the task by specifying a value equal to the ratio

$$\frac{R_{B1}}{R_{BB}}$$

This ratio is known as the intrinsic standoff ratio and is expressed using the Greek letter  $\eta$  (eta).

$$\eta = \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{BB}} \quad \text{Eq. 5.2}$$

Equation 5.2 can be rearranged to the form

$$R_{B1} = \eta \times R_{BB} \quad \text{Eq. 5.3}$$

$$\text{Since } R_{BB} = R_{B1} + R_{B2}$$

$$\eta = \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}} \quad \text{Eq. 5.4}$$

In terms of voltage drops, the ratio can be expressed as:

$$\eta = \frac{V_{B1}}{V_{BB}} \quad \text{Eq. 5.5}$$

**PROBLEM 1**

For a UJT with an  $\eta$  specified by the manufacturer as 0.62, and whose measured  $R_{BB}$  is 7.7 k $\Omega$  find  $V_{B1}$  and  $V_{B2}$ . The applied voltage,  $V_{BB}$ , is 12 volts.

From equation 5.5,

$$\eta = \frac{V_{B1}}{V_{BB}}$$

$$\text{or } V_{B1} = V_{BB} \cdot \eta$$

$$\text{Therefore, } V_{B1} = 0.62 \times 12 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{B1} = 7.44 \text{ volts}$$

Using Kirchhoff's voltage laws, the following expression can be written,

$$V_{BB} = V_{B1} + V_{B2}$$

$$\text{and } V_{B2} = V_{BB} - V_{B1}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } V_{B2} = 12 \text{ V} - 7.44 \text{ V}$$

$$V_{B2} = 4.36 \text{ volts}$$

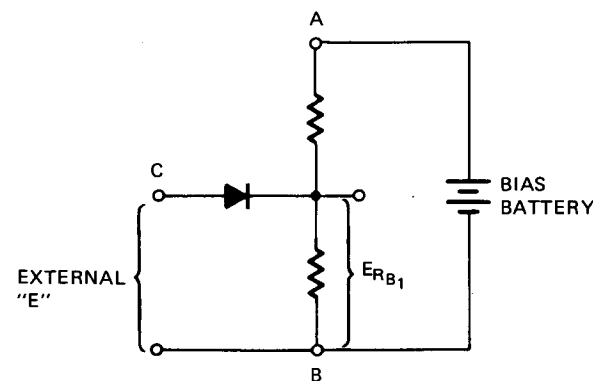


FIG. 5-2 BIAS CONFIGURATION OF A UJT

A certain UJT has an intrinsic standoff ratio,  $\eta$ , of 0.64 and a measured interbase resistance (resistance from base 1 to base 2) of 8 k ohms. What is the voltage on  $R_{B1}$  and  $R_{B2}$  if  $V_{BB}$  is 12 volts? (R5-1.)

In a typical unijunction transistor, is the  $n$ -type material silicon or germanium? (R5-2)

### NEGATIVE RESISTANCE

Only the static resistive characteristics of the UJT have been covered in this unit to this point. What happens when the diode is forward biased? Based on the student's knowledge of semiconductors and  $p-n$  junction theory, it should be apparent that forward biasing the  $p-n$  junction causes holes to be injected into the  $n$ -type material. Because of these holes, a greater current will flow which, in turn, causes more holes to be injected in the  $n$ -type material. As a result, the resistance of  $R_{B1}$  is lowered, thus accounting for showing it as a variable resistor in figure 5-1. The decrease in the resistance of  $R_{B1}$  causes the voltage across  $R_{B1}$  to decrease according to Ohm's Law. The decreased voltage drop further forward biases the diode with a resulting additional increase in the current. Therefore, as the emitter current increases, the emitter voltage will decrease. Since the diode resistance drops to a very low value and

$R_{B1}$  is decreasing, the voltage also decreases, figure 5-3. Note in figure 5-3 that as the emitter voltage increases from zero to some

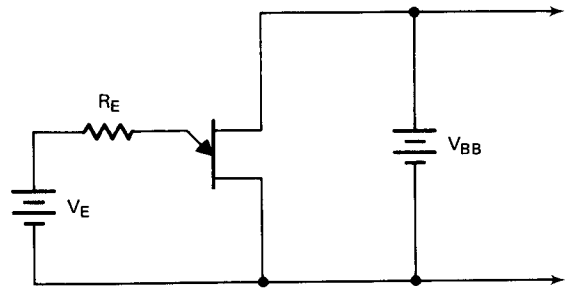


FIG. 5-4 CIRCUIT TO ESTABLISH  $V_E$  FOR UJT

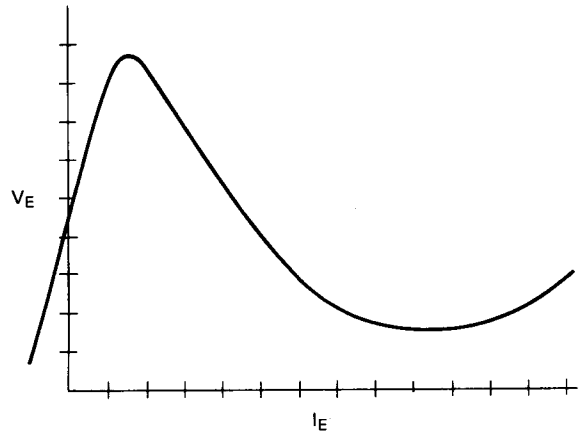


FIG. 5-5

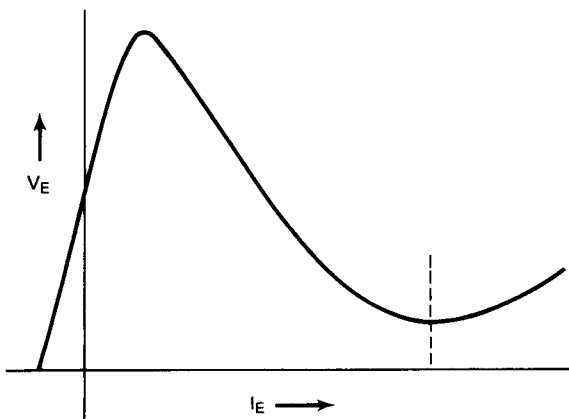


FIG. 5-3 EMITTER VOLTAGE/CURRENT CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNIUNCTION TRANSISTOR

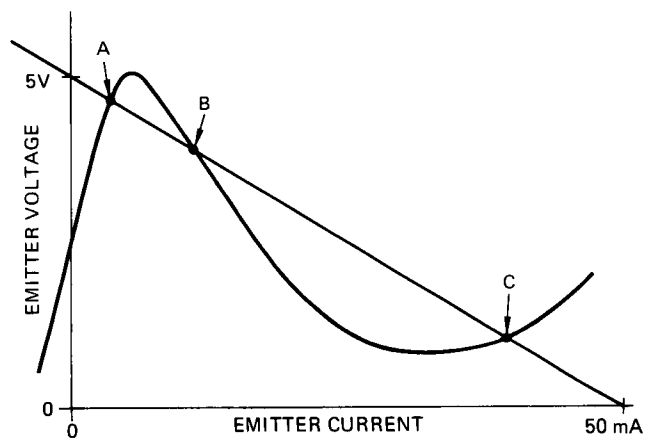


FIG. 5-6 LOAD LINE FOR BISTABLE UJT CIRCUIT

positive value, initially there is a small negative (reverse) emitter current. The positive (forward) emitter current starts to flow when the emitter to base one voltage reaches a value great enough to forward bias the *p-n* junction. Once this emitter current begins to flow, the base resistance  $R_{B1}$  decreases with the result that  $V_E$  begins to decrease. Voltage  $V_E$  continues to decrease, even though  $I_E$  is increasing, until  $R_{B1}$  reaches its lowest value which is called the *saturation resistance*,  $R_{SAT}$ . This portion of the curve in figure 5-3, page 37, is called the *negative resistance region* because of the fact that as the current increases, the voltage decreases.

### UJT CIRCUIT ANALYSIS

The experimental circuit in figure 5-4, page 37, can be used to analyze the various operating modes of a simple unijunction transistor circuit. Figure 5-5, page 37, shows the characteristic curve for the UJT used in the circuit of figure 5-4, page 37. (Recall that a set of UJT emitter current versus emitter voltage curves is drawn for constant value of  $V_{BB}$ .) For the circuit of figure 5-4,  $V_{BB}$  is assumed to be 10 volts. If values are assigned to  $R_E$  and  $V_E$ ,  $R_E = 100$  ohms and  $V_E = 5$  volts, a load line can be drawn on the characteristic curve as shown in figure 5-6, page 37.

The load line crosses the characteristic curve at three different points. Two of the points are in positive resistance regions (A and C), and the third point (B) is in the negative resistance region of the curve. For a load line as shown in figure 5-6, the circuit generally will not operate in the region around point B. Point B is in the unstable or negative resistance region. Thus, circuit operation will shift easily to either point A or point C since these points are in the positive resistance region of the characteristic curve. Once UJT operation is established at either point A

or point C, it will remain at that point until it is switched to another point on the curve. This stability is in contrast to operation at point B where any slight change in the circuit parameters will cause the circuit operation to change. For the load line shown in figure 5-6, the circuit will have two stable states. As a result, this type of circuit is called a *bistable circuit*. A UJT circuit having a load line as shown in figure 5-6 is known as a *bistable (flip-flop) multivibrator*.

### THE RELAXATION OSCILLATOR

The UJT can be used in the construction of another type of multivibrator known as the *relaxation oscillator* or as the *astable* or *free-running multivibrator*.

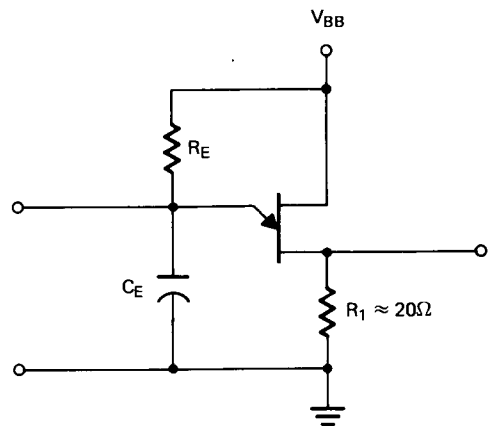


FIG. 5-7 CIRCUIT FOR UJT OSCILLATOR

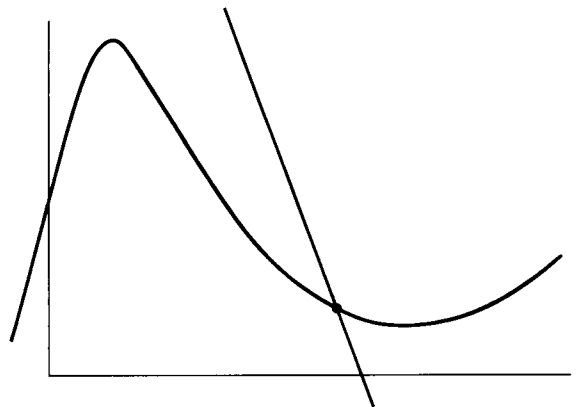


FIG. 5-8 LOAD LINE FOR UJT RELAXATION OSCILLATOR CIRCUIT



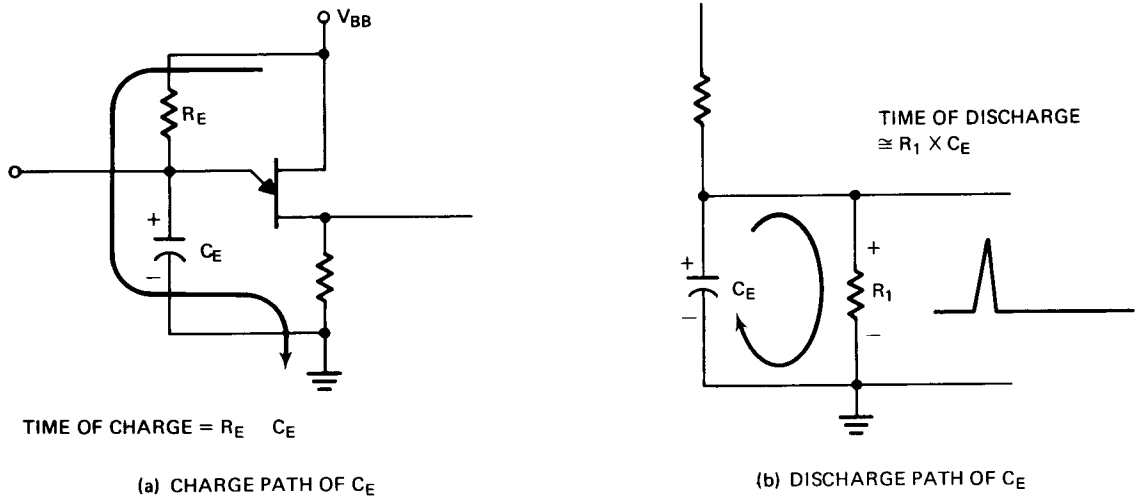


FIG. 5-9

Two conditions must be met before a relaxation oscillator circuit can be constructed. The first condition is that for the UJT oscillator circuit shown in figure 5-7, page 38, the value of  $R_E$  must be selected to insure that the load line crosses the characteristic curve at one point and only one point, figure 5-8, page 38. In addition, that point must be in the negative resistance region of the curve. To insure that the circuit will be unstable, the second condition is that a capacitor ( $C_E$ ) must be connected from the emitter to base 1. The resistor  $R_1$  is added to develop a signal voltage at base 1.

The following steps present the sequence of operation of this oscillator circuit.

1. When power is applied, the capacitor begins to charge to the supply voltage ( $V_{BB}$ ) through  $R_E$ . The time rate of this charge is equal to the RC time constant of  $R_E$  and  $C_E$ .
2. The capacitor charges to a voltage value which will forward bias the  $p-n$  junction of the UJT.
3. When this voltage value is reached, the  $p-n$  junction of the UJT will short circuit. This short circuit plus the small resistance of  $R_1$  are now across the capacitor.

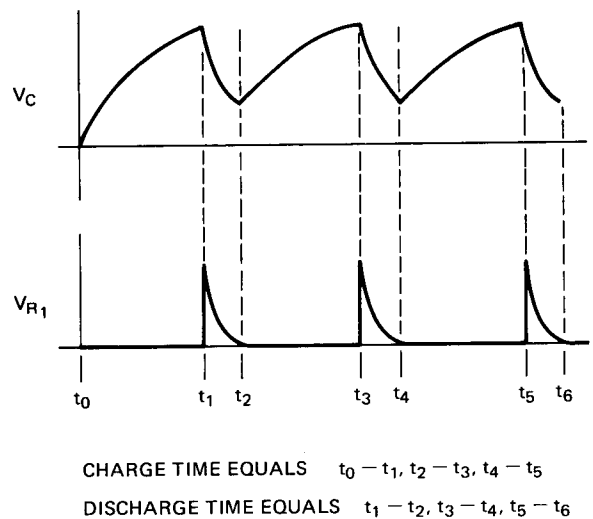


FIG. 5-10 WAVESHAPES OF UJT RELAXATION OSCILLATOR

4. The capacitor has a low resistance path for discharge, figure 5-9. As the capacitor discharges, current is produced through  $R_1$ . This current produces a short spike of output voltage across  $R_1$ .
5. When the capacitor is discharged, it will begin to recharge through  $R_E$  and the cycle will be repeated.

Figure 5-10 shows the relationship of the charge voltage across  $C_E$  and the voltage produced across  $R_1$ .

The frequency of an oscillator circuit (the frequency of the spikes across  $R_1$ ) is found by using Eq. 5.6.

$$f = \frac{1}{(R_E)(C) \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-\eta}\right)} \quad \text{Eq. 5.6}$$

**PROBLEM 2**

A UJT oscillator circuit has the following values:  $\eta = 0.64$ ,  $C = 0.01 \mu\text{F}$ , and  $R_E = 2 \text{ k ohms}$ . Calculate the frequency of the oscillations.

$$f = \left[ \frac{1}{(2 \times 10^3)(0.01 \times 10^{-6}) \ln\left(\frac{1}{0.36}\right)} \right]$$

$$f = \left[ \frac{1}{(2 \times 10^3)(0.01 \times 10^{-6}) \ln 2.77} \right]$$

$$f = \left[ \frac{1}{(2 \times 10^3)(0.01 \times 10^{-6})(1.02)} \right]$$

$$f = 48.9 \text{ k Hz}$$

An estimate of this frequency can be obtained by the use of Eq. 5.7

$$f = \frac{1}{R_E \times C_E} \quad \text{Eq. 5.7}$$

Substituting the values of Problem 2 in this equation yields:

$$f = \frac{1}{(2 \times 10^3)(0.01 \times 10^{-6})}$$

$$f = 50 \text{ k Hz}$$

Either equation may be used depending on the degree of accuracy required for the circuit.

The student should recall that resistor and capacitor values usually have a 10 or 20 percent tolerance range. Therefore, when performing calculations, the student should use measured values of resistance and capacitance. A UJT oscillator can be used as a time-delay circuit. In this situation, the time  $t_n - t_{n-2}$  (figure 5-10), is of interest.

$$\text{Since time} = \left(\frac{1}{f}\right), \quad \text{Eq. 5.8}$$

the equation for time delay can be expressed as

$$TD = \frac{1}{R_E \times C_E \left[ \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-\eta}\right) \right]}$$

$$\text{Eq. 5.9}$$

or

$$TD = R_E \times C_E \left[ \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-\eta}\right) \right]$$

Eq. 5.9 can be approximated to:

$$TD = R_E \times C_E \quad \text{Eq. 5.10}$$

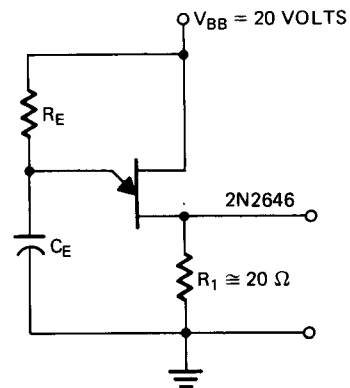


FIG. 5-11

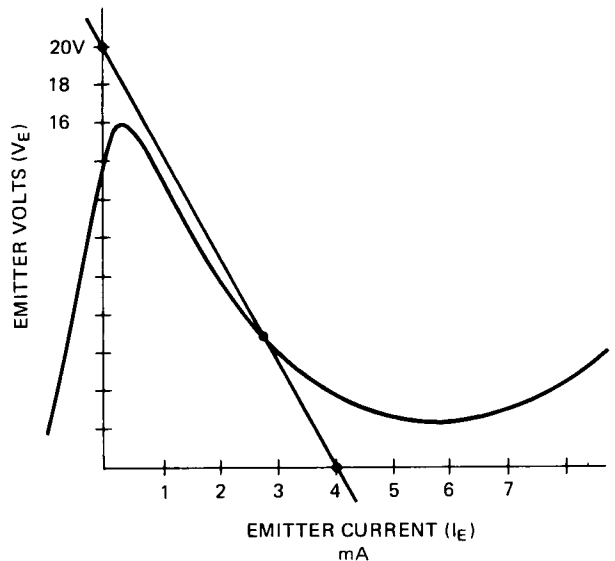


FIG. 5-12

**PROBLEM 3**

Using the circuit of figure 5-11 and the load line of figure 5-12, determine

- the value of  $R_E$  needed to produce the load line,
- the value of  $\eta$  for the UJT shown, and
- the capacitance value needed to produce a time delay of 2 seconds.

Draw a load line through  $V_{BB}$  to the left of the valley voltage point and crossing the curve at only one point.

$$\text{Since } R_E = \frac{V_{BB}}{I_E},$$

$$R_E = \frac{20V}{4 \text{ mA}} = 5 \text{ k ohms}$$

$$\text{Since } \eta = \frac{V_{B1}}{V_{BB}}, \text{ and } V_{B1} = V_P$$

$$\eta = \frac{V_P}{V_{BB}} = \frac{16V}{20V} = 0.8$$

$$TD = R_E \times C_E \left[ \ln \left( \frac{1}{1-\eta} \right) \right]$$

$$2 \text{ sec} = 5 \text{ k } \Omega \times C_E \left[ \ln \left( \frac{1}{1-0.8} \right) \right]$$

$$2 \text{ sec} = 5 \text{ k } \Omega \times C_E \ln 5$$

$$2 \text{ sec} = 5 \text{ k } \Omega \times C_E \times 1.61$$

$$2 \text{ sec} = (8.05 \times 10^3) (C_E)$$

$$\frac{2 \text{ sec}}{8.05 \times 10^3} = C_E$$

$$C_E = 249 \mu\text{F}$$

**LABORATORY EXERCISE 5-1: RELAXATION OSCILLATOR****PURPOSE**

- To provide the student with experience in designing a relaxation oscillator.

**PROCEDURE**

- Using a 2N2646 UJT, design a relaxation oscillator circuit similar to that of figure 5-11. Refer to the specification sheet for this device and examine its electrical characteristics.
- Sketch the waveshapes for the circuit as shown in figure 5-10.
- Determine the reasons for any differences between the measured and calculated values of the frequency, time delay, and the values of  $R_E$  and  $C_E$ .

**EXTENDED STUDY TOPICS**

- Construct a test circuit to measure the following UJT characteristics:
 

a. $V_P$	e. $\eta$
b. $I_P$	f. $R_{B1}$
c. $V_V$	g. $R_{B2}$
d. $I_V$	h. $R_{BB}$
- Plot the graph of the characteristic curves of the UJT tested in Topic 1. (Use the 2N2646 UJT from the Laboratory Exercise.)

## The Schmitt trigger

### OBJECTIVES

After studying this unit, the student will be able to

- Design a Schmitt trigger circuit
- Use the Schmitt trigger to produce a rectangular wave of a desired duration.

The Schmitt trigger is another of several circuits which are used to produce nonsinusoidal waves. The Schmitt trigger is often used as a voltage level (amplitude) detector. Figure 6-1a is a block diagram illustrating the basic operation of the Schmitt trigger. When the Schmitt trigger receives a sine-wave input, a rectangular wave is produced at the output. The output pulse has a duration which is less than one-half of the cycle time  $T$  for the input sine wave. In other words, the pulse duration of the output rectangular wave is *always* less than one-half the time of one cycle of an input sine wave. The conditions leading to this value for the output pulse duration will be determined by analyzing the Schmitt trigger circuit of figure 6-2, page 43.

The Schmitt trigger consists of two transistor switches (refer to Unit 4 for an analysis of transistor switch operation). Initially, the

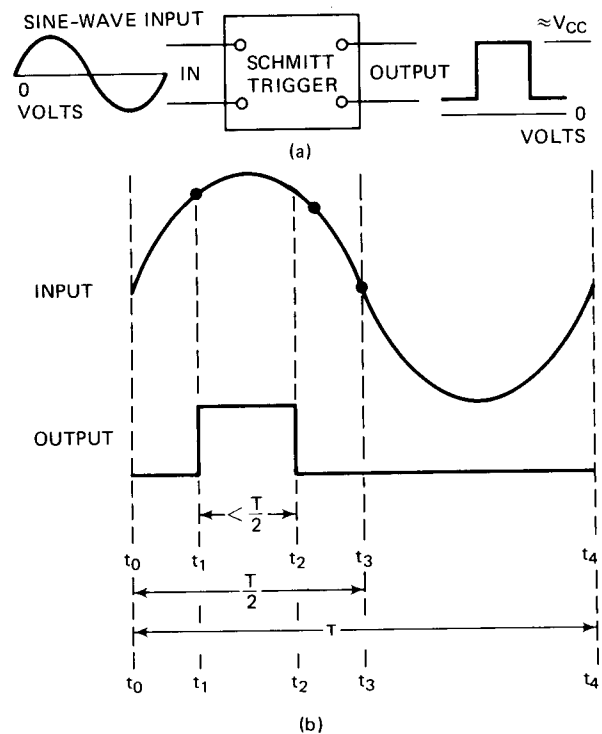


FIG. 6-1

two transistors are biased so that  $Q_1$  is turned off and  $Q_2$  is turned on. When  $Q_2$  is turned on, the voltage  $e_{out}$  is approximately equal to the voltage drop across  $R_E$ . When the input voltage level of the sine wave reaches a level high enough to turn  $Q_1$  on, the voltage applied to the base of  $Q_2$  decreases since the collector voltage of  $Q_1$  is the base voltage for  $Q_2$ . As the base voltage  $Q_2$  decreases,  $Q_2$  becomes reverse biased (the voltage is less than emitter voltage) and  $Q_2$  turns off. When  $Q_2$  turns off, its collector voltage increases toward the value of  $V_{CC}$ . As the input sine wave begins to decrease, it reaches the value at which  $Q_1$  turns off. When  $Q_1$  turns off, its collector voltage increases, and the base voltage of  $Q_2$  increases until  $Q_2$  is turned on again with the result that the output voltage again decreases to  $V_{RE}$ .

During the operation of the Schmitt trigger, note that the output voltage pulse, ( $t_1 - t_2$ ), can occur only during a portion of the positive half of the input sine wave. The point on the input sine wave at which  $Q_1$  turns on is called the *upper trigger point* (UTP); similarly, the point on the input sine wave at which  $Q_1$  turns off is called the *lower trigger point* (LTP).

*For a 2 k Hz sine-wave input, what is the maximum pulse width of the output rectangular wave? (R6-1)*

*For what application is a Schmitt trigger particularly suited? (R6-2)*

### CALCULATING THE UPPER TRIGGERING POINT

The Schmitt trigger circuit of figure 6-2 can be used to calculate the voltage level required to turn on  $Q_1$ . This voltage will be the higher of the two voltage levels of the input wave which cause the changes in the operation of the Schmitt trigger. When  $Q_1$  is in the off state,  $Q_2$  is in the on state. If  $Q_2$  is on and conducting, there will be a voltage drop across

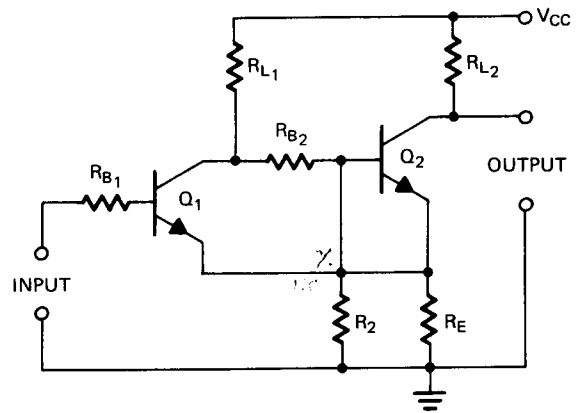


FIG. 6-2 THE SCHMITT TRIGGER

$R_E$  due to the emitter current. This current is equal to the collector current plus the base current of  $Q_2$ . If  $Q_1$  is to be turned on, its base must be more positive than its emitter. In other words, the input voltage must reach a level greater than  $V_{RE}$  to turn on  $Q_1$ . The upper trigger level then is equal to  $V_{RE}$ .

$$UTP = V_{RE} \quad \text{Eq. 6.1}$$

$$\text{Since } V_{RE} = I_E R_E, \quad \text{Eq. 6.2}$$

where  $I_E$  is the value for  $Q_2$ ,

the upper trigger point can be determined for the Schmitt trigger once  $I_E$  is known.

For any given Schmitt trigger, the values of the upper trigger point and the lower trigger point are determined by the circuit use. Therefore, it is necessary only to calculate the value of  $R_E$ . Since  $I_C \cong I_E$ , the selection of values for  $V_{CC}$ ,  $I_C$  and UTP means that the circuit can be made to trigger at that point once the proper value of  $R_E$  is known.

*Why is the assumption  $I_C \cong I_E$  valid? (R6-3)*

For the UTP,

$$(R_{L2} + R_E) = \frac{V_{CC}}{I_C} \quad \text{Eq. 6.3}$$

and  $V_{RE} = UTP$

Therefore,

$$V_{RE} = V_{CC} \left( \frac{R_E}{R_{L2} + R_E} \right) \quad \text{Eq. 6.4}$$

so  $R_E = (V_{RE}/V_{CC})(R_{L2} + R_E)$

$$R_E = \left( \frac{V_{RE}}{V_{CC}} \right) \left( \frac{V_{CC}}{I_C} \right)$$

$$R_E = \frac{V_{RE}}{I_C}$$

and  $R_E = \frac{UTP}{I_C} \quad \text{Eq. 6.5}$

For a circuit where the required upper triggering point is 5 volts and the desired collector current at  $Q_2$  is 20 mA, calculate  $R_E$ . (R6-4)

### CALCULATING THE LOWER TRIGGERING POINT

Once  $Q_1$  is turned on and  $Q_2$  is turned off, the cycle of the Schmitt trigger is completed by turning off  $Q_1$  once more. When  $Q_1$  is on and  $Q_2$  is off, the volage across  $R_E$  changes and is given by the expression:

$$V_{RE} = (I_{EQ1})(R_E)$$

where  $I_{EQ1} = I_{CQ1}$

If  $Q_1$  is to be turned off, the input voltage (LTP) must be equal to  $V_{RE} = (I_{EQ1})(R_E)$ . The lower triggering point is selected by specifying the input voltage at which  $Q_1$  turns off. Once this value is selected, the proper value of  $V_{RE}$  is found by determining the value of  $R_{L1}$ .

$$V_{RE} = \left( \frac{R_E V_{CC}}{R_E + R_{L1}} \right) \quad \text{Eq. 6.6}$$

and  $R_{L1} = \left( \frac{R_E V_{CC}}{LTP} \right) - R_E$

### CALCULATING THE VALUES OF THE BASE RESISTORS

To complete the design of the Schmitt trigger circuit, it is necessary to determine the values of the two base resistors. The

value of  $R_{B1}$  must be less than the product of the  $hfe$  of  $Q_1$  times the value of  $R_E$ . To insure that an adequate value of  $R_{B1}$  is selected, a safety factor is used. Eq. 6.7 shows a safety factor of 10, but the factor may be as low as 2 and still provide an adequate value of  $R_{B1}$ .

$$R_{B1} = \left( \frac{hfe \times R_E}{10} \right) \quad \text{Eq. 6.7}$$

Since  $R_{B2}$  is in the circuit when  $Q_1$  is off, figure 6-3,  $R_{B2}$  can be calculated from Eq. 6.8.

$$R_{B2} = \frac{E_{RB2}}{I_{RB2}} \quad \text{Eq. 6.8}$$

where  $I_{RB2} = I_{B2} + I_{R2} \quad \text{Eq. 6.9}$

$$\text{and } I_{B2} = \frac{I_{C2}}{hfe}$$

$$I_{R2} = \frac{I_{C2}}{10}$$

Therefore,  $I_{RB2} = \frac{I_{C2}}{hfe} + \frac{I_{C2}}{10}$

with  $E_{RB2} = V_{CC} - E_{R_{L1}} - E_{R2} \quad \text{Eq. 6.10}$

$$E_{RB2} = V_{CC} - (I_C)(R_{L1}) - \frac{I_{C2}}{10}(R_2)$$

$$\text{and } R_2 = \frac{E_{R2}}{I_2} = \left( \frac{LTP}{\frac{I_{C2}}{10}} \right)$$

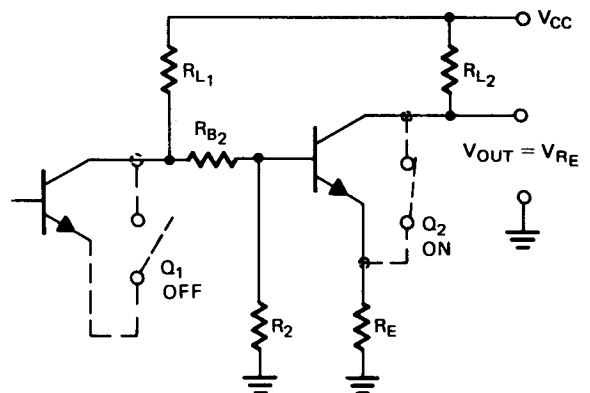


FIG. 6-3 CIRCUIT FOR SCHMITT TRIGGER CALCULATIONS

With the information given to this point in the unit, it is possible to design a Schmitt trigger circuit as demonstrated in the following problem.

### PROBLEM 1

Using the circuit of figure 6-4, a Schmitt trigger is to be designed to meet the following circuit specifications:

- $V_{CC} = 12$  volts
- Maximum  $I_C = 6$  mA
- UTP = 6 volts
- LTP = 3 volts

The transistors used in the circuit are silicon NPN transistors with  $h_{fe \text{ min}} = 20$ . Assume that the transistors are ideal and that  $I_{CBO} = 0$  (that is, the collector to base leakage current is zero). Also assume that the junction voltages are equal to zero.

Calculate the value of each resistor required to provide the proper biasing so that the Schmitt trigger will operate at the UTP and LTP values.

1. With no input signal, the circuit must be biased so that  $Q_2$  is on and  $Q_1$  is off. Use figure 6-5 to calculate the combined value of  $R_E$  and  $R_{L2}$ .

$$R_E + R_{L2} = \frac{V_{CC}}{I_{C2}}$$

$$= \frac{12 \text{ V}}{6 \text{ mA}}$$

$$R_E + R_{L2} = 2 \text{ k ohms}$$

2. If the junction voltage of the transistors is assumed to be zero, then

$$UTP = V_{RE2}$$

where  $V_{RE2}$  is the voltage across  $R_E$  when  $Q_2$  is on.  $V_{RE}$  can be determined using the voltage divider principle.

$$V_{RE2} = \frac{R_E V_{CC}}{(R_{L2} + R_E)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } V_{RE2} = \left( \frac{R_E V_{CC}}{2 \text{ k } \Omega} \right)$$

$$\text{and } UTP = \left( \frac{(R_E) (12 \text{ V})}{2 \text{ k } \Omega} \right)$$

$$6 \text{ V} = \left( \frac{(R_E) (12 \text{ V})}{2 \text{ k } \Omega} \right)$$

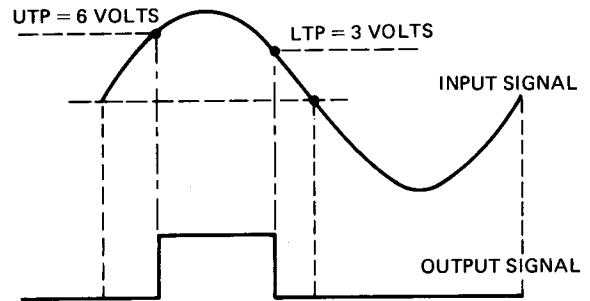
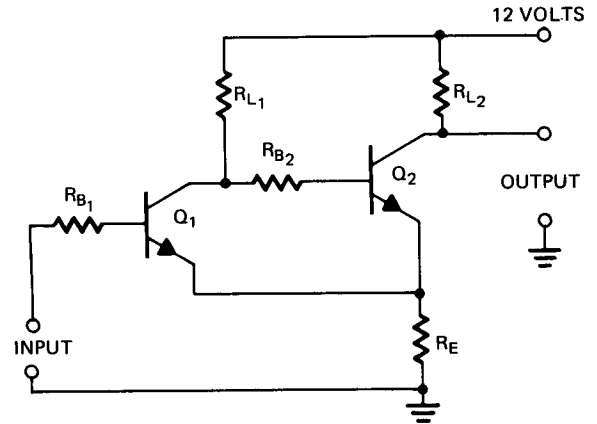


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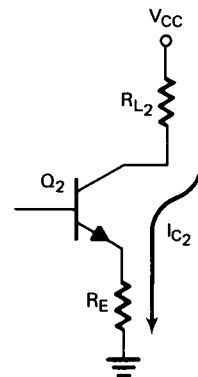


FIG. 6-5 COLLECTOR CURRENT WITH  $Q_2$  ON

Solve for  $R_E$ :

$$R_E = \left[ \frac{(6 \text{ V})(2 \text{ k}\Omega)}{12 \text{ V}} \right]$$

$$R_E = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

3. Since  $(R_{L2} + R_E) = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_{L2}$  can be found.

$$R_{L2} + 1 \text{ k}\Omega = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_{L2} = 2 \text{ k}\Omega - 1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$R_{L2} = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

4. Once  $Q1$  is turned on, an equivalent circuit can be drawn as shown in figure 6-6. To turn  $Q1$  off and complete the cycle of operation of the Schmitt trigger, the input voltage must be lowered to a point equal to the potential across  $R_E$  at this time. This voltage level is the lower trigger point (LTP).

The voltage divider method is again applied to obtain the following equation.

$$V_{R_{E1}} = \left( \frac{R_E V_{CC}}{R_E + R_{L1}} \right)$$

The equation for  $V_{R_{E1}}$  can be solved for  $R_{L1}$

To solve for  $R_{L1}$  we will transpose this equation to read

$$R_{L1} = \left[ \frac{R_E V_{CC}}{V_{R_E}} \right] - R_E$$

where  $V_{R_E} = LTP = 3 \text{ V}$

Therefore,

$$R_{L1} = \frac{(1 \text{ k}\Omega)(12 \text{ V})}{3 \text{ V}} - 1 \text{ k}\Omega$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_{L1} &= (1 \text{ k}\Omega)(4) - 1 \text{ k}\Omega \\ &= 4 \text{ k}\Omega - 1 \text{ k}\Omega \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{L1} = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$$

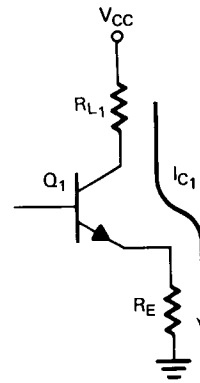


FIG. 6-6 COLLECTOR CURRENT WITH  $Q1$  ON

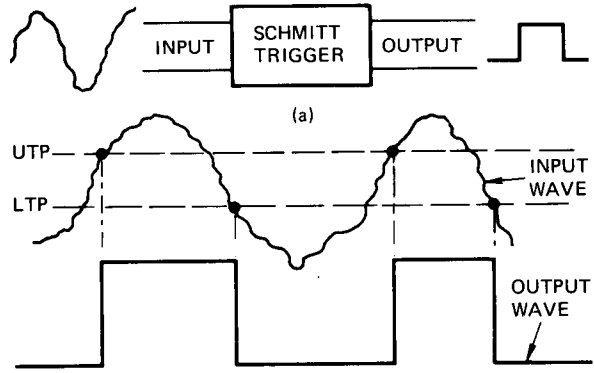


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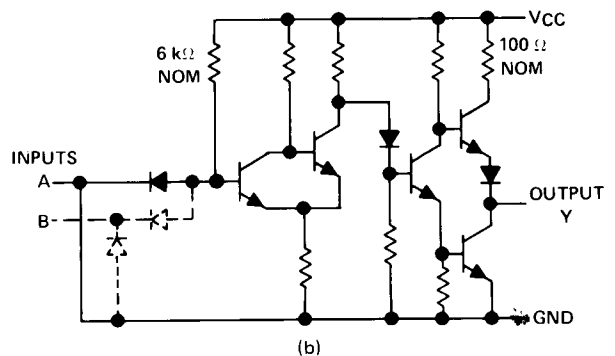
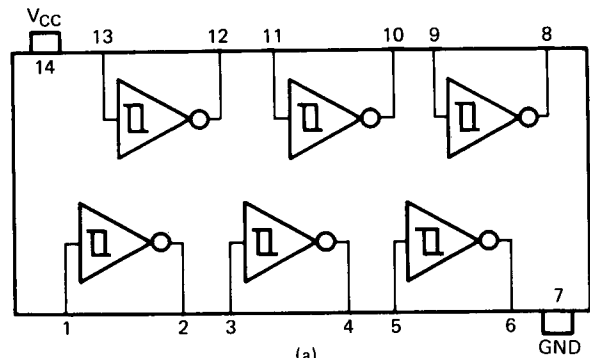


FIG. 6-8 MODEL SN7414 SCHMITT TRIGGER



5. To bias Q1 properly, the value of  $R_{B1}$  must be less than  $R_E$  times  $h_{fe}$  min. Therefore,

$$R_{B1} = \left[ \frac{(h_{fe} \text{ min}) (R_E)}{10} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(20) (1 \text{ k}\Omega)}{10} = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$$

(The expression can also be written using the less conservative safety factor:

$$R_{B1} = \left[ \frac{(h_{fe} \text{ min}) (R_E)}{2} \right]$$

6.  $R_{B2}$  can be found by the use of the following expression.

$$R_{B2} = \frac{E_{RB2}}{I_{RB2}}$$

Substitute Eq. 6.9 and Eq. 6.10 into the above equation to obtain:

$$R_{B2} = \frac{V_{CC} - E_{RL1} - E_{RL2}}{I_{B2} + I_{R2}}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{12 \text{ V} - (9 \text{ V})}{2 \left( \frac{I_{C2}}{h_{fe}} \right)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3 \text{ volts}}{(2) (0.3 \times 10^{-3})} =$$

$$R_{B2} = 5 \text{ k}\Omega$$

### USES OF THE SCHMITT TRIGGER

The Schmitt trigger circuit will produce a rectangular wave of constant amplitude and varying pulse width when a sine wave of varying amplitude is present at its input. The Schmitt trigger may be used as a pulse shaper as shown in figure 6-7, page 46. The figure shows that a noisy input pulse (or signal) is converted to a clean output pulse with a constant amplitude. Since the Schmitt trigger circuit uses only the upper and lower

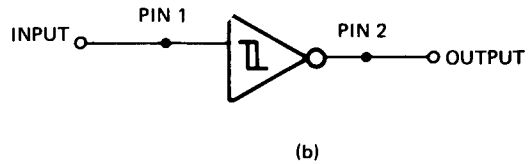
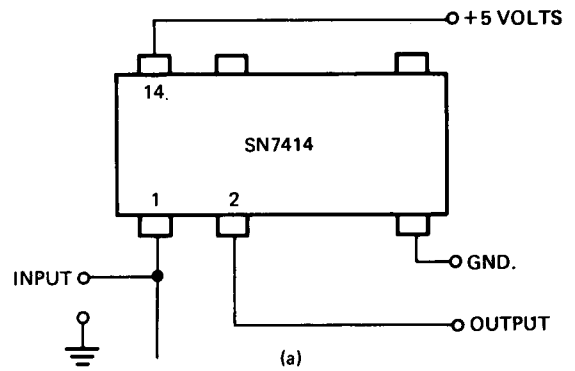


FIG. 6-9

triggering points (voltages), the shape of the input signal is unimportant.

### INTEGRATED CIRCUIT SCHMITT TRIGGERS

Schmitt trigger circuits are available in integrated circuit (IC) form, such as the Texas Instrument Model SN7414 Schmitt trigger. This device is shown in block diagram form in figure 6-8, page 46. The balance of figure 6-8 shows the schematic diagram of each of the six circuits shown in the block diagram. The input for this device is pins 1-3-5-9-11-13. The output is at pins 2-4-6-8-10-12.  $V_{CC}$  is at pin 14 and ground is pin 7.  $V_{CC}$  is common to all six circuits as is the ground connection. These connections are omitted on the block diagram in figure 6-8 for clarity. Figure 6-9 shows a typical circuit using an IC Schmitt trigger. The connections to the integrated circuit are shown in figure 6-9a and the schematic diagram is shown in figure 6-9b. This device has a UTP of approximately 1.66 volts and an LTP of approximately 0.85 volts.

## **EXTENDED STUDY TOPICS**

1. This unit investigated both discrete component and integrated circuit Schmitt trigger circuits. Construct the circuit of figure 6-4 and use this circuit to verify the theory outlined in this unit.
2. Describe several additional uses not covered in this unit for the Schmitt trigger circuit.
3. Construct the circuit of figure 6-9. Use various input waveforms (other than sine waves) to verify the theory of operation of this device.

# Multivibrators

## OBJECTIVES

After studying this unit, the student will be able to

- Describe and use the various types of multivibrator circuits
- Construct multivibrator circuits to produce the desired output waveforms.

Multivibrators are circuits which are capable of producing rectangular output waveshapes. Multivibrator circuits may be as simple as a mechanical switch connected to a load and dc supply, or they may be electronic switches which rely on the charging and discharging of RC time constant circuits to produce the desired output waveshapes. These electronic switches are usually regenerative transistor switch circuits. The Schmitt trigger circuit covered in Unit 6 is a form of multivibrator circuit. Three basic types of multivibrators will be covered in this unit:

- the *astable multivibrator* which is also known as a *free-running multivibrator*
- the *bistable multivibrator* which is also known as a *flip-flop* circuit (the bistable multivibrator will be examined in greater detail in the text DIGITAL LOGIC CIRCUITS)

- the *monostable multivibrator* which is also known as the *one-shot* or *time-delay multivibrator*

## THE ASTABLE MULTIVIBRATOR

The astable multivibrator is shown in figure 7-1a, page 50. This type of multivibrator consists of two cross-coupled inverter circuits. The output of one inverter circuit is the input of the other circuit. The main feature of this circuit is that both of the inverters cannot operate in the saturated condition simultaneously. Therefore, when one inverter is conducting the other inverter circuit is cut off. Since Q1 and Q2 are constantly changing states (between off and on), this type of multivibrator does not have a stable state or condition but has two semi-stable states.

At time  $t_0$  in the operation of the circuit in figure 7-1a, Q1 is conducting and Q2

is cut off. At this time, the collector of Q1 is at the ground potential and C<sub>1</sub> begins to charge toward V<sub>CC</sub>. As C<sub>1</sub> charges, its voltage is coupled to the base of Q2. When this voltage is sufficient to forward bias the base-emitter junction of Q2 and thus turn on Q2, the collector voltage at Q2 will begin to drop. As Q2 continues to conduct, its collector voltage decreases rapidly toward the ground potential. The voltage drop at the Q2 collector is coupled to the base of Q1 through C<sub>2</sub>. As a result, Q1 is reverse biased and turns off. The states of Q1 and Q2 have just been changed and now the process is reversed. In other words, C<sub>2</sub> begins to charge toward V<sub>CC</sub>. Q1 once again is forward biased and turns on. This change in the states of Q1 and Q2 will continue with the result that the output at either the Q1 collector or the Q2 collector is a train of pulses as shown in figure 7-2, page 51.

The length of time that either Q1 or Q2 is off is determined by the RC time constants of R<sub>1</sub>C<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub>C<sub>2</sub>. Recall from the study of time constants that the capacitor will charge to 50% of its maximum value of 0.69 TC. Therefore, the time during which each transistor is off is given by the following expressions:

$$\text{Time Q1 off} = 0.69R_2C_2 \quad \text{Eq. 7.1}$$

$$\text{Time Q2 off} = 0.69R_1C_1 \quad \text{Eq. 7.2}$$

In a symmetrical astable multivibrator, the total time for one period is twice the value of the time constant or,

$$\text{Time} = 1.38RC \quad \text{Eq. 7.3}$$

The frequency of the output waveform is given by Eq. 7.4

$$F = \frac{1}{1.38RC} \quad \text{Eq. 7.4}$$

where

$$R = R_1 = R_2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$C = C_1 = C_2$$

To produce varying output waveshapes, it is necessary to select the proper values of R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>, and C<sub>2</sub>.

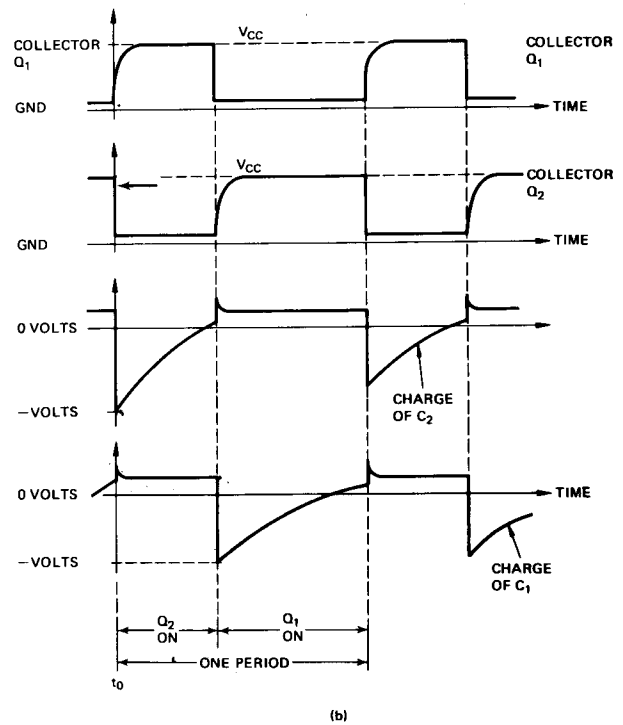
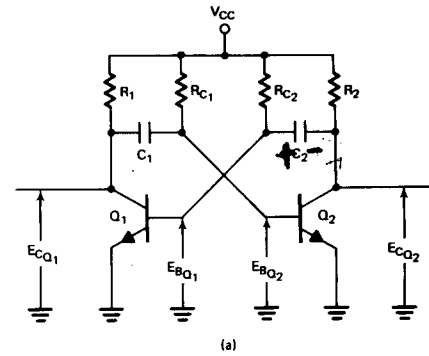


FIG. 7-1 THE ASTABLE MULTIVIBRATOR

To insure that the circuit functions properly, the transistor selected must have the proper value of  $h_{fe}$ . The minimum value of  $h_{fe}$  that will produce an output for the multivibrator is given by Eq. 7.5.

$$h_{fe_{min}} = \frac{R_{Timing}}{R_{Load}} \quad \text{Eq. 7.5}$$

where

$$R_{Load} = R_1 = R_2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$R_{Timing} = R_{C1} = R_{C2}$$

Why must a minimum  $h_{fe}$  be known before an astable multivibrator can be constructed? (R7-1)

### THE MONOSTABLE MULTIVIBRATOR

The monostable multivibrator has one stable state. Unlike the astable multivibrator which has two semistable states but no stable states, the monostable multivibrator has one stable state and one semistable state. Figure 7-3 shows that the monostable multivibrator is similar in construction to the astable multivibrator. In figure 7-1 for the astable multivibrator, both outputs are RC coupled back to the opposite inputs. For the monostable circuit, one output is RC coupled to the opposite input and the other output is resistively coupled to the opposite input.

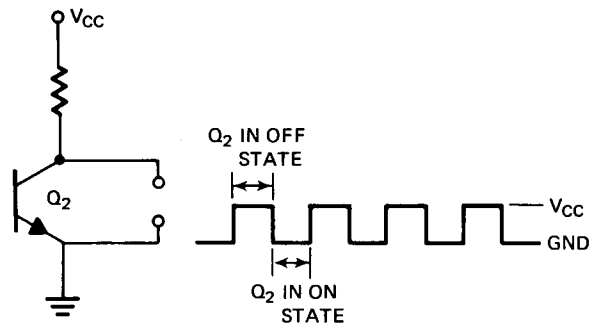


FIG. 7-2 OUTPUT WAVESHAPES AT COLLECTOR OF Q<sub>2</sub>

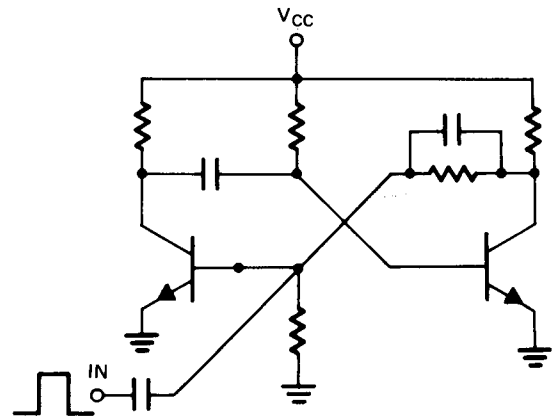


FIG. 7-3 THE MONOSTABLE (ONE-SHOT) MULTIVIBRATOR

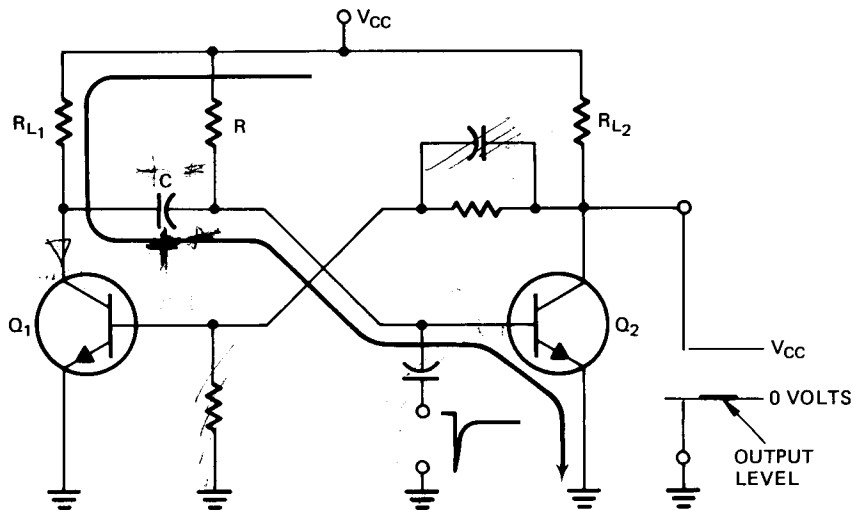


FIG. 7-4 THE MONOSTABLE MULTIVIBRATOR

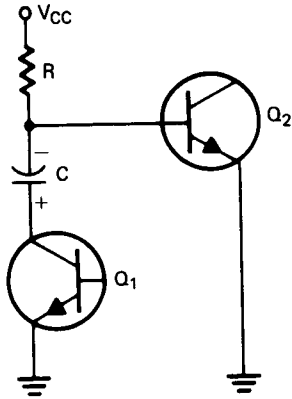


FIG. 7-5 CIRCUIT WHEN Q<sub>1</sub> TURNS ON

The monostable multivibrator will remain in its stable state until it receives an external trigger pulse which will cause it to change from its stable state to its semistable state. The monostable circuit remains in the semistable state for a time which is determined by the time constant RC.

**Monostable Multivibrator Operation**

The following description of the operation of the monostable multivibrator is based on the circuit shown in figure 7-4, page 51. Initially, the monostable circuit is in its stable state where Q1 is off and Q2 is on. The capacitor C will charge to the value V<sub>CC</sub> and the output voltage at the collector of Q2 will be at the ground potential. This voltage level is fed to the base of Q1 and Q1 remains in the off state.

If a negative pulse of sufficient amplitude and duration is applied to the base of Q2, Q2 is reverse biased and turns off. As a result, the collector voltage of Q2 increases to the value V<sub>CC</sub>. This increased Q2 collector voltage is coupled to the base of Q1 and Q1 is turned on. The Q1 collector voltage now goes to the ground potential and capacitor C begins to charge from a negative V<sub>CC</sub> to a positive V<sub>CC</sub>, figures 7-5 and 7-6. As the capacitor C charges toward +V<sub>CC</sub>, a voltage level is reached which applies a forward bias

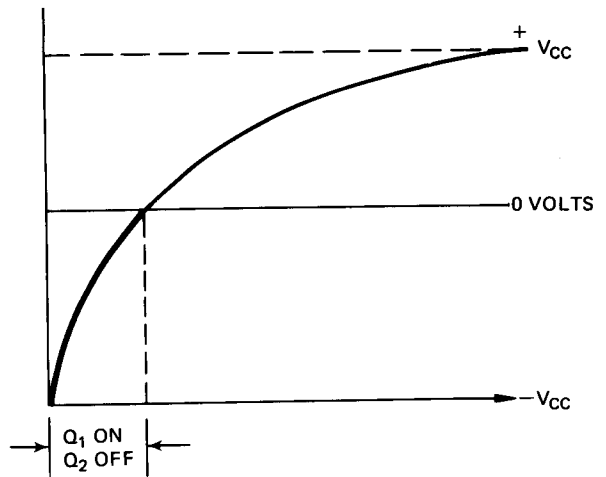


FIG. 7-6 CHARGE OF C FROM -V<sub>CC</sub> TO +V<sub>CC</sub>

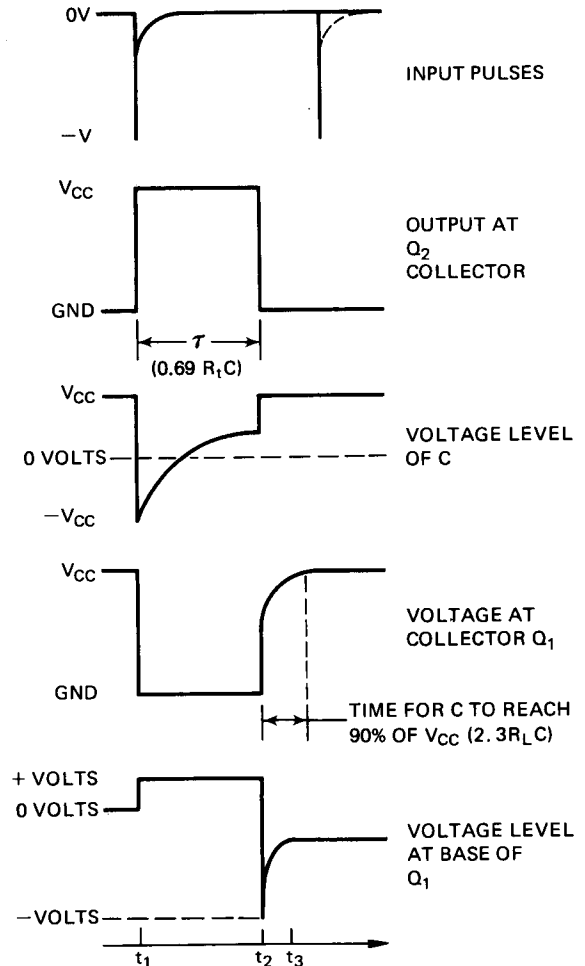


FIG. 7-7 TIMING DIAGRAM FOR MONO-STABLE MULTIVIBRATOR

Stable Q1 off Q2 on → 15V → positive  
 0V  
 unstable Q1 on Q2 off 13V → 0V → negative

at the base of Q2 and Q2 turns on. As a result, the collector of Q2 returns to the ground potential. The monostable multivibrator thus is in its stable state again and is waiting for the next input pulse. Figure 7-7, page 52, is a timing diagram of the input pulse and output pulse waveshapes for the monostable multivibrator. The duration of the output pulse for this multivibrator can be controlled by selecting the values of R and C.

Note in figure 7-6 that the capacitor charges from a negative  $V_{CC}$  to a positive  $V_{CC}$ . When the capacitor reaches a charge of approximately 50% of its total charge,

the voltage level is sufficient to forward bias Q2. The output pulse at the collector of Q2 is high at this time. Therefore, the time duration of the output pulse of the monostable multivibrator is the time required for C to reach 50% of its maximum value or  $T = 0.69RC$  (as indicated previously in the study of time constants).

*What is the duration of the positive going output pulse of the multivibrator circuit in figure 7-5 if  $R = 10\text{ k}\Omega$  and  $C = 0.03\text{ }\mu\text{F}$ ? (R7-2) If the value of  $V_{CC}$  for a monostable multivibrator doubles in value, what change occurs in the duration of the pulse? (R7-3)*

## LABORATORY EXERCISE 7-1: MULTIVIBRATOR CIRCUIT CONSTRUCTION

### PURPOSE

- To construct and analyze the operation of a monostable multivibrator

### MATERIALS

The components for this laboratory exercise are to be specified by the instructor.

### PROCEDURE

- Using the circuit given in figure 7-4, construct a monostable multivibrator circuit.
- Calculate the duration of the output pulse (positive going).
- Measure the waveshapes out as the multivibrator is triggered.
- Record the following values:
  - Minimum triggering level
  - Maximum input triggering rate (frequency of the input trigger pulse); this value is approximately equal to

$$\frac{1}{0.69RC + 2.3 R_L C}$$

The value for the maximum input trigger frequency indicates the fastest rate at which the multivibrator can be externally triggered. This value allows for the recovery time of the monostable multivibrator after it produces its output pulse.

What is the output duration of the positive going waveform of this multivibrator circuit?

How does the measured value compare with the calculated value of the output duration?

E. Replace resistor R with a 4.7-k $\Omega$  resistor and a 5-k $\Omega$  potentiometer in series.

What are the maximum and minimum values that can now be produced by the multivibrator?

### INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MULTIVIBRATORS

The use of integrated circuits in modern electronics has somewhat simplified the task of the circuit designer. Compare the complexity of the circuit given in figure 7-4 with that of the circuit given in figure 7-8 for an integrated circuit monostable multivibrator.

Only two external components are required to construct the multivibrator circuit in figure 7-8. This circuit can produce output pulses having a duration time range of 40 nanoseconds to 40 seconds. The desired output duration is controlled by varying the values of  $R_T$  and  $C_T$ .

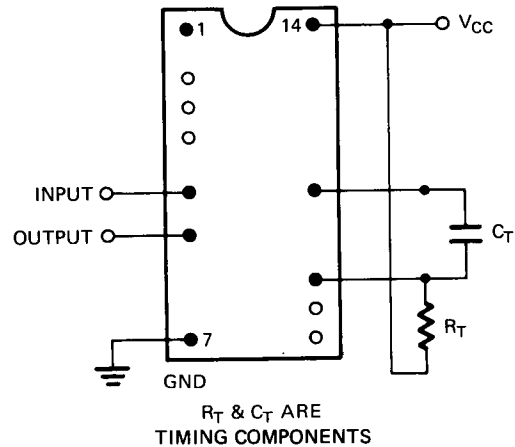


FIG. 7-8 EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS FOR AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MONOSTABLE MULTIVIBRATOR

### LABORATORY EXERCISE 7-2: ANALYSIS OF AN IC MULTIVIBRATOR CIRCUIT

#### PURPOSE

- To construct and analyze a monostable multivibrator circuit using an integrated circuit multivibrator

#### MATERIALS

- 1 Integrated circuit, TI SN74121
- 1 Potentiometer, 10 k $\Omega$
- 1 Capacitor, 1.0  $\mu$ F
- 1 Dc power supply

#### PROCEDURE

- Construct the circuit shown in figure 7-9.

**CAUTION:** Do not exceed 5.0 V at  $V_{CC}$ ; the input pulse = 2.0 V; the minimum input pulse duration = 50 nsec; do not set the potentiometer below 2 k $\Omega$ .

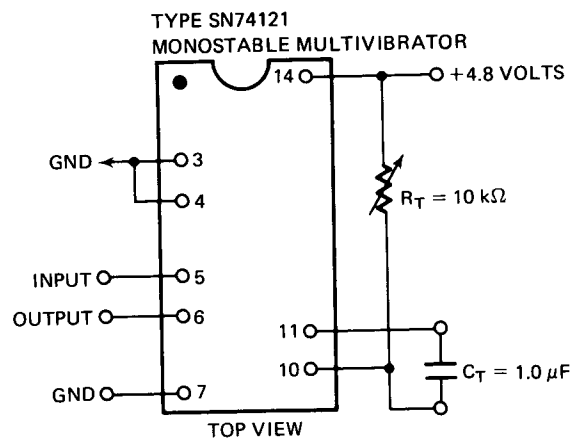


FIG. 7-9 CIRCUIT VALUES FOR AN IC MONOSTABLE MULTIVIBRATOR CIRCUIT



- B. 1. Set the potentiometer to 5 k  $\Omega$ .  
 2. Apply an input pulse and measure the output pulse width and amplitude.  
 3. Vary the potentiometer setting and note any resulting changes in the output pulse waveforms.

List three applications for the monostable multivibrator. (R7-4)

Why is the monostable multivibrator also called a time-delay or one-shot multivibrator? (R7-5)

## THE BISTABLE (FLIP-FLOP) MULTIVIBRATOR

The bistable multivibrator has two stable states and must be triggered externally to change from one state to the other.

The circuit in figure 7-10 will be used to investigate the construction and operation of the bistable multivibrator. This circuit has the following characteristics:  $R_{L1} = R_{L2}$ ,  $R_{B1} = R_{B2}$ , and  $R_{in1} = R_{in2}$ . As a result, this circuit is called a *symmetrical bistable multivibrator*. The output of the circuit is taken from either one of the collectors (both collectors may be used for special applications). The bistable circuit has a characteristic in common with the other multivibrator circuits covered previously in that if one transistor is conducting, the other transistor is forced (by biasing) to the off state. When Q2 is off, its collector is at a positive value. If  $R_{B2}$  is selected to be smaller than  $R_{in1}$ , then the base of Q1 will be forward biased and Q1 will conduct. The circuit will remain in this condition with Q1 on and Q2 off until some outside disturbance causes a change. For example, a positive pulse applied to the base of Q2 will cause Q2 to conduct and the collector voltage of Q2 will begin to drop. This drop in voltage is then coupled to the base of Q1 through  $R_{B2}$  and causes the Q1 collector voltage to increase. The increase in the collector voltage at Q1 is, in turn, coupled to the base of Q2 through  $R_{B1}$ . The increase in the base voltage of Q2 turns on Q2 more fully and the Q2 collector voltage decreases even more. This

sequence of events repeats until Q2 is in the on state and Q1 is in the off state. The input trigger voltage is applied just long enough for the off transistor (Q2) to begin to conduct. The trigger voltage can then be removed and the cycle continues until Q2 is on and Q1 is off. The next input trigger voltage is applied

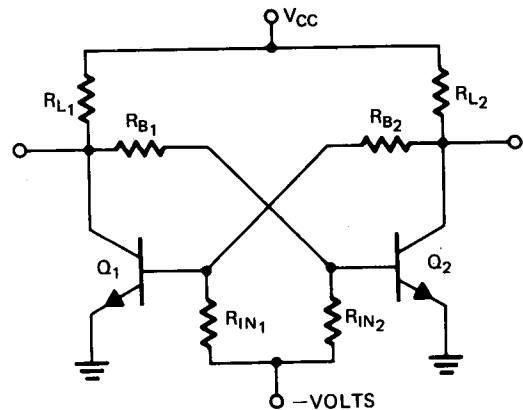


FIG. 7-10 THE BASIC BISTABLE (FLIP-FLOP) MULTIVIBRATOR (COLLECTOR COUPLED)

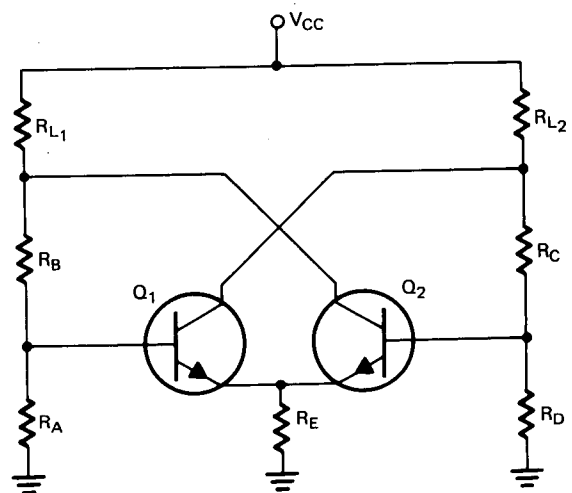


FIG. 7-11 THE EMITTER-COUPLED BISTABLE MULTIVIBRATOR

to the base of Q1 and the circuit flips back to its original state. Therefore, as the input pulses are applied, the bistable multivibrator flips back and forth between its two stable states.

### THE EMITTER-COUPLED BISTABLE MULTIVIBRATOR

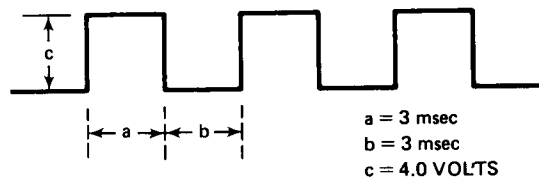
The circuit for an emitter-coupled bistable multivibrator is shown in figure 7-11, page 55. The circuit is similar to the collector-coupled bistable multivibrator circuit in figure 7-10, page 55, except that the emitters are tied together and then to ground through a common emitter resistor. For both types of circuits, however, if one transistor is on,

the other is off. If it is assumed that Q1 is the on transistor, figure 7-11, page 55, then its collector will be at a low potential. This low potential is felt at the base of Q2 which is biased in the off state. If the base of Q1 is grounded momentarily so that it is reverse biased, the collector voltage of Q1 will begin to increase to the value  $V_{CC}$ . As a result, Q2 will be forward biased, its collector voltage will decrease, and Q1 will cut off.

The primary advantage of the emitter-coupled bistable multivibrator as compared to the collector-coupled bistable circuit is that the former requires only one voltage source (figure 7-11, page 55).

### EXTENDED STUDY TOPICS

1. Construct and test the circuit of figure 7-11.
2. Design a symmetrical astable multivibrator whose output waveshape is as shown in figure 7-12.
3. a. Construct a monostable multivibrator with an output pulse width of 1.0 second using a TI SN74121.  
 b. Construct a second circuit with an output pulse of 10 milliseconds using a TI SN74121 (Refer to a specification sheet for this integrated circuit).



DESIRED OUTPUT

FIG. 7-12

# **SECTION 2 NUMBER SYSTEMS AND BOOLEAN ALGEBRA**

## The binary number system

### OBJECTIVES

After studying this unit, the student will be able to

- Solve simple arithmetic problems using the binary number system.

### DECIMAL NUMBERS

Before continuing the study of pulse and logic circuits, the student will find that it is necessary to understand the binary number system and its use. The student has probably performed mathematical calculations to this point using the *decimal system*. This system consists of ten (deci) units or digits as shown in the following table.

<u>Written</u>	<u>Spoken</u>
0	zero
1	one
2	two
3	three
4	four
5	five
6	six
7	seven
8	eight
9	nine

Any number of units can be represented by these ten digits. When the digits are arranged in columns, each column is weighted

so that a digit will have a certain value depending on the column in which it is located. For example, the two-digit decimal number thirty-six is written as: 36. Note that this number is written in two columns. Starting to the left of the decimal point, the first column contains the number six (6) and the second column contains the number three (3). To arrive at the actual decimal number represented by the written 36, the weighted values of each column must be expressed. Each column is weighted as a power of ten. The first column has a weighted value of  $10^0$  or one (1). The second column has a weighted value of  $10^1$  or ten (10).

Therefore, for the number 36, there are six (6) units in the first column, weighted to a value of  $10^0$ :

$$6 \times 10^0 = 6 \text{ units}$$

Now, the weighted value of column 2 must be added:

$$3 \times 10^1 = 30 \text{ units}$$

Column one plus column two yields:

$$30 + 6 = 36$$

The number 274 is expressed in the decimal system as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \text{ units at } 10^0 = 4 \times 10^0 = 4 \\ \text{plus } 7 \text{ units at } 10^1 = 7 \times 10^1 = 70 \\ \text{plus } 2 \text{ units at } 10^2 = 2 \times 10^2 = \underline{200} \\ 274 \end{array}$$

Since we all use the decimal system from the time we begin to learn mathematics, this explanation of the system is given only as a reminder of the way in which a number is represented.

### THE BINARY NUMBER SYSTEM

The binary number system contains only two (bi) units or digits.

<u>Written</u>	<u>Spoken</u>
0	zero
1	one

As a result, any quantities which are to be represented in the binary system must be written using only the two digits zero and one. For example, the binary number (one, one) is written as: 11 (*this is not the number eleven*)

How many units are represented by this number? Each column is given a weighted value (just as in the decimal system). For this system, however, the weighted values are based on powers of two rather than on powers of ten. Therefore, for the number 11, the first column to the left of the decimal point has a weighted value of:

$$2^0 \text{ or one (1)}$$

The second column has a weighted value of:

$$2^1 \text{ or two (2)}$$

As a result the number (one, one) in the binary system represents three units.

Therefore, in column one

$$1 \text{ unit at } 2^0 = 1 \times 2^0 = 1$$

plus, in column two

$$1 \text{ unit at } 2^1 = 1 \times 2^1 = 2$$

Adding:  $1 + 2 = 3$  units.

Remember, number systems are used to denote how many of something. Eleven units in the decimal system is still eleven units in the binary system. However, the written representations of the number are different.

<u>Spoken</u>	<u>Decimal (Written)</u>	<u>Binary (Written)</u>
Eleven	11.	1011.
Twenty-Two	22.	10110.

Since the binary system consists of only two digits, it becomes quite awkward to write large numbers. For example, the number sixty-four is shown as a decimal number and as a binary number:

<u>Decimal (Written)</u>	<u>Binary (Written)</u>
64	1000000

### WEIGHTING OF COLUMNS

Table 8-1, page 60, shows how the columns are weighted for both the binary number system and the decimal system.

For any number, to determine how many units are being represented, multiply the digit in any column by the weighting factor of that column and then add each answer.

This process is simple in the binary system since there are only two digits available, zero (0) and one (1).

#### PROBLEM 1

How many units are represented by the following binary numbers?

(a) 1010101

#### Solution

Place each of the digits in its appropriate column.

$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$	
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	. (radix)

Decimal	$10^n$	$\dots$	$10^4$	$10^3$	$10^2$	$10^1$	$10^0$	.	$10^{-1}$	$10^{-2}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-4}$	$\dots$	$10^{-n}$
	* (radix)													
Binary	$2^n$	$\dots$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$	.	$2^{-1}$	$2^{-2}$	$2^{-3}$	$2^{-4}$	$\dots$	$2^{-n}$
	* (radix)													

\* The radix is the decimal point.

Table 8-1 Weighting of columns

The following operations are to be performed.

$$1 \times 2^6 + 0 \times 2^5 + 1 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$$

The result is:

$$1 \times 64 + 0 + 1 \times 16 + 0 + 1 \times 4 + 0 + 1 \times 1$$

Adding these numbers yields:

$$64 + 16 + 4 + 1 = 85 \text{ units}$$

(The final answer in this example, and in those that follow, is given in the decimal form simply because this system is the one which most people use most of the time.)

(b) 1101

**Solution**

Place each of the digits in the appropriate column.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 2^3 & 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

Thus,

$$1 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$$

$$\text{or } 1 \times 8 + 1 \times 4 + 0 + 1 \times 1$$

$$\text{Adding, } 8 + 4 + 1 = 13 \text{ units}$$

(c) 101.101

**Solution**

Place each of the digits in the appropriate column.

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 2^2 & 2^1 & 2^0 & . & 2^{-1} & 2^{-2} & 2^{-3} \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & . & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

Now break the problem into two halves. Use the decimal point (the radix) as the dividing point.

To the left of the radix:

$$1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$$

$$\text{or, } 1 \times 4 + 0 + 1 \times 1$$

$$\text{Adding, } 4 + 1 = 5 \text{ units}$$

To the right of the radix:

$$1 \times 2^{-1} + 0 \times 2^{-2} + 1 \times 2^{-3}$$

$$1 \times 0.5 + 0 \times 0.25 + 1 \times 0.125$$

$$\text{Adding, } 0.5 + 0 + 0.125 = 0.625 \text{ units}$$

Combine the two halves to obtain the complete decimal number:

$$5 + 0.625 =$$

$$5.625 \text{ units}$$

**ADDITION OF BINARY NUMBERS**

To add binary numbers, the following simple rules must be observed.

$$1 + 0 = \text{sum of 1 and carry of 0}$$

$$0 + 1 = \text{sum of 1 and carry of 0}$$

$$1 + 1 = \text{sum of 0 and carry of 1}$$

$$0 + 0 = \text{sum of 0 and carry of 0}$$

**PROBLEM 2**

Add binary 10 to binary 11 (decimal 2 to decimal 3).

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ +3 \\ \hline 5 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 10. \\ 11. \\ \hline ? \end{array}$$

(a) The first column to the left of the radix contains a zero (0) and a one (1).

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ \underline{1} \end{array}$$

According to the binary addition rules, the sum of 0 and 1 is one (1) and a carry of zero (0).

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \quad \text{carry} \\ 0 \\ \underline{1} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

The carry is placed in the next column to the left.

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \leftarrow \text{carry} \\ \boxed{\begin{array}{r} 1 \quad 0 \\ \underline{1 \quad 1} \\ 1 \end{array}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{original} \\ \text{problem} \end{array} \end{array}$$

(b) The second column now contains three digits which are added two at a time.

$$\text{Add } \boxed{\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ 1 \\ \underline{1} \end{array}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{second} \\ \text{column} \\ \text{only} \end{array}$$

Adding the zero and one as shown gives a sum of one with a carry of zero.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{carry} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{sum} \rightarrow 1 \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ 1 \\ \underline{1} \end{array}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{second} \\ \text{column only} \end{array} \\ \text{carry} \rightarrow 1 \quad \leftarrow 1 \quad \boxed{\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \underline{1} \end{array}} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{add this to one,} \\ \text{from one and} \\ \text{zero addition} \end{array} \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

This one is added to the third one, giving a zero with a carry of one. The final one and zero (the carry digits) are now added together. The final answer is as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{carry} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{column 2} \\ \text{carry} \rightarrow 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 1 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{column 1} \end{array}$$

Add the following binary numbers.

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \ 1 \ 0 \\ \underline{1 \ 0 \ 1} \end{array} \quad (R8-1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \ 0 \ 1 \\ \underline{1 \ 1 \ 0} \end{array} \quad (R8-2)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \ 1 \ 1 \\ \underline{1 \ 0 \ 1} \end{array} \quad (R8-3)$$

### SUBTRACTION OF BINARY NUMBERS

To subtract binary numbers, the set of rules listed below must be followed.

0 - 0 = difference of zero and borrow of zero

1 - 0 = difference of one and borrow of zero

0 - 1 = difference of one and borrow of one

1 - 1 = difference of zero and borrow of zero

#### PROBLEM 3

Subtract the binary 3 (011) from the binary five (101).

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \ 0 \ 1 \\ - 0 \ 1 \ 1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Start in the column of the least significant digit (at the right) and apply the subtraction rules given.

(a) One minus one gives a difference of zero and a borrow of zero. A borrow is always made from the column to the immediate left of the column in which the arithmetic operation is occurring.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{borrowed } 1 \ 0 \ 1 \\ - 0 \ 1 \ 1 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

(b) Now move to the left to the next column: zero minus one. The difference of this column is one with a borrow of one. Since the borrow must be from the column to the immediate left, the third column is now blank. The one of the third column is "borrowed" to complete the arithmetic of the second column. The final answer for this subtraction problem is:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{borrowed } \textcircled{1} \ 0 \ 1 = 5 \\ 0 \ 1 \ 1 = 3 \\ \hline 1 \ 0 = 2 \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{r} \text{borrowed } \textcircled{1} \ 0 \ 1 \\ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \\ 1 \ 0 \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{decimal} \\ \text{equivalent} \end{array}$$

Using the rules of binary arithmetic, solve the following problems in subtraction.

$$\begin{array}{r} 111 \\ \underline{101} \end{array} \quad (R8-4)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 101 \\ \underline{001} \end{array} \quad (R8-5)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 110 \\ \underline{101} \end{array} \quad (R8-6)$$

### SUBTRACTION BY THE COMPLEMENT METHOD

Binary numbers can also be subtracted by a method called the *complement method*.

#### PROBLEM 4

As in Problem 3, subtract the binary three (011) from the binary five (101).

- (a) State the problem as shown.

$$\begin{array}{r} 101 \\ - 011 \end{array}$$

- (b) The next step is to complement the subtrahend. In other words, the value of each of the digits is reversed or complemented. The complement of one (1) is zero (0), and the complement of zero (0) is one (1). The problem is now written in the following form.

$$\begin{array}{r} 101 \\ \underline{100} \end{array} \quad \text{complement}$$

- (c) Instead of subtracting the two sets of numbers, they are now added.

$$\begin{array}{r} 101 \\ \underline{100} \\ 1001 \end{array}$$

- (d) The final step is to take the most significant digit (MSD) of the answer (digit on the left) and add it to the least significant digit (LSD) (the digit on the right).

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \text{MSD} & & & \text{LSD} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & & & 1 \\ & & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$

Thus, the final answer is 10, the binary expression for two.

The reason for the use of the subtraction by complement method will become apparent in the study of computer arithmetic operations in Unit 11.

### CONVERSION OF DECIMAL NUMBERS TO BINARY NUMBERS

Earlier in this unit, a method was given for converting a binary number to its decimal equivalent. It is also important that the student be able to convert decimal numbers to binary numbers. The following example illustrates a method of performing this conversion.

#### PROBLEM 5

Convert the number seventy (70) from the decimal system (base ten system) to the binary system (base two system).

Seventy in the base ten system is written as  $70_{10}$ . The required conversion in the base two system is expressed as  $X_2$ .

The problem can then be stated as:  $70_{10} = X_2$ . The method used to solve the problem is called the Quotient-Remainder method:

Divide the number to be converted by the base of the number system of the answer and record the remainder. Continue to divide the new quotients and record the remainders.

Therefore, to convert  $70_{10}$  to its binary equivalent, first divide 70 by 2 (the base of the binary system).

$$2 \overline{)70}$$



The division yields a quotient of 35 and a remainder of 0. Record this remainder. Now divide the new quotient (35) by 2 and so on.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \overline{)70} \\
 \underline{2 \overline{)35}} \quad + 0 \\
 \quad 2 \overline{)17} \quad + 1 \\
 \quad \quad 2 \overline{)8} \quad + 1 \\
 \quad \quad \quad 2 \overline{)4} \quad + 0 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad 2 \overline{)2} \quad + 0 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 2 \overline{)1} \quad + 0 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 0 \quad + 1 \\
 \hline
 \end{array}$$

Write the remainders from left to right starting with the last remainder.

last remainder  $\xrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}}$

Therefore,  $70_{10} = \underline{1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0}_2$

Check the solution of Problem 5 by converting the binary number back to its decimal equivalent. (R8-7)

Convert  $68_{10}$  to its binary equivalent ( $68_{10} = X_2$ ). (R8-8)

Complete the following chart.

	Binary	Decimal
(1)	0 0 0 1	1
(2)	_____	2
(3)	0 0 1 1	_____
(4)	0 1 0 0	4
(5)	_____	5
(6)	0 1 1 0	_____
(7)	0 1 1 1	7
(8)	_____	8
(9)	_____	9
(10)	_____	10

(R8-9)

# Boolean algebra

## OBJECTIVES

After studying this unit, the student will be able to

- Apply the basic rules of Boolean algebra.
- Write a Boolean equation for a given set of conditions.

## INTRODUCTION

In approximately 1847, George Boole wrote several papers on the mathematical analysis of logic. Boole's logic, which came to be known as *Boolean algebra*, is based on the assumption that a statement is either true or false. For this reason, Boolean algebra is sometimes called the *true - false logic*. Boolean algebra statements can be represented by the two digits of the binary number system. That is, the two numbers, 1 and 0, in the binary system are used to represent the true and false logic statements.

Both of these mathematical systems, the binary number system and Boolean algebra, are compatible with electronic circuits, as shown by the example in the following chart.

Electronic Circuit	Boolean Expression	Binary Digit
signal current or voltage	True	1
no signal current or voltage	False	0

A positive logic representation is shown in the chart. For a negative logic representation the reverse of the chart is used.

### The AND and OR Symbols

One of the more confusing aspects of Boolean algebra for the beginner is the use of the symbols  $+$  and  $\times$ . In Boolean algebra, these symbols *do not* mean add and multiply. The  $+$  symbol is assigned the name OR and the  $\times$  symbol is assigned the name AND. The Boolean expression  $A + B$  is read as A OR B and the Boolean expression  $A \times B$  is read as A AND B.

The student must know the following operations concerning the AND and OR terms before continuing the study of Boolean algebra.

1.  $0 + 0 = 0$  (zero OR zero equals zero)
2.  $0 + 1 = 1$  (zero OR one equals one)
3.  $1 + 1 = 1$  (one OR one equals one)
4.  $0 \times 0 = 0$  (zero AND zero equal zero)
5.  $0 \times 1 = 0$  (zero AND one equal zero)
6.  $1 \times 1 = 1$  (one AND one equal one)

The following statements are true in Boolean algebra and are the rules by which Boolean algebra must be operated.

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= A \times B = A \text{ AND } B \\ (A) (B) &= A \times B = A \text{ AND } B \\ A \cdot B &= A \times B = A \text{ AND } B \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} A \times 1 &= A \text{ (A and one equal A)} \\ A \times 0 &= 0 \text{ (A and zero equal zero)} \\ A \times A &= 0 \text{ (A and not A equal zero)} \\ A \times A &= A \text{ (A and A equal A)} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} A + 1 &= 1 \text{ (A or one equals one)} \\ A + 0 &= A \text{ (A or zero equals A)} \\ A + A &= A \text{ (A or not A equals A)} \\ A + A &= A \text{ (A or A equals A)} \\ A(A + B) &= A \text{ (A and A or B equal A)} \\ A + (AB) &= A \text{ (A or A and B equals A)} \end{aligned}$$

The final set of rules by which Boolean algebra operates consists of the Commutative Laws, the Associative Laws, and the Distributive Laws.

#### Commutative Laws

$$\begin{aligned} A \times B &= B \times A && \text{multiplication} \\ A + B &= B + A && \text{addition} \end{aligned}$$

#### Associative Laws

$$\begin{aligned} A(B \times C) &= (A \times B) C && \text{multiplication} \\ A + (B + C) &= (A + B) + C && \text{addition} \end{aligned}$$

#### Distributive Laws

$$\begin{aligned} A(B + C) &= AB + AC && \text{multiplication} \\ A + (B \times C) &= (A + B)(A + C) && \text{addition} \\ A + BC &= (A + B)(A + C) \end{aligned}$$

The truth of any of the Boolean algebra laws can be proved. For example, the steps which follow are a proof of the addition section of the Distributive Law.

Proof.  $A + BC = (A + B)(A + C)$

1. The right-hand side of this expression can be expanded to:

$$(A + B)(A + C) = AA + AC + AB + BC$$

2. The common A can be factored from the first three terms of the expression to yield:

$$A(1 + C + B) + BC$$

3. Since A and anything equals A (from the rules applying to Boolean algebra), the A expression in step 2 becomes

$$A(1 + C + B) = A$$

4. Therefore

$$A + BC = A + BC$$

To summarize:

$$\begin{aligned} A + BC &= (A + B)(A + C) \\ &= AA + AC + AB + BC \\ &= A(1 + C + B) + BC \\ &= A + BC \end{aligned}$$

### USE OF BOOLEAN EQUATIONS

For the average technician, an extensive use of Boolean algebra will not be required. There will be times, however, when the rules of Boolean algebra can be applied to a circuit to help the technician understand the operation of the circuit.

The principles of Boolean algebra can be applied readily to the electrical circuits of the automobile.

In most automobiles, when the ignition is first turned on, prior to starting the engine, several lights on the dashboard turn on. In general, these lights are for the oil pressure indicator, the engine temperature indicator, and the battery charge/discharge indicator. Figure 9-1, page 66, illustrates what happens for the two conditions occurring when the ignition is on. When the ignition key is on, but the engine is not running, then these indicator lights are on. When the ignition key is on, and the engine is running and all of the systems are operating normally, then these indicators lamps are off.

To be effective, an indicator lamp must light when there is a problem with the automobile. For example, the following two

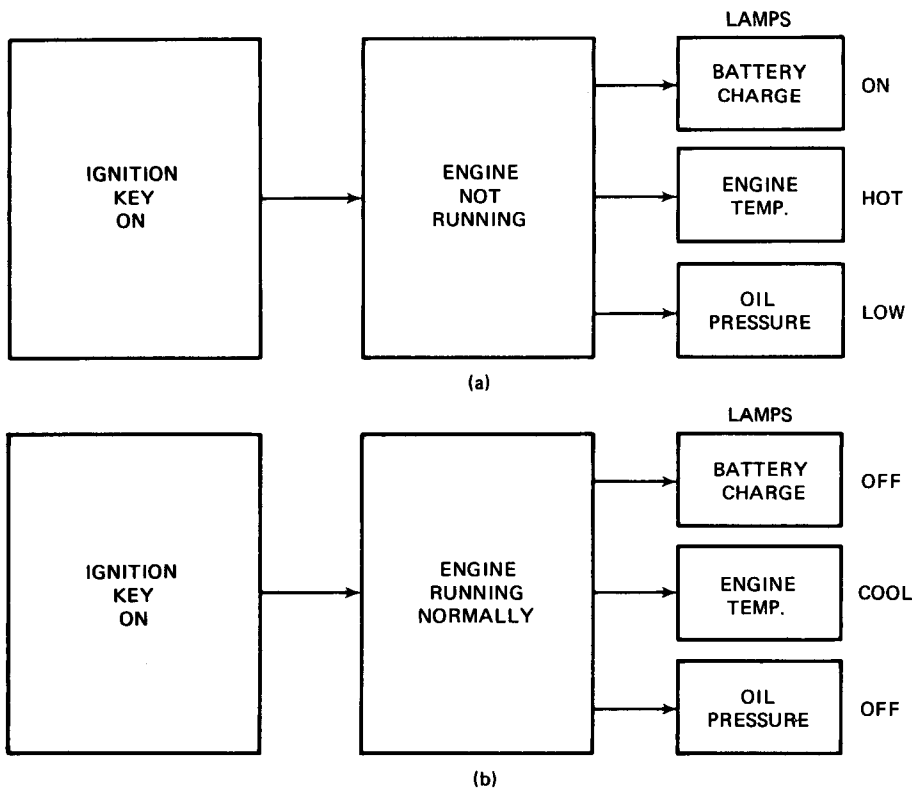


FIG. 9-1 BOOLEAN ALGEBRA ILLUSTRATION

conditions will cause the oil pressure lamp to light.

1. When the engine is not running and the ignition key is on.
2. When the engine is running but the oil pressure is low.

A Boolean equation can be written to specify the proper sequence of conditions for the operation of the oil pressure lamp. To write the equation, a code is assigned to each of the conditions encountered in the operation of the lamp.

Code	Name	Condition
$A$	A	ignition key on
$\bar{A}$	Not A	ignition key off
$B$	B	engine running
$\bar{B}$	Not B	engine not running
$C$	C	oil pressure at proper level
$\bar{C}$	Not C	oil pressure low

Two equations can be written for the two sets of conditions that cause the oil pressure indicator lamp to come on.

1.  $(A) (\bar{B}) = \text{Lamp}$
2.  $(A) (B) (\bar{C}) = \text{Lamp}$

Equations 1 and 2 can be combined to obtain:

$$A\bar{B} + AB\bar{C} = \text{Lamp}$$

This expression is read as:

A and not B or A and B and not C will complete the circuit to light the lamp.

### RELAY CIRCUITS

As another example of the application of Boolean algebra, consider a relay circuit. Assume that a closed or short circuit is represented by a one (1), and an open circuit is represented by a zero (0). The relay symbols that will be used in relay circuit diagrams are shown in figure 9-2a, page 67.

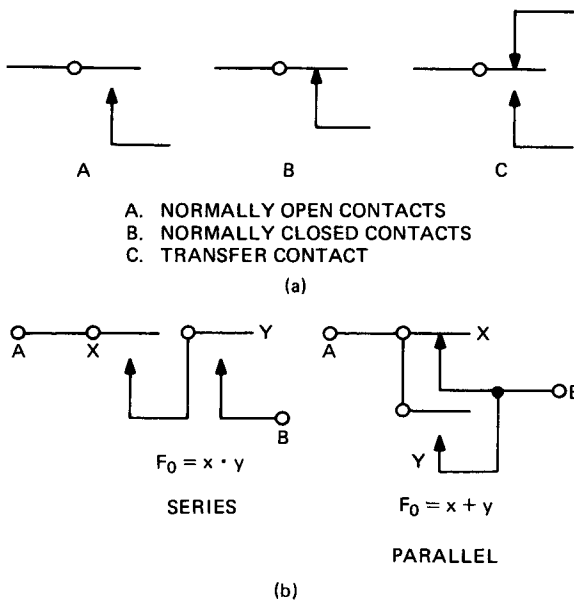


FIG. 9-2 RELAY SYMBOLS

In the series circuit of figure 9-2b, the transfer of a signal from point A to point B requires that both relays X and Y have their contacts closed at the same time. In other words, to obtain an output  $F_0$ , the following is true:  $(X) x (Y)$ .

Therefore, the Boolean equation for the series circuit of figure 9-2b is  $F_0 = (X) Y$  or  $F_0 = X$  and  $Y$ .

In a similar manner, for the parallel circuit of figure 9-2b, either relay X or relay Y can be in the closed position and have a signal transferred from point A to point B. The Boolean equation for this circuit can be written as:

$$F_0 = X + Y$$

$$(F_0 = X \text{ or } Y)$$

**PROBLEM 1**

Design a two-terminal circuit using three relays – X, Y, and Z – such that the circuit is closed when any two *but not three* of the relays are operated.

1. Write the Boolean expression of the conditions.

$$F(X, Y, Z) = XYZ\bar{Z} + X\bar{Y}Z + \bar{X}YZ$$

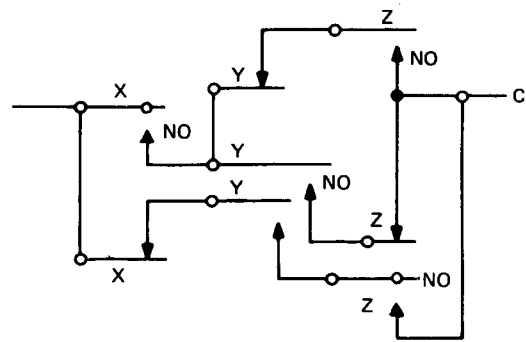


FIG. 9-3

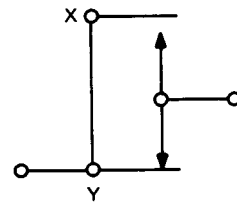


FIG. 9-4

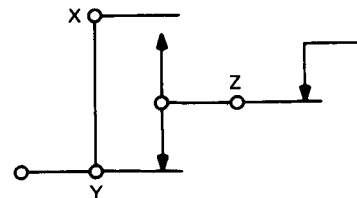


FIG. 9-5

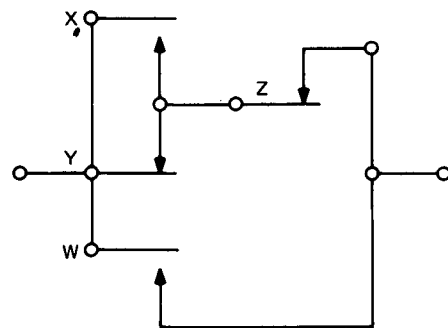


FIG. 9-6

2. Simplify the equation.  
 $F(X, Y, Z) = X(Y\bar{Z} + \bar{Y}Z) + \bar{X}YZ$
3. The circuit solution to the problem is shown in figure 9-3.

Write the Boolean expressions for the following circuits. (R9-1) Fig. 9-4 (R9-2) Fig. 9-5 (R9-3) Fig. 9-6

Several techniques have been developed to simplify the process of factoring the Boolean algebraic expression. One of the more useful techniques is the *Karnaugh map* shown in figure 9-7.

The following function can be factored or simplified by the use of the Karnaugh map.

$$F(X, Y, Z) = \bar{X}\bar{Y}Z + \bar{X}YZ + X\bar{Y}\bar{Z} + X\bar{Y}Z$$

The value of zero is given to all bar terms and the value of one is given to all nonbar terms. It should be noted that the nonbar term X is read as X and the bar term ( $\bar{X}$ ), X bar, is read as not X.

### STEPS FOR THE KARNAUGH MAP

1. Prepare a chart as shown in figure 9-7. The columns from left to right are coded in the binary system (there must be a difference of only one binary digit between adjacent entries).

2. The X, Y, and Z values are placed in the boxes of the map by following a definite pattern, figure 9-8. Because there are three variables, each box will contain three quantities: X, Y, Z. The 0 and 1 values assigned to the left of and above the map indicate whether the variables are bar quantities or not. The 0 and 1 values to the left of the map designate the X variable, and the two numbers above each column designate the Y and Z variables respectively. Thus, if the first box of the map is filled in (X, Y, Z), the zeros to the left of and above the map indicate that each variable is a bar term; therefore, box one becomes  $\bar{X}\bar{Y}\bar{Z}$ . For the next box to the right, the zero to the left of the map indicates that the X is a bar term. The numbers above the second box indicate that the Y is a bar term and the Z has no bar:  $\bar{X}\bar{Y}Z$ . This procedure is followed until all of the map is complete.

3. Replace each of the complex values in each box of the map with a 1 (one) when the complex value corresponds to one of the

	00	01	11	10
0				
1				

FIG. 9-7 THE KARNAUGH MAP

	00	01	11	10
0	$\bar{X}\bar{Y}\bar{Z}$	$\bar{X}\bar{Y}Z$	$\bar{X}YZ$	$\bar{X}Y\bar{Z}$
1	$X\bar{Y}\bar{Z}$	$X\bar{Y}Z$	$XYZ$	$XY\bar{Z}$

FIG. 9-8 STEP 2 FOR KARNAUGH MAPPING

	00	01	11	10
0	0	1	1	0
1	1	1	0	0

FIG. 9-9 STEP 3 FOR KARNAUGH MAPPING

terms in the original equation. Replace all other complex values with a 0 (zero), figure 9-9.

4. For the ones that are adjacent to each other in each row on the map, write the terms they represent as one equation which is to be factored. Therefore, for the first row, the terms represented by a one are:  $\bar{X}\bar{Y}Z + \bar{X}YZ$ . This expression is factored as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} & \bar{X}\bar{Y}Z + \bar{X}YZ \\ = & \bar{X}(\bar{Y}Z + YZ) \\ = & \bar{X} \cdot Z(\bar{Y} + Y) \\ = & \bar{X}Z \end{aligned}$$

The expression for the second row is:

$$X\bar{Y}\bar{Z} + X\bar{Y}Z$$

Following a similar factoring procedure, the result for the second row expression is:  $X\bar{Y}$ . Therefore, the final answer is:

$$F(X, Y, Z) = \bar{X}\bar{Y}Z + \bar{X}YZ + X\bar{Y}\bar{Z} + X\bar{Y}Z = \bar{X}\bar{Y}Z + X\bar{Y}$$

#### PROBLEM 2

Factor the function  $F(X, Y, Z) = \bar{X}\bar{Y}Z + \bar{X}YZ + X\bar{Y}\bar{Z} + X\bar{Y}Z$

1. Draw the Karnaugh map as in figure 9-8. When the complex values present in the function are indicated on the map, figure 9-10 results. (Note that for three terms, the map has eight boxes since  $2^3 = 8$ .)

		00	01	11	10
0	0	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	1	0

FIG. 9-10 KARNAUGH MAP OF PROBLEM 2

2. Group the adjacent one terms.
3. The middle group of four ones yields the term  $Z$  since  $Y$  and  $\bar{Y}$  and  $X$  and  $\bar{X}$  are present,  $\bar{Z}$  is not present, and  $Z$  alone remains.
4. The group of two ones yields the term  $\bar{X} Y$  (since  $Z$  and  $\bar{Z}$  are present). Therefore, the function  $F(X, Y, Z) = \bar{X} Y + Z$ .

There are three additional points to be noted about the Karnaugh map. First, it is possible to group zeros instead of ones to obtain a negative of the function.

The second consideration to be noted is the *don't care condition*. For this condition, the output of the circuit is not important to the problem. This condition gives neither a zero nor a one on the Karnaugh map, but is

given an  $X$ . This  $X$  can be grouped with either the ones or the zeros.

The third point concerns a shorthand way of writing the original function. For example, if a function has five variables as shown:

$$F(V, W, X, Y, Z) = \bar{V}\bar{W}\bar{X}\bar{Y}\bar{Z} + \bar{V}W\bar{X}YZ + \dots$$

the problem can be improved by writing the function in shorthand. Thus,

$$F(V, W, X, Y, Z) = 0, 1, 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, 24, 31$$

where each number represents a specific box of the map. A one is placed in every square that is represented by a number in the function, figure 9-11. For example, number 9 is square 01001 (binary 9) and represents the term  $\bar{V}W\bar{X}\bar{Y}Z$ .

		0	1	3	2	6	7	5	4
		XYZ							
	VW	000	001	011	010	110	111	101	100
0	00	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	01	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
24	11	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
16	10	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

FIG. 9-11 SIMPLIFIED KARNAUGH MAP REPRESENTATION

### EXTENDED STUDY TOPICS

1. Draw a relay diagram for the automobile ignition problem presented in figure 9-1.
2. Write a Boolean equation for the following set of conditions. A signal lamp is to be lit when the following are true.
  - a. I will go to the movie with a friend if it is Monday or Thursday.
  - b. If there is a western or a comedy playing.
  - c. If there is not a football game or sports special on TV.
  - d. It is not snowing.
  - e. I have the price of the admission to the theater.

## **SECTION 3 LOGIC**



## Logic gates

### OBJECTIVES

After studying this unit, the student will be able to

- Design and construct circuits using logic gates.
- Construct logic circuits using integrated circuit components.
- Analyze logic circuits by means of truth tables.

### DIODE LOGIC GATES

The diode may be regarded as an ideal electronic switch. When it is forward biased as shown in figure 10-1a, it acts as a very low resistance and allows current to flow easily. However, when it is reverse biased, figure 10-1b, it acts as a very high resistance and does not conduct. If two diodes are connected as shown in figure 10-2, and a small positive voltage is placed at points X and Y, the diodes will be forward biased and thus will conduct. The output, F (X, Y), takes on the value of the higher voltage, either X or Y.

Assume that the binary number 1 (one) represents a positive voltage which is sufficient to forward bias the diodes. A low voltage or ground is represented by the binary number 0 (zero). When a positive level of voltage (binary 1) is placed at either X or Y, there will be a voltage level of binary one at the output terminal. The circuit of figure 10-2

is called a two-input positive logic OR gate. In other words, the output of the circuit will be high (a logic 1) if either X or Y is high. This circuit will gate an input through to an output, in much the same way as

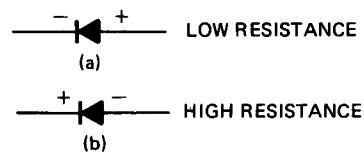


FIG. 10-1

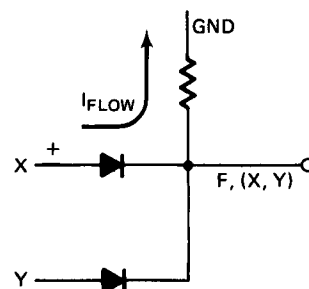


FIG. 10-2 SIMPLE DIODE "OR" GATE

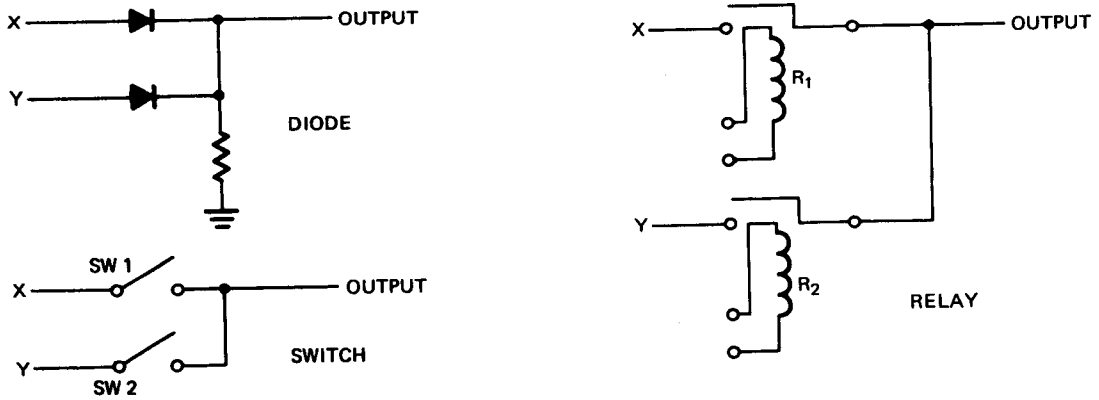


FIG. 10-3 OR GATES

a switch or set of relay contacts pass an input to an output, figure 10-3.

Another type of logic gate can be constructed using the same diodes with a slightly different bias condition, figure 10-4. As long

as either input to this circuit (X or Y) is held at a low logic level (binary zero), the diode will be forward biased and the output will be at the same low logic level. Since a forward biased diode acts as a short circuit, the output

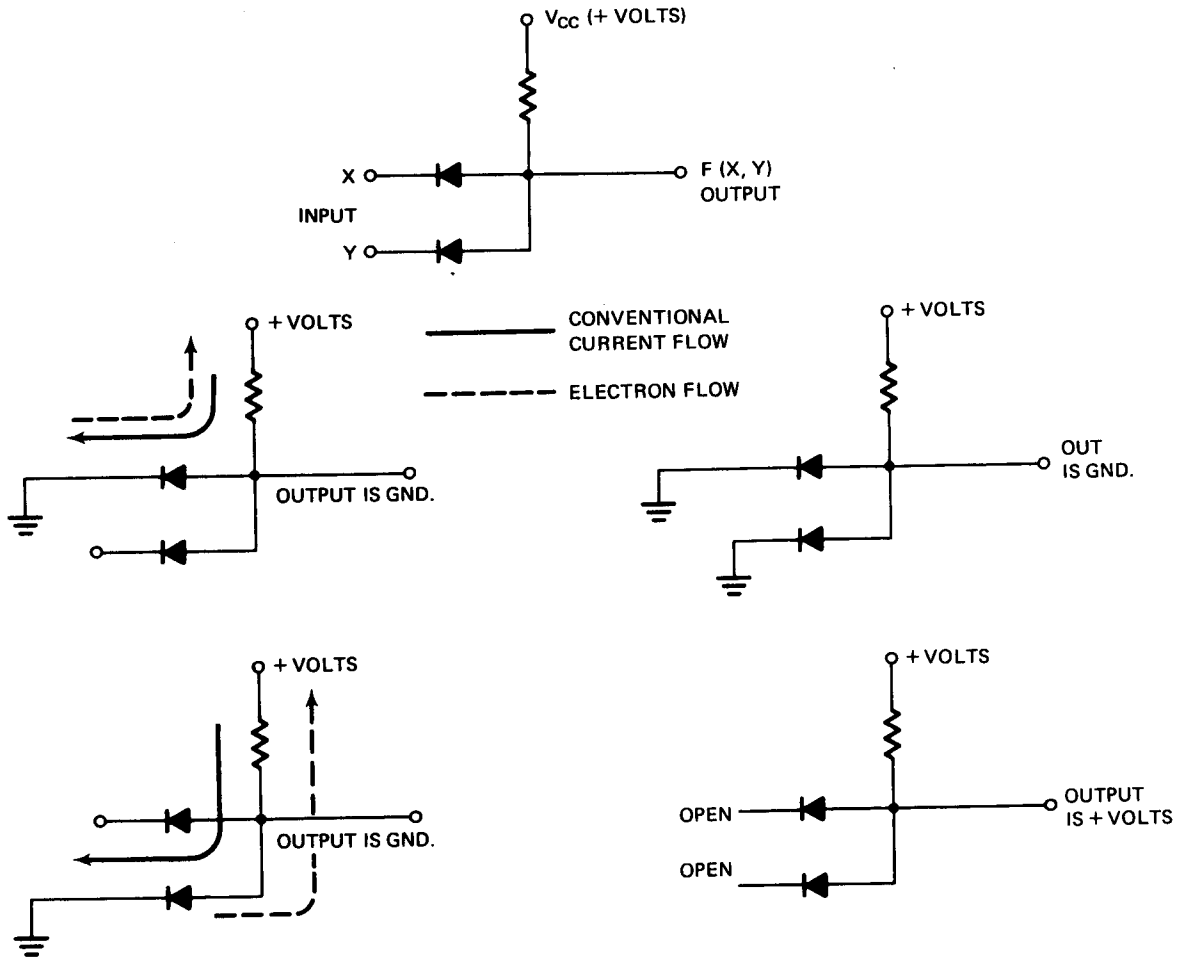
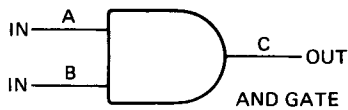
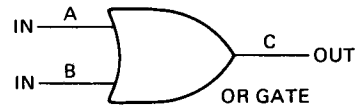


FIG. 10-4 THE DIODE "AND" GATE



AND GATE  
TRUTH TABLE

A	B	C
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1



OR GATE  
TRUTH TABLE

A	B	C
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

FIG. 10-5 LOGIC GATE SYMBOLS WITH TRUTH TABLES

will be shorted to a low logic level. However, if the X and Y inputs go to high at the same time, both diode circuits are opened and the voltage level felt at F(X, Y) is a logic level one. Since both inputs must go high to achieve a logic level one at the output, this circuit is called a two-input positive logic *AND gate*.

Figure 10-5 shows the logic symbols for the AND gate circuit and the OR gate circuit and their *truth tables*. Logic symbols only will be used in logic diagrams for the balance of this text. Note that the logic symbol in-

dicates only the inputs and outputs. The required grounds and supply voltages generally are not shown on logic diagrams.

Although figure 10-5 shows only gates with two inputs, gates with multiple inputs are available. The operation of these gates is the same as that of the two-input gates shown. For example, a three-input OR gate will have a logic level one output if a logic one appears at any of its three inputs. A four-input AND gate must have a logic level one at each of its four inputs to produce a logic one level at its output.

### LABORATORY EXERCISE 10-1: AND GATES

#### PURPOSE

- To verify the operation of AND gates

#### PROCEDURE

- Construct a two-input AND gate using two diodes and a resistor as shown in figure 10-4.
- Verify the truth table of figure 10-5 for a two-input AND gate.
- Add an additional diode to construct a three-input AND gate.
- Verify a truth table for this circuit.

What step is necessary to obtain a logic level zero at any input?

#### TRANSISTOR LOGIC GATES

Diode logic gates were presented previously to help the student understand the principles of logic gate operation. However,

at present, the most commonly used logic gates are *transistor logic gates*. When studying transistor logic gates, the student will often see the abbreviations RTL, DTL, and TTL.

The last two letters in each of these abbreviations (TL) mean transistor logic. The first letter (R, D, or T) identifies the type of input used to feed the transistor logic gate.

Therefore,

RTL = resistor transistor logic (resistive input)

DTL = diode transistor logic (diode input)

TTL = transistor transistor logic (transistor input)

Of the three types of transistor logic gates, the TTL gate probably is the most commonly used.

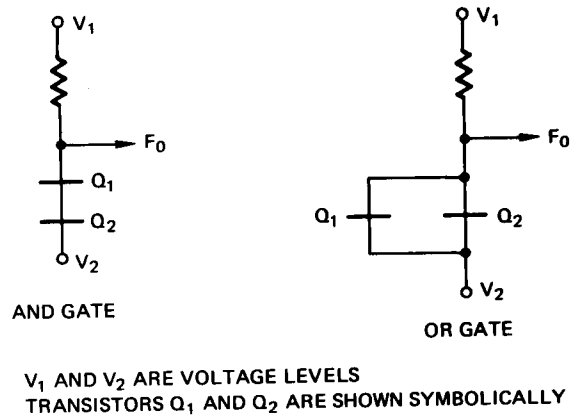


FIG. 10-6

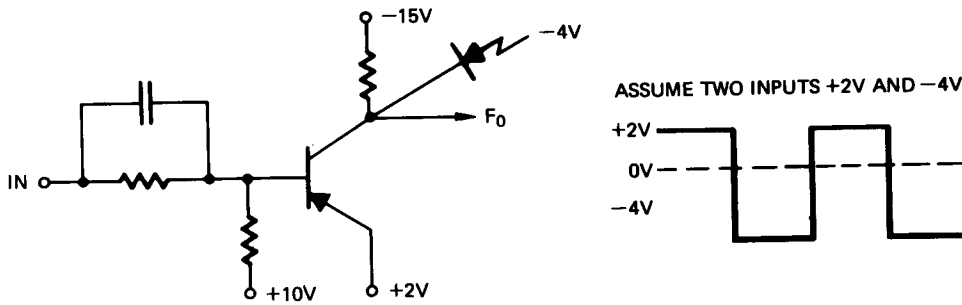


FIG. 10-7 PNP TRANSISTOR INVERTER

### TRANSISTOR GATE OPERATION

If the proper conventions are observed, it can always be assumed that two transistors in a series switching arrangement form an AND gate; also, two transistors in parallel form an OR gate, figure 10-6.

Before continuing with the discussion of transistor gate operation, positive logic and negative logic must be defined.

#### Positive Logic

The more positive or high potential represents one (1) and a more negative or low potential represents zero (0).

#### Negative Logic

The more negative or low potential represents one (1) and a more positive or high potential represents zero (0).

### The PNP Transistor Inverter

For the circuit in figure 10-7, -4 V applied at the input will forward bias the transistor so that it saturates (conducts) and the output is +2 V.

If +2 V is applied at the input, the transistor will be reverse biased or cut off. As a result, the output will be clamped at -4 volts.

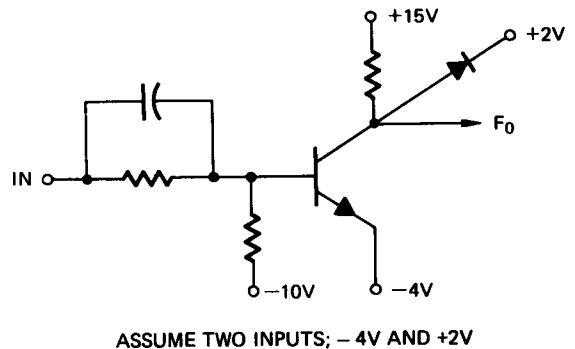


FIG. 10-8 NPN TRANSISTOR INVERTER

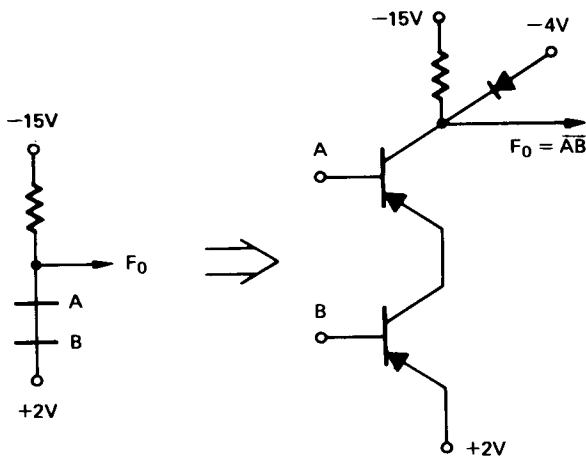


FIG. 10-9 PNP TRANSISTOR INVERTER AND GATE

Therefore, this circuit is classified as an inverter circuit.

### The NPN Transistor Inverter

For the circuit in figure 10-8, -4 V applied at the input causes the transistor to be reverse biased or cut off. As a result, the output is clamped to +2 V. If +2 V is applied at the input, the transistor is forward biased or saturated and the output is -4 V. Therefore, this circuit is classified as an inverter.

### The PNP Transistor Inverter AND gate

The circuit shown in figure 10-9 is a PNP series transistor AND gate.

Negative logic will be assumed for this circuit:

$$\text{logic 0} = +2 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{logic 1} = -4 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } F_0 = \overline{A\overline{B}} + \overline{A}B + A\overline{B} = \overline{A\overline{B}}$$

Since it is assumed that two transistors in series form an AND gate, the functions ANDed together are inverted so that:

$$A \text{ and } B \text{ in} = \overline{A \text{ and } B \text{ out}}$$

A	B	F <sub>0</sub>
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Truth Table for PNP Series AND Gate

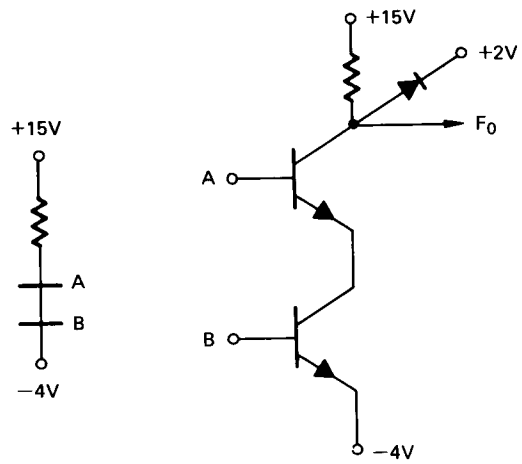


FIG. 10-10 NPN TRANSISTOR INVERTER AND GATE

### The NPN Transistor Inverter AND gate

The circuit shown in figure 10-10 is an NPN series AND gate.

Positive logic is assumed for this circuit:

$$\text{logic 0} = -4 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{logic 1} = +2 \text{ V}$$

Therefore,  $F_0 = \overline{A\overline{B}} + \overline{A}B + \overline{A\overline{B}}$   
 Since it was assumed that two transistors in series form an AND gate, the functions ANDed together are inverted:

$$[A \text{ and } B \text{ in}] = [\overline{A \cdot B} \text{ out}]$$

A	B	F <sub>0</sub>
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

Truth Table for NPN Series AND Gate

### The PNP Transistor Inverter OR gate

For the circuit shown in figure 10-11, page 76, the output is:

$$F_0 = \overline{A\overline{B}} = \overline{A + B}$$

Therefore, since it is assumed that two or more transistors in parallel form an OR gate, the functions ORed together are inverted:

$$[A \text{ or } B \text{ in}] = [\overline{A + B} \text{ out}]$$

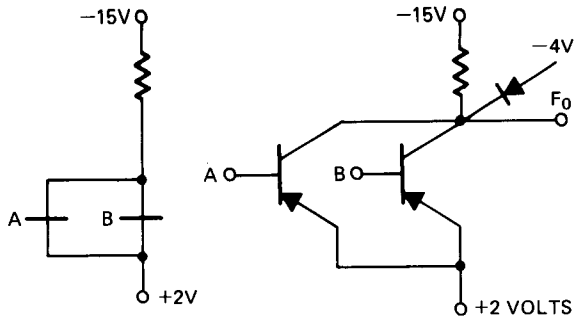


FIG. 10-11 PNP TRANSISTOR INVERTER OR GATE

A	B	F <sub>O</sub>
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

Truth Table for PNP Inverter OR Gate

**The NPN Transistor Inverter OR gate**

The circuit shown in figure 10-12 is an NPN parallel OR gate. Positive logic is assumed for this circuit.

Therefore,

$$\text{logic 0} = -4 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{logic 1} = +2 \text{ V}$$

$$\text{and } F_O = \overline{AB} = \overline{A + B}$$

Since it is assumed that two or more transistors in parallel form an OR gate, the functions ORed together are inverted:

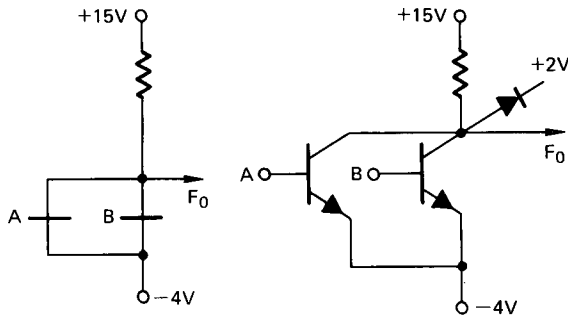


FIG. 10-12 NPN TRANSISTOR INVERTER OR GATE

$$[A \text{ or } B \text{ in}] = [\overline{A + B} \text{ out}]$$

A	B	F <sub>O</sub>
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

Truth Table for NPN Parallel OR Gate

A number of conclusions can be reached as a result of the study of the various logic gate circuits.

1. An NPN or PNP *series AND* or *parallel OR* gate may be constructed if the proper logic is used.
2. A particular function may be generated using these gates if the desired output function is inverted and the desired circuit is drawn from this equation or function.

**PROBLEM 1**

$$\text{If } F_O = A \overline{B} C$$

$$\text{then } F_O = \overline{A + B + C}$$

Draw an OR gate for the function F<sub>O</sub>. The OR gate is shown in figure 10-13.

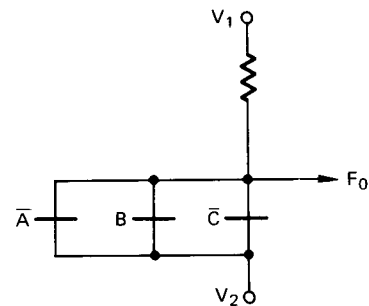


FIG. 10-13

**PROBLEM 2**

Construct a combination gate for the function:

$$F_O = A\bar{B} + \bar{A}BC$$

$$F_O = (\bar{A} + B)(A + \bar{B} + \bar{C}) = \bar{A}\bar{B} + \bar{A}\bar{C} + \bar{A}B + \bar{B}C + \bar{C} + BC$$

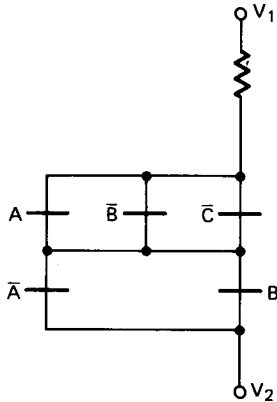
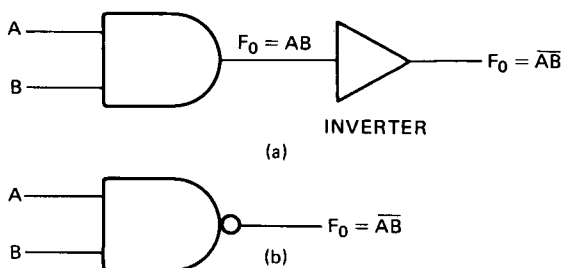


FIG. 10-14

Using the rules of logic gates, a gate can be constructed from any function.

**NAND GATES**

The previous section on transistor gate operation shows that transistor gate outputs are not the outputs shown in figure 10-5, but rather are these outputs inverted. It is for this reason that one of the



NAND GATE TRUTH TABLE

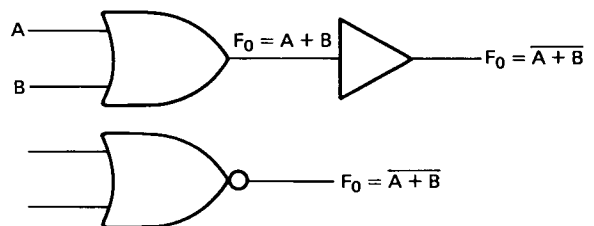
A	B	$F_O$
0	0	1
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

(c)

FIG. 10-15 NAND GATE WITH TRUTH TABLE

most popular integrated circuit logic gates is the *NAND* gate, figure 10-15. Figure 10-15a shows the conventional symbol for a two-input AND gate. The output of this gate is then fed to an inverter circuit resulting in the inverse of the output. Figure 10-15b is the logic diagram symbol for a two-input positive logic NAND gate.

A commonly used NAND gate integrated circuit is the Texas Instrument type SN7400, figure 10-16, page 78. The integrated circuit package of the type 7400 device contains four individual gates. (These four gates give rise to the name *Quad* Two-input NAND Gate as shown on the specification sheet.) The circuit schematic diagram illustrates one advantage of the use of integrated circuit (IC) devices as compared to the use of discrete (single transistor and components) circuits. For the IC device, the inputs go to two emitters of the same transistor. This multiple-emitter technique is commonly used in integrated circuits. The student should recall that four identical circuits are contained in this single IC *chip* or package. Figure 10-15c shows the truth table for the NAND



NOR GATE TRUTH TABLE

A	B	$F_O$
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

FIG. 10-17 NOR GATE WITH TRUTH TABLE

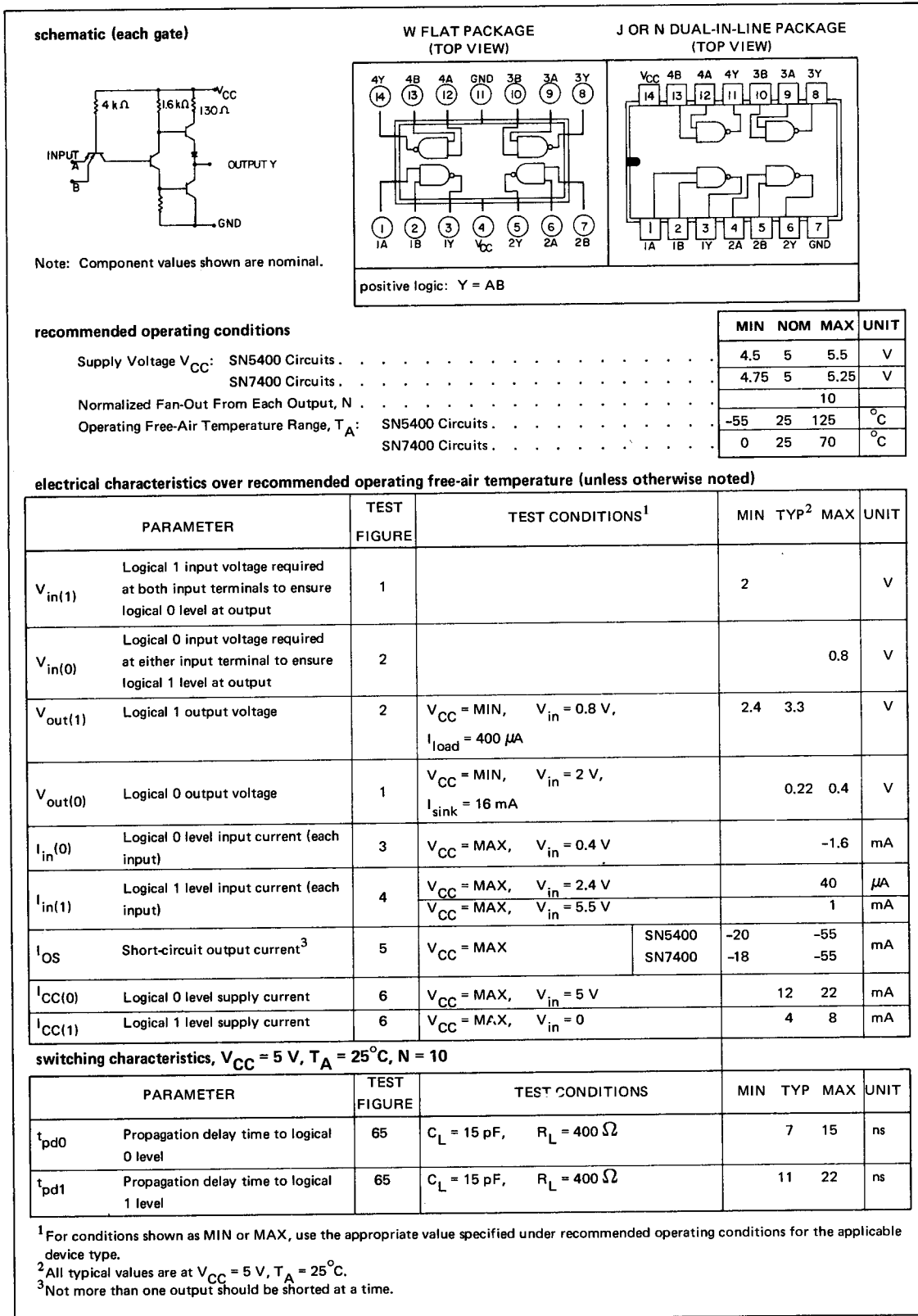


FIG. 10-16 CIRCUIT TYPES SN5400, SN7400 QUADRUPLE 2-INPUT POSITIVE NAND GATES



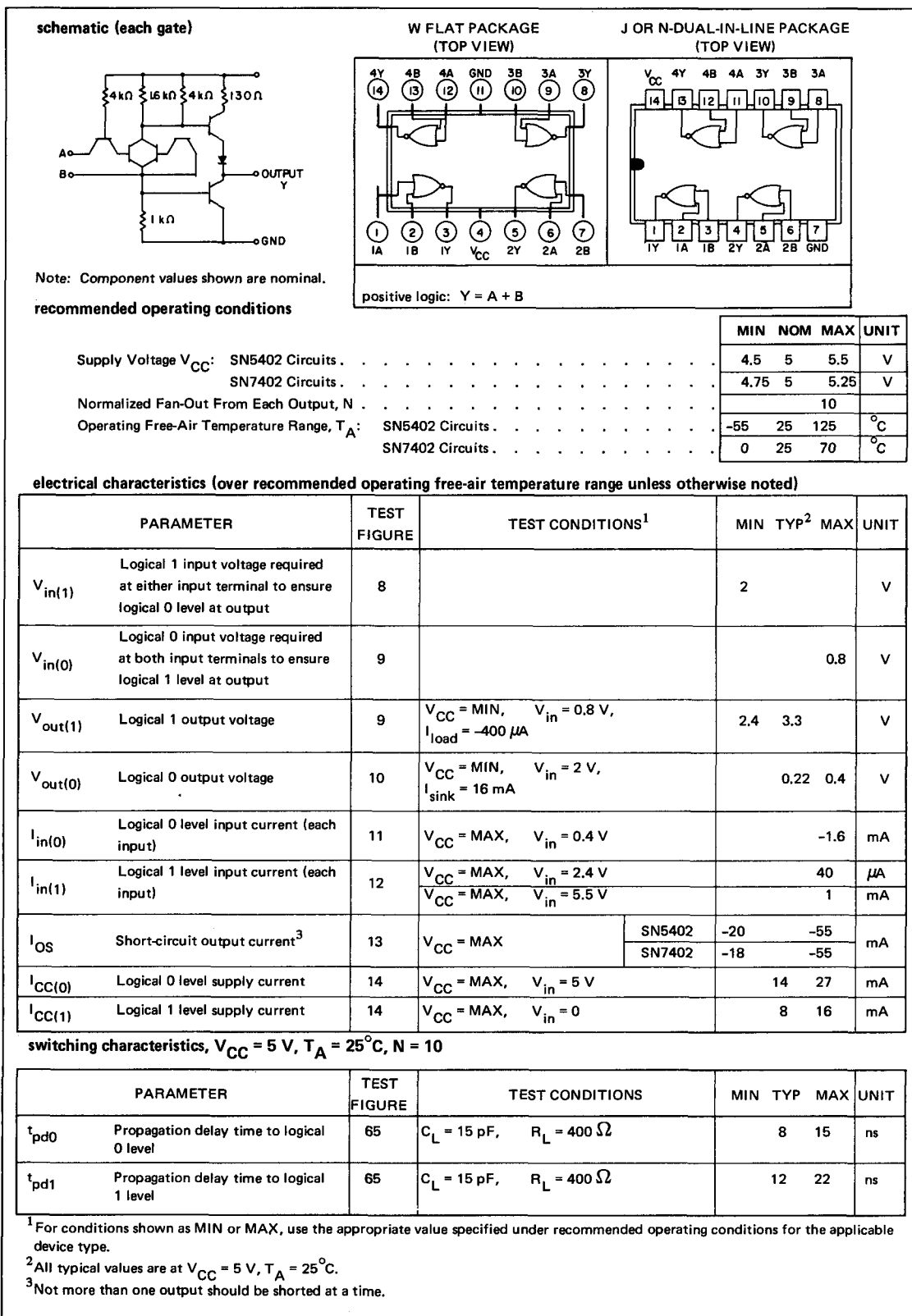
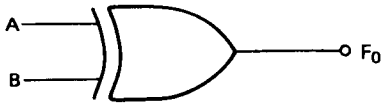


FIG. 10-18 CIRCUIT TYPES SN5402, SN7402 QUADRUPLE 2-INPUT POSITIVE NOR GATES



EXCLUSIVE OR TRUTH TABLE

A	B	F <sub>0</sub>
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

FIG. 10-19 EXCLUSIVE OR GATE

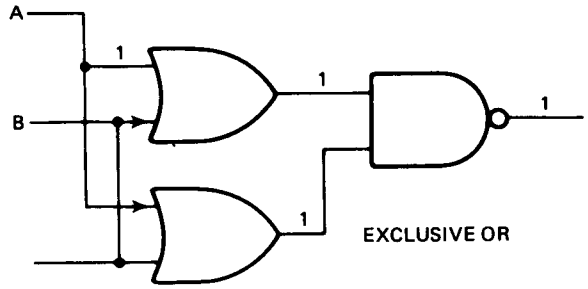
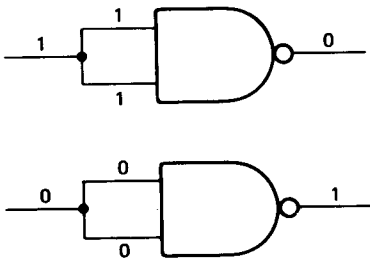
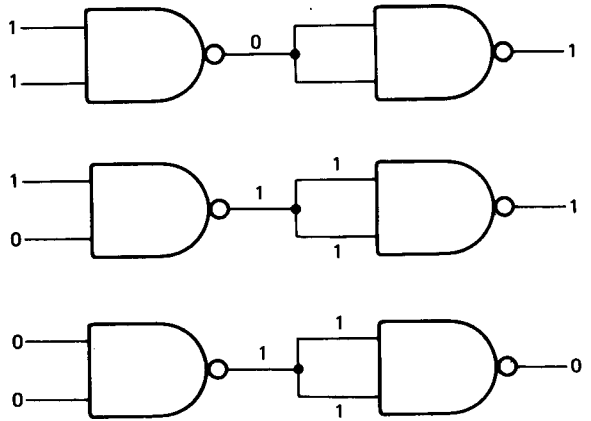


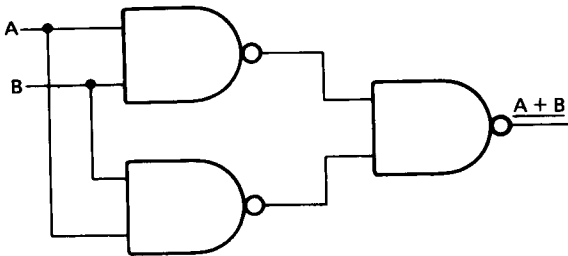
FIG. 10-20 CONSTRUCTING AN EXCLUSIVE OR GATE



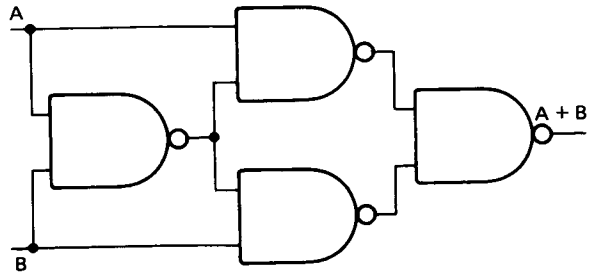
(a) NAND GATE AS AN INVERTER



(b) CONNECTING NANDS TO CONSTRUCT AN AND



(c) THE OR GATE



(d) THE EXCLUSIVE OR GATE

FIG. 10-21 USING NAND GATES TO CONSTRUCT OTHER TYPES OF GATE CIRCUITS

gate. The two diodes at the input insure that large negative voltages at the input will not overdrive the transistor. Each of the four individual circuits in the IC package is tied to a common  $V_{CC}$  line and a common ground.

### NOR GATES

Just as the NAND gate is a simple AND gate whose output is fed to an inverter circuit, the NOR gate is an OR gate plus an inverter, figure 10-17, page 77. A common integrated circuit package for the NOR gate is the Texas Instrument type SN7402, figure 10-18, page 79.

### EXCLUSIVE-OR GATE

The logic symbol and the truth table for the EXCLUSIVE-OR gate are shown in figure 10-19. The truth table indicates that the EX-

CLUSIVE-OR gate will have an output when either input A or input B is high. Unlike the conventional OR gate, if both input A and input B are high, the output will be low. In other words, the EXCLUSIVE-OR gate circuit operates *exclusively* in the OR state and not in the AND state. The logic block diagram in figure 10-20 shows the construction of an EXCLUSIVE-OR circuit using NAND and OR gates.

### USING NAND GATES

The NAND gate is a very useful device. A number of other gates can be constructed using two or more NAND gates, figure 10-21. For example, figure 10-21a shows that if both the inputs are tied together, the NAND gate becomes an inverter circuit. In figure 10-21b, two NAND gates are connected to form an AND gate.

## LABORATORY EXERCISE 10-2: THE NAND GATE

### PURPOSE

- To investigate the properties and uses of the NAND gate.

### PROCEDURE

#### Part I

- Plug a type SN7400 IC NAND gate into a test socket and connect the ground and  $V_{CC}$  to the proper pins, figure 10-22.

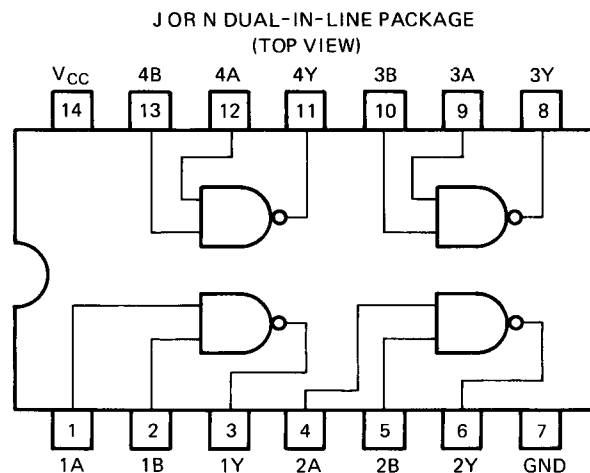


FIG. 10-22 PIN CONFIGURATION FOR TYPE SN7400 IC NAND GATE

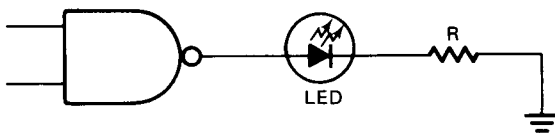
- B. Check each of the four NAND gates of the IC for proper functioning by applying zero and one inputs and verifying the truth table. (Refer to figures 10-15, page 77 and 10-16, page 78.)
- C. The specification sheet of figure 10-16, page 78, shows the discrete component schematic of the NAND gate. Note that the input leads are actually the emitters of a transistor. This is the equivalent of a logic one at that terminal. A logic zero at an input terminal is obtained by grounding the terminal.
- D. To check the logic level of the output of each gate, connect a voltmeter or an LED (light-emitting diode) to the output as shown in figure 10-23.

**Part II**

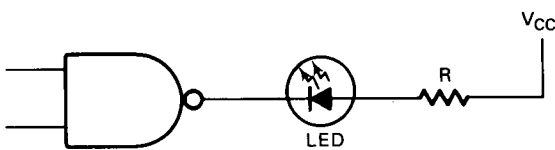
- A. 1. Once it is verified that each of the four NAND gates is functioning properly, construct the circuit of figure 10-24. The truth table for this circuit is as follows:

A	B	C
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

- 2. Apply the proper inputs and verify the truth table.
- 3. When a NAND gate serves as the input to another NAND gate, the resulting circuit should be an AND gate. A one, one input to gate 1 yields a zero output. Therefore, the input to gate 2 is zero, zero (ground is zero) and the output of gate 2 is one.



(a) LED IS LIGHTED FOR LOGIC LEVEL 1



(b) LED IS LIGHTED FOR LOGIC LEVEL 0

FIG. 10-23

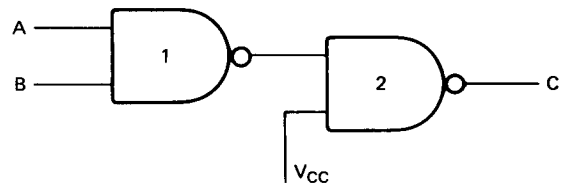


FIG. 10-24

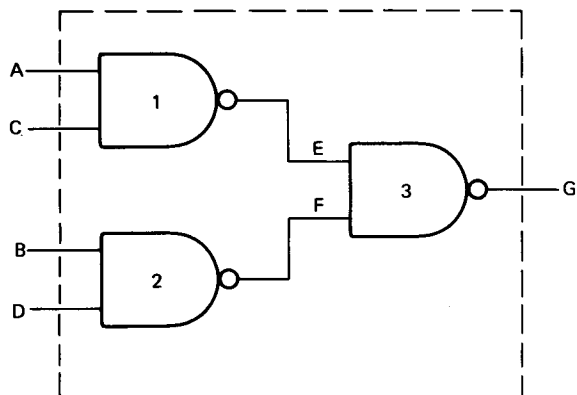


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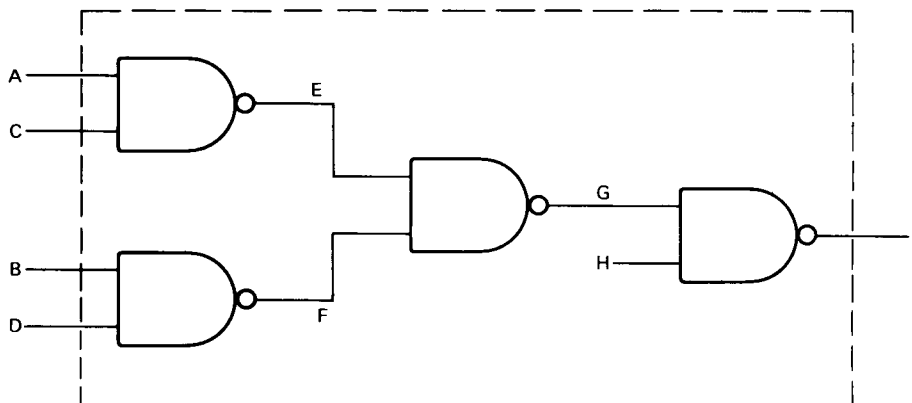


FIG. 10-26

**Part III**

- A. Using three of the four gates of the SN7400 IC NAND gate, connect the circuit shown in figure 10-25.
- B. Verify the following truth tables.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
0	0	1	1	1	1	0
0	1	1	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	0	0	1

A	B	G
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	1

An examination of these truth tables will show that the circuit is an OR gate.

**Part IV**

- A. Figure 10-26 shows another circuit that can be constructed using the NAND gate. Terminals C, D and H are tied to + volts providing a constant one input to these terminals.

B. Verify the following truth tables.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0

A	B	I
0	0	1
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	0

An examination of these truth tables will show that the circuit is a NOR gate.

**Part V**

A. A circuit using all four NAND gates of the type SN7400 IC is shown in figure 10-27.

B. Construct the circuit of figure 10-27.

C. Verify the following truth tables.

A	B	C	D	E
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	0

A	B	E
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

D. Compare the output of this circuit with the outputs of the other circuits tested. The circuit in figure 10-27 gives a one output when either the A input or the B input is a one, but not when both inputs are ones. This type of circuit is called an EXCLUSIVE-OR gate.

*Is it important to know how each individual logic gate is constructed? Why? (R10-1)*

*Should a zero input be obtained by leaving the input terminal of a logic device disconnected? Why? (R10-2)*

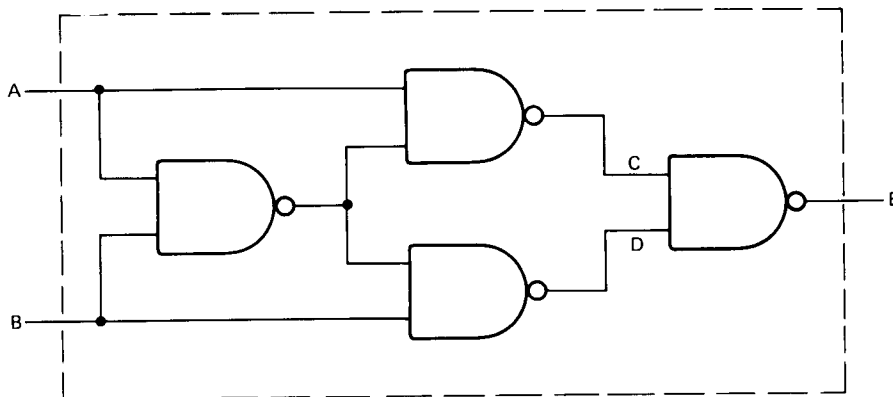


FIG. 10-27

How is a NAND gate connected to obtain an inverter circuit? (R10-3)  
 Draw a logic schematic diagram showing how one or more SN7400 ICs should be connected to construct a three-input AND gate. (R10-4)

**REVIEW OF LOGIC LEVELS**

The concept of logic levels as presented in this unit is very important and is summarized in figures 10-28 and 10-29.

Figure 10-28 shows a rectangular pulse with two levels which may be called the HI and LO levels. Figure 10-29 shows several ways of designating the HI and LO levels according to positive and negative logic. On many occasions, pulse inputs are assigned the one (1) and zero (0) values of the binary num-

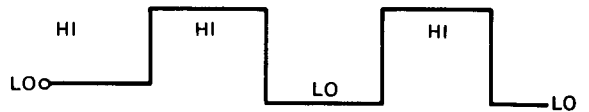


FIG. 10-28

ber system. In positive logic, the HI level is assigned a one (1) and the LO level is assigned a zero (0). In negative logic, the LO is assigned a one (1) and the HI is assigned a zero (0).

In figure 10-29, which of the pulses shown exhibit positive logic? (R10-5)

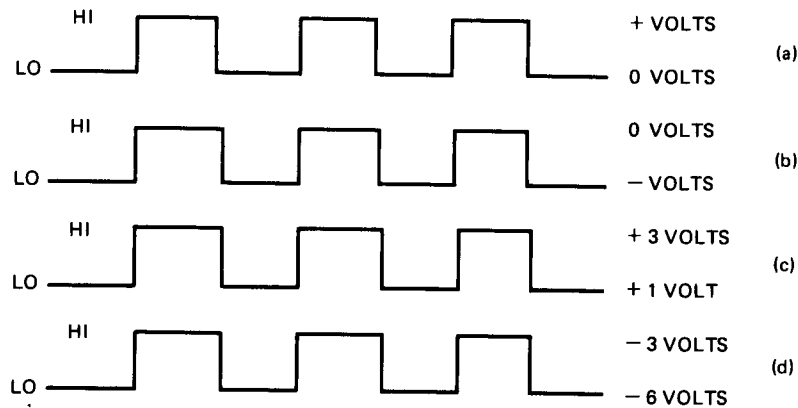


FIG. 10-29 POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE LOGIC

**EXTENDED STUDY TOPICS**

1. For the circuit of figure 10-30, write the Boolean expression for the output  $F_0$ . Using NAND gates only, construct a circuit to achieve this output.

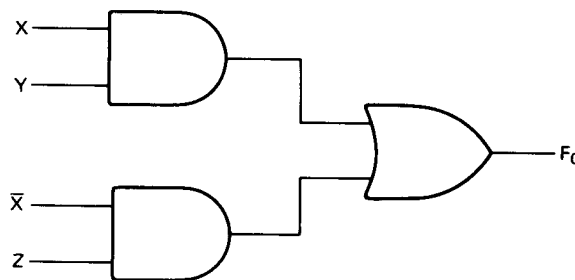


FIG. 10-30

2. Design the logic circuit for the Boolean equation

$$(A + B + C)(D + E) + F + G(H + I)J = K$$

3. Write the Boolean equation for the circuit of figure 10-31.

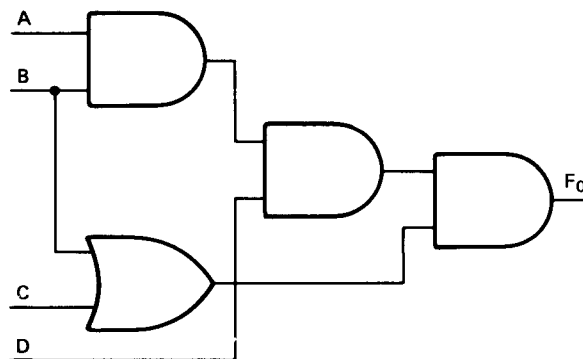


FIG. 10-31



## Arithmetic logic gates

### OBJECTIVES

After studying this unit, the student will be able to

- Construct a half adder and a full adder using NAND gates.
- Verify the operation of an integrated circuit full adder on one IC chip.

### COMPUTER BUILDING BLOCKS

The previous units in this text investigated a number of individual logic circuits and concepts. This final unit will combine several of these circuits and concepts to form a small system which is used as one of the basic building blocks of a computer. Figure 11-1 shows a block diagram for a typical digital computer.

The section of the digital computer block diagram that will be covered in this unit is the arithmetic logic unit. It is within this unit that the computer performs all of its arithmetic operations. Most of these operations involve either binary addition or binary subtraction.

### THE ADDER CIRCUIT

The requirements of an adder circuit for a digital computer can be illustrated by examining the simplest addition procedure – the addition of two binary digits. Table 11-1,

page 88, shows the logical requirements of a two-digit binary adder circuit. Boolean equations for the sum and carry terms can be written as follows.

$$\text{Sum} = X\bar{Y} + \bar{X}Y$$

$$\text{Carry} = XY$$

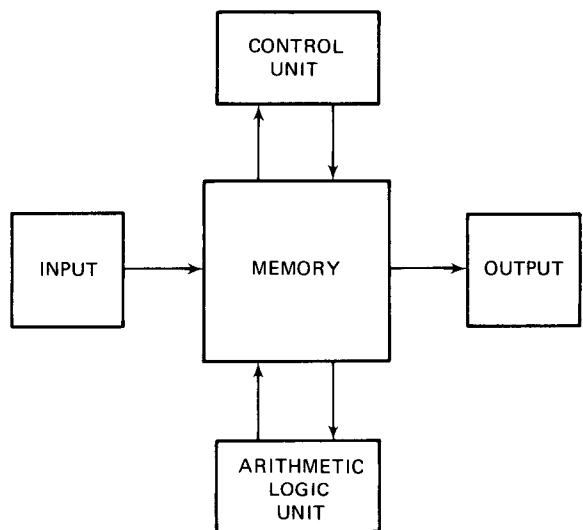


FIG. 11-1 BLOCK DIAGRAM FOR A DIGITAL COMPUTER

AUGEND	X	0	1	0	1
ADDEND	Y	0	0	1	1
SUM	S	0	1	1	0
CARRY	C	0	0	0	1

Table 11-1

The equation for the sum term of the binary addition is the same as the equation for an EXCLUSIVE-OR logic gate circuit (Unit 10). In addition, the equation for the carry term is the same as the equation for a logic AND gate. Write the truth table for an EXCLUSIVE-OR gate (R11-1)

It can be seen that the circuits required to perform the addition of two binary numbers are an AND gate and an EXCLUSIVE-OR gate. Figure 11-2 shows the logic for the adder circuit of the computer arithmetic logic unit.

Can the circuit of figure 11-2 be constructed using NAND gates? (R11-2)

For the circuit in figure 11-2, write the logic levels that can be expected at points A, B, sum, and carry for the addition of  $X = 1$ ,  $Y = 0$ . (R11-3)

If the logic level at the X input of figure 11-2 is one, then it is expected that there will be a zero (0) at the carry terminal since the inputs to this gate are a logic one (1) and a logic zero (0). AND gate I has a one (1) and one (1) at its inputs due to the fact that the Y input is inverted before going to gate I. Therefore, point A of figure 11-2 is at a logic level one (1). By the same reasoning, AND gate II has a zero (0), zero (0) at its inputs. Thus, the logic level at point B is zero (0). Points A and B are inputs to the OR gate. The one (1) and zero (0) at this gate produce a logic level one (1) at the sum terminal of the circuit.

Do the logic levels determined for the circuit of figure 11-2 agree with Table 11-1? (R11-4)

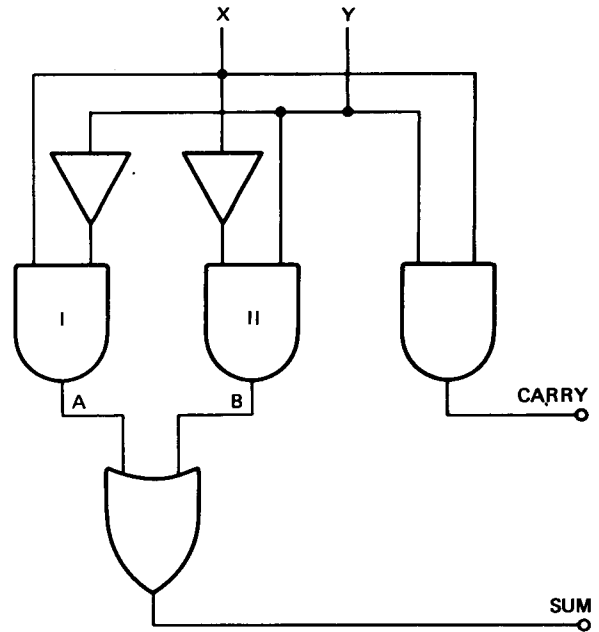


FIG. 11-2 LOGIC CIRCUIT FOR A HALF ADDER

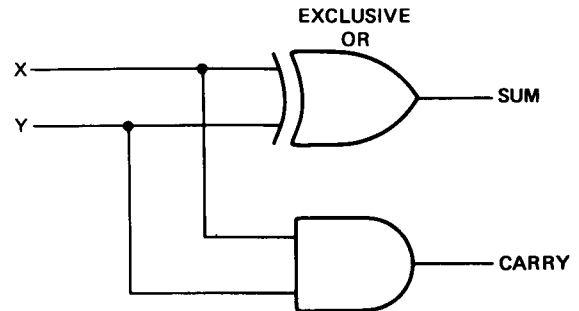


FIG. 11-3 SIMPLIFIED HALF ADDER LOGIC DIAGRAM

The circuit of figure 11-2 is called a *half adder* and is summarized in figure 11-3. Although the half adder circuit can adequately perform the addition of two binary numbers, it cannot accept a *carry input* from a preceding stage.

Is the half adder circuit limited as a binary adder? (R11-5)

### THE FULL ADDER CIRCUIT

The capacity of the half adder circuit can be increased to enable it to perform the

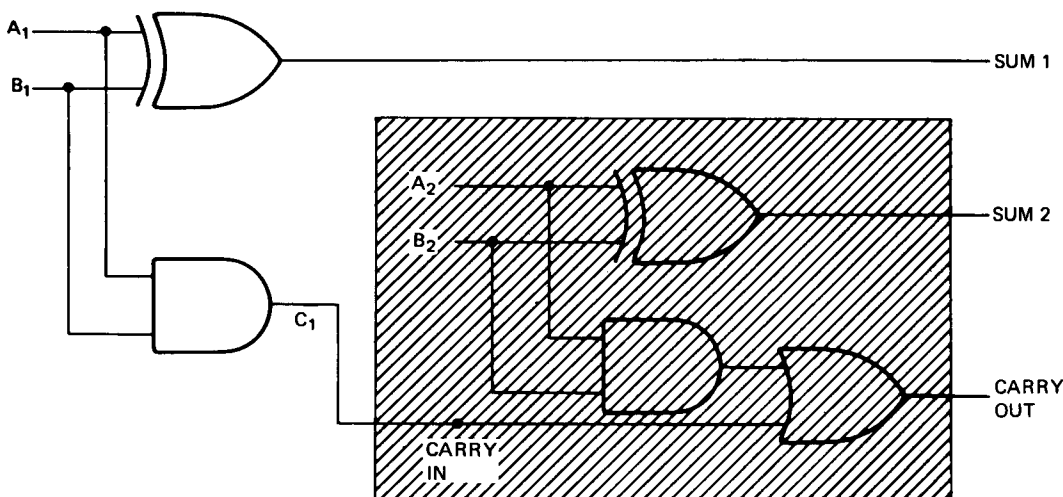


FIG. 11-4 THE FULL ADDER LOGIC DIAGRAM

arithmetic addition of problems such as the following one.

Add     1    1 (binary 3)  
          0    1 (binary 1)

Solution

			$C_1$		
	1	1		$A_2$	$A_1$
	0	1		$B_2$	$B_1$
1	0	0	$C_0$	$S_2$	$S_1$

To solve this problem, first assign to the binary number three (11) the A term ( $A_2 A_1$ ). In addition, the binary number one (01) is assigned the B term ( $B_2 B_1$ ). When  $A_1$  is added to  $B_1$ , the result consists of terms  $S_1$  (the sum) and  $C_1$  (the carry). This carry must be added to the next column of digits ( $A_2, B_2$ ). The addition of  $A_1 B_1$  can be accomplished by the half adder circuit. The addition of  $A_2 B_2$  and  $C_1$ , however, requires a circuit capable of taking three inputs and giving an output of a sum and carry, figure 11-4. Figure 11-4 is the logic diagram of a full adder circuit. Note that the section outside of the shaded portion is the half adder circuit. The circuit in the shaded area is the combination of a half adder circuit and an OR gate (the shaded area is actually the full adder).

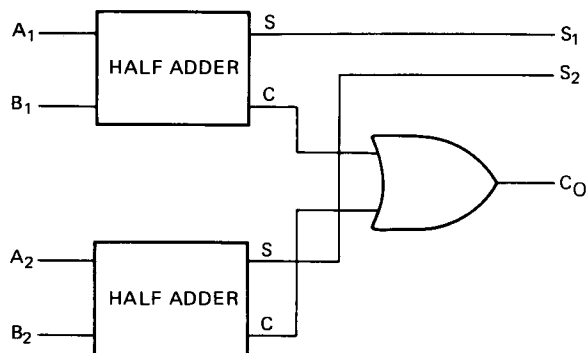


FIG. 11-5 FULL ADDER BLOCK DIAGRAM

Figure 11-5 is the block diagram of a full adder circuit.

*What is the major difference between the full adder and the half adder? (R11-6)*

*Can the half adder circuit give a sum and carry out for all possible input conditions? (R11-7)*

### BINARY SUBTRACTERS

A logical subtract circuit can be developed in a manner similar to that for the logical adder circuit. Using Table 11-2, page 90, equations can be written for the difference (D) and borrow (B) factors in subtraction.

Minuend	X	0	1	0	1
Subtrahend	Y	0	0	1	1
Difference	D	0	1	1	0
Borrow	B	0	0	1	0

Table 11-2

The equations for a subtracter circuit are:

Minuend	X	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Subtrahend	Y	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
Borrow <sub>1</sub>	B <sub>in</sub>	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Difference	D	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Borrow <sub>2</sub>	B <sub>out</sub>	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1

Table 11-3

Using Table 11-3, the following difference (D) and borrow (B) equations can be written.

$$D = X\bar{Y}\bar{B} + \bar{X}Y\bar{B} + \bar{X}\bar{Y}B + XYB$$

$$B = \bar{X}Y\bar{B} + \bar{X}YB + \bar{X}\bar{Y}B + XYB$$

Figure 11-6 is a logic block diagram for the full subtracter circuit.

### INTEGRATED CIRCUIT FULL ADDERS

The circuits presented in this unit thus far are useful for helping the student to

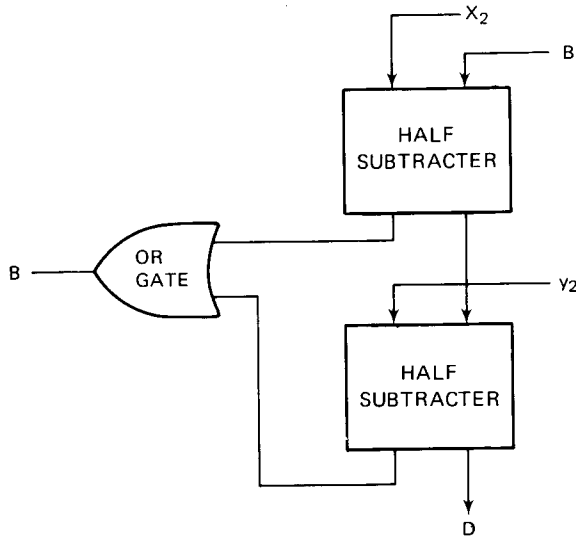


FIG. 11-6 FULL SUBTRACTER

$$D = X\bar{Y} + \bar{X}Y$$

$$B = \bar{X}Y$$

These equations yield the equivalent of a half subtracter circuit due to the fact that no provision was made for a borrow from a previous stage.

A full subtracter circuit provides for this borrow feature.

understand the operation of binary adder circuits. However, these circuits are not too practical. The small pocket calculators on the market today would be much larger if their circuits were similar to those described in this unit. The adder circuits used in these calculators are complete and are all contained on a single IC chip.

The operation of a full adder IC device can be analyzed by examining a typical device such as the Texas Instrument type SN7480 gated full adder integrated circuit. Figure 11-7 is

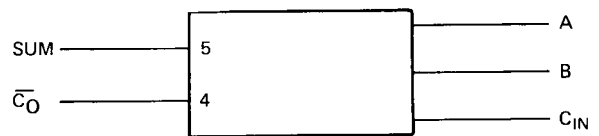


FIG. 11-7 SIMPLIFIED BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE SN7480 GATED FULL ADDER

the block diagram for the SN7480. To use this device in a situation calling for addition of a binary one to a binary one with a binary one carry from a preceding stage, the following conditions must be met.

1. The following pins are grounded: pins 7, 12, 10 and 11.
2. Apply V<sub>CC</sub> to pin 14
3. Apply the A input to pins 8 and 9
4. Apply the B input to pins 12 and 13

- For a carry out, ( $C_O$ ), pin 4 must be fed to an inverter.
- The truth table for this device is given in Table 11-4.

$C_{IN}$	B	A	$\overline{C_{OUT}}$	$\overline{S}$	S
0	0	0	1	1	0
0	0	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	1
0	1	1	0	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0	1	0
1	1	1	0	0	1

TABLE 11-4 TRUTH TABLE FOR SN7480 GATED FULL ADDER

Figure 11-8 shows the wiring required if the SN7480 IC is to accomplish the desired addition. The battery in figure 11-8 should have a value of approximately 4.8 volts. This value will supply the proper value of  $V_{CC}$  to the device. In addition, this value of 4.8 volts insures that a logic one value is applied to the inputs of the logic gate. The inverter circuit between pin 4 and the carry out terminal is necessary since the output from pin 4 is the logic term  $\overline{C_O}$  (not carry out). According to the truth table for the SN7480 full adder, the outputs should be as shown in the truth table of figure 11-9.

Figure 11-10, page 92, is a portion of a specification sheet for the SN7480 device from a TI integrated circuit handbook. This specification shows the logic diagram, truth table, circuit schematic, and pertinent information about the device. It can be seen that the logic diagram for this device is much more complex than any that have been examined thus far in this text. However, the block diagram and truth table in figures 11-7 and 11-8 provide sufficient information for the use of the device in a number of common situations.

## SUBTRACTION BY ADDITION

The SN7480 device can be used as a subtracter as well as an adder. To subtract one number from another, the complement method can be used. In other words, the subtrahend is complemented and this value is then added to the minuend. Therefore, it is possible to perform subtraction by using an adder circuit and complementing one of the inputs of the circuit. The construction of the arithmetic unit is less complex if this method is used since the unit will require only an adder and several inverters.

## OTHER TYPES OF IC ADDERS

Figures 11-11, page 94, and 11-12, page 95, show two additional adder circuits. Note in figure 11-11 the complex truth table for the type SN7482 2-bit full adder. Figure 11-12 shows the logic circuitry and truth table for a 4-bit full adder. This device is used to accomplish the logical addition of two four-bit binary numbers. This device will give four sum bit outputs and a carry out. Although the

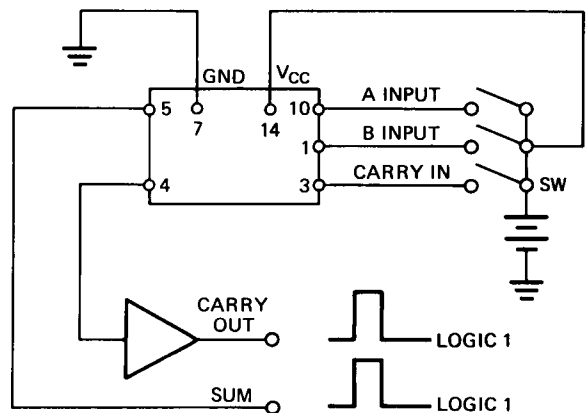


FIG. 11-8 CIRCUIT TO ADD  $A = 1, B = 1, C_{IN} = 1$

$C_{IN}$	B	A	$\overline{C_{OUT}}$	$\overline{S}$	S
1	1	1	0	0	1

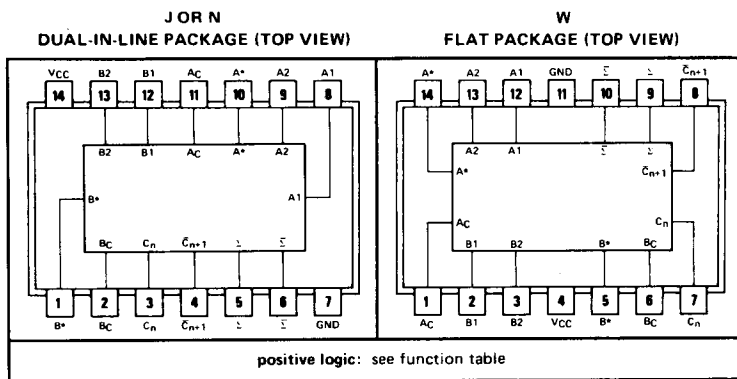
FIG. 11-9 TRUTH TABLE FOR SN7480 SHOWS THE LOGIC LEVELS FOR FIG. 11-8

logic

**FUNCTION TABLE**  
(See Notes 1, 2, and 3)

INPUTS			OUTPUTS		
$C_n$	B	A	$\bar{C}_{n+1}$	$\Sigma$	$\bar{\Sigma}$
L	L	L	H	H	L
L	L	H	H	L	H
L	H	L	H	L	H
L	H	H	L	H	L
H	L	L	H	L	H
H	L	H	L	H	L
H	H	L	L	H	L
H	H	H	L	L	H

H - high level, L - low level



positive logic: see function table

- NOTES: 1.  $A \cdot AC = \bar{A} * + A1 \cdot A2$ ,  $B = \bar{B}c + \bar{B} * + B1 \cdot B2$   
 2. When  $A *$  is used as an input,  $A1$  or  $A2$  must be low. When  $B *$  is used as an input,  $B1$  or  $B2$  must be low.  
 3. When  $A1$  and  $A2$  or  $B1$  and  $B2$  are used as inputs,  $A *$  or  $B *$ , respectively, must be open or used to perform dot-AND logic.

description

These single-bit, high-speed, binary full adders with gated complementary inputs, complementary sum ( $\Sigma$  and  $\bar{\Sigma}$ ) outputs and inverted carry output are designed for medium- and high-speed, multiple-bit, parallel-add/serial-carry applications. These circuits (see schematic) utilize diode-transistor logic (DTL) for the gated inputs, and high-speed, high-fan-out transistor-transistor logic (TTL) for the sum and carry outputs and are entirely compatible with both DTL and TTL logic families. The implementation of a single-inversion, high-speed, Darlington-connected serial-carry circuit minimizes the necessity for extensive "look-ahead" and carry-cascading circuits.

absolute maximum ratings over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

Supply voltage, $V_{CC}$ (see Note 4)	7 V
Input voltage (see Note 5)	5.5 V
Operating free-air temperature range: SN5480 Circuits	-55°C to 125°C
SN7480 Circuits	0° to 70°C
Storage temperature range	-65°C to 150°C

- NOTES: 4. Voltage values are with respect to network ground terminal.  
 5. Input signals must be zero or positive with respect to network ground terminal.

recommended operating conditions

		SN5480			SN7480			UNIT
		MIN	NOM	MAX	MIN	NOM	MAX	
Supply voltage, $V_{CC}$		4.5	5	5.5	4.75	5	5.25	V
High-level output current, $I_{OH}$	$\Sigma$ or $\bar{\Sigma}$			-400			-400	$\mu$ A
	$\bar{C}_{n+1}$			-200			-200	
	$A *$ or $B *$			-120			-120	
Low-level output current, $I_{OL}$	$\Sigma$ or $\bar{\Sigma}$			16			16	mA
	$\bar{C}_{n+1}$			8			8	
	$A *$ or $B *$			4.8			4.8	
Operating free-air temperature, $T_A$		-55		125	0		70	°C

FIG. 11-10 TYPES SN5480, SN7480 GATED FULL ADDERS (Continued)

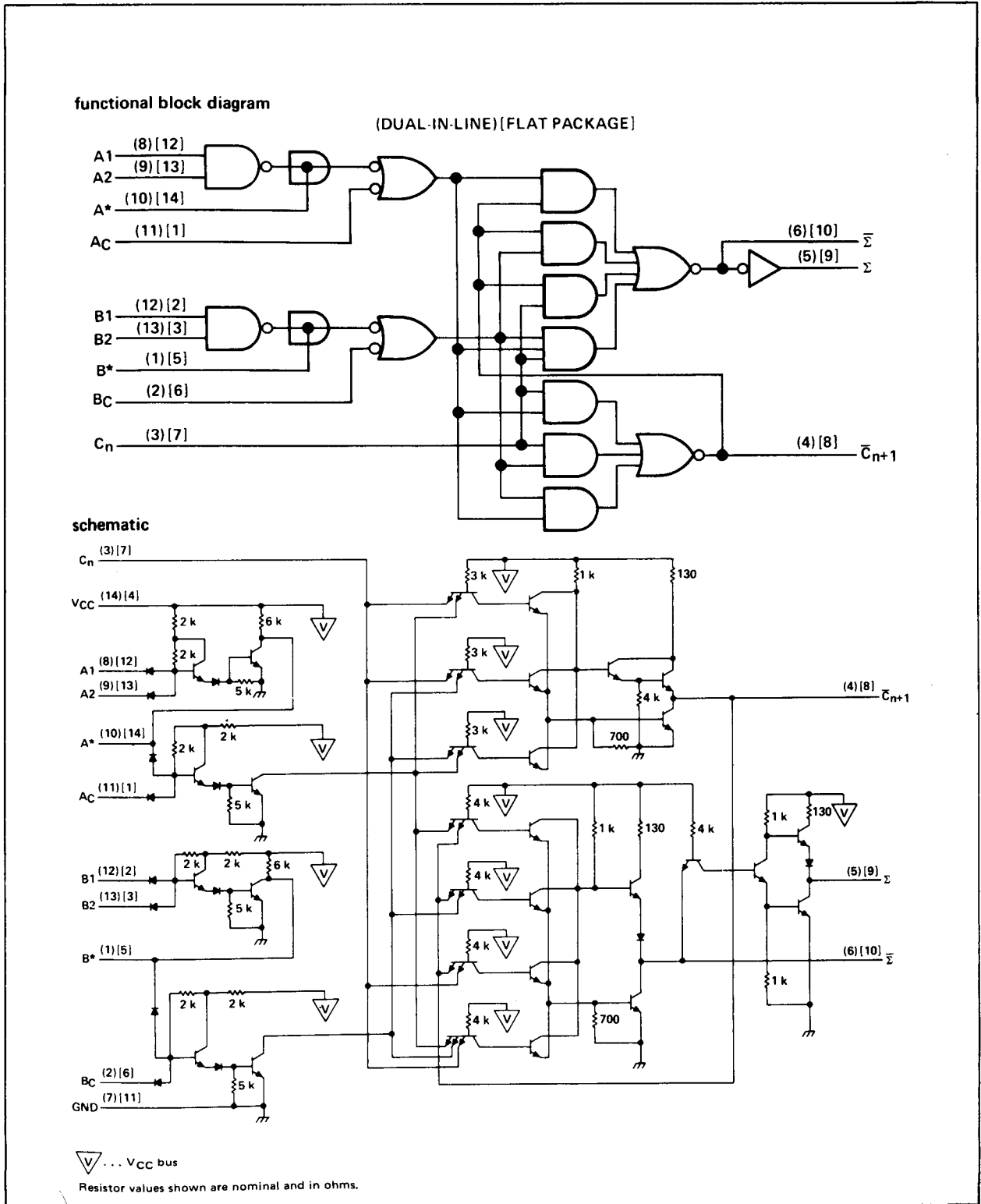


FIG. 11-10 TYPES SN5480, SN7480 GATED FULL ADDERS

For applications in:

- Digital Computer Systems
- Data-Handling Systems
- Control Systems

logic

FUNCTION TABLE

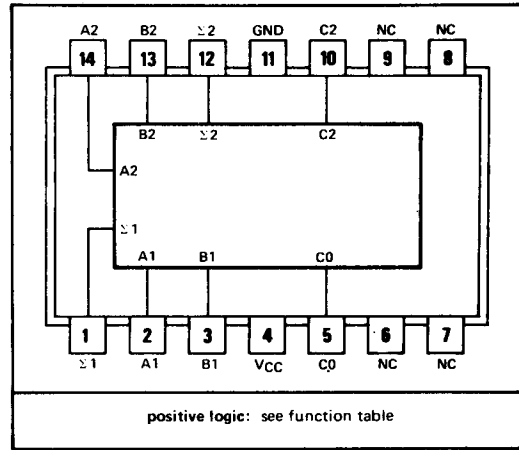
INPUTS				OUTPUTS					
A1	B1	A2	B2	WHEN C0 = L			WHEN C0 = H		
				$\Sigma 1$	$\Sigma 2$	C2	$\Sigma 1$	$\Sigma 2$	C2
L	L	L	L	L	L	L	H	L	L
H	L	L	L	H	L	L	L	H	L
L	H	L	L	H	L	L	L	H	L
H	H	L	L	L	H	L	H	H	L
L	L	H	L	L	H	L	H	H	L
H	L	H	L	H	H	L	L	L	H
L	H	H	L	H	H	L	L	L	H
H	H	H	L	L	L	H	H	L	H
L	L	L	H	L	H	L	H	H	L
H	L	L	H	H	H	L	L	L	H
L	H	L	H	H	H	L	L	L	H
H	H	L	H	L	L	H	H	L	H
L	L	H	H	L	L	H	H	L	H
H	L	H	H	H	L	H	L	H	H
L	H	H	H	H	L	H	L	H	H
H	H	H	H	L	H	H	H	H	H

H = high level, L = low level

description

These full adders perform the addition of two 2-bit binary numbers. The sum ( $\Sigma$ ) outputs are provided for each bit and the resultant carry (C2) is obtained from the second bit. Designed for medium-to-high-speed, multiple-bit, parallel-add/serial-carry applications, these circuits utilize high-speed, high-fan-out transistor-transistor logic (TTL) and are compatible with both DTL and TTL logic families. The implementation of a single-inversion, high-speed, Darlington-connected serial-carry circuit within each bit minimizes the necessity for extensive "look-ahead" and carry-cascading circuits.

J OR N DUAL-IN-LINE OR W FLAT PACKAGE (TOP VIEW)



NC—No internal connection

functional block diagram

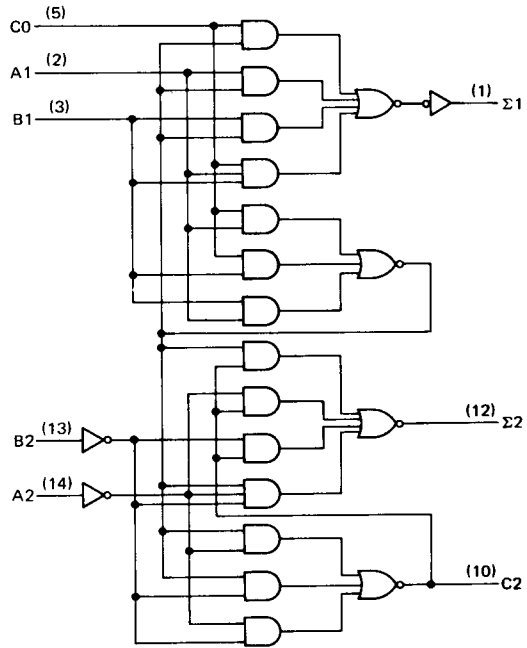


FIG. 11-11 TYPES SN5482, SN7482 2-BIT BINARY FULL ADDERS



- For applications in:
  - Digital Computer Systems
  - Data-Handling Systems
  - Control Systems
- SN54283/SN74283 Are Recommended For New Designs as They Feature Supply Voltage and Ground on Corner Pins to Simplify Board Layout

TYPE	TYPICAL ADD TIMES		TYPICAL POWER DISSIPATION PER 4-BIT ADDER
	TWO 8-BIT WORDS	TWO 16-BIT WORDS	
'83A	23 ns	43 ns	310 mW
'LS83	89 ns	165 ns	75 mW

**description**

These full adders perform the addition of two 4-bit binary numbers. The sum ( $\Sigma$ ) outputs are provided for each bit and the resultant carry (C4) is obtained from the fourth bit. The adders are designed so that logic levels of the input and output, including the carry, are in their true form. Thus the end-around carry is accomplished without the need for level inversion. Designed for medium-to-high-speed, the circuits utilize high-speed, high-fan-out transistor-transistor logic (TTL) but are compatible with both DTL and TTL families.

The '83A circuits feature full look ahead across four bits to generate the carry term in typically 10 nanoseconds to achieve partial look-ahead performance with the economy of ripple carry.

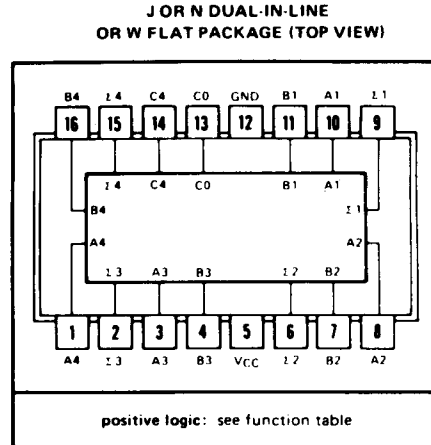
The 'LS83 can reduce power requirements to less than 20 mW/bit for power-sensitive applications. These circuits are implemented with single-inversion, high-speed, Darlington-connected serial-carry circuits within each bit.

Series 54 and 54LS circuits are characterized for operation over the full military temperature range of  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $125^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; Series 74 and 74LS are characterized for  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$  operation.

**absolute maximum ratings over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)**

Supply voltage, $V_{CC}$ (see Note 1)	7 V
Input voltage	5.5 V
Interemitter voltage (see Note 2)	5.5 V
Operating free-air temperature range: SN54', SN54LS' Circuits	$-55^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $125^{\circ}\text{C}$
SN74', SN74LS' Circuits	$0^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $70^{\circ}\text{C}$
Storage temperature range	$-65^{\circ}\text{C}$ to $150^{\circ}\text{C}$

- NOTES: 1. Voltage values, except interemitter voltage, are with respect to network ground terminal.  
 2. This is the voltage between two emitters of a multiple-emitter transistor. For the '83A, this rating applies between the following pairs: A1 and B1, A2 and B2, A3 and B3, A4 and B4. For the 'LS83, this rating applies between the following pairs: A1 and B1, A1 and C0, B1 and C0, A3 and B3.



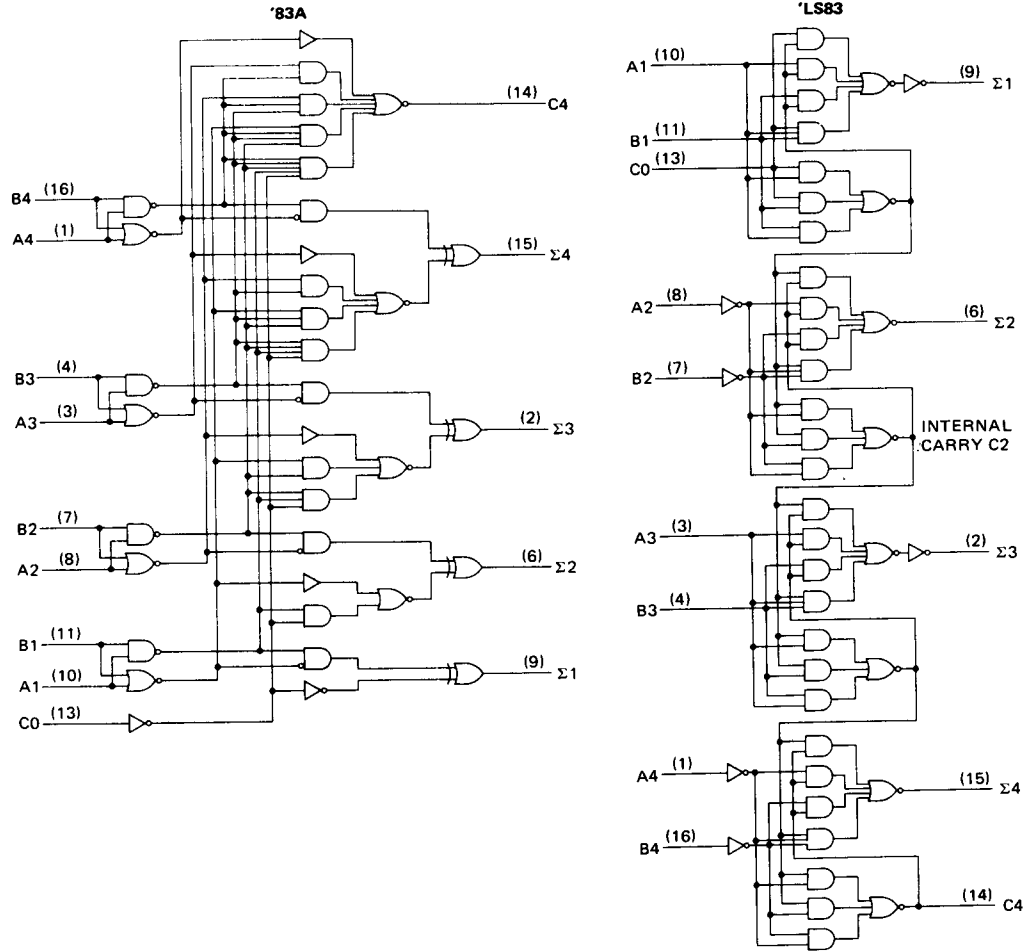
**FUNCTION TABLE**

INPUT				OUTPUT			
				WHEN C0 = L		WHEN C0 = H	
A1	B1	A2	B2	WHEN C2 = L		WHEN C2 = H	
				Σ1	Σ2	Σ3	Σ4
L	L	L	L	L	L	H	L
L	L	L	H	L	L	L	H
L	L	H	L	L	L	L	H
L	L	H	H	L	L	L	H
L	H	L	L	L	L	L	H
L	H	L	H	L	L	L	H
L	H	H	L	L	L	L	H
L	H	H	H	L	L	L	H
H	L	L	L	L	H	L	H
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H	H	L	H	L	H	H	H
H	H	H	L	L	H	H	H
H	H	H	H	L	H	H	H

H = high level, L = low level  
 NOTE: Input conditions at A3, A2, B2, and C0 are used to determine outputs  $\Sigma 1$  and  $\Sigma 2$  and the value of the internal carry C2. The values at C2, A3, B3, A4, and B4 are then used to determine outputs  $\Sigma 3$ ,  $\Sigma 4$ , and C4.

FIG. 11-12 TYPES SN5483A, SN54LS83, SN7483A, SN74LS83 4-BIT BINARY FULL ADDERS (Cont.)

functional block diagrams



schematics of inputs and outputs

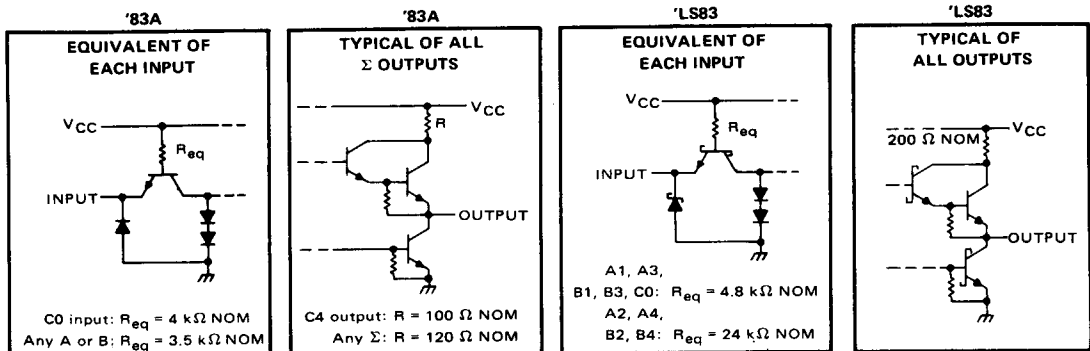


FIG. 11-12 TYPES SN5483A, SN54LS83, SN7483A, SN74LS83 4-BIT BINARY FULL ADDERS

complexity of these devices increases with their increasing ability to add more and more bits,

each device uses the same basic logic concepts used by the simple adder and the half adder.

### LABORATORY EXERCISE 11-1: INVESTIGATION OF HALF ADDER AND FULL ADDER CIRCUITS

#### PURPOSE

- To insure that the student understands the application of basic logic concepts and the logic operation of the adder circuits.

#### PROCEDURE

- Construct the half adder circuit shown in figure 11-2.
- To construct this circuit using NAND gates (such as type SN7400), use figure 11-13.
- Verify the truth table for a half adder circuit.
- Construct the full adder circuit of figure 11-8 using a type SN7480 IC. (Figure 11-14, page 98, shows the use of a NAND gate as an inverter.)
- Verify the truth table for a full adder circuit.

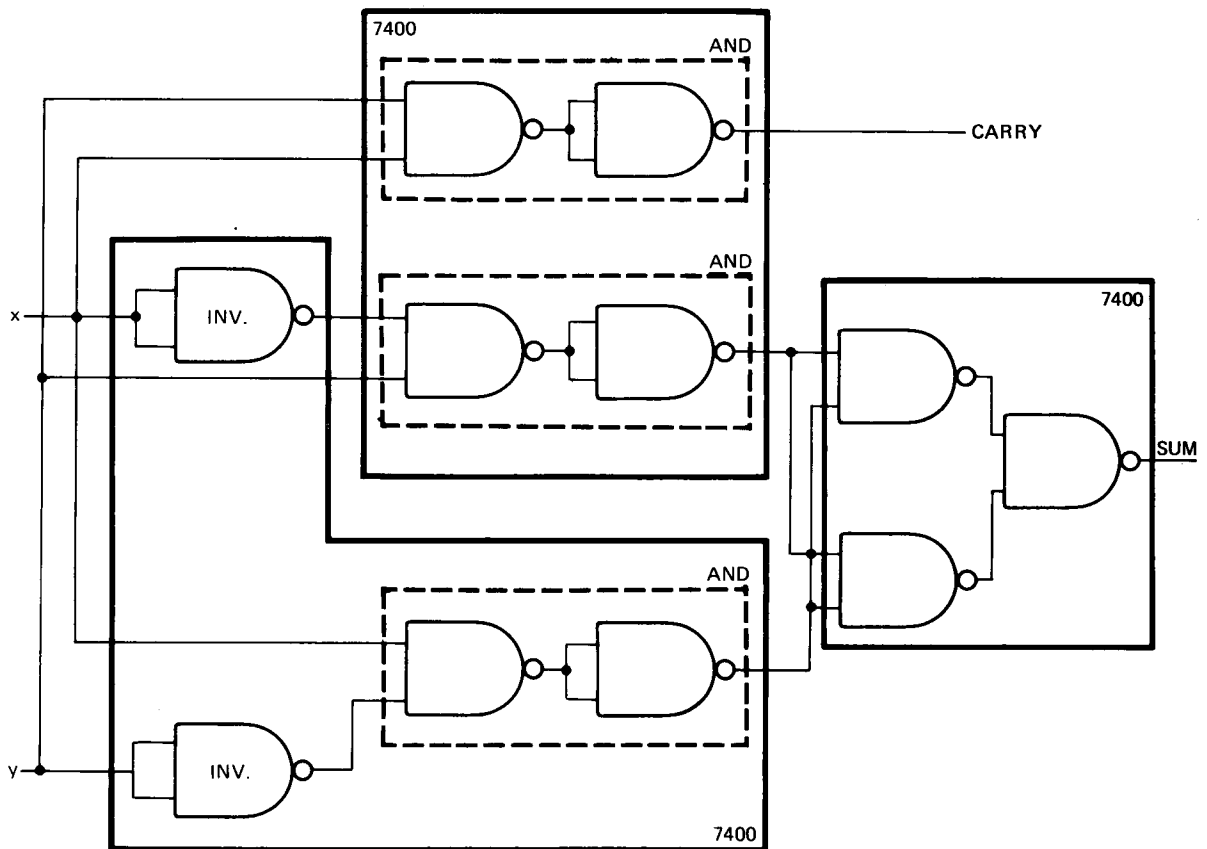


FIG. 11-13 THE HALF ADDER USING THREE NAND GATE ICs

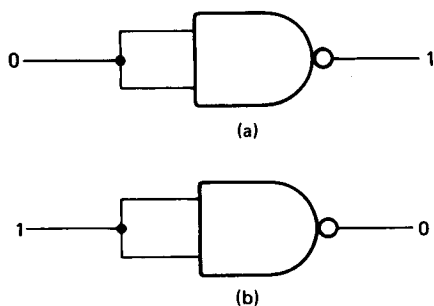


FIG. 11-14 NAND GATE AS INVERTER

### EXTENDED STUDY TOPICS

1. Figure 11-13 shows the half adder circuit using NAND gates. Since a full adder circuit is simply two half adders connected in series,
  - (a) draw the circuit (logic gate) of a full adder using NAND gates,
  - (b) construct this circuit,
  - (c) verify the truth table of this circuit.
2. Using one of the IC full adder devices described in this unit (do not use the 7480),
  - (a) construct a full adder,
  - (b) verify the truth table.
3. Using one of the IC full adders described in this unit,
  - (a) draw the logic required if it is to be used as a subtracter,
  - (b) construct the circuit,
  - (c) verify the truth table for the circuit.

## ANSWERS TO STUDENT REVIEW QUESTIONS

### Unit 1 Generation of a Square Wave

- (R1-1) The pulse parameters depend upon the input conditions.  
(R1-2) The square wave has a 50% duty cycle; the rectangular wave does not.  
(R1-3) a. prt = 1 millisecond  
b. prr = 1000 Hz.  
c. 5 volts; actually, the value of  $E_{avg}$  is somewhat lower than 5 volts because the rise and fall times are not zero  
(R1-4) No, since the duty cycle is the relationship between the pulse width and the total pulse repetition time.  
(R1-5) Simplicity

### Unit 2 Integrators and Differentiators

- (R2-1)  $E_C = 12.9$  volts  
(R2-2)  $E_C = 13.95$  volts  
(R2-3)  $E_C = 2.09$  volts  
(R2-4)  $t = 1.73 \times 10^{-4}$  second  
(R2-5)  $RC = 4.7 \times 10^{-3}$  second  
(R2-6)  $E_C(2TC) = 12.9$  volts  
(R2-7)  $E_C(3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ seconds}) = 7.09$  volts  
(R2-8)  $E_{cf} = 4.62$  volts  
(R2-9)  $E_C = 4.91$  volts  
(R2-10)  $t_p \cong 10 \tau$   
(R2-11) R and C and their tolerances

### Unit 3 Clippers and Clampers

- (R3-1)  $R_L = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$   
(R3-2)  $E_{R_L} = 3.000$  volts  
(R3-3) The difference in the circuits is in the component across which the output is taken  
(R3-4)  $R_S$  must be small compared to the load resistance  
(R3-5) The diode must be reversed  
(R3-6)  $R_d = 100 \text{ k}\Omega$   
(R3-7)  $C = 0.045 \mu\text{F}$   
(R3-8)  $\tau = 0.5$  sec.  
(R3-9) Positive clamping  
(R3-10) Yes  
(R3-11) The clipper circuit distorts the output waveform, while the clamper circuit does not distort the waveform  
(R3-12) Inadequate clamping action

### Unit 5 The UJT Oscillator

- (R5-1)  $V_{R_{B_1}} = 7.68 \text{ V}; V_{R_{B_2}} = 4.32 \text{ V}$   
(R5-2) Silicon

**Unit 6 The Schmitt Trigger**

- (R6-1)  $t_p = \frac{1}{2000} \div 2 = 0.25$  millisecond
- (R6-2) Voltage level (amplitude) detector
- (R6-3) A typical switching transistor has a current gain of about 50; therefore, the contribution of base current to the emitter current is only about 2%.
- (R6-4)  $R_E = 250\Omega$

**Unit 7 Multivibrators**

- (R7-1) This value will determine the value of  $I_B$  (or  $V_{BE}$ ) needed to turn on each transistor. The minimum hfe must be known to determine the charge and discharge times, and therefore,  $t_{on}$  and  $t_{off}$  of the astable multivibrator.
- (R7-2)  $t_{pos} = 0.69 RC = (0.69) (10 \times 10^3) (0.03 \times 10^{-6}) = 207 \mu$  sec.
- (R7-3) The duration of the pulse increases by a factor of four.
- (R7-4) The monostable multivibrator is used in delay generation, pulse stretching, pulse synchronization, switch noise masking, etc.
- (R7-5) Due to the fact that it appears to delay the pulse that causes it to function.

**Unit 8 The Binary Number System**

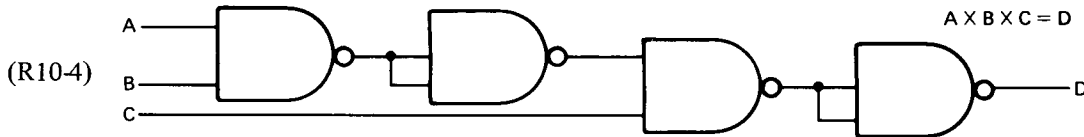
- (R8-1) 111 ( $7_{10}$ )
- (R8-2) 1011 ( $11_{10}$ )
- (R8-3) 1100 ( $12_{10}$ )
- (R8-4) 010 ( $2_{10}$ )
- (R8-5) 100 ( $4_{10}$ )
- (R8-6) 001 ( $1_{10}$ )
- (R8-7)  $64 + 4 + 2 = 70_{10}$
- (R8-8) 1000100
- (R8-9) (2) 0010  
(5) 0101  
(8) 1000  
(9) 1001  
(10) 1010

**Unit 9 Boolean Algebra**

- (R9-1)  $\bar{Y} + X$
- (R9-2)  $\bar{Y}\bar{Z} + X\bar{Z}$
- (R9-3)  $X\bar{Z} + \bar{Y}\bar{Z} + W\bar{Z}$

**Unit 10 Logic Gates**

- (R10-1) No, but it is important to know the rules concerning the application of the logic family; all of the members of the logic family may be interconnected according to these rules.
- (R10-2) Never leave a logic input disconnected. It makes a circuit noise sensitive.
- (R10-3) All of the inputs of a NAND gate are connected together to obtain an inverter circuit.



- (R10-5) All of the pulses in figure 10-29 are examples of positive logic since the logic level is not concerned with voltage levels but rather with the assigning of zero and one logic levels.

## Unit 11 Arithmetic Logic Gates

(R11-1)

A	0	1	0	1
B	0	0	1	1
C	0	1	1	0

(R11-2) Yes

(R11-3) A, X                    1  
 B, Y                        0  
 S                            1  
 C                            0

(R11-4) Yes

(R11-5) Yes, since it cannot add a column of binary numbers greater than two digits.

(R11-6) The half adder does not have a provision for a carry input from a preceding stage while the full adder does have such a provision.

(R11-7) The half adder circuit cannot give a sum and carry out for all possible input conditions.

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