



Question Bank

EC6401 – ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS - II

SEMESTER: IV / ECE

UNIT I FEEDBACK AMPLIFIERS

Part A (2Marks)

1. Define positive feedback?
2. Define negative feedback?
3. Define sensitivity?
4. What are the types of feedback?
5. Define feedback?
6. Write the expression for input and output resistance of voltage series feedback amplifier.
7. Give an example for voltage-series feedback.
8. Write the expression for input and output resistance of current shunt feedback amplifier.
9. Give the properties of negative feedback.
10. Give the effect of negative feedback on amplifier characteristics.

Part-B (16 Marks)

1. What will happen when a step input voltage is applied to the high pass RC Circuit? (16)
2. Explain the relevant information, how the negative feedback improves stability (16)
reduce noise and increase input impedance? (16)
3. Explain voltage shunt feedback amplifiers? (16)
4. Explain current series feedback amplifiers? (16)
5. Explain the classification of amplifiers? (16)
6. Explain current shunt and voltage shunt feedback amplifiers? (16)

UNIT II

OSCILLATORS

Part A (2Marks)

1. What is Oscillator circuit?
2. What are the classifications of Oscillators?
3. Define Barhausen Criterion.
4. What are the types of feedback oscillators?
5. What are the conditions for oscillation?
6. Define Piezoelectric effect.

7. Draw the equivalent circuit of crystal oscillator.
8. What is Miller crystal oscillator? Explain its operation.
9. State the frequency for RC phase shift oscillator.
10. Define Oscillator
11. Define Blocking Oscillator?
12. What are the two important elements of Blocking Oscillator?
13. What are the applications of blocking Oscillator?
14. Give the expression for co-efficient of coupling
15. Give the formula for transformation ratio
16. Define rise time
17. Define overshoot.
18. Define flat top response.
19. Define droop or a tilt
20. What are the applications of pulse transformer.
21. When do the core saturates?
22. What is the other name of astable Blocking Oscillator
23. What are the two types of astable Blocking Oscillator?
24. Define Sweeptime in sawtooth generator
25. What is the other name of sawtooth generator?
26. Define Displacement error in the sawtooth generator?
27. What is constant current charging?
28. What is the miller circuit

Part-B (16 Marks)

1. With simple diagrams explain the operation of negative resistance oscillator using tunnel diode? (16)
2. Explain RC phase shift oscillator? (16)
3. Explain Clapp's oscillator and derive the expression for frequency of oscillation. (16)
Also explain how frequency stability can be improved Clapp's oscillator. (16)
4. Explain Hartly oscillator and derive the equation for oscillation? (16)
5. Explain pierce crystal oscillator and derive the equation for oscillation? (16)

**UNIT III TUNED
AMPLIFIERS
Part A (2Marks)**

1. What is a tuned amplifier?
2. What is the expression for resonant frequency?
3. What happens to the circuit above and below resonance?
4. What are the different coil losses?
5. What is Q factor?
6. What is dissipation factor?
7. What is the classification of tuned amplifiers?
8. What is a single tuned amplifier?

9. What are the advantages of tuned amplifiers?
10. What are the disadvantages of tuned amplifiers?
11. What is neutralization?
12. What are double tuned amplifiers?
13. What is a stagger tuned amplifier?
14. What are the advantages of stagger tuned amplifier?
15. What are the different types of neutralization?
16. What is rice neutralization?
17. What is unloaded Q?
18. What are the applications of mixer circuits?
19. What is up converter?

Part-B (16 Marks)

1. Explain in detail about single tuned amplifier (16)
2. Explain in detail about double tuned amplifier. (16)
3. Explain in detail about stagger-tuned amplifier (16)
4. Compare single tuned and double tuned amplifier (16)
5. Explain the different types of neutralization? (16)

UNIT IV

WAVE SHAPING AND MULTIVIBRATOR CIRCUITS

Part A (2Marks)

- 1 What is an amplifier?
2. How are amplifiers classified according to the input?
3. How are amplifiers classified according to the transistor configuration?
4. What is the different analysis available to analyze a transistor?
5. How can a DC equivalent circuit of an amplifier be obtained?
6. How can a AC equivalent circuit of a amplifier be obtained?
7. What is feed back?
8. What is the disadvantage of negative feed back?
9. Define sensitivity.
10. Define Desensitivity.

Part-B (16 Marks)

1. Explain bistableMultivibrator and its types? (16)
2. Explain about speedup capacitors or commutating capacitors. (16)
3. Explain about Monostable Multivibrator. (16)
4. Explain about collector coupled astableMultivibrator. (16)
5. Explain emitter coupled astableMultivibrator. (16)
6. Write in detail about Schmitt Trigger circuit? (16)

UNIT V BLOCKING OSCILLATORS AND TIMEBASE GENERATORS

Part A (2Marks)

1. What is a Multivibrator?
2. Name the types of Multivibrators?
3. How many stable states do bistable Multivibrator have?
4. When will the circuit change from stable state in bistable Multivibrator ?
5. What are the different names of bistable Multivibrator?
6. What are the applications of bistable Multivibrator?
7. What are the other names of monostable Multivibrator?
8. Why is monostable Multivibrator called gating circuit?
9. Why is monostable Multivibrator called delay circuit?
10. What are the main characteristics of Astable Multivibrator
11. What is the other name of Astable Multivibrator- why is it called so?
12. What are the two types of transistor bistable Multivibrator?
13. Why does one of the transistors start conducting ahead of other?
14. What are the two stable states of bistable Multivibrator?
15. What finally decides the shape of the waveform for bistable multivibrator?
16. How are the values R_1 , R_2 and V_{BB} chosen in bistable Multivibrator?
17. What is the self biased Multivibrator?
18. What are the other names of speed up capacitors?
19. Define transition time?
20. What is the value of commutating capacitor?
21. Define resolving time.
22. Give the expression of f_{max} with respect to resolving time
23. Define gate width
24. What are the advantages of monostable Multivibrator.
25. What are the applications of astable Multivibrator.
26. What is a complementary Multivibrator

Part-B (16 Marks)

1. Explain about pulse transformer? (16)
2. Explain Monostable blocking oscillator using emitter timing? (16)
3. Write about the core saturation method. (16)
4. Write about astable blocking oscillator. (16)
5. Write about UJT saw tooth generator. (16)

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UNIT-I –FEEDBACK AMPLIFIERS

(TWO MARKS QUESTION AND ANSWERS)

1. What is meant by feedback?

A portion of the output signal is taken from the output of the amplifier and is combined with the normal input signal. This is known as feedback.

(OR)

Feedback is a part of output is sampled and fed back to the input of the amplifier.

2. Give the different types of feedbacks used in amplifier circuits.

1. Positive feedback
2. Negative feedback.

3. Define the positive feedback.

When input signal and part of the output signal are in phase, the feedback is called Positive feedback.

4. Define negative feedback.

When input signal and part of the output signal are in out of phase, the feedback is called negative feedback.

5. What type of feedback is used in oscillator?

Positive.

6. Give classification of amplifiers.

The amplifiers can be classified into four broad categories: voltage, current, Transconductance and Transresistance amplifiers.

7. What is node sampling?

When the output voltage is sampled by connecting the feedback network in shunt across the output, the connection is referred to as voltage or node sampling.

8. What is loop sampling?

When the output current is sampled by connecting the feedback network in series with the output, the connection is referred to as current or loop sampling.

9. Define feedback factor or feedback ratio.

The ratio of the feedback voltage to output voltage is known as feedback factor or feedback ratio.

10. What is the purpose of mixer network in feedback amplifier?

The mixer network is used to combine feedback signal and input at input of an amplifier.

11. What are the advantages of introducing negative feedback?

1. Input resistance is very high.
2. Output resistance is low.
3. The transfer gain A_f of the amplifier with feedback can be stabilized against Variations of the h-parameters or hybrid parameters of the transistors or the Parameters of the others active devices used in the amplifiers.

4. It improves the frequency response of the amplifiers.
5. There is a significant improvement in the linearity of operation of the feedback.
12. List the four basic feedback topologies.
 1. Voltage amplifier with voltage series feedback.
 2. Transconductance amplifier with current-series feedback.
 3. Current amplifier with current-shunt feedback
 4. Transresistance amplifier with voltage shunt feedback
13. Give the expression for gain of an amplifier with feedback.
$$A_{vf} = A_v / 1 + A_v$$

Where, A_{vf} – feedback voltage gain.
 A_v – Voltage gain.
- Feedback factor
14. What is loop gain or return ratio.

A path of a signal from input terminals through basic amplifier, through the feedback network and back to the input terminals forms a loop. The gain of this loop is the product $-A$. This gain is known as loop gain or return ratio.
15. What is sensitivity of the transfer gain?

The fractional change in amplification with feedback divided by the fractional change without feedback is called the sensitivity of the transfer gain.
16. What is desensitivity?

The reciprocal of the sensitivity is called the desensitivity D. it is given as
$$D = 1 + A$$
17. What is the effect of lower cut-off frequency with negative feedback?

Lower cutoff frequency with feedback is less than lower cutoff frequency without feedback by factor $(1 + A_{mid})$
18. What is the effect of upper cut-off frequency with negative feedback?

Upper cutoff frequency with feedback is greater than upper cutoff frequency without feedback by factor $(1 + A_{mid})$
19. What is the effect of negative feedback on bandwidth?

Bandwidth of amplifier with feedback is greater than bandwidth of amplifier without feedback.
20. Why gain bandwidth product remains constant with the introduction of negative feedback?

Since bandwidth with negative feedback increases by factor $(1 + A)$ and gain decreases by same factor, the gain-bandwidth product of an amplifier does not altered, when negative feedback is introduced.
21. What is the effect of negative feedback on feedback distortion?

The frequency distortion is reduced with the negative feedback.
22. What is the effect of negative feedback on noise?

The noise is reduced with the negative feedback.
23. What is the effect of negative feedback on non linear distortion?

The linear distortion is reduced with the negative feedback.
24. What are the types of distortions in an amplifier?
 1. Frequency
 2. Noise and non linear

25. What type of feedback is employed in emitter follower amplifier?

Voltage series feedback.

26. A feedback amplifier has an open loop gain of 600 and feedback factor = 0.01. Find the closed loop gain with feedback.

$$\begin{aligned}A_{vf} &= A_v / 1 + A_v \\&= 600 / (1 + 600 \cdot 0.01) \\&= 85.714.\end{aligned}$$

27. The distortion in an amplifier is found to be 3%, when the feedback ratio of negative feedback amplifier is 0.04. When the feedback is removed, the distortion becomes 15%. Find the open and closed loop gain.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Given: } & \quad \quad \quad = 0.04 \\& \text{Distortion with feedback} = 3\%, \\& \text{Distortion without feedback} = 15\% \\& \quad \quad \quad D = 15/3 = 5. \\& \text{Where } D = 1 + A = 5 \\& \quad \quad \quad A = 100.\end{aligned}$$

28. Which is the most commonly used feedback arrangement in cascaded amplifiers and why?

Voltage series feedback is the most commonly used feedback arrangement in cascaded amplifiers. Voltage series feedback increases input resistance and decreases output resistance. Increase in input resistance reduces the loading effect of previous stage and the decrease in output resistance reduces the loading effect of amplifier itself for driving the next stage.

29. Voltage gain of an amplifier without feedback is 60dB. It decreases to 40dB with feedback. Calculate the feedback factor.

Solution:

$$\text{Given: } A_v = 60\text{dB and } A_{vf} = 40 \text{ dB.}$$

We know that,

$$\begin{aligned}A_{vf} &= A_v / 1 + A_v \\&= (A_v - A_{vf}) / (A_v A_{vf}) \\&= (60 - 40) / (60 \cdot 40) \\&= 0.00833.\end{aligned}$$

30. State the nyquist criterion for stability of feedback amplifiers?

1. The amplifier is unstable if the curve encloses the point $-1+j0$. The system is called as unstable system.
2. The amplifier is stable if the curve encloses the point $-1+j0$. That system is called as stable system.

31. What is nyquist diagram?

The plot which shows the relationship between gain and phase-shift as a function of frequency is called as nyquist diagram.

32. Write the steps which are used to identify the method of feedback topology?

1. Identify topology (type of feedback)
 - a) To find the type of sampling network.
 - b) To find the type of mixing network
2. Find the input circuit.
3. Find the output circuit.
4. Replace each active device by its h-parameter model at low frequency.
5. Find the open loop gain (gain without feedback), A of the amplifier.
6. Indicate X_f and X_o on the circuit and evaluate $D = X_f X_o$.
7. Calculate A , and D , find D , A_i , R_{if} , R_{of} , and R_{of}' .

33. Write down the various characteristics of topology?

Characteristics	Topology			
	Voltage series	Current series	Current shunt	Voltage shunt
Sampling signal, X_o	Voltage	Voltage	Current	Current
Mixing signal	Voltage	Current	Current	Voltage
To find input loop, Set	$V_o=0$	$I_o=0$	$I_o=0$	$V_o=0$
to find output loop, set	$I_i=0$	$I_i=0$	$V_i=0$	$V_i=0$
Signal source	Thevenin	Thevenin	Norton	Norton
$D = X_f / X_o$	V_f / V_o	V_f / I_o	I_f / I_o	I_f / I_o
$A = X_o / X_i$	$A_v = V_o / V_i$	$G_m = I_o / V_i$	$A_i = I_o / I_i$	$R_m = V_o / I_i$
$D = 1 + A$	$1 + A_v$	$1 + G_m$	$1 + A_i$	$1 + R_m$
A_f	A_v / D	G_m / D	A_i / D	R_m / D
R_{if}	$R_i D$	$R_i D$	R_i / D	R_i / D
R_{of}	$R_o / (1 + A_v)$	$R_o (1 + G_m)$	$R_o (1 + A_i)$	$R_o / (1 + R_m)$
R_{of}'	$R_o' / (1 + A_v)$	$R_o (1 + A_v) / (1 + A_v)$	$R_o (1 + A_v) / (1 + A_v)$	$R_o' / (1 + R_m)$

UNIT-II –OSCILLATORS

1. What is an oscillator?

An oscillator is a circuit which basically acts as a generator, generating the output signal which oscillates with constant amplitude and constant desired frequency.

2. What is the difference between open loop and closed loop gain of the circuit?

S.NO	Open loop gain	Closed loop gain
1.	The gain of the amplifier is ratio of output to input when no feedback is used is called open loop gain	The ratio of the output to input, considering the overall effect of the feedback is called closed loop gain.

3. State the Barkhausen criterion for an oscillator.

1. The total phase shift around a loop, as the signal proceeds from input through amplifier, feedback network back to input again, completing a loop, is precisely 0° or 360° .
2. The magnitude of the product of the open loop gain of the amplifier (A) and the feedback factor is unity. i.e., $A \beta = 1$.

4. Explain the concept of positive feedback.

The feedback is a property which allows to feedback the part of the output, to the same circuit as its input. Such a feedback is said to be positive whenever the part of the output that is fed back to the amplifier as its input, is in phase with the original input signal applied to the amplifier.

5. From where starting voltage for the oscillator is derived?

Every resistance has some free electrons. Under the influence of room temperature, these free electrons move randomly in various directions. In such a movement of the free electrons generate a voltage called noise voltage, across the resistance. Such noise voltage provides the starting voltage for the oscillator.

6. Why in practice A is kept greater than unity.

To amplify small noise voltage present, so that oscillations can start, A is kept initially greater than unity.

7. Give the over all classification of oscillators?

- a. Waveform type (sinusoidal, square, triangular, etc.,)
- b. Circuit components (LC, RC, etc.,)
- c. Range of frequency – A.F (audio), R.F (radio)
- d. Type of feedback (RC phase shift, Wein bridge are feedback used, UJT relaxation oscillators uses no feedback)

8. What are the frequency sensitive arms?

The arms which decide the frequency of oscillations i.e., R_1-C_1 and R_2-C_2 are the frequency sensitive arms.

9. What is the gain requirement in the wein bridge oscillator?

The gain requirement for wein bridge oscillator is minimum 3.

10. How to obtain Hartley oscillator from the basic form of LC oscillator

Using X_1 and X_2 as inductors and X_3 as capacitor, Hartley oscillator from basic form of LC oscillator is obtained.

11. How to obtained colpitt's oscillator form basic form of LC oscillator?

Using X_1 and X_2 as capacitors and X_3 as inductors, colpitt's oscillator from basic form of LC oscillator is obtained.

12. Write down the advantages of RC phase shift oscillator.

- Simplicity of the circuit.
- Useful for frequencies in the audio range.
- A sine wave output can be obtained.

13. Write down disadvantages of RC phase shift oscillator.

- Poor frequency stability.
- It is difficult to get a variable frequency output, because to change the frequency, we need to vary all the resistors and capacitors simultaneously which is practically very difficult.

14. Write down the advantages, disadvantages and applications of Hartley oscillator.

Advantages:

- It is easy to tune
- It can operate over a wide frequency typically from few Hz and several MHz.
- It is easy to change the frequency by means of a variable capacitor.

Disadvantages:

- Poor frequency stability.

Applications:

- it is used as local oscillator in radio and TV receivers.
- In the function generator.
- In RF sources

15. Write down the advantages, disadvantages and applications of colpitt's oscillator.

Advantages:

- Simple construction.
- It is possible to obtain oscillations at very high frequencies.

Disadvantages:

- It is difficult to adjust the feedback as it demands change in capacitor values.
- Poor frequency stability.

Application:

- As a high frequency generator.

16. Write down the comparison between LC oscillators and crystals oscillators.

S.NO	Crystal oscillator	LC oscillator
1.	Frequency of oscillations depends on the dimensions of crystal	Frequency of oscillations is dependent on values of L and C
2.	Accuracy depends only on the fine cut of the crystal	Accuracy mainly depends on tolerances of L and C
3.	Q is very high and it is stable	Q is less as compared to the crystal
4.	Miller crystal oscillator, pierce crystal oscillator are the examples of crystal oscillator	Hartley, colpitt's and clap oscillators are the examples of LC oscillators.

17. Write down the advantages, disadvantages and applications of crystal oscillator.

Advantages:

- Very high frequency stability.
- Very low frequency drift due to change in temperature and other parameters.
- It is possible to obtain very high, precise and stable frequency of oscillations.
- The Q is very high.

Disadvantages:

- These are suitable for high frequency applications.
- Crystals of low fundamental frequencies are not easily available.

Applications:

- As a crystal clock in microprocessors.
- In the frequency synthesizers.
- In the radio and TV transmitters.
- In special types of receivers.

18. Give the comparison between RC and LC oscillators.

S.NO	RC oscillators	LC oscillators
1.	Frequency of oscillations is dependent on values of R and C	Frequency of oscillations is dependent on values of L and C
2.	These are used at low and medium frequencies	These are preferred at high frequencies
3.	Phase shift and wein bridge oscillators are the examples of RC oscillators	Hartley, colpitt's and clapp oscillators are the examples of LC oscillators

19. Write down the general applications of oscillators.

- As a local oscillator in radio receivers.
- In T.V receivers.
- In signal generators.
- As clock generation for logic circuits.
- AM and FM transmitters.
- In phase lock loops.

20. Write down the comparison of RC oscillators.

S.No	Parameter	Phase shift oscillator	Wein bridge oscillator
1.	Feedback network	Consists of three identical RC sections connected in cascade	Uses wien bridge circuit as feedback network
2.	Phase shift introduced by the feedback network	180° at frequency of oscillations	0° at frequency of oscillations
3.	Phase shift introduced by the amplifier	180° at frequency of oscillations	0° at frequency of oscillations
4.	Frequency of oscillations	$f = \frac{1}{2 \times 6RC}$	$f = \frac{1}{2 RC}$

5.	Value of	$= -1/29$ for oscillator using OP-AMP	$= + 1/3$ for oscillator using OP-AMP
6.	minimum value of gain	$A \geq 29$ for sustained oscillations	$A \geq 3$ for sustained oscillations
7.	Variable output frequency	Possible but difficult	Possible and easy
8.	Amplitude or gain stabilization	Necessary	Necessary

UNIT –III - TUNED AMPLIFIERS

1. What do you mean by tuned amplifiers?

The amplifiers which amplify only selected range of frequencies (narrow band of frequencies) with the help of tuned circuits (parallel LC circuit) are called tuned amplifiers.

2. What are the various types of tuned amplifiers?

(1) Small signal tuned amplifiers

a. Single tuned amplifiers

(i) Capacitive coupled

(ii) Inductively coupled (or) Transformer coupled

b. Double tuned amplifiers

c. Stagger tuned amplifiers

(2) Large signal tuned amplifiers

3. Give the expressions for the resonance frequency and impedance of the tuned circuit.

$$f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} \quad \& \quad Z_R = \frac{L}{CR}$$

4. What is the response of tuned amplifiers?

The response of tuned amplifier is maximum at resonant frequency and it falls sharply for frequencies below and above the resonant frequency.

5. When tuned circuit is like resistive, capacitive and inductive?

(1) At resonance, circuit is like resistive.

(2) For frequencies above resonance, circuit is like capacitive.

(3) For frequencies below resonance, circuit is like inductive.

6. What are the various components of coil losses?

(1) Copper loss

(2) Eddy current loss

(3) Hysteresis loss

7. Define Q factor of resonant circuit.

(1) It is the ratio of reactance to resistance.

(2) It also can be defined as the measure of efficiency with which inductor can store the energy.

$$Q = 2\pi \times (\text{Maximum Energy Stored per cycle} / \text{Energy dissipated per cycle})$$

8. What is dissipation factor?

(1) It is defined as $1/Q$.

(2) It can be referred to as the total loss within a component.

9. Define unloaded and loaded Q of tuned circuit.

(1) The unloaded Q or Q_U is the ratio of stored energy to dissipated energy in a reactor or resonator.

(2) The loaded Q or Q_L of a resonator is determined by how tightly the resonator is coupled to its terminations.

10. Why quality factor is kept as high as possible in tuned circuits?
1. When Q is high, bandwidth is low and we get better selectivity. Hence Q is kept as high as possible in tuned circuits.
 2. When Q is high inductor losses are less.

11. List various types of cascaded Small signal tuned amplifiers.

1. Single tuned amplifiers.
2. Double tuned amplifiers.
3. Stagger tuned amplifiers.

12. How single tuned amplifiers are classified?

1. Capacitance coupled single tuned amplifier.
2. Transformer coupled or inductively coupled single tuned amplifier.

13. What are single tuned amplifiers?

Single tuned amplifiers use one parallel resonant circuit as the load impedance in each stage and all the tuned circuits are tuned to the same frequency.

14. What are double tuned amplifiers?

Double tuned amplifiers use two inductively coupled tuned circuits per stage, both the tuned circuits being tuned to the same frequency.

15. What are stagger tuned amplifiers?

Stagger tuned amplifiers use a number of single tuned stages in cascade, the successive tuned circuits being tuned to slightly different frequencies.

(OR)

It is a circuit in which two single tuned cascaded amplifiers having certain bandwidth are taken and their resonant frequencies are adjusted that they are separated by an amount equal to the bandwidth of each stage. Since resonant frequencies are displaced it is called stagger tuned amplifier.

16. What is the effect of cascading single tuned amplifiers on bandwidth?

Bandwidth reduces due to cascading single tuned amplifiers.

17. List the advantages and disadvantages of tuned amplifiers.

Advantages:

1. They amplify defined frequencies.
2. Signal to Noise ratio at output is good.
3. They are well suited for radio transmitters and receivers.
4. The band of frequencies over which amplification is required can be varied.

Disadvantages:

1. Since they use inductors and capacitors as tuning elements, the circuit is bulky and costly.
2. If the band of frequency is increased, design becomes complex.
3. They are not suitable to amplify audio frequencies.

18. What are the advantages of double tuned amplifier over single tuned amplifier?

1. It provides larger 3 dB bandwidth than the single tuned amplifier and hence provides the larger gain-bandwidth product.
2. It provides gain versus frequency curve having steeper sides and flatter top.

19. What the advantages are of stagger tuned amplifier?

The advantage of stagger tuned amplifier is to have better flat, wideband characteristics.

20. Mention the applications of class C tuned amplifier.

1. Class C amplifiers are used primarily in high-power, high-frequency applications such as Radio-frequency transmitters.
2. In these applications, the high frequency pulses handled by the amplifier are not themselves the signal, but constitute what is called the Carrier for the signal.
3. Amplitude modulation is one such example.
4. The principal advantage of class-C amplifier is that it has a higher efficiency than the other amplifiers.

21. What is Neutralization?

The technique used for the elimination of potential oscillations is called neutralization. (OR) The effect of collector to base capacitance of the transistor is neutralized by introducing a signal that cancels the signal coupled through collector base capacitance. This process is called neutralization.

22. What is the use of Neutralization?

1. BJT and FET are potentially unstable over some frequency range due to the feedback parameter present in them.
2. If the feedback can be cancelled by an additional feedback signal that is equal in amplitude and opposite in sign, the transistor becomes unilateral from input to output the oscillations completely stop.
3. This is achieved by Neutralization.

23. What are the different types of neutralization?

1. Hazeltine neutralization
2. Rice neutralization
3. Neutrodyne neutralization.

24. What is rice neutralization?

It uses center tapped coil in the base circuit. The signal voltages at the end of tuned base coil are equal and out of phase.

UNIT-IV WAVE SHAPING AND MULTIVIBRATOR CIRCUITS

1. What is High pass RC circuit? Why it is called high-pass filter?

1. A simple circuit consisting of a series capacitor and a shunt resistor is called high pass RC circuit.

2. At very high frequencies the capacitor acts as a short circuit and all the higher frequency components appear at the output with less attenuation than the lower frequency components. Hence this circuit is called high-pass circuit.

2. Why high-pass RC circuit is called Differentiator?

High-pass RC circuit gives an output waveform similar to the first derivative of the input waveform. Hence it is called Differentiator.

3. What is Low pass RC circuit? Why it is called low-pass filter?

1. A simple circuit consisting of a series resistor and a shunt capacitor is called Low pass RC circuit.

2. At very high frequencies the capacitor acts as a virtual short circuit and output falls to zero. Hence this circuit is called low-pass filter

4. Why low-pass RC circuit is called Integrator?

Low pass RC circuit gives an output waveform similar to the time integral of the input waveform. Hence it is called Integrator.

5. What is High pass RL circuit? Why it is called high-pass filter?

1. A simple circuit consisting of a series resistor and a shunt inductor is called high-pass RL circuit.

2. At very high frequencies, the inductor acts as an open circuit and all the higher frequency components appear at the output. Hence this circuit is called high-pass filter.

6. What is Low pass RL circuit? Why it is called low-pass filter?

1. A simple circuit consisting of a series inductor and a shunt resistor is called low pass RL circuit.

2. At very high frequencies, the inductor acts as a virtual open circuit and the output falls to zero. Hence this circuit is called low pass filter.

7. What is Delay time (t_d) in transistor?

The time needed for the collector current to rise to 10% of its maximum (saturation) value i.e. $i_{C(Sat)} = V_{CC}/R_C$ is called the delay time.

8. What is Rise time (t_r) in transistor?

The time required for the collector current to rise from 10% to 90% of the maximum value is called rise time (t_r).

9. What is Turn-ON time (t_{ON}) in transistor?

The sum of the delay time (t_d) and the rise time (t_r) is called the turn-ON time (t_{ON}).

$$t_{ON} = t_d + t_r$$

10. What is storage time (t_s) in transistor?

The time when collector current (i_C) dropped to 90% of its maximum value is called the storage time.

11. What is fall time (t_f) in transistor?

The time required for the collector current to fall from 90% to 10% of its maximum value is called fall time (t_f).

12. What is Turn-off time (t_{OFF}) in transistor?

The sum of the storage time (t_s) and the fall time (t_f) is called the turn-OFF time (t_{OFF}).

$$(t_{OFF}) = (t_s) + (t_f)$$

13. What is clipper?

The circuit with which the waveform is shaped by removing (or clipping) a portion of the input signal without distorting the remaining part of the alternating waveform is called a clipper.

14. What are the four categories of clippers?

1. Positive clipper
2. Negative clipper
3. Biased clipper
4. Combination clipper

15. What is comparator?

1. The nonlinear circuit which was used to perform the operation of clipping may also be used to perform the operation of comparison is called the comparator.
2. The comparator circuit compares an input signal with a reference voltage.

16. What is clamper?

A circuit which shifts (clamps) a signal to a different dc level, i.e. which introduces a dc level to an ac signal is called clamper. It is also called dc restorer.

17. Which circuits are called multivibrators?

1. The electronic circuits which are used to generate nonsinusoidal waveforms are called multivibrators.
2. They are two stage switching circuits in which the output of the first stage is fed to the input of the second stage and vice-versa.

18. Which are the various types of multivibrators?

1. Astable multivibrator
2. Bistable multivibrator
3. Monostable multivibrator

19. What is astable multivibrator?

1. A multivibrator which generates square wave without any external triggering pulse is called astable multivibrator.
2. It has both the states as quasi-stable states. None of the states is stable.
3. Due to this, the multivibrator automatically makes the successive transitions from one quasi-stable state to other, without any external triggering pulse. So it called Free-running multivibrator.
4. The rate of transition from one quasi-stable state to other is determined by the discharging of a capacitive circuit.

20. List the applications of Astable multivibrator?

1. Used as square wave generator, voltage to frequency convertor and in pulse synchronization, as clock for binary logic signals, and so on.
2. Since it produces square waves, it is a source of production of harmonic frequencies of higher order.

3. It is used in the construction of digital voltmeter and SMPS.
 4. It can be operated as an oscillator over a wide range of audio and radio frequencies.
21. State the basic action of monostable multivibrator.
1. It has only one stable state. The other state is unstable referred as quasi-stable state.
 2. It is also known as one-shot multivibrator or univibrator.
 3. When an external trigger pulse is applied to the circuit, the circuit goes into the quasi-stable state from its normal stable state.
 4. After some time interval, the circuit automatically returns to its stable state.
 5. The circuit does not require any external pulse to change from quasi-stable state.
 6. The time interval for which the circuit remains in the quasi-stable state is determined by the circuit components and can be designed as per the requirement.
22. Mention the applications of one shot multivibrator?
1. It is used to function as an adjustable pulse width generator.
 2. It is used to generate uniform width pulses from a variable width pulse train.
 3. It is used to generate clean and sharp pulses from the distorted pulses.
 4. It is used as a time delay unit since it produces a transition at a fixed time after the trigger signal.
23. Which multivibrator would function as a time delay unit? Why?
- Monostable multivibrator would function as a time delay unit since it produces a transition at a fixed time after the trigger signal.
24. What is Bistable multivibrator?
1. The Bistable multivibrator has two stable states.
 2. The multivibrator can exist indefinitely in either of the two stable states.
 3. It requires an external trigger pulse to change from one stable state to another.
 4. The circuit remains in one stable state unless an external trigger pulse is applied.
25. List the applications of bistable multivibrator?
1. It is used as memory elements in shift registers, counters, and so on.
 2. It is used to generate square waves of symmetrical shape by sending regular triggering pulse to the input. By adjusting the frequency of the trigger pulse, the width of the square wave can be altered.
 3. It can also be used as a frequency divider.
26. What are the two methods of triggering for bistable multivibrators?
1. Unsymmetrical triggering
 2. Symmetrical triggering
27. How many stable states do bistable Multivibrator have?
- Two stable states.

28. When will the circuit change from stable state in bistable Multivibrator?
When an external trigger pulse is applied, the circuit changes from one stable state to another.
29. What are the different names of bistable Multivibrator?
Eccles Jordan circuit, trigger circuit, scale-of-2 toggle circuit, flip-flop and binary.
30. What are the other names of monostable Multivibrator?
One-shot, Single-shot, a single-cycle, a single swing, a single step Multivibrator, Univibrator.
31. Why is monostable Multivibrator called gating circuit?
The circuit is used to generate the rectangular waveform and hence can be used to gate other Circuits hence called gating circuit.
32. What are the main characteristics of Astable Multivibrator?
The Astable Multivibrator automatically makes the successive transitions from one quasi- stable State to other without any external triggering pulse.
33. What is the other name of Astable Multivibrator- why is it called so?
As it does not require any external pulse for transition, it is called free running Multivibrator.
34. What are the two types of transistor bistable Multivibrator?
i. Fixed bias transistor circuit
ii. Self bias transistor circuit.
35. Why does one of the transistor start conducting ahead of other?
The characteristic of both the transistors are never identical hence after giving supplies one of the Transistors start conducting ahead of the other.
36. What are the two stable states of bistable Multivibrator?
i. Q1 OFF (cut off) and Q2 ON (Saturation)
ii. Q2 OFF (Cut off) and Q1 On (Saturation)
37. What finally decides the shape of the waveform for bistable multivibrator?
The spacing of the triggering pulses.
38. How are the values R1, R2 and VBB chosen in bistable Multivibrator?
It is chosen in such a way that in one state the base current is large enough to drive the transistor into saturation while in other state the emitter junctions is well below off.
39. What is the self biased Multivibrator?
The need for the negative power supply in fixed bias bistable Multivibrator can be eliminated by raising a common emitter resistance R_E . The resistance provides the necessary bias to keep one transistor ON and the other OFF in the stable state. Such type of biasing is called self biasing and the circuit is called self biased bistable Multivibrator.
40. What are the other names of speed up capacitors?
i. Commutating Capacitors
ii. Transpose capacitors
41. Define transition time?
It is defined as the time interval during which conduction transfers from one transistor to other.

42. What is the value of commutating capacitor?
It lies in the range of tens to some hundreds of Pico farads.
43. Define resolving time.
The smallest allowable interval between triggers is called resolving time.
44. Give the expression of f_{max} with respect to resolving time
 $f_{max} = 1/\text{resolving time}$.
45. Define gate width
The pulse width is the time for which the circuit remains in the quasi stable state. It is also called gate width.
46. What is UTP of the Schmitt Trigger?
The level of V_i at which Q1 becomes ON and Q2 OFF is called Upper Threshold Point.
47. What is the other name for UTP?
It is also called input turn on threshold level.
48. What is LTP of the Schmitt trigger?
The level of V_i at which Q1 becomes OFF and Q2 on is called Lower Threshold Point.
49. Define transfer Characteristics
The graph of output voltage against input voltage is called transfer characteristics of Schmitt trigger.
50. What is the important application of Schmitt trigger?
1. It is used as an amplitude comparator
2. It is used as a squaring circuit.
51. What is Schmitt trigger?
1. It is a wave shaping circuit, used for generation of a square wave from a sine wave input.
2. It is a bistable circuit in which two transistor switches are connected regeneratively.
52. What is meant by Hysteresis voltage in a Schmitt trigger?
1. The difference between UTP (Upper Threshold Point) and LTP (Lower Threshold Point) is called Hysteresis voltage (V_H).
2. It is also known as Dead Zone of the Schmitt trigger.
53. List the applications of Schmitt trigger.
1. It is used for wave shaping circuits.
2. It can be used for generation of rectangular waveforms with sharp edges from a sine wave or any other waveform.
3. It can be used as a voltage comparator.
4. The Hysteresis in Schmitt trigger is valuable when conditioning noisy signals for using digital circuits. The noise does not cause false triggering and so the output will be free from noise.
54. How a Schmitt trigger is different from a multivibrator?
A Schmitt trigger has an input and an output; the output is a squared-up version of the input. As long as the input is constant, the output of the Schmitt trigger is also constant.
A multivibrator typically has no inputs (other than power), only an output: an oscillating signal.

UNIT-V

BLOCKING OSCILLATORS AND TIME BASE GENERATORS

1. What is Blocking Oscillator?

A special type of wave generator which is used to produce a single narrow pulse or train of pulses using regenerative feedback characteristics are called Blocking oscillator.

2. What are Time Base generators?

The circuits which provide an output waveform, a part of which is characterized by a linear variation of voltage or current with respect to time are called Time Base generators.

3. What is UJT?

1. UJT is a three terminal semiconductor switching device.

2. As it has only one PN junction and three leads, it is commonly called as Unijunction transistor.

4. What are the two important elements of Blocking Oscillator?

Transistor and pulse transformer

5. What are the applications of blocking Oscillator?

It is used in frequency dividers, counter circuits and for switching the other circuits.

6. Give the expression for co-efficient of coupling

$$K = M / \sqrt{L_p L_s}$$

M -> Mutual Inductance

L_p -> Primary Inductance

L_s -> Secondary Inductance

7. Give the formula for transformation ratio

$$n = N_s / N_p = \text{transformation ratio}$$

N_s = Secondary Turns;

N_p = Primary turns

8. Define rise time.

It is defined by the time required by the pulse to rise from 10% of its amplitude to 90% of its amplitude.

9. Define overshoot.

It is the amount by which the output exceeds its amplitude during first attempt.

10. What is leading edge response?

At start there is an overshoot and then pulse settles down. The response till it settles down after the overshoot is called leading edge response.

11. What is trailing edge response?

The response generally extends below the zero amplitude after the end of pulse width is called back swing. The portion of response from back swing till it settles down is called trailing edge response.

12. Define flat top response.

The portion of the response between the trailing edge and the leading edge is called flat top response.

13. Define droop or a tilt.

The displacement of the pulse amplitude during its flat response is called droop or a tilt.

14. What are the applications of pulse transformer?

Pulse transformer can be used to

1. Change the amplitude and impedance level of a pulse.
2. Invert the polarity of the pulse.
3. Produce a pulse in a circuit having negligible d.c. resistance.
4. Differentiate a pulse.
5. Act as a coupling element in a certain pulse generating circuits.

15. When does the core saturate?

When $L \rightarrow \infty$ as $B \rightarrow B_m$, the core saturates.

16. What is the other name of astable Blocking Oscillator?

Free running blocking Oscillator.

17. What are the two types of astable Blocking Oscillator?

1. Diode controlled Astable Blocking Oscillator.
2. Re controlled Astable Blocking Oscillator.

18. Define Sweep time in saw tooth generator.

The period during which voltage increases linearly is called sweep time.

19. What is the other name of saw tooth generator?

Ramp generator.

20. Define Displacement error in the saw tooth generator?

It is defined as the maximum differences between the actual sweep voltage and linear sweep which passes through the beginning and end points of the actual sweep.

21. What is constant current charging?

A capacitor is charged with a constant current source.

22. What is the miller circuit?

Integrator is used to convert a step waveform into ramp waveform.

23. Mention the various methods of controlling the pulse.

1. Use of common base configuration.
2. Use of common collector configuration.
3. Use of core saturation method.
4. Use of shorted delay line.

24. What is mark space ratio?

The ratio of time for which Q is On to time for which Q is OFF is called mark-space ratio. If this is unity, then the output is almost symmetrical square wave.

25. Define Duty cycle.

The duty cycle is defined as the ratio of the ON time t_p to the time period T.

Mathematically it is given by,

$$D = t_p / T$$

26. How high duty cycle is obtained?

1. Using temperature compensated zener diode.
2. Using G_e diode in series with tertiary winding across the supply voltage.

27. What do you mean by voltage time base generators?

Circuits used to generate a linear variation of voltage with time are called Voltage time-base generators.

28. What do you mean by linear time base generators/

Circuits provide an output waveform which exhibits a linear variation of voltage with time are called linear time base generators.

29. Define restoration time or flyback time.

The time required for the return for the sweep voltage to the initial value is called restoration time (or) return time (or) flyback time.

30. Define sweep time.

The period during which voltage increases linearly is called sweep time.

31. List important sweep parameters.

Sweep speed error, Displacement error and transmission error.

32. Name the different errors in generation of sweep waveforms.

Sweep speed error, Displacement error and transmission error.

33. Define Sweep speed error.

It is the ratio of difference in slope at beginning and end of sweep to the initial value of slope.

34. Define Displacement error.

It is defined as the maximum difference between the actual sweep voltage and linear sweep which passes through the beginning and end points of the actual sweep.

35. Define transmission error.

When a ramp voltage is transmitted through a high-pass RC network, its output falls away from the input. The transmission error is defined as the difference between the input and output divided by the input.