

II B.Tech I Semester Regular Examinations, November 2005
PULSE AND DIGITAL CIRCUITS
 (Common to Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Electronics &
 Communication Engineering, Electronics & Telematics and Electronics &
 Computer Engineering)

Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 80

Answer any FIVE Questions
All Questions carry equal marks

1. A current pulse of amplitude I is applied to a parallel RC combination. Plot to scale the waveforms of the current i_C for the cases
- $t_p < RC$,
 - $t_p = RC$
 - $t_p > RC$ where t_p is the pulse width.(figure1)

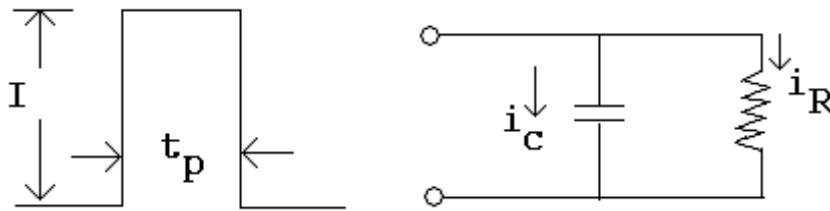


Figure 1:

[6+5+5]

2. (a) Draw the circuit diagram of slicer circuit using Zener diodes and explain its operation with the help of its transfer characteristic. [6]
- (b) For the circuit shown in figure 2 below:

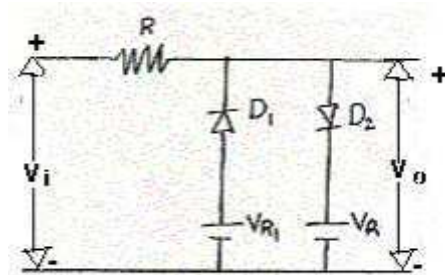


Figure 2:

If $R = 1K\Omega$, $V_{R2} = 10V$, $V_{R1} = 7V$
 $R_f = 0$ and $R_r = \infty$

- i. Sketch the transfer characteristic

- ii. If $V_i = 20 \sin \omega t$ sketch the input and output waveforms. [10]
3. (a) Explain the phenomenon of “latching” in a transistor switch. [6]
(b) A transistor has $f_T = 50$ MHz, $h_{FE}=40$, $C_{b'c}=3$ PF and operates with $V_{cc}=12$ V and $R_c=500 \Omega$. The transistor is operating initially in the neighbourhood of the cut-in point. What base current must be applied to drive the transistor to saturation in 1μ sec? [10]
4. (a) Draw the circuit diagram of self-bias with symmetrical triggering using diodes. Explain the working of the same. [8]
(b) Compare between triggering at base and collectors. [8]
5. With reference to voltage sweeps explain the following terms: [16]
(a) Sweep speed
(b) Linearity of sweep
(c) Sweep stability
(d) Recovery time.
6. (a) Explain the operation of a sweep circuit as a divider. [8]
(b) The UJT relaxation oscillator is to be used as a 3:1 divider for pulses which occur at a 2500 Hz rate. The available supply voltage is 30 V. The pulses are applied at base B_2 . Draw the circuit and calculate pulse amplitude. [8]
7. (a) Illustrate with neat circuit diagram, the operation of unidirectional sampling gate for multiple inputs. [8]
(b) Explain with circuit diagram the operation of a two input sampling gate which does not have any loading effect on control signal. [8]
8. (a) Explain the triggering arrangement for blocking oscillator. [8]
(b) Discuss the effect of switching due to magnetic saturation. Show the hysteresis and current waveforms. [8]

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1. (a) Prove that an RC circuit behaves as a reasonably good integrator if $RC \gg 15T$, where T is the period of an input ' $E_m \sin \omega t$ '. [10]
 (b) What is the ratio of the rise time of the three sections in cascade to the rise time of a single section of low pass RC circuit. [6]
2. (a) What is meant by clipping in wave shaping? [4]
 (b) Classify different types of clipper circuits. Give their circuits and explain their operation with the aid of transfer characteristics. [12]
3. (a) Explain the phenomenon of "latching" in a transistor switch. [6]
 (b) A transistor has $f_T = 50 \text{ MHz}$, $h_{FE} = 40$, $C_{bc} = 3 \text{ pF}$ and operates with $V_{cc} = 12 \text{ V}$ and $R_c = 500 \Omega$. The transistor is operating initially in the neighbourhood of the cut-in point. What base current must be applied to drive the transistor to saturation in $1 \mu \text{ sec}$? [10]
4. For the Schmitt trigger circuit (figure 1) shown below, find UTP & LTP. Derive the formula used. For an input $v_i = 15 \sin \omega t$, plot the output waveform. Data given are: [16]
 $V_{cc} = 15 \text{ V}$, $R_s = 3 \text{ k}$, $R_{c1} = 3 \text{ k}$, $R_{c2} = 1 \text{ k}$, $R_1 = 4 \text{ k}$, $R_2 = 15 \text{ k}$, & $R_e = 6 \text{ k}$.
5. (a) Bring out the necessity and importance of current sweep circuits. List out its applications. [8]
 (b) What are the techniques used to improve the linearity of current sweeps. Illustrate with examples. [8]
6. (a) Explain how a sinusoidal oscillator can be used as a frequency divider. [8]
 (b) Write short notes on
 i. Phase delay and
 ii. Phase jitters [8]
7. (a) Explain the operation of unidirectional diode sampling gate with neat sketch of waveforms. Illustrate the effect of different levels of control voltage on gate output. [10]
 (b) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages. [6]

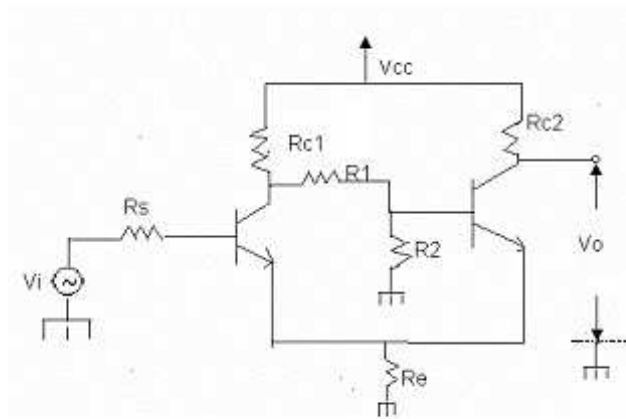


Figure 1:

8. (a) Compare the diode controlled and RC controlled astable operated blocking oscillator. [6]
- (b) What are the advantages of RC controlled oscillator? [4]
- (c) List the applications of blocking oscillators. [6]

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1. (a) Three low pass RC circuits are in cascade and isolated from one another by ideal buffer amplifiers. Find the expression for the output voltage as a function of time if the input is a step voltage. [10]
 (b) Find the rise time of the output in terms of RC in the above case. [6]
2. (a) Draw the basic circuit diagram of negative peak clamper circuit and explain its operation. [6]
 (b) For the circuit shown in figure 1 below, an input voltage V_i linearly varies from 0 to 150 V is applied. Sketch the output voltage V_o to the same time scale. [10]
 Assume ideal diodes.

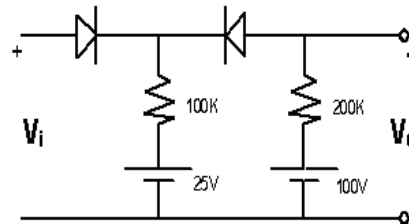


Figure 1:

3. (a) Explain the behavior of a BJT as a switch. Give Applications. [8]
 (b) Write a short note on switching times of a transistor. [8]
4. (a) Explain how a Schmitt trigger can be used as a comparator and as a squaring circuit. [8]
 (b) What do you understand by hysteresis? What is hysteresis voltage? Explain how hysteresis can be eliminated in a Schmitt trigger. [8]
5. (a) Draw the circuit of a two-stage transistor bootstrap circuit to get an exactly linear sweep. [8]
 (b) Draw a practical form of a bootstrap sweep circuit using a transistor. Write the expressions for sweep speed and linearity of such circuit. [8]
6. (a) How astable multivibrator can be synchronized? Illustrate with waveforms. [8]

- (b) A symmetrical astable multivibrator using transistor operates from 10V supply has a period of 1msec. Triggering pulses of spacing 750 microsec are applied to one base through a small capacitor from a high-impedance source. Find the minimum triggering pulse amplitude required to achieve 1:1 synchronization. [8]
7. (a) What is a sampling gate? Explain the operation of series gate using JFET. Sketch the input and output waveforms. [8]
- (b) Illustrate the errors encountered in series sampling and what is the design procedure to minimize these errors? [8]
8. In an astable transistor (diode controlled) blocking oscillator, if $L = 5.2 \text{ mH}$, $C = 90 \text{ pF}$, $V_{CC} = 10 \text{ V}$, $R = 500 \Omega$, $V_r = 6\text{V}$, $\eta = 1$ and $V_{BB} = 0.5\text{V}$. Calculate
- (a) the period and duty cycle of free oscillations [6]
- (b) the peak voltage and currents [4]
- (c) the current in the magnetizing inductance at the end one cycle. [6]

Neglect saturation junction voltages.

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1. (a) Verify $V_1 = \frac{V}{1+e^{-T/2RC}}$ $V_1' = \frac{V}{1+e^{T/2RC}}$ (figure1)

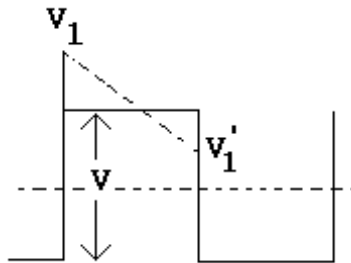


Figure 1:

For a symmetrical square wave applied to a high pass RC circuit. [10]

- (b) Draw the RC high pass circuit and explain its working with step voltage input. [6]

2. (a) State and prove clamping-circuit theorem. [6]

- (b) A square wave input as shown in figure 2 below is applied to the clamping circuit. Sketch the steady-state output waveform and derive the necessary expressions. [10]

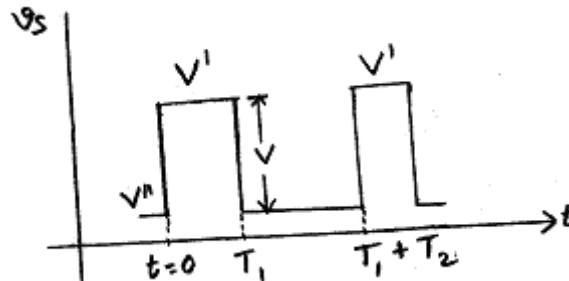


Figure 2:

3. (a) Explain the behavior of a BJT as a switch. Give Applications. [8]
 (b) Write a short note on switching times of a transistor. [8]

4. The binary circuit (figure 3) given below uses silicon transistors with $h_{FE}=20$. Calculate V_1 and V_2 , for a sine wave input $V_i=10 \sin \omega t$. Plot V_{CN1} , V_{EN} , V_{CN2} as a function of $\alpha=\omega t$. (V_1 is the input voltage when Q_1 begins conducting and V_2 is the input voltage when Q_2 resumes conducting.) [16]

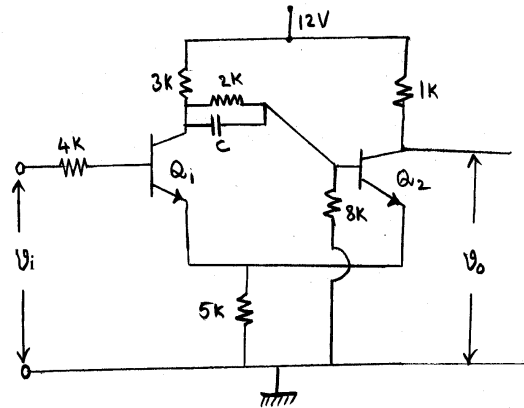


Figure 3:

5. (a) Draw the circuit of a constant current sweep circuit and derive the expression for sweep voltage. [8]
 (b) In transistor constant current sweep circuit what happens if temperature is increased? What sort of circuit provides temperature compensation? [8]
6. (a) Illustrate the terms 'synchronization' and 'frequency division' of a sweep generator. [8]
 (b) A free-running relaxation oscillator has sweep amplitude of 100 V and a period of 1 msec synchronizing pulses are applied to the device such that breakdown voltage is lowered by 50 V at each pulse. The synchronizing pulse frequency is 4 kHz. What is the amplitude and frequency of synchronized oscillator waveform? [8]
7. (a) What is a sampling gate? Explain the operation of series gate using JFET. Sketch the input and output waveforms. [8]
 (b) Illustrate the errors encountered in series sampling and what is the design procedure to minimize these errors? [8]
8. Explain with neat circuit diagram of triggered blocking oscillator with emitter timing. Draw the equivalent circuit and show the current and voltage waveforms. Derive an expression for current pulse width. [16]
