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ENGINEERING ELE-313 ELECTRONICS LABORATORY II  
EXPERIMENT – 8 OSCILLATORS

**REFERENCES**

Study the analysis of Oscillators given in the book Electronic devices and circuit theory, Louis Nashelsky sixth edition pp.789-794, lecture notes and theoretical information given below.

**1.OBJECTIVE**

To demonstrate the Wien-bridge and RC phase-shift oscillators.

**2.THEORY**

Oscillators are circuits that spontaneously generate a periodically changing output voltage due to positive feedback. Two important types of them are wien-bridge and RC phase-shift oscillators. An operational amplifier is ideal for use in oscillator circuits because of its large input impedance, large gain, and the ease with which a positive feedback can be introduced around it. The positive feedback required for oscillation is specified by the *Barkhausen criterion*. According to this criterion, the total gain from input to output and back through the feedback circuitry must equal at least one, and the total phase-shift from input to output and back through the the feedback circuitry must equal  $0^\circ$ , or a multiple of  $360^\circ$ .

A wien-bridge oscillator is shown in Figure 1. It may be regarded as a bridge whose two branches are the resistive voltage divider at the inverting terminal and the reactive voltage divider at the non-inverting terminal of the operational amplifier. The circuit oscillates at a frequency at which the ac voltages at the two terminals are equal. If  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  (see Figure 1) are made equal-valued resistors, and  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  equal-valued capacitors, then the ratio of  $R_f$  to  $R_{in}$  must be 2:1 to satisfy the Barkhausen criterion. The oscillation frequency for the wien-bridge oscillator, given these assumptions, can be calculated from the following equation:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi RC}$$

where  $R = R_1 = R_2$ , and  $C = C_1 = C_2$ .

An example of an RC phase-shift oscillator is shown in Figure 2. The RC phase-shift oscillator uses three cascaded stages of RC high-pass filters, with the output of the last stage fed back to the inverting input of the operational amplifier. The purpose of constructing RC filters is to provide a phase shift of  $180^\circ$ . Since the output of these filters is feedback to the inverting terminal, the amplifier itself provides another phase shift of  $180^\circ$ . The total phase-shift of the circuit is therefore  $360^\circ$  or  $0^\circ$ . Given the stipulation that  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are all equal-valued resistors, and that  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  are all equal-valued capacitors, the oscillation frequency of the RC phase-shift oscillator can be calculated using the following equation:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi RC\sqrt{6}}$$

where  $R = R_1 = R_2 = R_3$  and  $C = C_1 = C_2 = C_3$ .

This equation is exact only if the input resistor on the inverting terminal ( $10\text{ K}\Omega$  in Figure 2) is large enough to prevent any loading of the cascaded RC stages.

**3.PRELIMINARY WORK**

1. Design a wien-bridge oscillator which oscillates at 25 kHz.

2. Design an RC phase-shift oscillator which oscillates at 100 Hz.

#### **4. EXPERIMENTAL WORK:**

In this section, the given steps below will be applied in the experiment. In order to validate your measurements during the experiment, do the pspice simulations beforehand. **Write down the simulation results** near circuits designed and graphs drawn.

1). Set up Wien-bridge oscillator given in :Figure-1.

$R_{IN}=1K\Omega$ ,  $R_F=1.5K\Omega$  series with  $1K\Omega$  pot.

$R_1=R_2=10K\Omega$  and  $C_1=C_2=0.1\mu F$

2). Take  $C_1=C_2=0.22\mu F$  repeat step (1).

3). Take  $R_1=R_2=1K\Omega$  repeat step (1).

4). Set up RC phase shift oscillator given in :Figure-2.

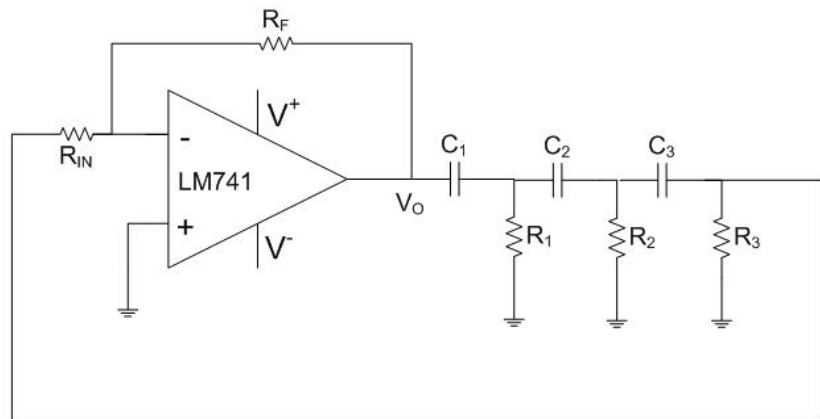
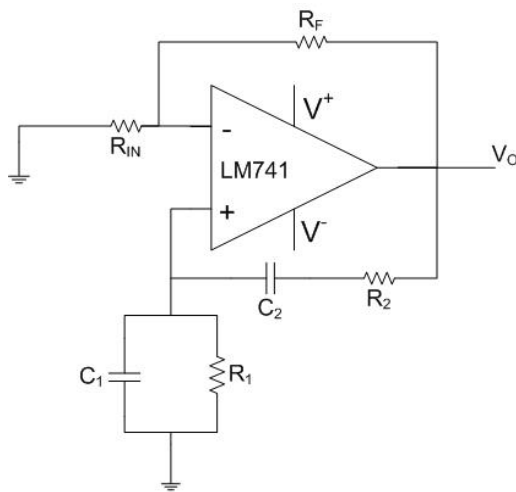
$R_{IN}=10K\Omega$ ,  $R_F=500K\Omega$  pot.

$R_1=R_2= R_3=1K\Omega$  and  $C_1=C_2= C_3=0.22\mu F$

5). Take  $C_1=C_2= C_3=0.47\mu F$  repeat step(4).

6). Take  $R_1=R_2= R_3=560\Omega$  repeat step(4).

*Carefully adjust the potentiometers in each step in order to obtain output sinusoid signal with least distortion. Measure and record the output frequencies. Supply voltage  $V_{\pm}=\pm 15V!$*



**Figure-1** Wien-Bridge Oscillator

**Figure-2** RC Phase Shift Oscillator