# OSCILATORS WITH RC FEEDBACK CIRCUIT

**Oscillator** is an electronic circuit that generates a periodic waveform on its output *without an external signal source*. It is used to convert dc to ac. The waveform can be sine wave, square wave, triangular wave, and sawtooth wave.



The feedback oscillator is widely used for generation of sine wave signals. The positive (in phase) feedback maintains the oscillations

If the feedback circuit returns the signal out of phase, an inverting amplifier produces positive feedback.



#### Types of oscillators

- RCoscilators
  Wien Bridge
  - Phase Shift
- 2 LCoscillators
  - Hartley
  - Colpitts
- 3. Relaxation oscilators

#### Rc Oscillators

RCfeedback oscillators are generally limited to frequencies of 1 MHz or less.

The types of RCoscillators that we will discuss are the **Wien-bridge** and the **phase-shift** 

#### The RCOscillator Circuit

RCOscillators use a combination of an amplifier and an RC network to produce oscillations due to the phase shift between the stages





- A fundamental part of the Wien-bridge oscillator is a lead-lag circuit like that shown in Figure 16–6(a).
- *R*<sub>1</sub> and *C*<sub>1</sub> together form the lag portion of the circuit: *R*<sub>2</sub> and *C*<sub>2</sub> form the lead portion.



- For the circuit to produce a sustained sinusoidal output (oscillate), the phase shift around the positive feedback loop must be 0° and the gain around the loop must be equal to unity (1).
- The 0° phase-shift condition is met when the frequency is f<sub>r</sub> because the phase shift through the lead-lag circuit is 0° and there is no inversion from the noninverting (+) input of the op-amp to the output.
- This is shown in Figure 16–8(a).
- The unity-gain condition in the feedback loop is met when

$$A_{cl} = 3$$

 This offsets the 1/3 attenuation of the lead-lag circuit, thus making the total gain around the positive feedback loop equal to 1.





(b) Loop gain of 1 causes a sustained constant output.

#### FIGURE 16-9

Conditions for start-up and sustained oscillations.

- **Example 16-1**: Determine the resonant frequency for the Wien-bridge oscillator in Figure 16–12. Also, calculate the setting for  $R_f$  assuming the internal drain-source resistance  $\dot{r}_{ds}$ , of the JFET is 500  $\Omega$  when oscillations are stable.
- Solution:
- For the lead-lag circuit, and  $R_1 = R_2 = R = 10 \text{ k} \Omega$  and  $C_1 = C_2$ = C = 0.01 mF. The frequency is  $f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi RC} = \frac{1}{2\pi (10 \text{ k}\Omega)(0.01 \mu F)} = 1.59 \text{ kHz}$

- The closed-loop gain must be 3.0 for oscillations to be sustained.
- For an inverting amplifier, the gain expression is the same as for a noninverting amplifier.

$$A_v = \frac{R_f}{R_i} + 1$$

- $R_i$  is composed of  $R_3$  and  $\dot{r}_{ds}$ . Substituting  $A_v = \frac{R_f}{R_3 + r'_{ds}} + 1$
- Rearranging for  $R_f$  $R_f = (A_v - 1)(R_3 + r'_{ds}) = (3 - 1)(1.0 \ k\Omega + 500 \ \Omega) = 3.0 \ k\Omega$

#### <u>Advantages</u>

The various advantages of <u>Wien bridge</u> <u>oscillator</u> are,

- By varying the two capacitor values simultaneously, by mounting them on the common shaft, different frequency ranges can be obtained.
- 2. The perfect sine wave output is possible.
- 3. It is useful audio frequency range i.e. 20 Hz to 100 kHz.

## **Disadvantages**

If instead of op-amp, transistorised amplifier is to be- used then more stages are required to obtain 0° phase shift between input and output. This increases the number of components and cost. The frequency stability is poor.



The wien bridge oscillator is a type of RC oscillator, that produces the sinusoidal output. It is commonly used in audio and Sub-audio frequency ranges, that is 20- 20KHz. The maximum frequency of the output of a wien

bridge oscillator is only about 1MHz. Circuit Diagram explanation of WIEN BRIDGE OSCILLATOR It has two stage RC ...



Phase shift is any change that occurs in the phase of quantity, or in the phase difference between two or more quantities. Sometimes it referred as Phase-shift or Phase-offset because it represents a "shift" from zerophase.

#### Phase-shift oscillator

Aphase-shift oscillator is a linear electronic oscillator circuit that produces a sine wave output. It consists of an inverting amplifier element such as a transistor or op-amp with its output fed backto its input through a phase-shift network consisting of resistors and capacitors in a ladder network.

#### PHASE-SHIFT OSCILLATOR USING OP-AMP

The circuit shown below indicates that the feedback is connected to the inverting X input of the operational amplifier which produces the required 180° phase shift. Another 180° phase shift is produced through the three stage RC phase shift network which got combine With feedback phase shift and produces 360° or 0° phase shift which is the required condition for sustained oscillations. RC oscillators with four stages Are generally used because available op-amp came in quad IC packages.

#### Phase-shift oscillator using Op-amp



#### if $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = R$ and $C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = C$ , then:

The equation for the frequency of oscillation given by:



#### Problem:

Determine the frequency of oscillation of a phase-shift oscillator with a three-section feedback network consisting of  $13-\Omega$  resistors and 100-micro F capacitors.

Data:

R=13-Ω C=100- micro F

# Using equation for frequency of oscillation we can compute the frequency Of oscillation as

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



#### Advantages

It provides good frequency stability. It is not bulky and expensive. It is suitable for low frequencies to say as of the order of 1 KHz. It generates a sinusoidal output which is distortion free. It is simpler than Wien bridge oscillator because it does not need negative feedback and stabilization arrangements.

