

MULTIVIBRATORS

Multivibrators are basically regenerative circuits comprising of two cross coupled active devices like Bipolar junction Transistors, the output states of a multivibrator depend upon the nature of coupling between the active elements involved.

classification:

Multivibrators (Multi) are broadly classified into three categories based upon their output states.

(1) Bistable Multivibrators

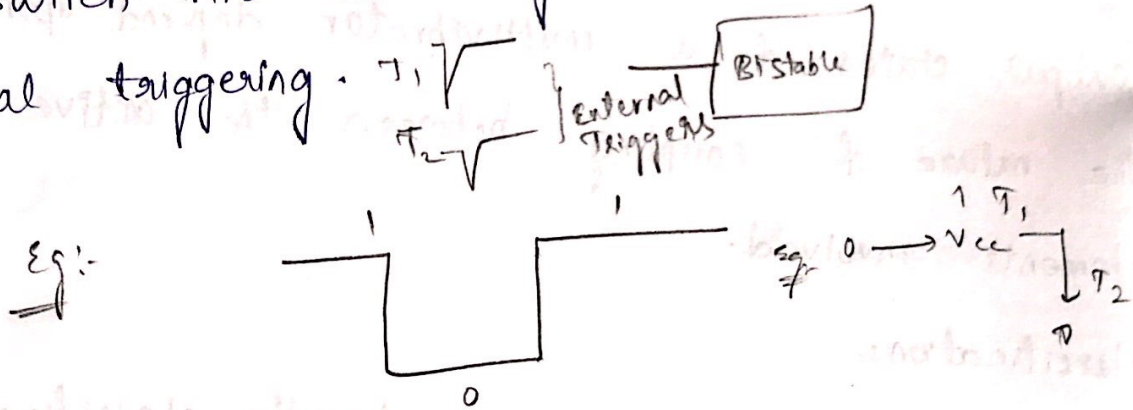
(2) Monostable Multivibrators.

(3) Astable Multivibrators

(1) Bistable Multivibrator:

A Bistable Multi has two stable output states. It can remain indefinitely in any one

of the two stable states and it can be induced to make an abrupt transition to the under stable state by means of suitable external excitation. It will remain indefinitely in the state until it is again induced to switch into the original stable state by external triggering.



Bistable multivibrators are also termed as Bistables or flip flops. A Binary is sometimes referred to as Eclass - Jordan circuit.

(a) Monostable Multivibrator:

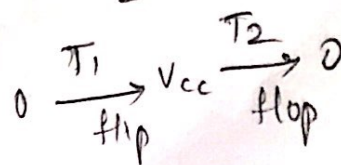
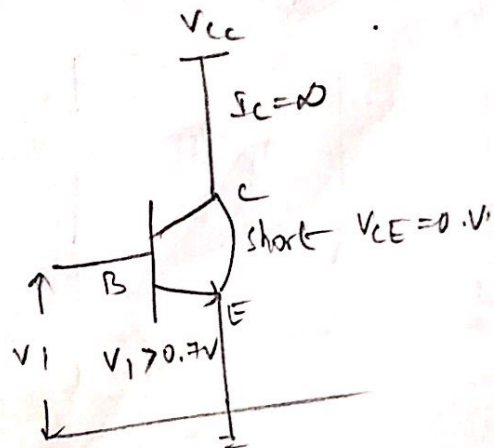
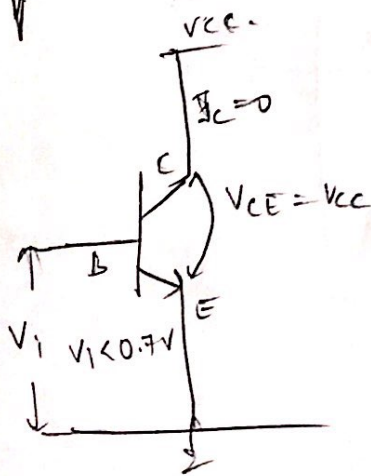
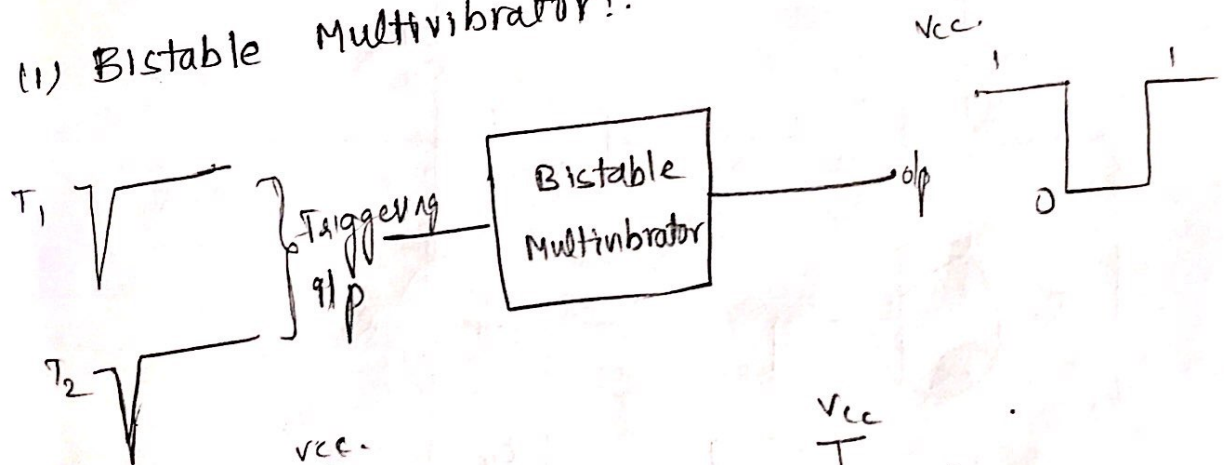
It has one stable state and one quasi state. It can remain the stable state indefinitely when a suitable external trigger is applied. The monostable multi switches into the quasi stable state it remains in the quasi stable state for

a short duration and switches back into the stable state without any external triggering. A monostable mult is also called one-shot.

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 (3) Astable Multivibrator:

It has two output states. Both of which are quasi stable. The astable mult cannot remain indefinitely in any of these two states and it keeps on switching between the two states.

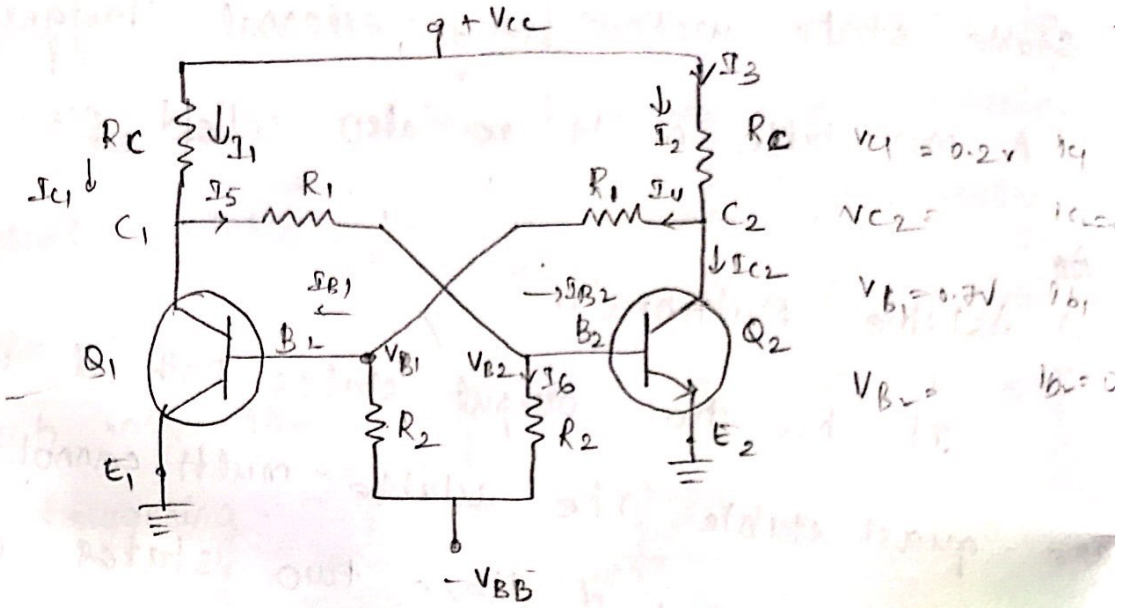
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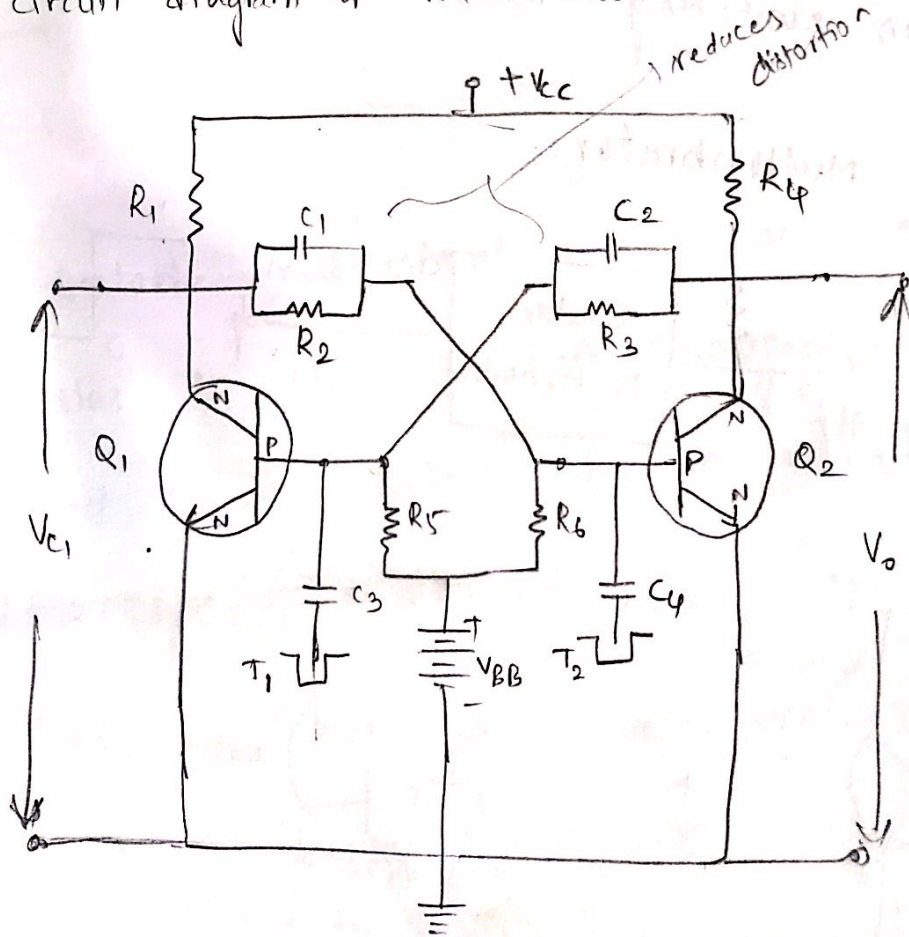


# Fixed Bias Bistable Multivibrator :-

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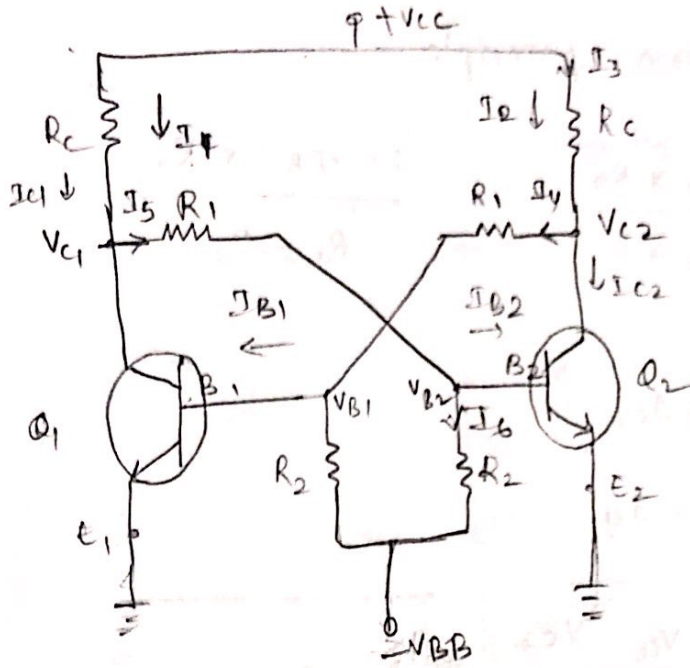


circuit diagram of fixed bias Bistable Multivibrator





Fixed Bias Bistable Multivibrator :-



Fixed Bias:-

To find

$V_{C1}$

$V_{B1}$

$I_{C1} = 0A$

$I_{B1} = 0A$

$V_{C2} = 0.2V$

$V_{B2} = 0.7V$

$I_{C2}$

$I_{B2}$

saturation voltages of silicon.

Consider the stable state condition if  $Q_1$  is ON

and  $Q_2$  is OFF.

To find  $V_{C1}$  :-

Using superposition theorem

$$V_{C1} = \frac{V_{CC} \times R_1}{R_1 + R_C} + \frac{V_{B2} \times R_C}{R_1 + R_C}$$

( $Q_2$  is short)                      ( $Q_1$  is short)

To find  $V_{B1}$  :

Using superposition principle

$$V_{B1} = \frac{V_{C2} \times R_2}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{(-V_{BB}) \times R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

from

$$I_3 = I_4 + I_{C2}$$

$$I_{C2} = I_3 - I_4$$

$$I_3 = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{C2}}{R_C}$$

$$I_4 = \frac{V_{C2} - V_{B1}}{R_1}$$

$$I_{C2} = I_3 - I_4$$

$$\Rightarrow I_5 = I_6 + I_{B2}$$

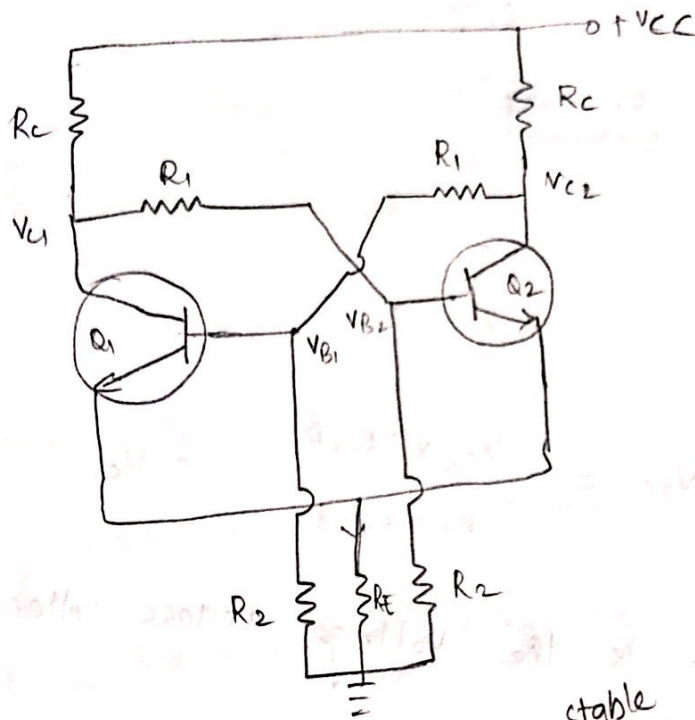
$$I_{B2} = I_5 - I_6$$

$$I_5 = \frac{V_{C1} - V_{B2}}{R_1}$$

$$I_6 = \frac{V_{B2} + V_{B3}}{R_2}$$

# Self Bias Bistable Multivibrator

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Bistable Multivibrator has 2 stable states.

1<sup>st</sup> stable state  $Q_2$  - ON,  $Q_1$  - OFF

2<sup>nd</sup> stable state  $Q_2$  - OFF,  $Q_1$  - ON

Now, consider  $Q_2$  - ON,  $Q_1$  - OFF.

To find

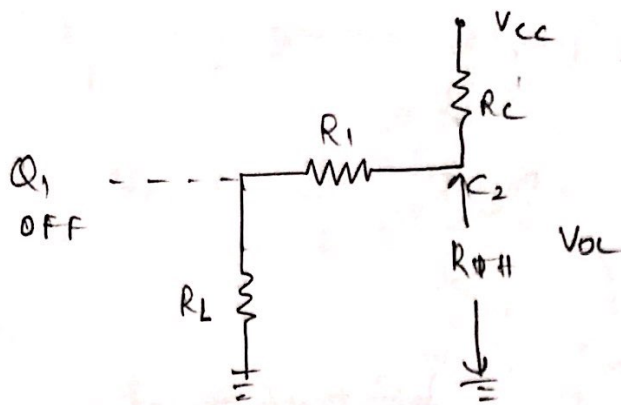
$V_{c2}$	$V_{b2}$	$I_{c2}$	$I_{b2}$
$V_{c1}$	$V_{b1}$	$I_{c1} = 0A$	$I_{b1} = 0A$ ( $\because Q_1$ is OFF)

for  $V_{c2} = V_{CE(sat)} + V_E$

$V_{b2} = V_{BE(sat)} + V_E$



Thevenin's Equivalent of  $Q_2$  across collector to ground:



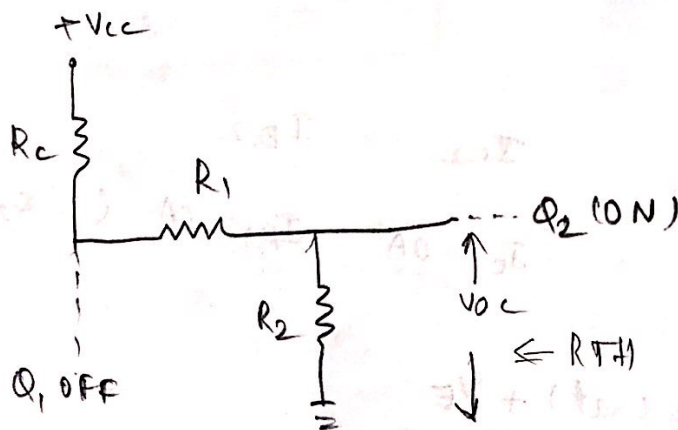
$$\therefore V_{oc} = \frac{V_{cc} \times (R_1 + R_2)}{R_c + R_1 + R_2} = V_c$$

where  $V_c$  is the voltage across collector terminal  $Q_2$  to ground

$$\text{and } R_{TH} = R_c \parallel (R_1 + R_2)$$

$$= R_c \text{ (Collector Resistor)}$$

Thevenin's equivalent circuit across base to ground:

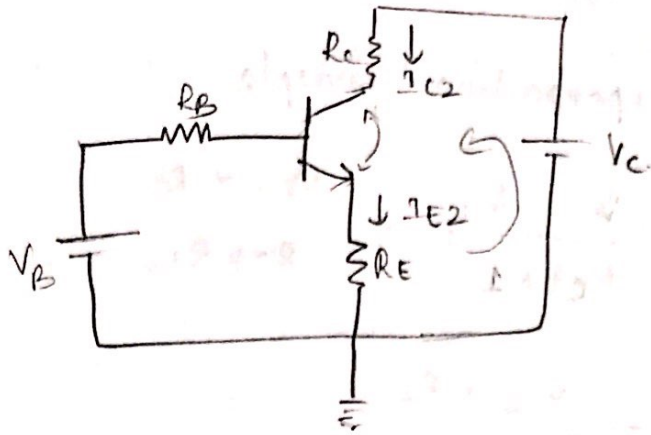


$$V_{oc} = \frac{V_{cc} \times R_2}{R_c + R_1 + R_2} = V_B$$

$$R_{TH} = (R_c + R_1) \parallel R_2$$

$$= R_B \text{ (Base resistance)}$$

Equivalent circuit for  $Q_2$  ON:-



where  $I_{E2} = I_{C2} + I_{B2}$

Applying KVL to above circuit

$$\Rightarrow V_B = I_{B2} \cdot R_B + V_{BE}(\text{sat}) + I_{E2} \cdot R_E$$

$$V_B = I_{B2} \cdot R_B + \underbrace{V_{BE}(\text{sat})}_{0.7 \text{ V}} + (I_{B2} + I_{C2}) R_E \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow V_C = I_{C2} \cdot R_C + V_{CE}(\text{sat}) + I_{E2} R_E$$

$$V_C = I_{C2} \cdot R_C + \underbrace{V_{CE}(\text{sat})}_{0.2 \text{ V}} + (I_{B2} + I_{C2}) R_E \rightarrow (2)$$

Solving eqn (1) & eqn (2), we get  $I_{E2}$  and  $I_{B2}$

$\therefore$  we know,  $I_{E2} = I_{B2} + I_{C2}$

$$V_E = I_{E2} \cdot R_E$$

Hence  $V_{C2} = V_{CE}(\text{sat}) + V_E$

$$V_{B2} = V_{BE}(\text{sat}) + V_E$$

To find  $V_{C1}$ ,  $V_{B1}$

By Applying superposition principle

$$\text{we get } V_{C1} = \frac{V_{CC} \times R_1}{R_C + R_1} + \frac{V_{B2} \times R_C}{R_C + R_1}$$

$$\& \quad V_{B1} = \frac{V_{C2} \times R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

Types of Triggering:-

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Triggering is of two types.

(1) Unsymmetrical (or) Asymmetrical Triggering

(2) Symmetrical Triggering

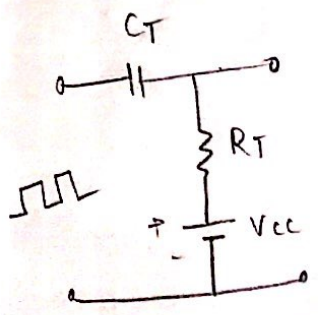
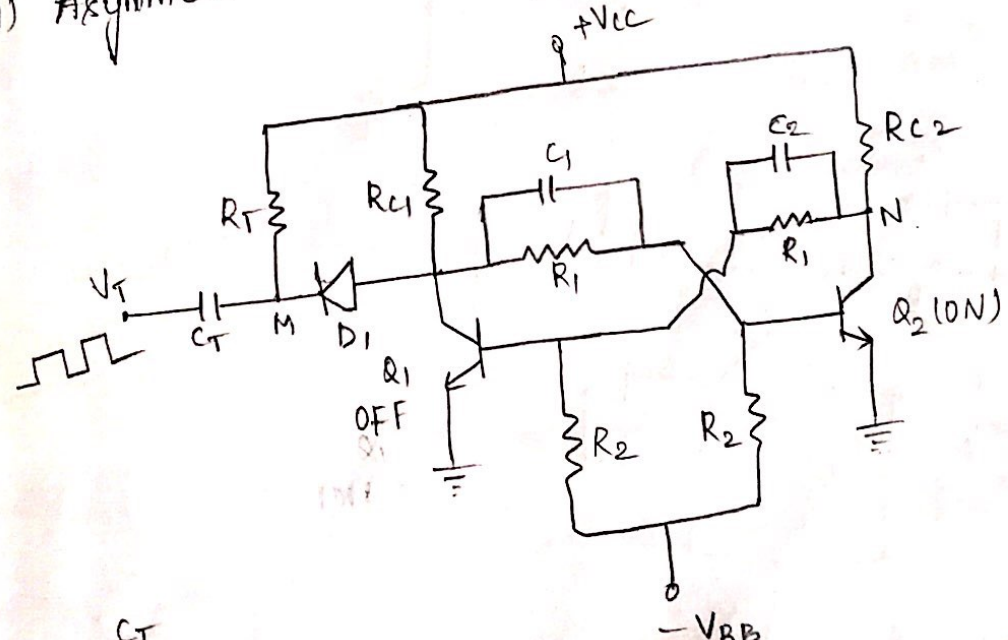
In unsymmetrical Triggering, two triggering pulses from two separate sources are needed to change the states of the binary when a triggering pulse from a source is applied to one of the transistors say  $Q_2$  which is ON,  $Q_2$  becomes OFF and  $Q_1$ , which was OFF will become ON.  $Q_2$  continues to be OFF and  $Q_1$  continues to be 'ON' until another triggering pulse from

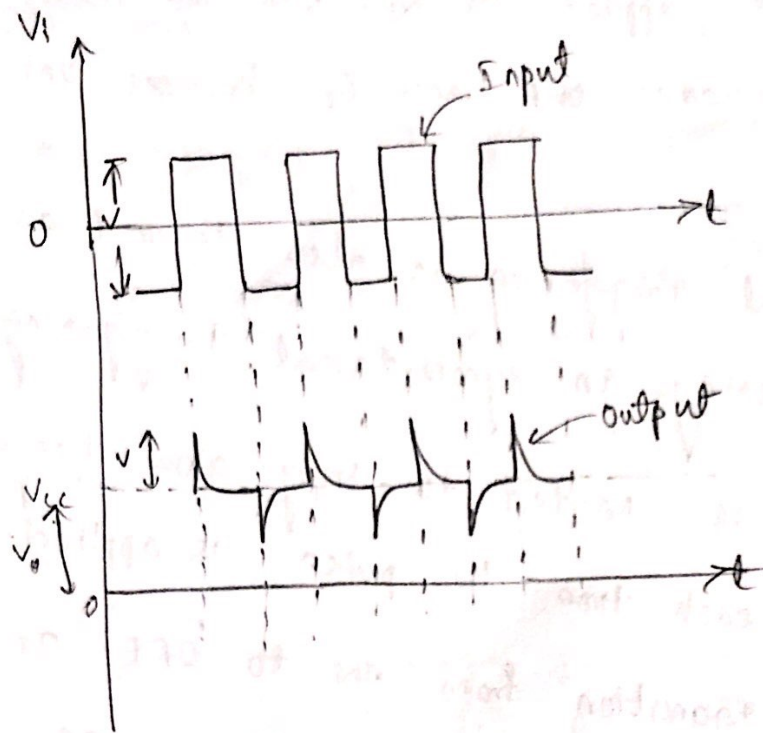


another source is applied to  $Q_1$ . with the result that  $Q_1$  again becomes OFF and  $Q_2$  becomes 'ON'.

⇒ Asymmetrical Triggering is also termed as Set Reset Triggering. In symmetrical triggering only one <sup>triggering</sup> pulse is needed to bring about change of state and each time the pulse is applied. There results a transition from ON to 'OFF' or from 'OFF' to 'ON'. Thus from a single source triggering can be effected in both directions.

(1) Asymmetrical or Unsymmetrical Triggering :-





$$C_1 = C_2 = \frac{1}{2.3 f_{max} (R_1 + R_2)}$$

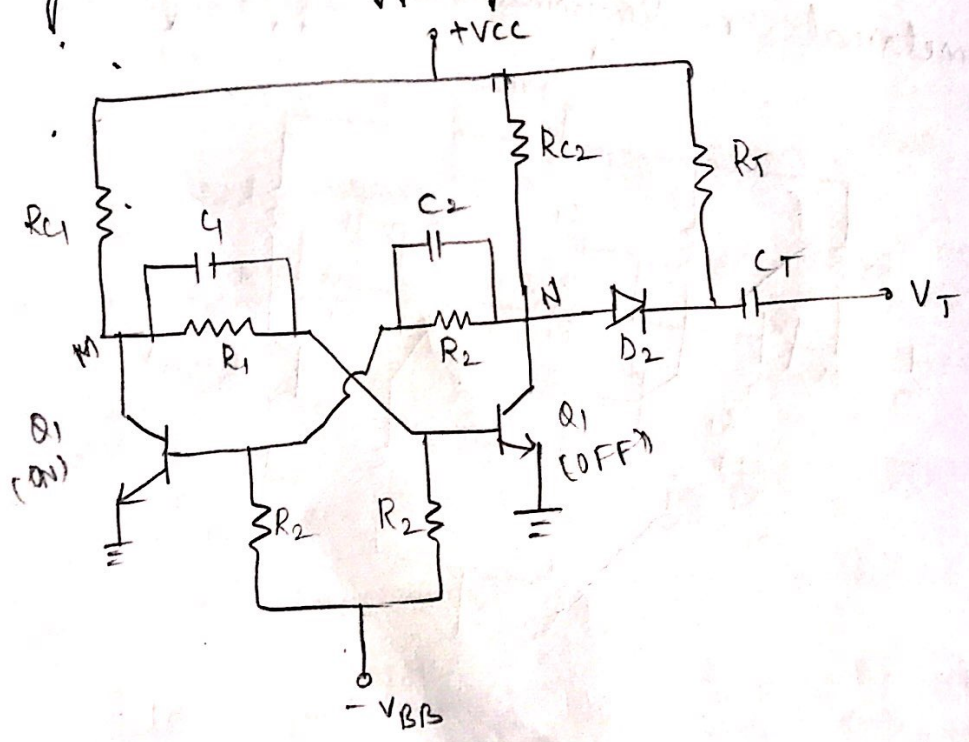
$$\text{But } R_1 || R_2 = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$= \frac{R_1 + R_2}{2.3 \cdot f_{max} R_1 R_2}$$

where  $f_{max} = \text{maximum triggering frequency}$

### Asymmetrical Triggering

### Symmetrical Triggering





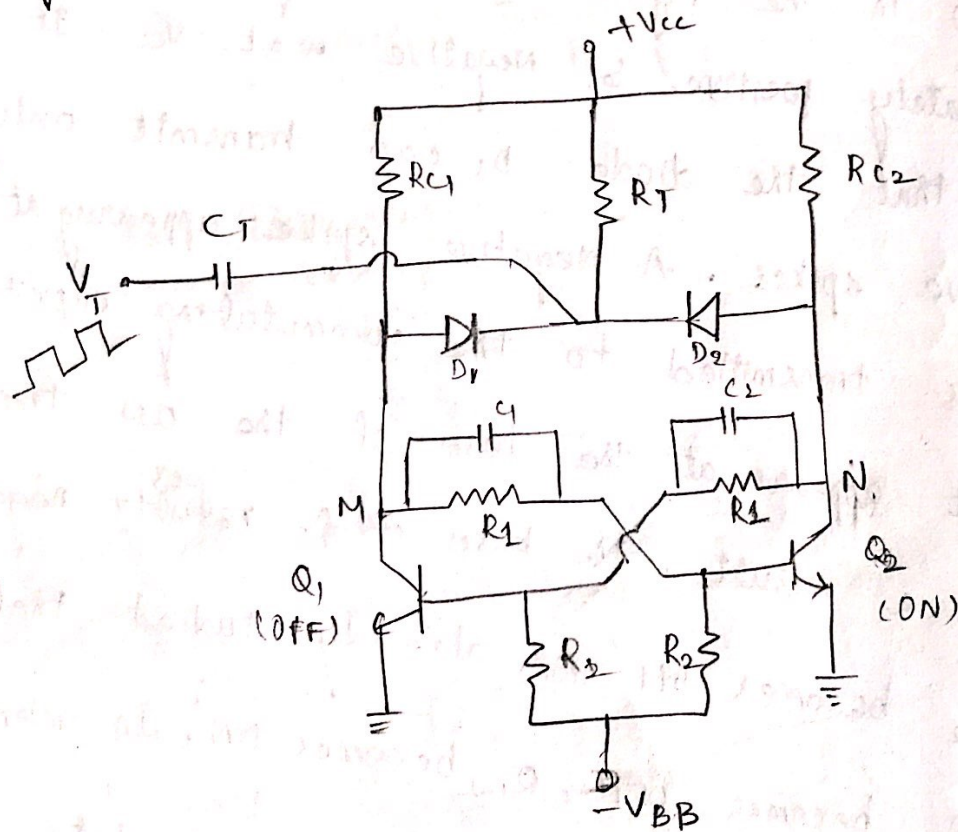
The figure shows a fixed Bias Binary along with the triggering circuit comprising of resistor  $R_T$ , capacitor  $C_T$  and diode  $D_1$ .  $C_1$  &  $C_2$  are commutating capacitors.  $C_T$  &  $R_T$  together constitute a differentiator circuit and when a pulse is applied as input to such a circuit the output is in the form of spikes as shown in the figure. These voltage spikes are alternately positive & negative w.r.t  $V_{CC}$ . It is seen that the diode  $D_1$  can transmit only negative spikes. A negative spike appearing at 'M' is transmitted to the commutating capacitor  $C_1$  and it appears at the base of the ON transistor  $Q_2$ . As a result, the base of  $Q_2$  <sup>goes</sup> ~~results~~ negative and  $Q_2$  becomes OFF. As already studied that when  $Q_2$  becomes OFF,  $Q_1$  becomes 'ON'. In order to restore with the binary to the original state i.e.  $Q_1$  OFF and  $Q_2$  ON. A similar triggering arrangement is provided at the collector of



Q<sub>2</sub>. If continuous triggering of the binary when both directions is required the triggering arrangement is switched between the points 'm' and 'n' alternatively. Asymmetrical Binary triggering requires two triggering pulses from two separate sources.

(2) Symmetrical Triggering :-

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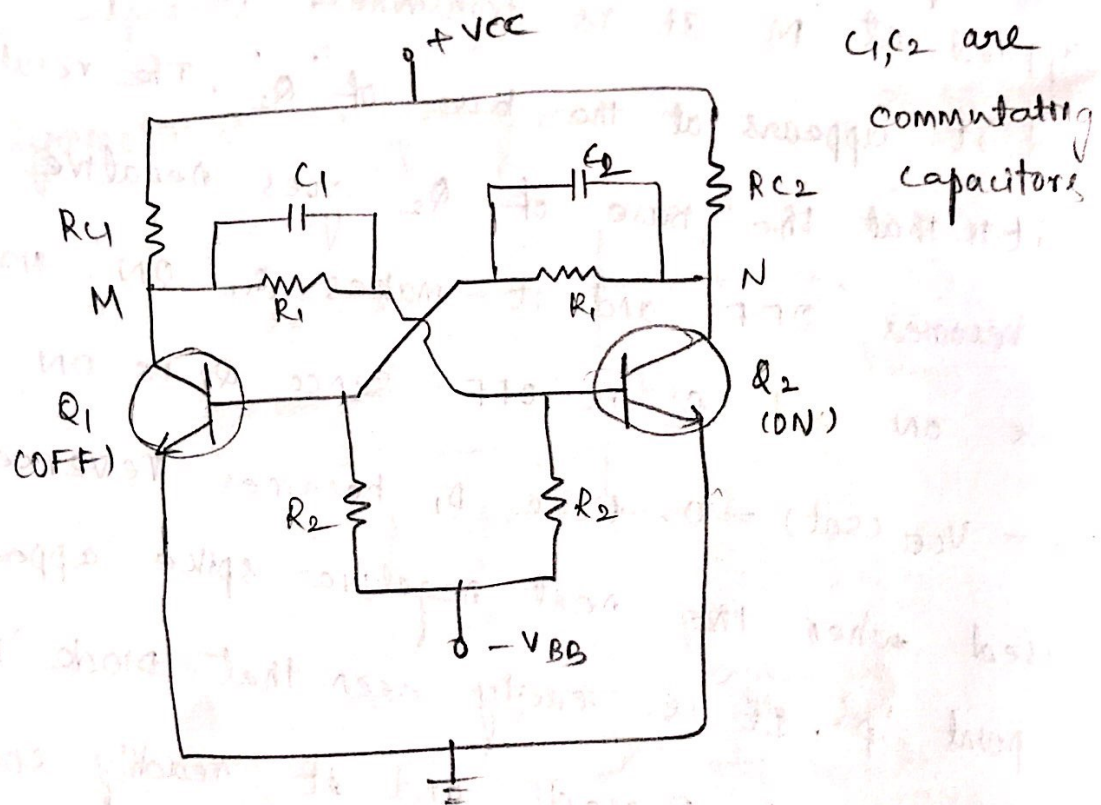
In symmetrical triggering, triggering in either direction is affected by means of pulses obtained from the same source. Let Q<sub>2</sub> is ON,

and  $Q_1$  is OFF. Since  $Q_2$  is ON i.e., in saturation  
 $V_N = V_{CE}(\text{sat}) = 0$ . Hence the supply voltage  $V_{CC}$   
 which is positive, reverse biases diode  $D_2$ .  
 when a negative triggering pulse appears at  
 point 'p' diode  $D_1$  gets forward biased and  
 readily conducts. Hence the negative spikes gets  
 applied at 'M'. It is transmitted to capacitor  $C_1$   
 and it appears at the base of  $Q_2$ . The result  
 of it is that the base of  $Q_2$  goes negative &  
 $Q_2$  becomes 'OFF'. and it makes  $Q_1$  'ON'. Now  
 $Q_1$  is ON and  $Q_2$  is OFF. Since  $Q_1$  is ON then  
 $V_M = V_{CE}(\text{sat}) = 0$ . Hence  $D_1$  becomes reverse  
 biased when the next negative spike appears  
 at point 'p'. It is easily seen that diode  $D_2$   
 becomes forward biased and it readily conducts  
 hence the negative spike gets applied at point  
 'N'. It is transmitted through capacitor  $C_2$  and  
 appears at the base of  $Q_1$ . The base of  $Q_1$  goes  
 negative with the result that  $Q_1$  becomes 'OFF'  
 and it makes  $Q_2$  'ON'. Thus, which pulses obtained



from the same triggering source, triggering of the Binary in either Direction is effected for this reason this type of triggering is termed as symmetrical triggering.

### Commutating Capacitors :-



In order to increase the switching speed of multivibrators there is a need to shunt the coupling resistors  $R_1, R_2$  by suitable capacitors  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . These capacitors are also termed as



Speed Up capacitors or Transpose capacitors :

Let  $Q_2$  be ON &  $Q_1$  be OFF. In order to change the state of the Binary a negative spike voltage is applied to the collector of the OFF transistor  $Q_1$  and this appears at the Base of the ON transistor  $Q_2$ . Since the base of  $Q_2$  goes negative, the potential of its collector terminal 'N' rapidly rises. This increase of voltage at the collector of  $Q_2$  must be quickly transmitted to the base of  $Q_1$ . So as to change its state from OFF to ON as quickly as possible.

This is achieved by providing a suitable capacitor  $C_2$  across  $R_1$ . Resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  & capacitor  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  together constitute a perfectly compensated attenuator and a full voltage rise at 'N' would be immediately transmitted to the base of ' $Q_1$ ' and  $Q_1$  would be 'ON' fastly. capacitor  $C_2$  must be properly designed. since it should not be too large or too small. The main feature of the commutative capacitor is that they reduce

the transition time and increase the switching speed. Hence the name speed of capacitors.

The relationship in the design of speed of capacitors is

$$C_1 = C_2 = \frac{R_1 + R_2}{2.3 R_1 R_2 f_{max}}$$

(2) Monostable Multivibrator :-

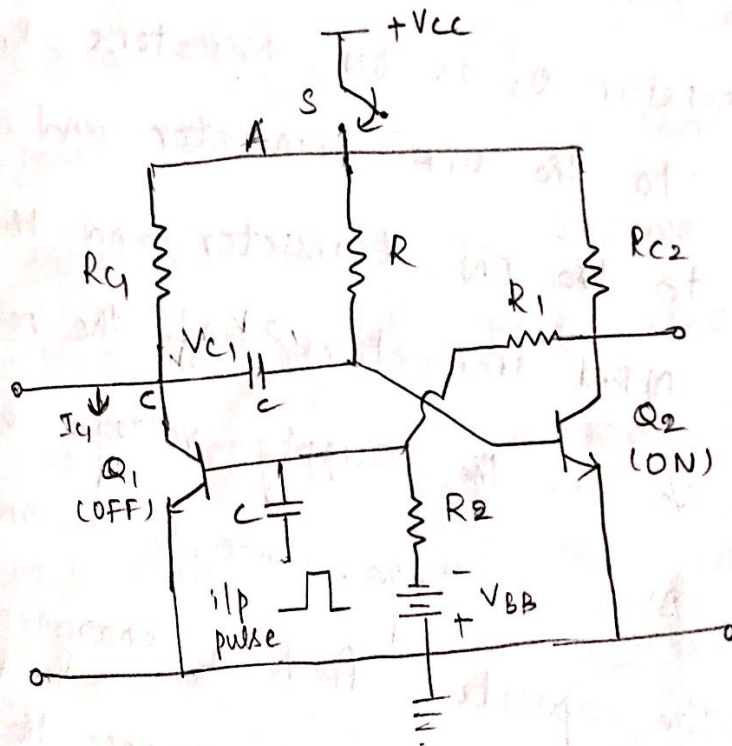
A Monostable Multivibrator has only one stable state. The other state is quasi stable (Temporary state). The Monostable Multivibrator is in stable state unless and until an external pulse is applied.

When an external triggering pulse is applied it switches from the stable to quasi stable state. It remains in the quasi stable state for a short duration and automatically switches back to its original stable state without any triggering pulse.



The output of the monostable multivibrator while it remains in the quasi stable state is a pulse of duration  $T$ , whose value depends upon the circuit components. Hence the monostable multivibrator is called a pulse generator. The monostable multivibrator is also referred to as one shot or univibrator. Since only one triggering <sup>signal</sup> pulse is required to come back to the original stable state.

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Monostable Multivibrator circuit



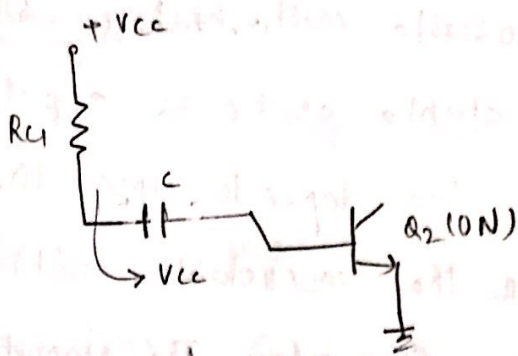


Fig (a)

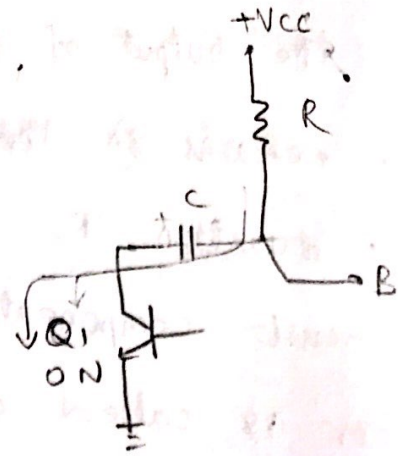


Fig (b)

Principle of operation :

The collector coupled monostable multivibrator of two transistors  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ , the transistor  $Q_1$  is OFF and the transistor  $Q_2$  is ON. Resistors  $R_1$  &  $R_2$  are connected to the OFF transistor and capacitor is connected to the ON transistor and the  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  are NPN transistors and the resistors  $R_{C1} = R_{C2}$ .  $V_{CC}$  is the supply voltage and  $V_{BB}$  is the bias voltage. when  $Q_2$  is ON and  $Q_1$  is OFF. The capacitor finds a charging path as shown in fig (a). The voltage across the capacitor is  $V_{CC}$ . In the stable state of the multivibrator  $Q_2$  is ON and  $Q_1$  is OFF. If a positive triggering pulse is applied to the base of  $Q_1$ , which makes

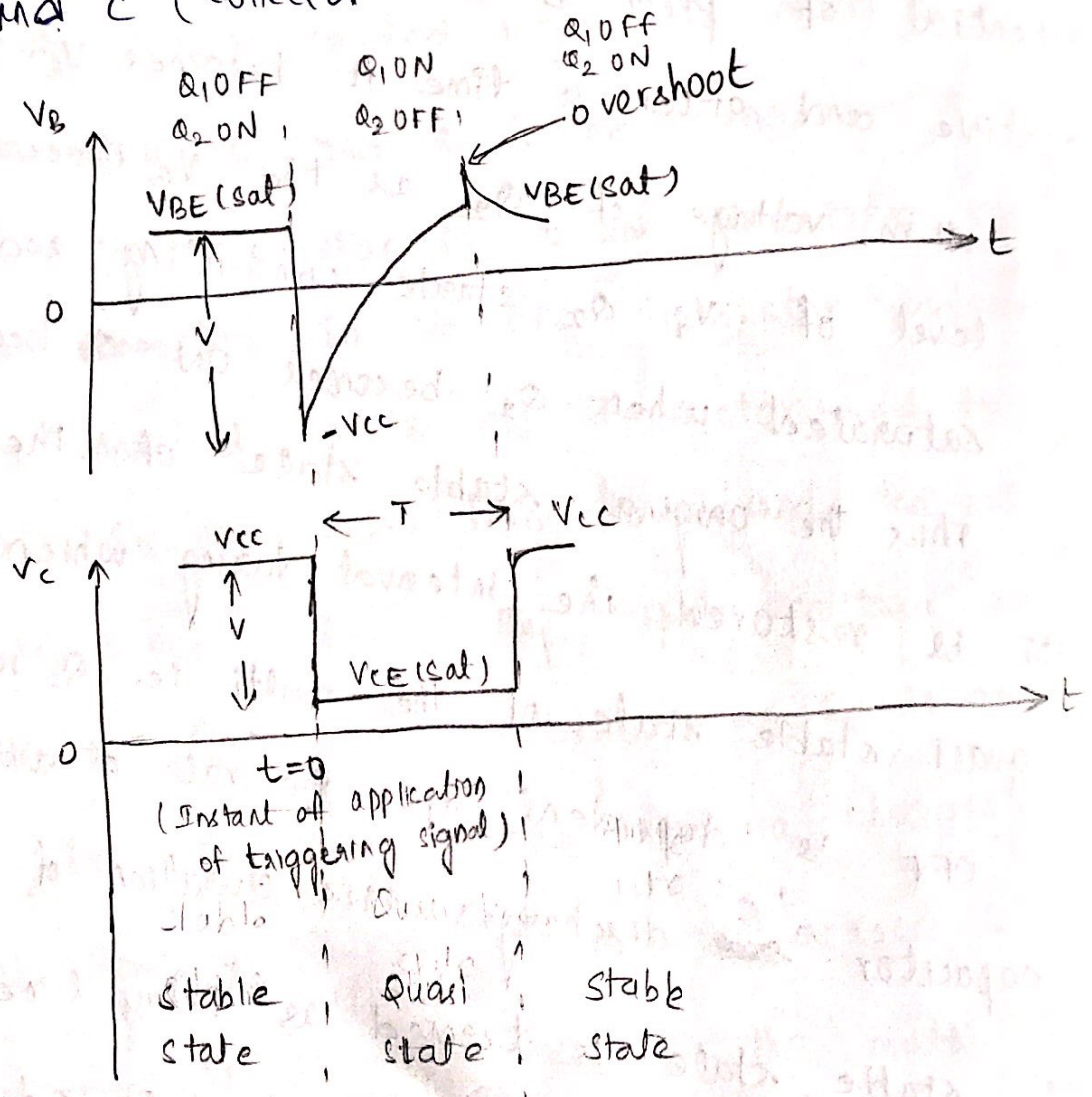
the transistor  $Q_1$  ON making Base to Emitter of  $Q_1$  forward biased. Once the transistor  $Q_1$  is <sup>ON</sup> ~~small~~. Automatically the transistor  $Q_2$  goes to OFF state. This state is only a quasi stable state. (Temporary stable state). When  $Q_1$  ON and  $Q_2$  OFF the capacitor 'c' finds a discharging path as shown in fig b. As the capacitor discharges the potential of point B becomes less and less negative and after a time it becomes  $V_B = V_2$  the cut in voltage of  $Q_2$  as the  $V_B$  crosses the level of  $V_2$ .  $Q_2$  starts conducting and gets saturated. When  $Q_2$  becomes ON  $Q_1$  becomes OFF. Thus the original stable state of the multi is restored. The interval during which the quasi stable state of the multi i.e.  $Q_2$  remains 'OFF' is dependent upon the rate at which the capacitor ~~see~~ 'c' discharges. This duration of quasi stable state is termed as Delay time or pulse width or Gate time. and it is denoted as ' $\tau$ '.



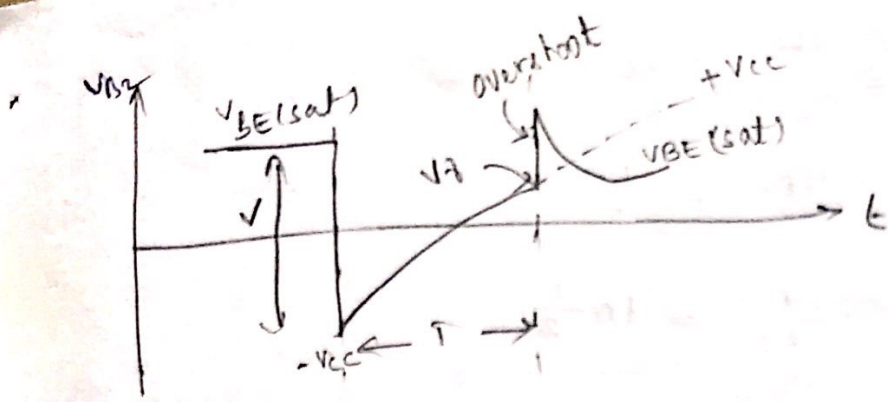
N<sub>c</sub>

If a negative triggering pulse is applied to the collector of  $Q_1$ , it is transmitted to the base of  $Q_2$  to the capacitor and hence makes the base of  $Q_2$  negative and the transistor  $Q_2$  goes OFF and  $Q_1$  becomes ON.

The waveforms of the voltages at points B (base of  $Q_2$ ) and C (collector of  $Q_1$ ) are







Expression for Pulse width ( $T$ ) :- 04/09/2017

Referring to the waveform of fig(c) we have initial value of  $V_B$  at  $t=0$

$$V_{in} = -V_{CC}$$

As the capacitor discharges the voltage  $V_B$  rises exponentially and would attain the value  $+V_{CC}$ .

But at  $t=T$ ,  $Q_2$  becomes ON and as a result  $V_B$  takes the value  $V_B = V_2$ . The collector

voltage of  $Q_2$  which may be taken as zero. Therefore the final value of ' $V_B$ ' at  $t=\infty$  is  $V_{final} = +V_{CC}$

and at  $t=T$ ,  $V_B = V_2 = 0$ . The exponentially increasing voltage  $V_B$  is mathematically expressed

$$as \quad V_B = V_{final} - (V_{final} - V_{initial}) e^{-t/RC} \quad 0$$

$$at \quad t=T \quad V_B = +V_{CC} - (V_{CC} - (-V_{CC})) e^{-T/RC} = 0 \quad (\because V_B = 0)$$

$$V_{CC} - (2V_{CC}) e^{-T/RC} = 0$$

$$2 V_{CC} e^{-T/RC} = V_{CC}$$

$$e^{-T/RC} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$-\frac{T}{RC} = \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$T = -RC \ln \frac{1}{2}$$

$$T = 0.693 RC$$

∴ The Gate width (or) the pulse width is

$$T = 0.693 RC$$

Here the reverse current  $I_{CBO}$  of transistor  $Q_1$  has been ignored if  $I_{CBO}$  is taken into consideration the expression for  $T$  modified as

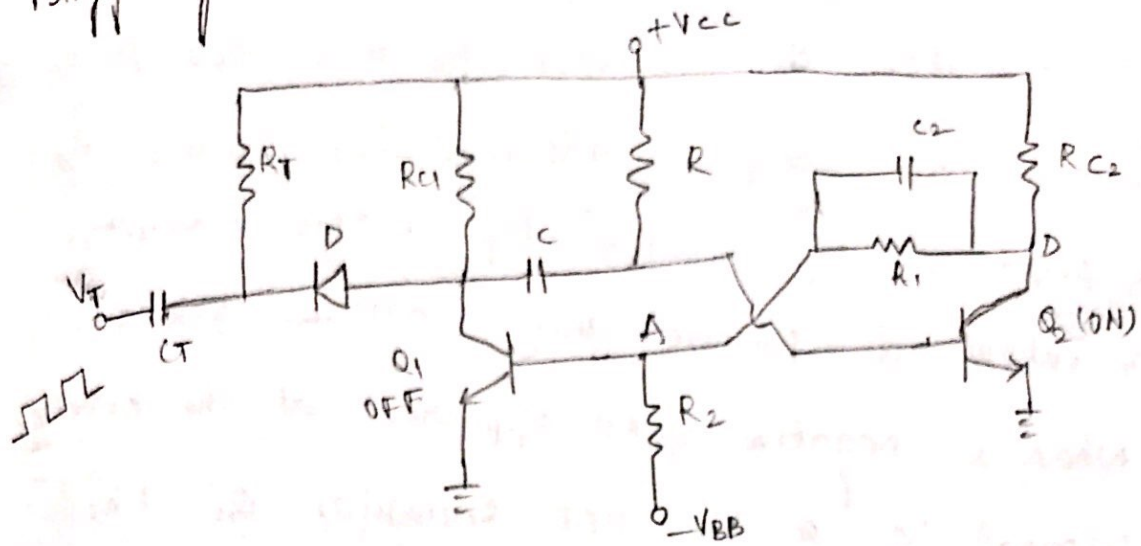
$$T = RC \log_e \left[ \frac{2V_{CC} + I_{CBO} \cdot R}{V_{CC} + I_{CBO} \cdot R} \right]$$

$$\text{If } I_{CBO} = 0, \quad T = RC \log_e \left( \frac{2V_{CC}}{V_{CC}} \right)$$

$$= 0.693 RC$$



## Triggering of Monostable Multivibrators :-



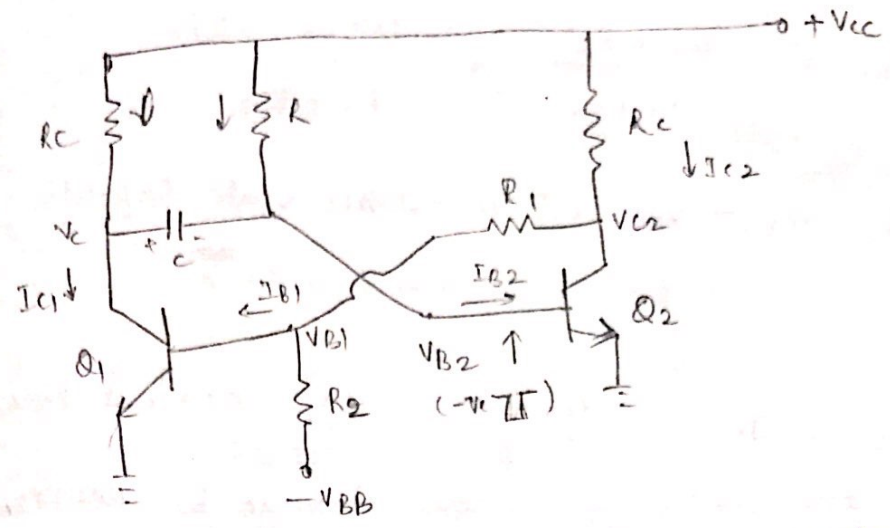
A monostable Multi. needs to be triggered by a suitable signal. In order to switch from stable state to quasi stable state after remaining the quasi stable state for a time  $T = 0.69RC$  it automatically switches back to the original stable state without any triggering signal. applied. Thus a monostable multi requires only one trigger signal and unsymmetrical triggering techniques are adopted for monostable multi's.

From fig, a one shot which employs the collector triggering mechanism, the triggering pulse which is in the form of positive & negative spikes is obtained from a RC differentiator circuit.



and it is applied to the collector of the  
OFF transistor  $Q_1$ . Resistor  $R_T$  and capacitor  $C_T$   
form a RC high pass differentiator circuit. For  
a pulse or square wave input. This circuit has  
an output of positive and negative spikes.  
When a negative spike appeared at the collector,  
terminal 'c' of the OFF transistor  $Q_1$ , the  
diode  $D$  conducts since it gets forward  
biased, the negative spike gets transmitted  
to the capacitor 'c' and appears at the  
base of ON transistor  $Q_2$ . The result of  
it is, the base of  $Q_2$  goes negative and  
 $Q_2$  becomes OFF. Immediately  $Q_1$  becomes ON.  
Thus the monostable multivibrator is switched into  
quasi stable state. Thus the symmetrical  
triggering is not needed for monostable multivibrator.

collector-coupled Monostable multivibrator:- 14/09/2017

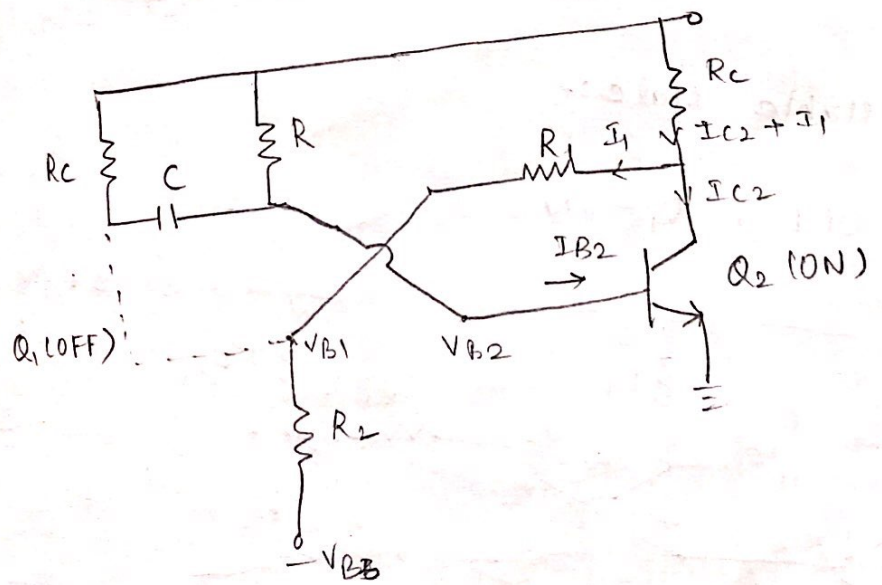


Let  $Q_2$  - ON ,  $Q_1$  - OFF (stable state)

$$T = 0.69 RC$$

$Q_1$  - ON ,  $Q_2$  - OFF (Quasi stable)

$Q_2$  - ON ,  $Q_1$  - OFF (stable state):



Need  $V_{c1} = ?$  ,  $V_{b1} = ?$  ,  $I_{c1} = 0 A$  ,  $I_{b1} = 0 A$

$V_{c2} = V_{CE(sat)}$  ,  $V_{b2} = V_{BE(sat)}$  ,  $I_{c2} = ?$  ,  $I_{b2} = ?$   
 $\approx 0.2 V$   $\approx 0.7 V$



By Applying Superposition (Theorem) principle

$$V_{B1} = \frac{V_{C2} \times R_2}{R_1 + R_2} + \frac{(-V_{BB}) \times R_1}{R_1 + R_2}$$

and  $V_{C1} \cong V_{CC}$  ( $\because$  In stable state capacitor holds fixed voltage)

$$I_{E2} + I_1 = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{C2}}{R_C} \quad (\text{ie, current flowing through } R_C \text{ Resistor})$$

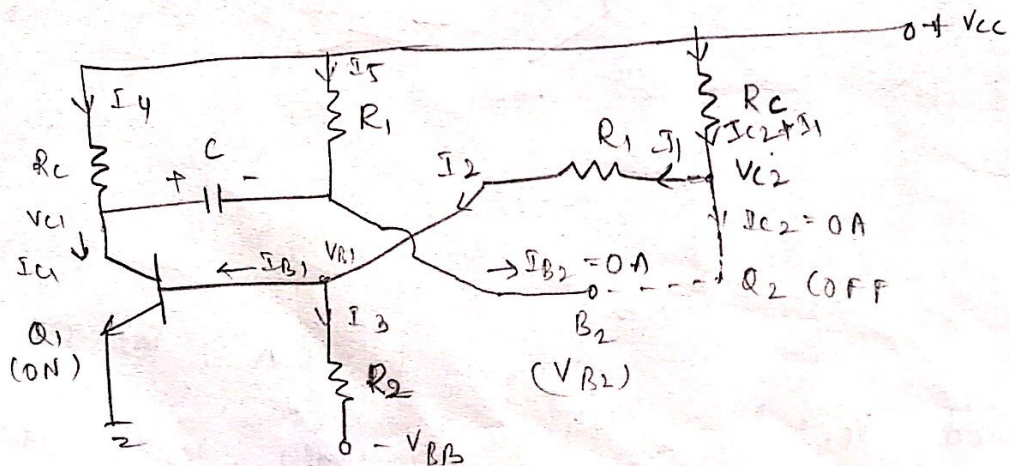
where  $I_1 = \frac{V_{C2} - V_{B1}}{R_1}$

Here  $I_{E2} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{C2}}{R_C} - \frac{V_{C2} - V_{B1}}{R_1}$

$$I_{B2} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{B2}}{R}$$

Quasi-stable state:-

$Q_2 = \text{OFF}, Q_1 = \text{ON}$



$V_{C1} = V_{EE} (\text{sat})$        $V_{B1} = V_{BE} (\text{sat})$        $I_{C1} = ?$        $I_{B1} = ?$   
 $V_{C2}$                        $V_{B2}$                        $I_{C2} = 0A$        $I_{B2} = 0A$

$$I_2 = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{B1}}{R_c + R_1} \quad , \quad I_3 = \frac{V_{B1} - (-V_{BE})}{R_2}$$

$$\therefore I_{B1} = I_2 - I_3$$

$$V_{C2} = V_{CC} - I_3 R_c$$

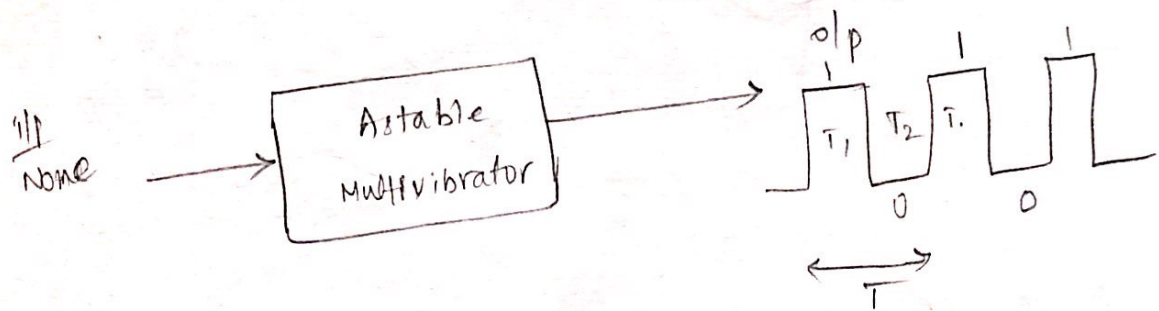
$$V_{B2} = V_{BE}(\text{sat}) - (V_{CC} - V_{BE}(\text{sat}))$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{C1} = I_4 + I_5$$

$$\text{where, } I_4 = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{C1}}{R_c} \quad , \quad I_5 = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{B2}}{R}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore I_{C1} &= I_4 + I_5 \\ &= \frac{V_{CC} - V_{C1}}{R_c} + \frac{V_{CC} - V_{B2}}{R} \end{aligned}$$

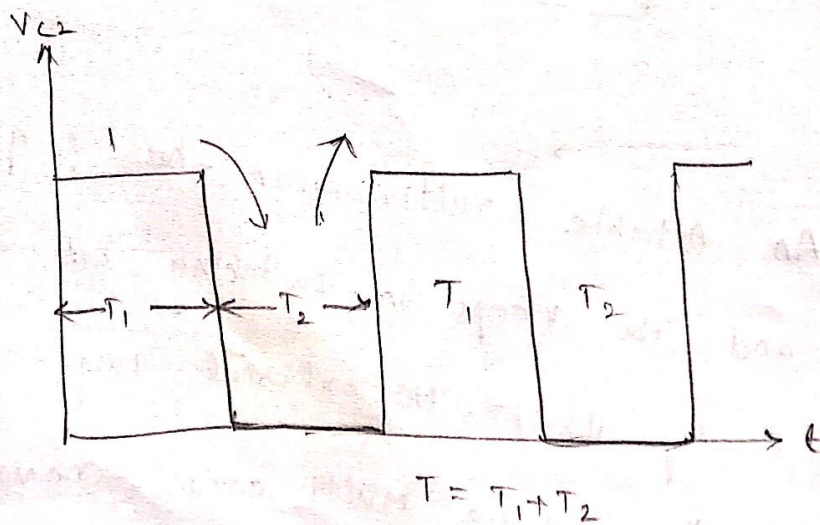
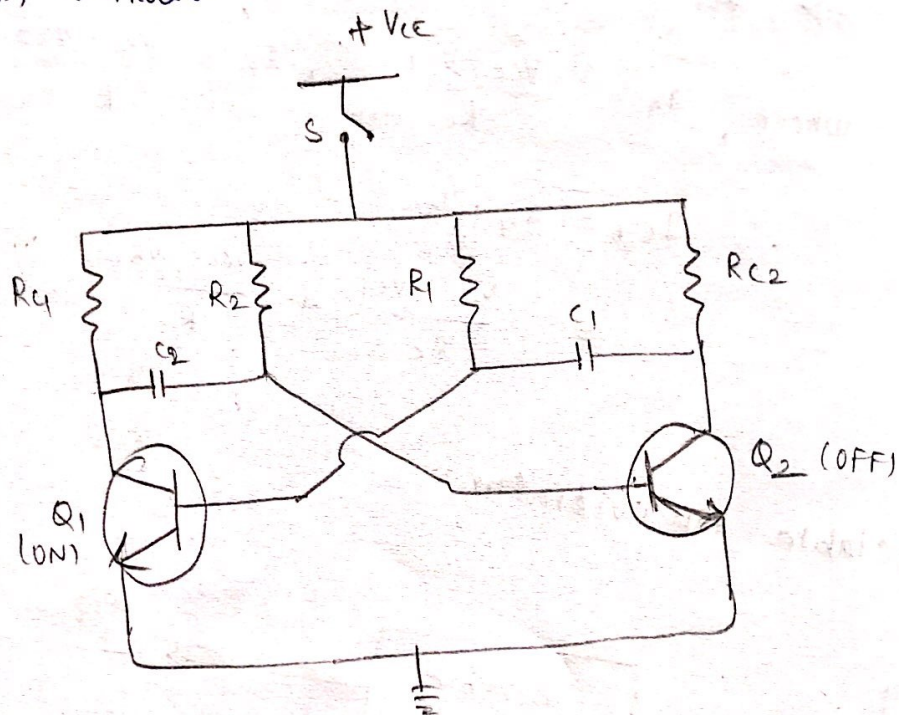
Astable Multivibrator :-



An Astable multivibrator has 2 quasi stable states and it keeps on switching between these two states by itself. No external triggering signal is needed the astable Multi cannot remain indefinitely



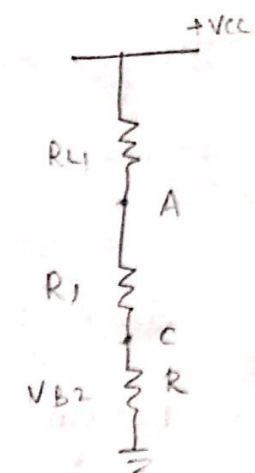
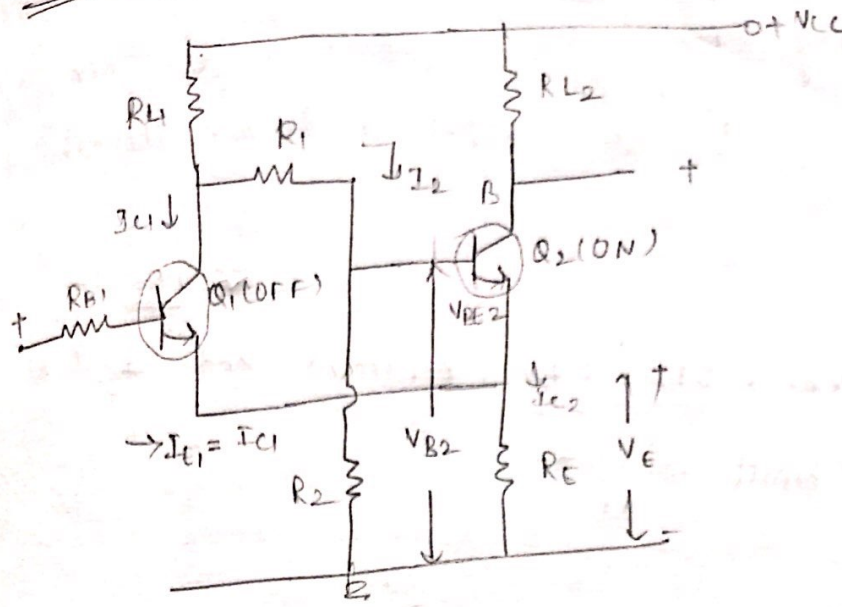
in any of these two states. The two amplifier stages of an astable multi are regeneratively cross coupled by capacitors. The output voltage of an astable multi is a square wave of period  $T$ . The multigenerative square wave is termed as square wave generator or square wave oscillator or relaxation oscillator.



Schmitt Trigger:-

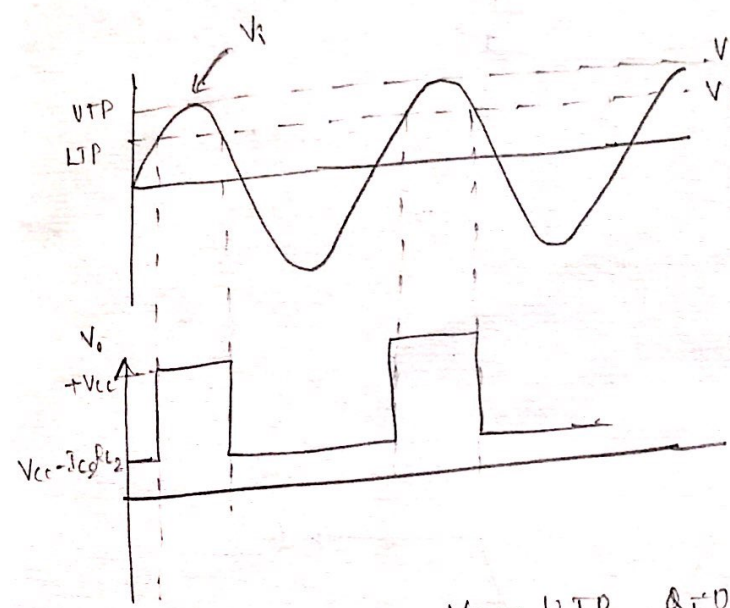
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$I_C = I_B + I_C$  (with "neglect" written above)



Voltage Divider circuit

$$V_{B2} = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_1 + R_2} V_{CC}$$



$V_i = 0$ ,  $Q_1$  OFF  
 $+V_{CC}$ ,  $Q_2$  ON,  
 $V_E = I_{C2} R_E$   
 $UTP = V_{BE1} + V_E$

$V_i > UTP$ ,  $Q_1$  ON,  $Q_2$  OFF,  $I_C R_E = V_E'$ ,  $V_o = +V_{CC}$

$V_i < LTP$ ,  $Q_1$  OFF,  $Q_2$  ON,  $I_{C2} R_E = V_E$   
 $V_o = V_{CC} - I_{C2} R_{C2}$

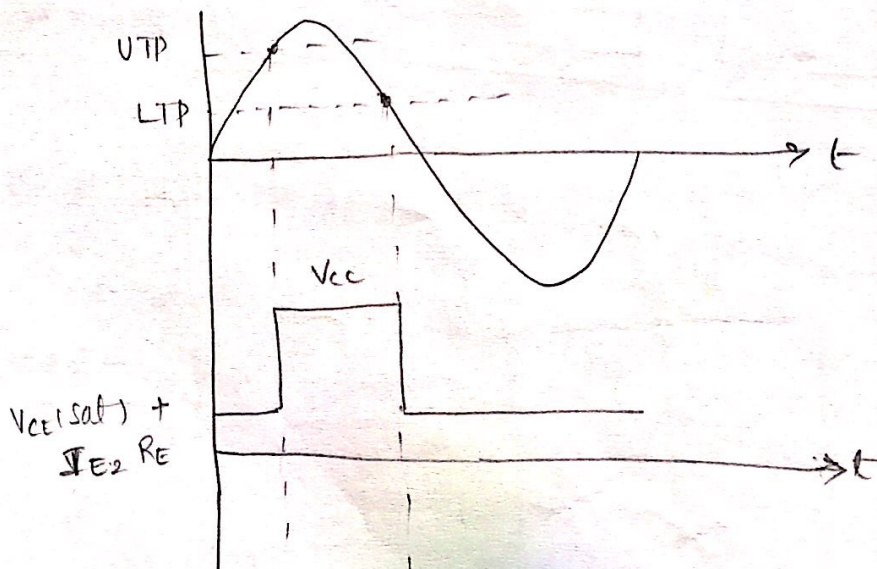
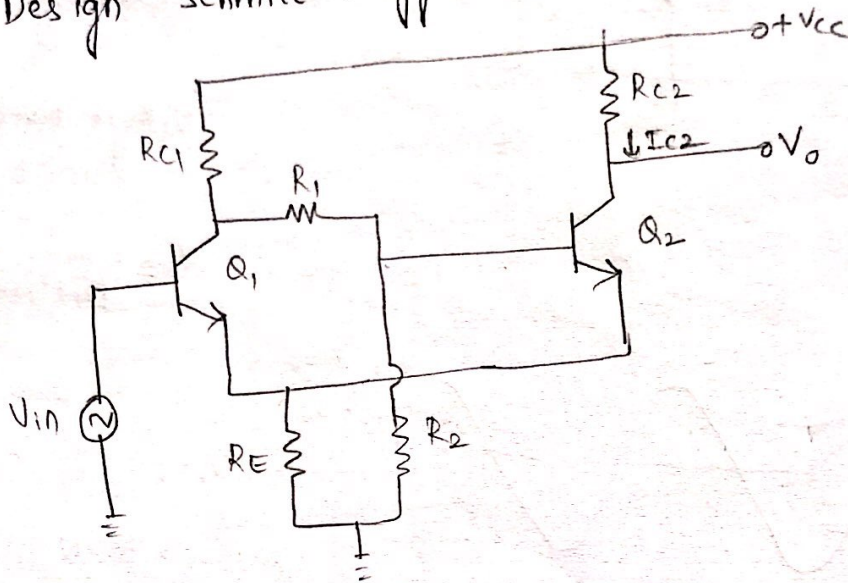


The Schmitt Trigger circuit is a comparator circuit which rapidly changes its output voltage when input voltage arrives at the upper or lower threshold levels.

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Given :  $V_{cc}$ , UTP, LTP,  $h_{fe}(\min)$  and  $I_{C2}$  (ON)

Design Schmitt Trigger :-



1<sup>st</sup> stable state

$Q_2$  - ON and  $Q_1$  OFF

2<sup>nd</sup> stable state

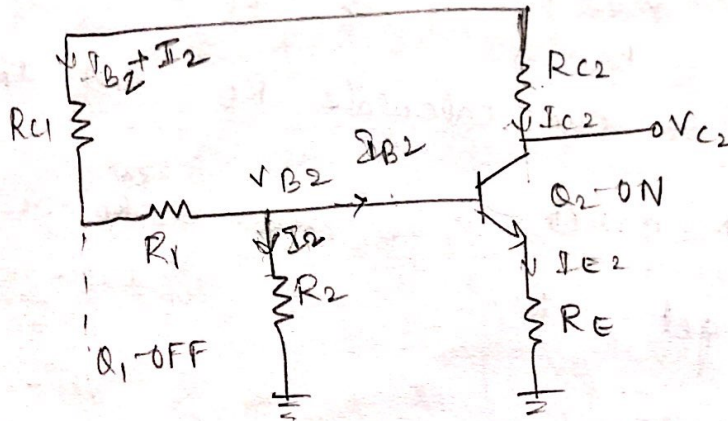
$Q_2$  - OFF and  $Q_1$  ON

$V_{TP} > V_{LTP}$

if  $R_{C1} > R_{C2}$

then  $I_{C1} < I_{C2}$  and  $I_2 \approx \frac{I_E}{10}$

1<sup>st</sup> stable state  $Q_2$  - ON,  $Q_1$  - OFF



$$I_{C1} = 0A$$

$$I_C(\text{ON}) = I_{C2}$$

$$h_{fe}(\text{min}) = \frac{I_{C2}}{I_{B2}}$$

$$I_{B2} = \frac{I_{C2}}{h_{fe}(\text{min})}$$

Thus  $V_{TP}$   $Q_2$  is ON

$$V_{TP} = V_{B2}$$



$$V_{B2} = I_2 R_2$$

$$I_2 = \frac{I_E}{10}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{10 \times V_{B2}}{I_E}$$

from the circuit

$$V_{CC} = I_{C2} R_{C2} + V_{CE(sat)} + I_{E2} R_E \rightarrow (1)$$

$$V_{B2} = V_{BE(sat)} + I_{E2} R_E$$

$$\therefore V_{TP} = V_{BE(sat)} + I_{E2} R_E \rightarrow (2)$$

$\approx 0.7V$   
for silicon

$$\Rightarrow R_E = \frac{V_{TP} - V_{BE(sat)}}{I_{E2}}$$

From this (2) we can calculate  $R_E$  and then

substitute in eqn (1).

$$\therefore V_{CC} = I_{C2} R_{C2} + V_{CE(sat)} +$$

we will get  $R_{C2}$

$$I_{E2} \left( \frac{V_{TP} - V_{BE(sat)}}{I_{E2}} \right)$$

$\therefore$  From the figure

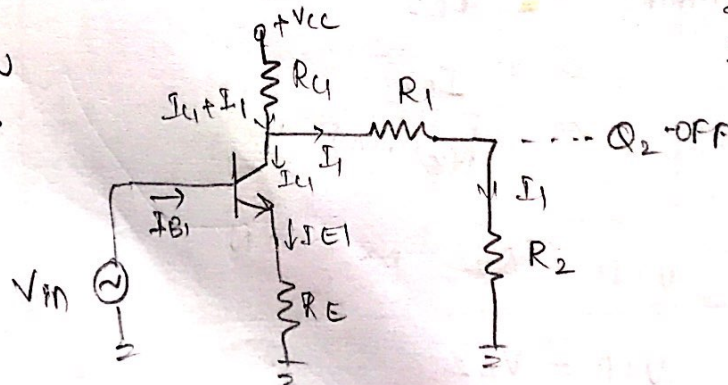
$$R_{C2} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{TP} + V_{BE(sat)} - V_{CE(sat)}}{I_{C2}}$$

$$R_{C1} + R_{R1} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{B2}}{I_{B2} + I_2} \rightarrow (3)$$

2<sup>nd</sup> stable state  $Q_2$ -OFF,  $Q_1$ -ON

when  $Q_1$ -ON

$V_{in} = LTP$



$$I_{B2} = 0A$$

$$I_{C2} = 0A$$

$$V_{in} = V_{BE}(sat) + I_{E1} R_E$$

$$LTP = V_{BE}(sat) + I_{E1} R_E$$

$$\approx 0.7V$$

$$I_{E1} = \frac{LTP - V_{BE}(sat)}{R_E}$$

We know,  $I_{E1} \approx I_{C1}$

from the fig.

$$V_{CC} = (I_{C1} + I_{B1}) R_{C1} + I_{B1} (R_1 + R_2)$$

$$V_{CC} = I_{C1} R_{C1} + I_{B1} R_{C1} + I_{B1} R_1 + I_{B1} R_2$$

$$V_{CC} = I_{C1} R_{C1} + I_{B1} (R_{C1} + R_1) + I_{B1} R_2 \rightarrow (4)$$

sub in eqn (3) in eqn (4), we will get  $R_{C1}$

$$V_{CC} = I_{C1} R_{C1} + I_{B1} \left( \frac{V_{CC} - V_{B2}}{I_{B2} + I_{B1}} \right) + I_{B1} R_2$$

$$= I_{C1} R_{C1} + I_{B1} \left( \frac{V_{CC} - V_{B2}}{I_{B2} + I_{B1}} + R_2 \right)$$

$$I_{C1} R_{C1} = V_{CC} - I_{B1} \left( \frac{V_{CC} - V_{B2} + R_2 (I_{B2} + I_{B1})}{I_{B2} + I_{B1}} \right)$$

$$I_{C1} R_{C1} = \frac{V_{CC} (I_{B2} + I_{B1}) - I_{B1} (V_{CC} - V_{B2} + R_2 (I_{B2} + I_{B1}))}{I_{B2} + I_{B1}}$$

$$R_{C1} = \frac{V_{CC} (I_{B2} + I_{B1}) - I_{B1} (V_{CC} - V_{B2} + R_2 (I_{B2} + I_{B1}))}{I_{B2} + I_{B1}}$$

from this  $R_{C1}$  sub in eqn (3), we will get  $R_1$

then sub  $R_1$  in eqn (4), we will get  $R_2$ .



## Time Based Generators :-

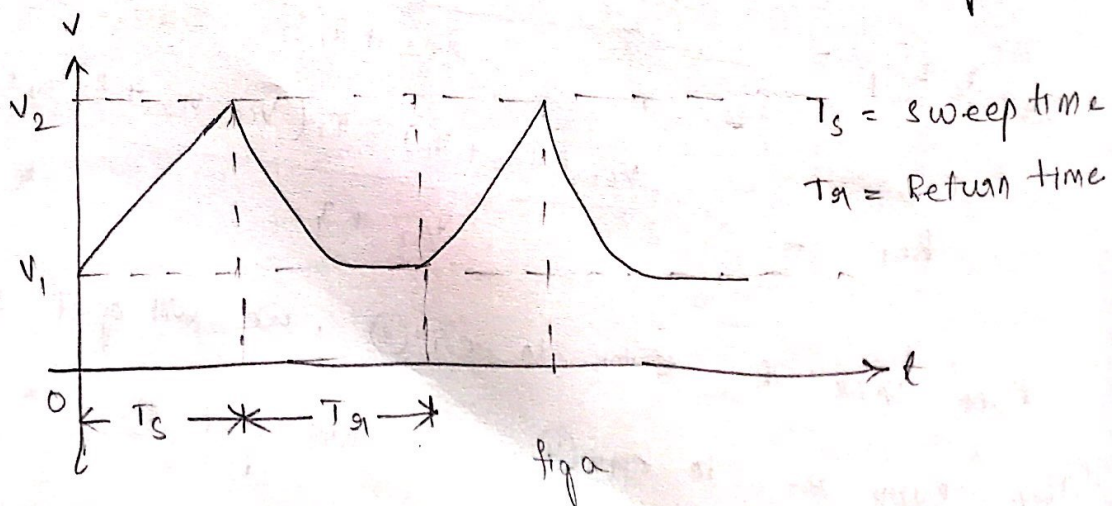
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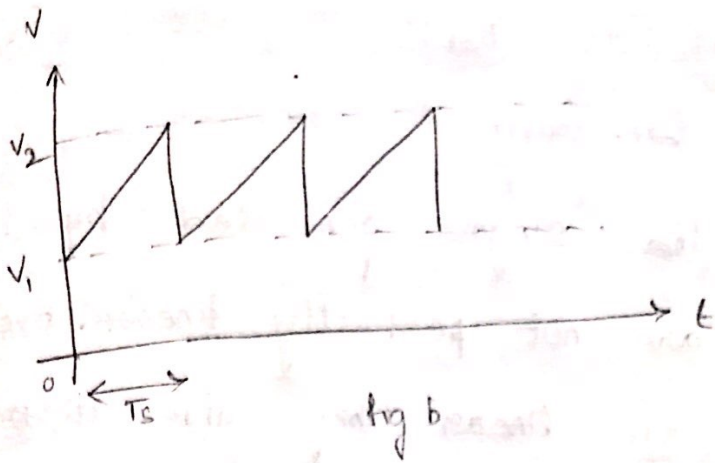
⇒ A Time based generator is an electronic circuit which generates a voltage or current that varies linearly with time. Ideally the waveform of the output should be ramp. The application of such a Ramp voltage is a cathode ray oscilloscope for detecting the electron beam horizontally across the screen. Since the applied voltage makes the electron beam sweep across the screen, it is termed as sweep voltage and the circuit generating the sweep voltage is termed as sweep generator. There are two kinds of sweep generator.

- (a) Voltage sweep Generators and
- (b) current sweep Generators.

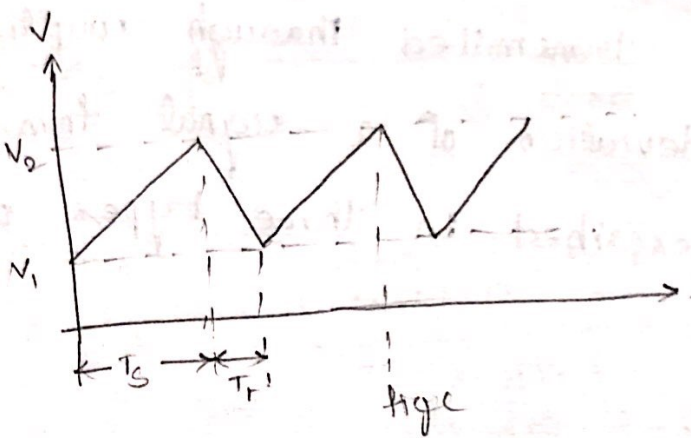
⇒ Time based Generators also find applications like RADAR, Television, Time modulation etc

General waveform of the Time based Voltage Generator





Sweep time =  $T_s$   
 Return Time =  $T_a = 0$ .



Triangular wave  
 where  $T_a \ll T_s$

→ A sweep voltage which ideally varies linearly with time has the general waveform shown in the figures. From the figure (a), the voltage starting from an initial value  $V_1$  rises linearly to a peak value  $V_2$  and falls to the initial value  $V_1$  over a short period of time. The time taken by the wave to reach the maximum value starting from the initial value is termed as sweep time, and the time during which it returns to the initial value is termed as return time or restoration time, or fly back time. Sweep time is denoted as  $T_s$  and return



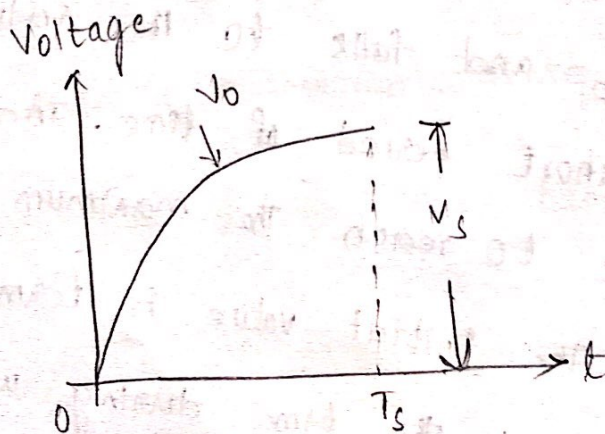
time is denoted as  $T_s$ .

Deviation from Linearity:

In practice the signals generated by time base circuits are not perfectly linear. Even if the signals are linear they suffer distortion when transmitted through coupling networks. The deviation of a signal from linearity can be described in three types of errors.

- (1) Sweep Error.
- (2) Transmission Error.
- (3) Displacement Error.

(1) Sweep error (or) sweep speed error or slope error (or) slope speed error ( $e_s$ ):-



The waveform is not perfectly linear and the slopes of the line at different points are different.

slope error (or) sweep error is defined as the difference between the initial slope (i.e. at slope at  $t=0$ ) and final slope (i.e. slope at  $t=T_s$ ). It is expressed as fraction of the initial slope. It is denoted as  $e_s$ .

$$e_s = \frac{\text{Initial slope} - \text{final slope}}{\text{Initial slope}}$$

$$(or) e_s = \frac{\left(\frac{dv_s}{dt}\right)_{t=0} - \left(\frac{dv_s}{dt}\right)_{t=T_s}}{\left(\frac{dv_s}{dt}\right)_{t=0}}$$

We know  $v_s = V(1 - e^{-t/RC})$

$$\frac{dv_s}{dt} = V(0 - e^{-t/RC})\left(-\frac{1}{RC}\right)$$

$$\frac{dv_s}{dt} = \frac{V}{RC} e^{-t/RC}$$

$$\left(\frac{dv_s}{dt}\right)_{t=0} = \frac{V}{RC} e^{-0} = \frac{V}{RC}$$

$$\left(\frac{dv_s}{dt}\right)_{t=T_s} = \frac{V}{RC} e^{-T_s/RC}$$

$$e_s = \frac{\frac{V}{RC} - \frac{V}{RC} e^{-T_s/RC}}{\frac{V}{RC}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{V}{RC} (1 - e^{-T_s/RC})}{\frac{V}{RC}}$$

Sweep error  $e_s = 1 - e^{-T_s/RC}$

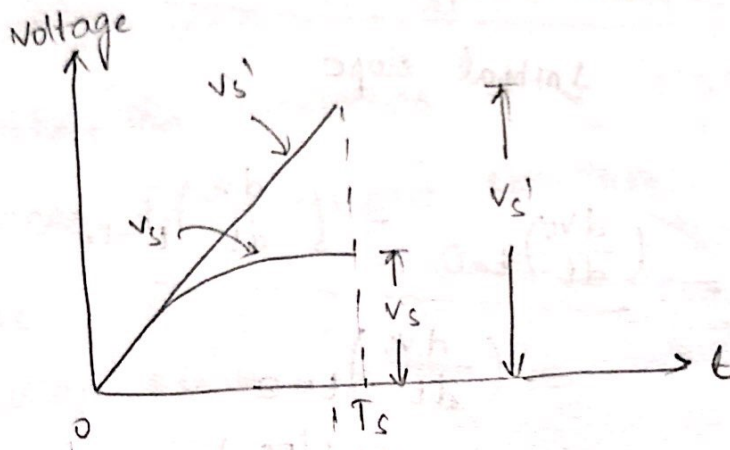


If  $T_s \ll RC$  we have  $e = 1 - \frac{T_s}{RC}$

$$e_s = 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{T_s}{RC} \right)$$

$$e_s = \frac{T_s}{RC}$$

Transmission error :-



When a ramp voltage is transmitted through RC High pass filter it gets distorted as shown in figure. At the end of time  $T_s$ , the value of the voltage  $v_s$  is less than  $v_s'$ . i.e. it has deviated from the linearity. Transmission error is defined as the difference between the input and the output expressed as a fraction of the input.

Let at  $t = T_s$ , input is  $v_s'$  and the output is  $v_s$ . Therefore, the transmission error is

$$e_t = \frac{i/p - o/p}{i/p} \quad (\text{OR})$$

$$e_t = \frac{V_s' - V_s}{V_s'}$$

Since the output voltage  $V_s$  is increasing exponentially we have

$$V_s = V(1 - e^{-t/RC})$$

$$1 - e^{-t/RC} = 1 - \left[ 1 - \frac{t}{RC} + \frac{(t/RC)^2}{2!} - \frac{(t/RC)^3}{3!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= 1 - 1 + \frac{t}{RC} - \frac{(t/RC)^2}{2!} \quad (\text{neglecting higher order terms})$$

$$= \frac{t}{RC} \left[ 1 - \frac{t}{2RC} \right]$$

$$V_s = \frac{Vt}{RC} \left( 1 - \frac{t}{2RC} \right)$$

At  $t = T_s$ ,  $V_s = V_s'$

$$V_s' = \frac{V T_s}{RC} \left( 1 - \frac{T_s}{2RC} \right) \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

The input voltage is a ramp. Hence it can be expressed as

$$V_s' = \alpha t \quad \text{where } \alpha \text{ is the slope}$$

$$\text{slope} = \frac{V}{RC} \quad (\text{from above eqn})$$

$$\therefore V_s' = \frac{Vt}{RC}$$

At  $t = T_s$ ,  $V_s' = V_s'$

$$\therefore V_s' = \frac{V \cdot T_s}{RC} \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$



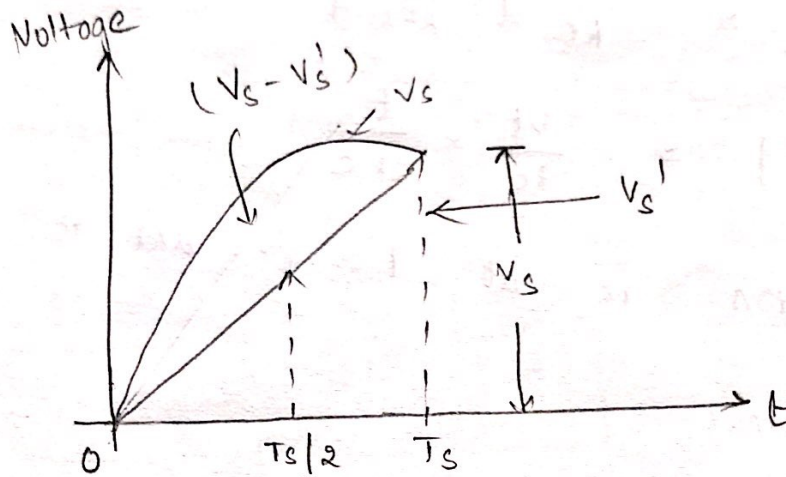
$$e_t = \frac{\frac{VTS}{RC} - \frac{VTS}{RC} \left(1 - \frac{T_s}{2RC}\right)}{\frac{VTS}{RC}}$$

$$\approx 1 - 1 + \frac{T_s}{2RC}$$

$$\approx \frac{T_s}{2RC}$$

Displacement error ( $e_d$ ):

It is defined as the ratio of maximum deviation of the actual sweep from the linear sweep to the amplitude of the sweep voltage



$$e_d = \frac{\text{Maximum Deviation}}{\text{Sweep amplitude}}$$

$$= \frac{|V_s - V_s'|_{\max}}{V_s}$$

Since the actual sweep  $V_s$  is exponential

hence  $V_s = V(1 - e^{-t/RC})$

$$V_s = \frac{Vt}{RC} \left(1 - \frac{t}{2RC}\right) \quad (\because \text{by evaluating})$$

The Ideal Ramp is given as

$$V_s' = \alpha t = \frac{Vt}{RC}$$



$$\therefore \text{Deviation} = \left| \frac{V_s - V_s'}{1} \right| = |V_s - V_s'|$$

$$= \frac{Vt}{RC} \left[ 1 - \frac{t}{2RC} \right] - \frac{Vt}{RC}$$

$$= \frac{Vt}{RC} \left[ 1 - \frac{t}{2RC} - 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{Vt}{RC} \left[ -\frac{t}{2RC} \right]$$

$$|V_s - V_s'| = \frac{Vt}{RC} \times \frac{t}{2RC}$$

Max. deviation is at  $t = \frac{T_s}{2}$  and it is

$$|V_s - V_s'|_{\text{max.}}$$

$$\therefore |V_s - V_s'|_{\text{max}} = \frac{V \frac{T_s}{2}}{RC} \times \frac{\frac{T_s}{2}}{2RC}$$

$$= \frac{V T_s}{2RC} \times \frac{T_s}{4RC} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

We have  $V_c' = \frac{Vt}{RC}$  at  $t = T_s$  and  $V_s' = V_s$

$$\therefore V_c = \frac{V T_s}{RC} \text{ from } \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{Displacement error } e_d = \frac{\frac{V T_s}{2RC} \times \frac{T_s}{4RC}}{\frac{V T_s}{RC}}$$

$$e_d = \frac{T_s}{8RC}$$

# Interrelationship of $e_d$ , $e_s$ and $e_t$ :

We have

$$e_d = \frac{T_s}{8RC}$$

$$e_s = \frac{T_s}{RC}$$

$$\therefore e_d = \frac{1}{8} \times e_s$$

and we know  $e_t = \frac{T_s}{2RC}$

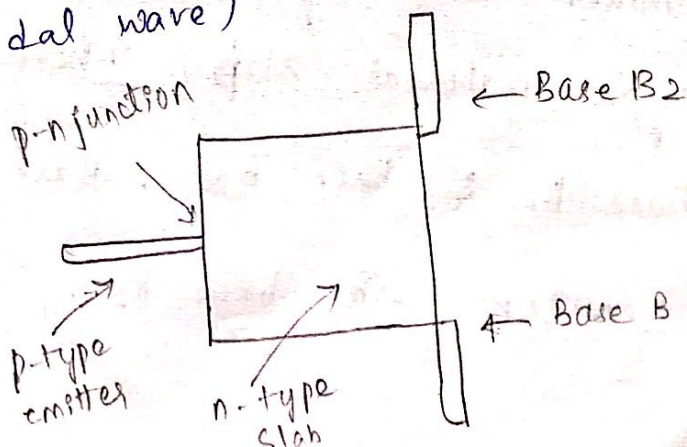
$$\therefore e_d = \frac{1}{4} \times e_t$$

$$\therefore e_d = \frac{1}{8} e_s = \frac{1}{4} e_t$$

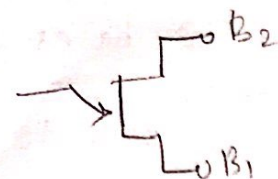
If one of the error is more, the other error can be computed on the basis of above relationship.

## UJT Sweep Generator:-

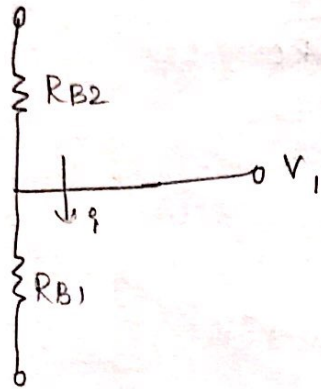
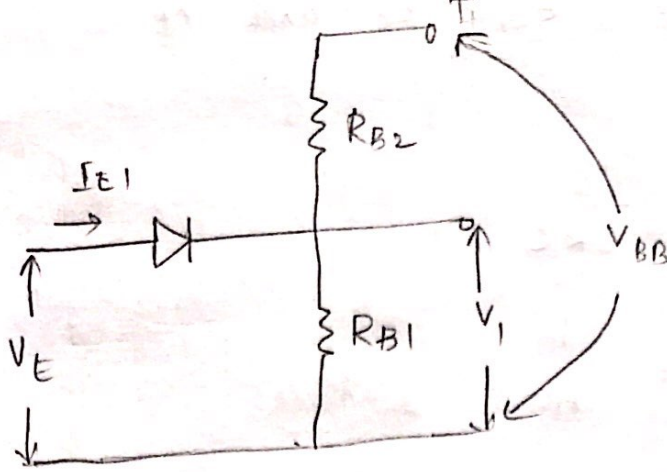
The UJT sweep generator is also called Relaxation oscillator. (which generates other than sinusoidal wave)



$V_E < V_P$ , UJT is OFF  
 $V_E > V_P$ , UJT is ON







$$V_1 = i R_{B1}$$

$$\text{But } i = \frac{V_{BB}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}}$$

$$V_1 = \left[ \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}} \right] V_{BB}$$

where  $\eta = \frac{R_{B1}}{R_{B1} + R_{B2}}$  [Intrinsic stand off ratio]

$$V_1 = \eta \cdot V_{BB}$$

Peak voltage

$$V_p = V_2 + V_1$$

$$V_p = V_2 + \eta V_{BB}$$

→ A NJT has only one p-n junction. A feedback emitter is alloyed to a lightly doped n-type material slab. There are 2 bases, base B<sub>1</sub> & base B<sub>2</sub>, Base B<sub>1</sub> being closer to the emitter than base B<sub>2</sub>.

The p-n junction is formed between p-type emitter and n-type silicon slab.  $R_{B1}$  is the resistance between Base  $B_1$  and the emitter and it is a variable resistance and its value depend upon the emitter current  $I_E$ .  $R_{B2}$  is the resistance between Base  $B_2$  and the emitter and its value is fixed. Let  $I_E = 0$  due to the applied voltage  $V_{BB}$ . A current  $I$  results as shown above

From the equivalent circuit, it is evident that the diode cannot conduct unless the emitter voltage  $V_E = V_d + V_1$

where  $V_d$  is the cut-in voltage of diode

This value of the emitter voltage which makes the diode conduct is termed as peak voltage and is denoted as  $V_p$ .

$$\text{i.e., } V_p = V_d + V_1 \quad (\text{or})$$

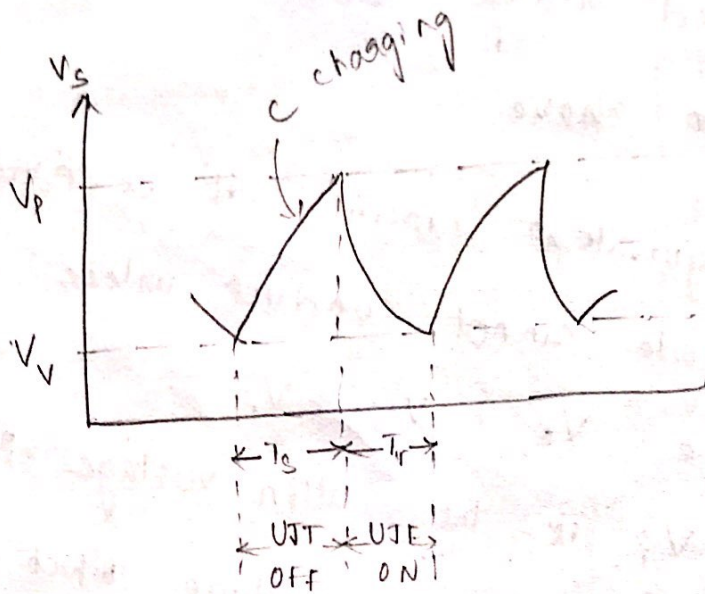
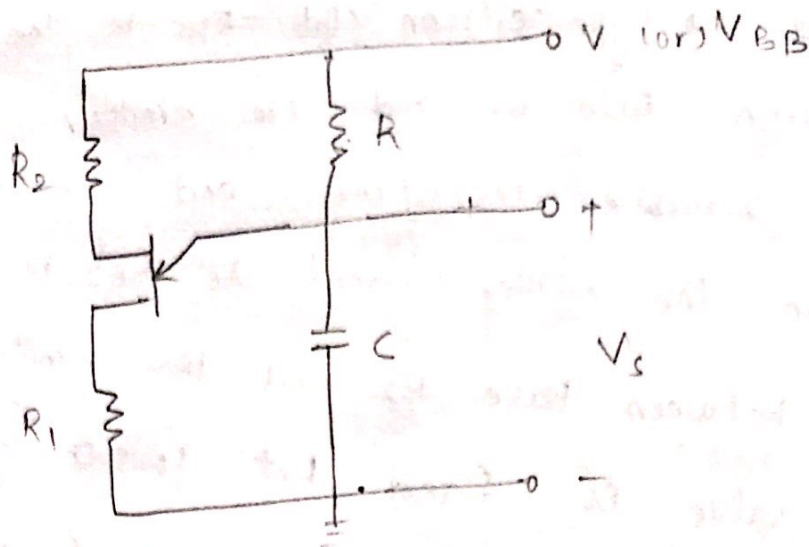
$$V_p = V_d + \eta V_{BB} \quad (\because V_1 = \eta V_{BB})$$

Hence if  $V_E < V_p$ , the UJT is OFF and

if  $V_E > V_p$ , the UJT is ON.



# Working of UJT relaxation oscillator: (or) UJT Sweep circuit



$T_s$  - Sweep time

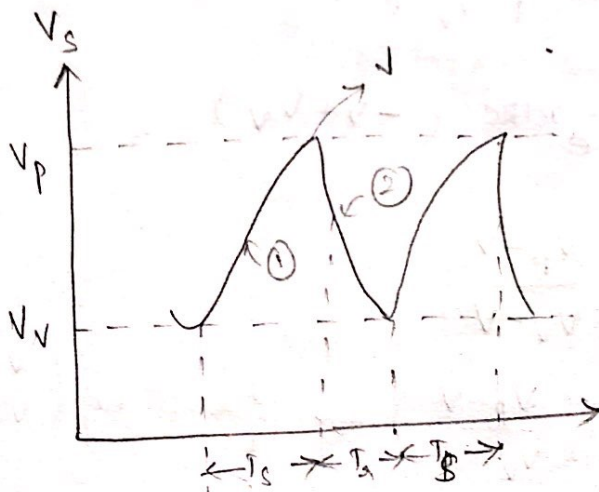
$T_r$  - Return time

$V_v$  - Valley Voltage

The UJT is OFF as long as  $V_E < V_p$ , the peak voltage hence when UJT is OFF capacitor C charges to the resistance R from the supply voltage 'V' and let  $V_c$  be the capacitor voltage. If the capacitor voltage  $V_c$  rises to the value  $V_p$ . The UJT that readily conducts. when the

UJT becomes ON, the capacitor discharges and its voltage falls. When the voltage falls to the valley point  $V_V$ , the UJT becomes OFF & the capacitor charges again to peak voltage  $V_P$ . This cycle of charging and discharging of capacitor repeats and as a result a sawtooth waveform of voltage across 'c' is generated.

Expression for Frequency 'F':-



① charging of capacitor when UJT is off

② Discharging of capacitor when UJT is ON

$V_V$  = Minimum value of  $V_s$

Let  $V_{in}$  denote the initial value and  $V_f$  denote the final value of  $V_s$ . We have  $V_{in} = V_V$  and  $V_f = V_P$  during the interval  $t_s$ . The UJT is OFF, the capacitor charges and  $V_s$  increases exponentially. It is given by

$$V_s = V_f - (V_f - V_{in}) e^{-t/RC}$$



$$V_s = V - (V - V_v) e^{-t/RC}$$

at  $t = T_s$  we have  $V_s = V_p$

$$V_p = V - (V - V_v) e^{-T_s/RC}$$

$$e^{-T_s/RC} = \frac{V_p - V}{V_v - V}$$

$$-T_s/RC = \log\left(\frac{V_p - V}{V_v - V}\right)$$

$$\frac{T_s}{RC} = -\ln\left(\frac{V_p - V}{V_v - V}\right)$$

$$V_p = V - (V - V_v) e^{-T_s/RC} + V_v e^{-T_s/RC}$$

$$V_p - V = (V_v - V) e^{-T_s/RC}$$

$$e^{-T_s/RC} = \frac{V_p - V}{V_v - V}$$

$$-T_s/RC = \log\left(\frac{V_p - V}{V_v - V}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{T_s}{RC} = \log\left(\frac{V_v - V}{V_p - V}\right)$$

$$\frac{T_s}{RC} = \log\left(\frac{V - V_v}{V - V_p}\right)$$

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

where  $T = T_s + T_r$  but  $T_r \ll T_s$

$$\therefore T = T_s$$

$$f = \frac{1}{T_s}$$

$$= \frac{1}{RC \log_e\left(\frac{V}{V - V_p}\right)} \quad (\because V_v \ll V)$$

