

LAB 8 REPORT: OPERATIONAL AMPLIFIERS

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Components Used

- CD4007BE , UA747 IC's
- Capacitors, Resistors
- DC power supply
- Digital Storage Oscilloscope (DSO) and Function Generator

Experiment 1: CMOS Inverter with Feedback

Objective

To analyse the voltage transfer characteristics (VTC) of a CMOS inverter with feedback and determine its valid input-output region for amplification.

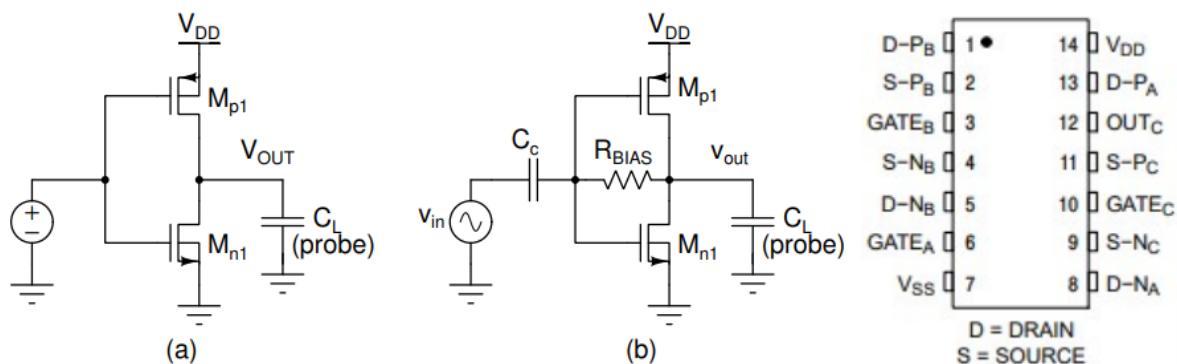
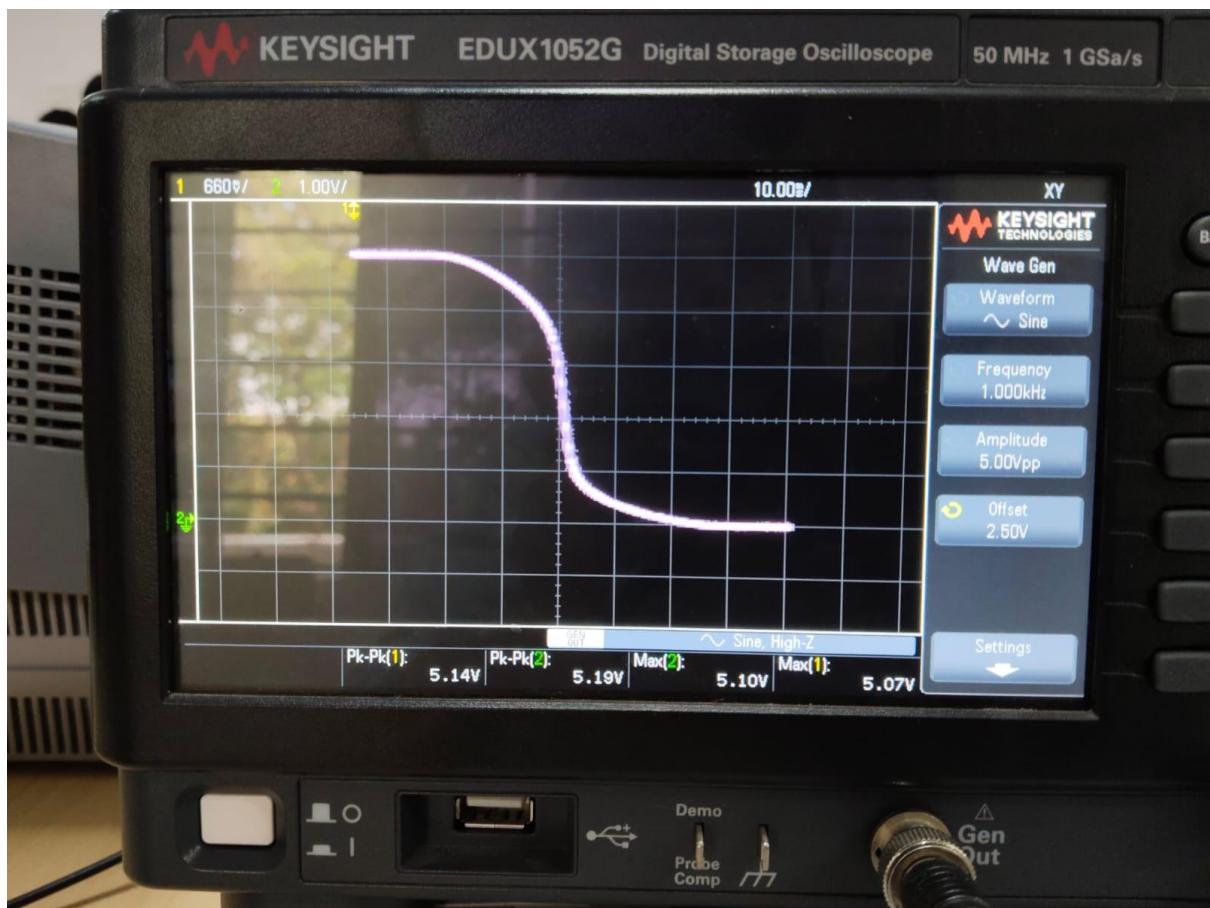


Figure 23: (a) VTC (b) voltage amplifier

Procedure

- Connected the gates of both MOSFETs to the waveform generator.
- Connected the drains of both MOSFETs to the DSO probe.
- Connected the PMOS source to +5 V and the NMOS source to ground.

- Applied a sinusoidal input signal (5 V amplitude) and plotted VOUT vs VIN using the DSO.
- Identified the valid input region for amplification (where slope $|dV_{OUT}/dV_{IN}| > 1$)
- Added a coupling capacitor ($10 \mu F$) and bias resistor ($1 M\Omega$) between the gates and drains.
- Measured DC values at the drain (2.4 V) and gate (2.5 V).
- Applied a sinusoidal input (100 mVpp, 1 kHz) and observed the output waveform.
- Varied input amplitude (200 mVpp to 600 mVpp) and recorded output voltage and gain.
- Observed clipping at higher input amplitudes due to output swing limitations.



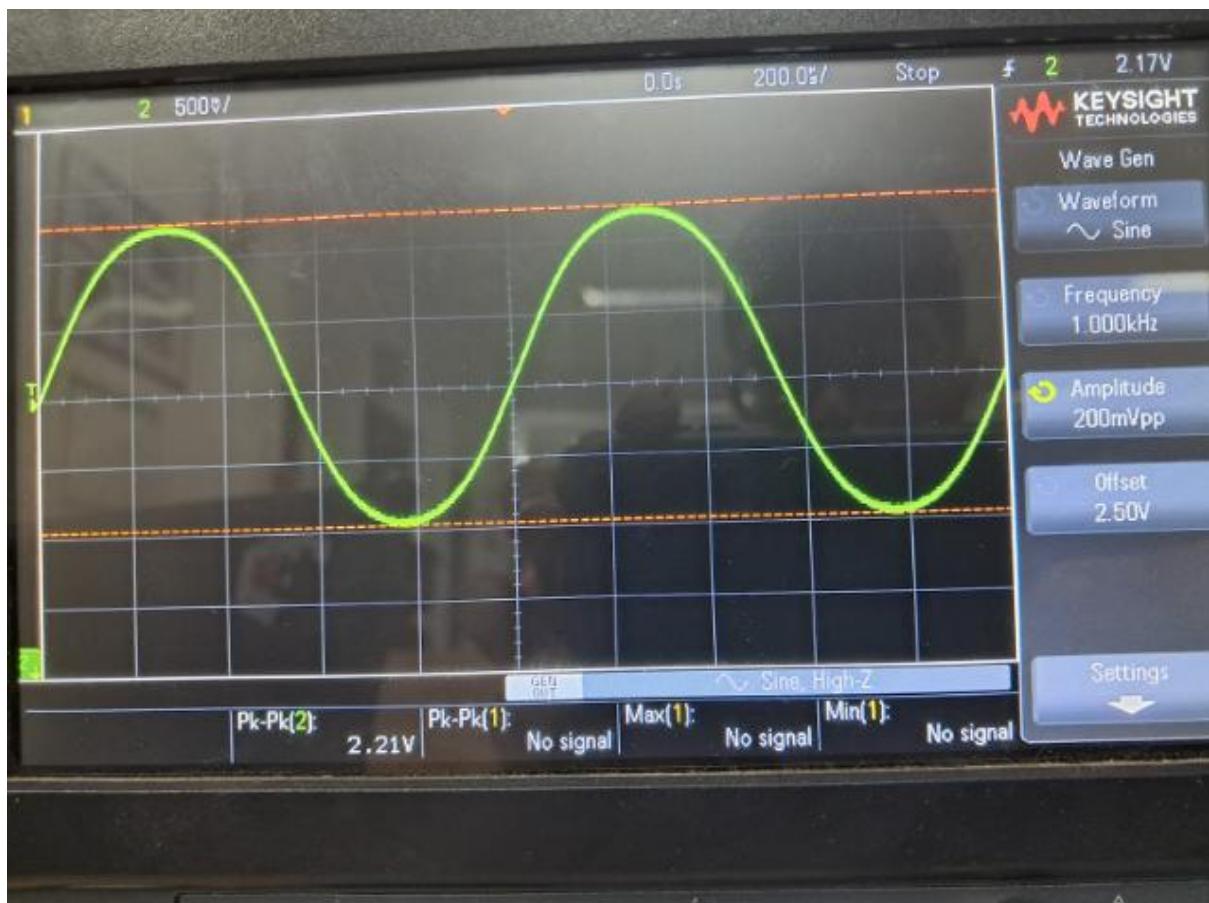
Plot of input and output voltages of the circuit

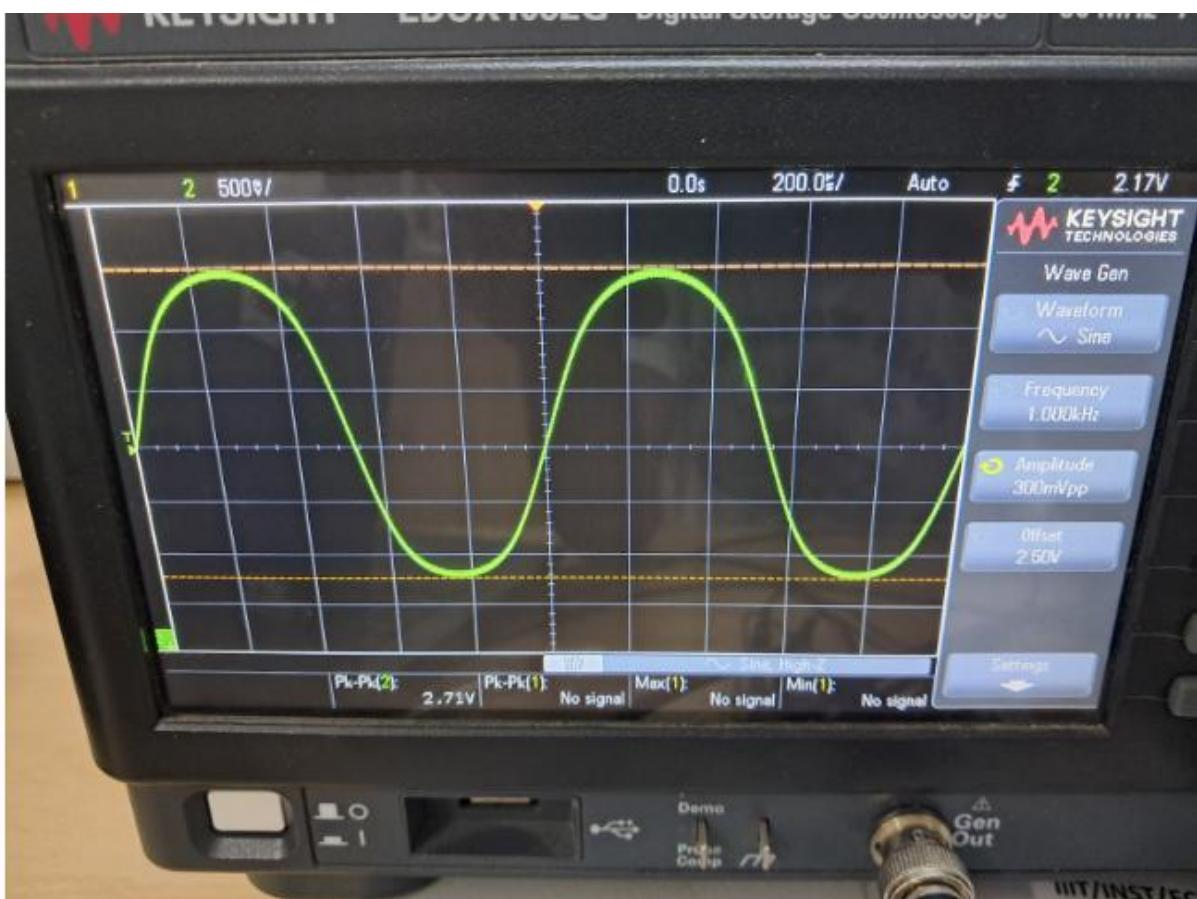
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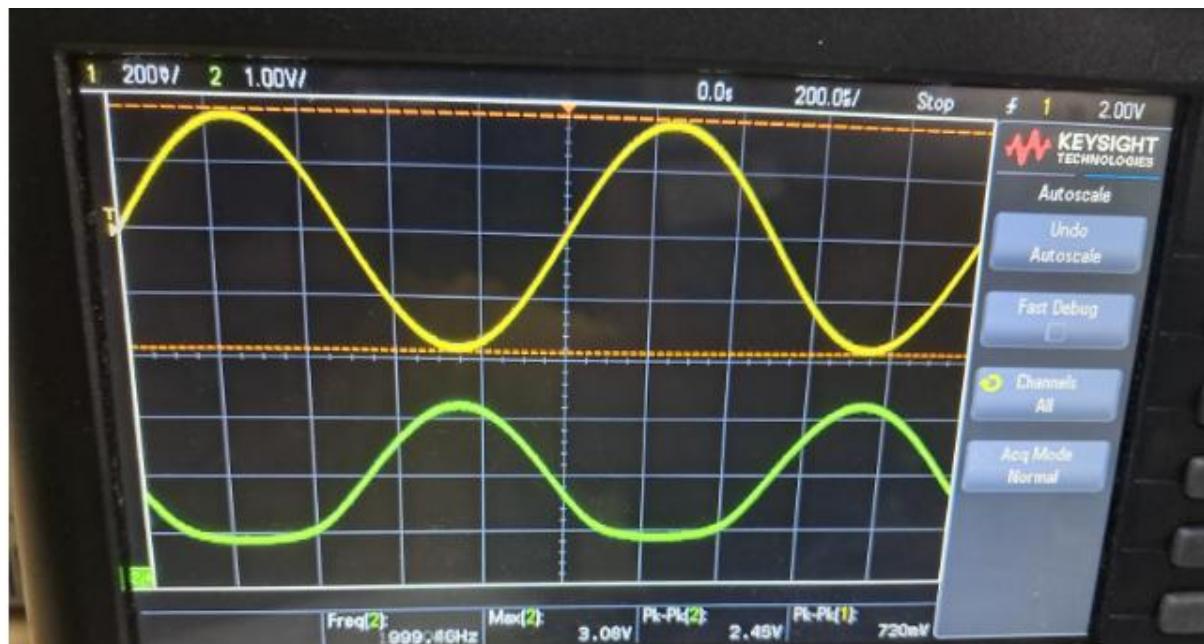
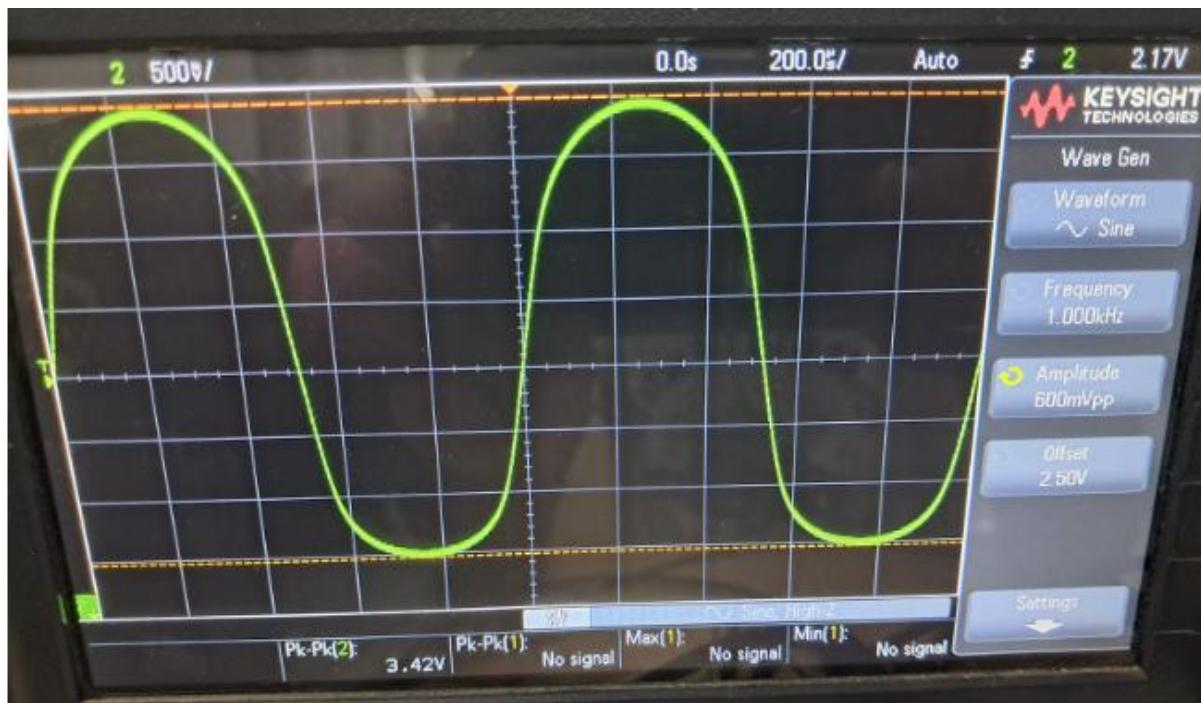
Vin (mVpp)	Vout (mVpp)	Gain (Vout/Vin)
400	1310	3.3
500	2210	4.45
600	2710	4.51
700	3000	4.28
800	3200	4.0
900	3400	3.7

Observations

- The valid input region for amplification was around **VDD/2 = 2.5 V**, where both MOSFETs operate in saturation.
- As input amplitude increased beyond 600 mVpp, the output clipped due to saturation at VDD (5 V).
- Gain decreased at higher inputs due to clipping.







Conclusion

The CMOS inverter with feedback acts as an amplifier within a specific input range. Clipping occurs when the output approaches supply limits, reducing gain.

Experiment 2: Characterization of an Operational Amplifier

Objective

To study the open-loop characteristics of an op-amp and measure its DC offset voltage.

Procedure

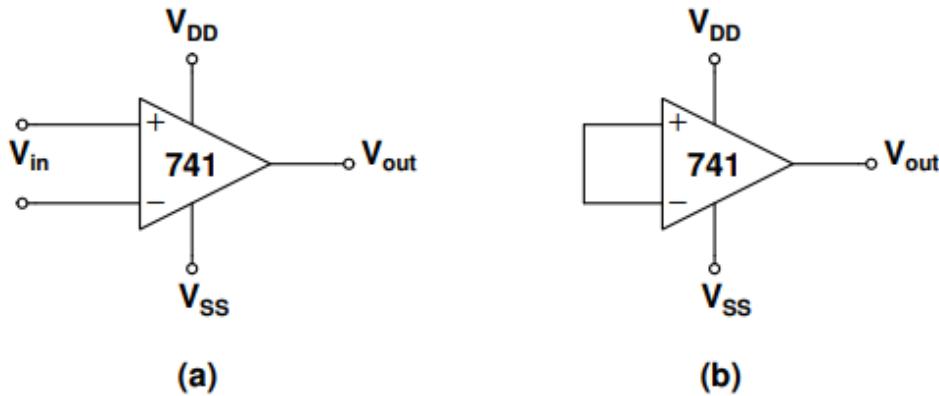
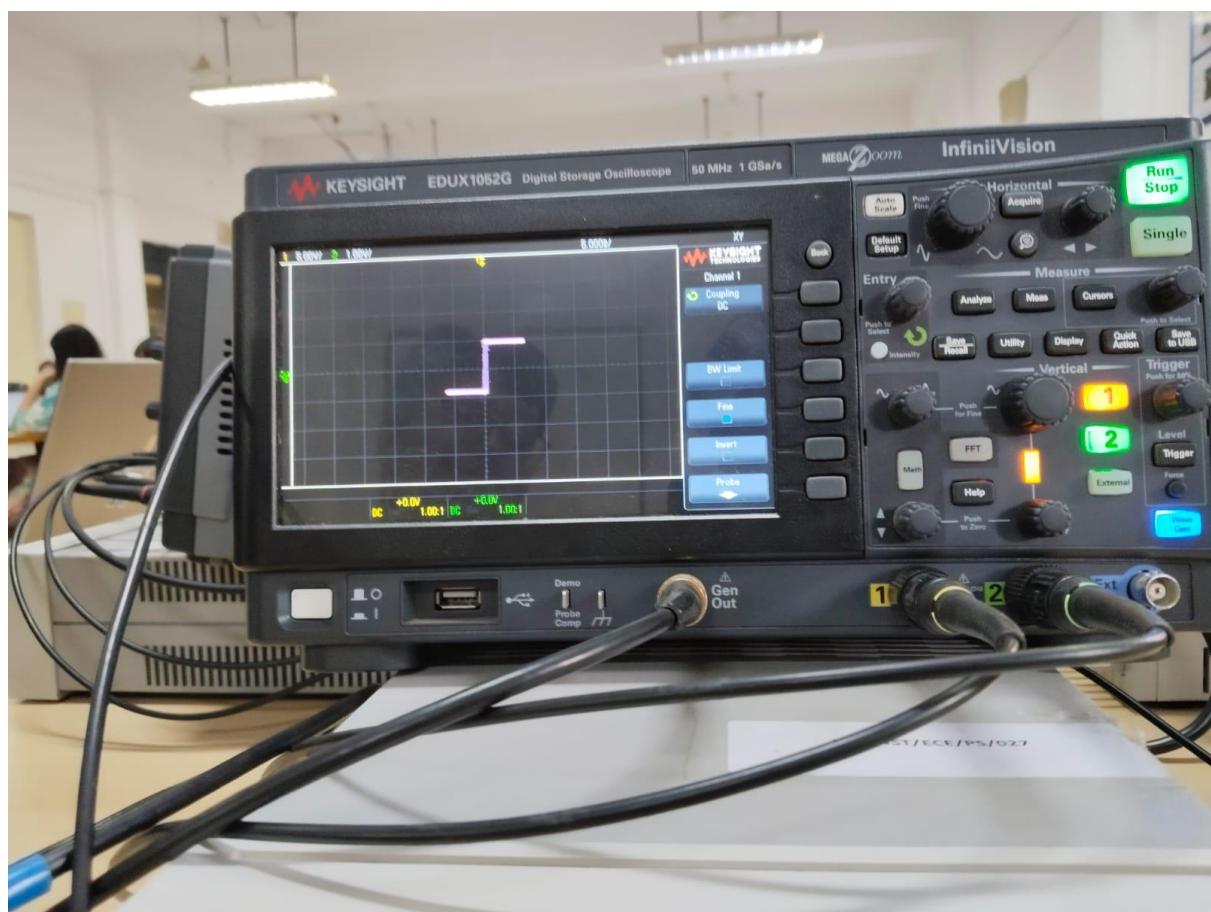
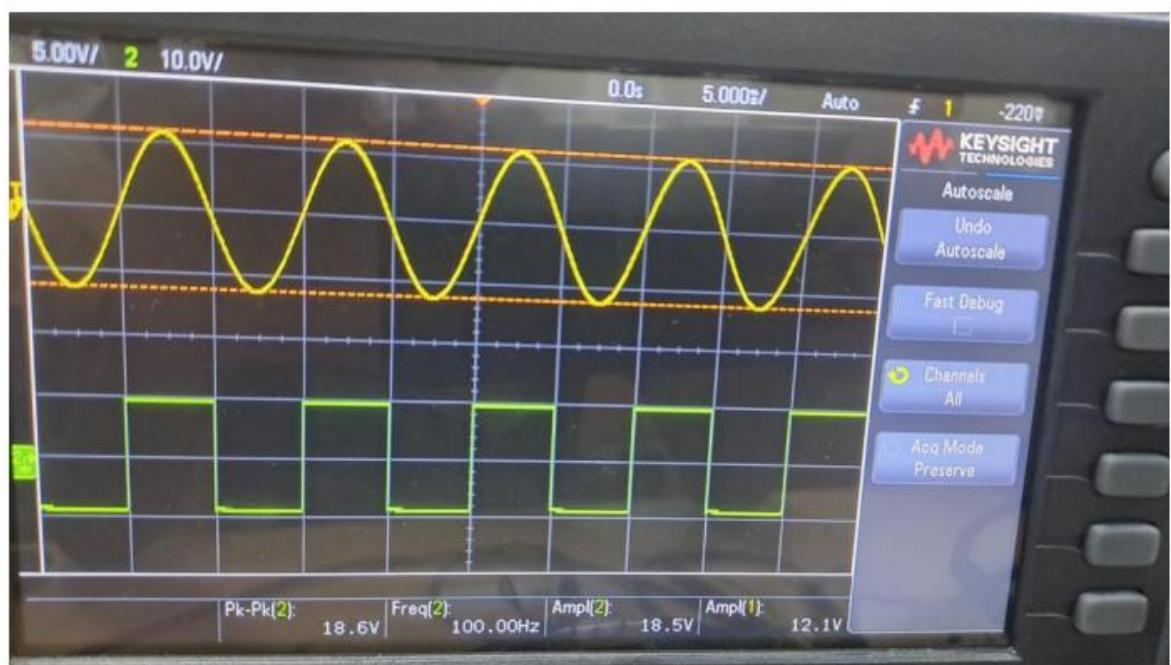
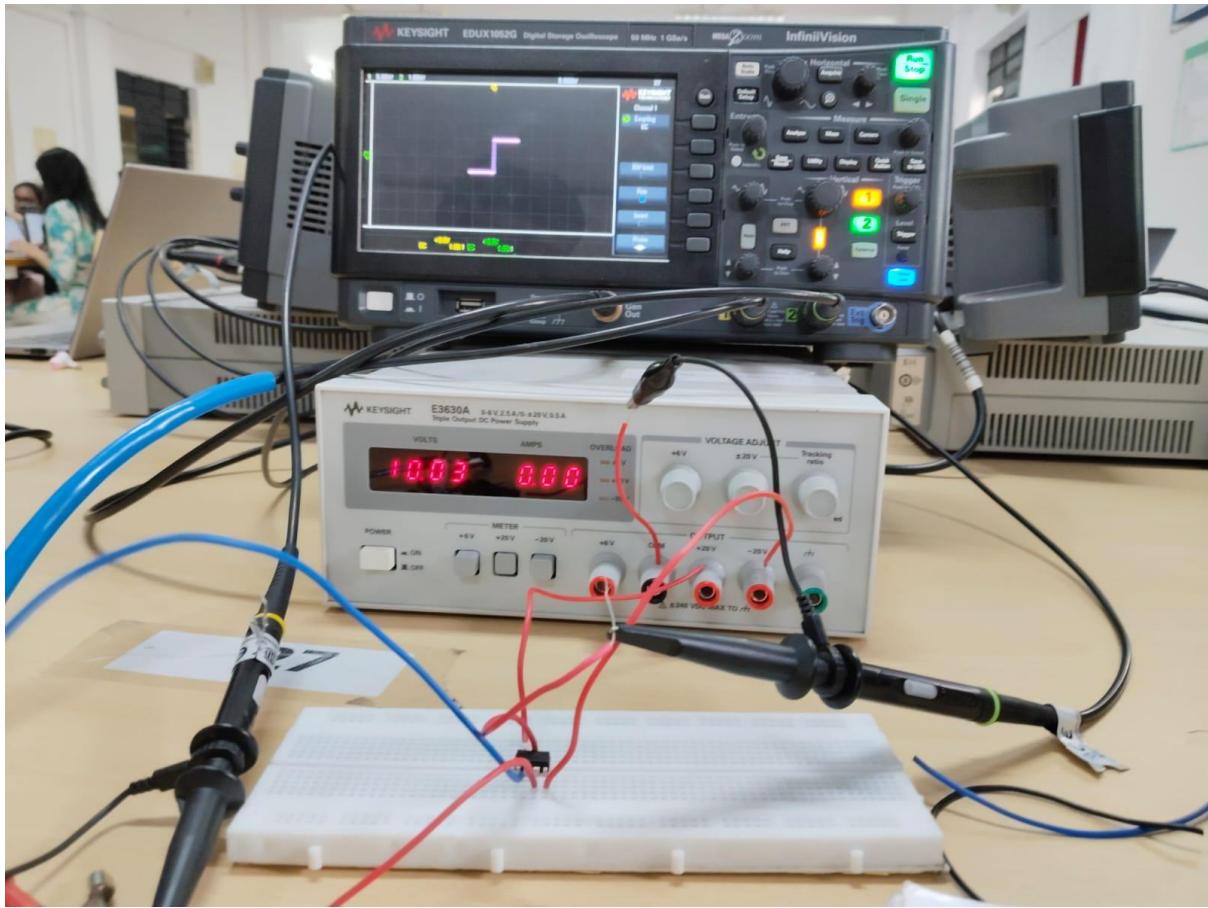


Figure 24: Opamp open loop characteristics (b) offset measurement

1. Open-Loop Configuration:

- Connected the op-amp to ± 10 V supplies V_{dd} and V_{ss} to +10 and -10 respectively .
- It amplifies the difference between the Non-inverting and inverting side signals
- Output as $A((V+)-(V-))$
- Input as $(V+)$ -Non-inverting input, $(V-)$ -inverting input
- Practically this gain is not possible, practically the input resistances are very high and the output resistance are really small(few ohms), the gain is also of the order 10^6
- Applied a sinusoidal input (12 Vpp, 100 Hz) to the non-inverting terminal and grounded the inverting terminal.
- We observe that the output gets clipped and produces a square wave kind of output signal, this is due to the high gain of the OpAmp, as the input is 12Vpp the output should be $12(10^6)V_{pp}$, but the supply to the OpAmp itself is between 10V and -10V, due to which we see clipping of the output
- Observed output clipping (square wave) due to high open-loop gain.
- **Output Saturation:** around ± 9.3 V (due to supply limits).
- for small inputs voltages there is proper amplification, but any more increase leads to cut off in the output signal, this we can infer from the graph





2. DC Offset Measurement:

- Connected both input terminals together (no differential input).
- Ideally when the difference is zero the output should also be zero
- But practically there can be a DC offset that we can see at the output now
- Measured a DC offset of approx **1 V(950mV)** at the output.



- Adjusted the non-inverting input to approx (-0.48)-0.5 V to nullify the offset.



DC Offset: 1 V (reduced by input adjustment).

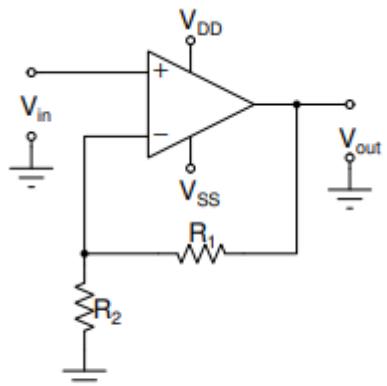
Conclusion

The op-amp exhibits high gain, causing output saturation. DC offset is present due to imperfections and also Opamp is not deal to get null.

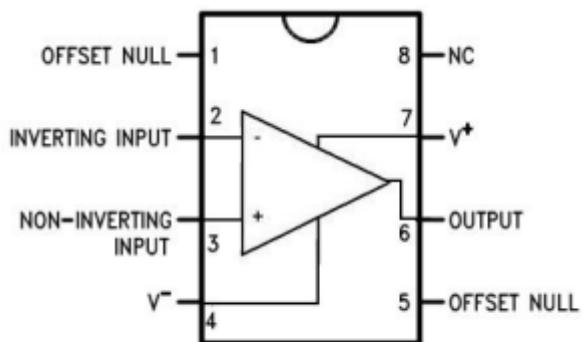
Experiment 3: Non-Inverting Amplifier

Objective

To design a non-inverting amplifier and verify its gain.



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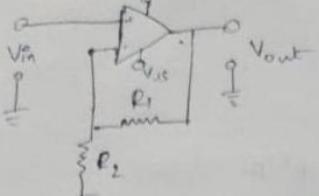


((b))

Procedure

- Connected input (250 mVpp, 5 kHz) to the non-inverting terminal.
- Used negative feedback with resistors R1 and R2.

Derivation of gain for Non Inverting Amplifiers



$$\text{Gain} = \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{in}}}$$

We know about the infinite loop of the OP AMP which forces the OPAMP to maintain the voltage at V_+ and V_- should be same

$$\text{We know here } V_+ = V_{\text{in}}$$

$$\text{So } V_- = V_{\text{in}}$$

The current through the inverting input of an OPAMP=0
Let us apply KCL at inverting node

\Rightarrow we get

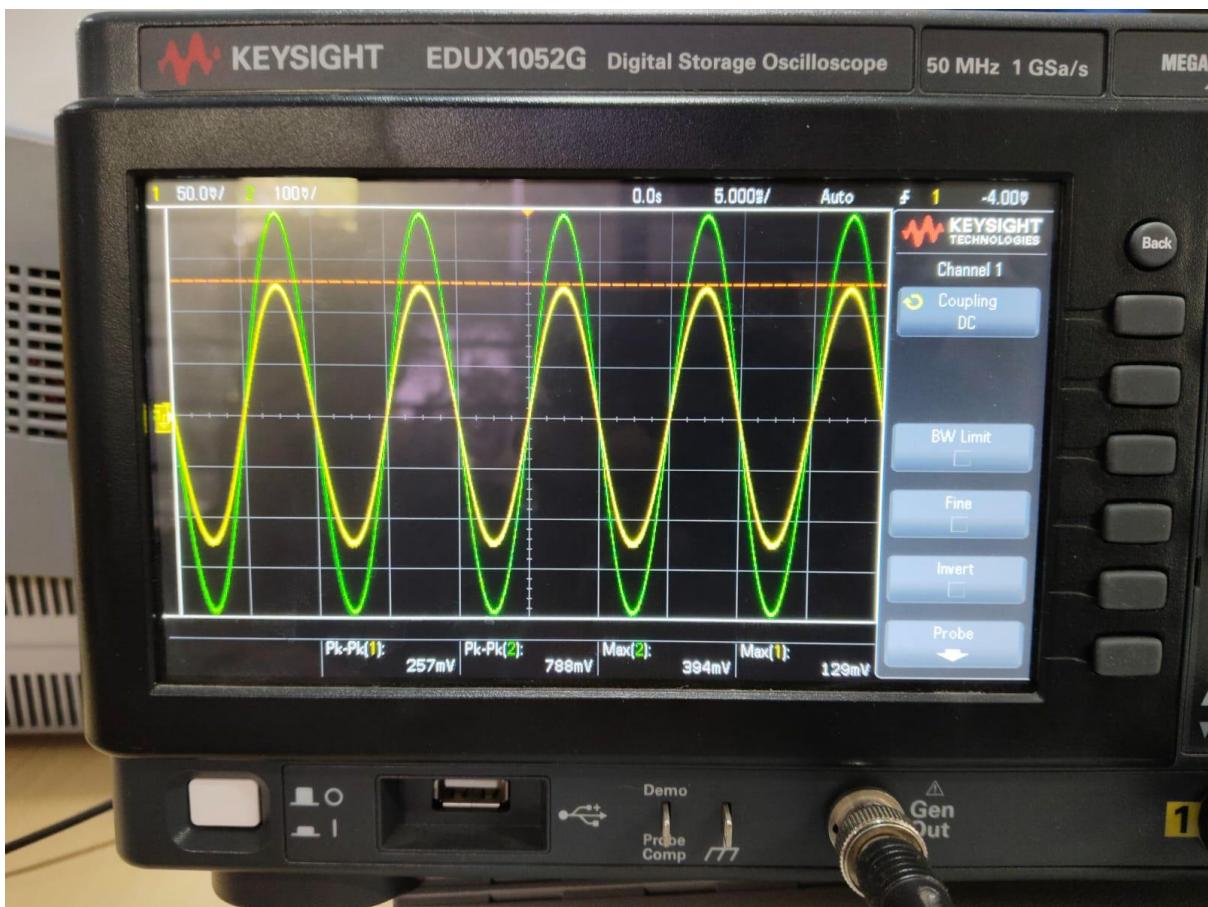
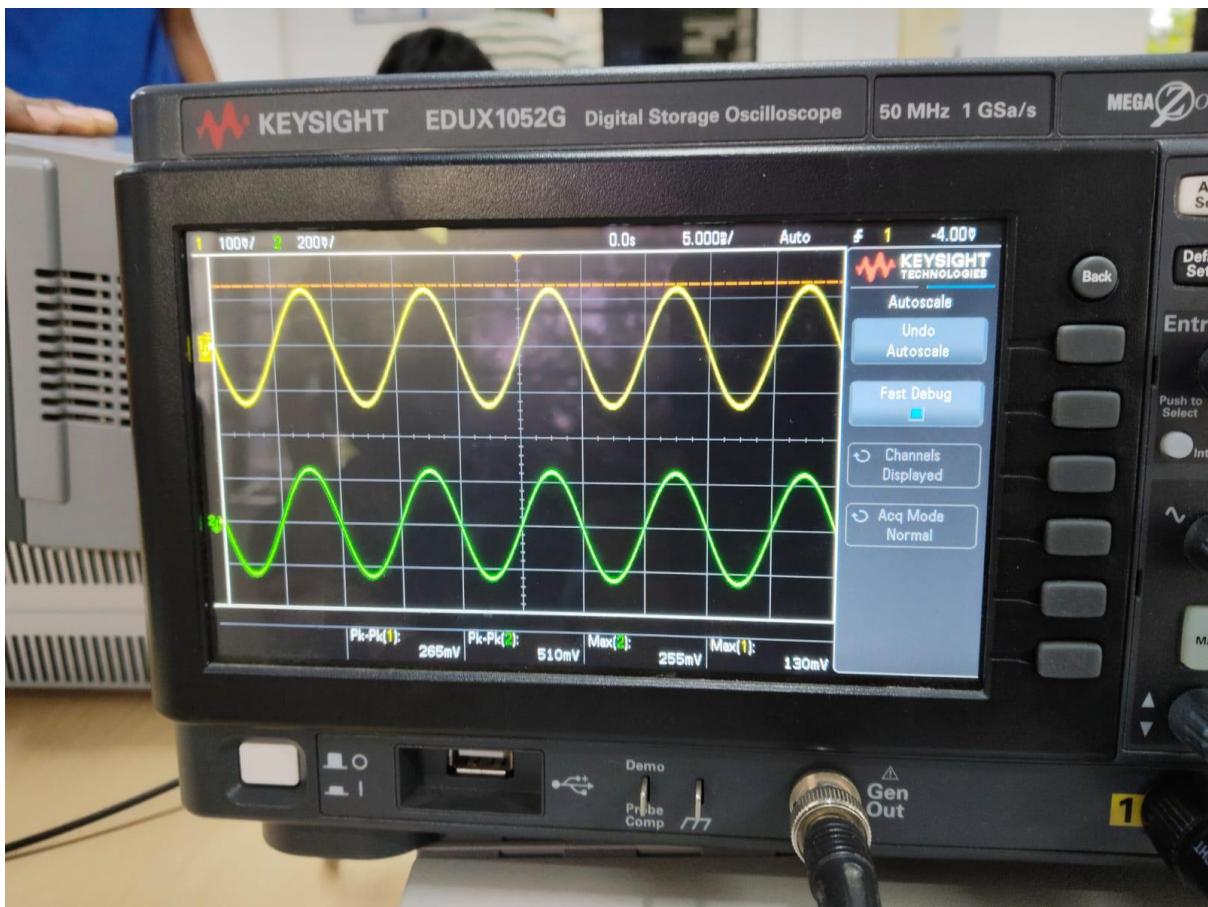
$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_{\text{out}} - V_{\text{in}}}{R_1} = \frac{V_{\text{in}} - 0}{R_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{\text{in}} \left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} \right) = \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{R_2}$$

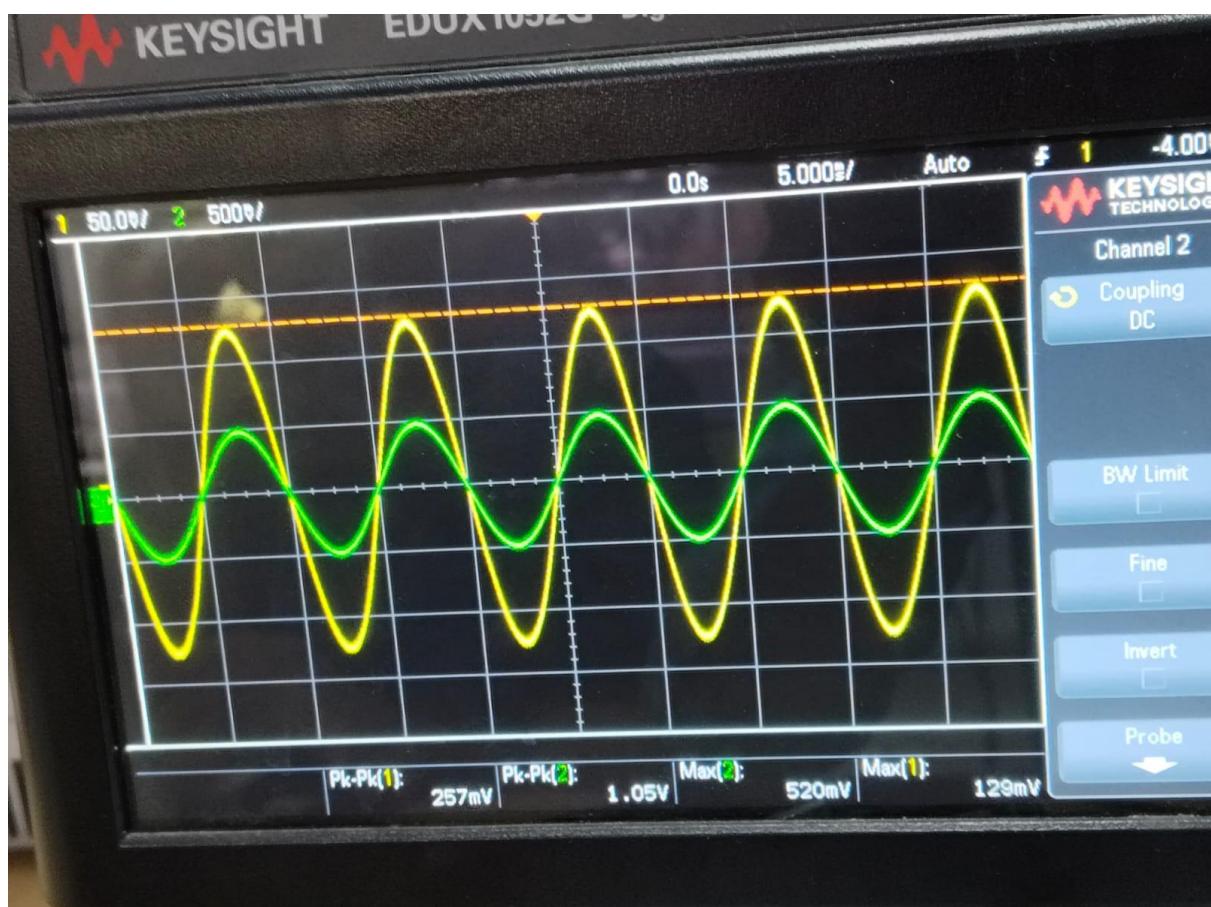
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{in}}} = 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}}$$

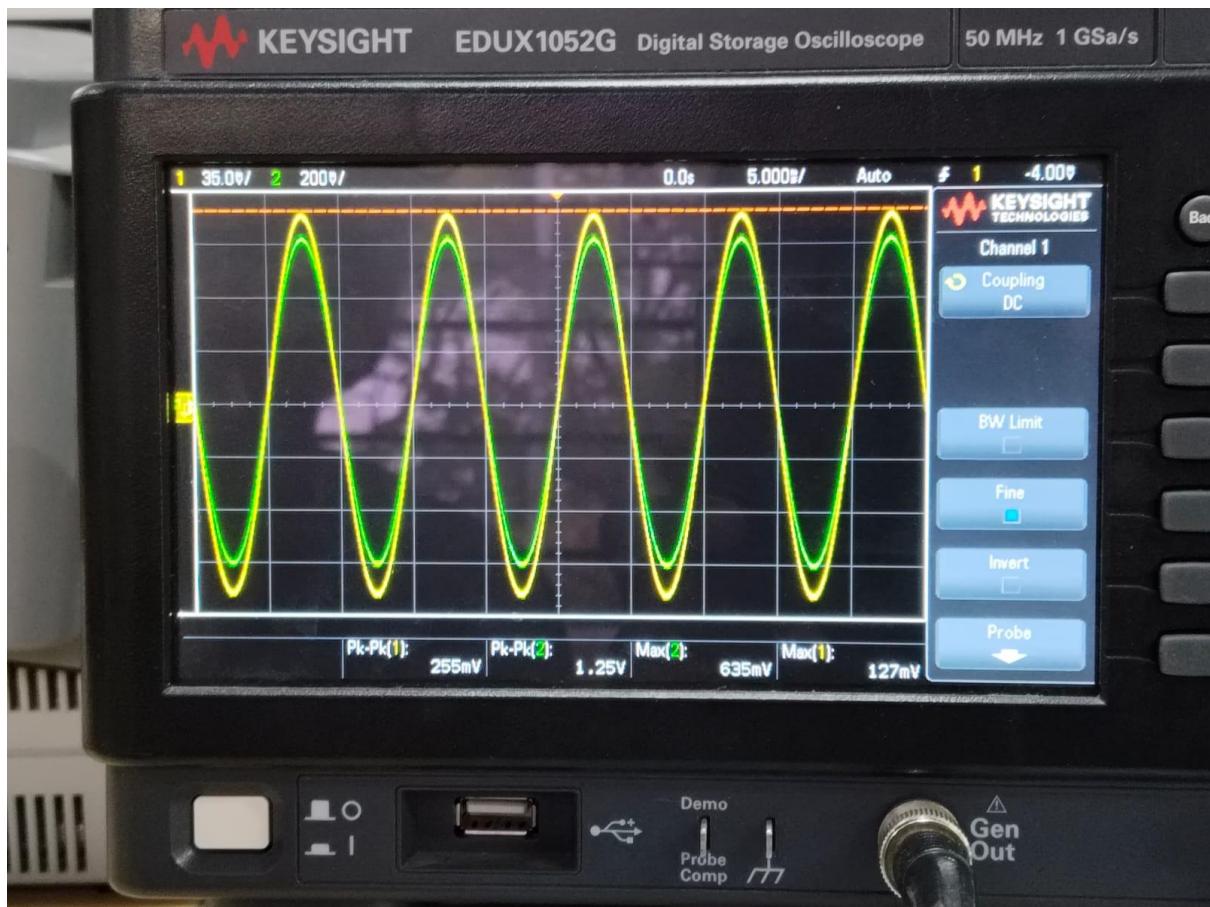
- o Theoretical gain: $1 + (R_1/R_2)$.
- o (C) Measured gain for different resistor combinations.
- o For obtaining gain as 4,5
- o $1 + R_2/R_1 = 4 \rightarrow R_2 = 3 \cdot R_1$ (gain 4)
- o $1 + R_2/R_1 = 5 \rightarrow R_2 = 4 \cdot R_1$ (gain 5)

Results



R1 (kΩ)	R2 (kΩ)	Vout (mVpp)	Calculated Gain	Observed Gain
10	10	510	2	1.924
10	4.7	750	3.127	2.72





Expected Gain	R1 (kΩ)	R2 (kΩ)	Vout (mVpp)	Observed Gain
4	60	180	1050	4.08
5	60	240	1250	5

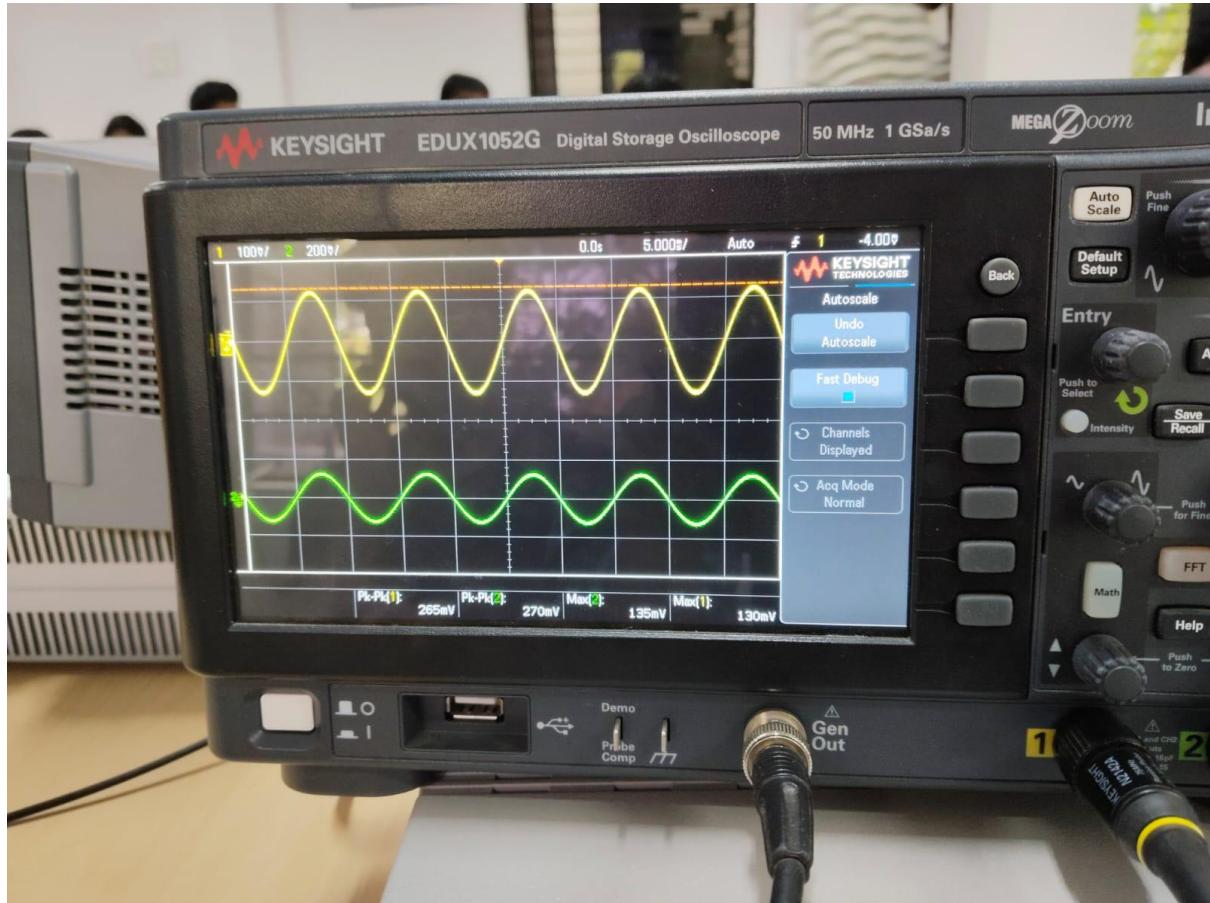
(d) if we remove both the resistors R1,R2 and then connected then gain is 1 by formula

So $v_{out} = v_{in}$

This circuit is known as a **BUFFER** circuit.

The buffer circuit exhibits a high input impedance, meaning it draws minimal current, resulting in minimal disturbance to the connected circuitry at its input terminals. It can function as an impedance matcher, matching the impedance between different parts of a circuit to ensure efficient signal transfer. It can also act as a signal isolator, providing electrical isolation between different sections of a circuit to prevent interference. Additionally, the buffer circuit can serve as a voltage level shifter, adjusting the voltage level of the input signal to match the requirements of the downstream circuitry. Finally, it can function as an active filter

stage within a larger filter circuit, actively manipulating the signal to achieve desired filtering characteristics



Conclusion

The non-inverting amplifier gain matches theoretical values. Direct feedback ($R_1 = 0$) results in unity gain, useful for buffer applications.

Uses:

Voltage Follower (Input = Output)

→ Used to buffer a signal without changing its voltage, ideal for impedance matching.

Sensor Amplifier

→ Amplifies weak signals from sensors like thermistors without inverting them.

Audio Pre-Amplifier

→ Boosts microphone signals to a usable level while preserving signal polarity.

Experiment 4: Inverting Amplifier

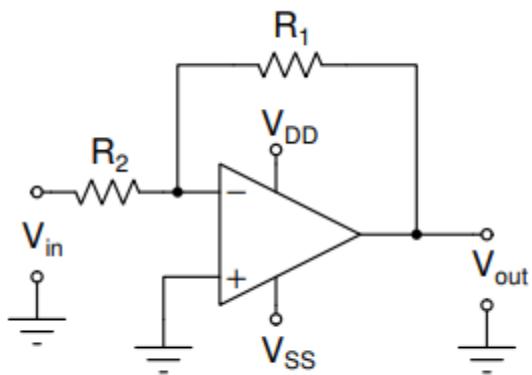


Figure 26: Inverting amplifier

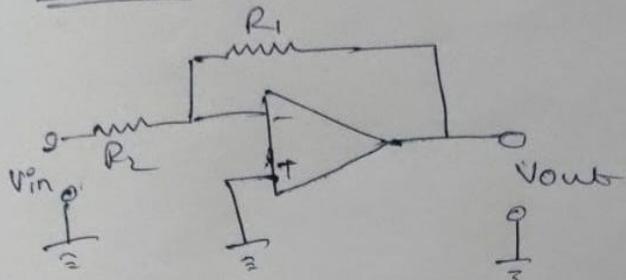
Objective

To design an inverting amplifier and verify its gain.

Procedure

1. **Circuit Setup:**

Derivation of gain for inverting
Amplifiers



we have $V_+ = 0 \Rightarrow V_- \approx 0$

$$\text{Gain} = \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{in}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_{\text{in}} - 0}{R_2} = 0 - \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{R_1}$$

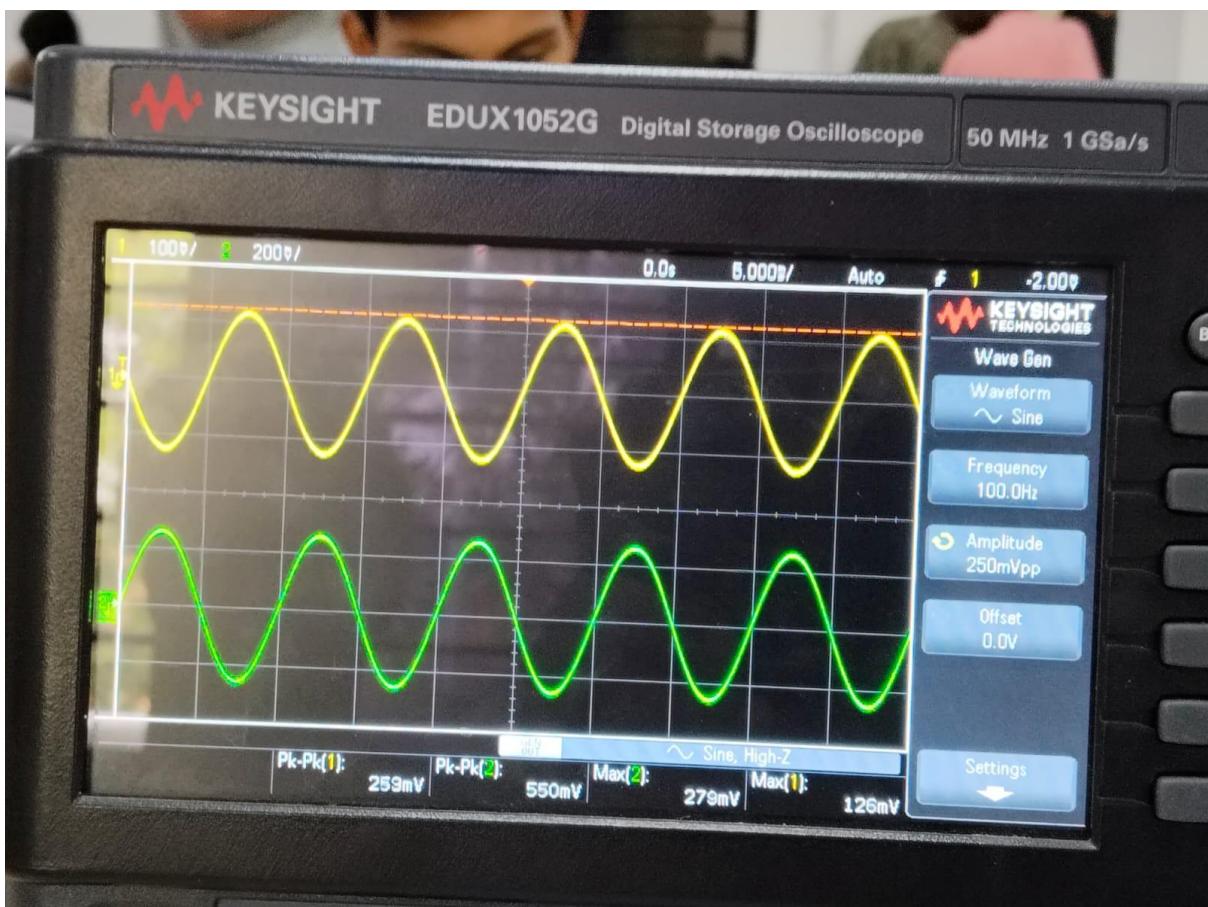
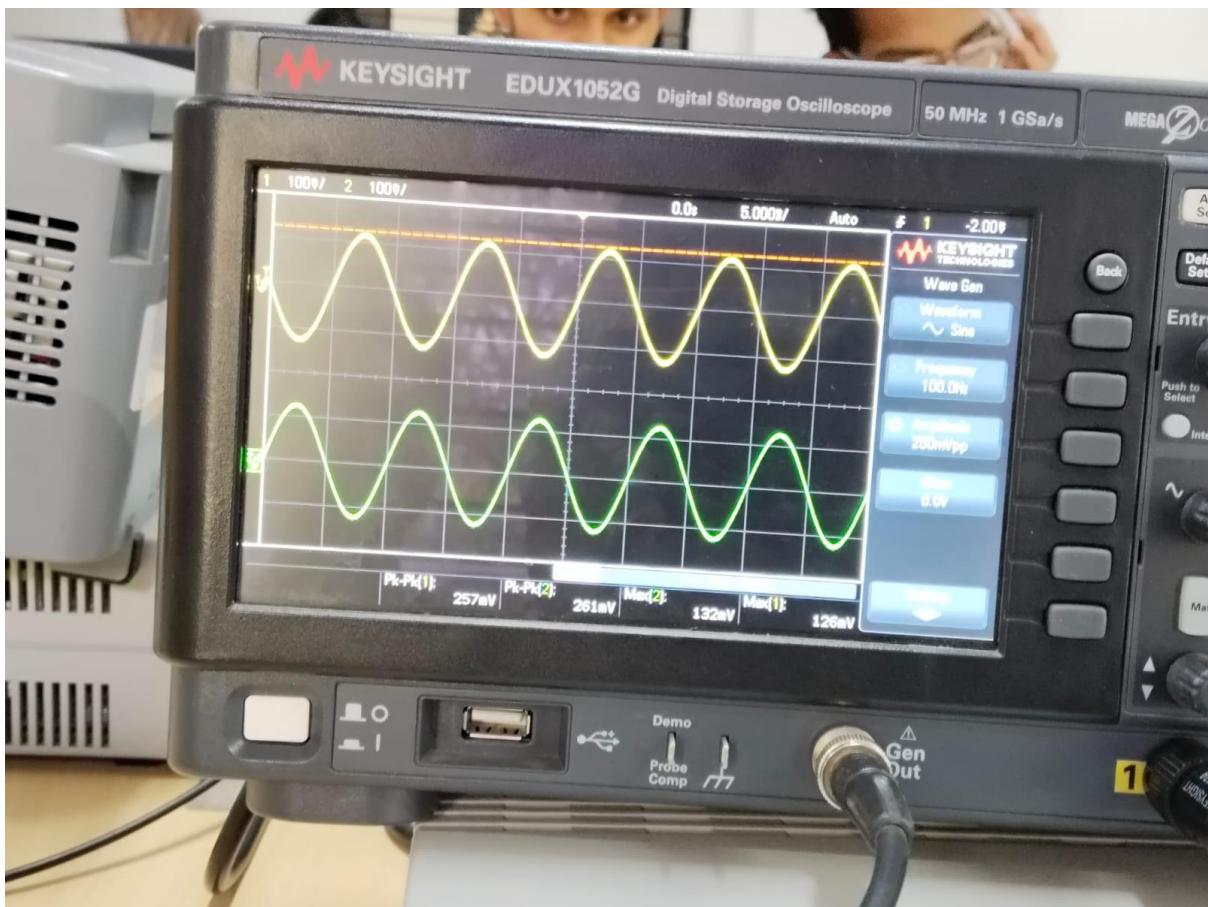
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{in}}} = -\frac{R_1}{R_2}}$$

- Connected input (250 mVpp, 5 kHz) to the inverting terminal via R2.
- Used negative feedback with R1.

2. Gain Calculation:

- Theoretical gain: $-(R_1/R_2)$.
- Measured gain for different resistor combinations.

Results



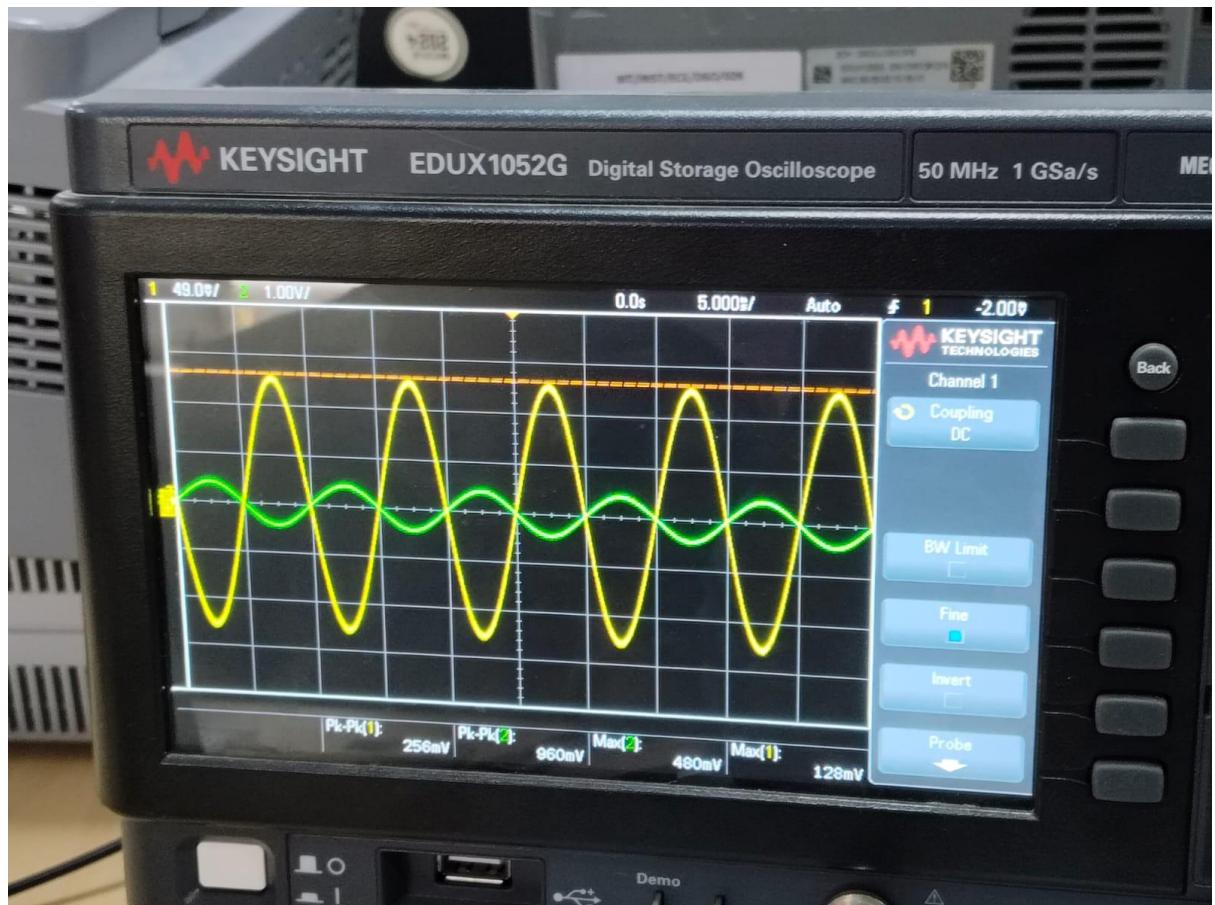
R1 (kΩ)	R2 (kΩ)	Vout (mVpp)	Calculated Gain	Observed Gain
10	10	261	-1	-1.01
10	4.7	550	-2.127	-2.17

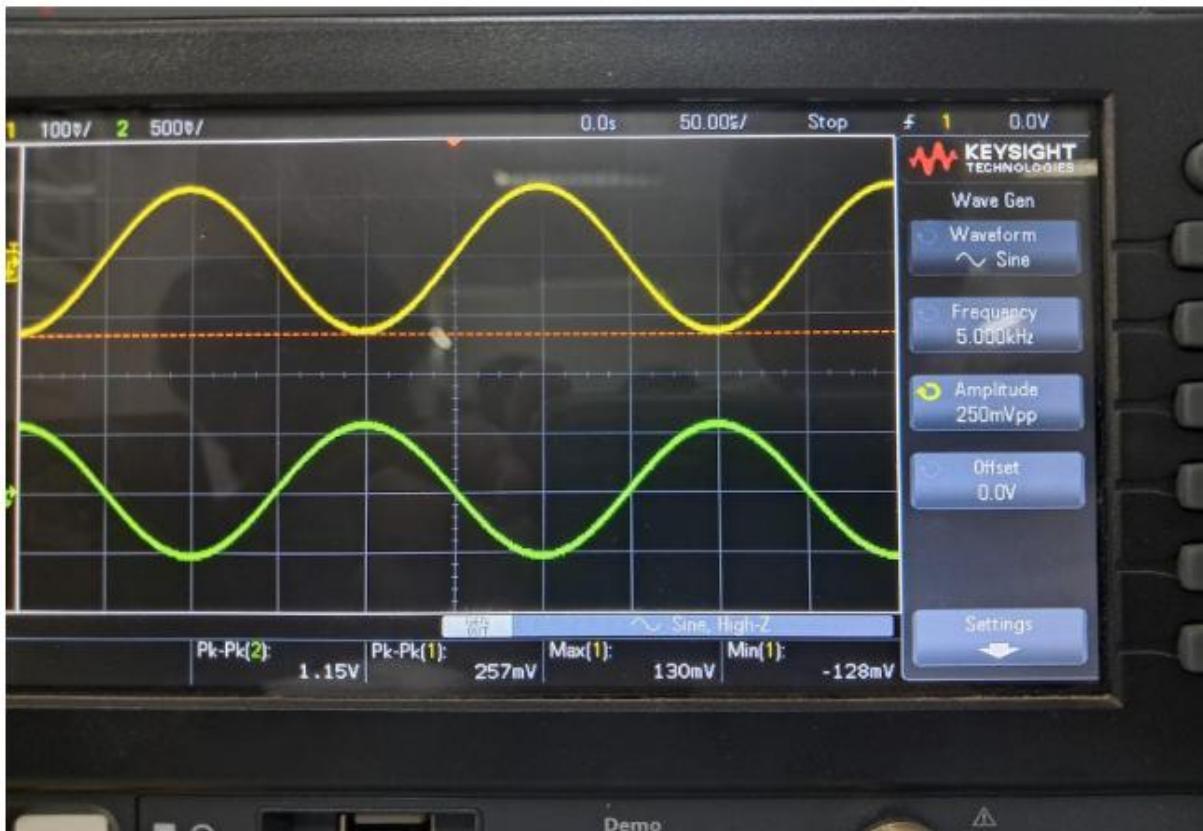
Second part

Choosing resistances for obtaining custom gain from inverting amplifier

calculation of R1 and R2 for obtaining a gain of 4 and 5

by taking r1 as 60kohm and r2 as 240(-4gain) and 300(-5gain) by formula $r1/r2 = \text{gain} = -\frac{v_{\text{out}}}{v_{\text{in}}}$;





Expected Gain	R1 (kΩ)	R2 (kΩ)	Vout (mVpp)	Observed Gain
-4	60	240	960	-3.735
-5	60	300	1150	-4.4

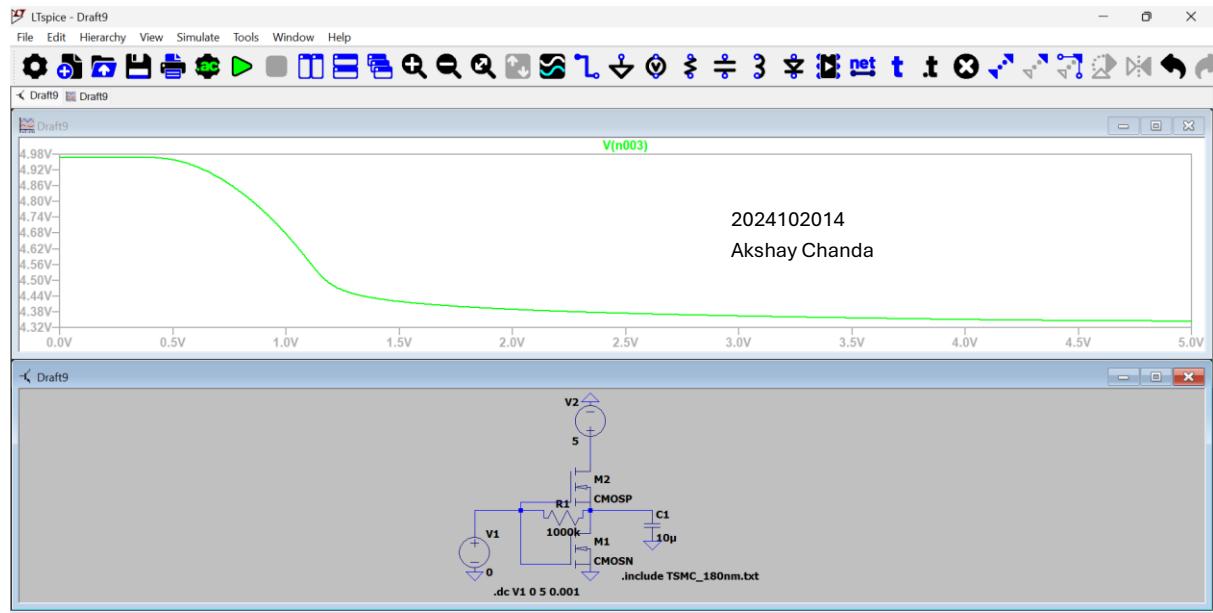
Conclusion

The inverting amplifier gain closely matches theoretical values. Output is inverted as expected.

Overall Conclusion

- **CMOS Inverter:** Works as an amplifier in a limited input range.
- **Op-Amp Characterization:** Shows high gain and DC offset.
- **Non-Inverting Amplifier:** Gain follows $1 + (R_1/R_2)$.
- **Inverting Amplifier:** Gain follows $-(R_1/R_2)$.

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Left-click to plot I(V2). Right click to edit.

