

Study of Lissajous Figures

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Theory:

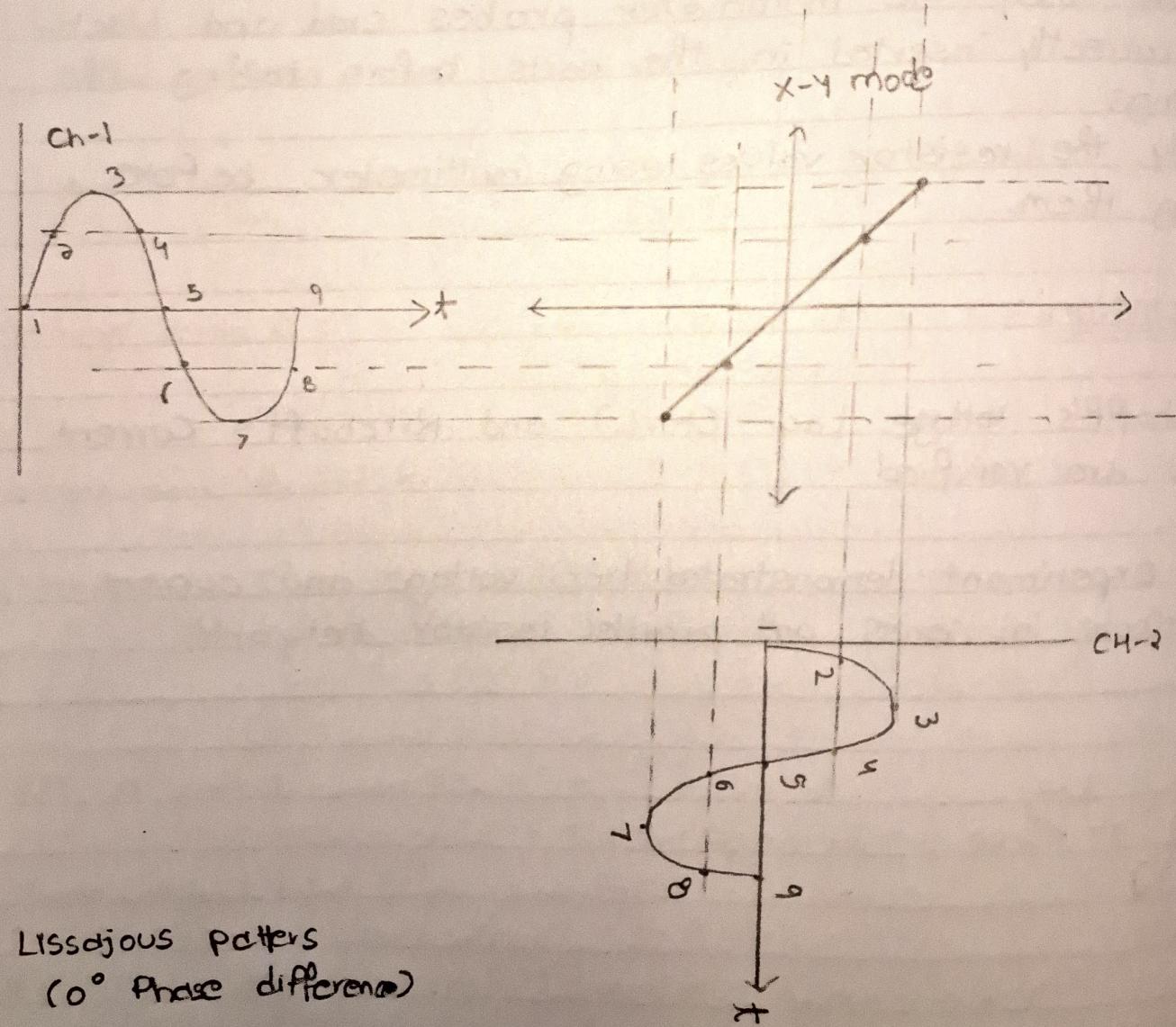
1) Function Generator → Electronic test equipment used to generate various waveforms over wide frequency range

2) Oscilloscope → Used to visualise output signals as they vary over time. There are three types → CRO, DSO and MSO. We are using DSO.

3) BNC (Bayonet Neill - Concelman) Cable → Used to transfer generated function from function generator to the oscilloscope

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Lissajous patterns
(0° Phase difference)

Lissajous Patterns → Lissajous patterns are the figures displayed on oscilloscope in X-Y mode when two perpendicular sinusoidal signals interact. These patterns depend on the frequency ratio and phase difference between signals.

$$x = A \sin(Ct + \delta)$$

$$y = B \sin(Dt)$$

→ The a/b ratios decides the appearance of the Lissajous figures

→ The δ determines the rotation angle of the figure

→ The amplitudes determine the slope of figure

Determine frequency : - Draw tangent in x and y dir
- Count the no. of cuts

f_x = no. of horizontal tangents

f_h = no. of vertical tangents

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Observation:

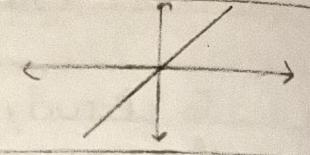
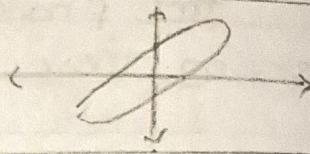
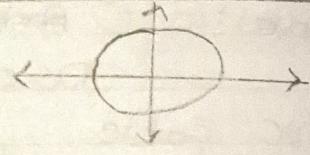
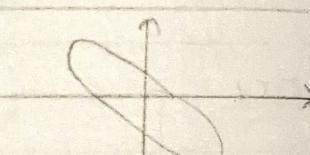
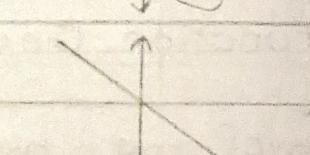
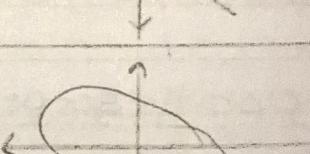
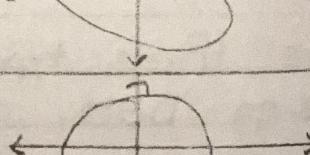
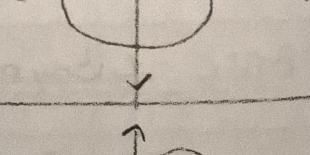
Angle in wave-1	Angle in wave-2	Figure
0°	0°	
45°	0°	
90°	0°	
135°	0°	
180°	0°	
225°	0°	
315°	0°	
360°	0°	

Table -1 [Phase variation , $f = 1:1$ (1KHz) , $A = 2Vpp$, offset=0]

Applications of Lissajous Figures →

- i) Phase difference measurement b/w two signals
- ii) Frequency determination of one of the source
- iii) Signal Testing

Procedure →

- 1) Connect respective channels of function generator to DSO with BNC cables
- 2) In the function generator, we will generate 2 sine waves Keeping their frequency, phase, amplitude and offset same initially. By this, we will see a straight-line in DSO at 45° to xc-axis
- 3) Now Keeping all quantities same, we will vary phase of one channel w.r.t other and how the patterns change in DSO
- 4) Now vary frequency and observe how the pattern changes. We will vary frequency to different ratios, such as 1:1, 2:1, 3:1 etc

Conclusion →

- 1) Upon changing frequency ratio and phases, we observe changing patterns.
- 2) If $x = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$ and $y = B \sin(\omega t)$, then ratio a/b gives aspect ratio

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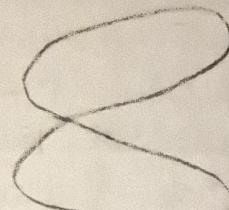
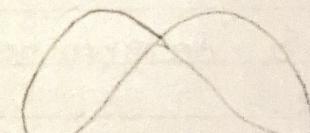
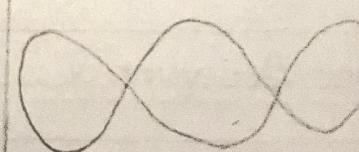
Frequency (Wave -1)	Frequency (Wave-2)	Figure
2KHz	1KHz	
3KHz	1KHz	
1KHz	2KHz	
1KHz	3KHz	

Table-2
 Frequency variation (Phase difference = 0, $A = 24\mu$
 offset = 0 for both waves)

- 3) Phase shift produces change in shape
Amplitude produces change in slope

Calculations

→ Suppose equations are $\ddot{x} = A \sin(\omega t + 90^\circ) = A \cos(\omega t)$
 $y = A \sin(\omega t)$

Same amplitude and frequency, phase difference of 90°

$$\frac{x^2}{A^2} + \frac{y^2}{B^2} = 1 \quad (\text{using } \sin^2(\omega t) + \cos^2(\omega t) = 1)$$

$$\rightarrow x = A \sin(\omega t) \quad \begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{Same amplitude and frequency} \\ g = A \sin(\omega t) \quad \rightarrow \text{No phase difference} \end{cases}$$

$$y = x$$

Precautions :

- 1) Ensure proper connectivity of cables
 - 2) Control the offset of the waves

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