

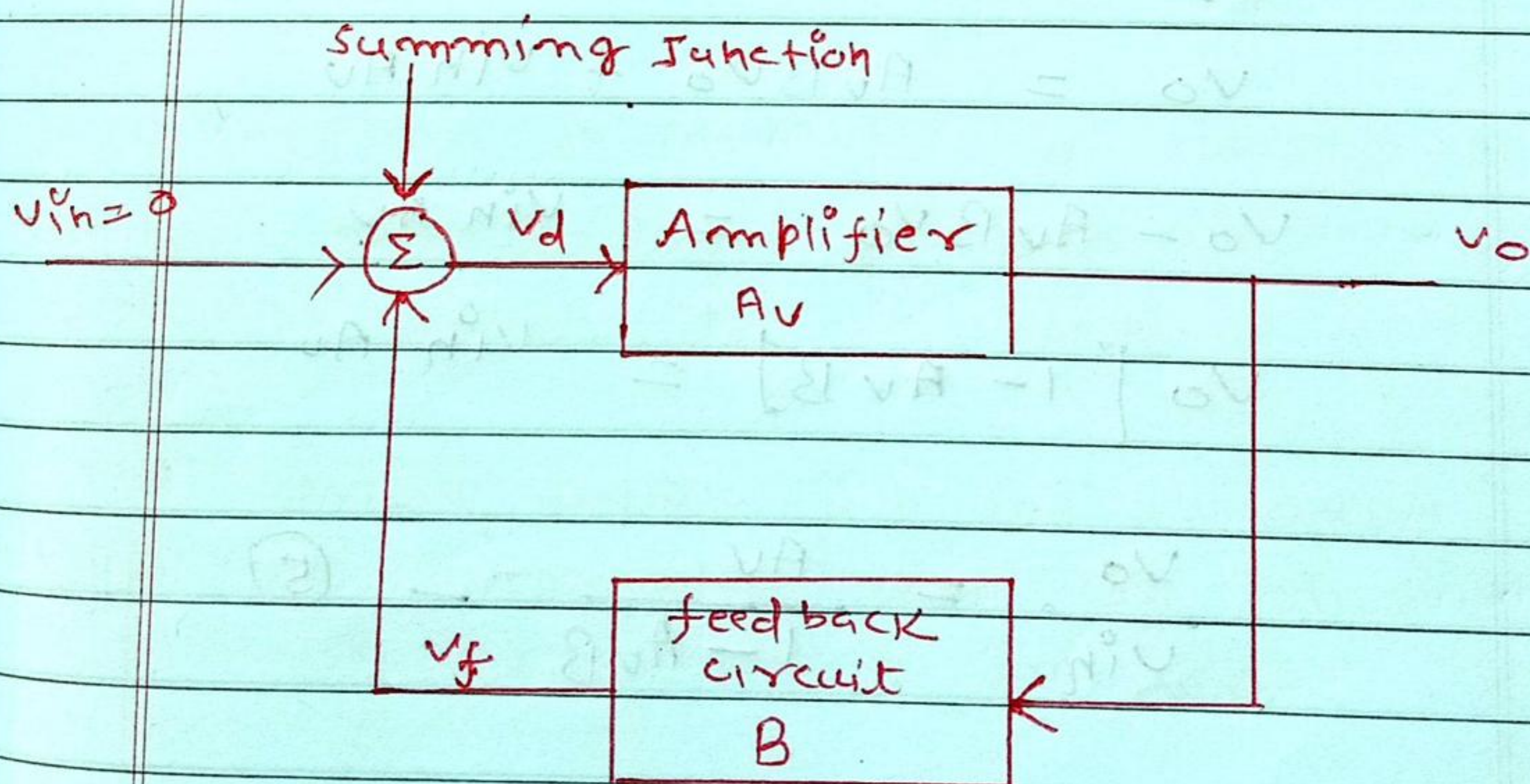
## OSCILLATORS

An oscillator is a circuit that generates a repetitive waveform of fixed amplitude and frequency without any input (i.e.  $V_{in} = 0$ )

### Principle of Oscillation:-

An oscillator is a type of feedback amplifier in which part of the output is fed back to the input via a feedback ckt.

If the signal fed back is of proper magnitude and phase, the circuit produces alternating output.



$A_v$  - gain of the amplifier

$B$  - " " feedback ckt.

$V_f$   $\rightarrow$  feedback voltage.

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from the fig it is clear that

$$v_d = v_f + v_{in} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$v_o = A_v \cdot v_d \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$v_f = \beta v_o \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

putting the value of  $v_d = \frac{v_o}{A_v}$  from

(2) into (1) we get

$$\frac{v_o}{A_v} = v_f + v_{in} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

putting the value of  $v_f = \beta v_o$

from (3) into (4) we get

$$\frac{v_o}{A_v} = \beta v_o + v_{in}$$

$$v_o = A_v \beta v_o + v_{in} A_v$$

$$v_o - A_v \beta v_o = v_{in} A_v$$

$$v_o [1 - A_v \beta] = v_{in} A_v$$

$$\frac{v_o}{v_{in}} = \frac{A_v}{1 - A_v \beta} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

However if  $v_{in}$  has to be

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zero ~~loop~~ and  $v_o \neq 0$  implies that

$$A_{v\beta} = 1 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

eq<sup>n</sup> (6) is known as Barkhausen criterion for oscillation to take place.

According to Barkhausen criterion there are two requirements for oscillation to take place.

- 1]  $A_{v\beta}$  should be at least 1
- 2] total phase shift of the loop gain  $A_{v\beta}$  must be equal to  $0^\circ$  or  $360^\circ$ .