

Electronics Measurement & Instrumentation

4EC3-06

Unit -2

Electronic Instruments

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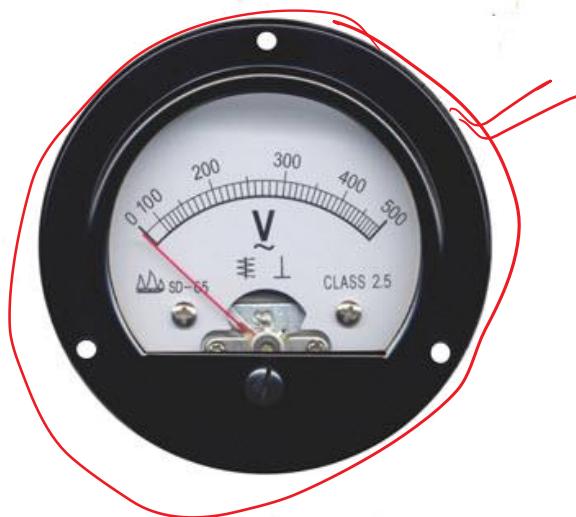
Max. Marks: 150(IA:30, ETE:120)

End Term Exam: 3 Hours

→ **ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS** - Electronic Voltmeter, Electronic Multimeters,
Digital Voltmeter and Component Measuring Instruments: Q meter, Vector Impedance
meter, RF Power & Voltage Measurements, Introduction to shielding & grounding.

Electronic Voltmeter

Electrical instruments



①

absolute inst. give O/P in form of
unit no

②

secondary inst.

O/P determined from
deflection of inst
only when they have
been calibrated
by comparison from absolute inst.

previous calibration
or comparison
is necessary.

e.g. - tangent
galvanometer

abs. ins + Comparison
+ Calibration

Galv

+ R

Volt

Am.

In
laboratory
only

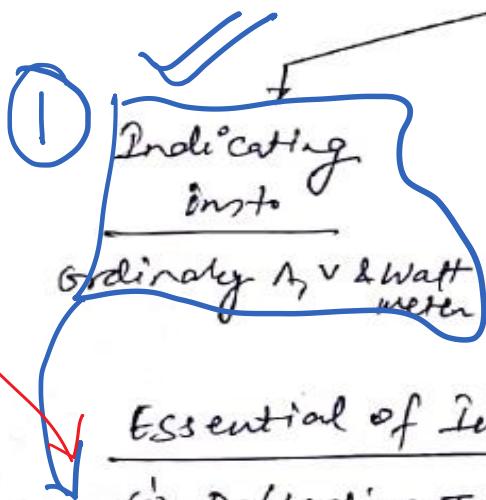
Basic principle:

- 1. Magnetic effect — for A & V
- 2. Electrodynamic " — for A & V
- 3. Electromagnetic " — wattmeter \rightarrow power
- 4. Thermal — A & V .
- 5. Chemical — dc A -hr. meter
- 6. Electrostatic — V only

household
meter

Secondary insto

electronic
voltmeter



② recording insto
give a continuous record
convey inked pen

③ Integrating insto
measure & register
the total quantity
of electricity
Amp.-hr. & Watt-hr
meter

Essential of Indicating Instrument—

- (i) Deflecting Torque! — utilize one or more factor from above
- (ii) Controlling Torque — [spring
gravity]
- (iii) Damping Torque; to dec. Inertia

- ① moving iron type
- ② moving coil type
- ③ permanent magnet type
- ④ electrodynamic

Electronic Voltmeter: The voltmeter which uses the

amplifiers to increases their sensitivity.

→ It gives accurate reading because of high i/p Resistance

Digital voltmeter

Analog voltmeter

high i/p Resistance

detects signals of very weak strength

AC

Tr

FET

OP-Amp

→ moving coil voltmeter is not able to detect low voltage

Vacuum tube

measure current

→ Ammeter

transistor or FETs — measure voltage only

→ voltmeters

CKT

Moving coil voltmeter: → The magnitude of measured voltage

X is directly proportional to the deflection of the pointer

→ The pointer is fixed on calibrated scale

→ The point at which the pointer deflects indicates the magnitude of i/p voltage

problem with moving coil voltmeter → Power

→ large problem is drawn from measured ckt because of which the error occurs in their reading.

MV

$10^{-6} V$

GMP → M



Calibrated scale

amp^x

pointer

coil

spindle

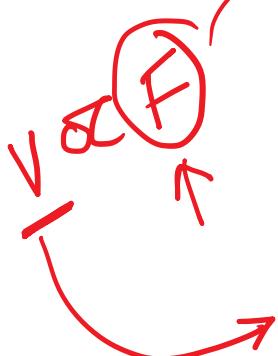
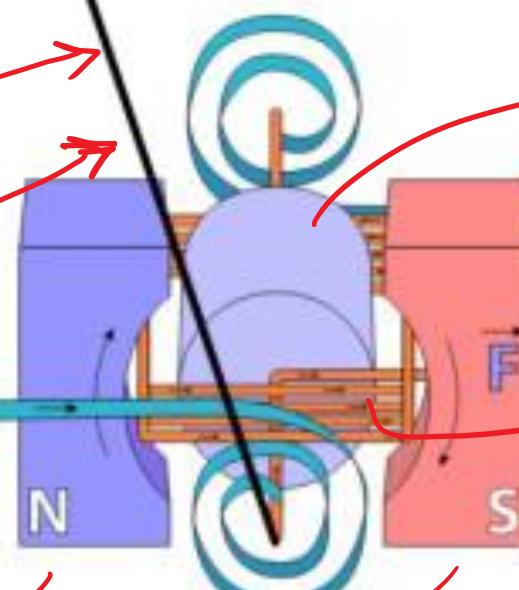
Analog meter

μV

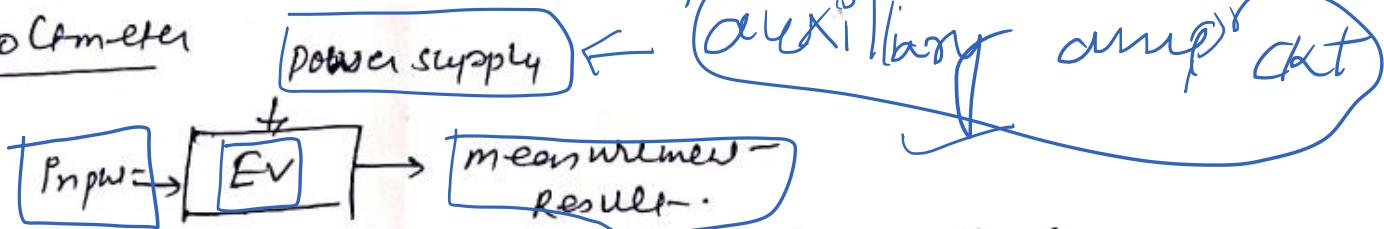
mV

+

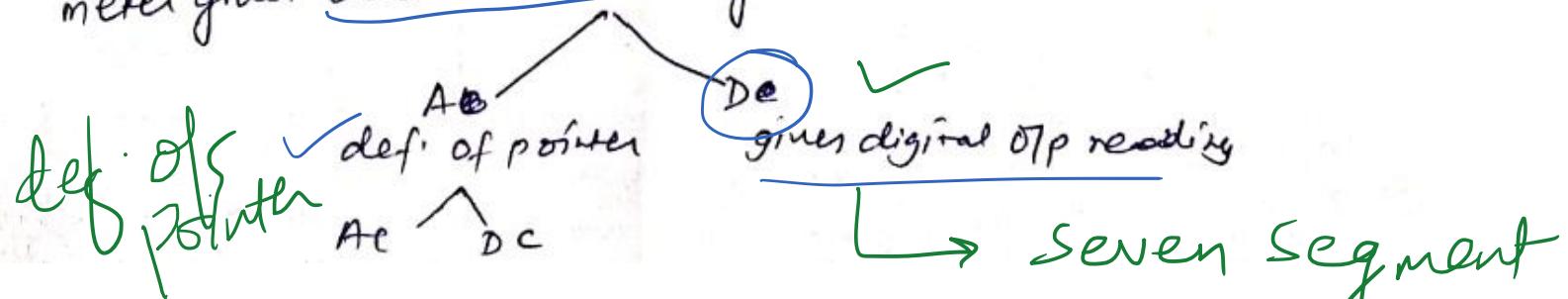
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Electronic voltmeter



- In EV, the pointer is deflected by taking supply from auxiliary amplifier circuit.
- The extra power is not passing through the deflector, hence never gives accurate reading.



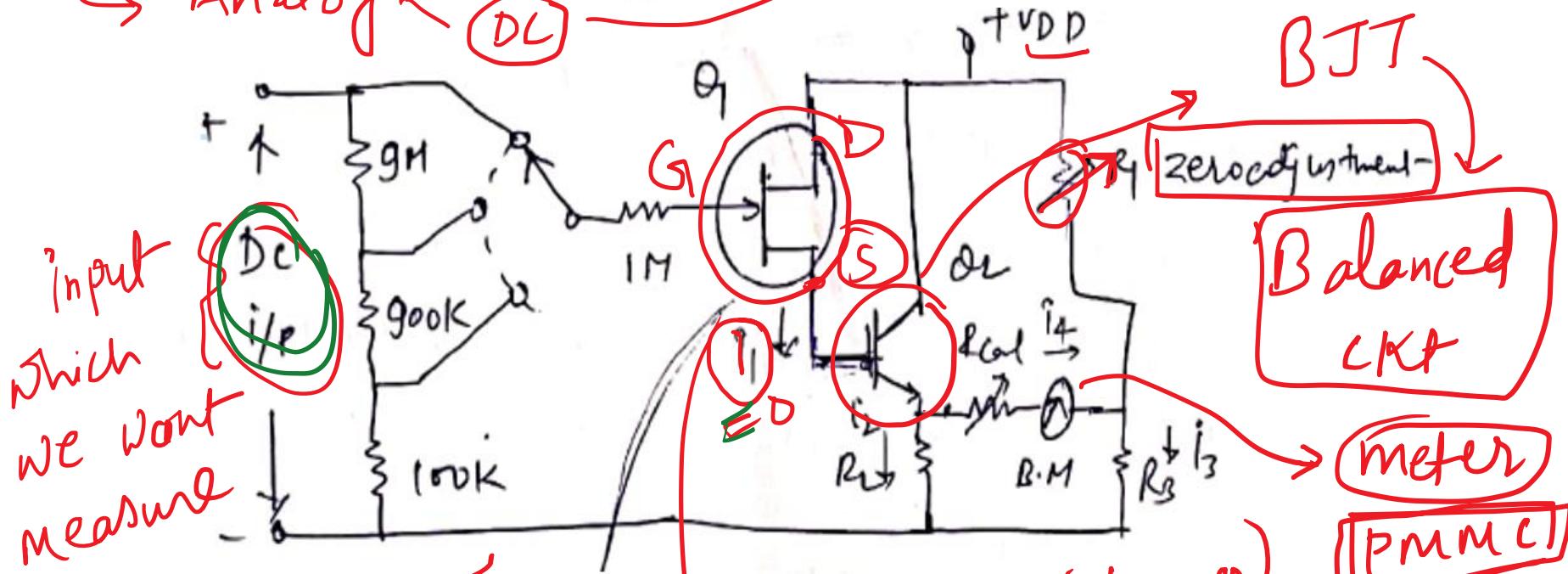
Advantages of Electronic voltmeter; display / LCD

- (1) Detection of low-level signals - SOPIN / SDPNUV
- (2) low power consumption
- (3) high freqn range

T_r, FET, Diodes

Basic electronic voltmeter (Transistor voltmeter) {DC}

↳ Analog < AC
DC

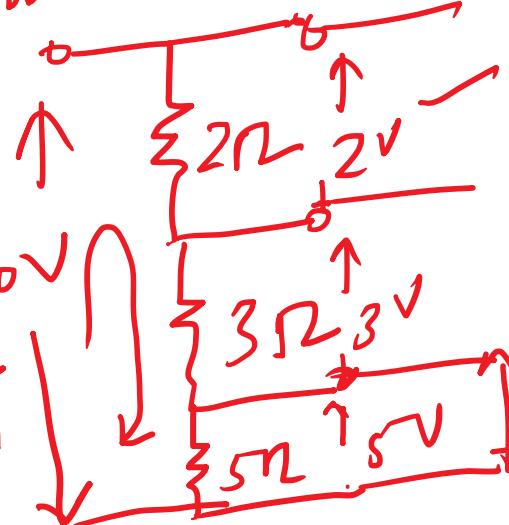


voltage
divider
 $0-2V$
 $2-10V$
 $10-100V$

Range Selector

FET (source follower)
(highest input)

$\frac{10V}{10} = 1A$
 $\frac{10V}{3} = 3.33A$
 $\frac{3V}{5} = 0.6A$

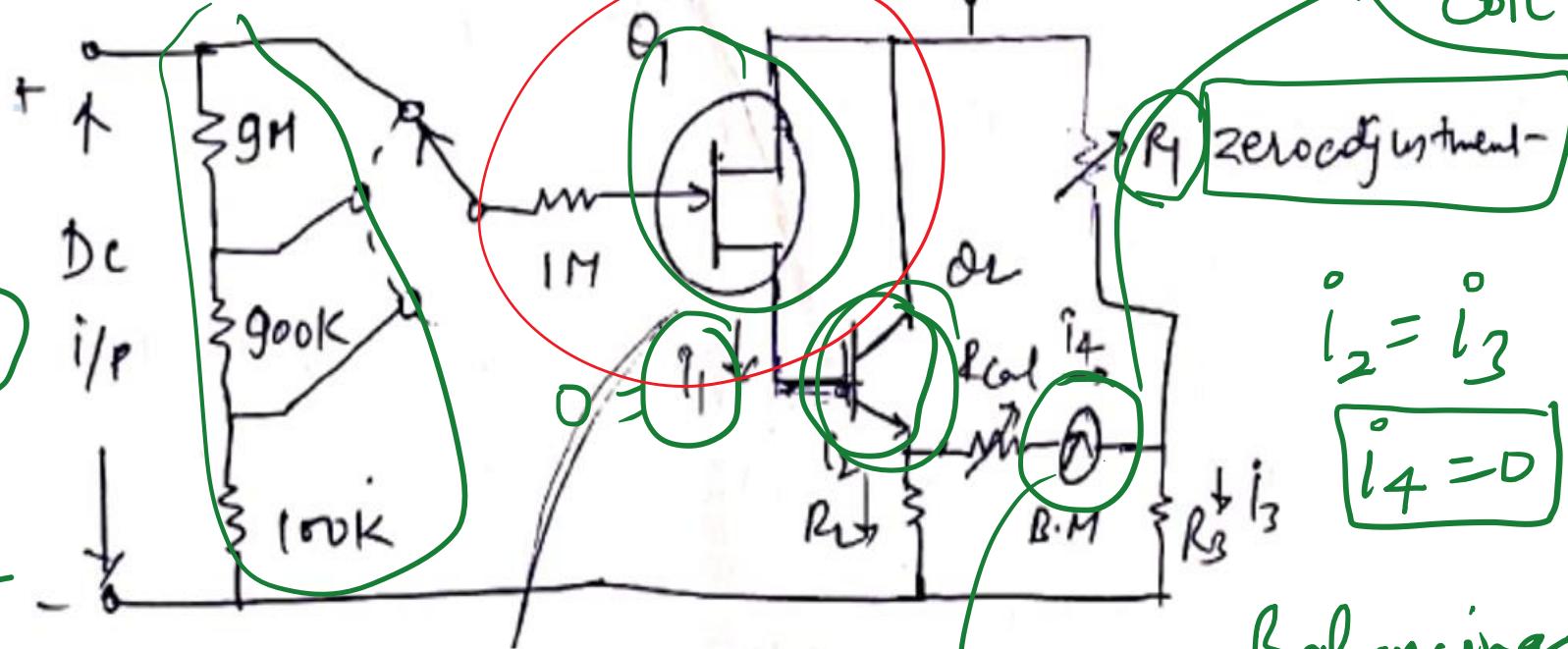


Input

High IP

Meter

Moving coil



$= 0$

$i_1 = 0$

$V_i = 0$

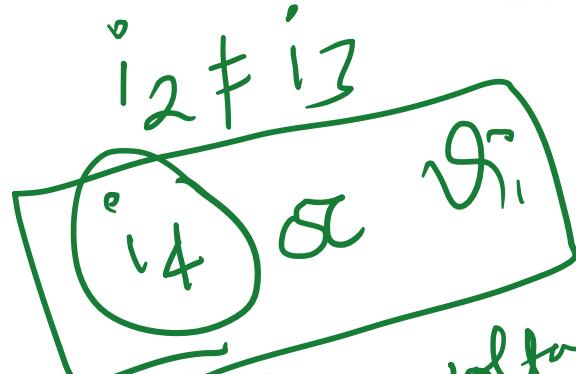
$$i_2 = i_3$$

$$i_4 = 0$$

Balancing

reading condition
= zero

voltage reading



- Ω_2 with Resistor form balanced bridge
 - Bridge balance obtained by R_1
 - zero i/p → prefer show zero
 - bias on Ω_2 is such $i_2 = i_3$ when $i/p = \text{zero}$
 - in this condition $i_t = 0$
- \equiv

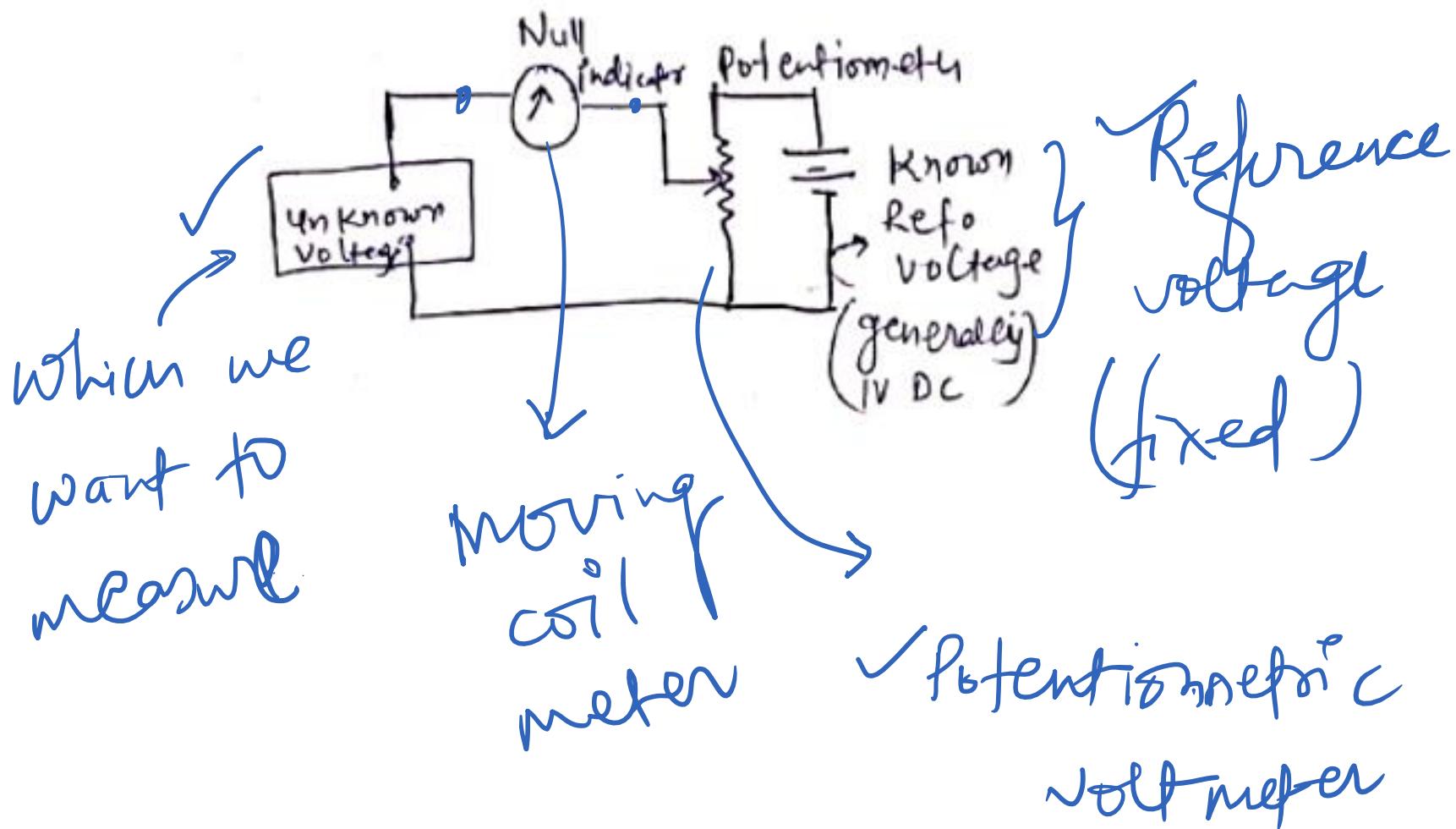
FET

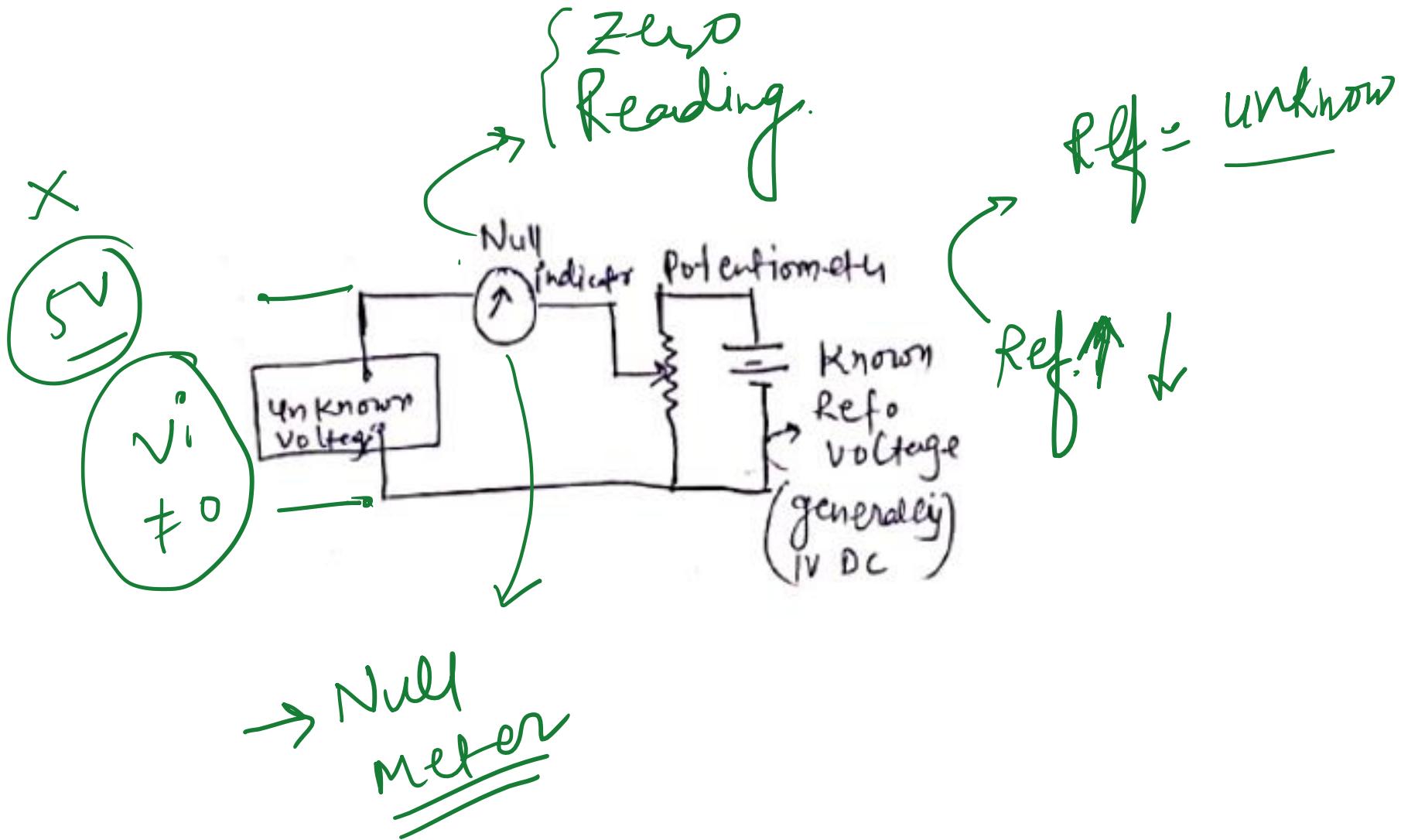
- Advantage :
- (i) High i/p impedance to isolate meter from measurement (to)
 - (ii) Amount of power drawn is very low
 - (iii) Sensitivity very high (10 times the PMMC meter)
 - (iv) Can work in more range
 - (v) overload can not damage the meter [Ampr saturates & limit current through meter]

②

Differential voltmeter; (Analog / DC)

→ It indicates difference b/w known & unknown voltages.
most common method of measuring unknown voltage.

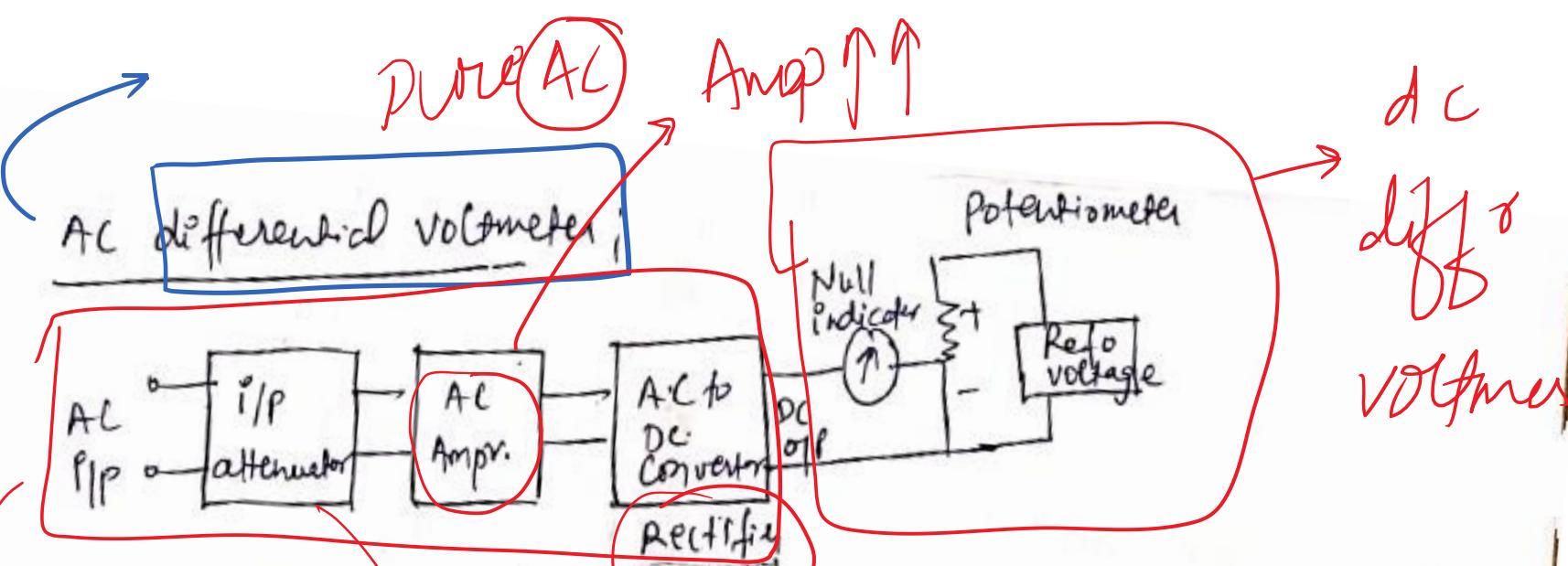




- Principle similar to potentiometer hence also known as potentiometric voltmeter
 - Pot. is varied till voltage across it becomes equal to unknown voltage
 - Equality is indicated by null detector
- meter*
- When two voltages are same, two ends of null are at same pot. hence $i=0$
 - $i=0$ indicates no impedance to unknown voltage
 - Under null condition, voltage across divider is fraction of the known voltage & it can be measured which is nothing but unknown voltage
- Advantage — very high accuracy
= high input impedance

disadvantage:- Need of high ref. supply for high voltage measurement





- AC is applied at the I/P
- AC applied to att. consisting no. of resistors used in voltage divider
- att. op → to amp^r
- Amp^r → converted to DC using precision rectifier ckt.

~~AC + DC~~

AC → DC

I/P attenuator

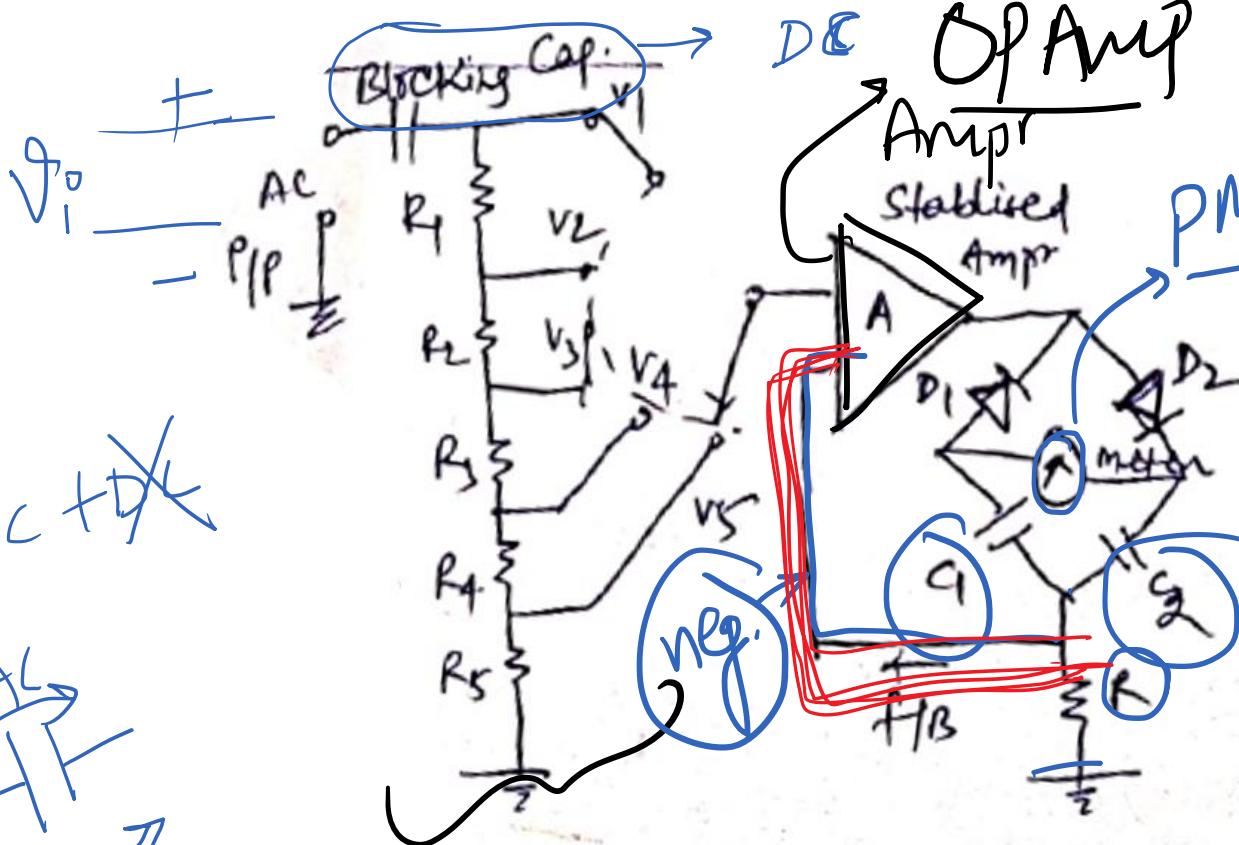
↓ ↓ DC

AC

Average responding voltmeter:

AC / Analog

voltmeter



$$DC \Rightarrow f = 0$$

$$AC \cdot f = \frac{1}{2\pi f C}$$

$$X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C}$$

$$DC = 0$$

$$X_C = \infty$$

Range selector

$X_L = \omega L = 2\pi f L$

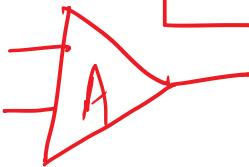
AC

~~AC + DC~~

DC

Unknown
voltage
AC
input
Signal

μV
 mV

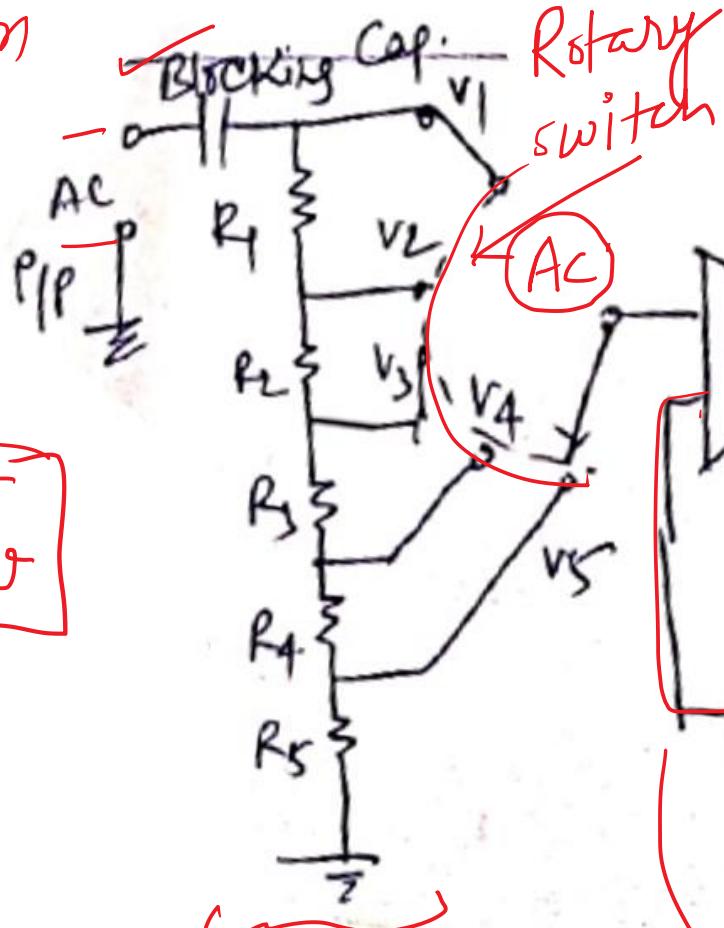


OP-amp

$\hookrightarrow \sqrt{+} \rightarrow \text{DC}$

$\rightarrow \ominus$

Amp^r

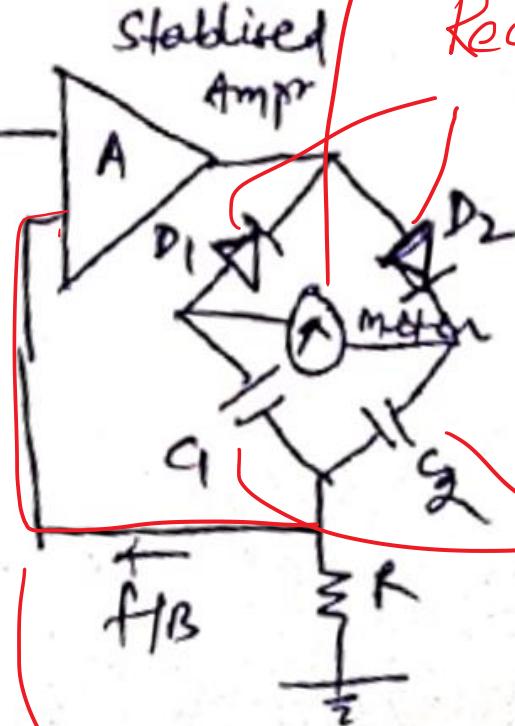


Voltage divider

Range selector

stability

PMMC



Rectifying diode

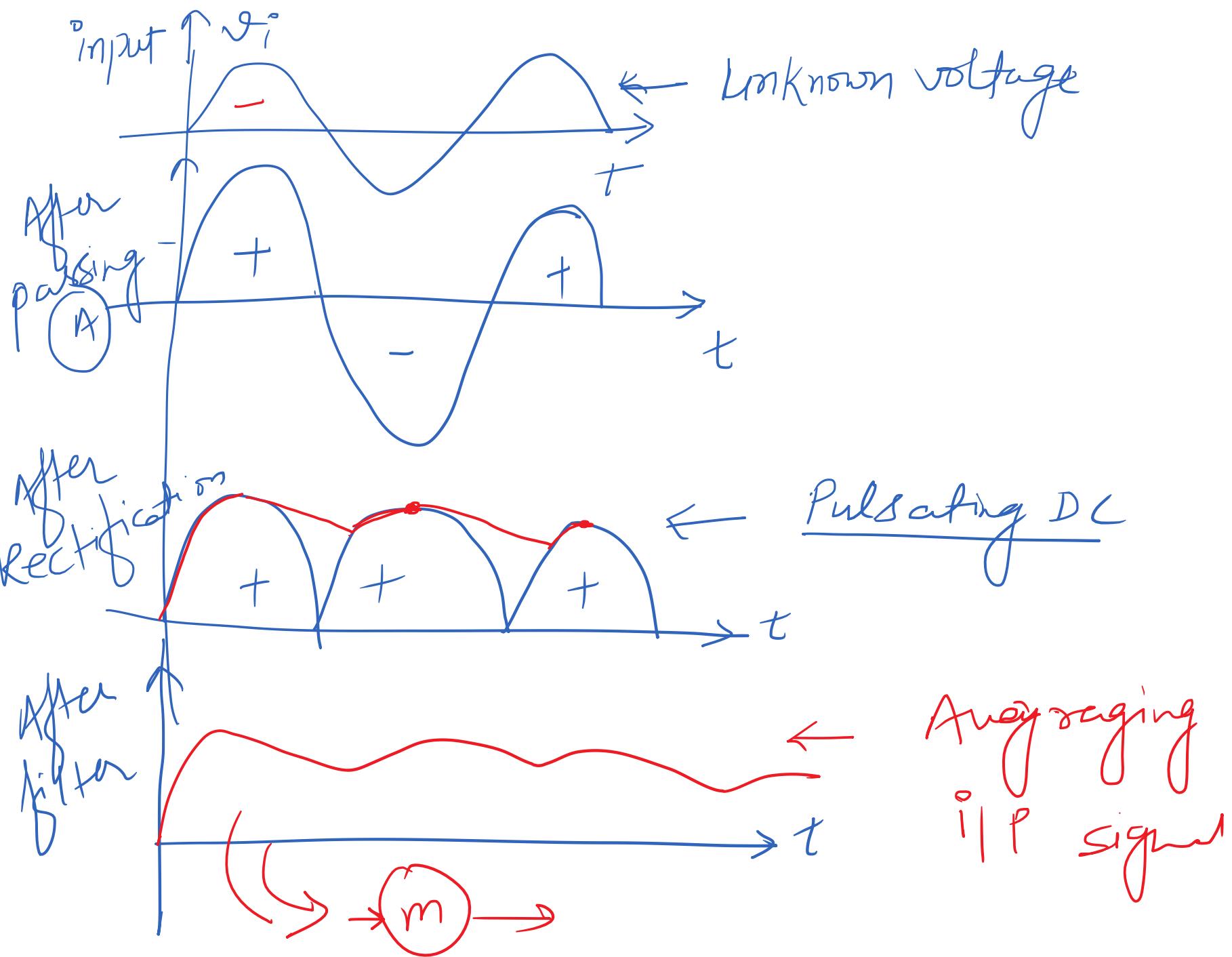
$\hookrightarrow \text{AC} \rightarrow \text{DC}$

pulsating

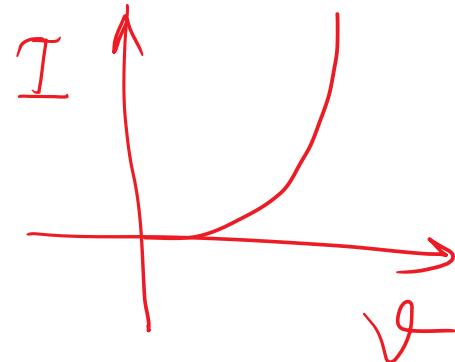
filtering
cap.

① High I/p Impo

② Amp^r (input is low)



- AC i/p amplified by A upon required level
- This voltage then rectified using D_1 & D_2
- Rectified voltage fed to dc milliammeter.
- Current obtain from rectifier is averaged by using a filter to produce steady deflection of meter pointer.



- blocking cap. used to blocks any ac dc comp. in the i/p.
- negative f/b is used to ensure stability for measurement.
- Effect of diode nonlinearity is minimised by including meter in f/b.
- C_1 & C_2 = storing cap. / filter cap. acts as coupling capacitor in f/b pair.
- rectified current is averaged using filter, the meter responds to avg.

reading of i/p

- Advantages -
- diode nonlinearity minimised
 - variation in meter impedance are compensated by negative feed back.
 - high freq range
 - high i/p impedance
- OP-amp

- Disadvantage
- i distorted, nonuniform, nonsinusoidal produce error in reading.
 - i accuracy of meter depend on phase also.

FET voltmeter:

①

Difference
Amplifier
Type FET
voltmeter

②

source
follower
type FET
voltmeter

To incr P/P impedance

MOSFET

Transistor

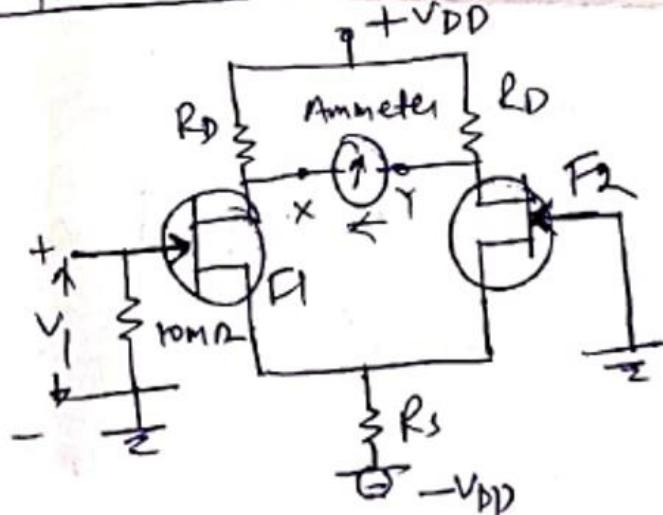
FET

Field effect
Transistor

High sensitivity

Analog / AC

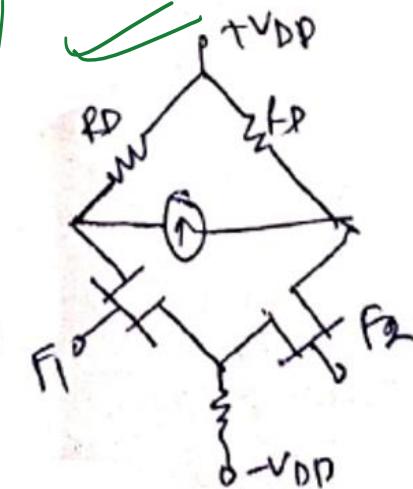
Difference Amplifier Type FET voltmeter



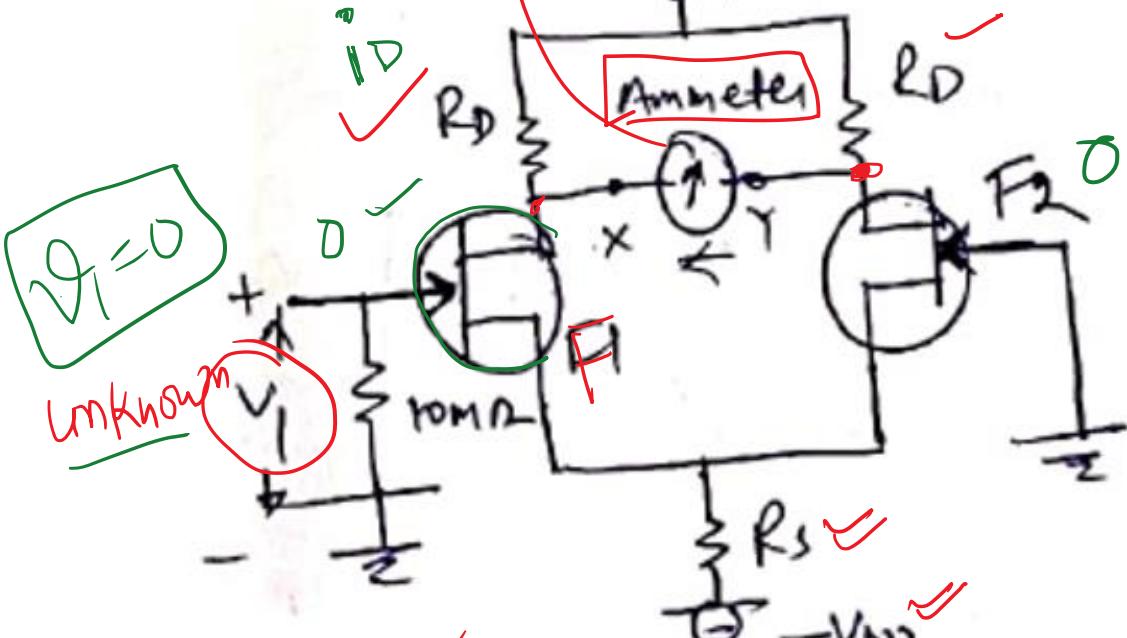
(differential
ampr)

Bridge Type

FET voltmeter

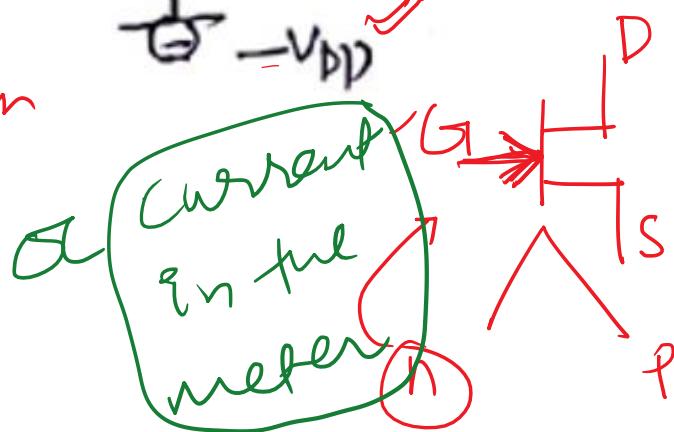


Difference Amplifier Type FET voltmeter



Differential form

unknown voltage



$\checkmark F_1, F_2$ are two
identical FET

\downarrow

same char

BJT \rightarrow E, B, C

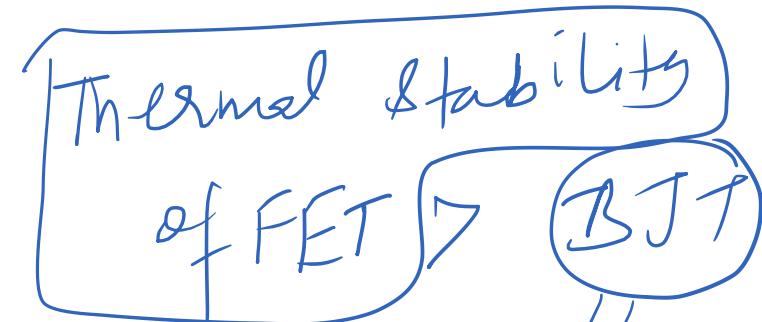
BJT Vs - FET ✓

→ F_1 & F_2 two FET's have matching char
[reqd for thermal stability.]

→ An incr in source current in one FET
is offset by corresponding decr in the source current of other FET.

{ ✓ R_D - upper arm of balanced bridge
✓ F_1, F_2 - lower arm

- { Bridge is balance
for two identical FET
zero i/p produce zero
current through
parallel acting ammeter}
- when neg. dc applied to
gate of F_1 current will
flow through ammeter
- magnitude of this
current is proportion
to input voltage.



Thermal
& runaway

parallel
volt

Digital voltmeter:



0,1

binary, octal

→ Converts the analog signals into digitized & display the Hex

voltages to be measured as discrete numericals instead of
pointer deflection.

PMM

Advantages:- i) less human reading errors

ii) wide range (1V to 1000V)

iii) highly accurate ($\pm 0.005\%$ of reading)

0,9

BCD

last

→ iv) better resolution (1mV)

$10^{-6} V$

pointer

v) high input impedance ($\leq 10 M\Omega$)

→ inc sensitivity

vi) High reading speed.

seven seg

LED

vii) Can be programmed & computerised control.

viii) with development of IC chips, cost of DVM's is low

ix) portable (small size)

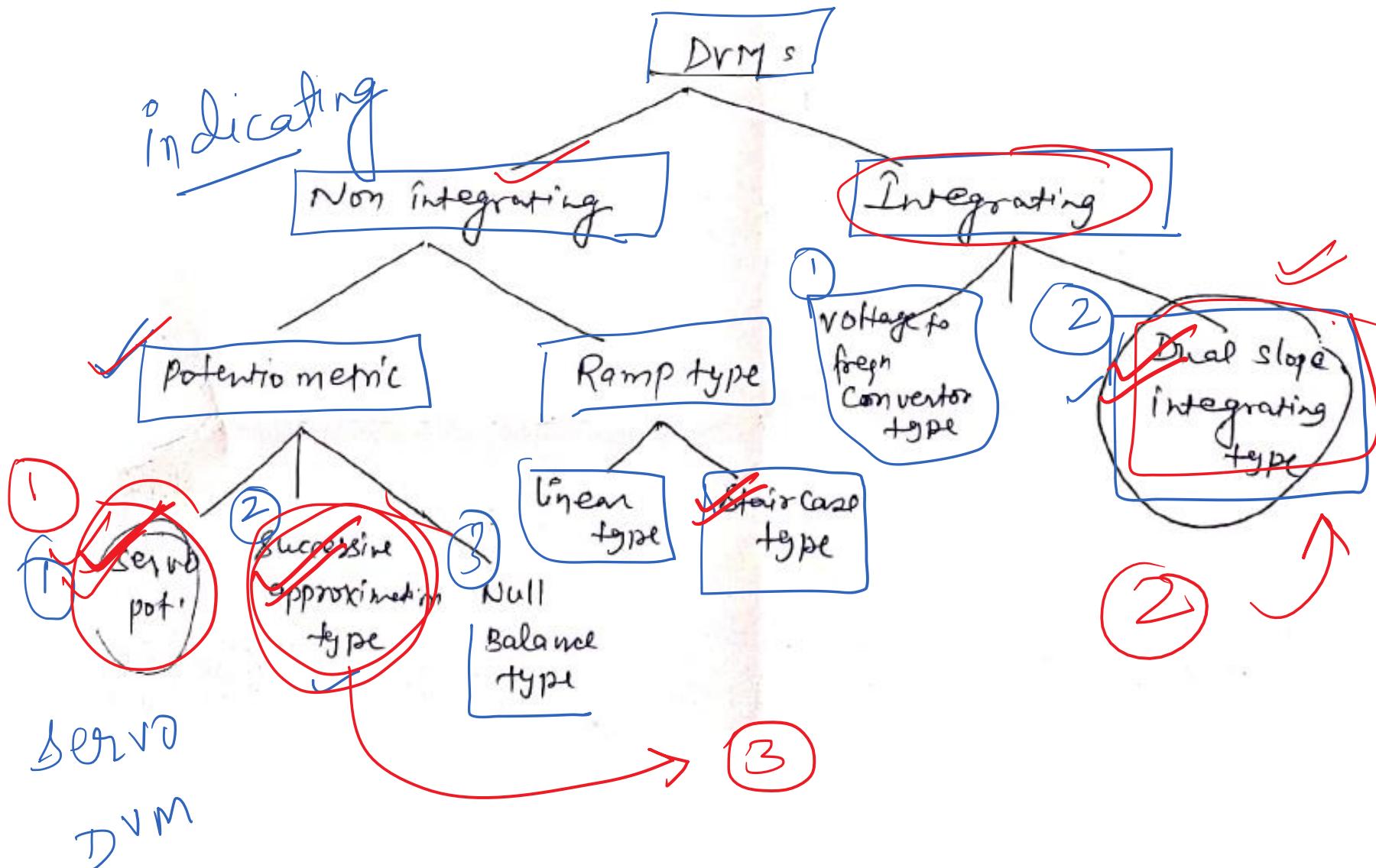
x) Internal calibration not dependent on measuring

(xi) BCD output can be printed or used for DSP (XII)

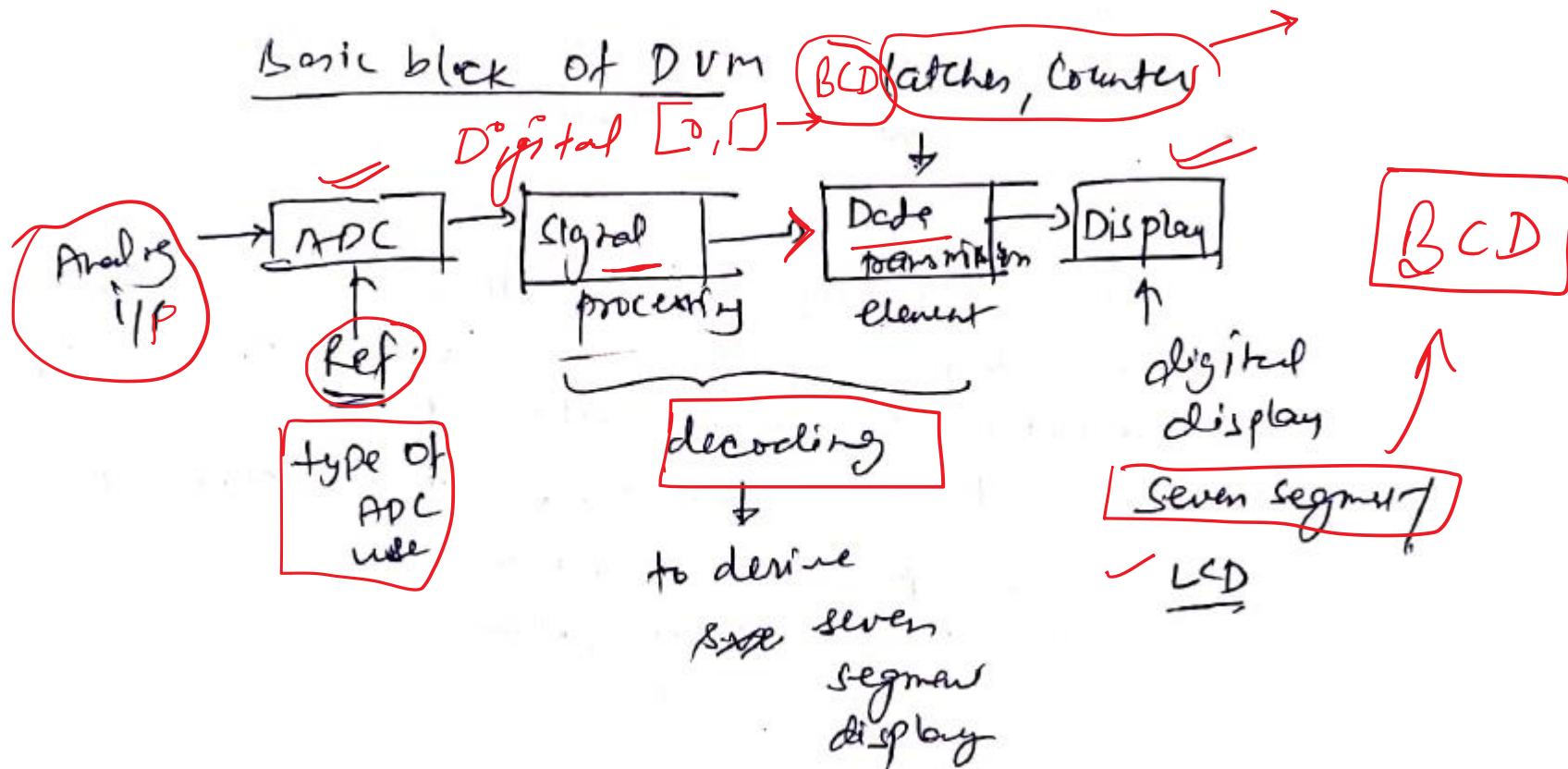
(xii) Addition circuit can be installed to measure, pressure
current, impedance, cap. etc

0 0

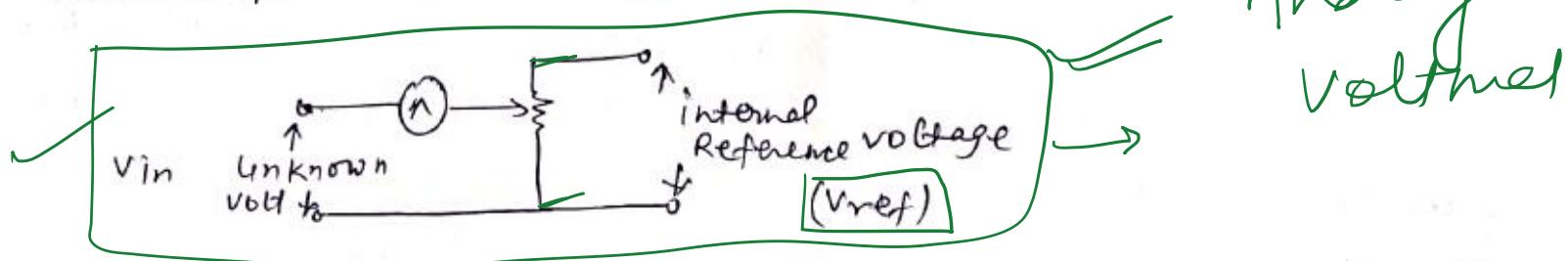
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General Block diagram of DVM :-

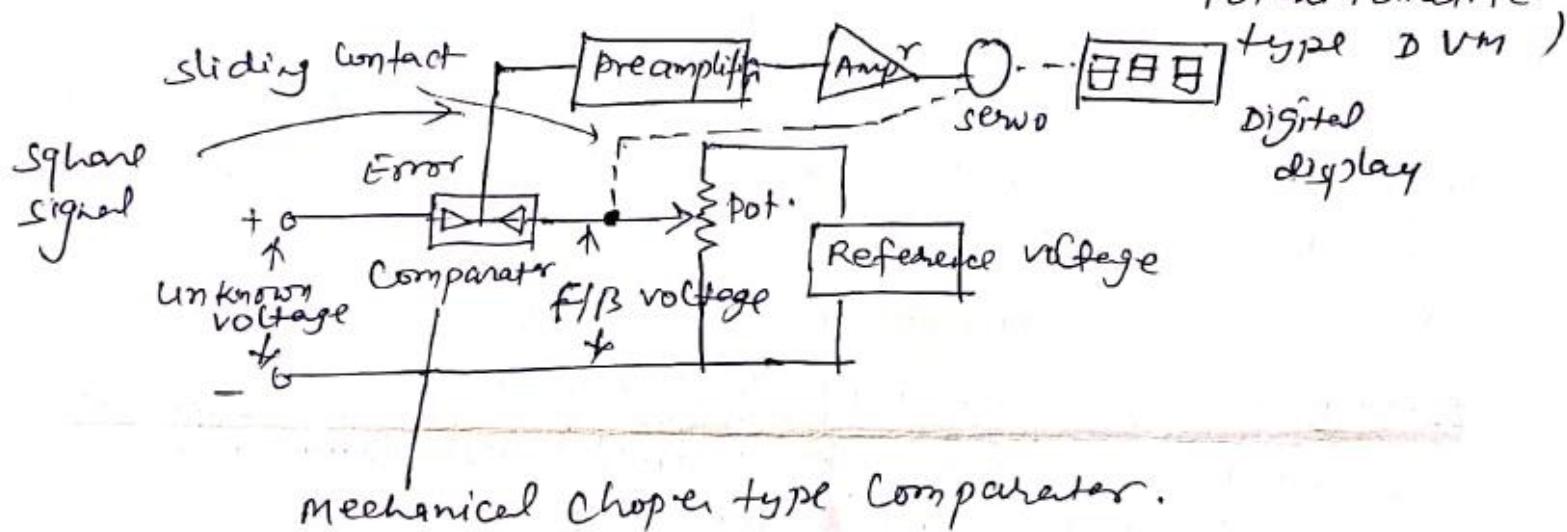


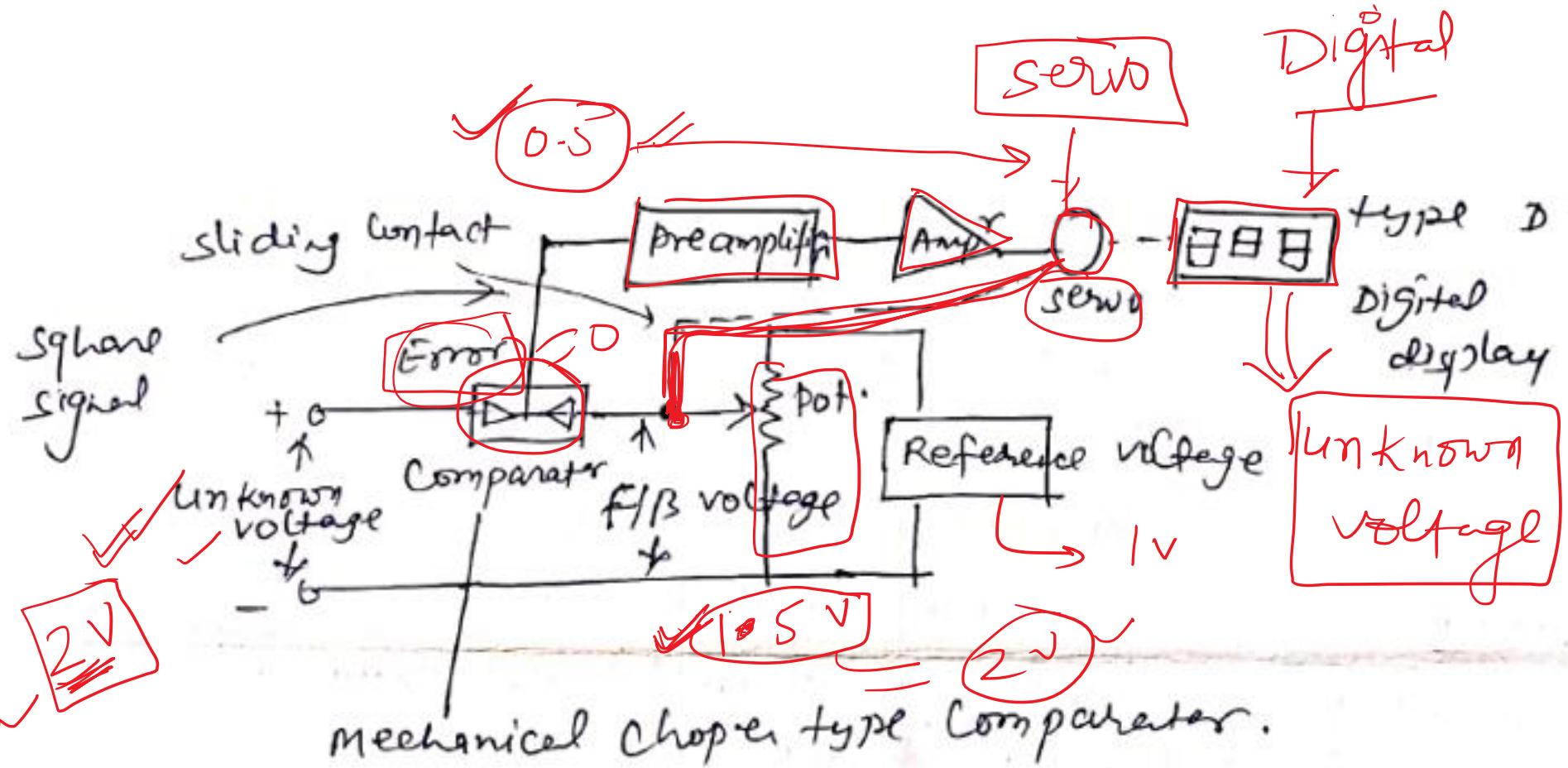
Servo potentiometric Type DVM;



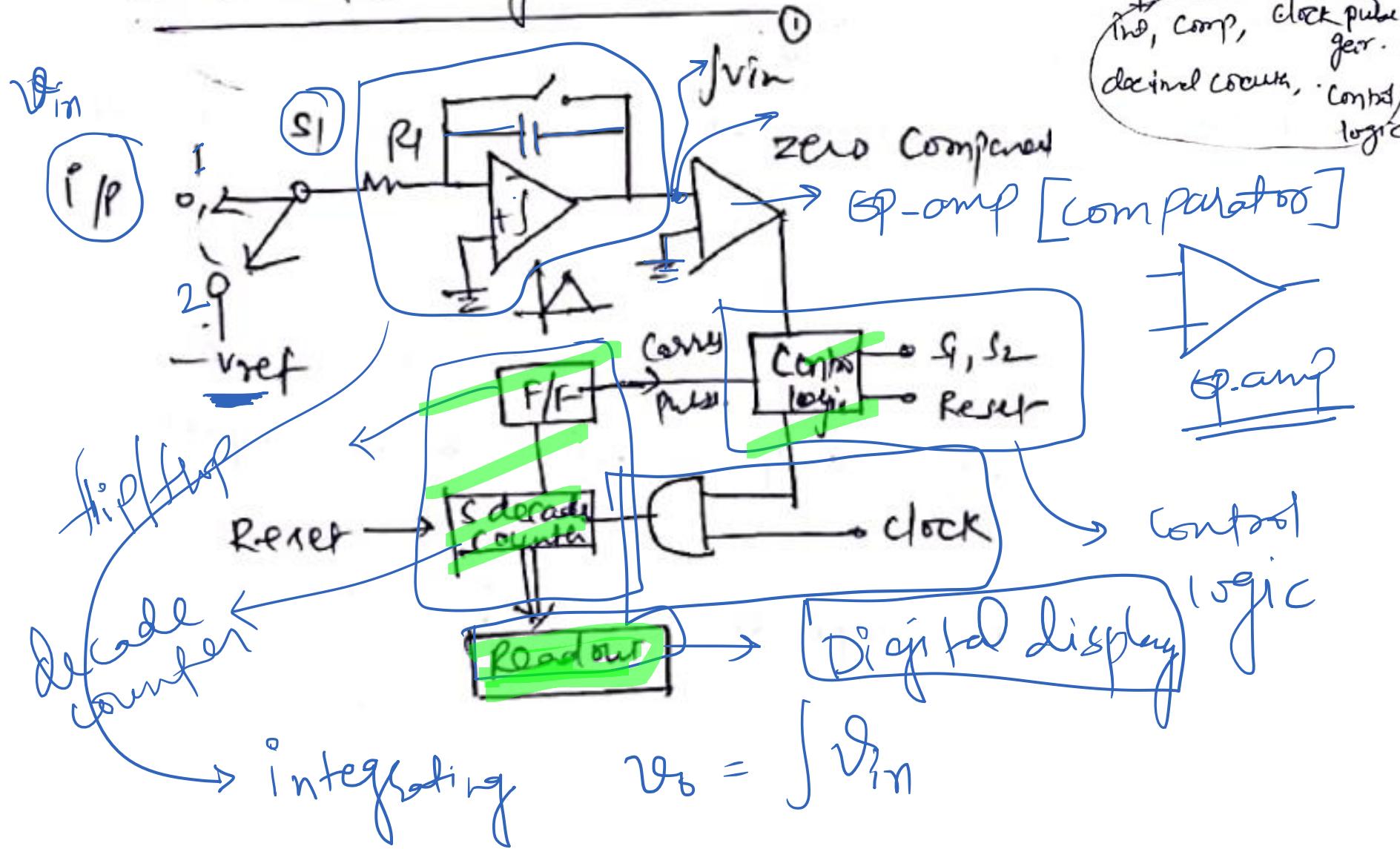
→ @ voltage comparison tech is used to measure i/p voltage

7) In DVM; null balancing is obtained automatically using **servomotor**. This is called as (self balancing · potentiometric





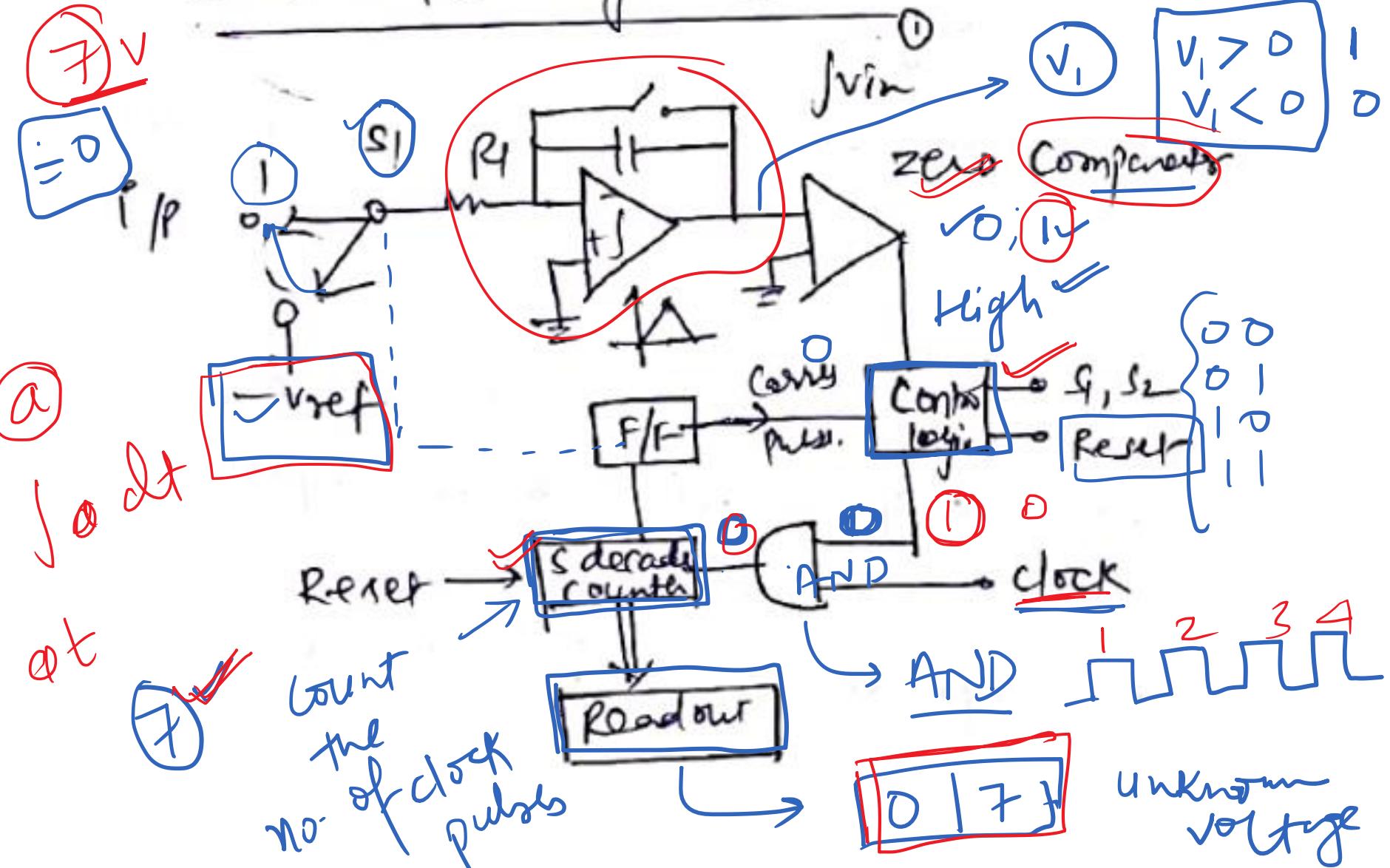
dual slope integrating DVM



$$\int C dt = ct$$

~~$a \neq x$~~ \rightarrow

dual slope integrating DVM



Step(1) Counter reset to zero

$$D/P \text{ of } F/F = 2 \text{ zero}$$

given to control logic

control logic ~~sends~~
sends command

to put S_1 at ①

Integration starts
till t_1

→ zero comparator off changes

→ signal to Control logic which
opens the gate &
Counting of clock pulse
starts

$$\text{case ① } S_1 = -\frac{V_{in} t_1}{R_1 C} = V_{o1}$$
$$S_{ref} = -\frac{V_{rf} t_2}{R_1 C} = V_{o2}$$

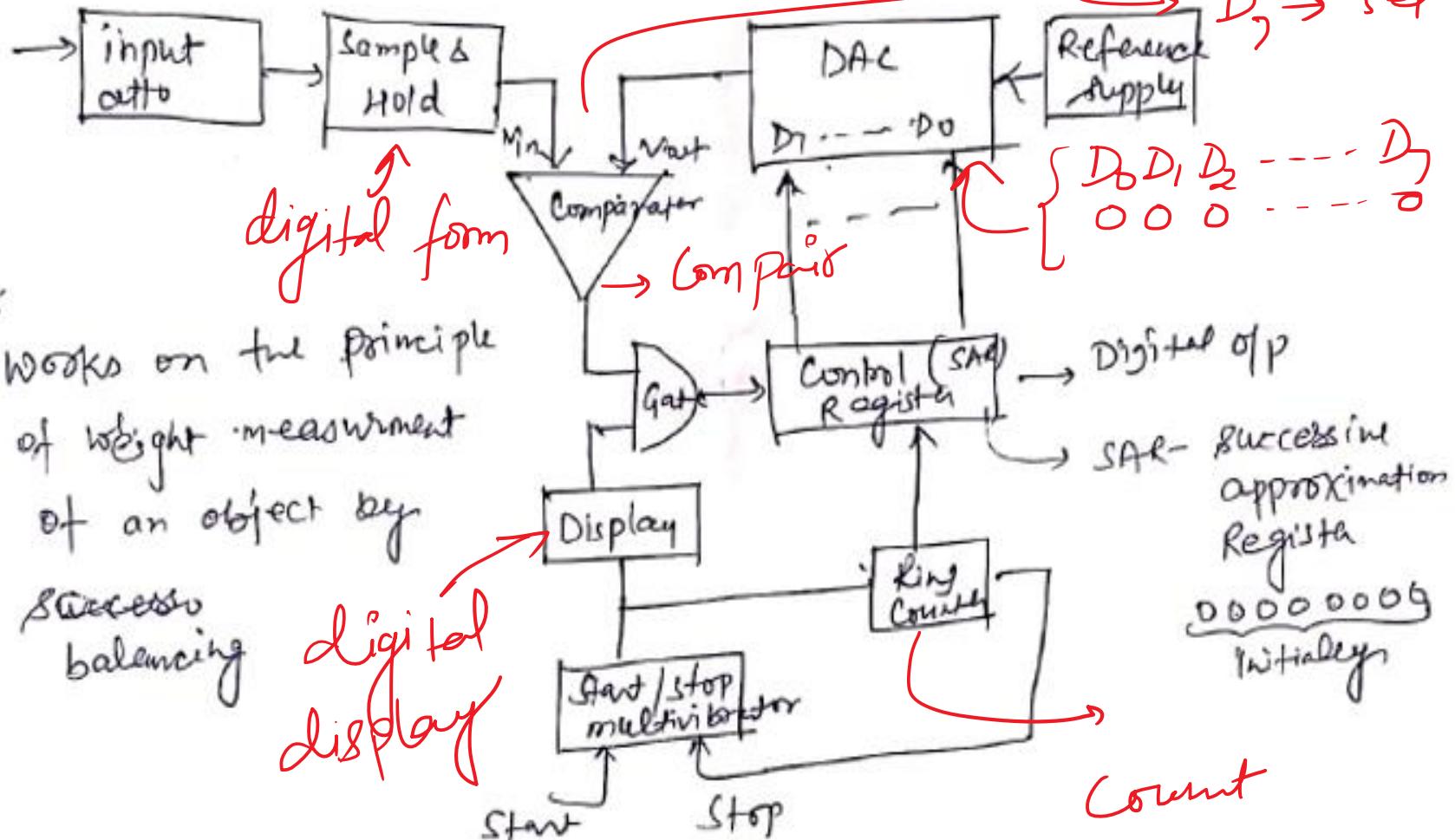
Counter counts pulse & when reaches 9999 it generates
a carry flag pulse and all 8 digits go to zero.

F/F D/P → activated to logic level 1 —

This activates the Control logic. This sends.

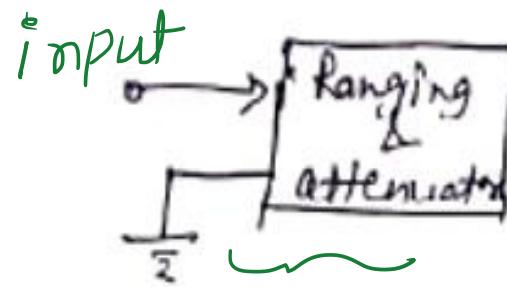
a signal which changes S_1 position ② → $-V_{rf}$ connect to int. → reverse
cap discharging.

Successive Approximation Type D/A



V _{in}	Operation	V _{out}								Compare	Comparator output	Action
		D ₇	D ₆	D ₅	D ₄	D ₃	D ₂	D ₁	D ₀			
00110011	D ₇ Set	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	V _{in} < V _{out}	-Ve	D ₇ Res
00110011	D ₆ Set	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	V _{in} < V _{out}	-Ve	D ₆ Res
00110011	D ₅ Set	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	V _{in} > V _{out}	+Ve	D ₅ Set
00110011	D ₄ Set	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	V _{in} > V _{out}	+Ve	D ₄ Set
00110011	D ₃ Set	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	V _{in} < V _{out}	-Ve	D ₃ Res
00110011	D ₂ Set	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	V _{in} < V _{out}	-Ve	D ₂ Res
00110011	D ₁ Set	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	V _{in} > V _{out}	+Ve	D ₁ Set
00110011	D ₀ Set	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	V _{in} > V _{out}	+Ve	D ₀ Set

Amp Type Dm;



Op-amp comparator
Comp(1)

Select a Range

Start pulse {Enable} digital

Clock oscillator

Gate

Counter

Read out -

display

Ramp Generator

Ground
Comparator

Stop
pulse

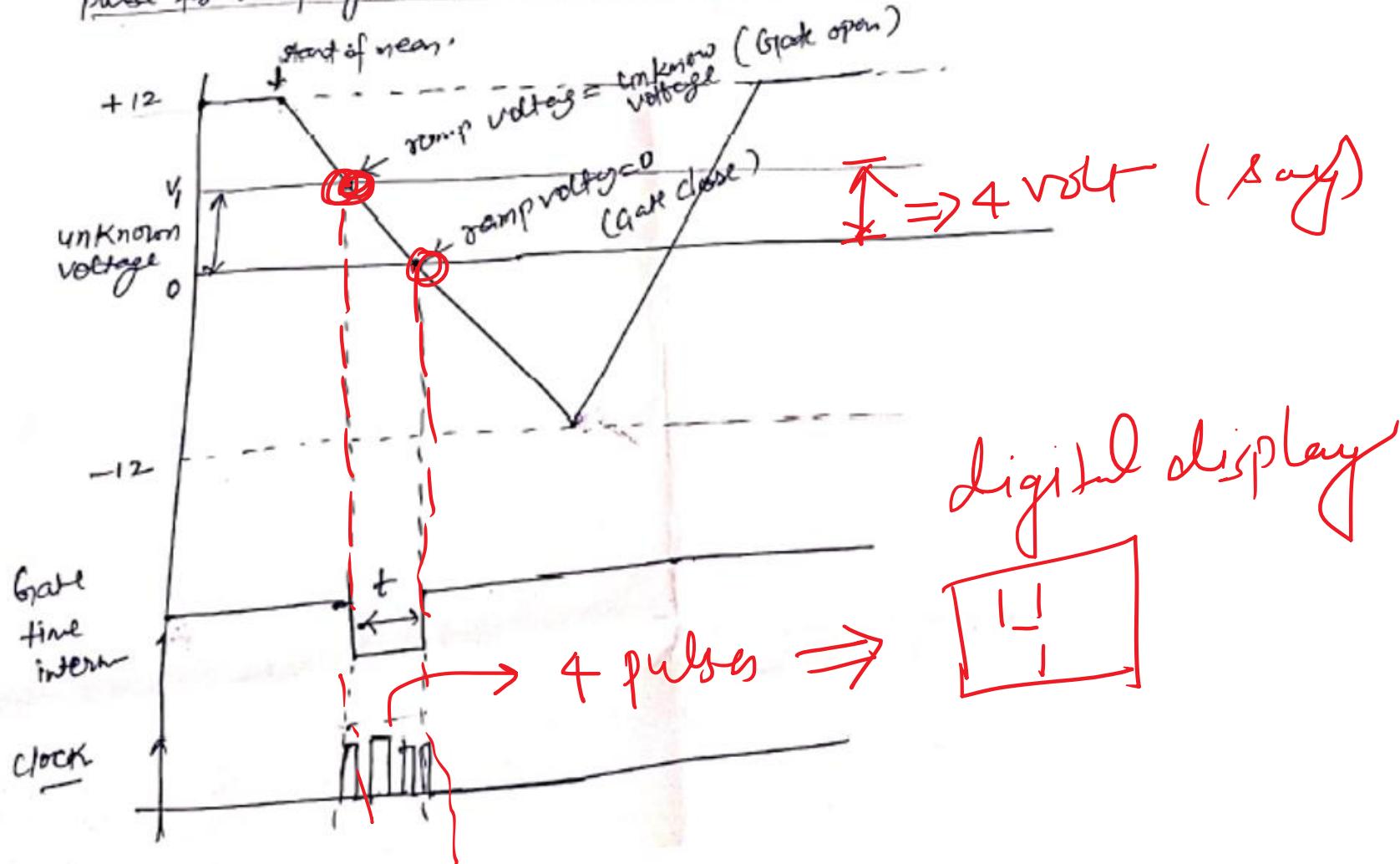
Count
{dipole}
the clock
pulses

Sample Rate
multivibrator

Comp(2)

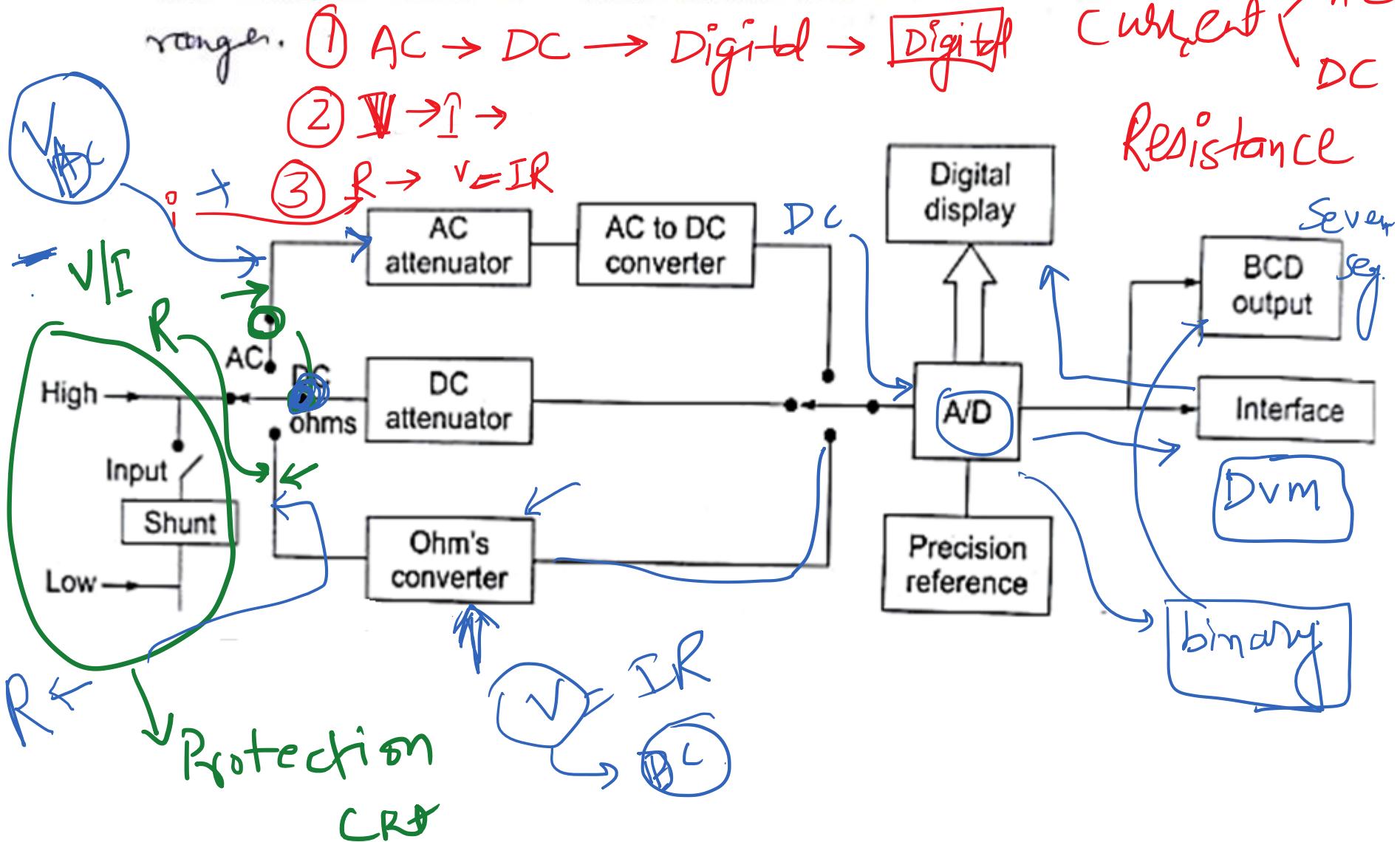
Negative going Ramp signal is generated

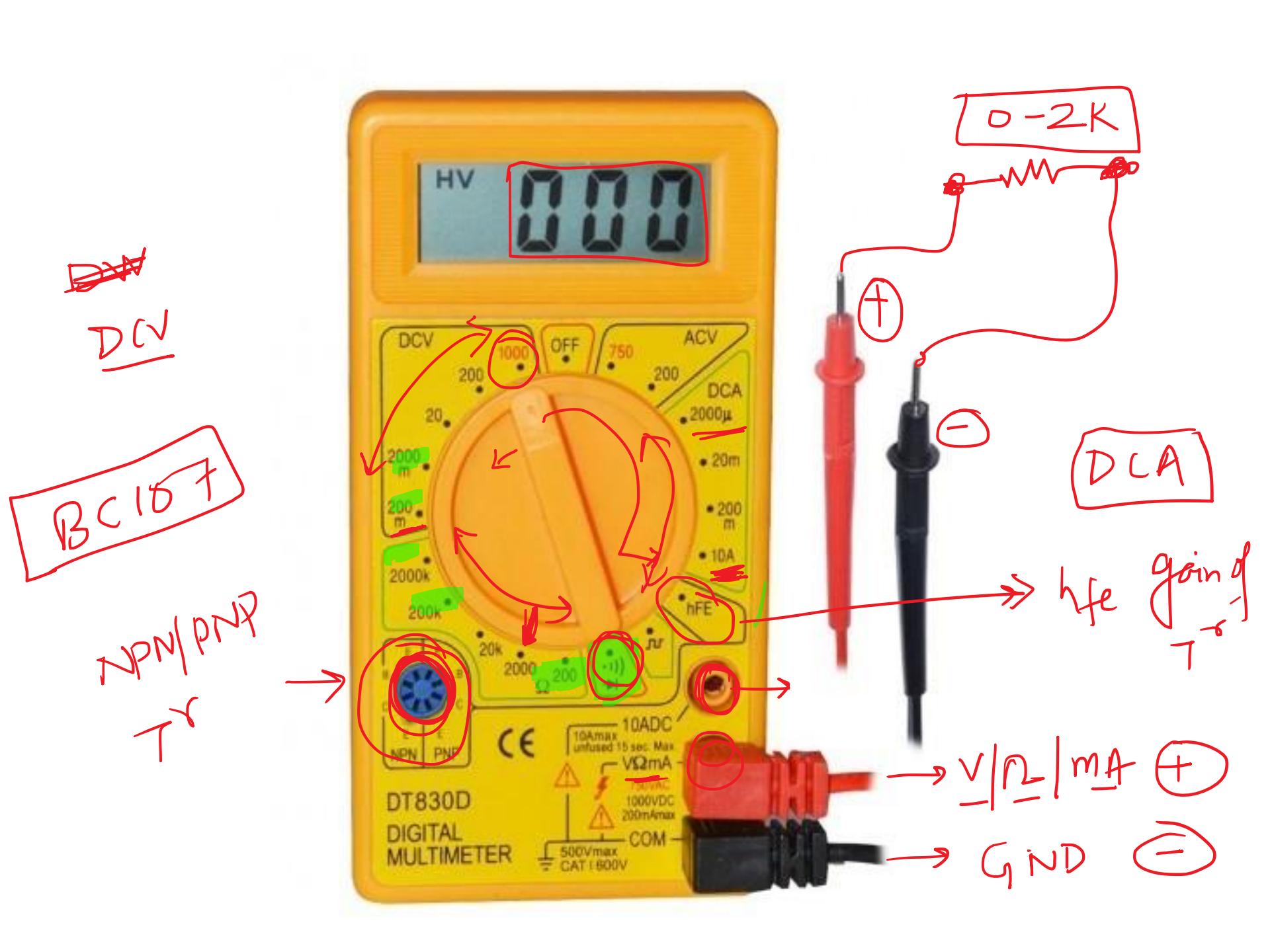
- Based on voltage to time conversion technique.
- The sample rate multivibrator determines the rate at which the measurements cycles are initiated & also provides initiating pulse for ramp generator to start its next ramp voltage.



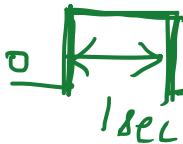
Digital multimeter:

→ capable of measuring ac voltages, dc voltages, ac and dc currents and resistances over several ranges.

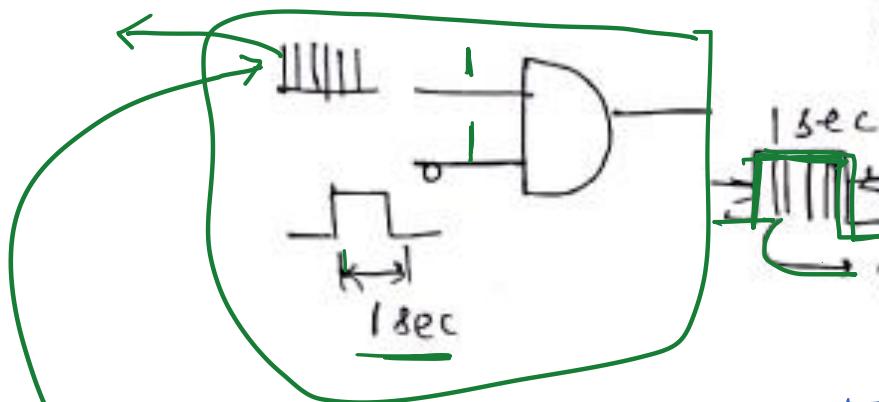




- Current is converted to voltage by passing through low shunt resistance
- A.C quantities are converted to d.c. by using rectifiers
- All quantities are digitised using A/D converters & displayed in digital form on the display
- Advantages
 - { low price, small size, immune from electric noise
 - { can be used with external equipment

~~~~~  used to measure freq<sup>n</sup>

Digital Freqn meter:



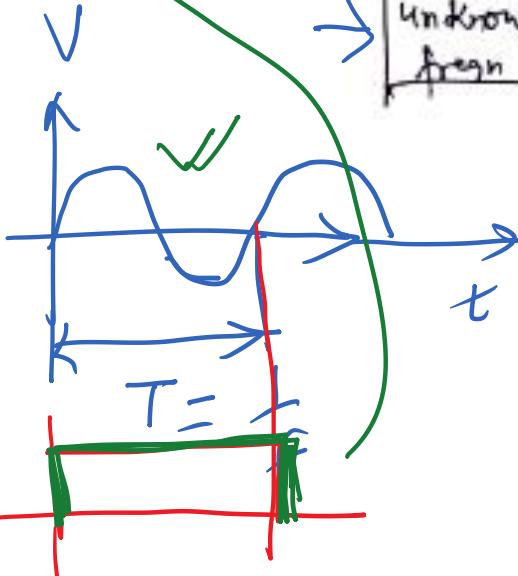
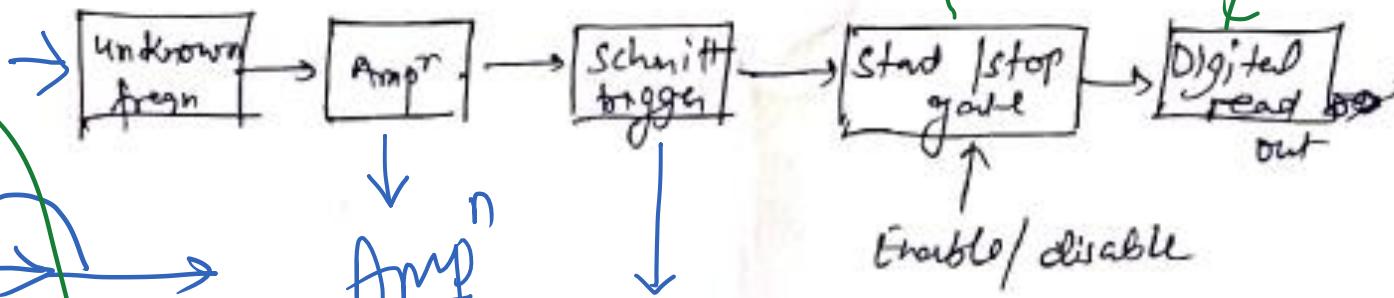
Signal  $\rightarrow$  trigger pulses

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

↓  
1 sec

no. of pulses counted = freqn.

T<sup>6</sup> **555**  $\rightarrow$  NAND



Analog signal  $\rightarrow$  Square signal  
(sinusoidal)

# Pmp

Q-meter:

↳ Device used for testing radio freq coils (RFC), inductor and capacitors.

$\Theta$  - storage factor.

$$\Theta = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R}$$

Q-meter is an instrument which is designed to measure the value of  $\Theta$ ; directly & very useful in measuring characteristics of coils and capacitors.

$\omega_0$  = resonant angular freqn

L = inductance

R = effective resistance of coil

↳ never determined directly (depends on freq.)

$$\Theta = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R}$$

↳ angular Reso freq  $\rightarrow$

Inductive Resistance

Working principle:

↳ series resonant Ckt

at resonant freq  $f_0$

$$X_C = X_L$$

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

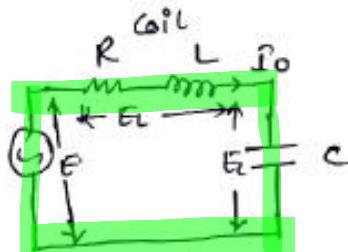
$$\text{current } I_0 = \frac{E}{R}$$

$$\text{voltage across cap. } E_C = I_0 X_C = I_0 X_L = I_0 \omega_0 L$$

$$\text{input voltage } E = I_0 R \therefore \frac{E_C}{E} = \frac{I_0 \omega_0 L}{I_0 R} = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R} = \Theta.$$

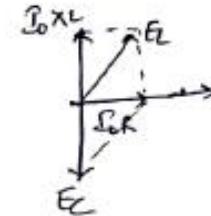
$$[E_C = \Theta E]$$

input is magnified Q-times.



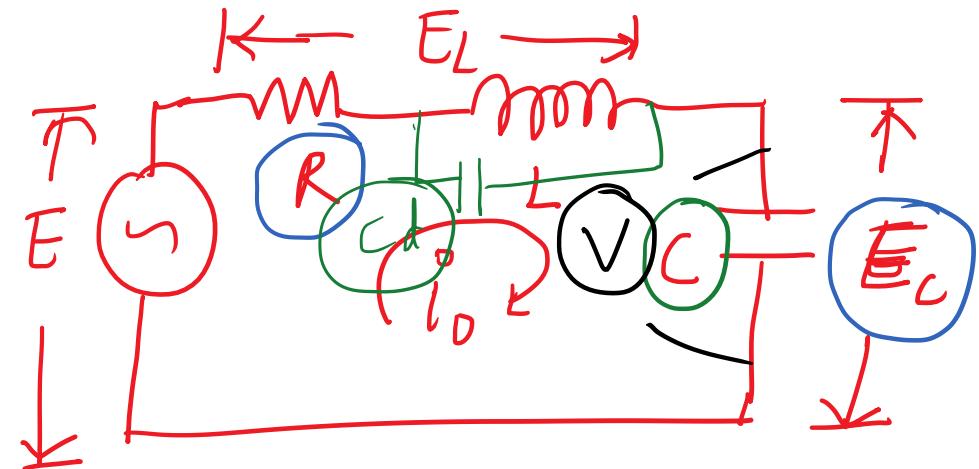
$$X_C = \frac{1}{\omega_0 C} = \frac{1}{2\pi f_0 C}$$

$$X_L = \omega_0 L = 2\pi f_0 L$$



# Working Principle of A - meter ; at Resonance

## Series Resonant Ckt :



$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$$

$$Z = R$$

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$X_C = \frac{1}{\omega_0 C} \quad X_L = \omega_0 L$$

$$I_o = \frac{E}{R}$$

$$Q = \frac{E_C}{E}$$

$$E_C = I_o X_C = I_o X_L$$

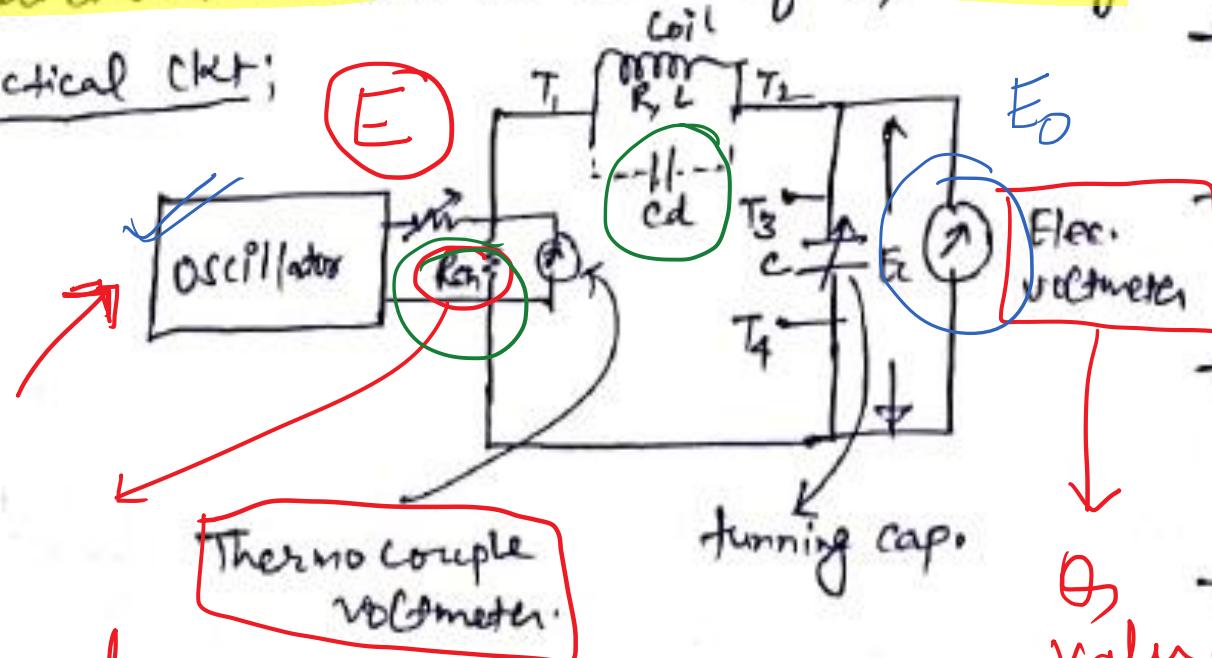
$$E_C = I_o \omega_0 L$$

$$E_C = E \frac{\omega_0 L}{R} Q$$

$$E_C = Q E$$

If  $\frac{V_{pp}}{2}$  voltage is kept cont; the voltage appearing across the capacitor is  $\theta$ , time  $E$  and a voltmeter connected across the cap. can be calibrated to read the value of  $\theta$  directly.

Practical Ckt:



$R_{sh}$   
↳ low value

( $0.018 \Omega$ )

$$Q_{th} = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R}$$

- self contained variable freqn oscillator
  - deliver current to low value  $R_{sh}$  ( $0.018 \Omega$ )
  - Through  $R_{sh}$  - small value of  $E$  injected into ckt.
  - $E$  is measured by a thermocouple volt meter
- $\theta$  value

$\theta_{mes}$

## Applications:

① Measurement of Q: Oscillator set at desired freq. & then tuning cap. is adjusted for maxm value of  $\omega_0$ . Under this condition  $Q = \omega_0/R$ ; if the ~~voltmeter~~ kept const., the voltmeter  $C_{sh}$  connected across the cap. may be calibrated to read  $Q$  directly.

The measured value is  $Q$  of whole ckt - not of the coil  
errors caused on account of shunt resistance & also due to distributed cap. of ckt.

$$R_{sh} = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$R_{sh} = \frac{V_{sh}}{I_{sh}}$$

$$Q_{meas} = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R + R_{sh}}$$

$$Q_{true} = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R}$$

$$Q_{true} = Q_{meas} \left( 1 + \frac{R_{sh}}{R} \right)$$

Correction for distributed Cap.

( $\hookrightarrow$  self cap.)

$$Q_{true} = Q_{meas} \left( 1 + \frac{C_d}{C} \right)$$

$R_{sh}$  = Series Res.  
 $C_d$  = Self Cap.

$\hookrightarrow R \uparrow\uparrow$   
at low  $Q$  - neglected.  
at high  $Q$  - can't neglect.

$$\omega_{\text{true}} = \frac{\omega_0}{R}$$

② Measurement of Inductance:

$$L = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 f_0^2 C}$$

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

③ Measurement of Effective Resistance:

$$R = \frac{\omega_0 L}{\omega_{\text{true}}}$$

④ Measurement of self cap.:

$$C_d = \frac{C_1 - n^2 C_2}{3}$$

$$f_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L(C_1 + C_d)}}$$

$C$  = self cap.

$$f_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L(C_2 + C_d)}}$$

$C_2$  = self cap.  
or double  
fer

$$f_1 = 2f_2 \Rightarrow$$

$$C_d = \frac{C_1 - 4C_2}{3}$$

$$f_2 = n f_1$$

⑤ Measurement of  $\omega \cdot B$ :

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{B \cdot W} \Rightarrow$$

$$B \cdot W = \frac{\omega_0}{Q} = \frac{2\pi f_0}{Q}$$

$$L = ? \quad R = ?$$

*Example 2.10: When connected to a Q-meter an inductor is made to resonate at 400 kHz. The Q-factor of circuit is found to be 100 and the capacitance of Q-meter capacitor is set to 400 pF. Determine*

(a) the inductance

(b) the resistance of inductance.

Solution: Given  $f_C = 400$  kHz

(a) At resonance

$$f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$2\pi f_r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{C}}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$L = \frac{1}{(2\pi f_r)^2 C}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi \times 400 \times 10^3)^2 (400 \times 10^{-12})}$$

$$= 396 \mu\text{H}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_0 &= 400 \text{ kHz} \\ Q &= 100 \\ C &= 400 \text{ pF} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Ans.

$$P = 10^{-12}$$

(b) Q-factor at resonance =  $\frac{2\pi f_r L}{R}$

$$Q = \omega_0 L$$

$$\bar{R} = \frac{2\pi f_0 L}{Q}$$

$$R = \frac{2\pi f_r L}{Q}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi (400 \times 10^3) (0.396 \times 10^{-3})}{100}$$

$$= 9.95 \Omega$$

Ans.

**Example 2.13:** The self capacitance of a coil is measured by a Q meter. The circuit is set into resonance at 2 MHz and the tuning capacitor is at value of  $460\text{ pF}$ . The frequency is now adjusted to 4 MHz and resonance conditions are obtained the tuning capacitor at  $100\text{ pF}$ . Calculate the value of self capacitance of the coil.

$$C_d = \frac{C_1 - 4C_2}{3} = \frac{460 - 4 \times 100}{3} = 20\text{ pF}$$

$$C_d = C_1 - n^2 C_2$$

~~$n^2 - 1$~~

$$f_1 = 2\text{ MHz}$$

$$C_1 = 460 \times 10^{-12}\text{ F}$$

$$f_2 = 4\text{ MHz}$$

$$C_2 = 100 \times 10^{-12}\text{ F}$$

$$n = f_2 / f_1$$

$$n = \frac{s}{2}$$

**Example 2.17:** To check the distributed capacitance of a coil it is resonated at 10 MHz with 120 pF and then is resonated at 15 MHz with 40 pF. What is the inductance of the coil and what is its equivalent distributed capacitance? [Raj.Univ. 2003]

Given -  $f_1 = 10 \text{ MHz}$        $f_2 = 15 \text{ MHz}$   
 $C_1 = 120 \text{ pF}$        $C_2 = 40 \text{ pF}$

$$n = f_2/f_1 = \frac{15}{10} = 1.5$$

$$C_d = \frac{C_1 - n^2 C_2}{n^2 - 1} = \frac{120 \times 10^{-12} - (1.5)^2 \times 40 \times 10^{-12}}{(1.5)^2 - 1} = \underline{\underline{}}$$

**Example 2.17:** To check the distributed capacitance of a coil it is resonated at 10 MHz with 120 pF and then is resonated at 15 MHz with 40 pF. What is the inductance of the coil and what is its equivalent distributed capacitance? [Raj.Univ. 2003]

Solution:

$$L = \frac{1}{(2\pi f)^2 C} = \frac{1}{(2\pi \times 10 \times 10^6)^2 \times 120 \times 10^{-12}} = 2 \times 10^{-6} H$$

If  $C_d$  is the distributed capacitance,

$$\Rightarrow f_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L(C_1 + C_d)}} \quad \text{10} \times 10^6$$

and

$$f_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L(C_2 + C_d)}}; f_2 = 1.5f_1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{L(C_2 + C_d)}} = \frac{1.5}{2\pi\sqrt{L(C_1 + C_d)}}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{C_2 + C_d} = \frac{2.25}{C_1 + C_d} \Rightarrow 1.25C_d = C_1 - 2.25C_2$$

or in general,

$$\checkmark C_d = \frac{C_1 - n^2 C_2}{n^2 - 1} \quad \text{where } n - \text{integral ratio of frequencies.}$$

Substituting the values of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  then

$$\checkmark C_d = \frac{120 - 2.25 \times 40}{1.25} = \frac{30}{1.25} = 24 \text{ pF}$$

$$f_1 = 10 \\ f_2 = 15$$

$$f_2 = 2f_1 \\ n = f_2/f_1 \\ 15/10 \\ C_d = G - \frac{n^2 C_2}{n^2 - 1}$$

$$C_d = \frac{G - 4C_2}{3}$$

**Example 2.16:** A coil with a resistance of  $3\Omega$  is connected to the terminals of a Q meter. Resonance occurs at an oscillator frequency of  $5 \text{ MHz}$  with a capacitance of  $100 \text{ pF}$ . Calculate the percentage of error introduced by the insertion resistance  $R_{sh} = 0.1\Omega$

[Raj.Univ. 2003]

$$R = 3\Omega$$

$$\sqrt{f_0} = 5 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}$$

$$C = 100 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$$

$$R_{sh} = 0.1\Omega$$

$$\sqrt{L} = \frac{1}{(2\pi f_0)^2 C}$$

$$\theta_{true} = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R} = \frac{2\pi f_0 L}{R}$$

$$= \underline{\hspace{10cm}}$$

$$\theta_{mes} = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R + R_{sh}} = \underline{\hspace{10cm}}$$

$$\% \text{ err} = \frac{\theta_{true} - \theta_{mes}}{\theta_{true}} \times 100$$

**Example 2.16:** A coil with a resistance of  $3\Omega$  is connected to the terminals of a Q meter. Resonance occurs at an oscillator frequency of 5 MHz with a capacitance of  $100 \text{ pF}$ . Calculate the percentage of error introduced by the insertion resistance  $R_{sh} = 0.1\Omega$  [Raj.Univ. 2003]

Solution:  $f = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$

or  $L = \frac{1}{(2\pi f)^2 C}$

$$L = \frac{1}{(2\pi \times 5 \times 10^6)^2 \times 100 \times 10^{-12}} = 10.13 \mu\text{H}$$

$$\checkmark Q_{actual} = \frac{\omega L}{R} = \frac{2\pi \times 5 \times 10^6 \times 10.13 \times 10^{-6}}{3} = 106.08$$

↓ true

With insertion resistance  $R_{sh} = 0.1 \Omega$

$$\checkmark Q_{observed} = \frac{\omega L}{R + R_{sh}} = \frac{2\pi \times 5 \times 10^6 \times 10.13 \times 10^{-6}}{3.1} = 102.66$$

$$\% \text{ error} = \frac{106.08 - 102.66}{106.08} \times 100 = 3.2$$

$$\frac{Q_{act}}{Q_{obs}} = \frac{R + R_{sh}}{R} = 1 + \frac{R_{sh}}{R}; \quad Q_{act} = Q_{obs} \left( 1 + \frac{R_{sh}}{R} \right)$$

To make observed value as near as  $Q_{actual}$ ,  $R_{shunt}$  should be as small as possible.

1

Grounding; Ground is the reference point in an electrical circuit from which other voltages are measured.

or

2

A common return path for electrical current.

or

3

A direct physical connection to the earth.

\* Earth is electrically neutral  $\rightarrow$  considered at zero potential  
 $\hookrightarrow$  ref. point for voltage measurement.

A A true earth ground physically consists of a conductive pipe or rod driven in to a min. depth of 3 feet.

↓  
signal ground  
classic ground

VA

A

B

VB

{ Purpose of grounding;

(i) over voltage protection; lightning, line surges

(ii) voltage stabilization

(iii) over current protection.

A

B

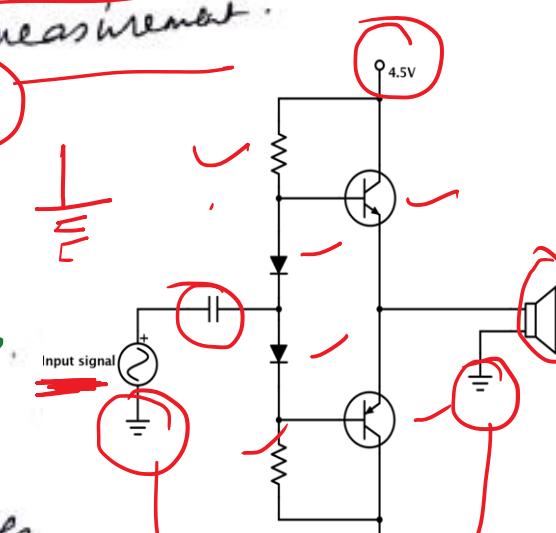
B

0

VB

VA  
~~VB~~

V~~A~~



GND

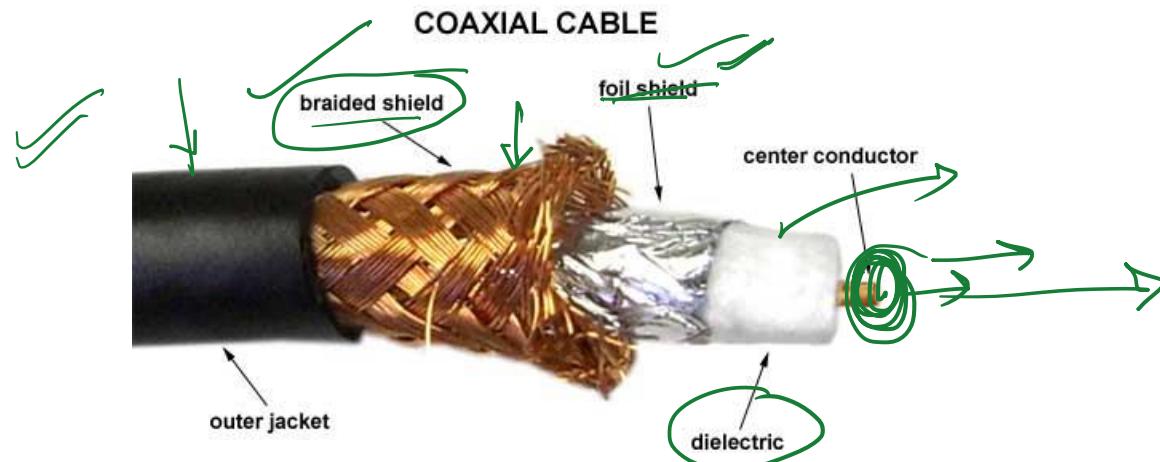
## Shielding:

It can be defined as the placing of sensitive electronic parts & components in a metal casing to prevent electric & magnetic fields entering in that case.

e.g. - used to block electrostatic & magnetic interference  
to coaxial cable

### Characteristics of good shielding ✓

- it must confine undesired signal generated within case
- The shielding material must have low surface impedance  
good electrical continuity
- It must prevent equipment from receiving undesired signal



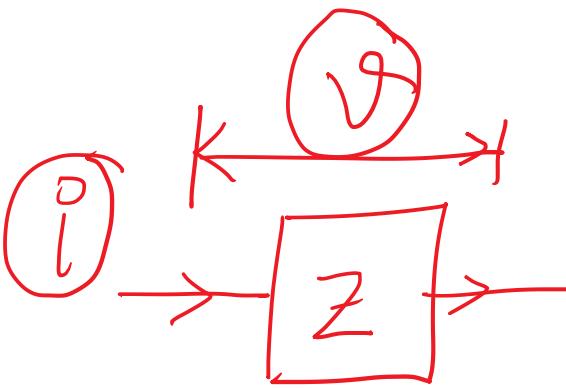
# Vector impedance meter

- The vector impedance meter is used to measure impedance of unknown component over a wide frequency range & simultaneously it determines the phase angle.
- The quality of component whether is inductive or capacitive or resistive can be determined by determining phase difference between the voltage across the component & current through component.
- The component whose impedance magnitude and phase angle to be measured is simply connected across the input terminals of the instrument.
- The desired frequency is selected by tuning the front panel control.
- There are two indicators to indicate the magnitude and the phase angle.

Because two quantities (magnitude and phase angle) have to be measured, the two principles are used.

# Vector Impedance Meter

$$Z = \frac{V}{I}$$



mag.  
Phase Angle

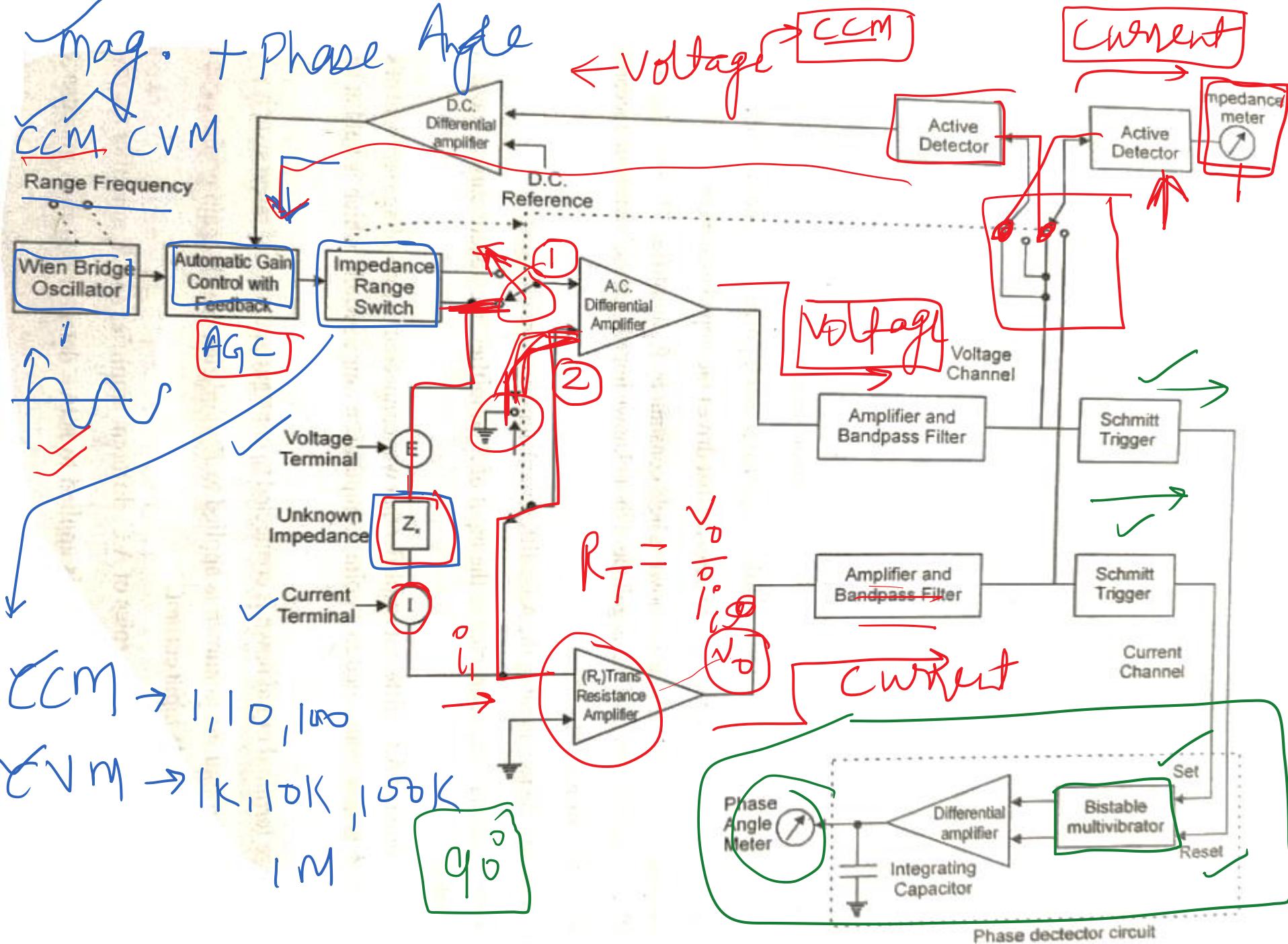
$\checkmark$  - Phase diff.  
 $\checkmark$  - I -

Constant  
current  
mode

Constant  
voltage  
Mode

# Vector impedance meter





- Magnitude is determined by measuring the current through the unknown component when a known voltage is applied across it or by measuring the voltage across the component when a known current is passed through it.
- The block diagram of vector impedance meter is shown in the figure 2.26.
- In this a wein bridge oscillator is used as signal source, which can produce different frequency signals.
- The signal is fed to AGC amplifier (automatic gain control), which allows accurate gain adjustment by means of feedback voltage.
- The gain is adjusted by impedance range switch.
- The impedance range switch is a precise attenuator network which controls the output voltage of oscillator.

The impedance range switch operates in two modes.

1. Constant current mode (three lower ranges X1, X10 and X100).
2. Constant voltage mode (four higher ranges X 1K, X 10K, X 100K and X 1M)

### (a) Constant Current Mode

- In this mode the unknown component is connected to the input of A.C. differential amplifier.
- The current supplied to the unknown component is decided by setting of range switch.
- This supplied current is held constant by the action of trans-resistance of  $R_T$  amplifier.
- $R_T$  amplifier converts the current through the unknown impedance into a voltage output.
- The output voltage is proportional to the supplied input current.
- The output of  $R_T$  amplifier is fed to the amplifier and Band pass filter.
- Band pass filter consists of low and high band filters, which restricts the amplifier bandwidth.
- Band pass filter is fed to active detector and D.C. differential amplifier.
- This output of band pass filter is fed to active detector and D.C. differential amplifier.
- The D.C. differential amplifier compares the input with a D.C. reference voltage.
- The output of D.C. differential amplifier is fed to AGC amplifier to regulate the gain of AGC amplifier and hence the voltage applied to the range switch.
- The output of A.C. differential amplifier is applied to an amplifier and band pass filter.
- The output of filter is connected to detector that drives the impedance meter.
- Since the current through the unknown is held constant by  $R_T$  amplifier. The impedance meter deflects in the proportion of the magnitude of the unknown impedance and it calibrated accordingly.

(b) Constant Voltage Mode

- In this mode the two input to the A.C. differential amplifier are changed.
- The terminal that was connected to the input of  $R_t$  amplifier in constant current mode is now grounded.
- The other input of A.C. different amplifier that was connected to the voltage terminal of known impedance is now connected to a point in impedance range switch, which is held at constant potential.
- The voltage terminal of unknown is connected to constant potential of range switch.
- The current through the unknown is applied to  $R_t$  amplifier, which again produces an output voltage proportional to input current.
- In constant voltage mode, the roles of A.C. different amplifier and  $R_t$  amplifier are reversed.
- The voltage output of  $R_t$  amplifier is applied to active detector and then impedance meter through amplifier and band pass filter.
- The output voltage of A.C. differentiated amplifier controls the gain of AGC amplifier in the same manner that the  $R_t$  amplifier did in the constant current mode.

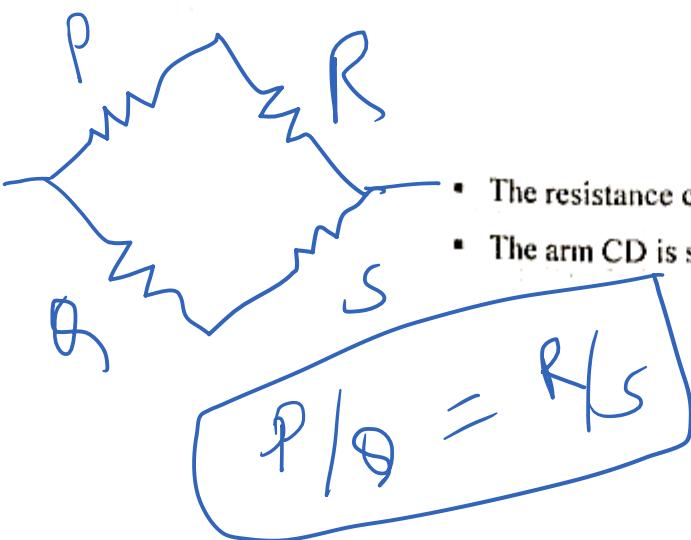
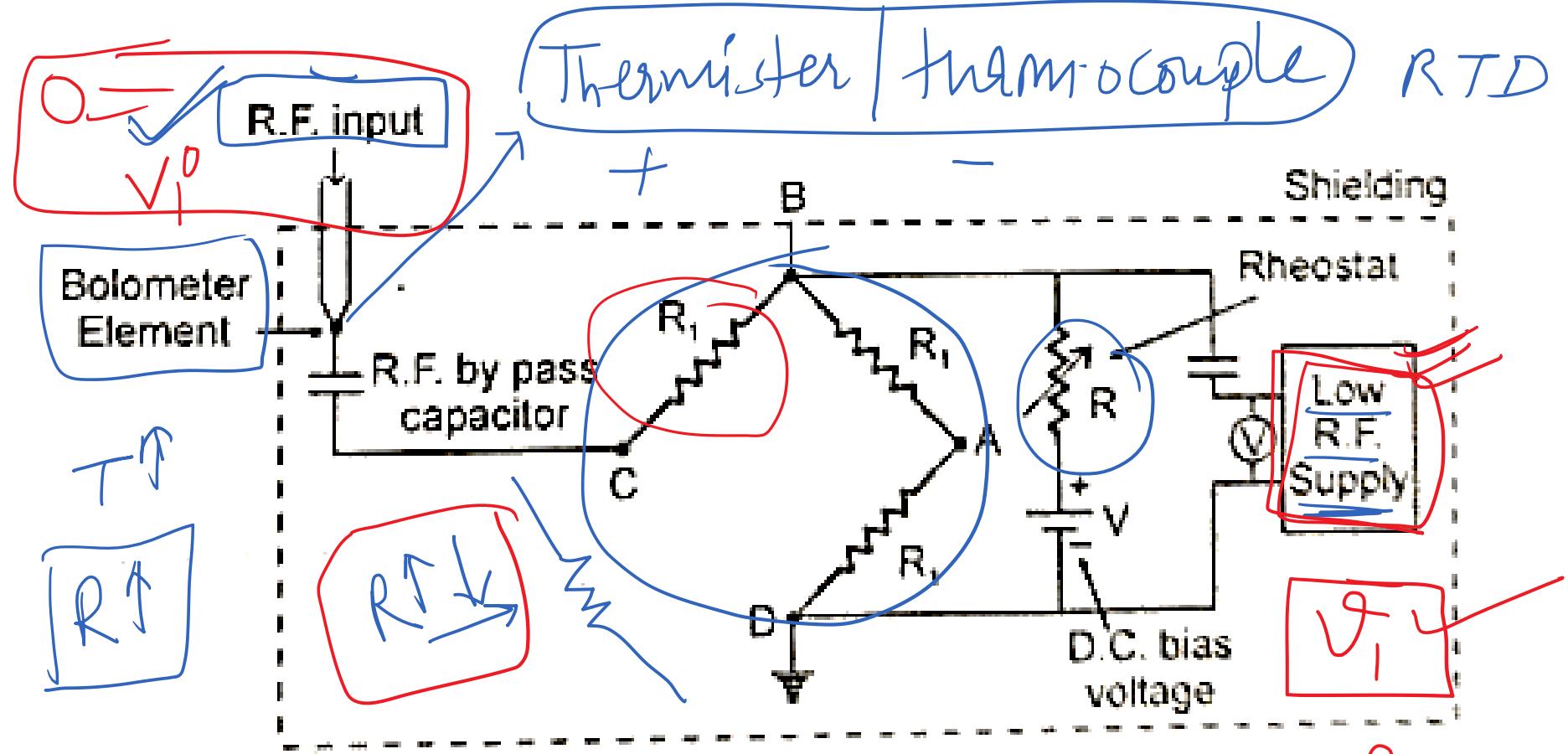
Radio freq  $\rightarrow$  High freq

### 2.8.2 R.F. Power Measurements

- There are various methods of R.F. power measurement. One of the most popular method is bolometer method.
- In this method, the unknown power is absorbed in a specially constructed bolometer element or resistive element.
- The resultant temperature rise is then detected by measuring the change in bolometer resistance by means of an auxiliary bridge circuit.
- The bolometer element may consist of normal resistive element with a positive temperature coefficient or thermistors which has negative temperature coefficient made up of metallic oxide materials.
- Here the radio frequency power enters from a coaxial line.
- The bypass capacitor provides a return path for the R.F. current and an insulated connection to the bolometer.

$$\text{Power} = I \cdot V$$

# Thermister / thermocouple RTD



- The resistance change in the bolometer is measured with the bridge ABCD.
- The arm CD is supplied by the resistance of bolometer element.

The bridge simultaneously excited by direct current from voltage  $V$  and by a low R.F.

The D.C. current is adjusted by rheostat  $R$  until bridge is balanced.

At balance condition measure the voltage  $V_1$  of low R.F. supply

Now turn off the R.F. power, the bridge again unbalanced.

The balance is again restored by increasing the power from low R.F. supply.

Now measure the voltage  $V_2$  of low RF power is

The radio frequency power is

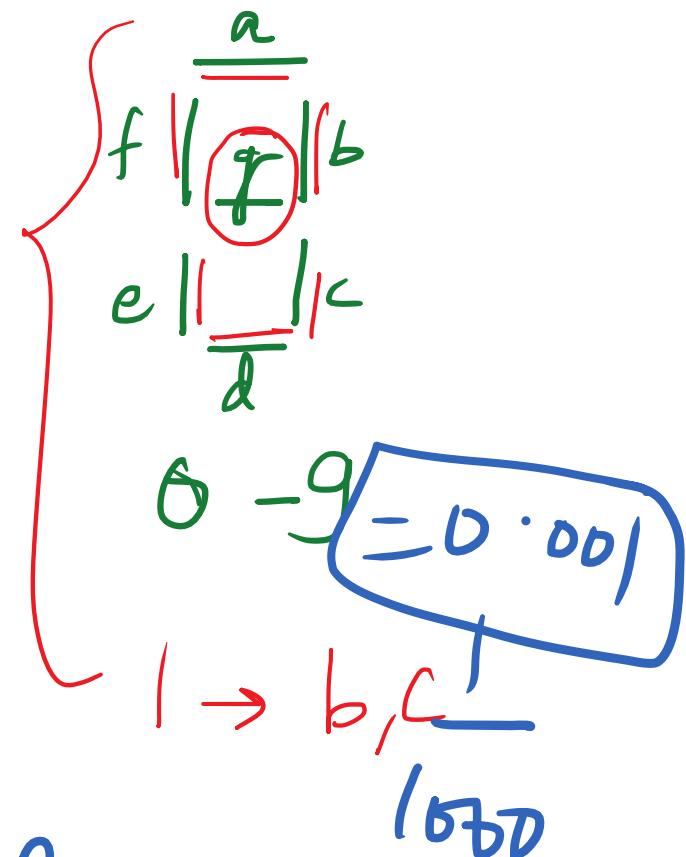
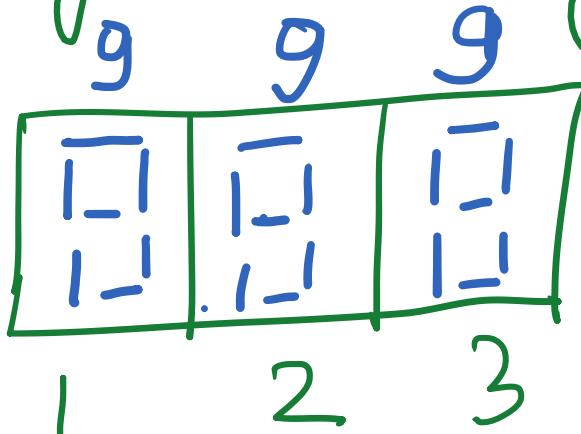
$$= \frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{4R}$$

The lead from bolometer to the bridge is shielded to avoid stray fields from radio and no frequency into the system.

Ranges & Resolution of digital voltmeter  
least  
Count

↳ Seven Segment LED.

3 digit display



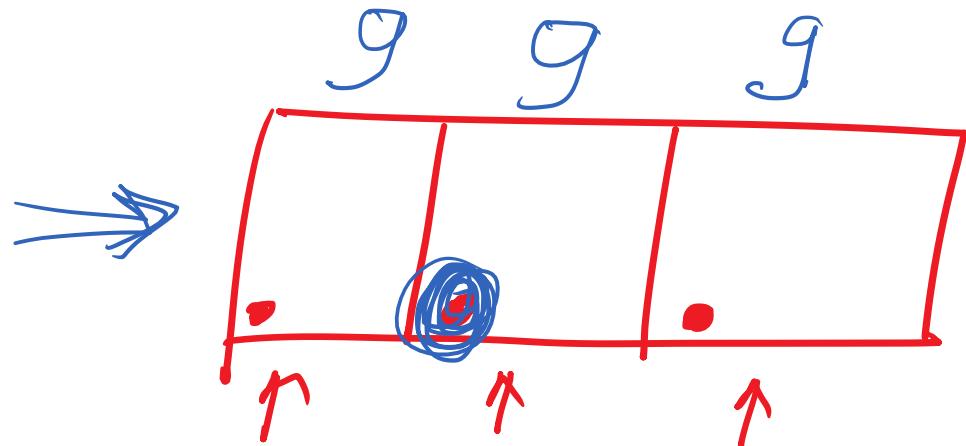
- ① Reset count - 000
- ② Min. Count - 001
- ③ Max. Count - 999
- Total count = 1000

Reset  
Resolution

$$N = \frac{1}{10^N}$$

$N_c$  = No. of  
full  
digit

Resolution =  $\frac{\text{Range}}{10^N}$        $N$  = No. of  
                  full digits



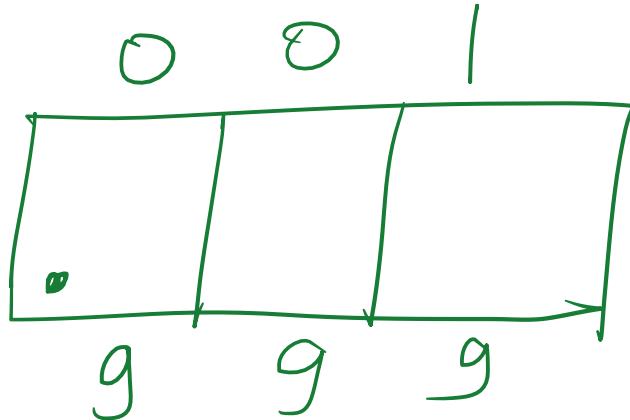
$$R = \frac{10}{10^3} = 0.01$$

$10m\varnothing$

Reset count    000

min Count     $0.01 = 10m\varnothing \Rightarrow$  least count

Max Count =  $9.99 = 10\sqrt{2}$  Range

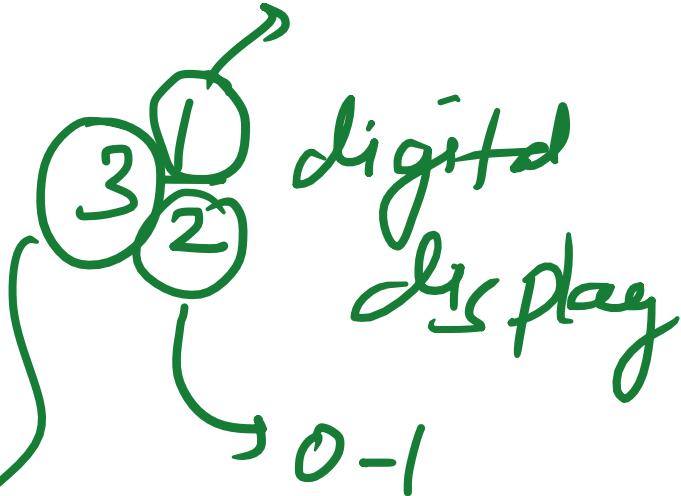
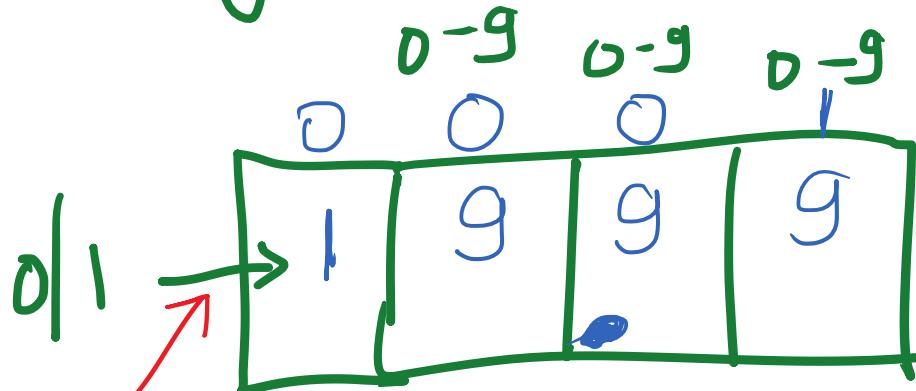


✓

$$\min \cdot \text{count } 0.001 = 1 \text{ mg}$$

$$\max \text{ count } 0.999 = 129 \text{ mg} \quad \checkmark$$

# Range Extension



$$\text{min count} = 0.01$$

$$\text{max count } 19.99$$

$$\Rightarrow 20V$$



*Example 2.14: A  $4\frac{1}{2}$  digit voltmeter is used for voltage measurements. Find :*

- (i) *Its resolution*
- (ii) *How 12.98 V will be displayed on a 10 V range?*
- (iii) *How 0.6973 will be displayed on 1V and 10V ranges?*

[R.T.U. 2008]

**Solution:** (i) Resolution =  $\frac{1}{10^n} = \frac{1}{10^4} = 0.0001$

where the number of full digits is  $n = 4$

(ii) there are 5 digit places in  $4\frac{1}{2}$  digit, therefore 12.98 should be displayed as 12.980.

Resolution on 1V range is  $1V \times 0.0001 = 0.0001$  any reading upto the 4th decimal can be displayed.  
Hence 0.6973 will be displayed as 0.6973.

(iii) Resolution on 10V range =  $10V \times 0.0001 = 0.001V$  hence the third decimal up to 3rd decimal places can be displayed. Therefore on a 10V range, the reading will be 0.697 instead of 0.6973.