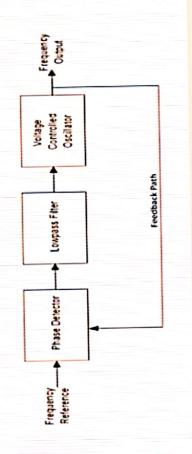


## **Block Diagram of PLL**



#### Low Pass Filter

- Low-pass filter is used to remove high frequency components and noise from the output of the phase detector.
- Low Pass Filter provides a steady dc level voltage which becomes the input of VCO.

# Stages of PLL Operation

- Free Running Stage: When no input is applied at the phase detector, then due to VCO, PLL works in Free Running Stage. The output frequency of this stage is dependent on the free running frequency of VCO.
- Capture Stage: When a input frequency is applied at the phase detector, then due to feedback mechanism PLL tries to track the output with respect to input. This stage is called Capture Stage.

#### Phase Detector

- A phase detector is basically a comparator that compares the input frequency f\_in with feedback frequency f\_out.
- Comparing the input frequency & output frequency it provides a error signal which is basically a Dc voltage.
- The loop is locked when these two signals are of the same frequency and have a fixed phase difference.
- Basically Phase Detector works as an Ex-OR gate.

### Voltage Controlled Oscillator (VCO)

- Voltage-controlled oscillator generates frequency controlled by input voltage.
- The dc level output of a low-pass filter is applied as control signal to the voltage-controlled oscillator (VCO).
- The VCO frequency is adjusted till it becomes equal to the frequency of the input signal.
- During this adjustment, PLL goes through three stages-free running, capture and phase lock.

# Stages of PLL Operation

 Phase Locked State: Due to feedback mechanism, the frequency comparision stops as soon as the output frequency become equal to the input frequency. This stage is called Phase Locked State.