

# Physics Experiment 03

# Lab Report

Experiment Title:	The Oscilloscope
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#### **Abstract** (About 100 words, 10 points)

The purpose of this experiment is to familiarize with the oscilloscope and basic types of measurement which can be made with it. We measured the peak-to-peak voltage and period of a sine wave. Then we used several kinds of Lissajous patterns which had been shown in experiment book to measure the frequency and analyzed the frequency read from generator and calculated value. Not only did I become more skillful to operate the oscilloscope, but also I digested the fundamental principles of generating all kinds of waveforms by testing signals.

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**Calculations and Results** (Calculations, data tables and figures; 15 points)

#### **Data Tables**

DATA TABLE 3-1(*purpose*: To measure the peak-to peak voltage and period of a sine wave)

Peak-to-peak voltage, $V_{\rm pp}$		Period, T		
Vertical sensitivity, V 10mV/cm		Horizontal sensitivity, t	1ms/cm	
Height, H	1.8cm	Length, $L$	6cm	
$V_{pp} = V \cdot H$	18mV	$T = t \cdot L$	6ms	

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DATA TABLE 3-2(purpose: To measure the frequency using Lissajous pattern)

Known frequency	Lissajous Patterns	0	8	8	Ž,	0
$f_{y/y}$	$N_x$	1	1	1	2	2
/Hz	$N_{y}$	1	2	3	3	1
	$f_y:f_x$	1: 1	1: 2	1: 3	2: 3	2: 1
50.00 (CH2)	$f_{_{_{\! x}}}^{^{^{\prime}}}$ / Hz (read from generator)	42	95	155	70	22
	$f_x = \frac{N_y}{N_x} f_y / \text{Hz}$	50	100	150	75	25
	(calculate)					

#### **Calculations**

(1) The sample calculation of peak-to-peak voltage of the sine wave:

$$V_{pp} = H \times V = 1.8 \text{cm} \times 10 \text{mV/cm} = 2V$$

(2) The sample calculation of the period of the sine wave:

$$T = L \times t = 6cm \times 1ms/cm = 6ms$$

(3) The sample calculation of the unknown frequency  $f_x$ :

When it becomes to the first Lissajous Pattern(it looks like: ), we can ge  $\frac{N_x}{N_y} = \frac{f_x}{f_y} = 1$ 

Thus, 
$$f_x = f_y = 50$$
Hz

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#### **Conclusions (About 100 words, 5 points)**

We finished this experiment by using a dual trace oscilloscope and two kinds of function generators to create several waveforms. After operating the oscilloscope with some special controls, we analyzed the waveforms, including the peak-to-peak voltage input and the input period with read data and simple calculation. To measure the frequency, Lissajous patterns were used, and the key is about analyzing the ratio of the number of  $N_x$  tangential points in X-direction and  $N_y$  tangential points in Y-direction. However, there exist errors between read value and calculated value.

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### **Answers to Questions (10 points)**

- (1) The trigging function makes an AC wave form appear to stand when two sine waves with the same integral rate are added to the horizontal X deflection and the vertical Y deflection, that is, are connected to CH1 and CH2, respectively. A stable closed pattern can be shown on the screen by using X-Y mode.
  - (2) Since  $T = L \times t = 4.2 \text{cm} \times 4 \text{ms/cm} = 16.8 \text{ms}, f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{1.68 \text{s}} = 0.595 \text{Hz}$ .

Thus, the input frequency of the signal is 0.595Hz.

(3) We are supposed to adjust the display knobs so that change the horizontal and vertical sensitivity, which means fewer cycles with a greater height of the signal can be seen on the screen.

## **Appendix**

### (Scanned data sheets)

Data Table 3.3-1 Purpose: To measure the peak-to peak voltage and period of a sine wave

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