

# **Module:5 Comparators and Waveform Generators**

**Course: BECE206L – Analog Circuits**

# Module 5

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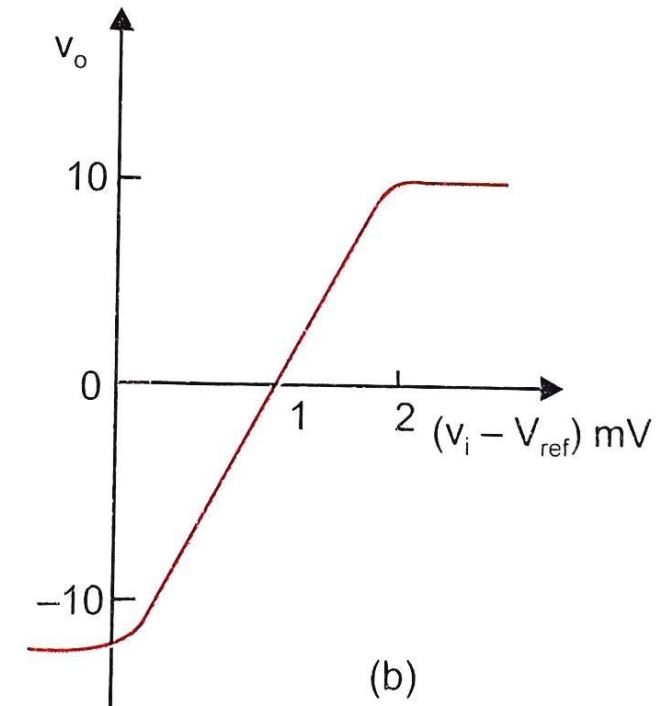
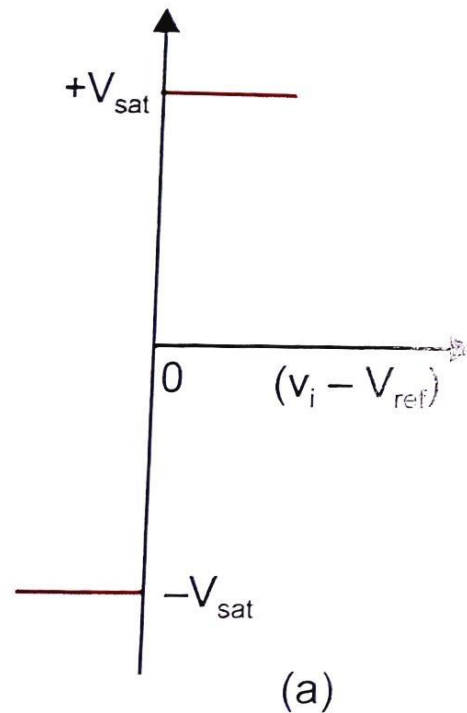
- **Comparator** and its applications - **Schmitt trigger** - Free-running, One-shot Multivibrators - Barkhausen Criterion - Sinewave generators - Phase-shift and Wein-bridge oscillators - Square, Triangular and Saw-tooth wave function generators.

# 1. Applications of Op-amp in Open loop configuration

- Open-loop: Non linear behavior of Op-amp
- Comparators
- Detectors
- Limiters
- Digital interfacing devices (converters)

## 2. Comparators

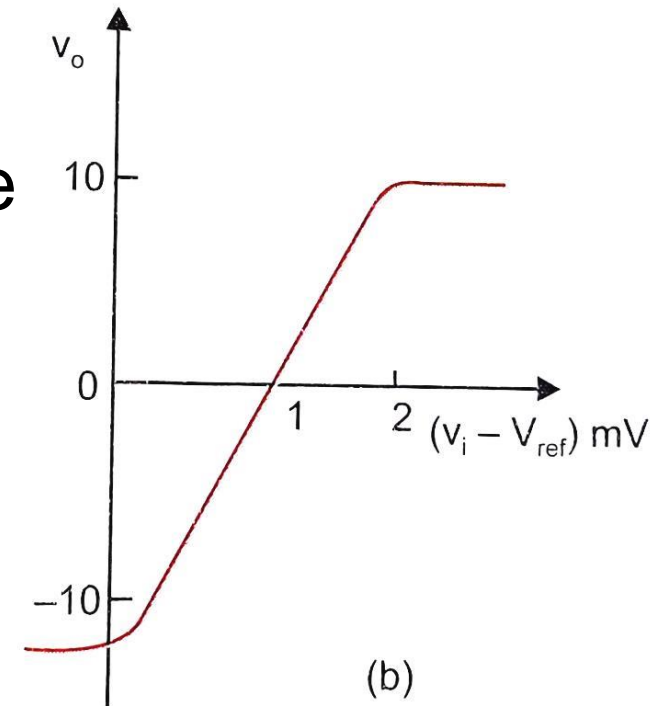
- Circuit which compares **signal voltage** applied at one input of op-amp with a **known reference voltage** at other input
- Open loop op-amp with output =  $\pm V_{sat} (= V_{cc})$
- Commercial op-amps have transfer functions (practical)
- X-axis is input  
Y-axis is output



**5.1** The transfer characteristics (a) Ideal comparator (b) Practical comparator

## 2. Comparators

- Commercial op-amps have transfer functions (practical)
- X-axis is input; Y-axis is output
- Complete change of output only after  $v_i = 2 \text{ mV}$  (Uncertain region) where output cannot be defined
- This is due to input offset voltage  
Use offset null compensating techniques to eliminate uncertain region



comparator (b) Practical comparator

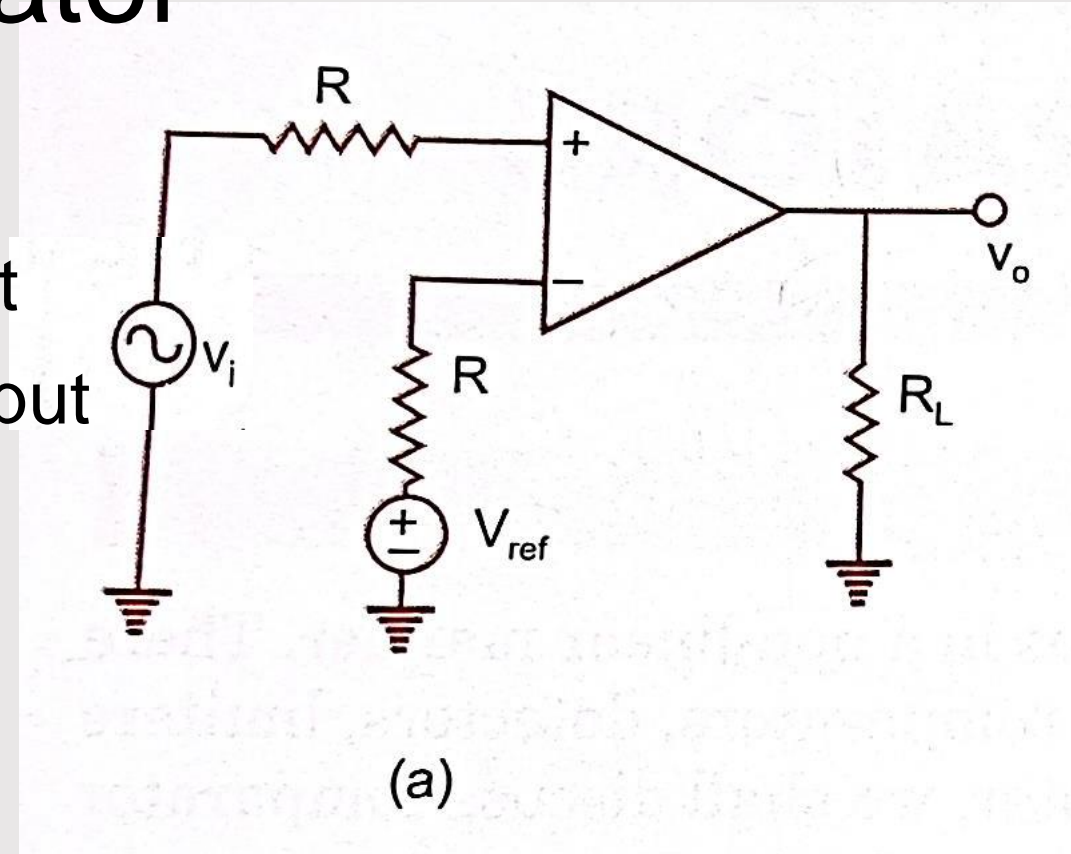
# 3. Types of comparators

- Non-inverting comparator
- Inverting comparator

# 3.1 Non inverting comparator

## Ideal:

- Fixed reference  $V_{ref}$  applied to (-) input
- Time varying signal  $v_i$  applied to (+) input
- For  $v_i < V_{ref}$ : output  $v_o = -V_{sat}$   
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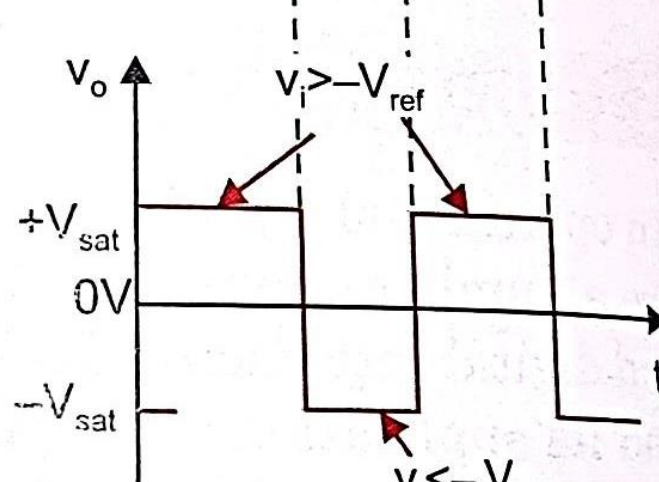
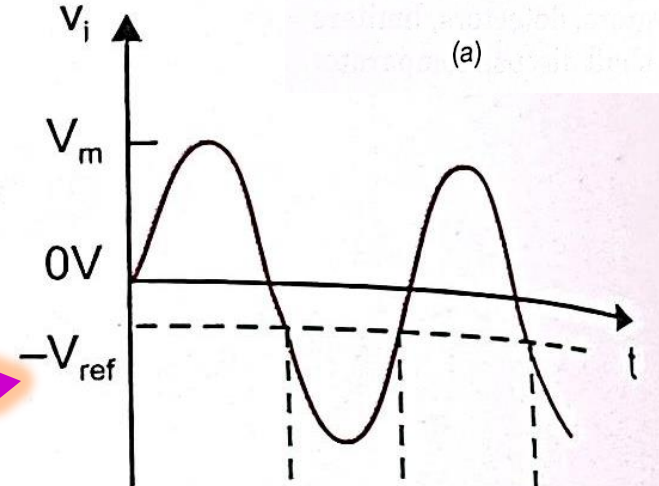
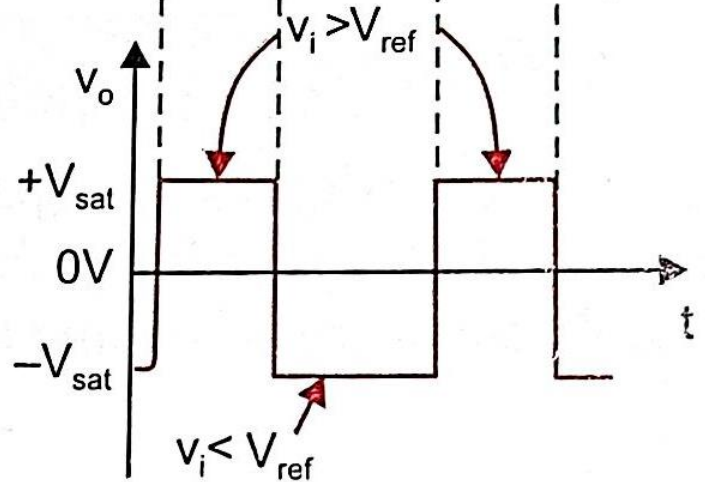
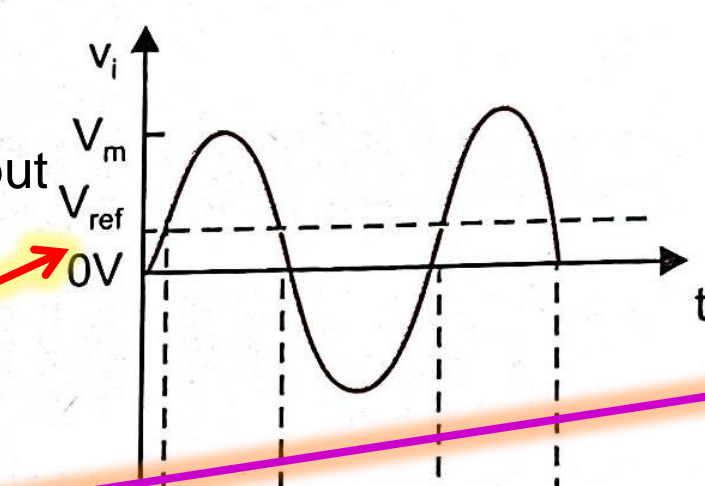
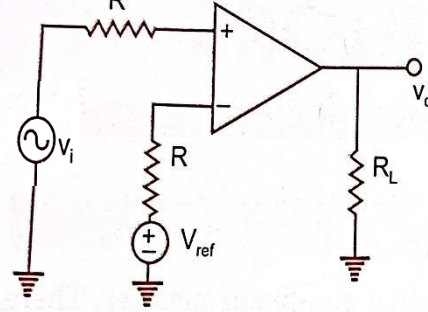
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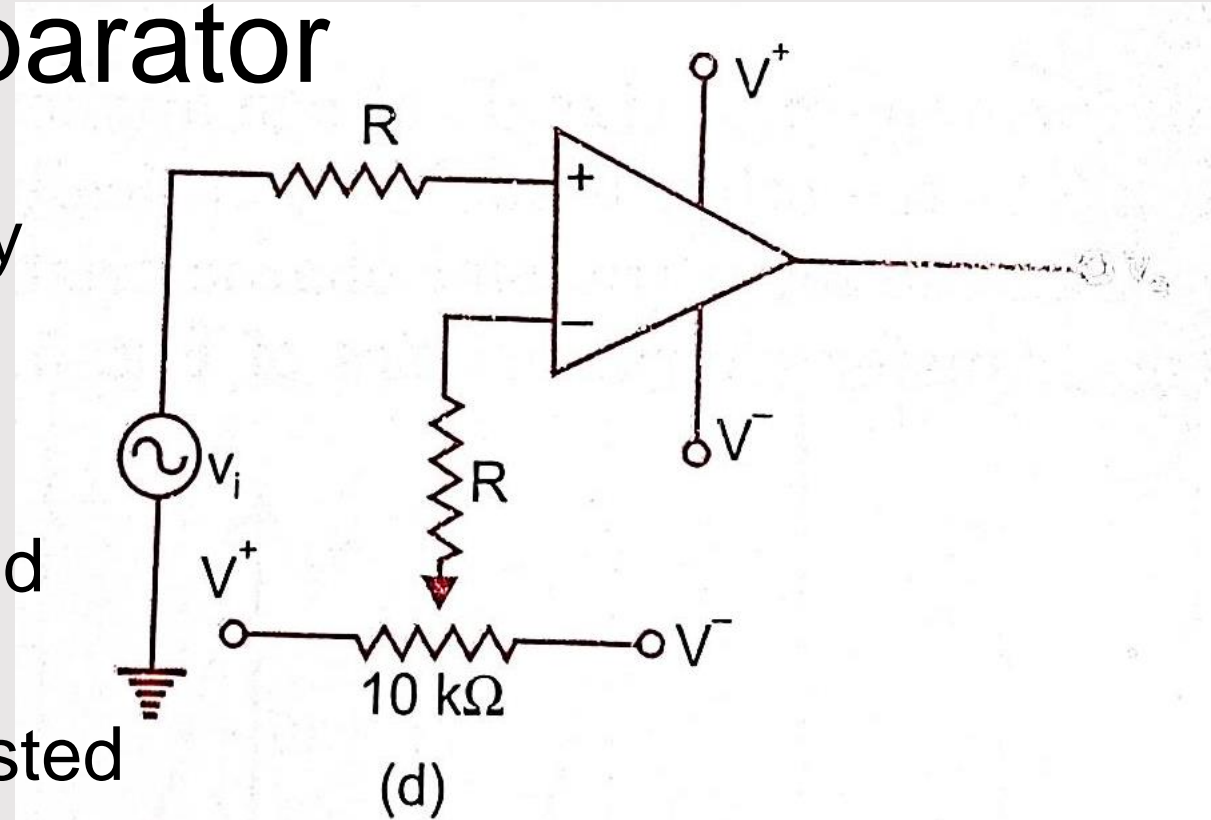
If  $V_{ref}$  is negative





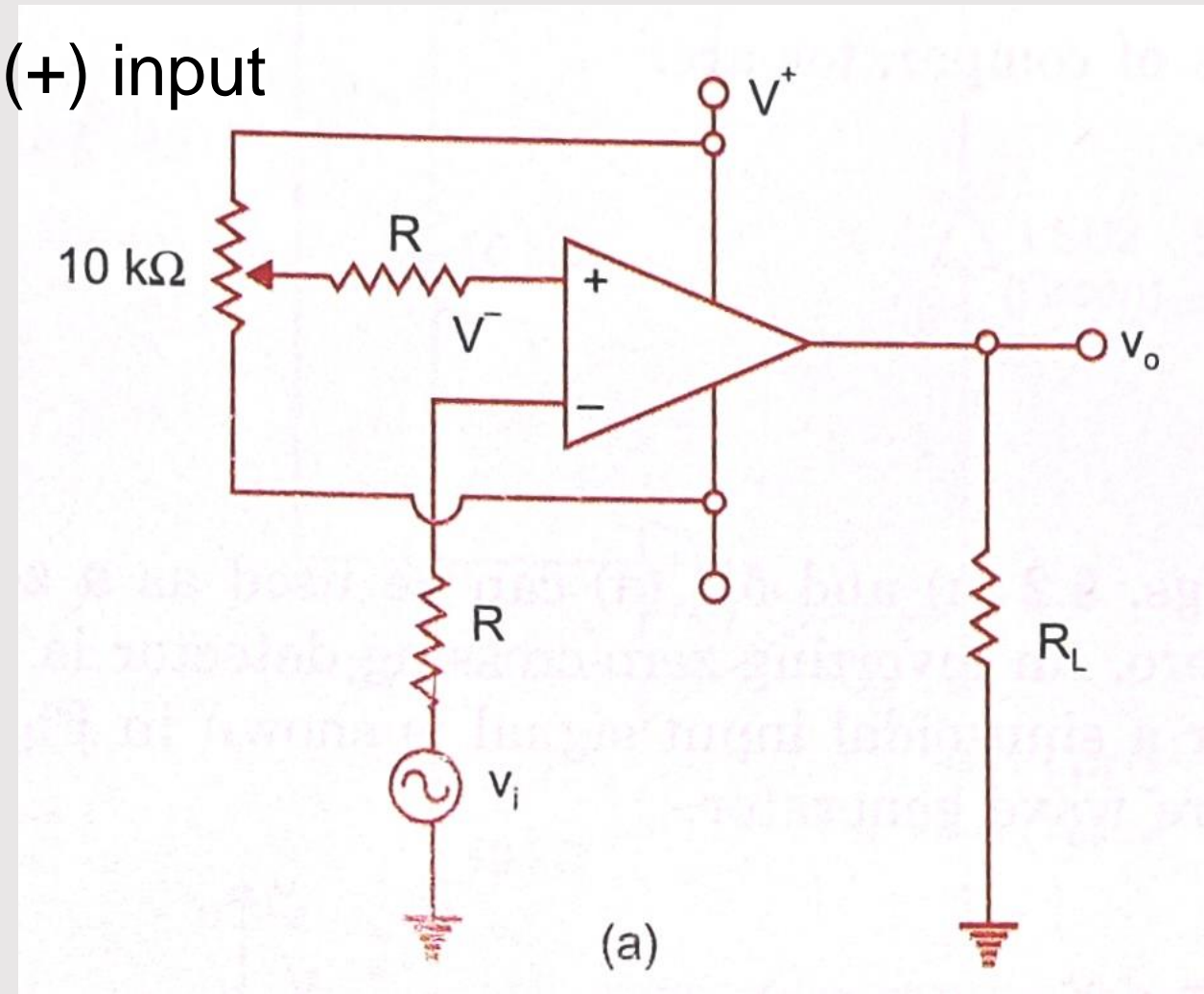
## 3.1 Non inverting comparator

- Practical circuit:  $V_{ref}$  is obtained by using voltage divider with  $10\text{ k}\Omega$  potentiometer connected between  $V^+$  and  $V^-$   
wiper of potentiometer is connected to (-) input terminal
- $V_{ref}$  of required value can be adjusted for amplitude and polarity



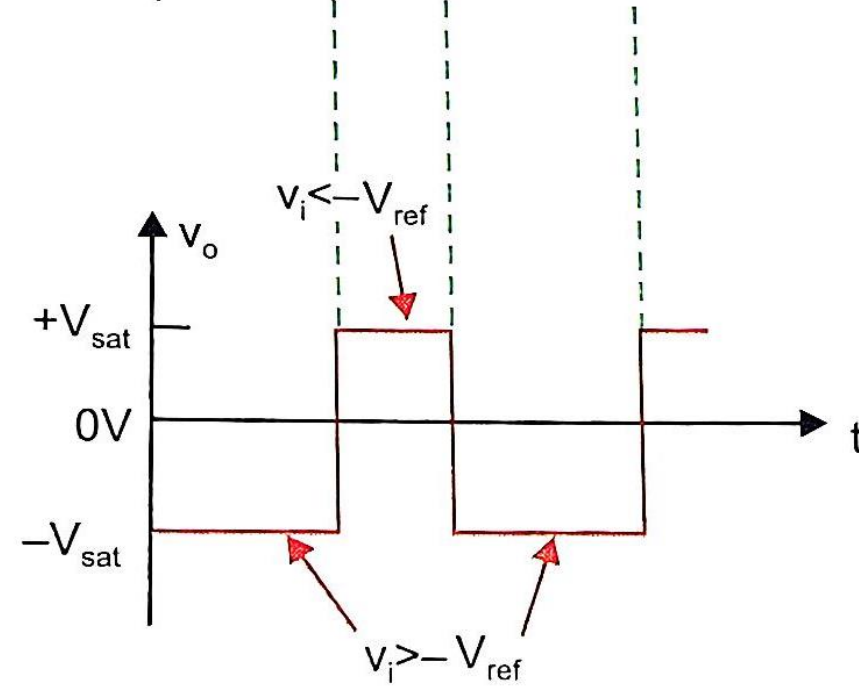
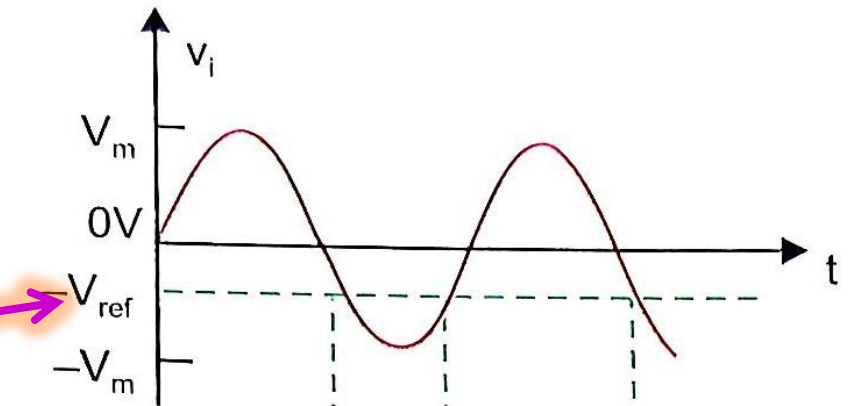
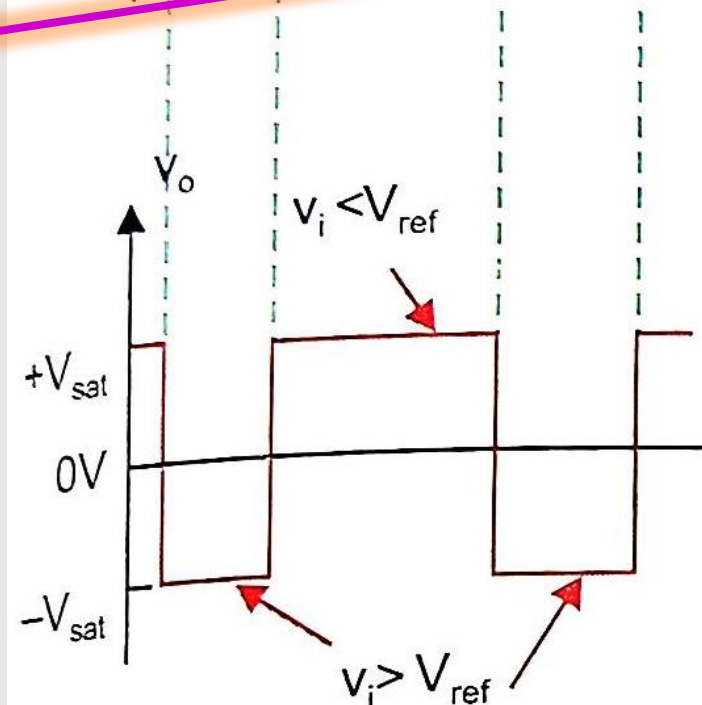
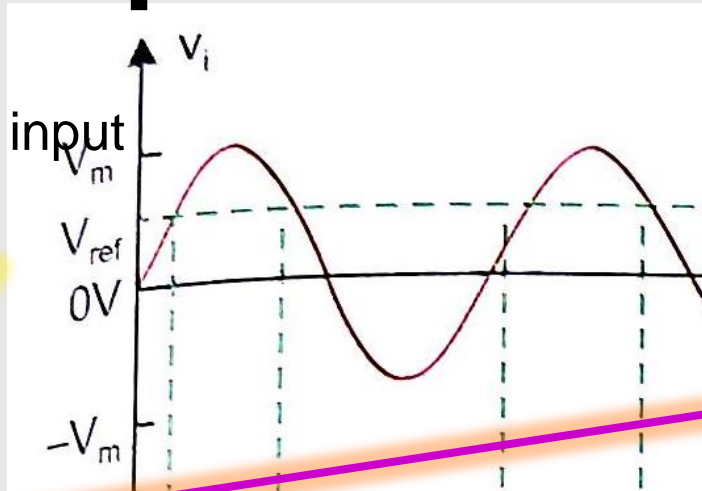
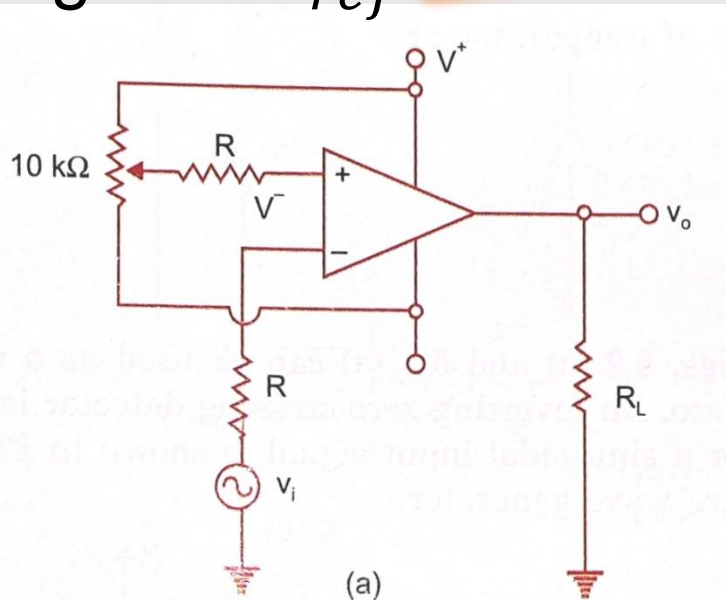
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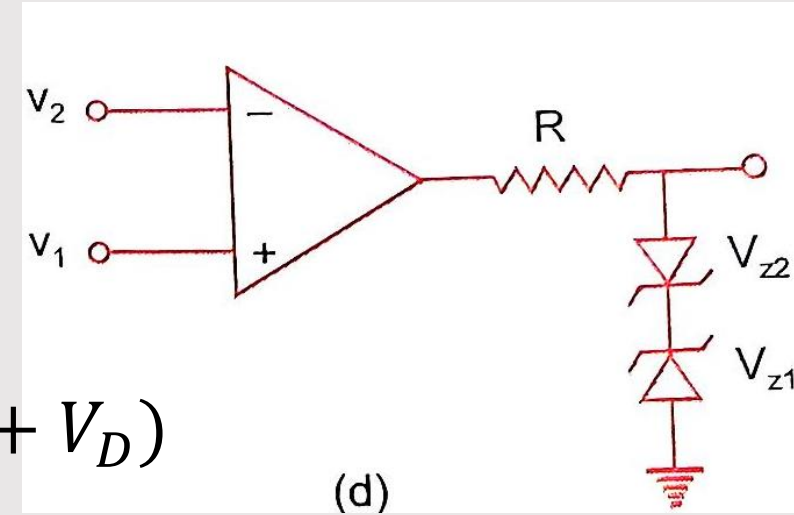
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- Practical inverting comparator
  - Reference voltage  $V_{ref}$  applied to (+) input
  - $v_i$  is applied to (-) input
  - For sinusoidal input signal output waveform
- Positive  $V_{ref}$
- Negative  $V_{ref}$



## 3.3 Comparator independent of Power supply

- By using resistor  $R$  and two back-to-back zener diodes at output of Op-amp
- Value of resistor chosen so that zener diodes operate at recommended current
- Limiting voltages of  $v_o$  are  $(V_{Z1} + V_D)$  and  $-(V_{Z2} + V_D)$
- $V_D$  is diode forward voltage  
 $V_Z$  is zener voltages



## 3.4 Practical case of uncertain region

- For increased speeds, monolithic voltage comparators are available (Fairchild  $\mu A710$  and 760, National LM111, 160, 311)
- Response times : 311 has 200ns  
760 has 50ns
- CMOS comparators:  
Texas instruments: TLC 320 dual, TLC 374 quad,  
Motorola: MC14574 quad

## 3.5 Applications of comparator

- Zero crossing detector
- Window detector
- Time marker generator
- Phase meter

Problem: For comparator,

a) plot transfer curve if op-amp is ideal and  $V_{Z1} = V_{Z2} = 9V$  and  $V_D = 0.7V$ .

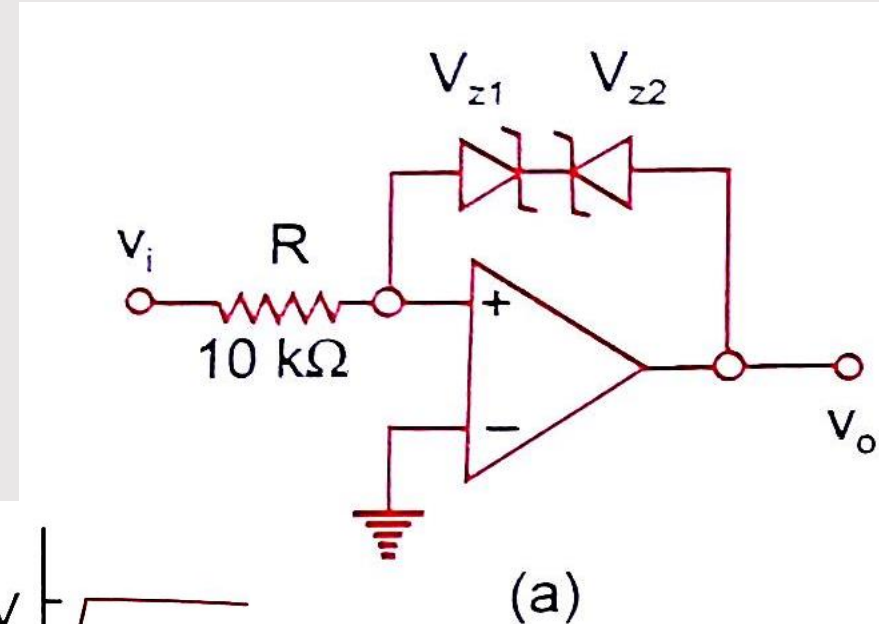
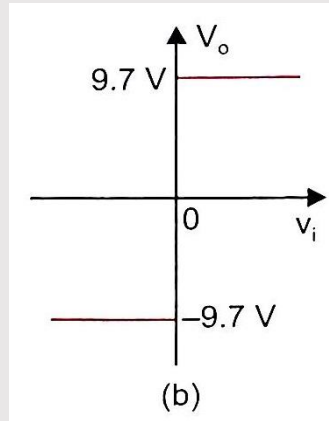
B) Repeat same if open loop gain of op-amp is 50000

A) Open loop gain  $A_{OL} = \infty$ , small positive voltage at input will drive output to  $\pm V_{sat}$

Accordingly  $V_{Z1}$  or  $V_{Z2}$  will be in breakdown

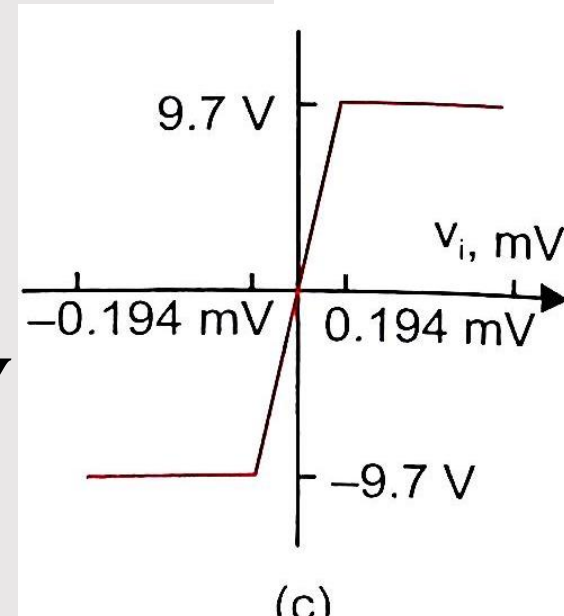
$$v_o = \pm(V_Z + V_D) = \pm 9.7V$$

Transfer curve of ideal:



B)  $A_{OL} = 50000$  ,  $\Delta v_i = \frac{9.7}{A_{OL}} = 0.194 \text{ mV}$

The zener breaks down after  $\pm 0.194 \text{ mV}$



## 4. Regenerative comparator (SCHMITT Trigger)

- When Positive feedback is added to comparator circuit, gain can be increased greatly
- Transfer curve of comparator becomes close to ideal curve
- Theoretically, loop gain:  $-\beta A_{OL}$  is adjusted to unity,  
then gain with feedback  $A_{Vf}$  becomes infinite  
Ideal: Zero rise time in transitions between extreme values of output voltage
- Practical: Cannot maintain gain as unity due to supply voltage or temperature variations  
So, value of gain is chosen greater than unity

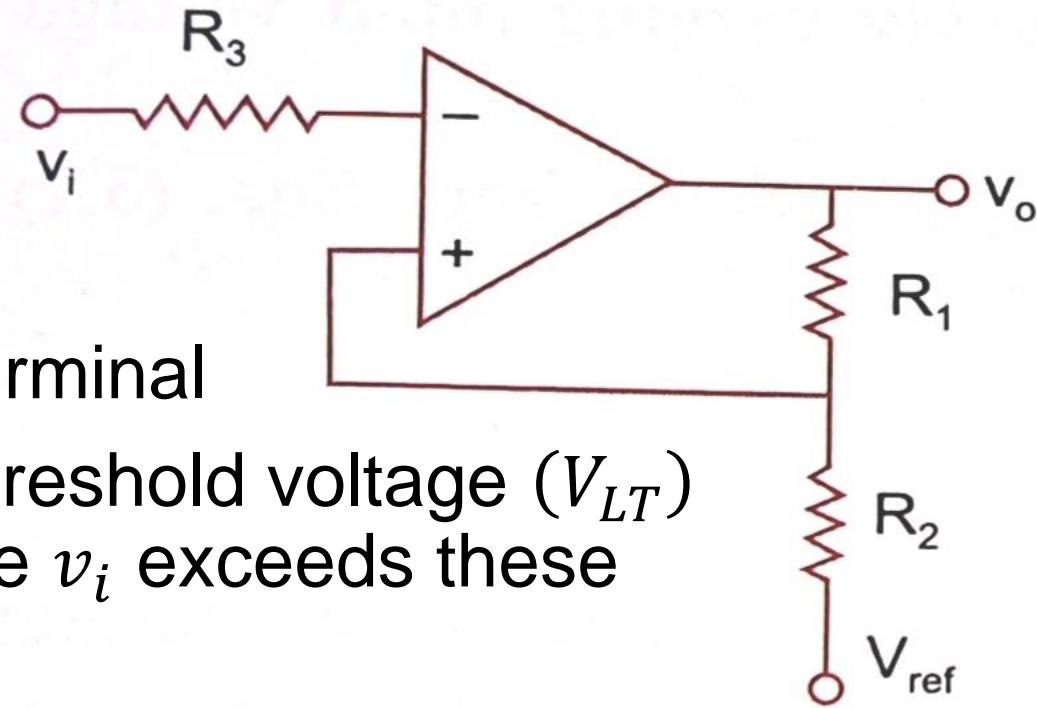


## 4. Regenerative comparator (**SCHMITT Trigger**)

- Practical: Cannot maintain gain as unity due to supply voltage or temperature variations  
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- Output waveform is discontinuous at comparison voltage (for comparator to work)
- Hysteresis (or backlash)

## 4. 1 Schmitt Trigger

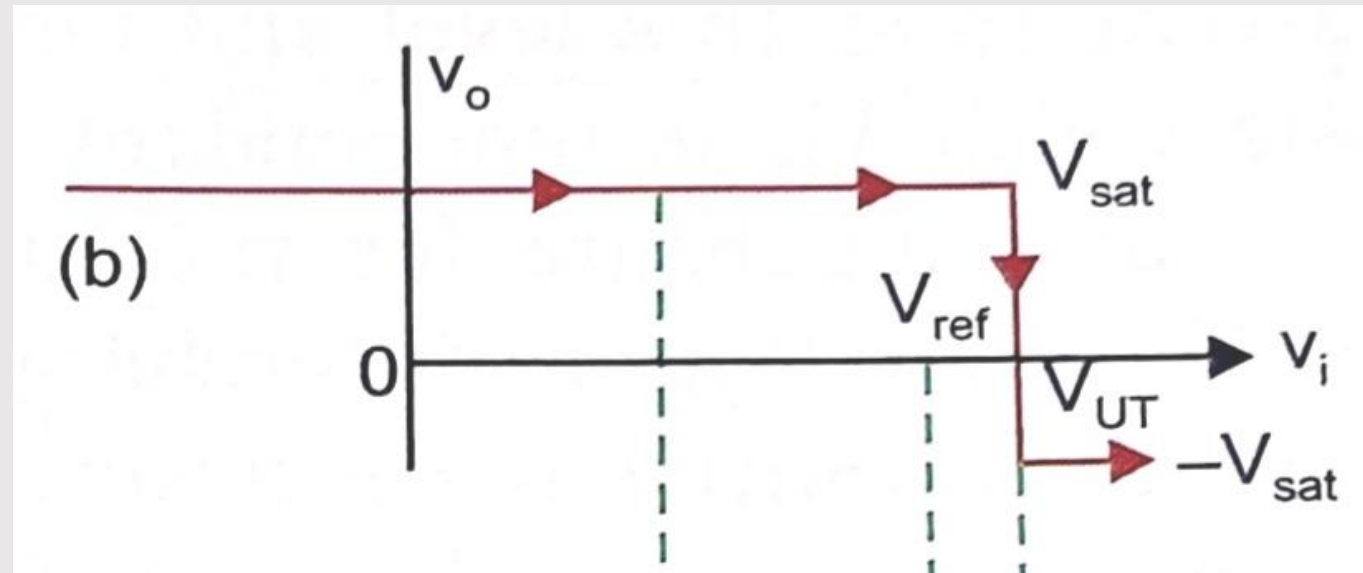
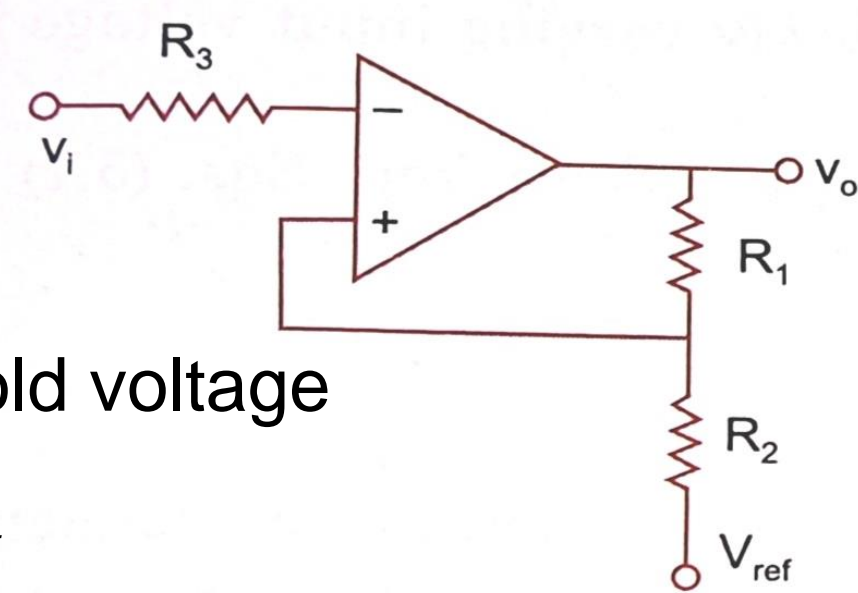
- Regenerative comparator (Schmitt trigger)
- $v_i$  to (-) terminal; Feedback voltage to (+) terminal
- Upper threshold voltage ( $V_{UT}$ ) and Lower threshold voltage ( $V_{LT}$ )  
Input voltage  $v_i$  triggers output  $v_o$  every time  $v_i$  exceeds these voltage levels
- Hysteresis width is  $V_{UT} - V_{LT}$  (difference between these two threshold voltages)



## 4. 1 Schmitt Trigger

- When  $v_o = +V_{sat}$ , voltage at (+) terminal  $V_{UT} = V_{ref} \frac{R_1}{R_1+R_2} + V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1+R_2}$  This is upper threshold voltage
- When  $v_i$  is less than  $V_{UT}$ , output remains at  $+V_{sat}$

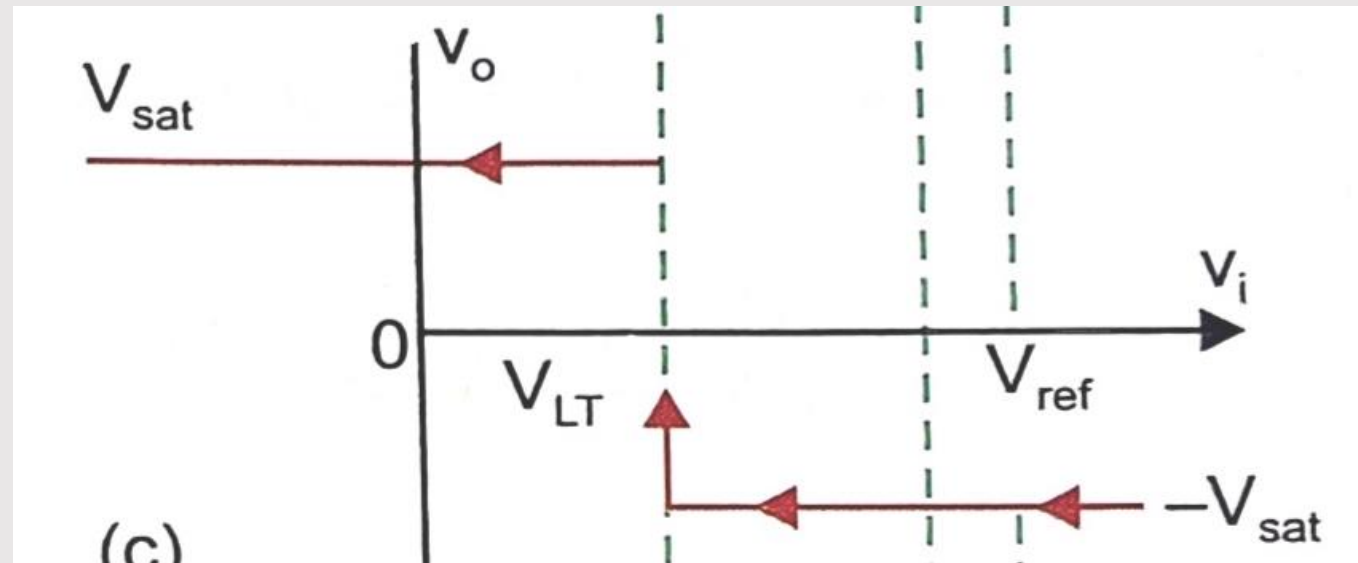
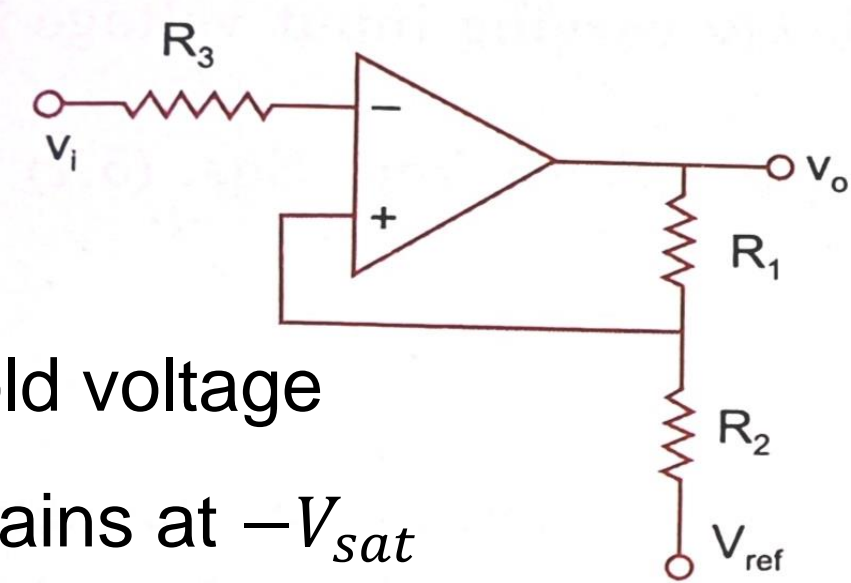
When  $v_i$  is just greater than  $V_{UT}$ , output regeneratively switches to  $-V_{sat}$  and remains as long as  $v_i > V_{UT}$



# 4. 1 Schmitt Trigger

- When  $v_o = -V_{sat}$ , voltage at (+) terminal  $V_{LT} = V_{ref} \frac{R_1}{R_1+R_2} - V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1+R_2}$  This is Lower threshold voltage
- Now, as long as  $v_i$  is greater than  $V_{LT}$ , output remains at  $-V_{sat}$

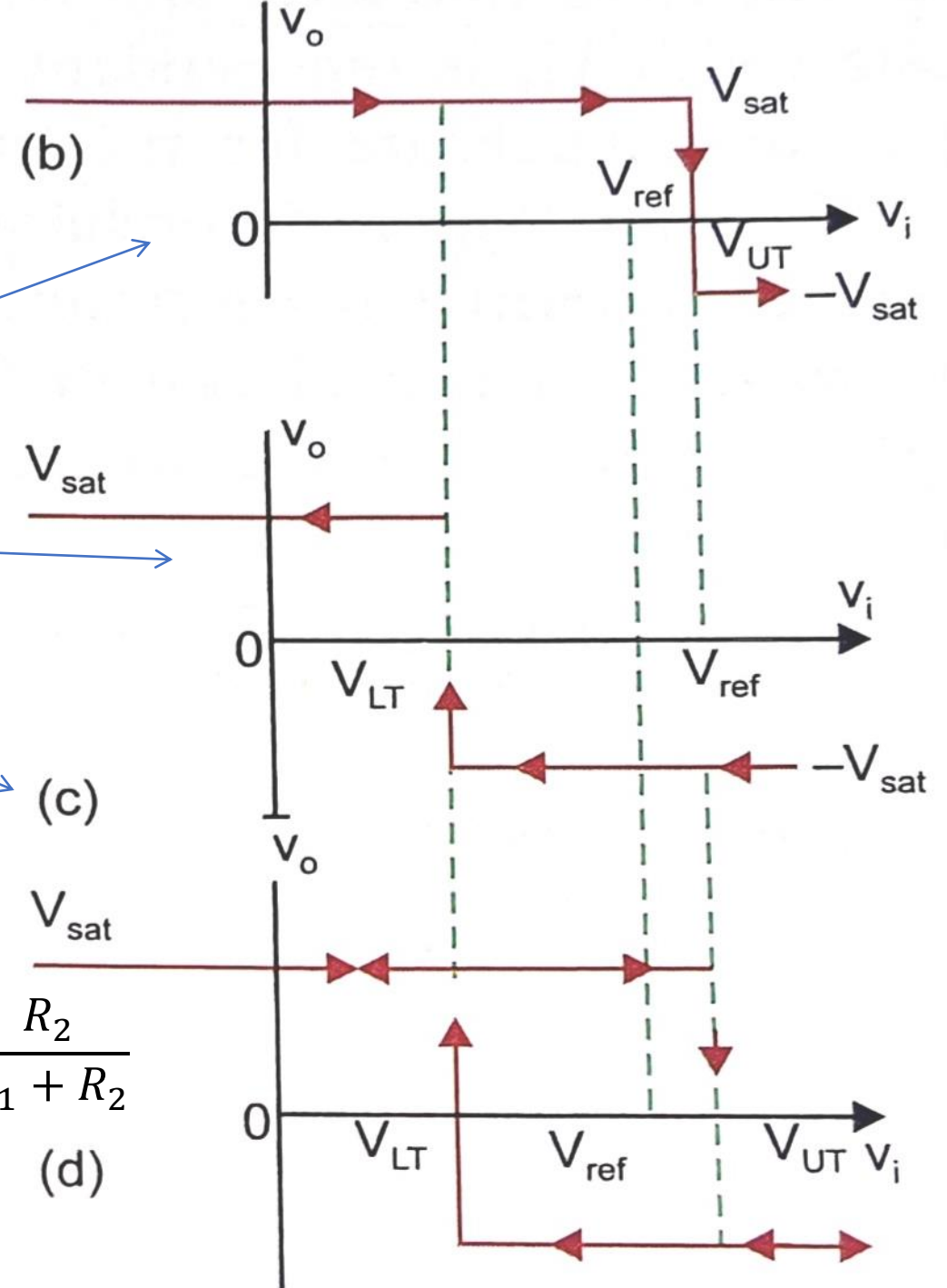
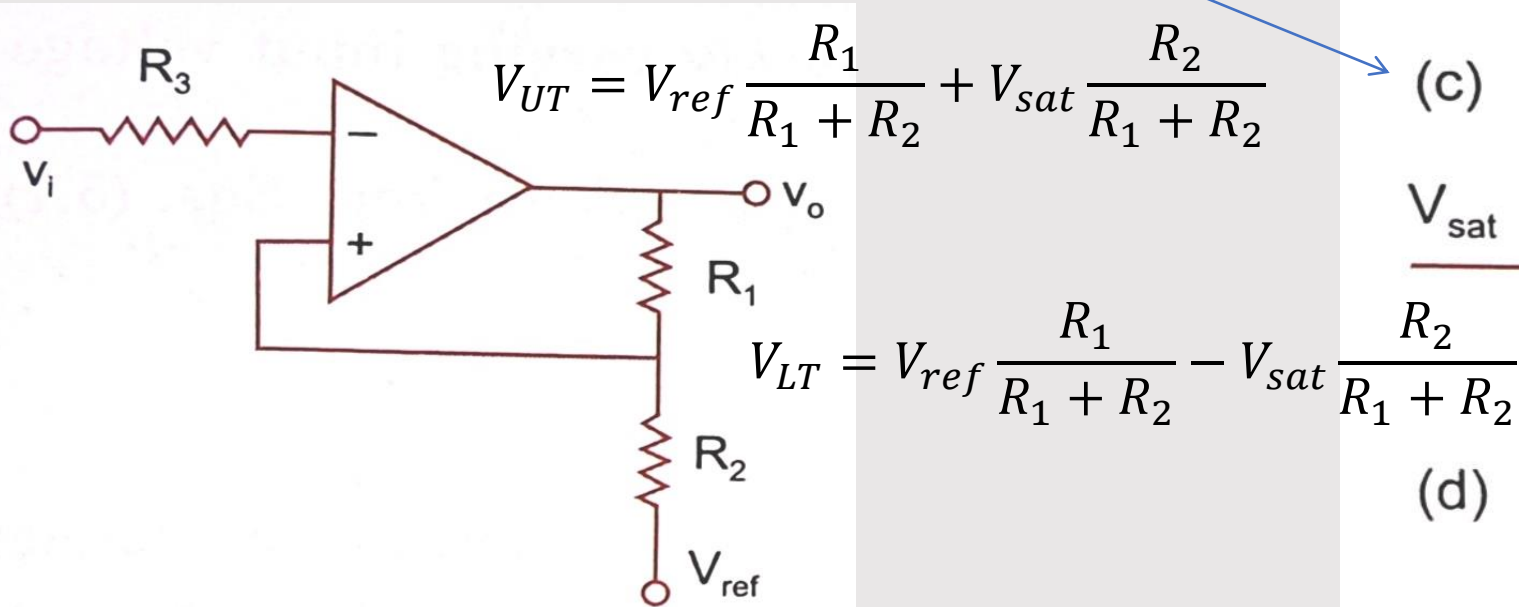
When  $v_i$  is just less than  $V_{LT}$ , output regeneratively switches from  $-V_{sat}$  to  $+V_{sat}$  almost instantly



# 4. 1 Schmitt Trigger

Transfer characteristics:

- increasing  $v_i$  : ( $v_i > V_{UT}$ )
- decreasing  $v_i$  : ( $v_i < V_{LT}$ )
- Complete transfer characteristics



# 4. 1 Schmitt Trigger

- Note:  $V_{LT} < V_{UT}$  and the difference between these two voltages is

hysteresis width  $V_H = V_{UT} - V_{LT} = 2V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$

$$V_{UT} = V_{ref} \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} + V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

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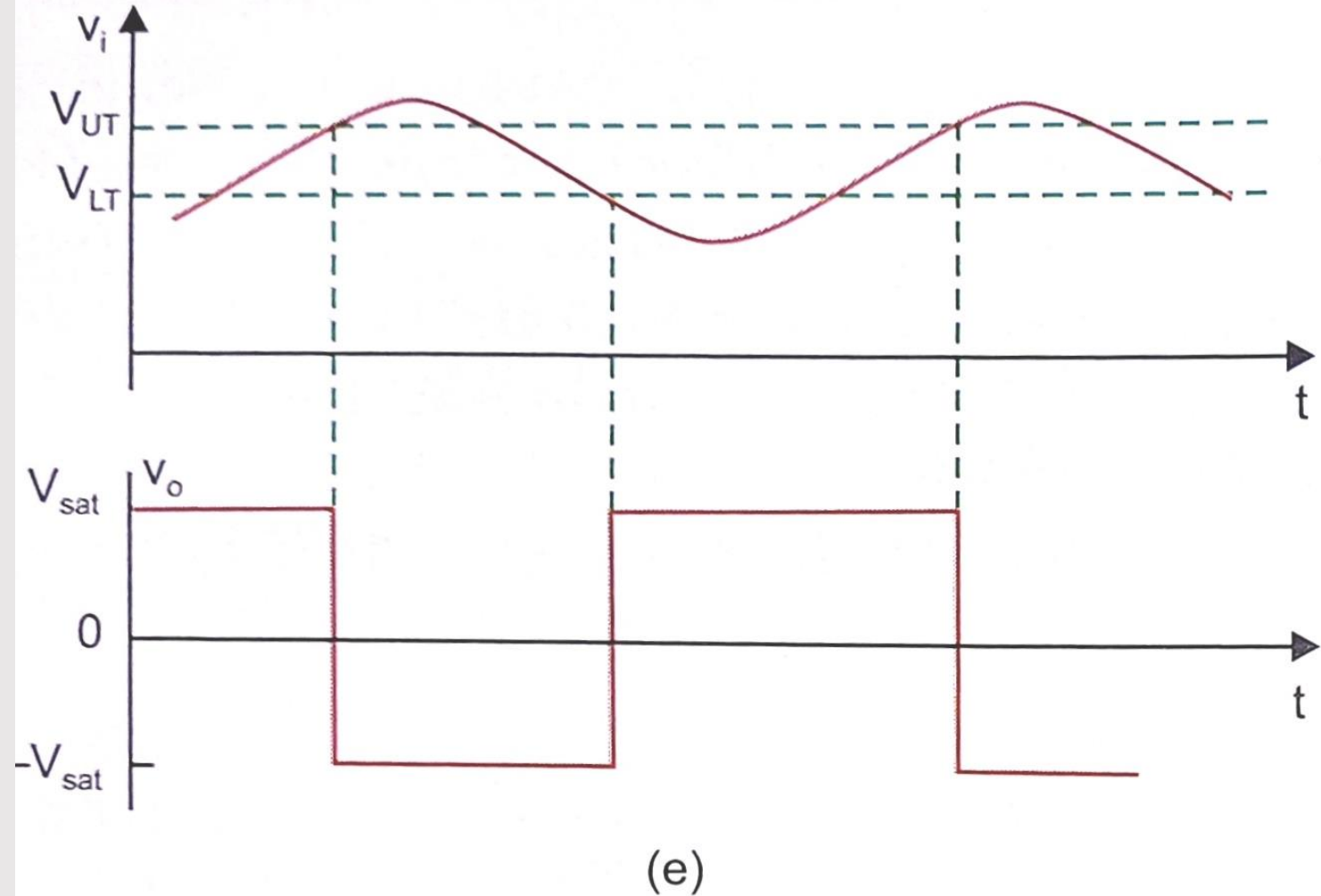
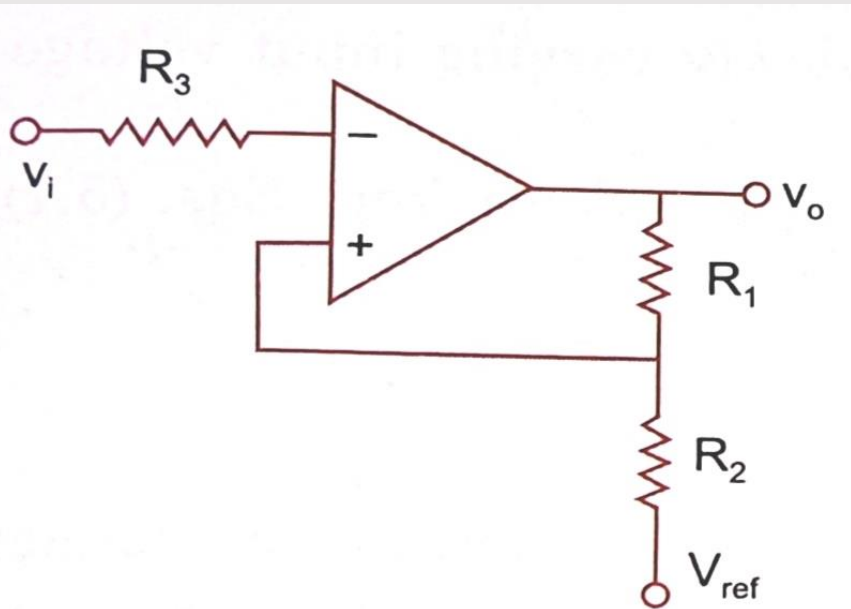
# 4.2 Application of Schmitt Trigger

- Convert slow varying input voltage into a square wave output

- If  $V_{ref} = 0$ , then

$$V_{UT} = V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$V_{LT} = -V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

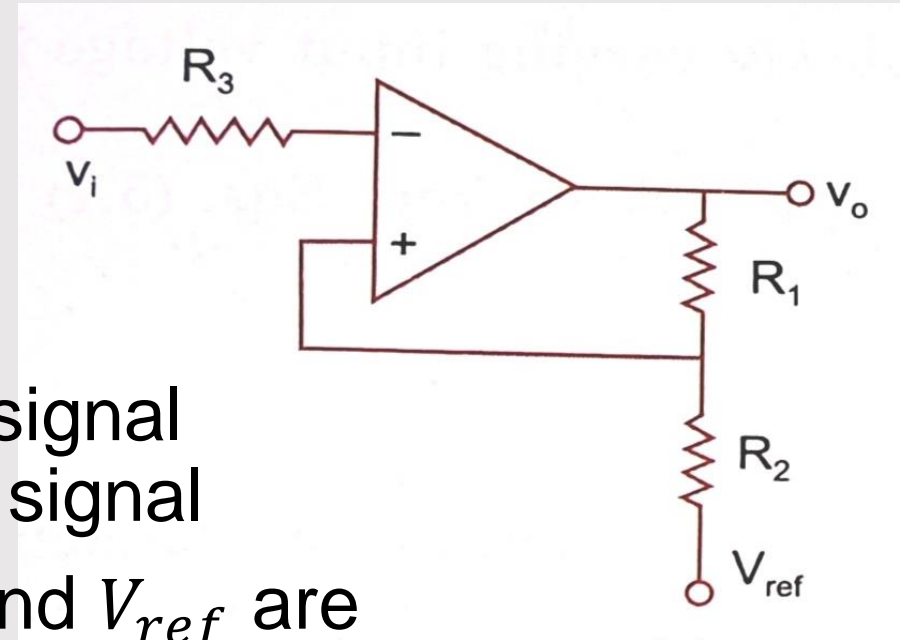


# 4. 1 Schmitt Trigger

- Note:  $V_{LT} < V_{UT}$  and the difference between these two voltages is hysteresis width  $V_H = V_{UT} - V_{LT} = 2V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$
- Hysteresis is independent of  $V_{ref}$
- $R_3$  is chosen to  $R_1 \parallel R_2$
- Because of hysteresis,  
circuit triggers at higher voltage for increasing signal  
circuit triggers at Lower voltage for decreasing signal
- Non-inverting Schmitt trigger is obtained if  $v_i$  and  $V_{ref}$  are interchanged

$$V_{UT} = V_{ref} \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} + V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

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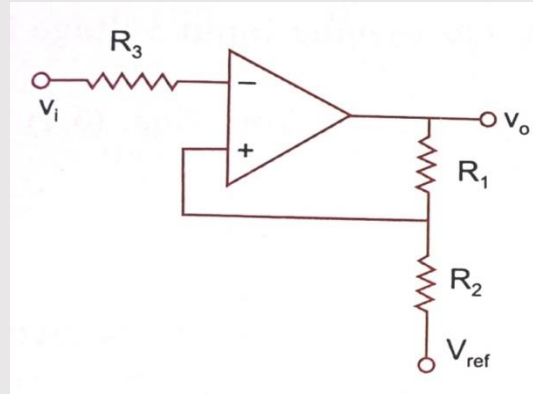
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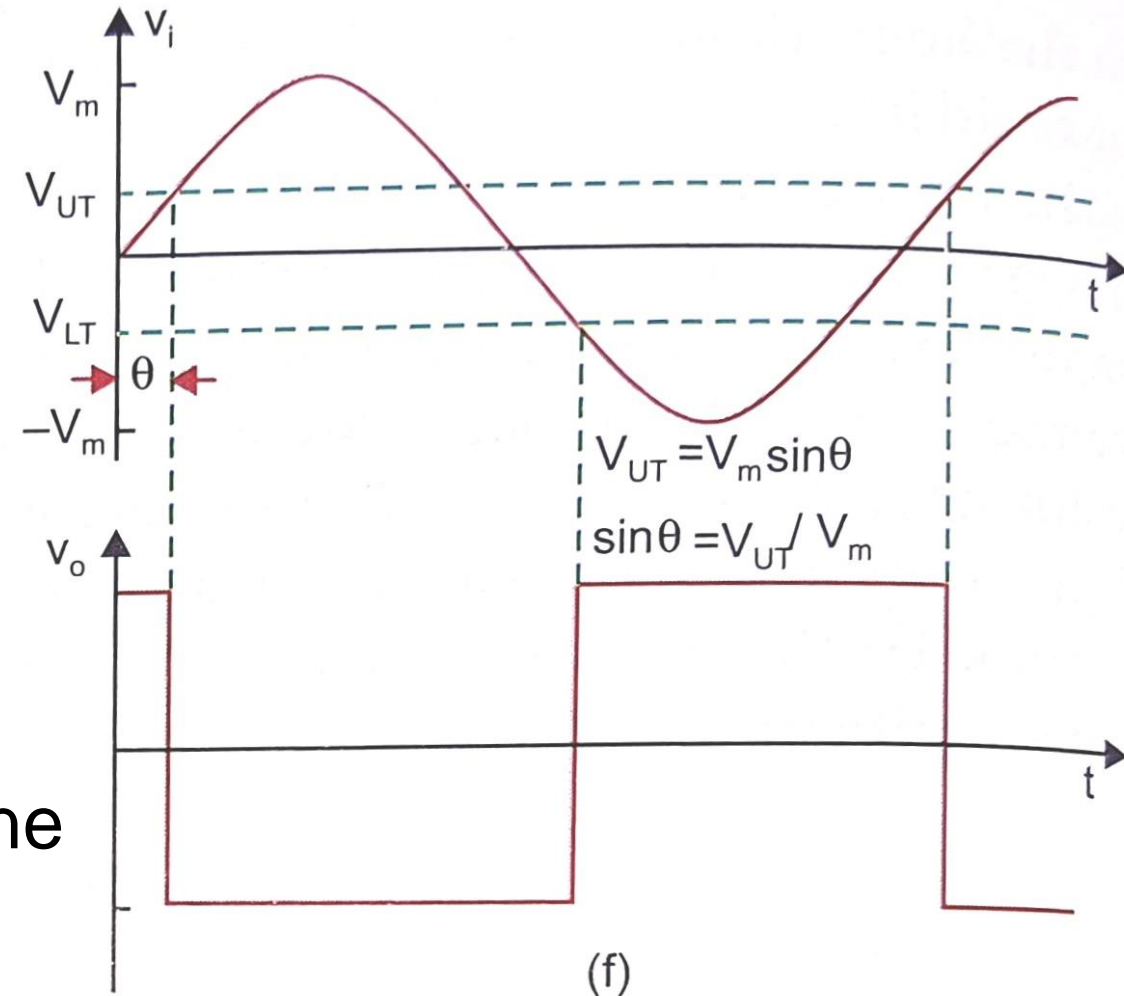
$$V_{UT} = V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$V_{LT} = -V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



In such case, when  $f = 1/T$  for sine wave. Symmetric square wave output is obtained

The zero crossing of sine wave and square wave differ by  $\theta$  phase shift  
 $\sin \theta = V_{UT}/V_m$  where  $V_m$  is peak of sine

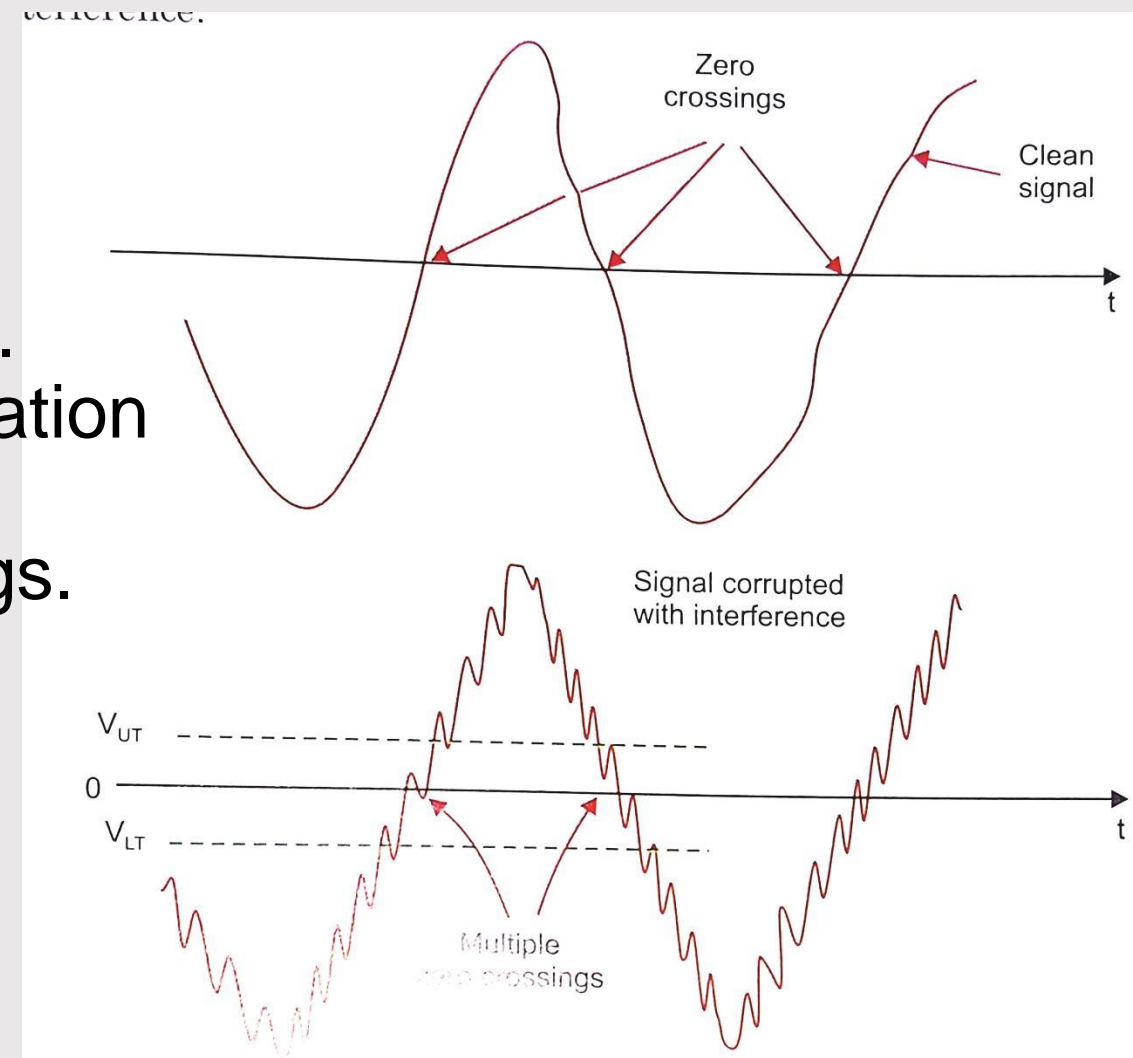




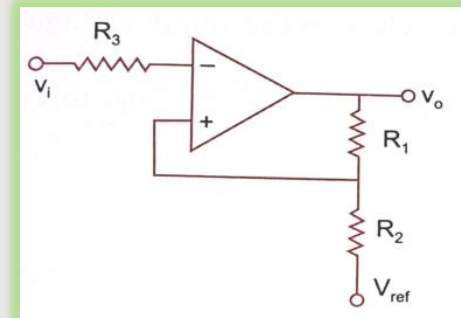
## 4.3 Interesting Application of Schmitt Trigger

- Detection and counting of zero crossings of arbitrary waveform if it is superimposed with interference (of higher frequency)
- Clean signal (three zero crossings)
- For interference superimposed signal. Hysteresis will help in proper identification of zero crossings of intended signal And rejects interference zero crossings.

$$V_{UT} = V_{ref} \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} + V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$
$$V_{LT} = V_{ref} \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} - V_{sat} \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$



# Numerical



In the circuit of Schmitt trigger of fig , $R_2 = 100\Omega$  , $R_1 = 50k\Omega$  , $V_{ref} = 0V$  , $v_i = 1V_{pp}$  sine wave and saturation voltage  $= \pm 14V$ . Determine threshold voltage  $V_{UT}$  and  $V_{LT}$ .

## Solutions

$$V_{UT} = \frac{100}{50k + 100} \times 14 = 28mV$$

$$V_{LT} = \frac{100}{50k + 100} \times -(14) = -28mV$$

# Numerical:2

A schmitt trigger with the upper threshold level  $V_{UT} = 0V$  and hysteresis width  $V_H = 0.2V$  converts a 1KHz sine wave of amplitude  $4 V_{PP}$  in to a square wave. Calculate the time duration of negative and positive portion of the output waveform

*Solution :*

$$V_{UT} = 0$$

$$V_H = V_{UT} - V_{LT} = 0.2V$$

$$V_{LT} = -0.2V$$

The angle  $\theta$  can be calculated as

$$-0.2 = V_m \sin(\pi + \theta) = -V_m \sin \theta = -2 \sin \theta$$

$$\theta = \arcsin 0.1 = 0.1 \text{ radian}$$

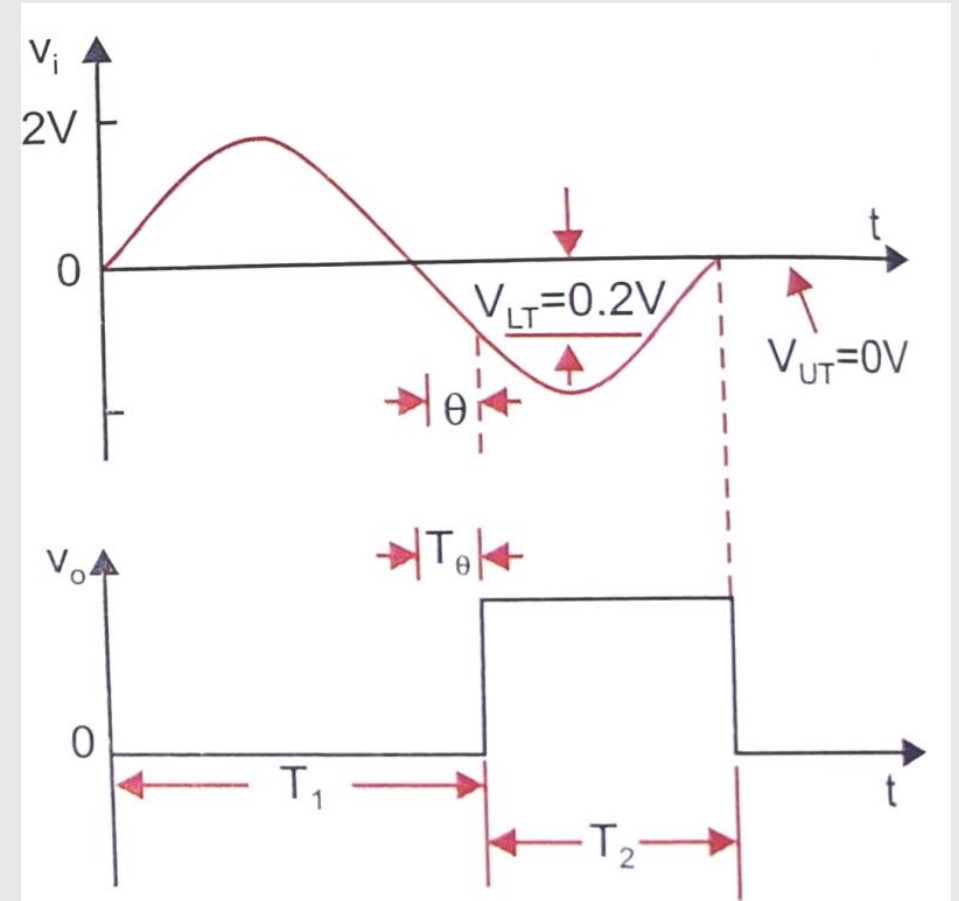
The period  $T = 1/f = 1/1000 = 1\text{ms}$

$$\omega T_\theta = 2\pi(1000)T_\theta = 0.1$$

$$T_\theta = (0.1 / 2\pi) \text{ms} = 0.016 \text{ms}$$

$$T_1 = T / 2 + (0.1 / 2\pi) \text{ms} = 0.516 \text{ms}$$

$$T_2 = T / 2 - (0.1 / 2\pi) \text{ms} = 0.484 \text{ms}$$



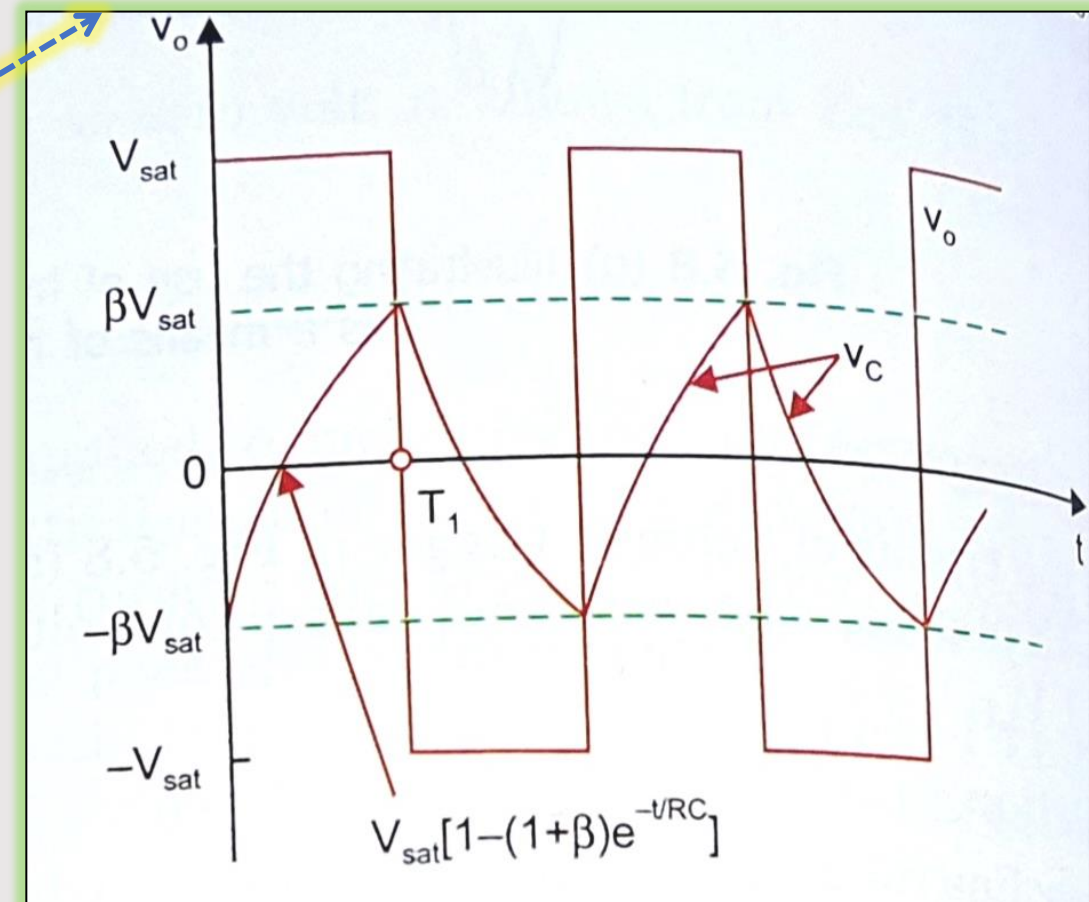
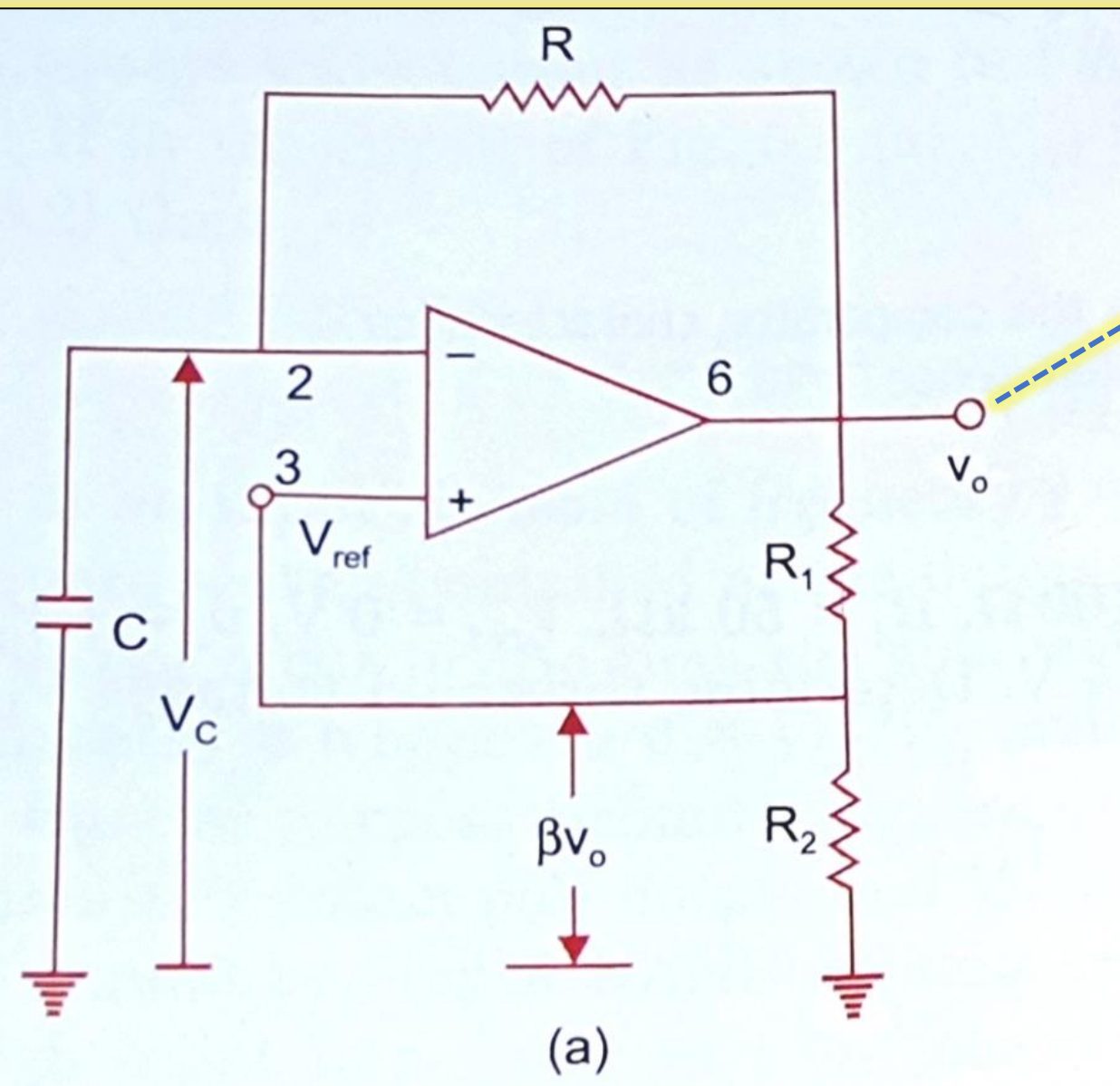
# Astable Multivibrator

Also called **Square wave generator**

**Free running oscillator:** A free-running multi-vibrator that has NO stable states but switches continuously between “HIGH” and a “LOW” states this action produces a train of square wave pulses at a fixed frequency.

Not required any additional input to generate the oscillations

One power supply, no additional input.



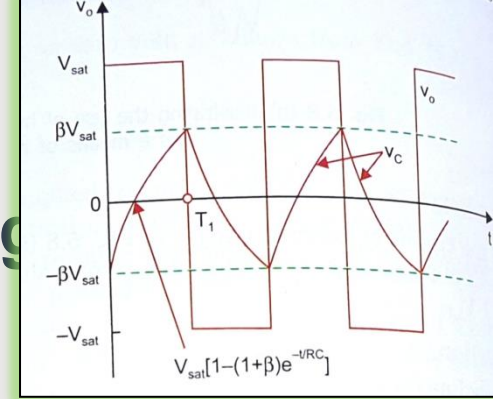
**Principal: Forcing an op-amp to operate in the saturation region**





# How its working

Consider the output is at  $+V_{sat}$ . The capacitor now start charging towards  $+V_{sat}$  through resistance  $R$ .

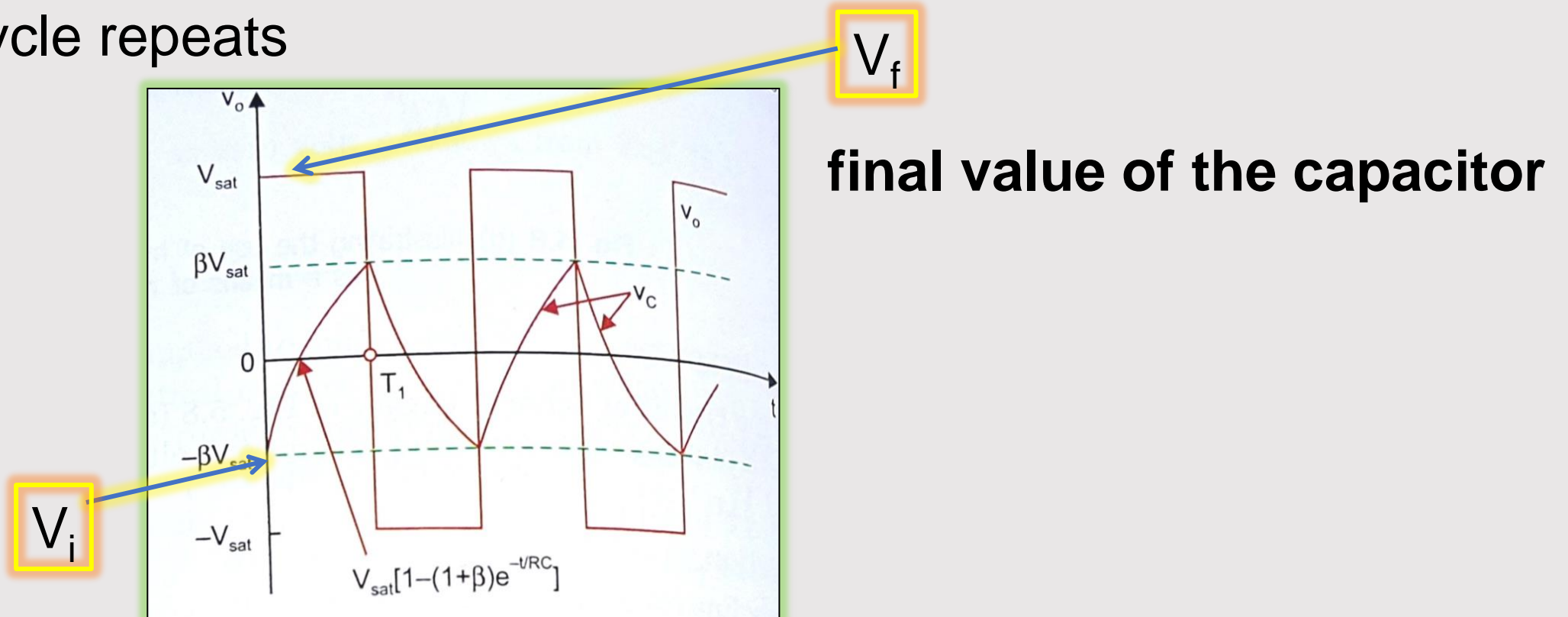


The Voltage at the (+) input terminal is held at  $+\beta V_{sat}$  by  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  combinations

This condition continues as the charge on C rises, until it has just exceeded  $+\beta V_{sat}$  the reference voltage.

The voltage at the (-) input terminal becomes greater than this reference voltage. The output is driven to  $-V_{sat}$ . At the instant the voltage on the capacitor is  $+\beta V_{sat}$ .

- It begins to discharge through R, charges toward  $-V_{\text{sat}}$ . The output .When the output voltage switches to  $-V_{\text{sat}}$ .
- The capacitor charges more and more negatively until its output voltage switches to  $-\beta V_{\text{sat}}$
- The output switches back to  $+V_{\text{sat}}$
- This cycle repeats



Initial value of the capacitor

The voltage across the capacitor as a function of time is given by

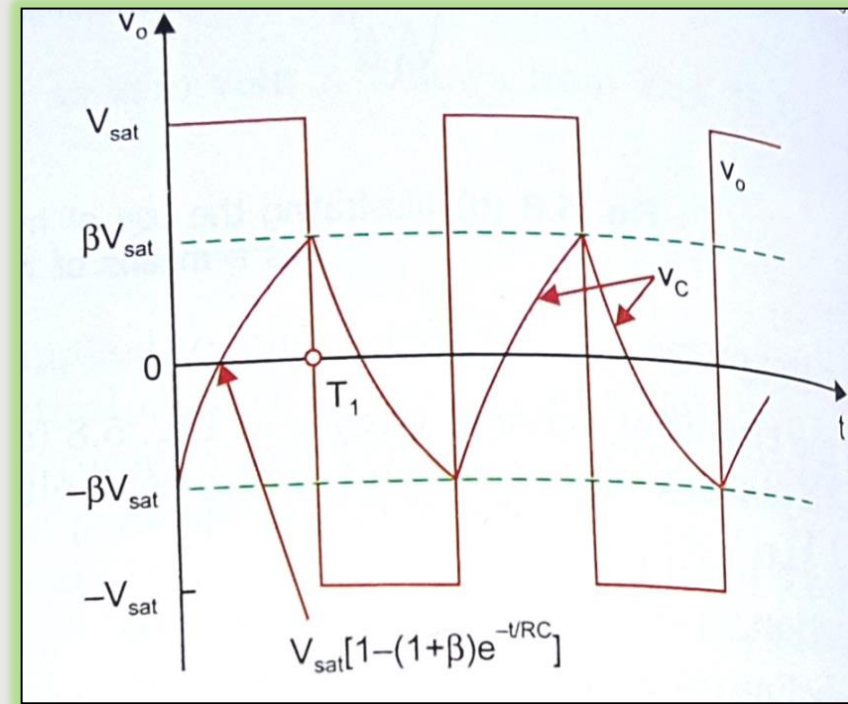
$$v_c(t) = V_f + (V_i - V_f)e^{-t/RC}$$

$$V_i = -\beta V_{sat}$$

$$V_f = +V_{sat}$$

$$v_c(t) = +V_{sat} + (-\beta V_{sat} - V_{sat})e^{-t/RC}$$

$$v_c(t) = +V_{sat} - V_{sat}(1 + \beta)e^{-t/RC}$$



at  $t=T_1$  voltage across the capacitor reaches  $\beta V_{sat}$  and switching take place

$$v_c(t) = \beta V_{sat}$$

$$v_c(T_1) = \beta V_{sat} = +V_{sat}(1 - (1 + \beta)e^{-T_1/RC})$$

$$\beta = (1 - (1 + \beta)e^{-T_1/RC})$$

$$(1 + \beta)e^{-T_1/RC} = 1 - \beta$$

Taking ln on both sides

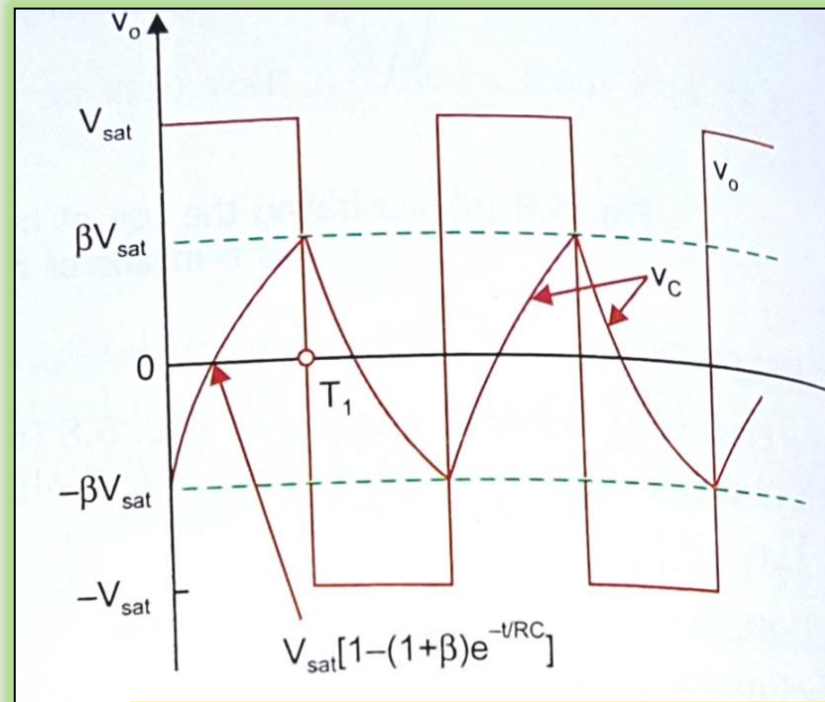
$$(1 + \beta) - T_1 / RC = 1 - \beta$$

$$-T_1 = RC \ln \frac{1 - \beta}{1 + \beta}$$

$$T_1 = RC \ln \frac{1 + \beta}{1 - \beta}$$

Total time period for full cycle

$$T = 2T_1 = 2RC \ln \frac{1 + \beta}{1 - \beta}$$



Output swings from  **$+V_{sat}$**   
to  **$-V_{sat}$**

$$V_{o(p-p)} = 2V_{sat}$$

$$f_o = \frac{1}{2RC}$$

$$\beta = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

If  $R_1 = R_2$

$$\beta = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{R_2}{2R_2} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

$$T = 2T_1 = 2RC \ln \frac{1 + \beta}{1 - \beta} = 2RC \ln \frac{1 + 0.5}{1 - 0.5} = 2RC \ln 3$$

If  $R_1 = 1.16R_2$

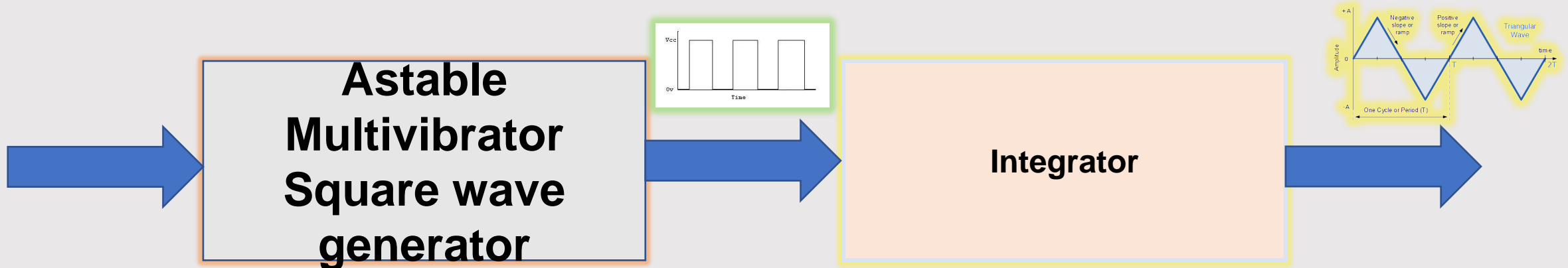
$$T = 2RC$$

# Triangular wave Generator

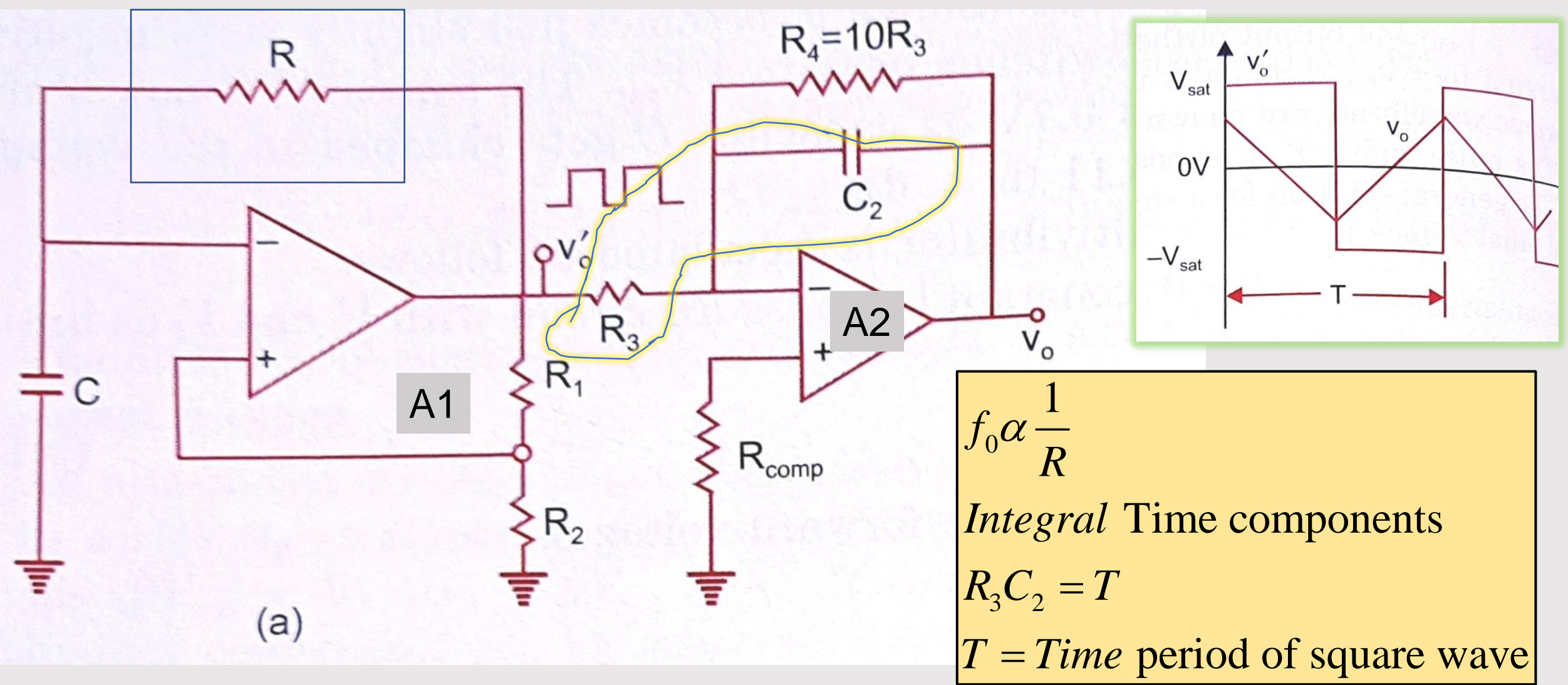
Non sinusoidal wave generator

Combination of Square wave generator + Integrator

Square wave-Integrating –Triangular wave generator



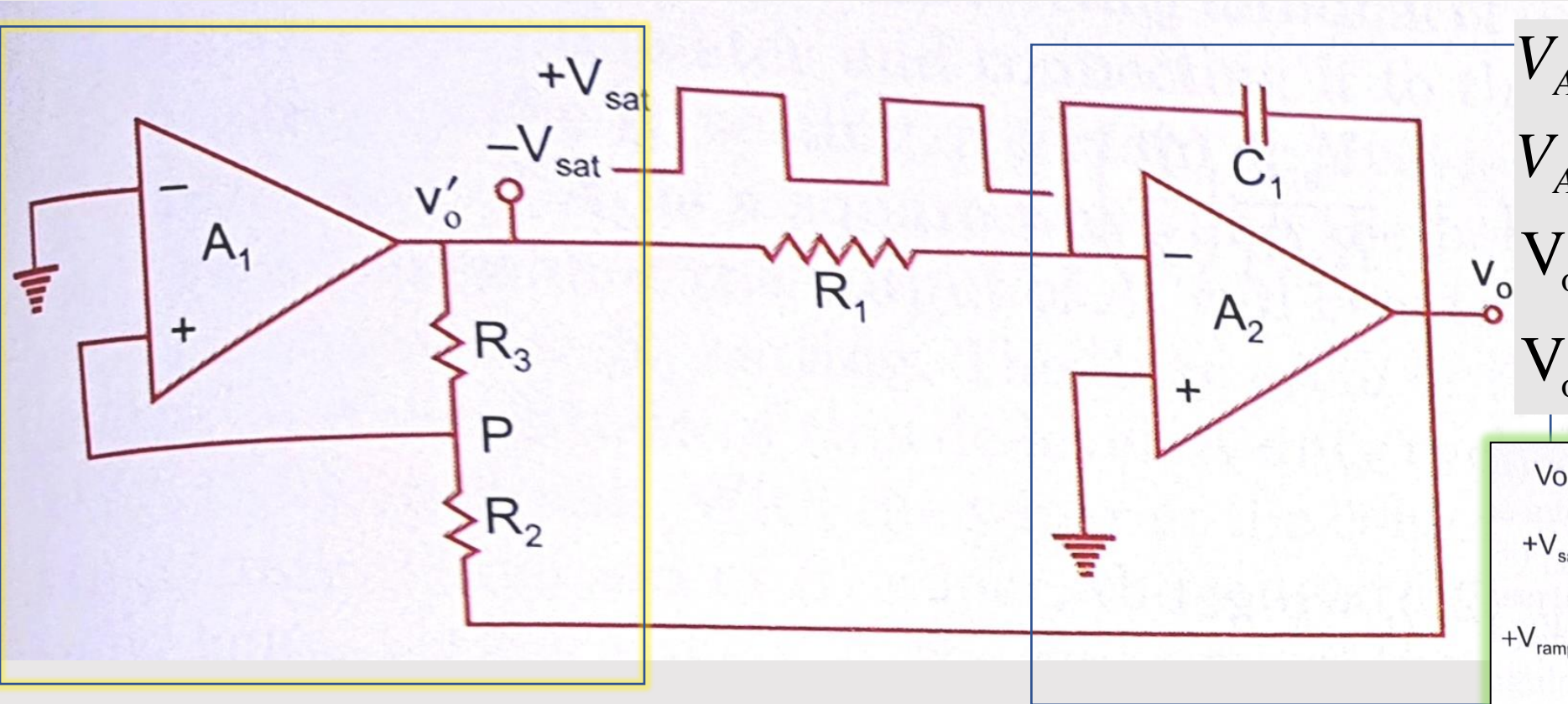




**Frequency of square and Triangular wave is the same**

**Required more no of components ( 2 capacitors, 5 resistors)**

# Triangular wave Generator (Lesser Components)



Comparator or  
Schmitt trigger

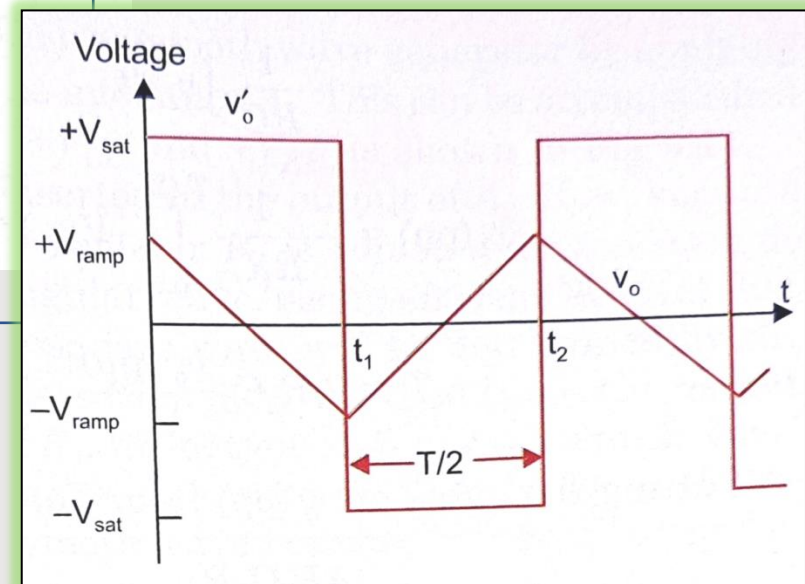
Integrator

$$V_A > V_B \quad V_{o1} = +V_{sat}$$

$$V_A < V_B \quad V_{o1} = -V_{sat}$$

$$V_{o1} = +V_{sat} \quad V_{o2} = -V_{ramp}$$

$$V_{o1} = -V_{sat} \quad V_{o2} = +V_{ramp}$$





**The effective voltage at point P during the time When the output of  $A_1$  is at  $+V_{sat}$  level**

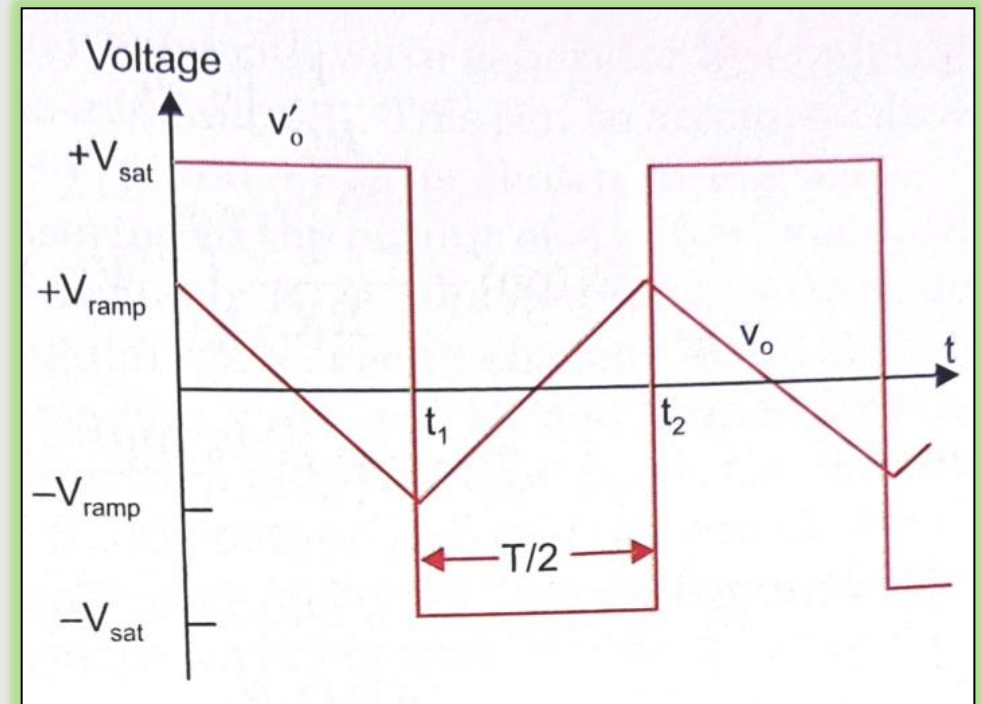
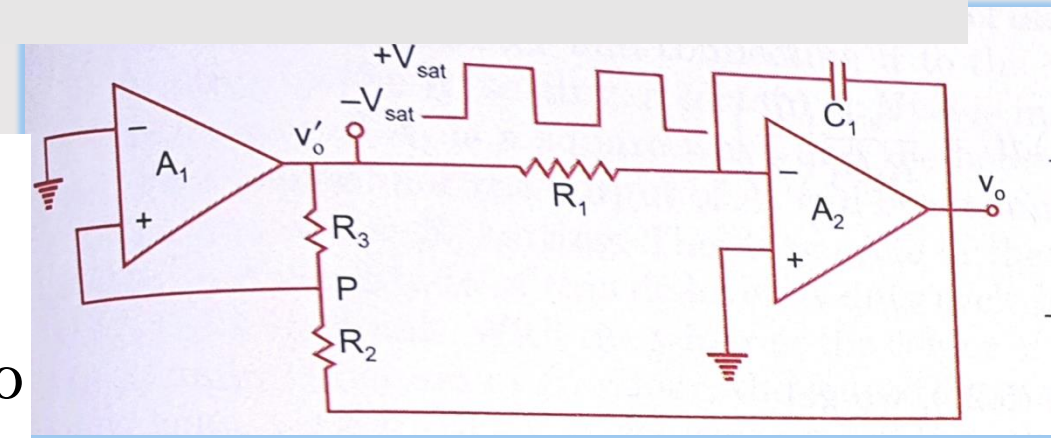
$$V_o = -V_{ramp} + \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_3} [V_{sat} - (-V_{ramp})]$$

At  $t=t_1$ ; The voltage at point P becomes equal to zero

$$= -V_{ramp} + \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_3} V_{sat} + \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_3} V_{ramp} = 0$$

$$= -\frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3} V_{ramp} = -\frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_3} V_{sat}$$

$$-V_{ramp} = -\frac{R_2}{R_3} (+V_{sat})$$



Similarly at  $t=t_2$ , when the output  $A_1$  switch from  $-V_{sat}$  to  $+V_{sat}$

$$-V_{ramp} = -\frac{R_2}{R_3} - V_{sat}$$

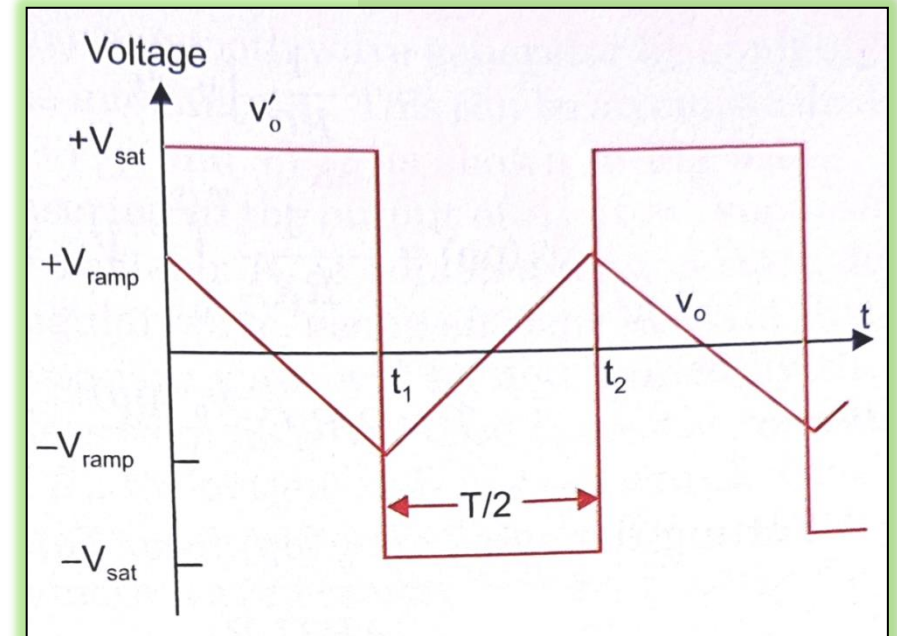
$$V_{ramp} = -\frac{R_2}{R_3} V_{sat}$$

Peak to peak of the triangular wave

$$v_o(pp) = V_{ramp} - (-V_{ramp})$$

$|+V_{sat}| = |-V_{sat}|$  we can write us

$$v_o(pp) = 2\frac{R_2}{R_3} V_{sat}$$



**The output switches from  $-V_{ramp}$  to  $+V_{ramp}$  in half the time period  $T/2$**

**The output switches from  $-V_{\text{ramp}}$  to  $+V_{\text{ramp}}$  in half the time period  $T/2$**

$$v_o = -\frac{1}{RC} \int v_i dt$$

$$v_o = -\frac{1}{R_1 C_1} \int_0^{T/2} (-V_{\text{sat}}) dt = \frac{V_{\text{sat}}}{R_1 C_1} \left( \frac{T}{2} \right)$$

$$T = 2R_1 C_1 \frac{v_o(pp)}{V_{\text{sat}}}$$

$$v_o(pp) = 2 \frac{R_2}{R_3} V_{\text{sat}}$$

$$T = 2R_1 C_1 \frac{v_o(pp)}{V_{\text{sat}}} = \frac{4R_1 C_1 R_2}{R_3} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\text{frequency of Oscillation: } f_0 = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{R_3}{4R_1 C_1 R_2}$$

❏ Problem: Design the triangular wave generator so that  $f_o = 1 \text{ kHz}$  and  $v_o \text{ (pp)} = 6 \text{ V}$  with  $V_{\text{sat}} = \pm 15 \text{ V}$ .

- $v_o \text{ (pp)} = +V_{\text{ramp}} - (-V_{\text{ramp}}) = 2 \frac{R_2}{R_3} V_{\text{sat}}$

$$6 = 2 \frac{R_2}{R_3} 15 \quad \frac{R_2}{R_3} = \frac{6}{30} = \frac{1}{5}$$

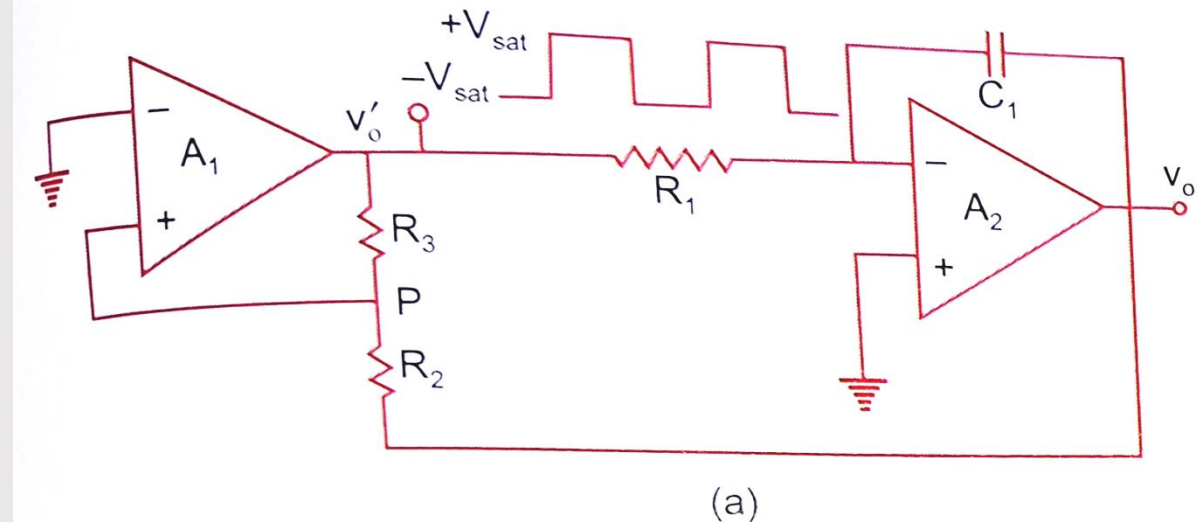
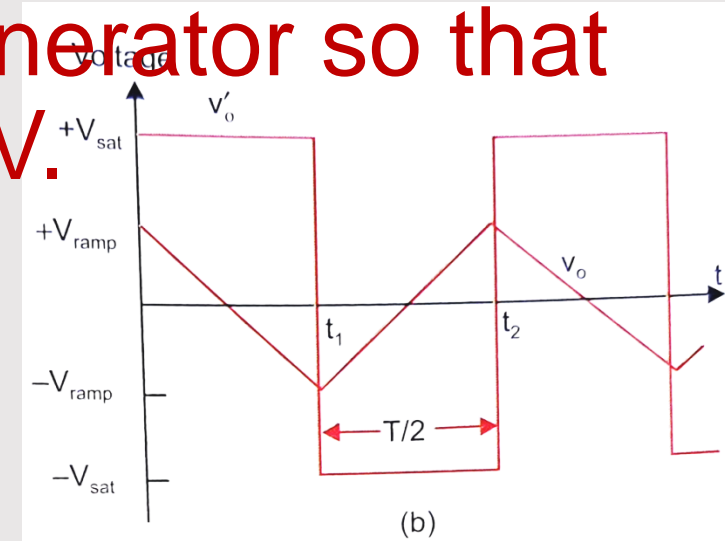
Take  $R_2 = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ ;  $R_3 = 50 \text{ k}\Omega$

- frequency of Oscillation:  $f_o = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{R_3}{4R_1C_1R_2}$

$$1 \text{ k} = \frac{1}{4R_1C_1} \cdot \left( \frac{R_3}{R_2} \right) = \frac{1}{4R_1C_1} \cdot \left( \frac{5}{1} \right)$$

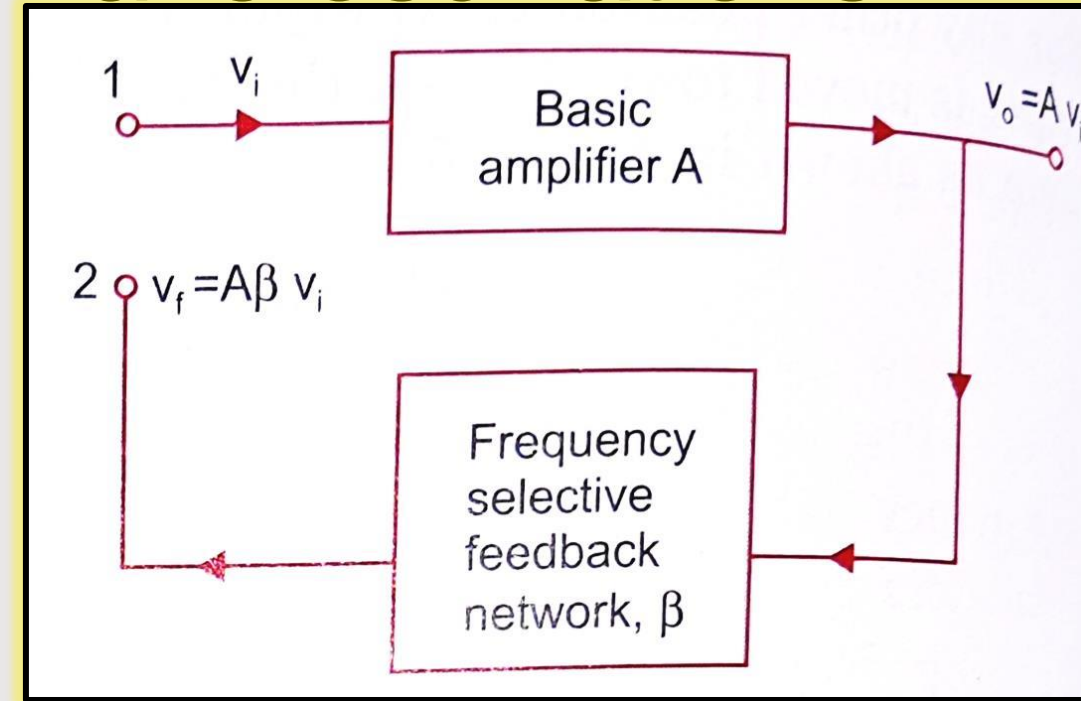
$$\frac{4 \text{ k}}{5} = \frac{1}{R_1C_1} \quad R_1C_1 = 1.25 \times 10^{-3}$$

Take  $R_1 = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ ;  $C_1 = \frac{1.25 \text{ m}}{10 \text{ k}} = 0.125 \mu\text{F}$



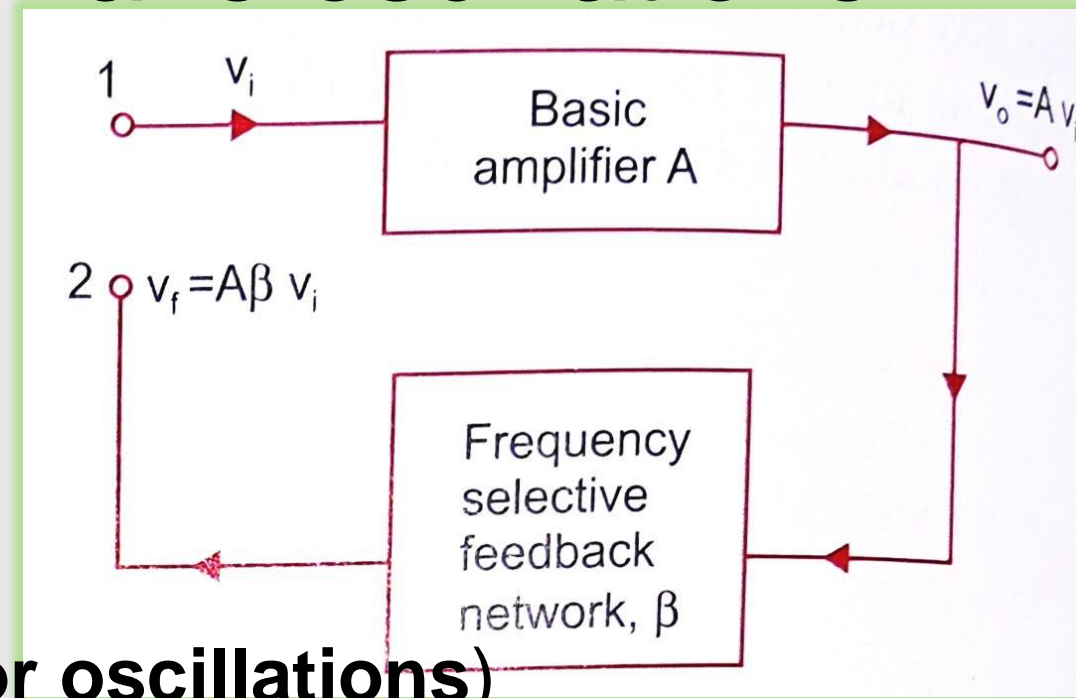
### 3. Basic principle of Sine wave oscillations

- Basic structure of sine wave oscillators based on use of feedback in amplifiers
- Amplifier with gain  $A$
- Frequency selective feedback network (inductor or capacitor components) with transfer ratio  $\beta$
- Note: Loop is incomplete as terminal 2 is not connected to terminal 1
- Oscillators don't need input ac. Just for understanding,  $v_i$  input is given at 1  
Feedback signal at 2:  $v_f = A\beta v_i$
- $A\beta$  is loop-gain of the system and are adjusted such that  $A\beta = 1$



### 3. Basic principle of Sine wave oscillations

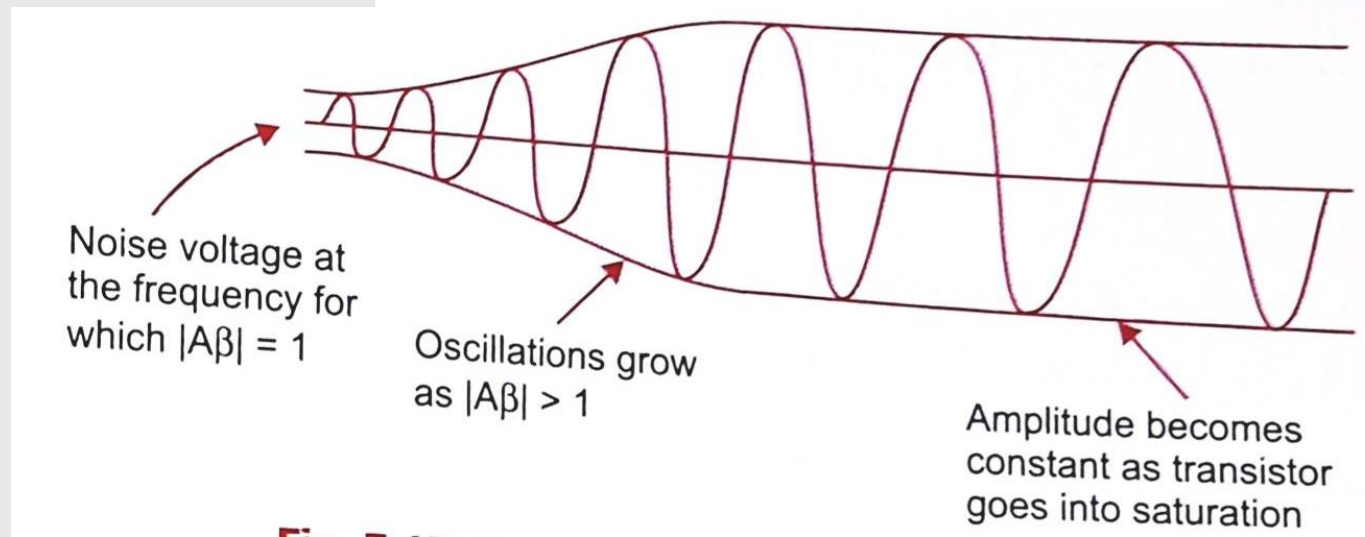
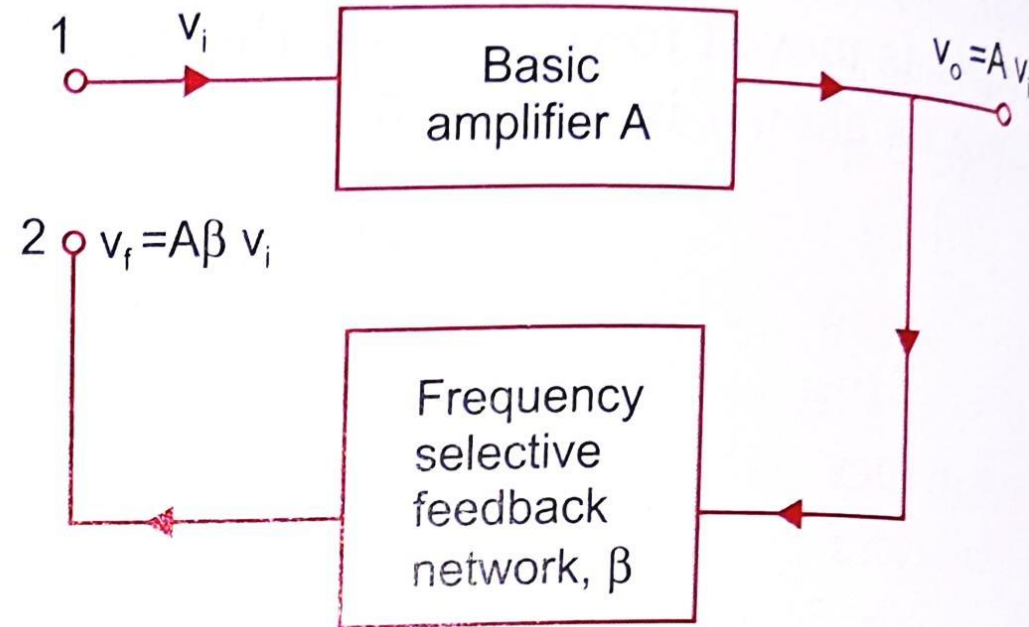
- $v_f = A\beta v_i$  and with  $A\beta = 1$ , when 2 is connected to 1 and  $v_i$  (*external*) is removed, output will be continuously provided.
- Output signal can be obtained continuously without any input signal if the condition of loop gain is satisfied,  $A\beta = 1$  (This is **Barkhausen criterion for oscillations**)
- This condition can be satisfied only at specific frequency  $f_0$  for given component values.  $A(j\omega_0)\beta(j\omega_0) = 1\angle 0^\circ$
- **Magnitude of loop gain :  $|A\beta| = 1$**   
**Phase shift of loop gain:  $\angle A\beta = 0^\circ$  or multiples of  $2\pi$**





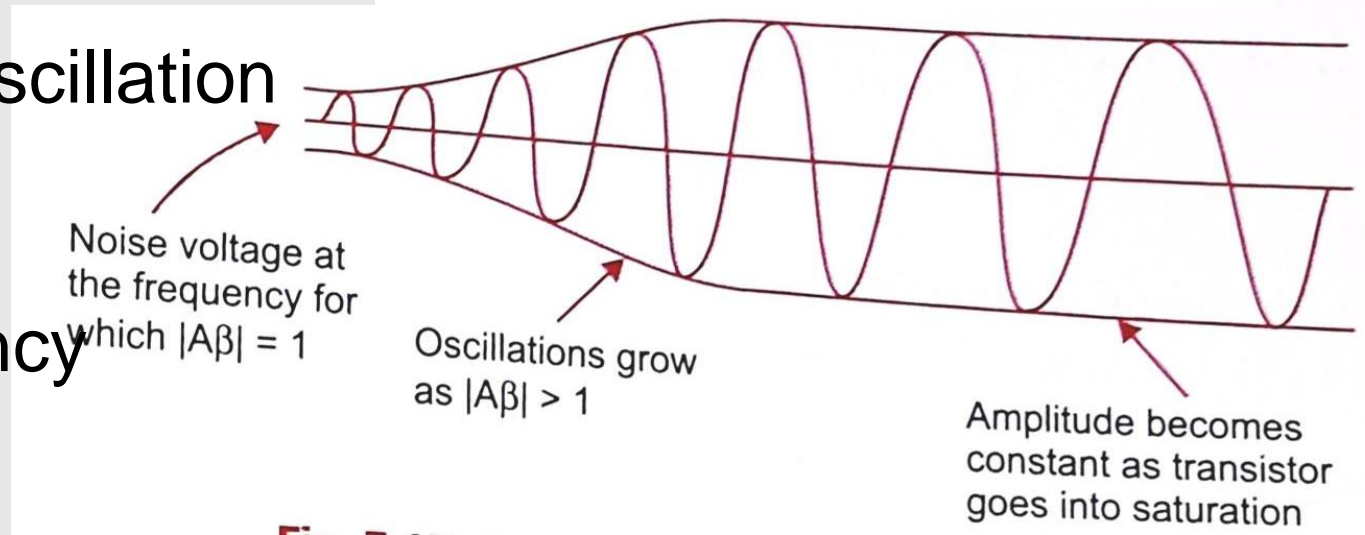
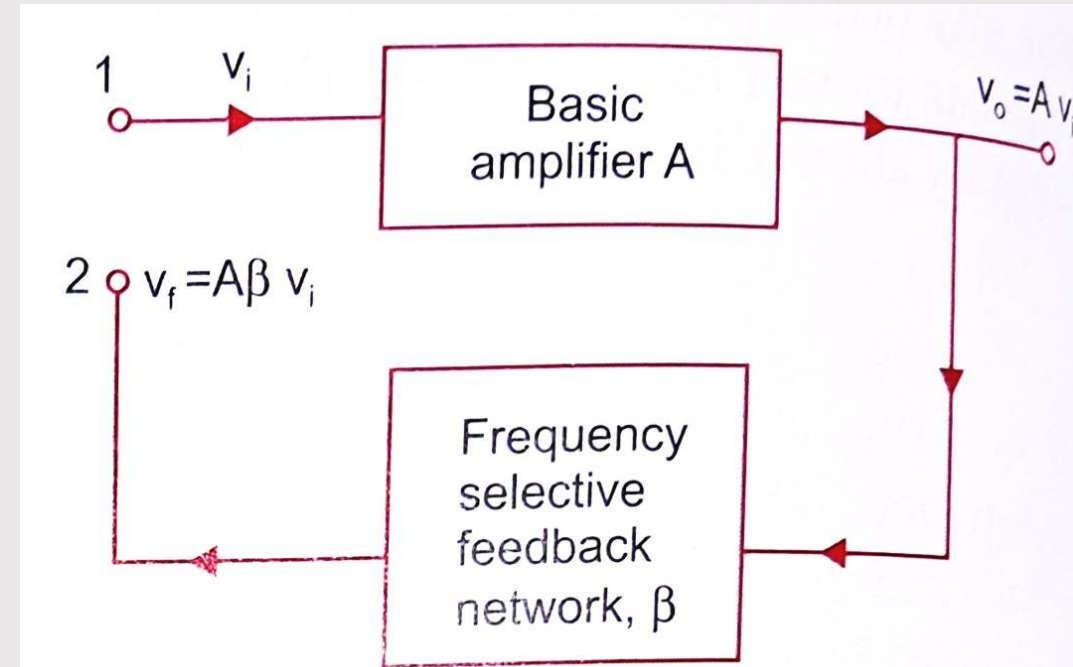
### 3. Basic principle of Sine wave oscillations

- $|A\beta| = 1$        $\angle A\beta = 0^\circ$  or multiples of  $2\pi$
- At different temperatures Loop gain can go below 1, and when loop gain goes below 1, the amplitude drops to zero.
- Hence, Loop gain magnitude is generally maintained above unity  $|A\beta| > 1$



### 3. Basic principle of Sine wave oscillations

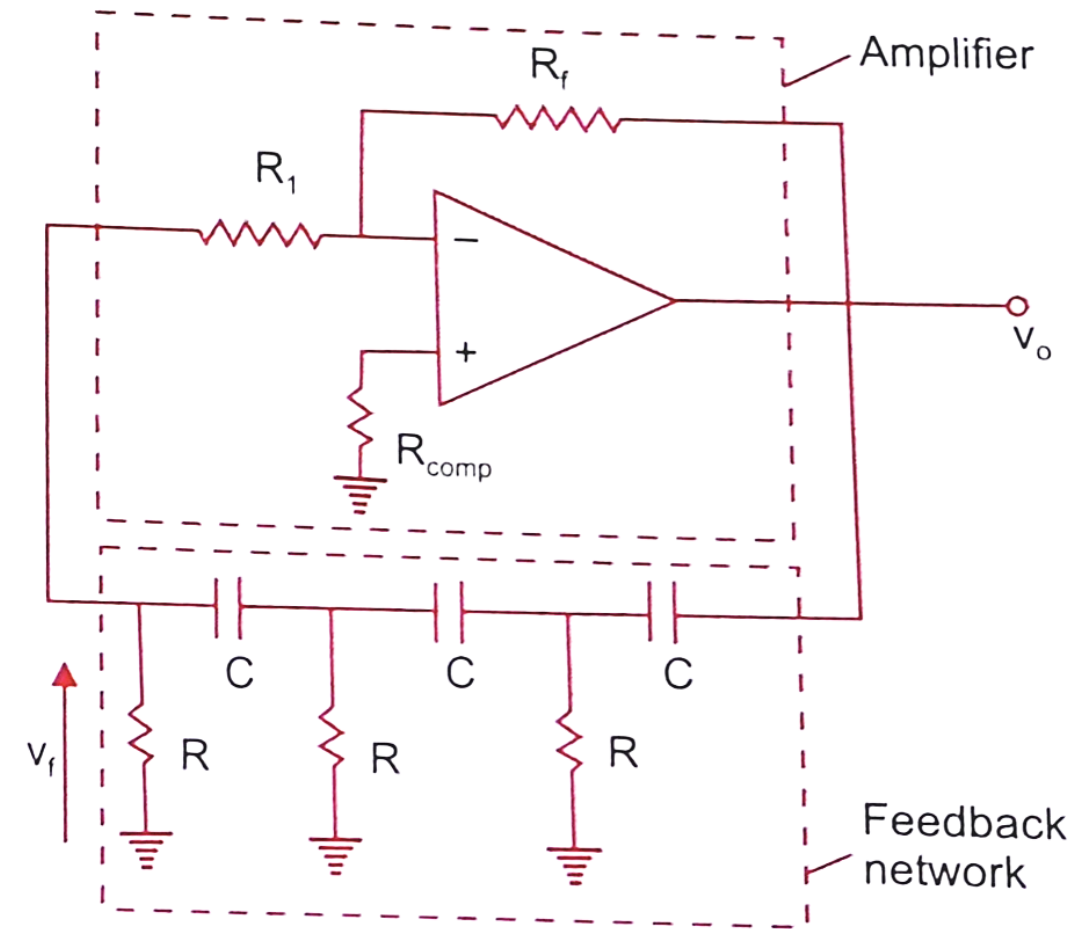
- Practically, no input is given, Noise is always present in transistor (Johnson's noise) or in carrier concentration variation (Schottky noise)
- With  $|A\beta| > 1$   
This would generally increase amplitude until saturation and then amplitude becomes stable.
- Different types of sine-wave oscillation available according to range of frequency.
- RC phase shift for low frequency  
LC for high frequencies





# RC Phase shift oscillator

- Op-amp: Inverting mode – Provides  $180^\circ$  phase shift
- Additional phase of  $180^\circ$  is provided by RC feedback network
- Conventional feedback network: 3 identical RC stages for single frequency
- Non-identical 3RC stages may be used for generating  $180^\circ$  phase shifts for more than one frequency, but can cause undesirable frequencies .



**Fig. 5.18** (a) Phase shift oscillator

# RC Phase shift oscillator

- Feedback factor  $\beta = V_f/V_0$  : KVL in network:

$$I_1 \left( R + \frac{1}{sC} \right) - I_2 R = V_0$$

$$-I_1 R + I_2 \left( 2R + \frac{1}{sC} \right) - I_3 R = 0$$

$$0 - I_2 R + I_3 \left( 2R + \frac{1}{sC} \right) = 0$$

On solving  $I_3 = \frac{V_0 R^2 s^3 C^3}{1 + 5sRC + 6s^2 C^2 R^2 - s^3 C^3 R^3}$  and

$$V_f = I_3 R = \frac{V_0 R^2 s^3 C^3}{1 + 5sRC + 6s^2 C^2 R^2 - s^3 C^3 R^3} = \frac{V_0}{1 + \frac{6}{sRC} + \frac{5}{s^2 R^2 C^2} - \frac{1}{s^3 R^3 C^3}}$$

Replacing  $s = j\omega$ ,  $s^2 = -\omega^2$ ,  $s^3 = -j\omega^2$  and  $\alpha = 1/\omega RC$

$$\beta = \frac{V_f}{V_0} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{6}{sRC} + \frac{5}{s^2 R^2 C^2} - \frac{1}{s^3 R^3 C^3}} = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{6}{j\omega RC} - \frac{5}{(\omega RC)^2} + \frac{6}{j(\omega RC)^3}} = \frac{1}{(1 - 5\alpha^2) + j\alpha(6 - \alpha^2)}$$

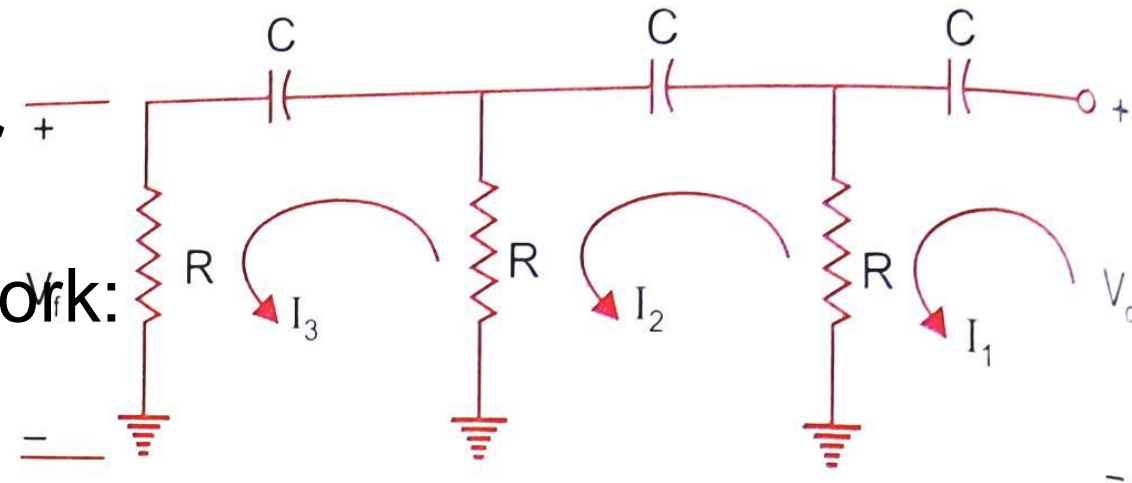


Fig. 5.18 (b)

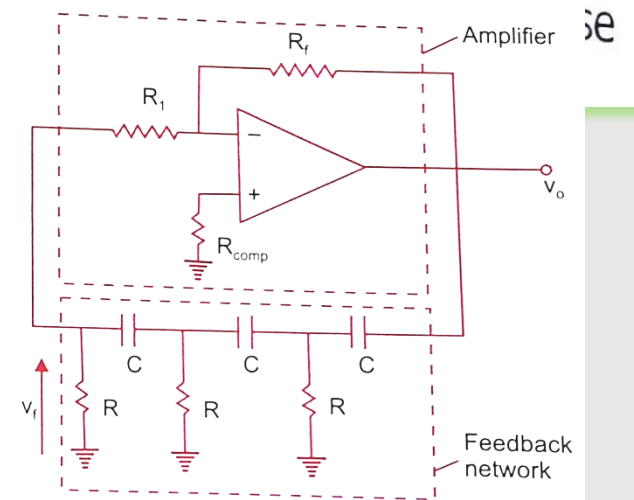


Fig. 5.18 (a) Phase shift oscillator

# RC Phase shift oscillator

- **Feedback factor  $\beta = V_f/V_o$**  : KVL in network:

$$\alpha = 1/\omega RC \quad \beta = \frac{1}{(1-5\alpha^2)+j\alpha(6-\alpha^2)}$$

- For  $A\beta = 1$ ,  $\beta$  should be real, and imaginary term of  $\beta$  should be zero

- $\alpha(6 - \alpha^2) = 0 \quad \alpha = \sqrt{6} \quad \frac{1}{\omega RC} = \sqrt{6} \quad \omega = \frac{1}{RC\sqrt{6}}$
- The frequency of oscillation is therefore  $f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi RC\sqrt{6}}$
- With  $\alpha = \sqrt{6}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{(1-5(6))+j\sqrt{6}(0)} = -\frac{1}{29}$  or  $|\beta| = 1/29$

- **For sustained oscillations:  $|A\beta| \geq 1$  or  $|A| \geq \left|\frac{1}{\beta}\right|$  or  $|A| \geq 29$**

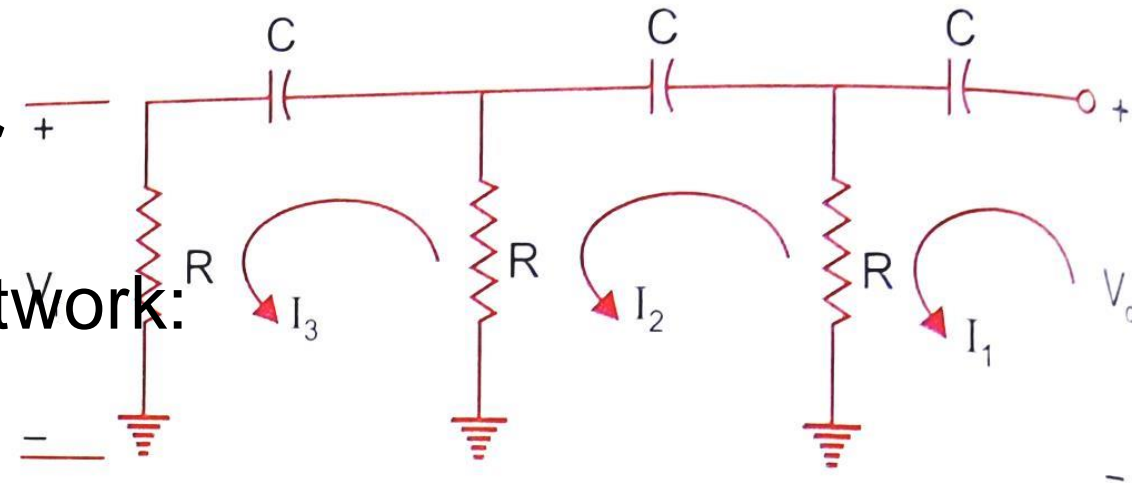


Fig. 5.18 (b) Calculating phase shift

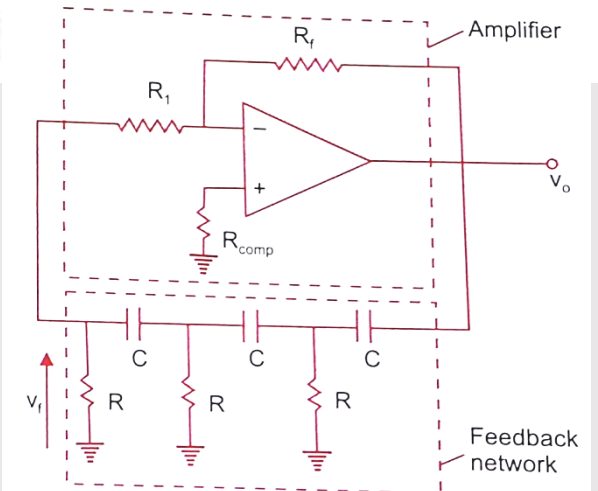
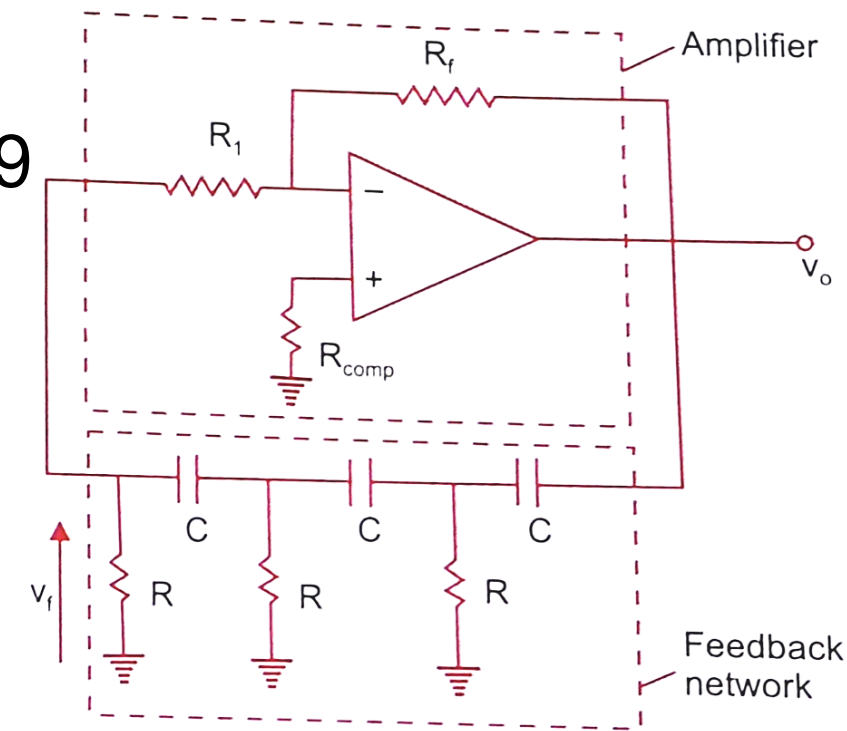
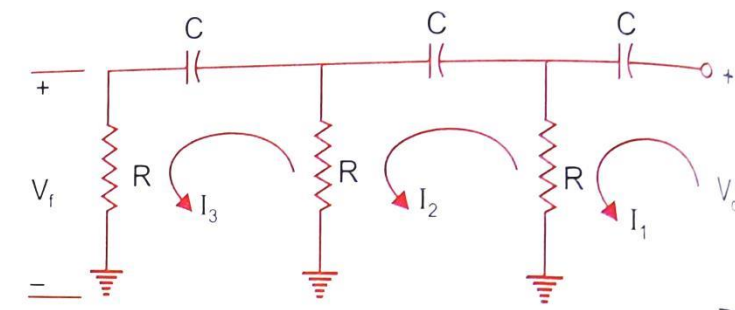


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# RC Phase shift oscillator

- For sustained oscillations:  $|A\beta| \geq 1$   
with  $|\beta| = 1/29$        $|A| \geq 29$        $f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi RC\sqrt{6}}$
- The gain of inverting amplifier should be atleast 29
- $|A| = \left| -\frac{R_f}{R_1} \right| \geq 29$        $R_f \geq 29R_1$
- For low frequencies(<1kHz), Opamp 741 may be used
- For higher frequencies. *LM318*, *LF351*



**Fig. 5.18** (a) Phase shift oscillator

## 2. RC Phase shift oscillator

**Problem: Design a phase shift oscillator to oscillate at 100Hz**

• Let  $C = 0.1\mu F$  , then from  $f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi RC\sqrt{6}}$

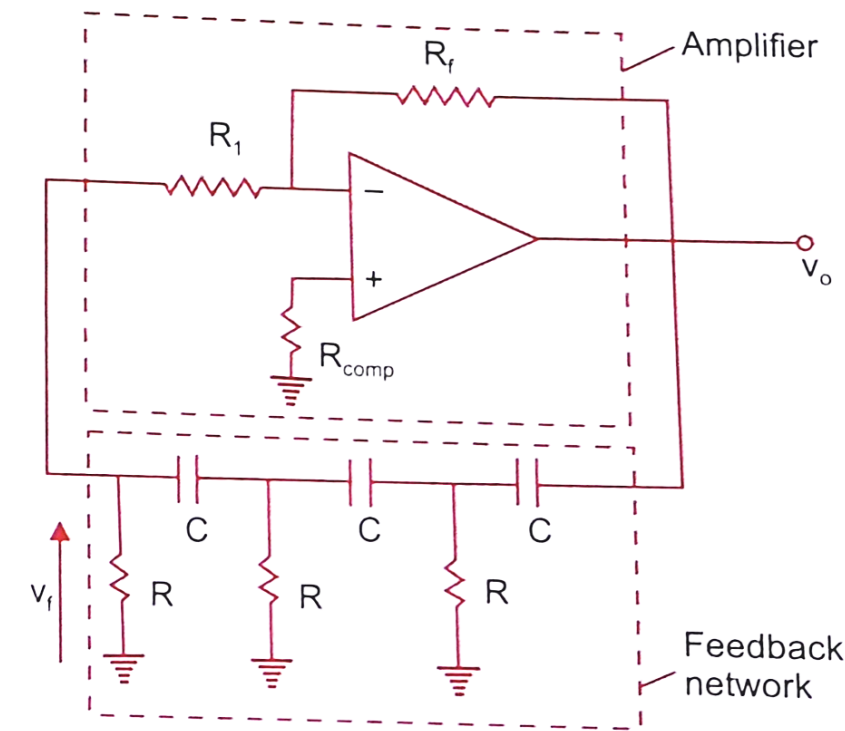
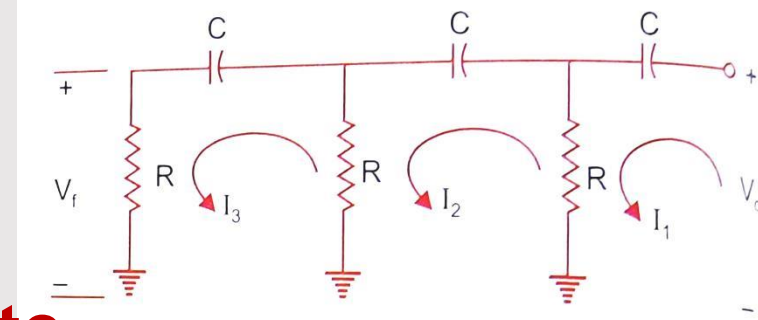
$$R = \frac{1}{2\pi C\sqrt{6} (f_0)} = \frac{1}{2\pi(0.1\mu)\sqrt{6}(100)} = 6.49k\Omega$$

Use  $R = 6.5k\Omega$

To prevent loading of the amplifier by RC network,  
 $R_1 \geq 10R$

Therefore  $R_1 = 10R = 65k\Omega$

We know  $|A| = \left| -\frac{R_f}{R_1} \right| \geq 29$        $R_f \geq 29R_1$        $R_f = 29R_1 = 1885k\Omega$



**Fig. 5.18** (a) Phase shift oscillator

### 3. Wien Bridge oscillator

- Feedback is connected to non-inverting terminal (No phase shift from feedback)
- Zero phase shift is achieved by balancing network – bridge

- Frequency of oscillations:  $f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{R_1 R_2 C_1 C_2}}$        $\beta = \frac{V_f}{V_0} = \frac{R_2 C_1}{R_1 C_1 + R_2 C_2 + R_2 C_1}$

- When  $R_1 = R_2 = R_3$  and  $C_1 = C_2 = C_3$

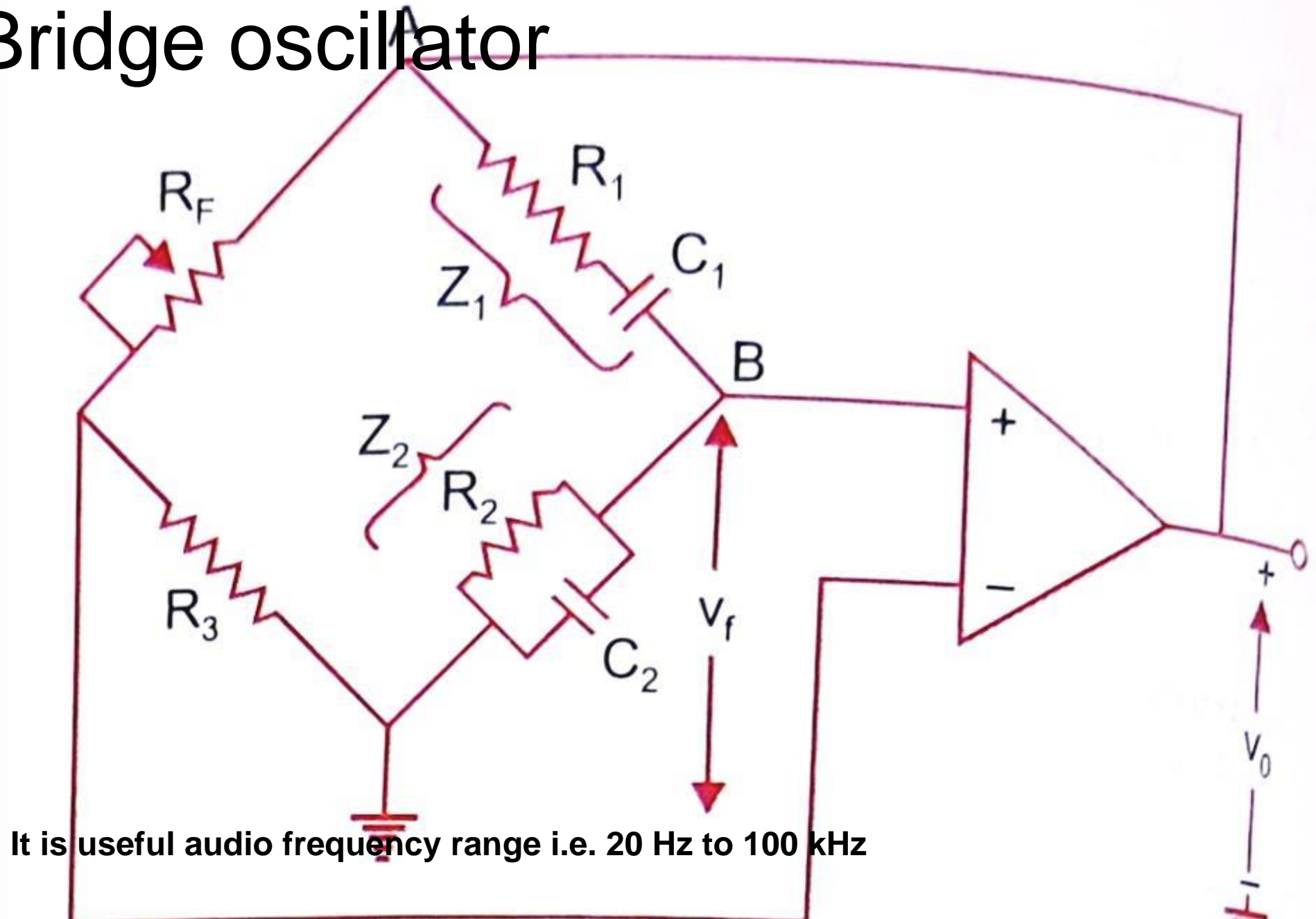
$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi RC} \text{ and } \beta = \frac{1}{3}$$

For sustained oscillations  $|A\beta| \geq 1$        $|A| \geq 3$  and  $1 + \frac{R_F}{R_1} \geq 3$

$$R_F = 2R_1$$

**It is useful audio frequency range i.e. 20 Hz to 100 kHz**

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