



Phase Sensitive Detector using Quadrature Oscillator

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ABSTRACT

A circuit which accepts two sinusoidal waveforms with phase difference θ and provides two dc output voltages in which one dc output voltage is proportional to the quadrature component $\sin\theta$ and the another is proportional to the in phase component $\cos\theta$, by position sampling of the reference quadrature waveforms, is described in this letter.

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Introduction

The phase sensitive detector (PSD) plays an important role in instrumentation system particularly in (i) impedance measurement and (ii) power measurement. There are various types of phase sensitive detectors. The switching or synchronous type and the multiplier or homodyne type are described in [1]. Louis proposed a PSD [2] by using gating type detector that uses a diode half-bridge in conjunction with transformer. Cutkosky and Rober described a PSD [3] which features programmable gain, digital output and this instrument suppresses harmonic sensitivity through the use of analog circuitry which multiplies the signal by constant amplitude sine and cosine waves derived from an external reference of arbitrary voltage and frequency. Watnabe et al developed a PSD [4] which permits the realization of any phase response by means of many like stages in cascade or parallel. Chuanhong et al designed a PSD [5] based on matched filter principles and implemented using digital signal processing technology for electrical impedance tomography.

The phase difference between two sine waves is determined and converted into a voltage V_θ . A constant sine wave of period T with peak value V_S is sampled by a sampling pulse whose position over the time period T is determined by the phase voltage V_θ . The sampled output is the quadrature component and is given by $V_Q = V_S \sin\theta$. A constant cosine wave of same period T with peak value of V_S is sampled by a sampling pulse whose position over the time period T is determined the same phase voltage V_θ . The sampled output is the in-phase component and is given by $V_I = V_S \cos\theta$. This type of PSD is called position sampled PSD and is described in this letter.

Circuit Analysis

The circuit diagram of the proposed PSD is shown in Fig. 1. The reference sine wave $V_1(t)$ and phase shifted sine wave $V_2(t)$ are given the phase detector [6] which consists of RS flip flops using NOR gates. The dc output voltage of this phase detector will be

$$V_\theta = \frac{V_{cc}}{360} \theta \quad (1)$$

Where V_{cc} is the power supply voltage and θ is the phase difference between the input sine waves $V_1(t)$ and $V_2(t)$.

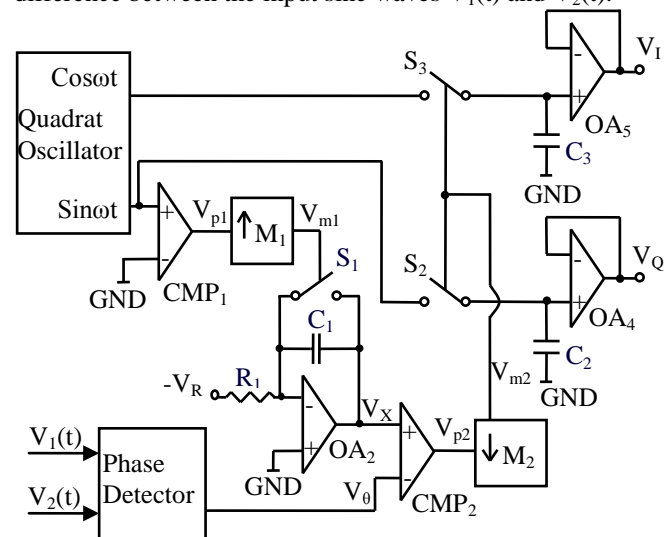


Fig. 1 Circuit diagram of proposed phase sensitive detector

From the equation (1) the phase voltage V_θ for different phase angles are given in Table I.

Table I Phase detector output for different phase angles

Sl.No	Phase difference θ	Phase detector output V_θ
1	90°	$V_{cc}/4$
2	180°	$V_{cc}/2$
3	270°	$3V_{cc}/4$

The quadrature oscillator gives standard reference sine and cosine waves. The sine wave is converted into a square wave V_{P1} by the comparator CMP_1 . A short pulse V_{M1} is obtained during rising edge of this square wave V_{P1} . This short pulse V_{M1} shorts the capacitor C_1 in the integrator OA_2 . A reference voltage $-V_R$ given to the integrator OA_2 and its output will be

$$V_X = \frac{1}{RC} \int V_R dt = \frac{V_R}{RC} t \quad (2)$$

A saw tooth waveforms is generated at the output of integrator OA_2 . The associated waveforms are shown in Fig. 2.

From the waveforms shown and from the equation (2) at $t = T$, $V_X = V_T$ where V_T is the peak value of the saw tooth wave. Let $V_T = V_{CC}$ and it is given by

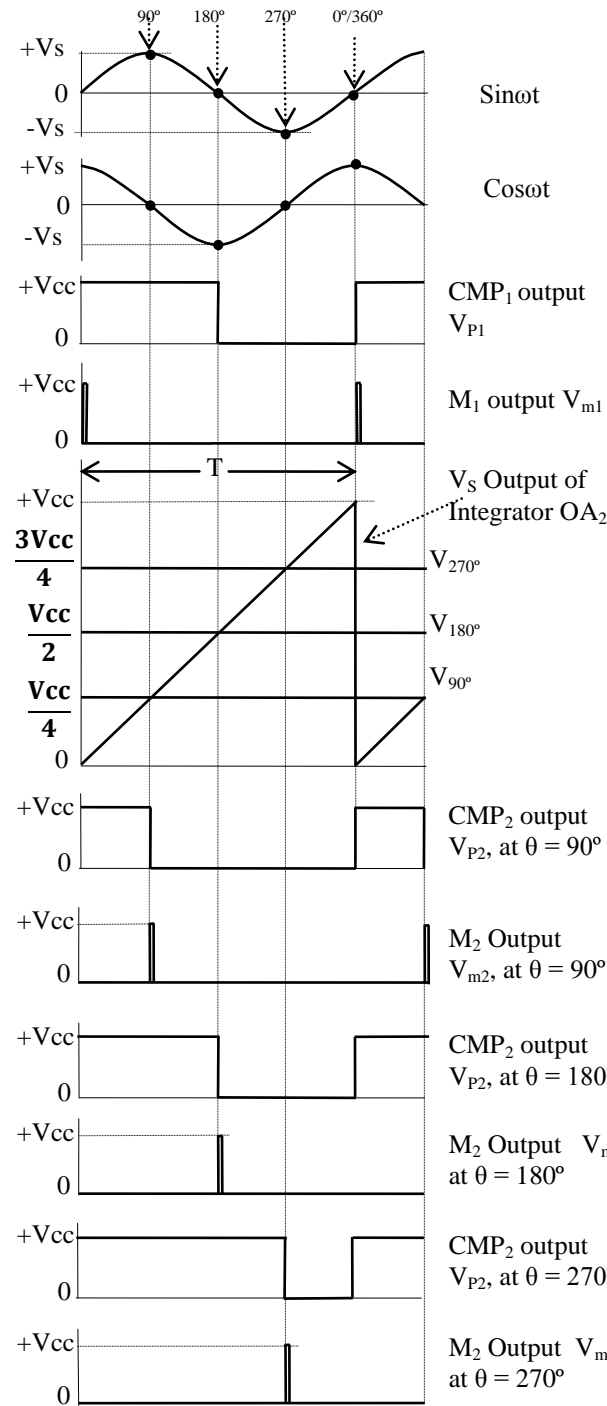


Fig. 2 Associated waveforms of Fig. 1

$$V_T = \frac{V_R}{RC} T = V_{CC} \quad (3)$$

The phase voltage V_θ is compared with this saw tooth waveform by the comparator CMP_2 . A pulse waveform V_{P2} is generated at the output of CMP_2 . A short pulse V_{M2} is generated during falling edge of this pulse train V_{P2} . The short pulse V_{M2} is acting as a sampling pulse to sample and hold circuits realized with op amps (OA_4 and OA_5), Capacitors (C_2 and C_3) and switches (S_2 and S_3). It samples sine wave for quadrature and cosine wave for in-phase components. It is observed from the waveforms of Fig. 2. for different phase angles of 90° , 180° and 270° that the output of OA_4 and OA_5 will be

$$V_Q = V_S \sin \theta \quad (4)$$

$$V_I = V_S \cos \theta \quad (5)$$

The observations are given in table II. V_S is the peak value of the quadrature oscillator output signals.

Table II: Outputs for different phase angles

Sl.No	Phase θ	$V_S \cos \theta$	$V_S \sin \theta$
1	90°	0	V_S
2	180°	$-V_S$	0
3	270°	0	$-V_S$

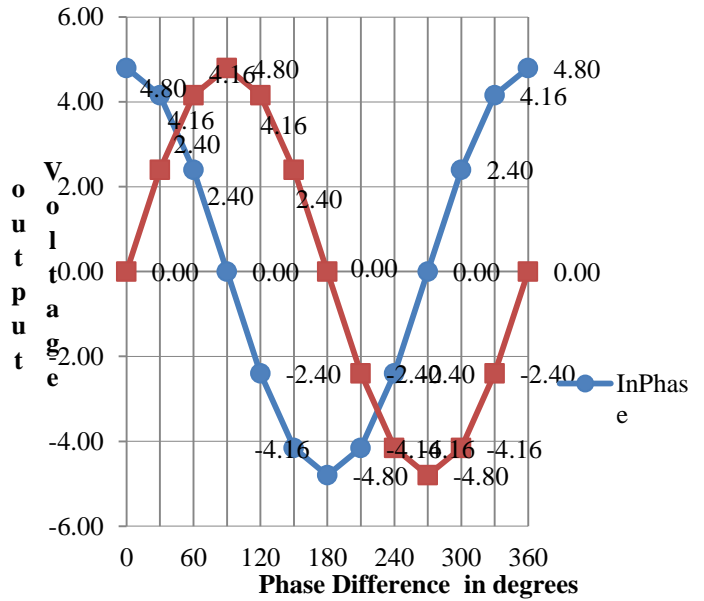


Fig. 3. Test results of the sampling type PSD

Experimental Results And Conclusion

The proposed circuit of Fig. 1 is tested in our laboratory. LM 324 IC is used for all the op amps. CD 4066 IC is used for all the switches. CD 4528 IC is used for the monostable multivibrators. Conventional quadrature oscillator circuit given in [7] is used for the experiment. Reference and phase shifted signals of 5V peak, are obtained from the HP 203A variable phase function generator. The phase difference between the input waveforms are varied from 0° to 360° in steps of 30° and the output voltages are measured and plotted in the graphs of Fig. 3. A new type of phase sensitive detector is described. The proposed PSD can be used for (1) Impedance measurement in polar and rectangular forms and (2) Active and reactive power measurement.

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