

Attempt any three out of following four questions.

- ① Explain working of UJT as a relaxation oscillator.
- ② Explain the principle of chopper (Step-down).
- ③ What do you mean by chopper? Explain type B chopper.
- ④ What are the control strategies for chopper? Explain each.

Q1) UJT as a Relaxation oscillator :-

The UJT is highly efficient switch it is used as a trigger device for SCR, nonsinusoidal oscillator's, saw tooth generators, phase control and timing circuits. Since UJT shows negative resistance characteristics, it is mostly used as a relaxation oscillator. Figure shows UJT as a relaxation oscillator. Initially the voltage across capacitor is zero (i.e.  $V_C = V_E = 0$ ) hence UJT is off. In this condition a small reverse leakage current as a emitter current will be flowing. As shown fig. Capacitor C will begin to charge by  $V_{BB}$  through resistor R.

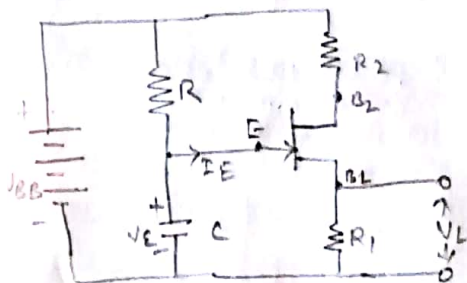


Fig (a)

Circuit diagram of UJT as a relaxation oscillator

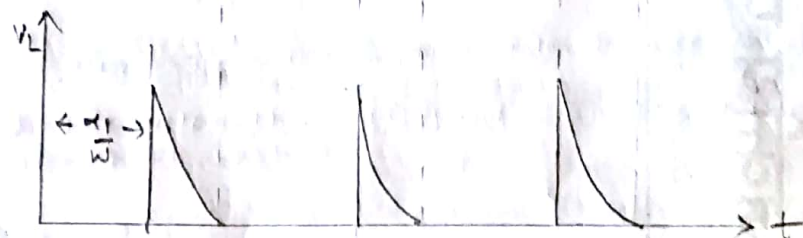
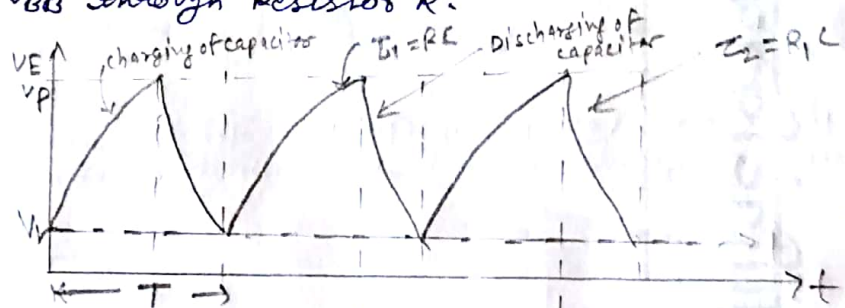


Fig (b) voltage waveforms and triggering pulse

The Capacitor voltage increase with a time constant  $\tau_1 = RC$  and is given by  $V_C = V_E = V_{BB} (1 - e^{-t/RC})$  - ①  
 it will continue to increase until the voltage at the emitter reaches at  $V_P$  whose value is given by  $V_P = \eta V_{BB} + V_D$  - ②  
 Now UJT turns on and capacitor will discharge through the low Resis.  $R_1$ . The time constant of discharging is  $\tau_2 = R_1 C$ . But  $\tau_2 < \tau$  because  $R_1 < R$ , when the emitter voltage is decreased to the valley point voltage  $V_V$ ,

Between two pulses at its a long relaxation time is observed. on this basis, the circuit shown in figure (a) called VJT relaxation oscillator.

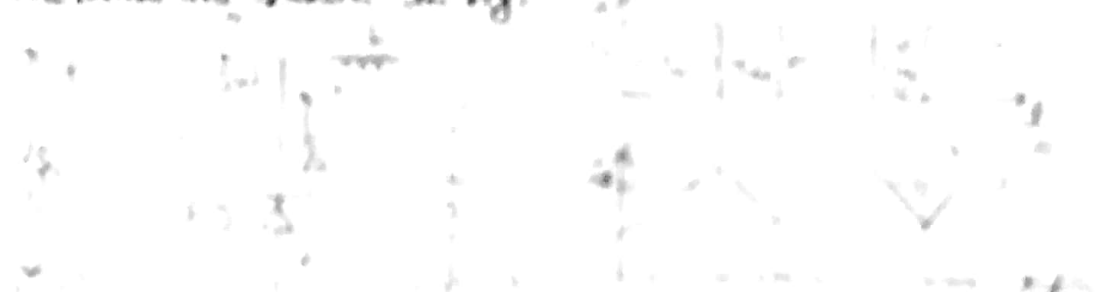
from eq. ①  $V_g = V_{BB}(1 - e^{-t/RC}) = \eta V_{BB} - \text{③}$

Therefore  $\eta = 1 - e^{-t/RC}$

$e^{-t/RC} = (1 - \eta)$   
 $t = RC \ln\left(\frac{1}{1 - \eta}\right) - \text{④}$

where  $t$  - time required for charging the capacitor from  $V_g$  to  $V_p$  through  $R$ .

② Principle of chopper operation :- According to the output voltage, chopper may be divided into two types step up choppers and step down choppers. In this chopper, the output voltage will be less than input voltage. Let  $T_{on}$  is the on period and  $T_{off}$  is the off period of chopper. In  $T_{on}$  period load voltage will be equal to source voltage  $V_s$ . The waveforms are shown in fig.



It is clear from the fig that the avg. load voltage  $V_{av}$  is given by

$$V_{av} = \frac{T_{on}}{T_{on} + T_{off}} \cdot V_s = \alpha \cdot V_s$$

where  $\alpha = \frac{T_{on}}{T}$  - duty cycle

and  $T = T_{on} + T_{off}$  - steady chopping period

from eq.  $V_{av} = \frac{T_{on}}{T} V_s = F \cdot T_{on} \cdot V_s$

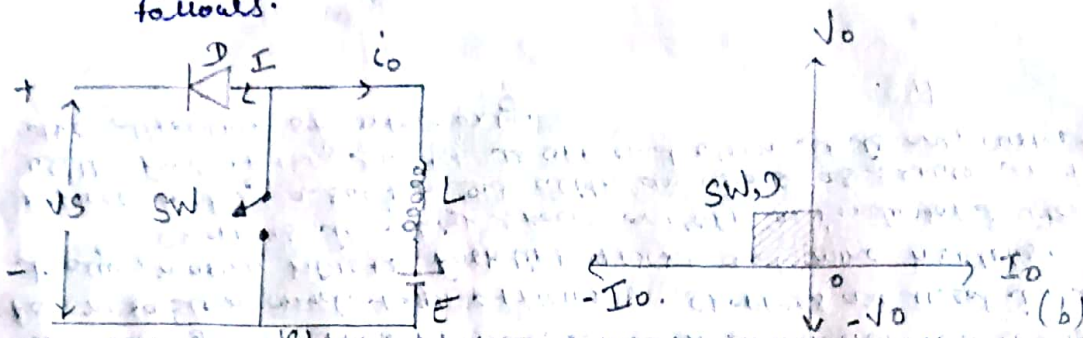
where  $F$  - Chopping Frequency

③ Chopper is a device which converts a fixed dc voltage to a variable dc voltage. Chopper provides smooth acceleration control, fast response, regeneration and high efficiency. Choppers are used in subway cars, trolley, mining hoists, fork lift trucks and mine haulers.

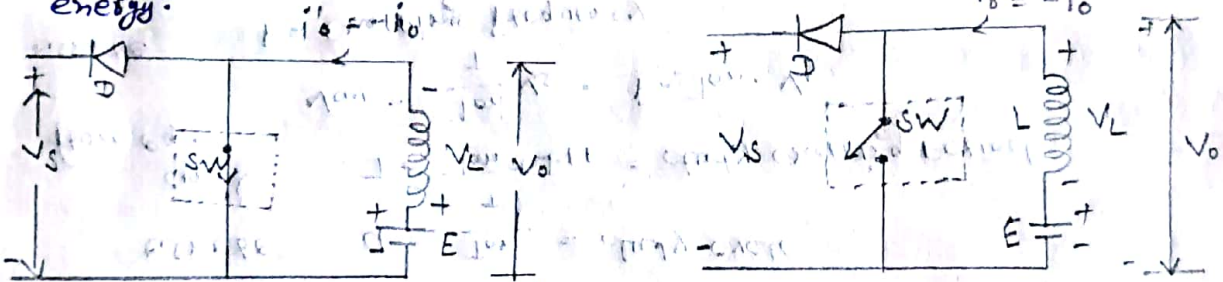
Chopper is a high speed on/off semiconductor switch which is represented by a switch but with an arrow as shown in fig. No current will flow if the switch is off and when it is on, current will flow in the direction of arrow only.



Second Quadrant of B Chopper :- The operation of class B chopper as follows.



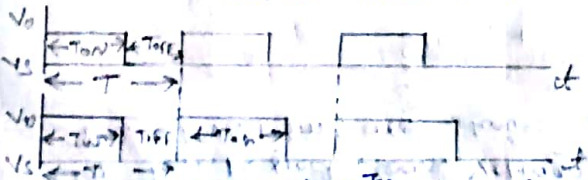
**mode I** :- when SW is ON,  $V_o = 0$  but current will be following through inductance. Load chopper SW due to E as shown fig. In this mode inductance L stores energy.



from this fig. that the voltage Polarity is same as directed but the current is following in reverse direction.  
**mode II** :- when SW is off,  $V_o = (E + L \frac{di_o'}{dt})$  exceeds the  $V_s$  there before diode D. Again the load voltage is positive but current is in negative direction.

**Q1) Control strategies :-**

① **Constant frequency system** :- In this system chopping period T is kept constant but the ON-time  $T_{on}$  is varied. This system is also referred to pulse width (PWM) or (TRC) scheme.



Science we have  $V_o = \frac{T_{on}}{T} V_s$ , by increasing the on-time  $T_{on}$ , output voltage  $V_o$  can be varied between 0 and source voltage  $V_s$ .

② **variable frequency system** :- In this system, the chopping period T will be varying but  $T_{on}$  is kept constant or  $T_{off}$  is kept constant.

