

## Basis of Measurement -

The measurement of a given quantity is essentially an act or the result of comparison between the quantity and predefined standard. Since two quantities are compared the result is expressed in numerical values.

Measurement is the process by which one converted physically parameters to meaningful numbers.

## Methods of measurement -

Two basic methods of measurements.

- 1)- Direct
- 2)- Indirect

- \* Direct method of measurement the unknown quantity is directly compared against a standard.
- \* Measurement by direct method are not always possible feasible and practicable. These methods in most of the cases are inaccurate because they involve human factors. They are less sensitive or accurate. Hence Direct method are not preferred and rarely used.

In engineering applications measurement use indirect method of measurement.

## Types of instruments - Three types of instruments used.

- 1)- Mechanical Instruments
- 2)- Electrical Instruments
- 3)- Electronic Instruments

- \* Mechanical instruments are very reliable for static and stable conditions. But they suffer from a very major disadvantages, which is because they are unable to respond rapidly to measurement of dynamic and transient conditions.
- \* Electrical instruments of indicating the output of detectors are more rapid than mechanical methods. Electrical instruments depends upon the mechanical movement of meter. this cause instrument have limited time response.
- \* Electronic Instruments are scientific and industrial instruments have very fast response. These instrument have higher sensitivity, faster response, greater flexibility and lower weight or less power consumption.

## Classification of measuring instruments

- 1)- Absolute or primary

- 2)- Secondary

\* Absolute or primary instruments give the magnitude of a quantity under measurement in terms of physical constants of instrument. Examples of these instruments are

Tangent Galvanometer and Rayleigh's Current Balance.

\* Secondary instruments are so constructed that the quantity being measured can only be measured by observing the o/p indicated by the instrument. These instruments are calibrated by comparison with an absolute or another secondary instrument.

- Secondary instrument further divided into three categories.
- 1- Indicating Instruments
  - 2- Integrating Instruments
  - 3- Recording Instruments

Characteristics of instruments - Two types.

- (1). Static
- (2) Dynamic.

- \* Accuracy - It is the closeness with which an instrument reading approaches the true value of the quantity being measured.
- \* Precision - It is a measure of the reproducibility of the measurement.
- \* Linearity - It defined in terms of independent linearity in most preferable cases. The computation of independent linearity is done with reference to a straight line showing the relationship b/w output and input.
- \* Resolution - If the input is slowly increased from some arbitrary (non-zero) input value it will again be found that output does not change at all until a certain increment is exceeded. This increment is called resolution or discrimination of instrument.

- \* Sensitivity - It is measurement of change in input response ratio of magnitude of output signal response.

\* Errors in measurement - Any measurement cannot be measured with perfect accuracy. Different types of error occurred during measurement. Three types of errors are generated in a measurement.

1)- Gross Errors

2)- Systematic Errors

3)- Random Errors

\* Gross Errors - mainly overcomes human mistakes in reading instruments and recording and calculating measurement results.

\* Systematic Errors - these errors further divided into three parts . 1)- Instrumental 2)- Environmental 3)- Observational

\* Instrumental Errors arise due to these reasons .

- \* Due to inherent shortcomings in the instrument
- \* Due to misuse of the instrument
- \* Due to loading effect of instrument.

\* Environmental Error - Effects of temperature, pressure, humidity, dust and vibration or of external magnetic or electrostatic fields.

\* Observational Error - There are many sources of observational errors. Parallax is main part of such error.

\* Loading Effect - The ideal situation in a measurement system is that when an element used for any purpose may be for signal sensing, conditioning, transmission or detection is introduced into the system the original signal should remain un-distorted. This means that the original signal should not be distorted in any form by the introduction of any element in the measurement system.

## Topic - CRO

- \* Introduction.
- \* CRT (const & working) w/ uses of popular television tubes.
- \* Block diagram of CRO
- \* Different types.

### \* Introduction -

- \* CRO stands for Cathode Ray Oscilloscope.
- \* Very useful and versatile laboratory instrument.
- \* Used for display of signals, measurement of waveforms.
- \* Also known as X-Y plotter.
- \* Available in different frequency ranges from 0 Hz to several GHz.

### \* CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) -

- \* CRT stands for Cathode ray tube.
- \* CRT is the heart of a CRO.
- \* Three main parts of CRT are

① Electron Gun Assembly    ② Deflection plate Assembly

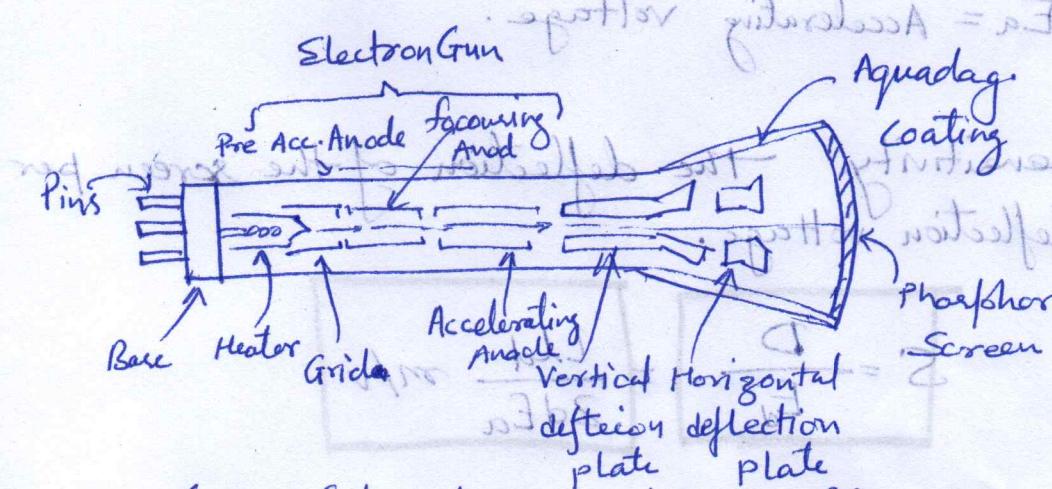


Fig. - Internal construction of CRT.

- ③ Fluorescent screen    ④ Glass envelop.    ⑤ Base.

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = \frac{V_0}{L}$$

$$\frac{dV}{dz} = \frac{V_0}{L}$$

- \* Electron gun assembly produce a sharply focused beam of electrons
- \* This focused beam of electrons strikes the fluorescent screen with sufficient energy to cause a luminous spot on the screen.
- \* Deflection plate controls the electron beam.
- \* The working parts of a CRT are enclosed in an evacuated glass envelope (cathode, anode, deflecting plates).
- \* Electron Gun is the source of focused and accelerated electrons.
- \* Current & voltage required for heater is 600 mA at 6.3 V.
- \* for High efficiency 300 mA at 6.3 V.

\* Deflection  $D$  is calculated as

$$D = \frac{L l_d E_d}{2 d E_a}$$

Where  $L$  = dist b/w screen and the center of the deflecting plate

$l_d$  = length of the deflecting plates.

$E_d$  = potential b/w deflecting plates in V.

$d$  = distance b/w deflecting plates, in m.

$E_a$  = Accelerating voltage.

\* Deflection Sensitivity. - the deflection of the screen per unit deflection voltage.

$$S = \frac{D}{E_d}$$

$$\frac{l_d}{2 d E_a} \text{ m/V}$$

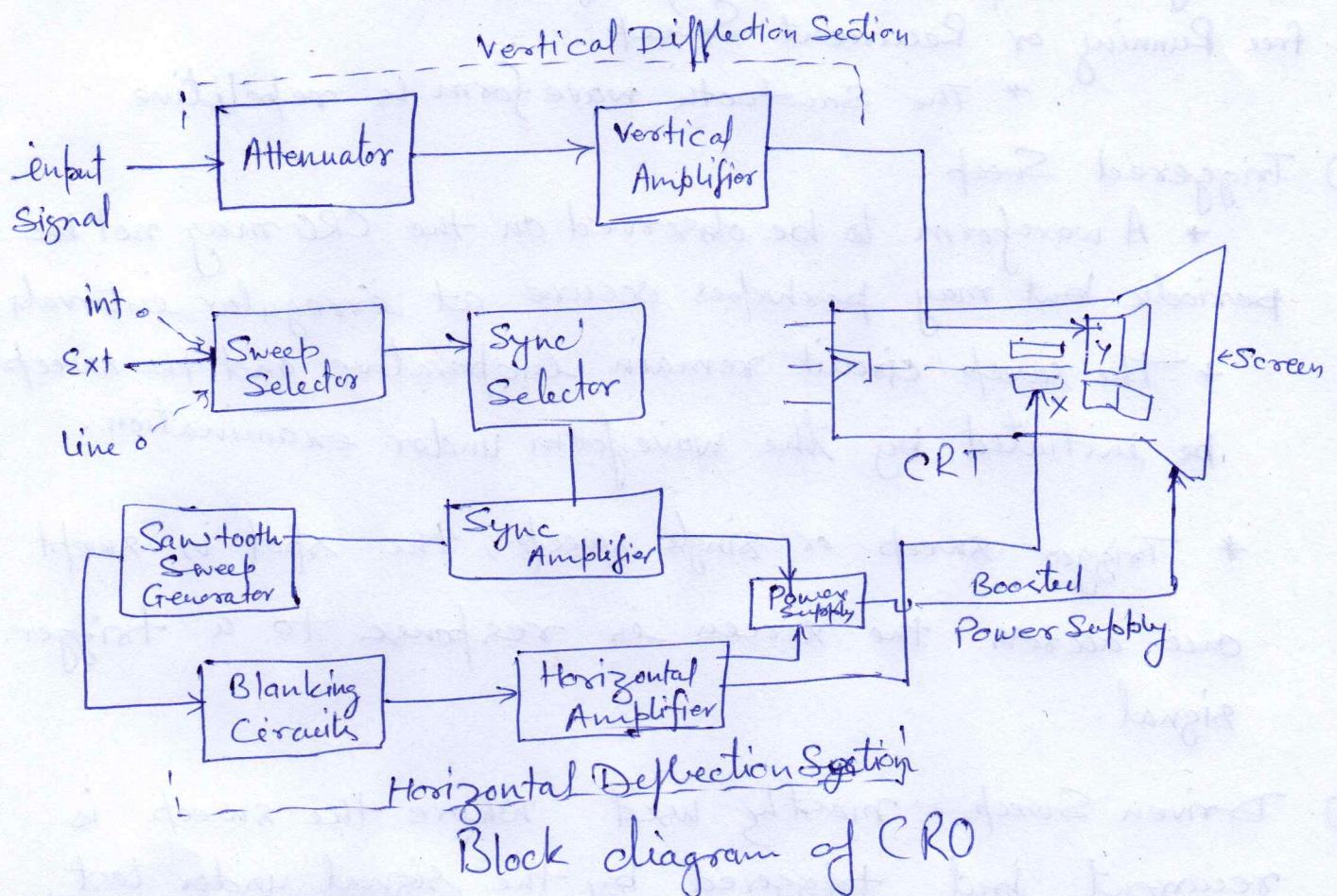
\* Deflection factor

reciprocal of sensitivity.

$$G = \frac{1}{S}$$

$$\frac{2 d E_a}{L l_d} \text{ V/m}$$

# CRO - (Block Diagram)



## \* Vertical Amplifier -

\* The signals to be examined are usually applied to the vertical or  $y$  deflection plates through attenuator and no. of amplifier stages.

\* Vertical amplifier is required because the signals are not strong enough to produce measurable deflection on the CRT screen.

## \* Horizontal Deflection Section -

\* These signals are fed by sweep voltage that provides a time base.

\* The horizontal plates are supplied through an amplifier, but they can be fed directly when voltages are of sufficient magnitude.

\* Types of Sweeps - Four basic types of sweeps.

(1). free Running or Recurrent Sweep.

+ The Sawtooth wave form is repetitive

(2) Triggered Sweep.

+ A waveform to be observed on the CRO may not be periodic but may perhaps occur at irregular intervals.

+ The sweep circuit remains inoperative and the sweep be initiated by the waveform under examination.

\* Trigger Sweep or Single Sweep, the spot is swept once across the screen in response to a trigger signal.

(3). Driven Sweep mostly used where the sweep is recurrent but triggered by the signal under test.

(4) Non Saw Tooth Sweep. used for comparison of two frequencies for finding phase shift b/w two voltages.

\* Synchronization - used for stationary pattern. This required that the time base be operated at a submultiple frequency of the signal under measurement.

\* Three methods used for synchronization internal, external and line methods.

## CRO Specifications -

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\* Specifications of CRO are  $10 \text{ V} : 2 \text{ A}$

\* Screen type - In lab different types of screen used. It is classification of phosphor. It represents florence \* phosphorescence and persistence. P43 is generally used in lab.

\* Total Accelerating voltage -  $20 \text{ kV}$  used in accelerating & focusing anode voltage.

\* Vertical Amplifier -

Bandwidth -

DC = 0 - 10 Hz

AC = 10 - 20 MHz

No spec

At these frequency ranges CRO provides satisfactory results.

\* Vertical Deflection - 2 m/div to 10 V/div in 12 calibrated steps (1 div = 1 cm)

\* Accuracy -  $\pm 5\%$ .

\* Input Impedance -  $1 M\Omega$

\* Main Rated input voltage - 400 V (dc + ac peak)

\* Time base (Time Coefficients) - 0.25/div to 0.5  $\mu\text{s}/\text{div}$  in 9 calibrated steps.

\* Trigger Source Int, Ext, Line, TV

\* Sensitivity Int: 0.75 div ] trigger freq " 100 kHz  
Ext: 0.75 div

1.0 div ] trigger frequency at 20 MHz.  
10 V

\* External X-deflection - DC : DC to 1 MHz  
 AC : 10 Hz to 1 MHz

\* Power Supply [Normal operating voltage range] 220 V  $\pm$  10%  
 Internal  
 Following is 220 V. Considering this supply capacity  
 240 V  $\pm$  10% ]  
 due to heat

Normal frequency range 50 V  $\pm$  5%

8 positions and we have 10 V  $\pm$  5% - after power switch \*  
 after power consumption

30 V A.

\* Length, weight and size.

510 - 2 = 24 - After switch

These all specifications are 20 MHz Philips CRO.

Model DM 3213. after power switch + A after

Different CRO Have different features.

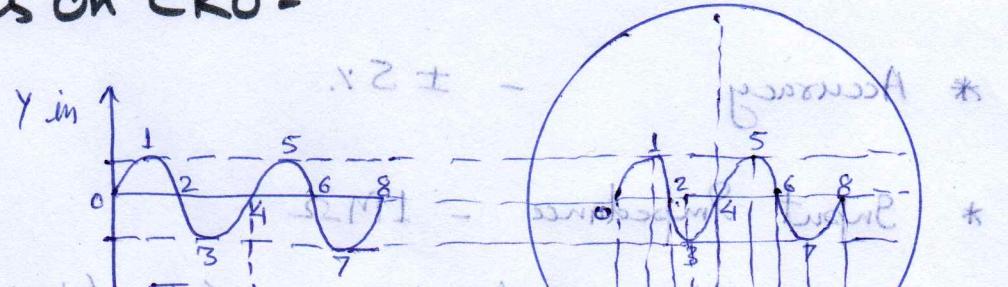
(molt = vib)

## \* Observing Waves On CRO -

\* Input Signal

is applied at  $X_0 + S_0$

Vertical plate Y-channel.



\* Sweep tooth generator signal

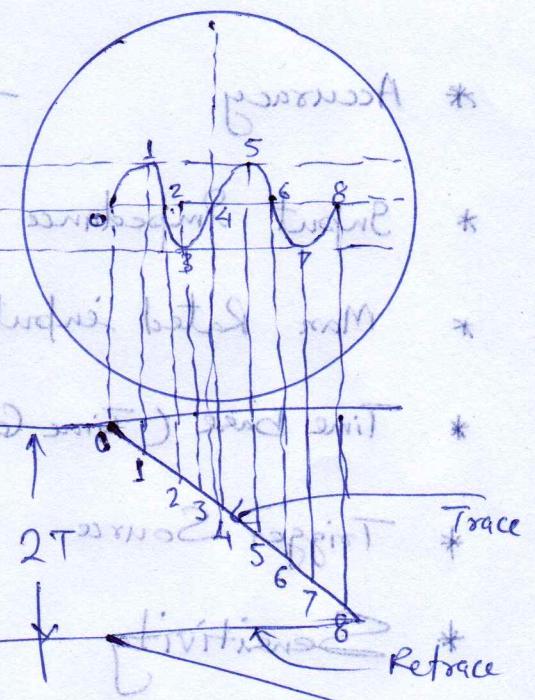
applied at horizontal plate X-channels.

After sweep repeat [ vib 25.0 : fine  
 vib 25.0 : fast ]

\* Signal divide in multiple division

4, 8, 16, 20, 24 port repeat. [ vib 0.1  
 vib 0.1 ]

\* Match each points and get desired pattern on screen.



Sweep voltage applied to X-plate

# CRO Applications -

1)  $\text{V}_{\text{rms}} = \frac{\text{V}_{\text{pp}}}{2\sqrt{2}}$

2)  $\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{B}{A}$

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Three Basic Applications of CRO.

- 1- Measurement of voltage & current (AC & DC)
- 2- Measurement of phase shift
- 3- Measurement of frequency (Lissajous Patterns)

\* for DC measurement

\* DC signal applied at Y channel.

\* Received deflection on screen is multiplied by deflection sensitivity

\* Get the value of DC.

\* For AC measurement

\* AC signal applied at Y channel

\* Switch off the time base switch.

\* Screen shows a vertical line. Read this in graticule scale.

\* This line represent peak to peak value of AC

\* Measurement of Phase and frequency - (Lissajous Pattern)

\* When sinusoidal voltages are simultaneously applied to horizontal and vertical plates, these patterns are called "Lissajous Patterns."

\* When two sinusoidal voltages of equal frequency which are in phase with each other are applied to horizontal and vertical plates the patterns appearing on the screen is a straight line.

$$\sin \phi = \frac{B}{A}$$

$$\phi = \sin^{-1} \frac{B}{A}$$

When  $\phi = 0^\circ \text{ or } 360^\circ$  Screen appear

$\phi < 45^\circ$

$\phi = 45^\circ \text{ or } 315^\circ$

$\phi = 90^\circ \text{ or } 270^\circ$



When  $\theta = 135^\circ$   
 $\quad \quad \quad 225^\circ$

Screen will



Three types of patterns on CRT

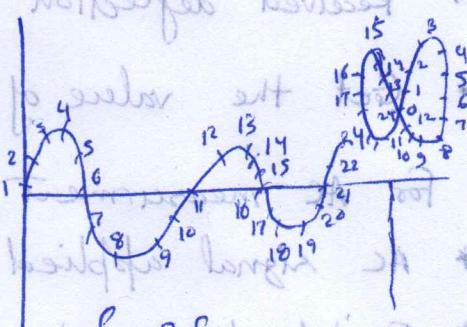
$\theta < 180^\circ$  ( $> 180^\circ$ ) front & right to transversal - 1  
 back & left to transversal - 2

$\theta = 180^\circ$  (envelope) parabola to transversal - 3

## \* Frequency Measurement

\* Lissajous patterns may be used for accurate measurement of frequency.

\* The signal whose frequency is to be measured is applied to the Y plates.



\* Accurately calibrated standard

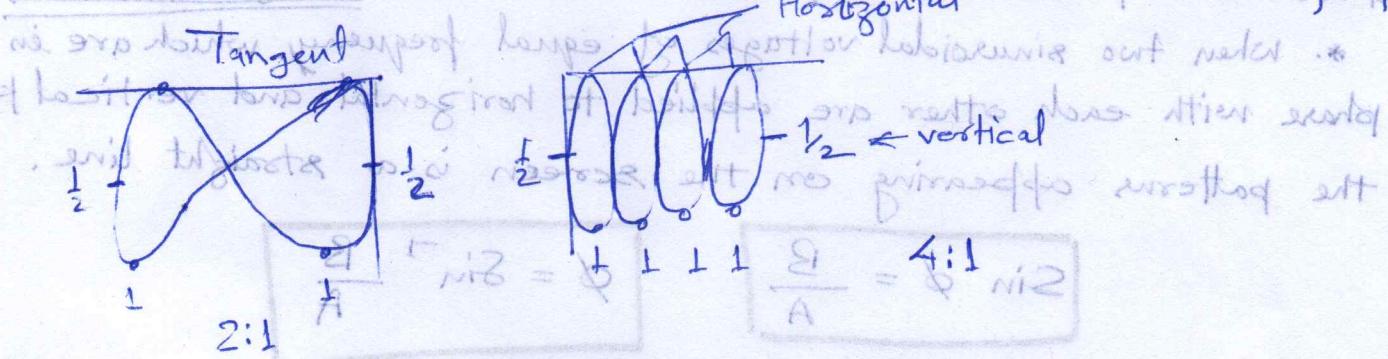
Variable frequency applied at X plate.

With the internal sweep generator off.

(envelope) parabola to transversal

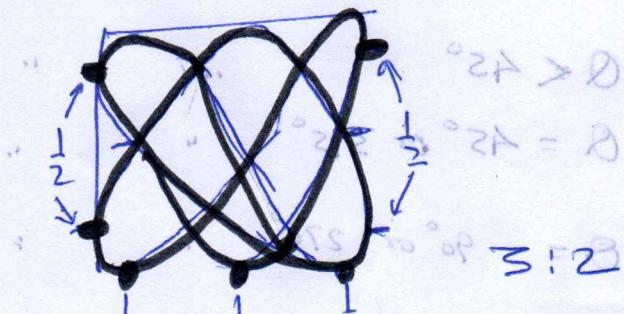
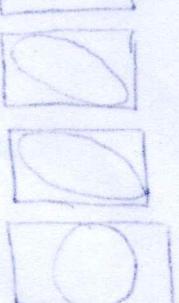
\* Shows circle or ellipse.

"envelope" below on smoothing sett. set off by  $f_x : f_y$



$$f_x = 1 \quad f_y = 2$$

slope  $m = 2$ ,  $\tan \theta = 2$ ,  $\theta = 63^\circ$



Topics - 1)- Dual Trace Oscilloscope

2)- Dual Beam

3)- Delayed Sweep

4)- Digital Storage Oscilloscope.

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## \* Dual Trace Oscilloscope

- \* Block diagram shown - the construction of dual trace oscilloscope
- \* Two vertical channels are used for signal
- \* Both channel are connected together by a electronic switch.

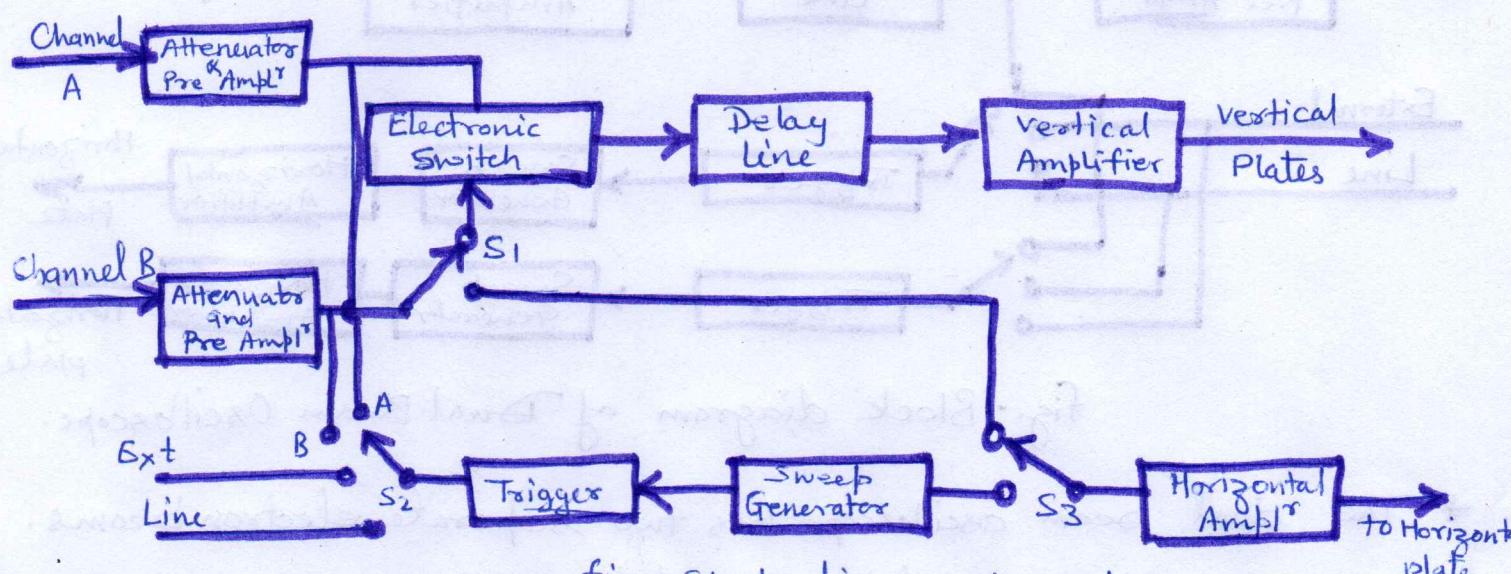


fig.- Block diagram of Dual trace CRO

- \* This switch has capability to pass one channel at a time into the vertical amplifier.
- \* Two different mode are used by CRO ① alternate ② chopped mode.
- \* In alternate mode the electronic switch alternates b/w A and B letting each through for one cycle of the horizontal sweep.
- \* The display is blanked during the flyback and hold off periods.
- \* In chopped mode electronic switch free runs at a high freq of order of 100 kHz to 500 kHz.
- \* The result that a small segment from channel A & B are connected alternately to the vertical amplifier.

## Dual Beam Oscilloscope -

- \* The drawback of dual trace was it cannot capture two fast transient events as it cannot switch quickly enough b/w traces.

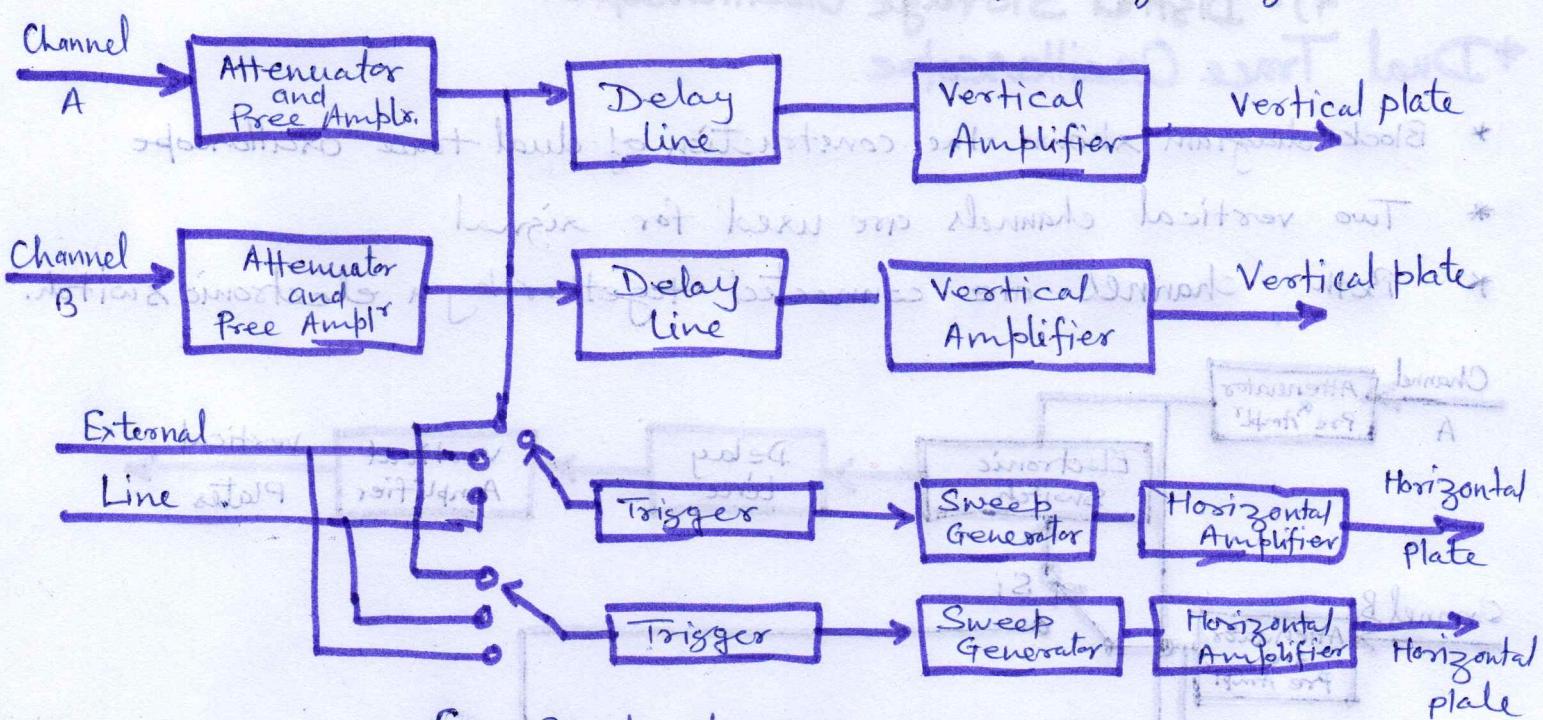


fig:- Block diagram of Dual Beam Oscilloscope.

- \* The dual beam oscilloscope has two separate electron beams.
- \* Two vertical channels separately.
- \* Independent time base circuits.
- \* It increases size and weight of oscilloscope.
- \* Two methods are for generating electron beam.
  - ① Double Gun
  - ② Split beam
- \* At high frequencies these oscilloscope not provide satisfactory results.
- \* The brightness and focus controls also affect the two traces at the same time.

**Delayed Sweep** - This feature of CRO's increases the versatility of the instruments by making it possible to magnify a selected portion of the undelayed sweep, measure waveform jitter or rise time and check pulse time modulation as well as many other applications.

The delayed sweep range from a few psec to 10 sec. The delayed sweep operation allows the instrument user to view a small segment of waveform - for example an oscillation or ringing that occurs during a small portion of a lower-frequency waveform.

\* **Digital Storage Oscilloscope** - A digital oscilloscope digitizes the input signal so that all subsequent signals are digital. A conventional CRT is used, and storage occurs in electronic digital memory. The input signal is digitized and stored in memory in digital form. In this state it is capable of being analysed to produce a variety of different information. To view the display on the CRT the data from memory is reconstructed in analog form.

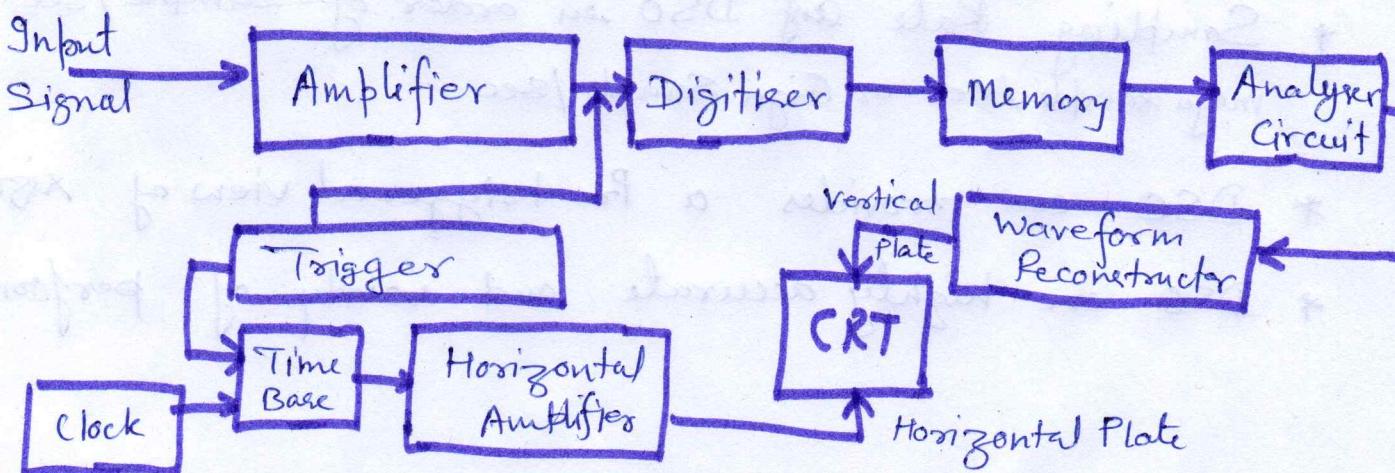


Fig. Block diagram of basic DSO

## Advance DSO -

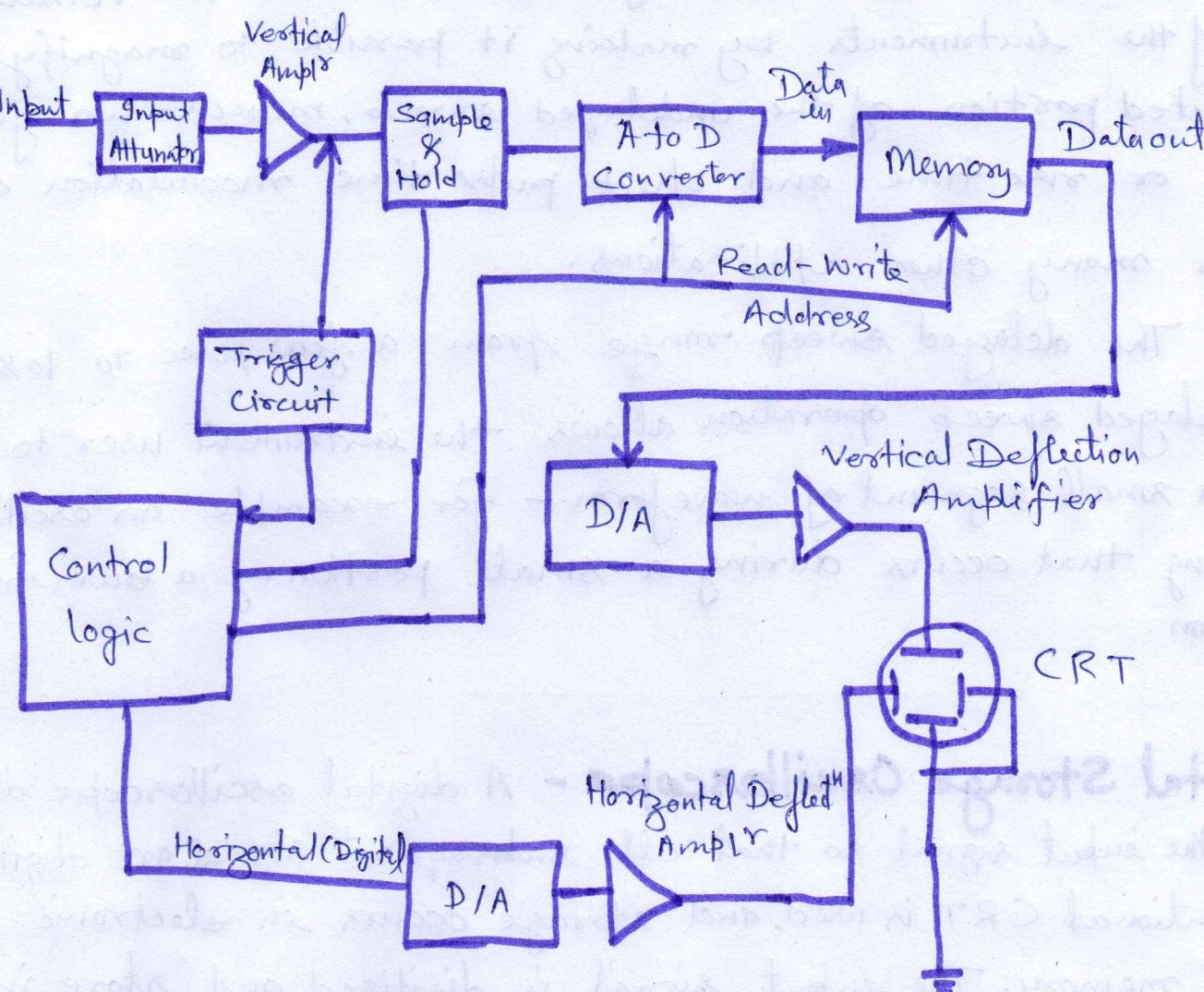


fig. Block diagram of Advance DSO

- \* The DSO can process by PC or high speed processor.
- \* It can store data or signal for infinite time.
- \* All input data converted into digital form.
- \* Sampling Rate of DSO in order of sample / Sec.  
mega sample / sec or Giga Sample / sec.
- \* DSO can provides a Pre triggered view of signal.
- \* DSO are highly accurate and variety of performance.

# Impedance Bridges and Q meters -

## Topics -

- 1) Wheat Stone Bridge
- 2) AC Bridges :- Maxwell's induction Bridge, Hay's Bridge, De-Sauty Bridge, Schering Bridge, Anderson Bridge.
- 3) Block diagram description of Laboratory type RLC bridge
- 4) Specifications of RLC Bridges.
- 4) - Block diagram and working principle of Q meter.

## \* Wheatstone Bridge -

\* figure shown a balance wheat stone bridge. all four arms are resistive.

\* A null detector galvanometer is used for measurement of current

\* for balance condition.

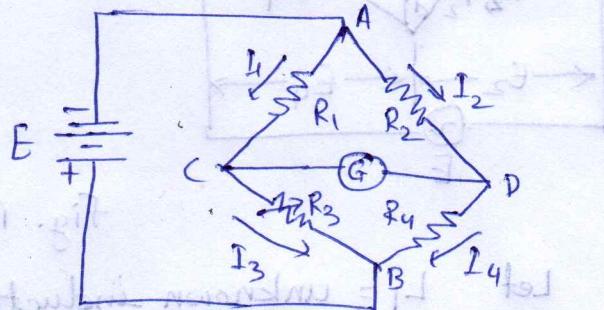


fig. Wheatstone Bridge.

$$I_1 R_1 = I_2 R_2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

If deflection is zero then  $I_1 = I_3 = \frac{E}{R_1 + R_3}$  --- (2)

and  $I_2 = I_4 = \frac{E}{R_2 + R_4} \quad \text{--- (3)}$

by solving.

$$\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_3} = \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_4} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\therefore R_1 R_4 = R_2 R_3 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

If three resistance are known and one unknown the calculate ab.

$$R_x = R_3 \frac{R_2}{R_4}$$

$R_3$  is standard arm and  $R_2$  &  $R_1$  are ratio arm in bridge.

**Maxwell's Inductance Bridge.** This bridge circuit measures an inductance by comparison with a variable standard self inductance. The connection and the phasor diagram for balance conditions are shown in fig.

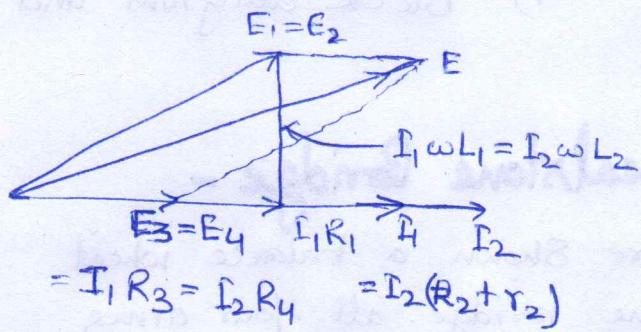
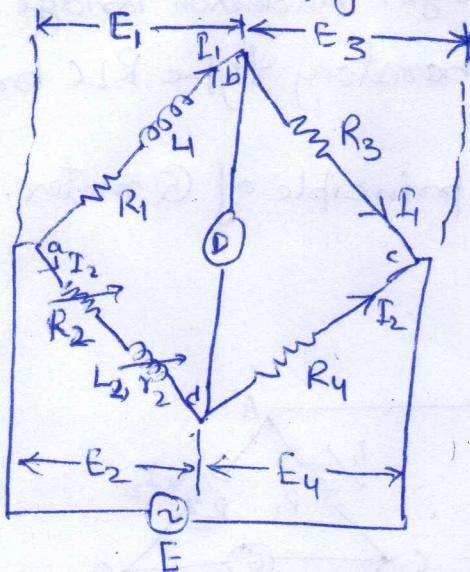


Fig. Maxwell's Inductance Bridge.

Let  $L_1$  = unknown inductance of resistance  $R_1$ ,

$L_2$  = variable inductance of fixed resistance  $r_2$ .

$R_2$  = Variable resistance connected in series with inductor  $L_2$ .  
 $R_3, R_4$  = known non-inductive resistances.

At balance  $Z_1 Z_4 = Z_2 Z_3$

$$L = j\omega L \quad \text{or} \quad (R_1 + j\omega L) R_4 = (R_2 + j\omega L_2) R_3$$

$$R_1 R_4 = R_2 R_3 \quad \text{or} \quad R_1 = \frac{R_3}{R_4} \times R_2 \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$j\omega L_1 R_4 = j\omega L_2 R_3 \quad \text{or} \quad L_1 = \frac{R_3}{R_4} L_2 \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$L_1 = \frac{R_3}{R_4} L_2 \quad \text{--- (III)}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{R_3}{R_4} (R_2 + r_2) \quad \text{--- (IV)}$$

The values of  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  from 10, 100, 1000, 10,000  $\Omega$ .

$r_2$  is a decade resistance base.

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Hay's Bridge — The Hay's bridge is a modification of Maxwell's bridge.

This bridge uses a resistance in series with the standard capacitor.

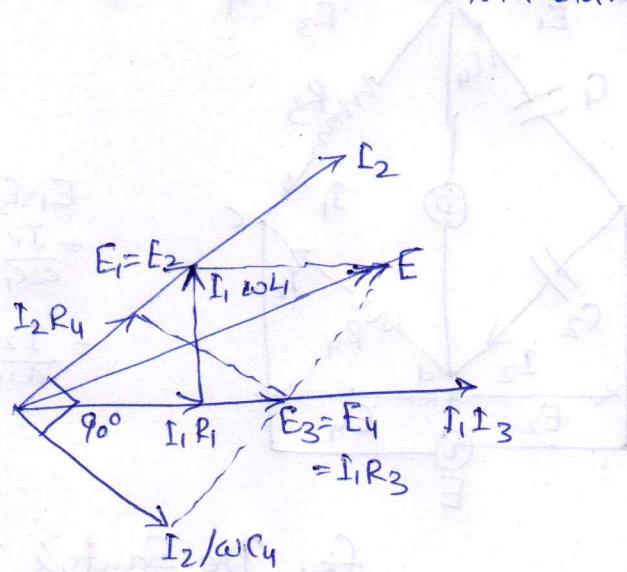
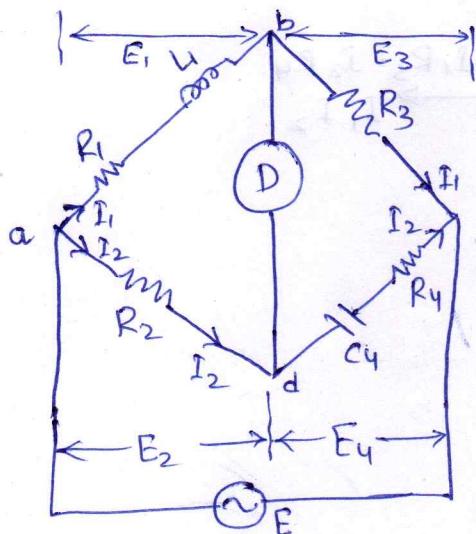


Fig. Hay's Bridge.

let  $L_1$  = unknown inductance having a resistance of  $R_1$ .

$R_2, R_3, R_4$  = known non-inductive resistance

and  $C_4$  = standard capacitor.

At balance  $R_1 R_4 = R_2 R_3$  or  $Z_1 Z_4 = Z_2 Z_3$

$$(R_1 + j\omega L_1)(R_4 - j\omega C_4) = R_2 R_3$$

$$\text{or } R_1 R_4 + \frac{L_1}{C_4} + j\omega L_1 R_4 - \frac{jR_1}{\omega C_4} = R_2 R_3$$

Separating the real and imaginary terms,

$$R_1 R_4 + \frac{L_1}{C_4} = R_2 R_3$$

$$L_1 = \frac{R_1}{\omega^2 R_4 C_4}$$

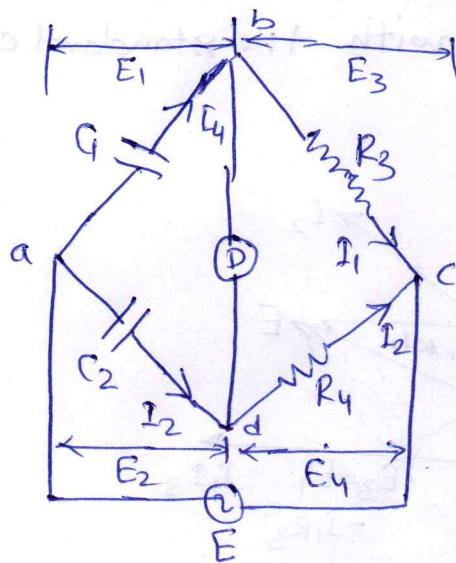
By solving

$$L_1 = \frac{R_2 R_3 R_4}{1 + \omega^2 C_4^2 R_4^2} \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$R_1 = \frac{\omega^2 R_2 R_3 R_4 C_4^2}{1 + \omega^2 R_4^2 C_4^2} \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

Q factor of coil is  $Q = \frac{\omega L_1}{R_1} = \frac{1}{\omega C_4 R_4}$

De Sauty's Bridge - This bridge is used for comparing two capacitors.



$$E_3 = E_4 = I_1 R_3 = I_2 R_4$$

$$E_1 = E_2 = \frac{I_1}{\omega C_1}$$

$$= \frac{I_2}{\omega C_2}$$

fig. De Sauty's Bridge.

let

$C_1$  = Capacitor whose capacitance is to be measured

$C_2$  = a standard capacitor

$R_3, R_4$  = non-inductive resistors

$$\left( \frac{1}{j\omega C_1} \right) R_4 = \left( \frac{1}{j\omega C_2} \right) R_3$$

$$C_1 = C_2 R_4 / R_3$$

The balance can be obtained by varying  $R_3$  or  $R_4$ .

\* Schering Bridge -

let  $C_1$  = Capacitor whose capacitance is to be determined.

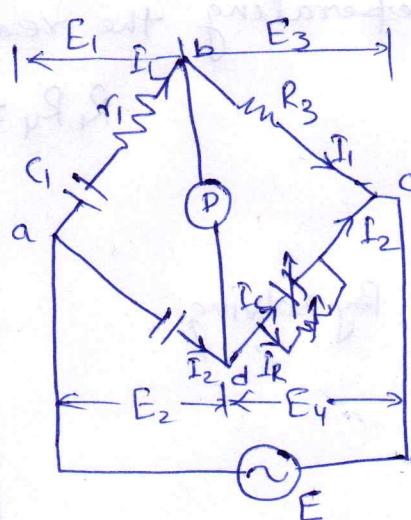
$r_1$  = a series resistance

$C_2$  = standard capacitor.

$R_3$  = non-inductive res<sup>n</sup>

$C_4$  = variable capacitor

$R_4$  = a variable non-inductive resistance || with  $C_4$ .



Schening Bridge -

$$\text{At Balance} \quad \left( r_1 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_1} \right) \left( \frac{R_4}{1 + j\omega C_4 R_4} \right) = \frac{1}{j\omega C_2} R_3$$

$$\left( r_1 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_1} \right) R_4 = \frac{R_3}{j\omega C_2} (1 + j\omega C_4 R_4)$$

$$r_1 R_4 = \frac{j R_4}{\omega C_1} = -j \frac{R_3}{\omega C_2} + \frac{R_3 R_4 C_4}{C_2}$$

Equating real & imaginary terms

$$r_1 = R_3 C_4 / C_2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$C_1 = C_2 (R_4 / R_3) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

\* **Anderson Bridge** - In this method the self-inductance is measured in terms of a standard capacitor.

Let:  $L_1$  = self inductance to be measured

$R_1$  = resistance of self inductance

$r_1$  = rest<sup>n</sup> connected in series with self inductor.

$r, R_2, R_3, R_4$  = known non-inductive resistance.

$C$  = fixed capacitor

$$I_1 = I_3 \quad \text{or} \quad I_2 = I_c + I_4$$

$$I_1 R_3 = I_c \times \frac{1}{j\omega C}$$

$$I_c = I_1 j\omega C R_3$$

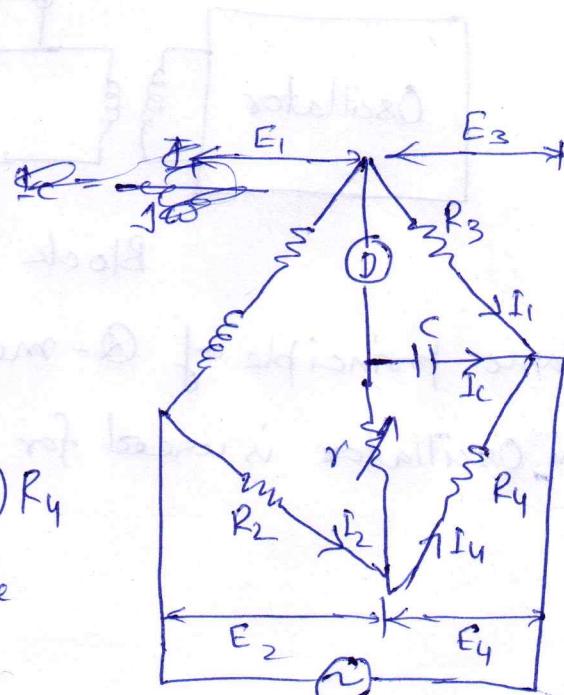
$$I_1 (r_1 + R_1 + j\omega L_1) = I_2 R_2 + I_c r$$

$$\text{or} \quad I_c \left( r + \frac{1}{j\omega C} \right) = (I_2 - I_c) R_4$$

Substituting the value of  $I_c$  in above eqn<sup>n</sup> we get.

$$R_1 = \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_4} - r_1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$L_1 = C \frac{R_3}{R_4} [r(R_4 + R_2) + R_2 R_4] \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



\* **LCR Bridge** - LCR bridge is used for measurement of unknown resistance, capacitance and inductance.

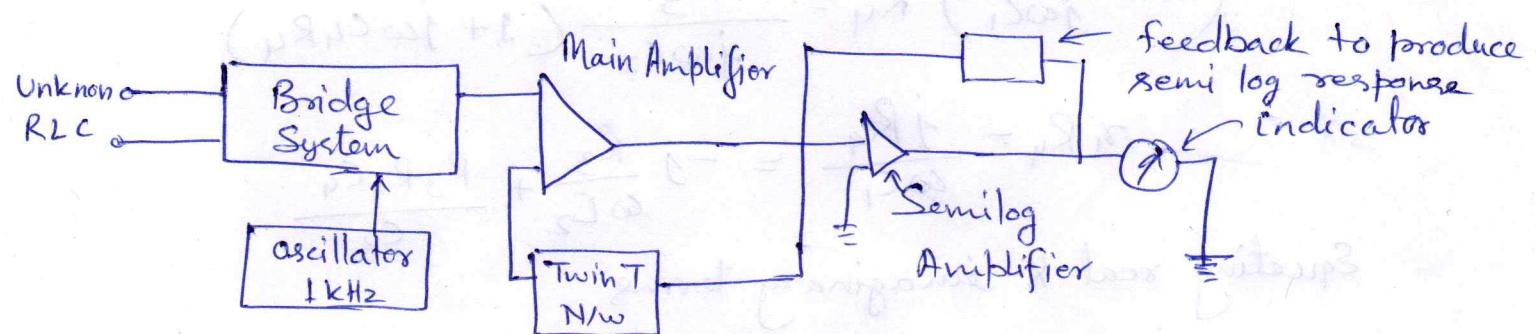
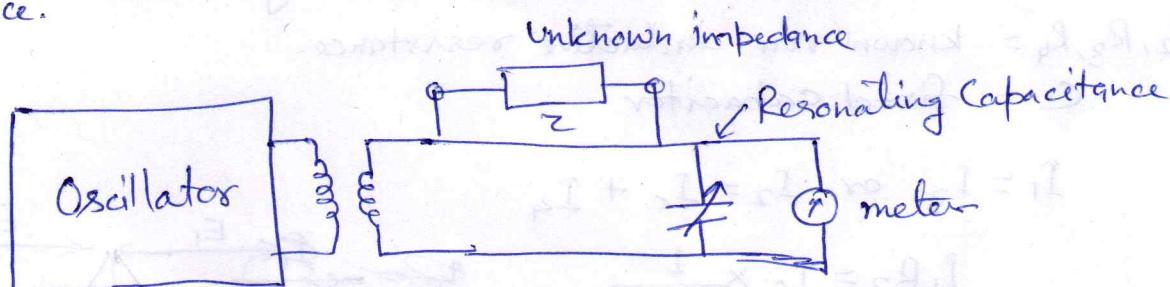


Fig. - Balancing Type LCR Bridge

\* **Bridge System** - For measuring unknown components use separate bridge for R L and C. These bridges are selected by push button switches.

\* **Q-meter** - Also known as storage factor  $Q = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R}$  where  $\omega_0$  is resonance frequency, L is inductance R is effective resistance.



Block diagram of Q meter

\* Basic principle of Q-meter is RLC series resonance circuit.

\* An Oscillator is used for generating frequency 50 kHz to 50 MHz.

# Digital Instruments

- Topics -
- 1) Comparison of analog & digital instruments
  - 2) Working principle of ramp, dual slope and integration type voltmeters
  - 3) Block diagrams.
  - 4) Time interval, time period, frequency interval, counter
  - 5) Logic probe, pulser, analyzer, comparator, signature analyser

## \* Introduction -

The digital technique used in industrial/Electronic instrumentation enrich the user with high accuracy. ( $\pm 5\%$  to  $\pm 0.05\%$  of range of measurement). Digital system provides high input impedance ( $\approx 2M\Omega$ ) to ensure less loading effect on the input circuit. The numerical readout of the digital system allows the worker to perform measurements with zero error unlike analog system.

The basic tools for digital systems are -

1. Crystal Oscillator ( $1MHz$ ) with high temp. stability ( $10^{-8}/^{\circ}C$ ) used as the main element in a LC circuit.
2. Decade (Mod 10, Mod 6, Mod 12) counters
3. AD Converters.
4. Voltage frequency converter for high precision.
5. Phase Lock Loop (PLL) is also building blocks of digital instruments.

- \* In digital measurement all units are converted into small sub unit or divisions known as quanta.
- \* Accuracy can be increased by increasing number of quanta levels.

## Advantages of Digital Instruments -

- 1- In digital instruments readings are represented in digit.
- 2- Chances of error like human error, or parallable error are decreases or very less.
- 3- Reading taken in significant figures.

- 4- Digital instrument directly connected in to computer floppy, Harddisks or other storage devices.

5- Power consumption is very less in digital instruments.

## Comparison b/w Analog & Digital Instruments -

### Characteristics

1). Accuracy

### Analog Inst<sup>r</sup>

Maximum  $\pm 0.1\%$ ,  
at full scale

### Digital Inst<sup>r</sup>

Very high.

2). Resolution

One part of in several hundred

One part of in several thousands

3. Power Consumption

More

less

4. Cost

Expensive

Cheaper

5. Handling

Bulky

light

6. Circuit

Complex

IC based  
Simple.

7. Range and Polarity

AC or DC

AC & DC

8. Observation error

Parallelar

Automatic  
Polarity  
No or less.

9. Memory

No

Yes

10. Size

Large

Small

## Ramp type DVM -

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- \* The operating principle of a ramp type digital voltmeter is to measure the time that a linear ramp voltage takes to change from level of input voltage to zero or voltage.

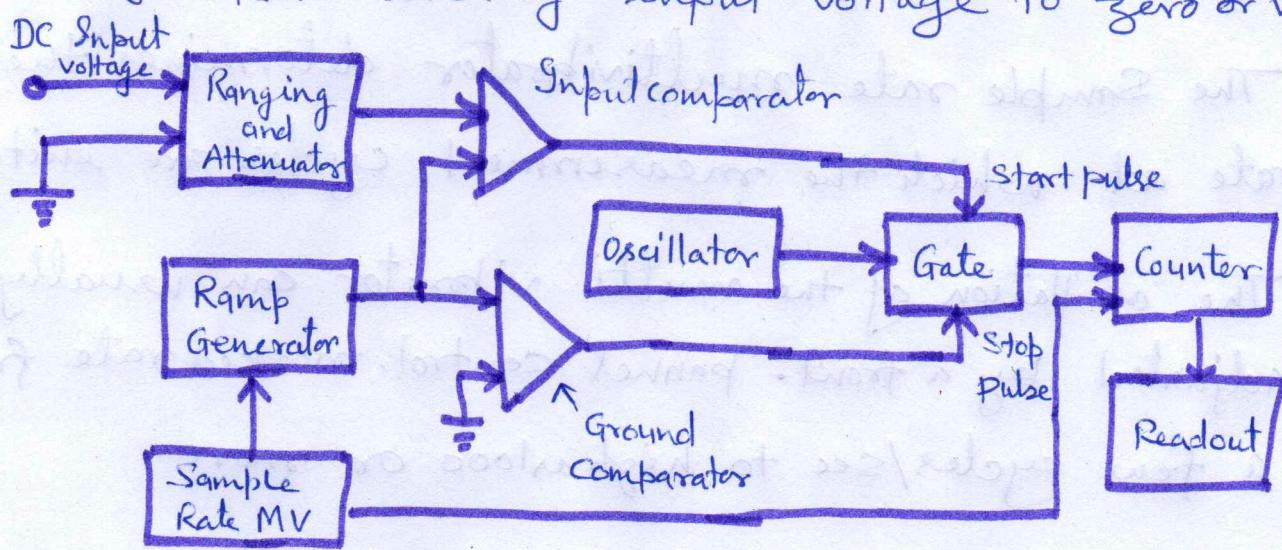


Fig. Ramp type Digital voltmeter Block diagram.

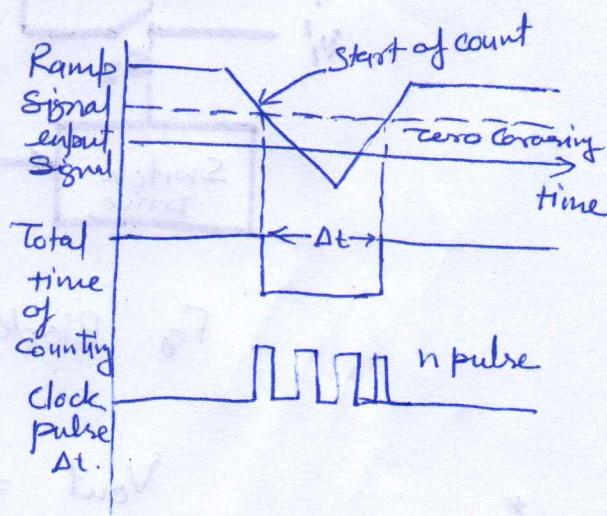
- \* The time interval is measured with an electronic time interval counter and the o/p count is displayed as a number of the digits on electronic indicated tube of the output readout of the voltmeter.

- \* The conversion of a voltage value of a time interval.

- \* At start of the measurement cycle a ramp voltage is initiated, the voltage can be +ve going or -ve going.

- \* Fig shown continuously compared with the unknown input voltage.

- \* At the instant that the ramp voltage equal the unknown voltage



- \* An oscillator generates the clock pulses which are allowed to pass through the gate to a number of decade counters which totalized the no. of pulses passed through the gate.
- \* The sample rate multivibrator determines the rate at which the measurement cycles are initiated.

- \* The oscillation of the multi vibrator can usually be adjusted by a front - panel control, marked rate from a few cycles/sec to high as 1000 or more.
- \* The sample rate circuit provides ramp generator to reset ramp voltage.

**\* Dual Slope DVM** - Dual Slope DVM integrates the input voltage  $V_i$ , the slope of the integrated signal is proportional to the input voltage under measurement.

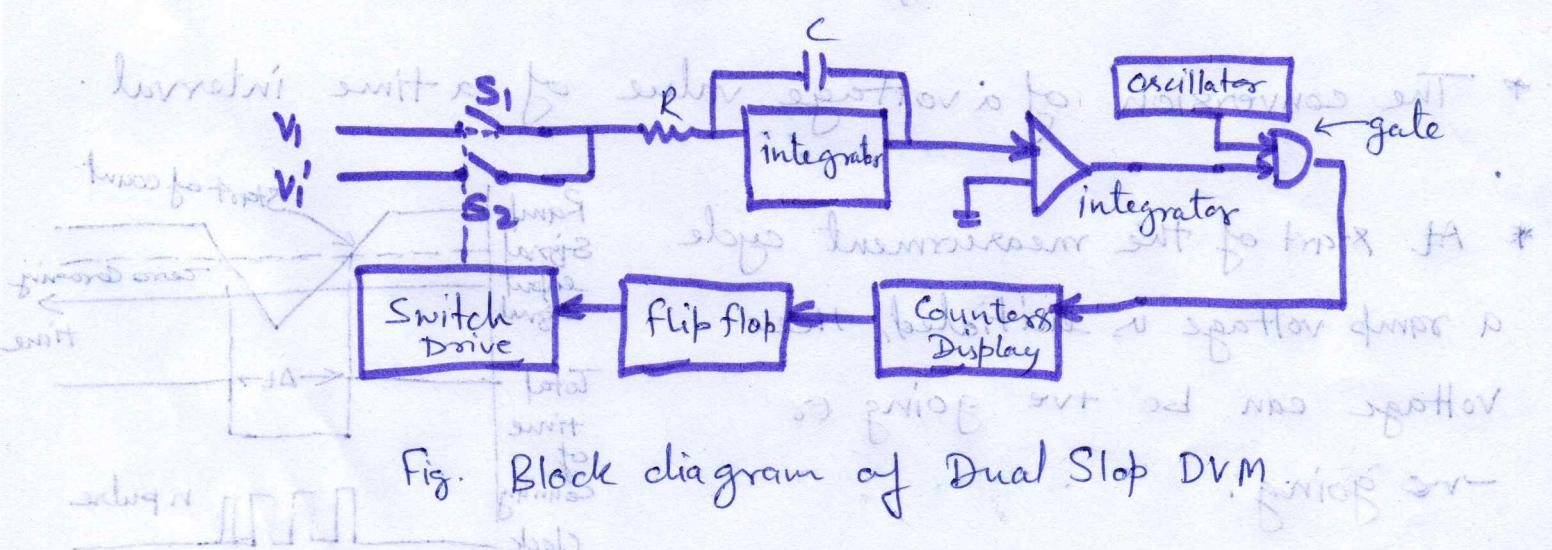


Fig. Block diagram of Dual Slope DVM

$$V_{out} = -\frac{V_R t_{on}}{RC}$$

output voltage.

## Dual Stop DVM

- \* Initially a pulse is applied to reset the counter and the O/p of the flip-flop will be at logic 0. At this time both the switches S<sub>1</sub> & S<sub>2</sub> are in open condition and the switch S<sub>3</sub> is in closed condition.
- \* The capacitor starts charging. Once the o/p of the integrator becomes greater than zero, the o/p state of the comparator changes which in turn turns on the AND gate.
- \* When the gate opens the o/p of the oscillator are allowed to pass through it and applied to the counter. The counter is preset to run for a time period & in this condition the maximum count will be 3999, and next will be 0000 and the flip-flops activated.
- \* As soon as it reaches its maximum count the counter is preset to run for a time period & in this condition the maximum count will be 3999, and next will be 0000 and the flip-flops activated.

## Advantages of Dual Stop DVM -

- 1) Depending on the requirement the accuracy and speed can be varied.
- 2) It can provide the o/p with an accuracy of  $\pm 0.005\%$  in 100 ms.

- 3) Reject noise

Interruption fine set stop steeples of latch via negtive signal

- \* Sensitivity of Digital meters =  $S = (\text{full Scale Value})_{\min} \times R$

$$S = \text{Sensitivity}$$

$$R = \text{Resolution}$$

# \* Instruments for testing Digital Circuits.

For testing digital circuits these instruments are used.

- 1)- Logic analyzer
- 2)- Signature Analyzer
- 3)- Logic Probe
- 4)- Logic Pulser
- 5)- Logic comparator
- 6)- Current Probe.

\* Logic Analyzer - It is an electronic instrument that captures and displays multiple signals from a digital system or circuit. It converts input signal into timing diagram. Logic analyzers have advanced triggering capabilities and are useful when a user needs to see the timing relationships b/w many signals in a digital system.

\* Two types of analyzer used  
①- State logic analyzer  
②- Timing logic analyzer

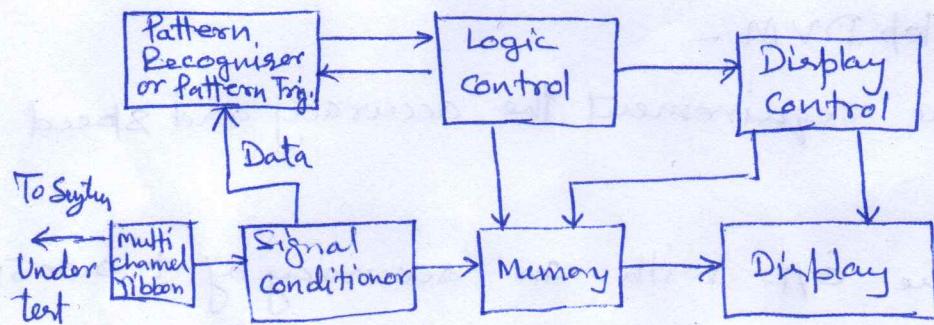


fig.-State logic Analyzer Block diagram

\* Logic analyzer simulated to defects before the unit is constructed

\* FPGA have become a common measurement point for logic analyzer and are also used to debug the logic circuits.

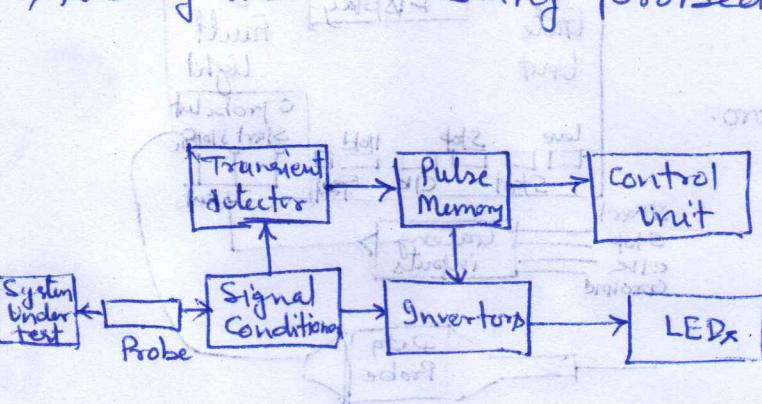
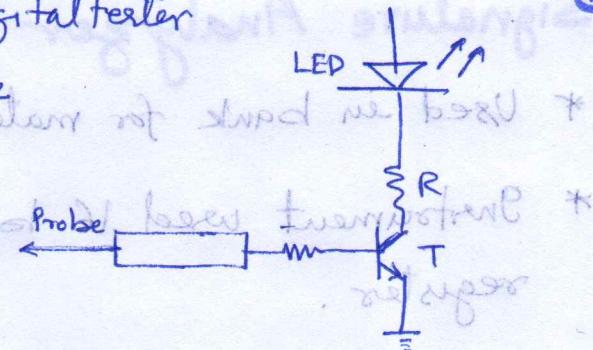
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## Logic Probe -

The logic probe or digital tester is normally a low cost handheld probe.

Contained within a pen-like tube.

With indicator LEDs to shows the state of the line being probed.



Block diagram of Logic Probe

\* Logic probes are used to test digital circuits like those using TTL or CMOS logic.

\* Logic probe is normally powered by the circuit under test. There are normally leads with crocodile clips that can be attached to the ground and supply of the circuit under test.

\* Advantages of logic probe

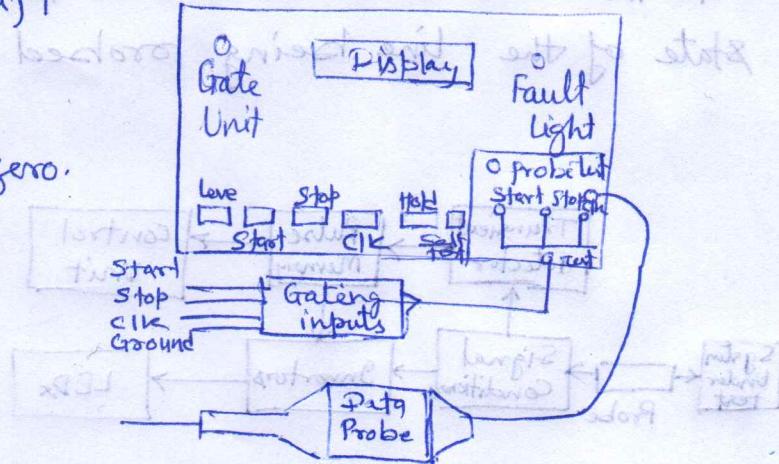
- ①. Low cost
- ②. Ease of use.

\* Disadvantages of logic probe.

- ①. Very rough measurement
- ②. Poor display

# Signature Analyzer -

- \* Used in bank for matching sign of consumer.
- \* Instrument used 16 bit shift register.
- \* At initial state its value is zero.
- \* All bit scramble the final signature.



- \* Normally used for checking data on given nodes within a logic system such as a microprocessor board.

\* The basic signature analyzer takes in the input from the node under test and using a clock from the system.

- \* Start and stop pulses are captured to start and end the sample.

- \* The pulses from the node under test are then passed into a shift reg. to provide the hexadecimal equivalent of the waveform.

- \* It used for fault finding, and ascertaining the operation of complex logic boards.

- \* Typically the operations of the board could be returned to base for a full test, possibly on an automatic functional tester.

## Logic Pulser -

- \* Logic pulser is use for troubleshooting logic circuits.
- \* It is similar to logic probe.
- \* It is inject a logic pulse into the circuit under test.
- \* logic pulser generally used in conjunction with a logic clip off or a logic probe to help trace the circuit under test.

## Digital Comparator -

- \* Digital or Binary comparators are made up of standard AND, NOR and NOT or Ex-OR gate, that compares the digital signals present at their input terminals and produce an output depending upon the condition of those inputs.
- \* Logic comparator compare the faulty IC outputs and compare with reference IC. An Ex-OR gate used for this comparison.

