

Triangle-to-Rectangular Conversion - Schmitt Trigger

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Background Information

The operation of an OPV in the saturation range can be enforced in the circuit by feeding back the output signal, i.e., returning it to the non-inverting input (+ input). In the circuit shown, the feedback is provided by resistor R_2 .



The output voltage u_a can only take two values, either $+U_{sat}$ or $-U_{sat}$. It switches between these two values when no voltage drops at the differential input of the OPV, ($u_d = 0$). Then

$i_{R2} = \frac{u_a}{R_2}$ and $u_e = -R_1 \cdot i_{R1}$. Since the OPV input current is $i_p = 0$, the currents through the resistors must be equal, and the following relationship applies for the switching points:

$$u_e = -\frac{R_1}{R_2} \cdot U_{sat}$$

$$u_a = \mp \frac{R_1}{R_2} \cdot U_{sat}$$



The image shows the input/output characteristic curve of the circuit known as a “non-inverting Schmitt trigger.” The reaction to any input signal is shown on the right. The circuit only switches to $+U_{sat}$, when the positive switching threshold at the input is reached. It only switches to $-U_{sat}$, when the negative switching threshold at the input is reached.

Experimental Tasks

To analyze the behavior of the schmitt trigger, the following circuit is used:



Supply voltages (from power supply unit):

$U_{CC} = + 3V$, $U_{EE} = - 3V$

Values of the components used:

$R_2 = 20k\Omega$, $R_3 = 27k\Omega$

1. Calculate the switching thresholds using the given values.
2. Roughly sketch the voltage curves that you expect at the SQ output when you apply a triangular signal to U_e whose amplitude just reaches the switching points.

Output SQ



Channel 1: $\frac{\text{Volt}}{\text{Div}} = \$$

Time basis: $\frac{T}{\text{Div}} = \$$

3. Set up the Schmitt Trigger on the MEXLE-Board. **Please use the level shifting circuit at the input of the circuit.** Perform the following measurements on the Schmitt Trigger:
 - Connect channel 1 on the oscilloscope to U_e and channel 2 to SQ.
 - Connect the function generator to the U_e input. Set it to triangle with a frequency of 1kHz and a voltage of 3 V (amplitude).

- Sketch the oscilloscope screen image.

Ue = 3 V (amplitude), f = 1 kHz



Channel 1: $\frac{\text{Volt}}{\text{Div}} = \$$

Channel 2: $\frac{\text{Volt}}{\text{Div}} = \$$

Time basis: $\frac{\text{T}}{\text{Div}} = \$$

4. Sketch the oscilloscope screen image you would expect for 1 V (amplitude).

Ue = 1 V (amplitude), f = 1 kHz



Channel 1: $\frac{\text{Volt}}{\text{Div}} = \$$

Channel 2: $\frac{\text{Volt}}{\text{Div}} = \$$

Time basis: $\frac{\text{T}}{\text{Div}} = \$$

5. Compare your measurements with the calculation from sub-task 1 and the forecast from 2. Explain the results.

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