

- (15%) A circuit behaves as a  $0.01 \mu\text{F}$  capacitor in series with a  $15 \text{ k}\Omega$  resistance when measured at a frequency of  $1 \text{ kHz}$ . If the terminal resistance is measured as  $31.9 \text{ k}\Omega$ , determine the circuit components and the connection method.
- (15%) A PMMC instrument with  $I_{FSD}=100 \mu\text{A}$  (average) and  $R_m=200 \Omega$  is used in the **half-wave rectifier voltmeter** circuit as shown above (Fig. 1). Diodes  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  have an average forward resistance of  $50 \Omega$  and are assumed to have an infinite resistance in the reverse direction.  $R_{SH} = 200 \Omega$  and  $V_{FSD} = 10 \text{ V (rms)}$ . Calculate the value of the multiplier  $R_S$ .

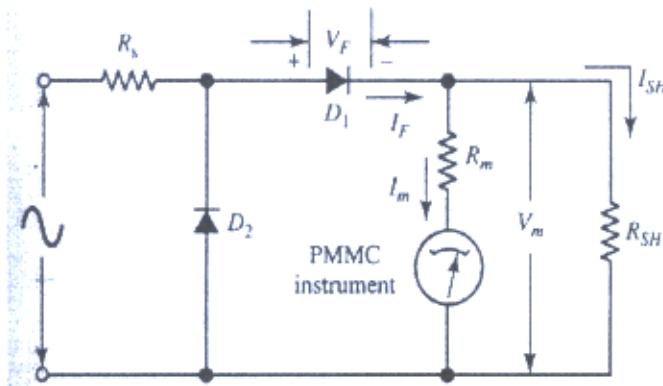


Fig. 1. A half-wave rectifier voltmeter

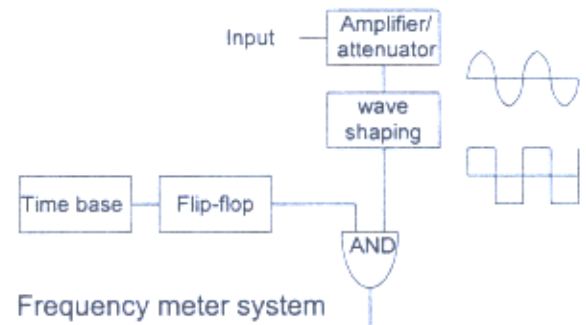


Fig. 2. Basic frequency meter.

- (20%) (a) Explain the operation of a 「basic frequency meter」 as shown above (Fig. 2). Define reciprocal counting. Draw the basic block diagram of the digital frequency meter rearranged for reciprocal counting. Explain its operation, and show why reciprocal counting is sometimes used in preference to the straight counting method. (b) A frequency meter with an accuracy of  $\pm 1 \text{ LSD} \pm (1 \times 10^{-6})$  is used to measure frequencies of  $100 \text{ Hz}$  and  $100 \text{ MHz}$ . Calculate the percentage error for each measurement. (c) If a  $1 \text{ MHz}$  oscillator frequency from the time base is used for reciprocal counting, determine the error that can occur when a  $100 \text{ Hz}$  frequency is measured on this system.
- (10%) The relative error in  $C$  is about equal to the sum of the relative errors of  $A$  and  $B$  when  $C=A/B$ . Prove it and check the neglected items.
- (15%) To measure the capacitance, describe the similar angle bridge and Schering bridge with the derivation of their formulae. What is the difference between these two bridges?
- (15%) For a low-capacitance probe (a compensating  $13 \text{ pF}$  capacitor in parallel with  $9 \text{ M}\Omega$  resistor are series-added in the probe), explain why its operation bandwidth can be prolonged up to more than  $10 \text{ MHz}$  in comparison to a regular probe. Assume that the equivalent circuit of an oscilloscope is a  $90 \text{ pF}$  capacitor shunted by  $1 \text{ M}\Omega$  resistor, the cable capacitance of a low-capacitance probe or a regular probe is  $30 \text{ pF}$ , and the internal resistor of a signal generator is  $600 \Omega$ . Note that the cable capacitance of a probe can be regarded as shunted with the oscilloscope. Explain the reason by comparing the operation bandwidth between a low-capacitance probe and a regular probe.
- (10%) In IEEE-488 GPIB interface, describe the definition of controller, listener, and talker.