

# Chapter 6

## Nonlinear Applications

### 1. Introduction

The device that will be the basis for the nonlinear applications in this chapter is a comparator. A comparator is a device that generates a binary output, high or low depending on whether the difference between 2 input signals is positive or negative. It is clear that the input stage of these comparators is a differential amplifier.

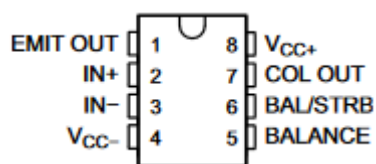
Through an OP AMP can be used as a comparator, it will be slower than a voltage comparator. One of the most important reasons is a compensating capacitor inside the OP AMP to minimize the possibility of oscillations especially in the case of applications where feedback is present. Since the utilization of a voltage comparator usually is about binary outputs (either high or low), feedback will not be needed.

We are going to analyze these applications using one of the most popular comparators, the LM 311, because we can also compare our results to a Multisim simulation whose library includes the LM 311.

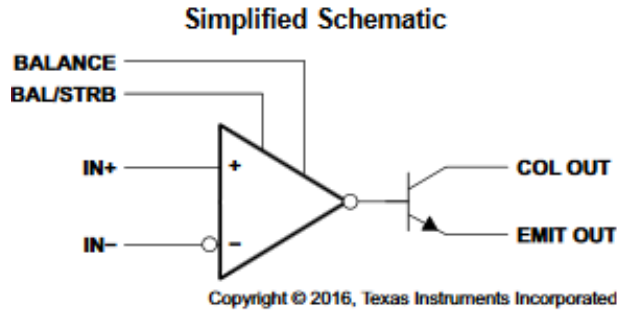
### 2. LM 311

#### 2.1 Specifications

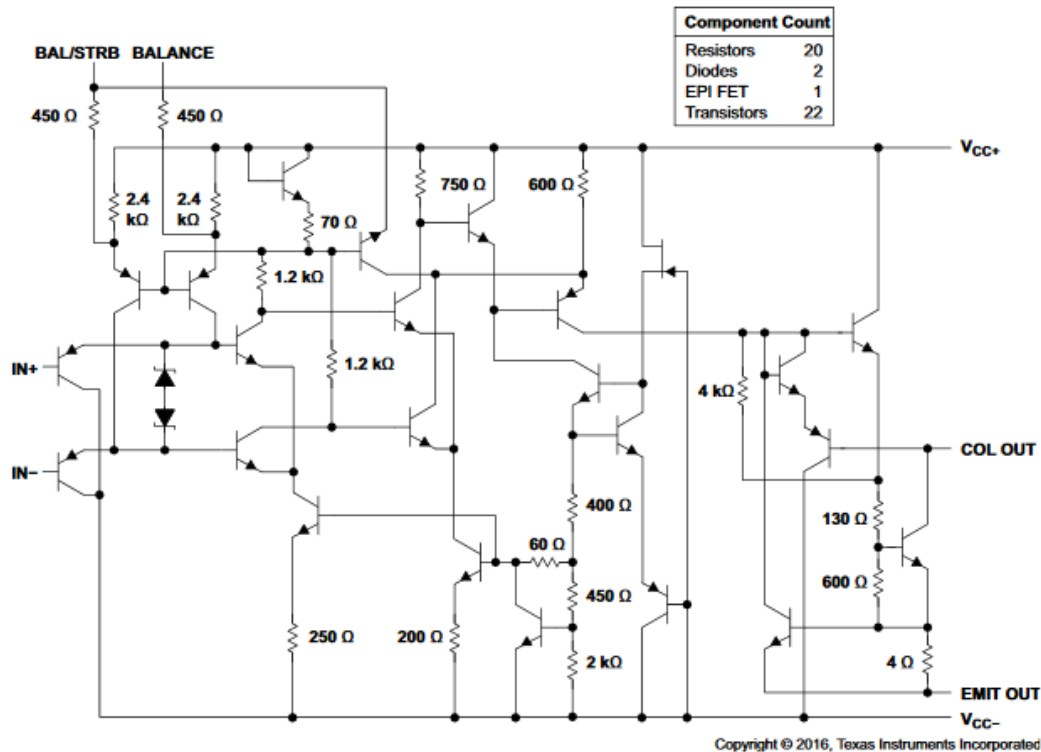
The pin diagram is shown below



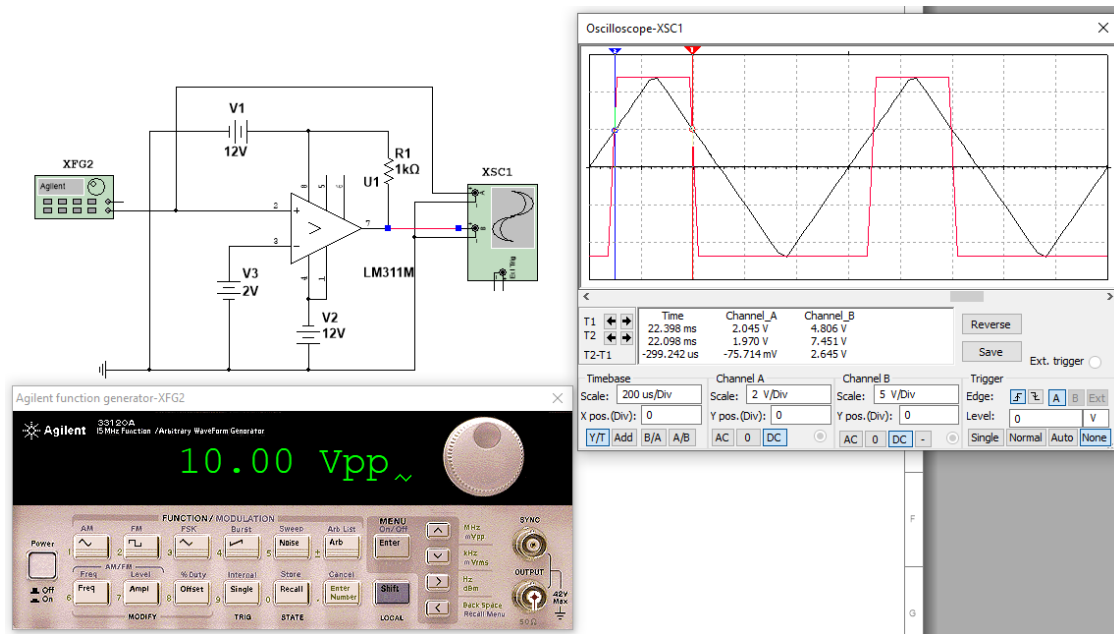
However, the analysis will be clearer in some cases through the following simplified schematic



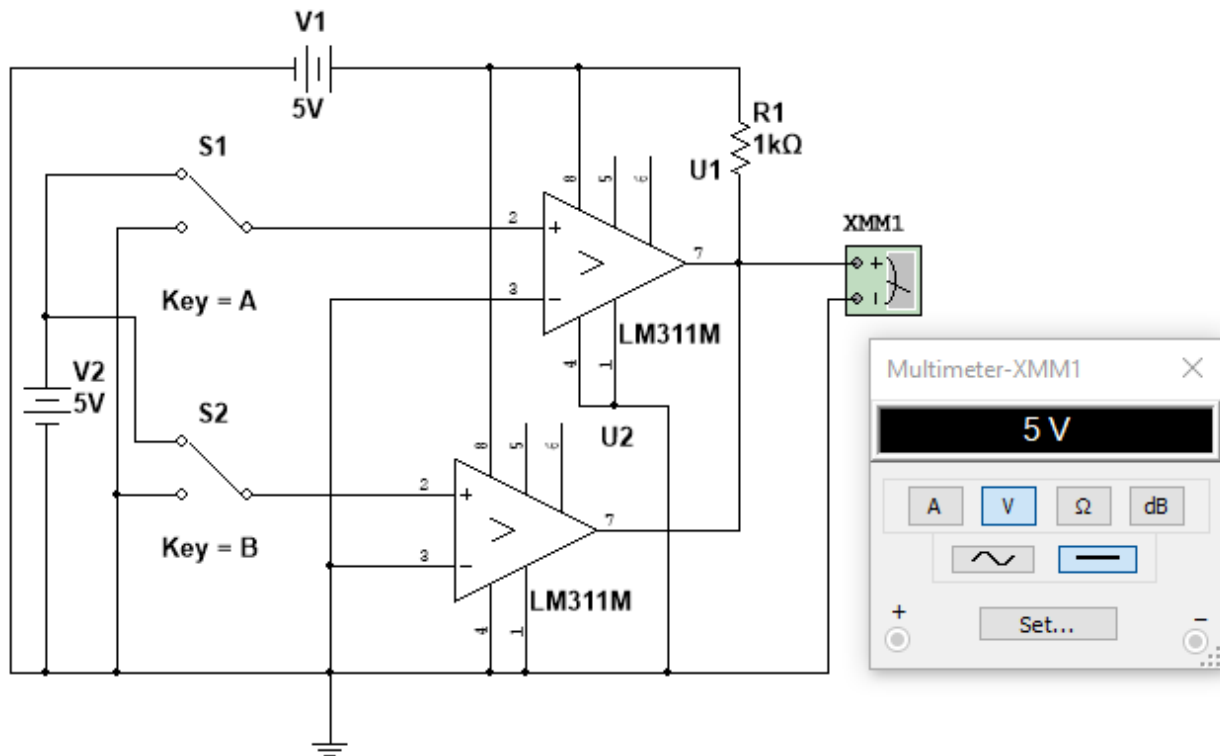
The functional block diagram as given by Texas Instruments for their LM 311 is given below. Note that in some LM311 from other companies, the EMIT OUT is already connected to ground.



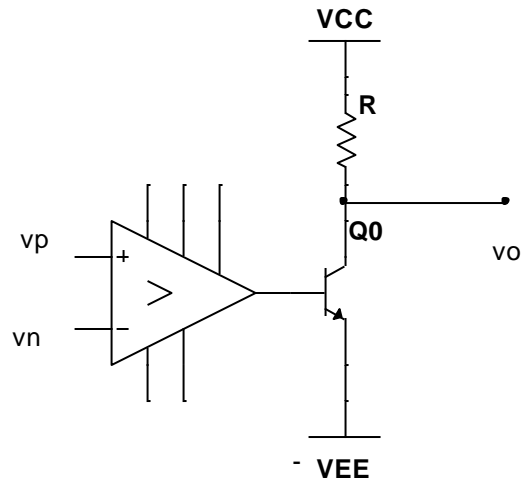
The LM311 is a single high-speed voltage comparator. The transistor from the output stage has floating collector and emitter. We, hence, need to use a pull up or a pull down resistor to work with this comparator. It may be sometimes a convenience to be able to connect the pull up resistor to a power supply different from the rails. The output levels are compatible with most TTL and MOSFET circuits. The outputs can be referenced to ground,  $V_{CC}$ , or  $-V_{EE}$ .



The outputs can also be “wire-OR” connected (all open collector outputs must be high (OFF) in order for the output to go high).



## 2.2 Output Characteristics under input control



Assume that the transistor  $Q_0$  is the output transistor that is part of the output stage of the LM311, its collector is the pin 7 COL OUT, and its emitter is pin 1 EMIT OUT.  $v_p$  is the noninverting input voltage, and  $v_n$  is the inverting input voltage.

$v_p > v_n$        $Q_0$  will be OFF, and  $v_o = V_{OH} = V_{CC}$

$v_p < v_n$        $Q_0$  will be saturated, and  $v_o = V_{OL}$

$$V_{OL} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} V_{CEsat} - V_{EE} & \text{if EMIT OUT is connected to } -V_{EE} \\ V_{CEsat} & \text{if EMIT OUT is connected to ground} \end{array} \right\}$$

In this course, we will assume that  $V_{CEsat}$  is approximately 0. It is possible that some comparators may have input voltages not allowed to reach the rail values, and others will have outputs that may not be equal to  $V_{CC}$  or  $-V_{EE}$  due to internal voltage drops.

## 3. Comparator Applications

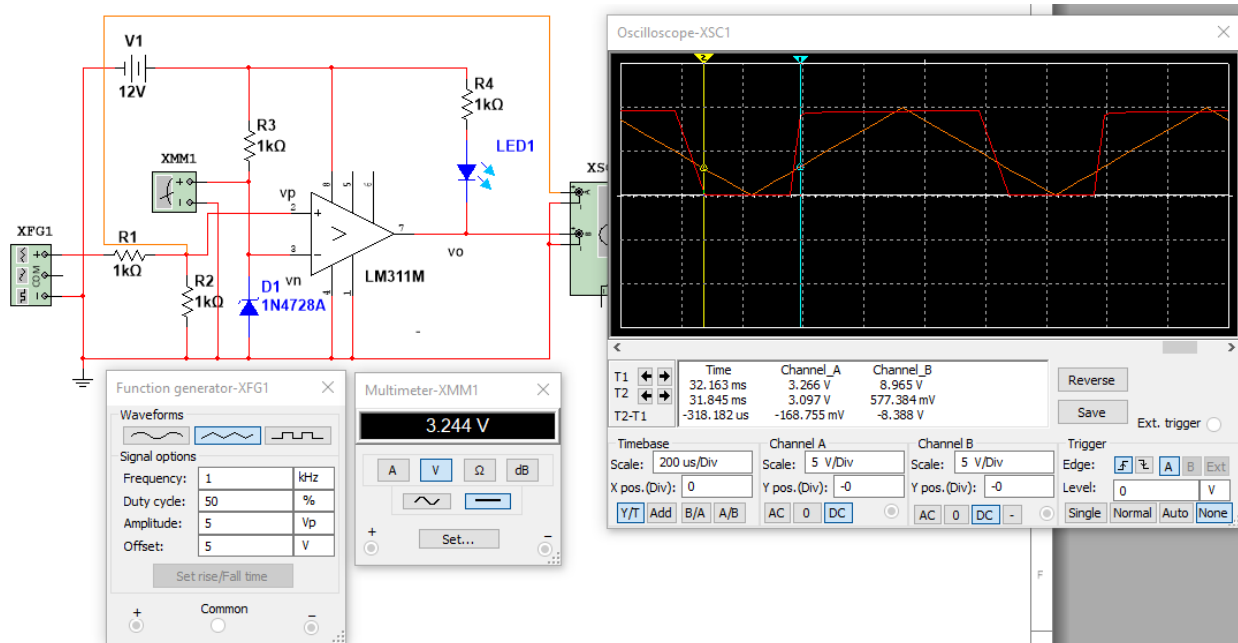
### 3.1 Level Detector

The level detector shown below is composed of the voltage comparator LM311, a Zener diode whose Zener voltage is nominally 3.3V, an LED, and additional resistors..

$R_1$  and  $R_2$  act as a voltage divider (in this case, the ratio is 1/2).  $R_3$  is utilized to limit the current into the Zener diode, and help establish a current that is not harmful to the Zener diode while the diode is biased in the reverse region.  $R_4$  helps limit the current into the LED.

In this case, the current flowing through the Zener diode is

$$I_Z = \frac{V_1 - V_Z}{R_3} = \frac{12 - 3.244}{1e3} = 8.76mA$$



$Q_0$  is OFF when  $v_p > v_n \Rightarrow$  no current flow  $\Rightarrow$  LED OFF

$Q_0$  is saturated when  $v_p < v_n \Rightarrow$  a current will flow  $\Rightarrow$  LED ON

Since  $v_p = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} v_{in}$  and  $v_n = V_Z = V_{ref}$

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_T = V_{ref} \quad \text{where } V_T \text{ is the threshold voltage related to } v_{in}$$

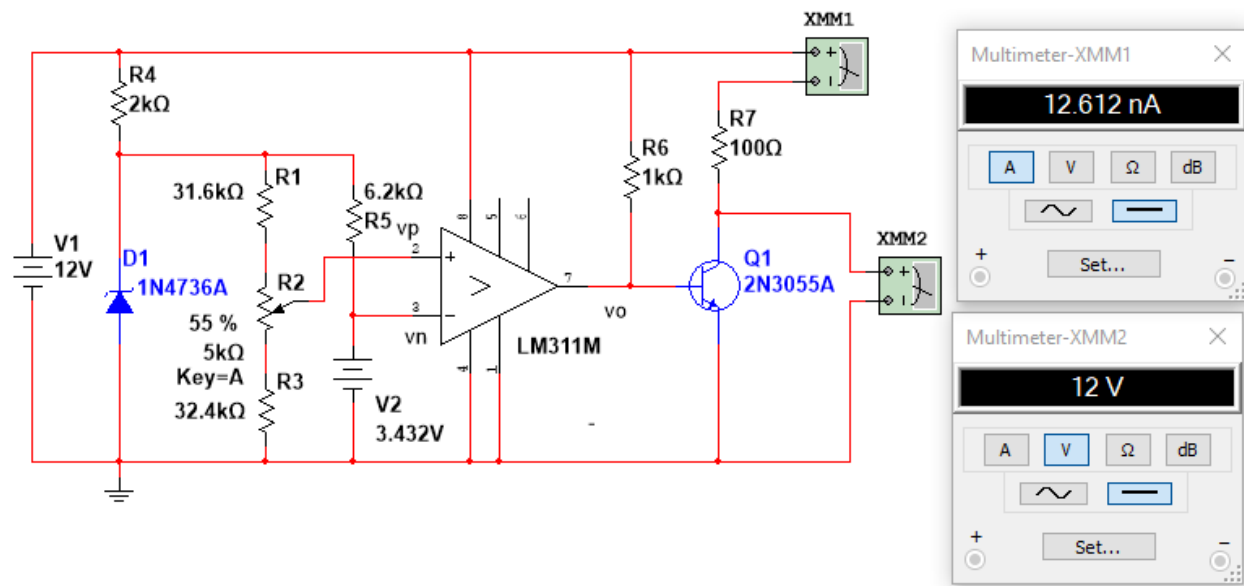
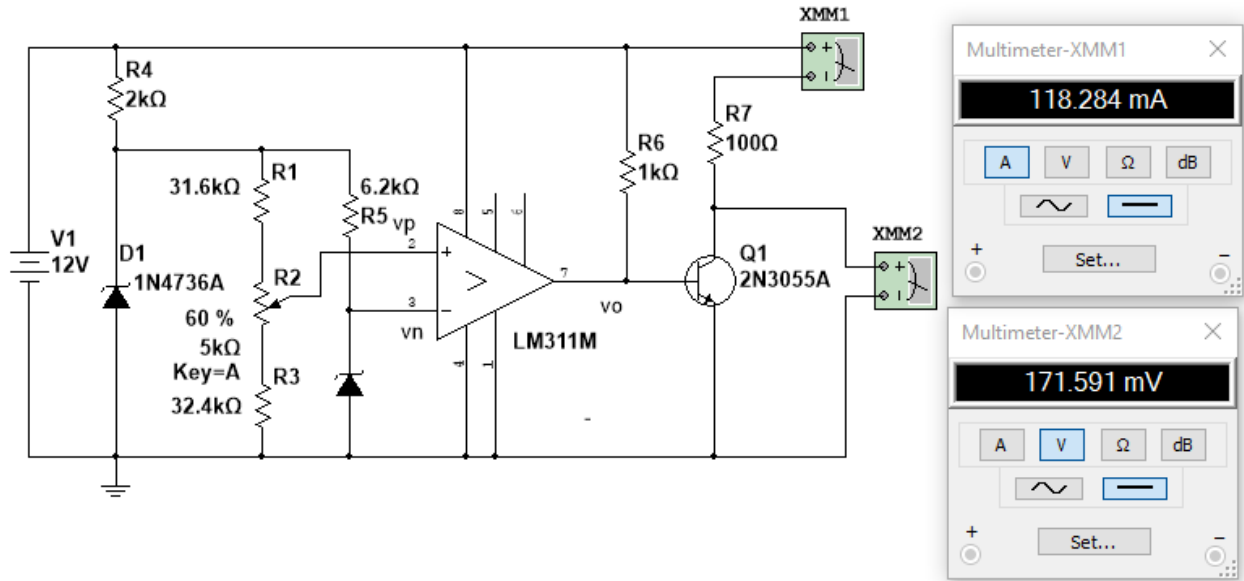
$$V_T = \left( 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right) V_{ref}$$

$$V_T = (1 + 1) 3.244 = 6.49V$$

Note that in this case  $v_{in} = 2v_p$ , and the input signal displayed in Multisim is  $v_p$

### 3.2 ON-OFF Control

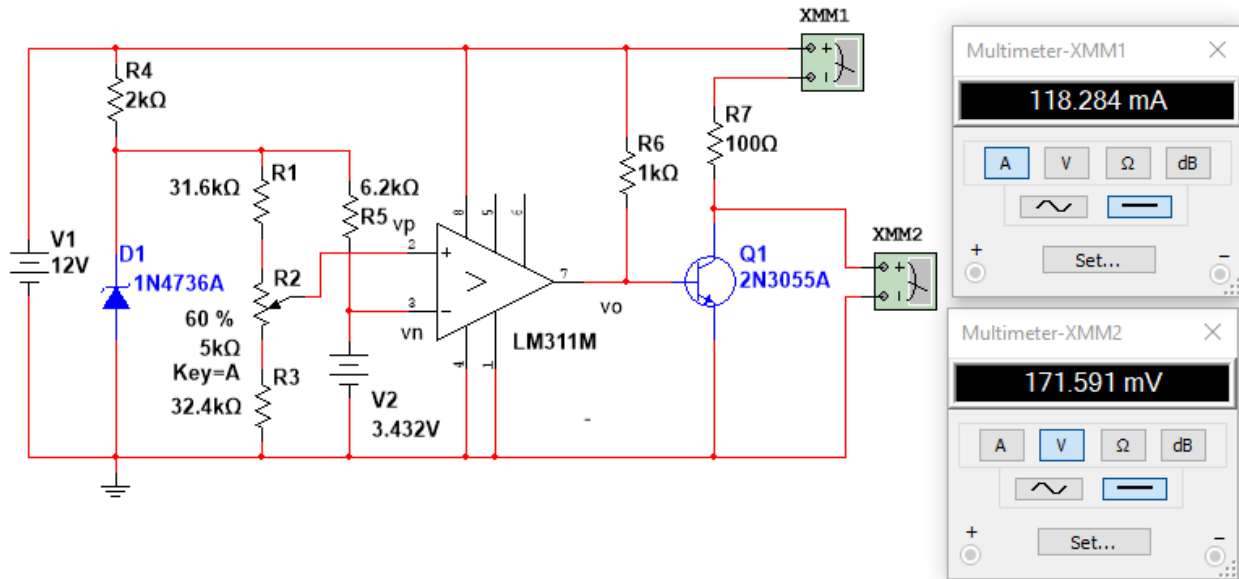
The circuit shown below describes a device that controls a heating device represented by  $R_5$  such that when the temperature is set through the potentiometer, and if the temperature falls below the set temperature, the transistor is turned ON allowing the heater to raise the temperature. Otherwise, the transistor is turned OFF so that the temperature can go down if the heater is OFF. Let us describe the function of the various stages.



Instead of the battery  $V_2 = 3.432\text{V}$  (in the case of the simulation shown), we are supposed to work with a temperature sensor such as the LM 335, which is a Zener diode where the Zener voltage is directly proportional to the ambient temperature in degrees Kelvin. In this case,

$$V_2 = V_{ZD2} = \frac{T}{100}$$

where T is the temperature in degrees Kelvin.



The combination of  $D_1$  and  $R_4$  allows the circuit to operate as long as the battery  $V_1$  is greater than the Zener voltage of  $D_1$  (6.8V). However, we need a security margin, and we will set the minimum value of the battery to 9V (this includes the voltage drop across  $R_5$ , and less than the maximum value that is specified for the LM311).

Let us assume that the operating temperature range is between 50 and 100°C.

When the arm of the potentiometer is at the extreme top, the voltage  $v_p$  will be maximum (simulation shows 100%), corresponding to the highest temperature to work with. When the arm of the potentiometer is at the extreme bottom (simulation shows 0%), the voltage  $v_p$  will be minimum, corresponding to the lowest temperature to work with.  $v_n$  is the voltage across the Zener diode  $D_2$  (temperature-dependent Zener voltage).

The resistors  $R_1$ ,  $R_3$ , and the potentiometer  $R_2$  are chosen to set the extreme temperatures that the system will operate with, and the temperature that will trigger the activity of the heating device.

When the arm of  $R_2$  is all the way up, the temperature under consideration is the largest value in the chosen range, and when the arm is all the way down, the lowest temperature is the one that is being considered. The two resistors and the potentiometer have the same current flowing through them since the current into the ideal comparator is zero (infinite input resistance).

When the arm is all the way up,

$$v_{pmax} = V_{ZD2max} = T_{max}/100$$

and when the arm is all the way down,

$$v_{pmin} = V_{ZD2min} = T_{min}/100$$

If  $I_{123}$  is the current through the two resistors and the potentiometer, it can be obtained from

$$I_{123} = (V_{ZD2max} - V_{ZD2min})/R_2$$

Hence

$$R_1 = (V_{ZD1} - V_{ZD2max})/I_{123}$$

$$R_3 = V_{ZD2min}/I_{123}$$

Below is a Matlab implementation of the calculations showing a demonstration of how this heater works.

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VZD2=@(T) (T+273.2)/100;
Tamb=70;fr=0.40;V1=12;VOH=V1;VOL=0;
R4=2e3;R2=5e3;R5=6.2e3;R6=1e3;R7=100;
Tmin=50;Tmax=100;aV2=3.5;VZD1=6.8;
VBEQ=0.7;VCEQ=0.17;
VZD2min=VZD2(Tmin);
VZD2max=VZD2(Tmax);
I123=(VZD2max-VZD2min)/R2;
R1=(VZD1-VZD2max)/I123;
R3=VZD2min/I123;
IR5=(VZD1-VZD2(Tamb))/R5;
IR4=(V1-VZD1)/R4;
IZD1=IR4-(I123+IR5);
vp=(fr*R2+R3)/(R1+R2+R3)*VZD1
vn=VZD2(Tamb)
if vp>vn
    vo=VBEQ;
    IBQ=(V1-VBEQ)/R6;
    ICQ=(V1-VCEQ)/R7;
    disp('Heater ON')
else
    VCEQ=V1;
    ICQ=0;
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disp('Heater OFF')
end

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vp =

3.4320

vn =

3.4320

Heater ON

The assumed ambient temperature was 70°C, and the extreme temperatures under consideration are 50°C and 100°C. When the temperature is 70°C or lower, the heater is turned ON. When the temperature is higher than 70°C, the heater is turned OFF. We also note that when the heater is turned ON, the transistor operates in the saturation region, giving us the highest current the transistor can deliver under these conditions and choices, and  $V_{CEQ} = V_{CEsat}$  (here 0.17V).

### 3.3 Window Detector

#### 3.3.1 General Case

If  $v_{p1}$  and  $v_{n1}$  are associated with U1, and  $v_{p2}$  and  $v_{n2}$  are associated with U2, then  $v_{p1} = V_{TH}$  (in this case 8V), and  $v_{n2} = V_{TL}$  (in this case 4V).

$$v_{p1} = V_{TH} = 8V \begin{matrix} Q_{01} \text{ OFF} \\ \geq \\ Q_{01} \text{ Sat} \end{matrix} v_{n1} = v_{in}$$

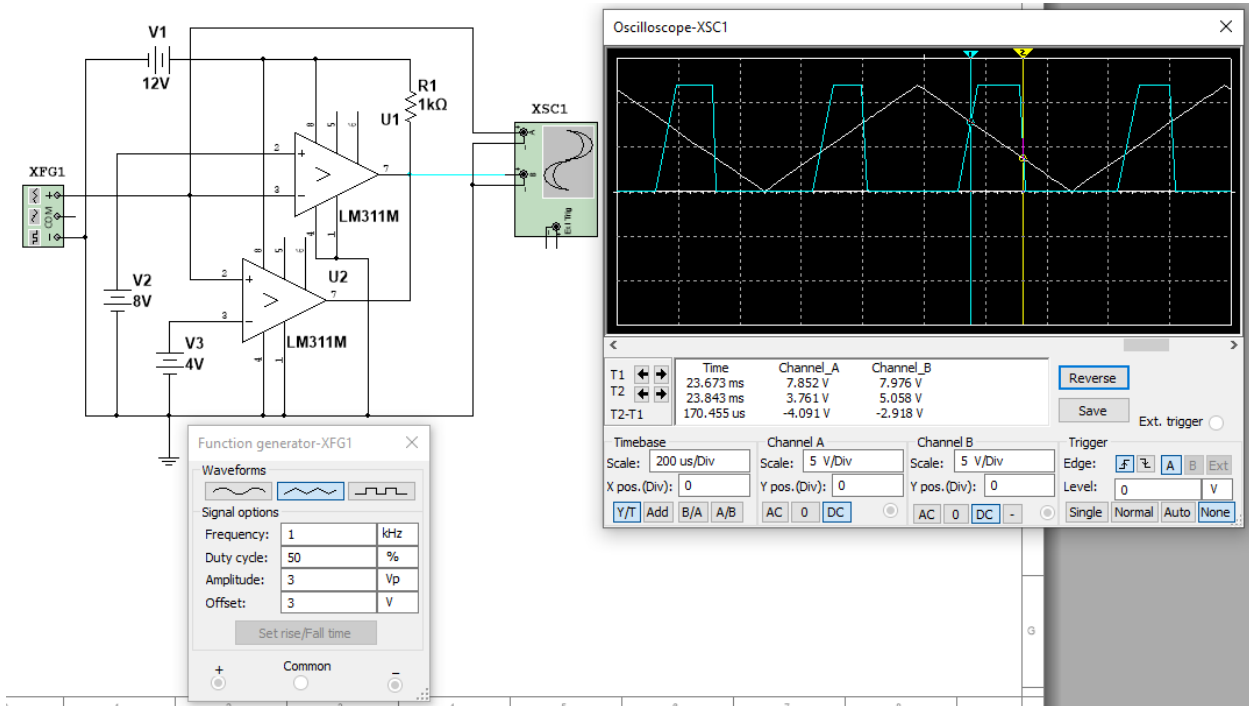
$$v_{p2} = v_{in} \begin{matrix} Q_{02} \text{ OFF} \\ \geq \\ Q_{02} \text{ Sat} \end{matrix} v_{n2} = V_{TL} = 4V$$

When both  $Q_{01}$  and  $Q_{02}$  are OFF,  $v_o = V_{OH}$

When either  $Q_{01}$  and  $Q_{02}$  or both are saturated,  $v_o = V_{OL}$

In this case,  $v_o = V_{OH}$  when  $V_{TL} < v_{in} < V_{TH}$

and  $v_o = V_{OL}$  otherwise, as illustrated in the figure below



### 3.3.2 Power Supply Monitor

1N5222B is a Zener diode with  $V_Z = 2.5V$ , and  $P_{max} = 500mW$ .

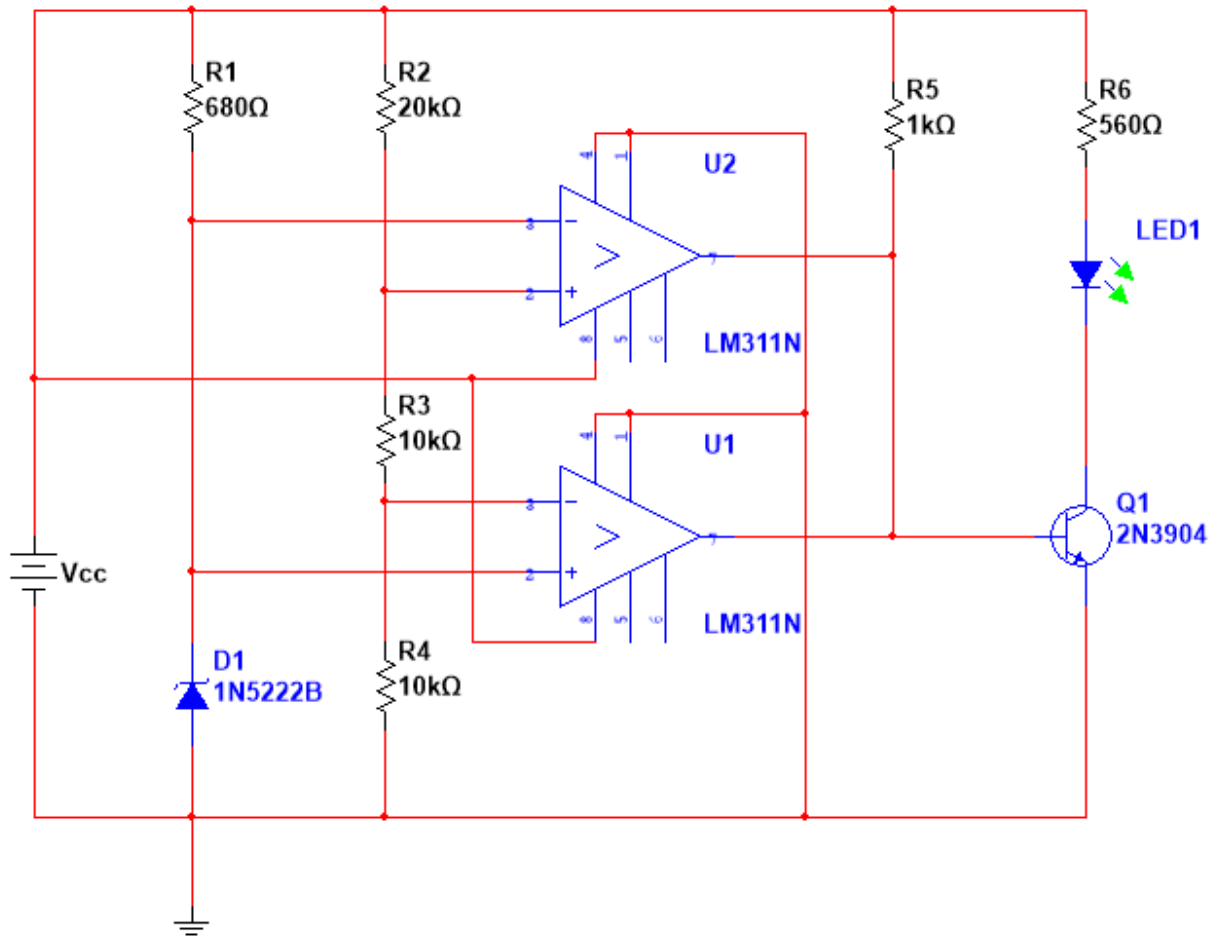
$$v_{p1} = v_{n2} = V_{ZD1}$$

$$v_{n1} = \frac{R_4}{R_2 + R_3 + R_4} V_{CC}$$

$$v_{p2} = \frac{R_3 + R_4}{R_2 + R_3 + R_4} V_{CC}$$

$$v_{p1} = V_{ZD1} = 2.5V \begin{matrix} \text{Q}_{01} \text{ OFF} \\ > \\ \text{Q}_{01} \text{ Sat} \end{matrix} v_{n1} = \frac{R_4}{R_2 + R_3 + R_4} V_{CC}$$

$$v_{p2} = \frac{R_3 + R_4}{R_2 + R_3 + R_4} V_{CC} \begin{matrix} \text{Q}_{02} \text{ OFF} \\ > \\ \text{Q}_{02} \text{ Sat} \end{matrix} v_{n2} = V_{ZD1} = 2.5V$$



The LED will be ON when both comparators are OFF ( $Q_1$  is saturated)

This will be true when

$$V_{ZD1} > \frac{R_4}{R_2 + R_3 + R_4} V_{CC}$$

$$\frac{R_3 + R_4}{R_2 + R_3 + R_4} V_{CC} > V_{ZD1}$$

This leads to

$$V_{CC} < \frac{R_2 + R_3 + R_4}{R_4} V_{ZD1}$$

$$V_{CC} > \frac{R_2 + R_3 + R_4}{R_3 + R_4} V_{ZD1}$$

In our case, The LED will be ON when  $5V < V_{CC} < 10V$ .

Multisim resulted in the LED being ON in the range 4.9V to 9.9V approximately, and Matlab resulted in the LED being ON in the range 5.1V to 9.9V. A better resolution can be achieved if one so desires.

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VZD1=2.5;VCC=5.1;VOH=VCC;VOL=0;
R1=680;R2=20e3;R3=10e3;
R4=10e3;R5=1e3;R6=560;
VBEQ=0.7;VCEQsat=0.05;VLED=2.1;
vp1=VZD1;vn2=VZD1;
vn1=VCC*R4/(R2+R3+R4)
vp2=VCC*(R3+R4)/(R2+R3+R4)
I1=VZD1/R1;
I234=VCC/(R2+R3+R4);
IR5=(VCC-VBEQ)/R5;
IR6=(VCC-VLED-VCEQsat)/R6;
if vp1>vn1 && vp2>vn2
    disp('LED ON')
else
    disp('LED OFF')
end
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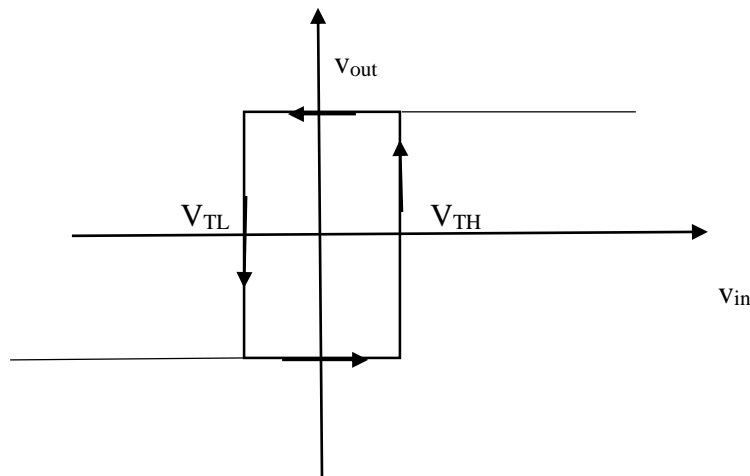
$$vn1 = 1.2750V$$

vp2 = 2.5500V

LED ON

The LED is OFF when  $V_{CC}$  is outside the desired range (either discharged if  $V_{CC}$  is low, or overcharged if  $V_{CC}$  is high). Do you think it was a good idea to have the LED OFF outside the desired range? (think of the case when the battery is 8V and yet the LED is OFF)

## 4. Schmitt Triggers



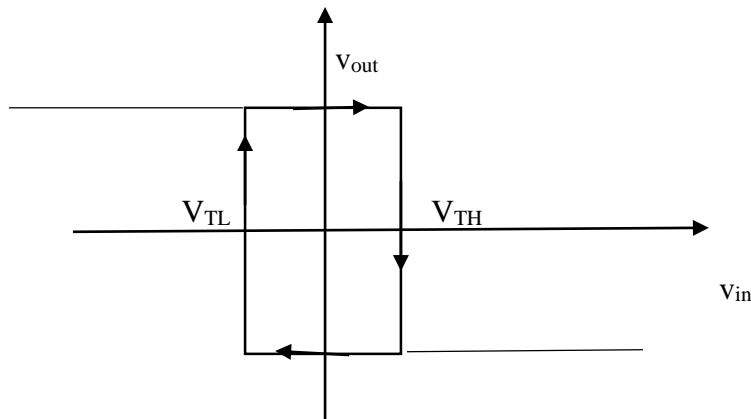
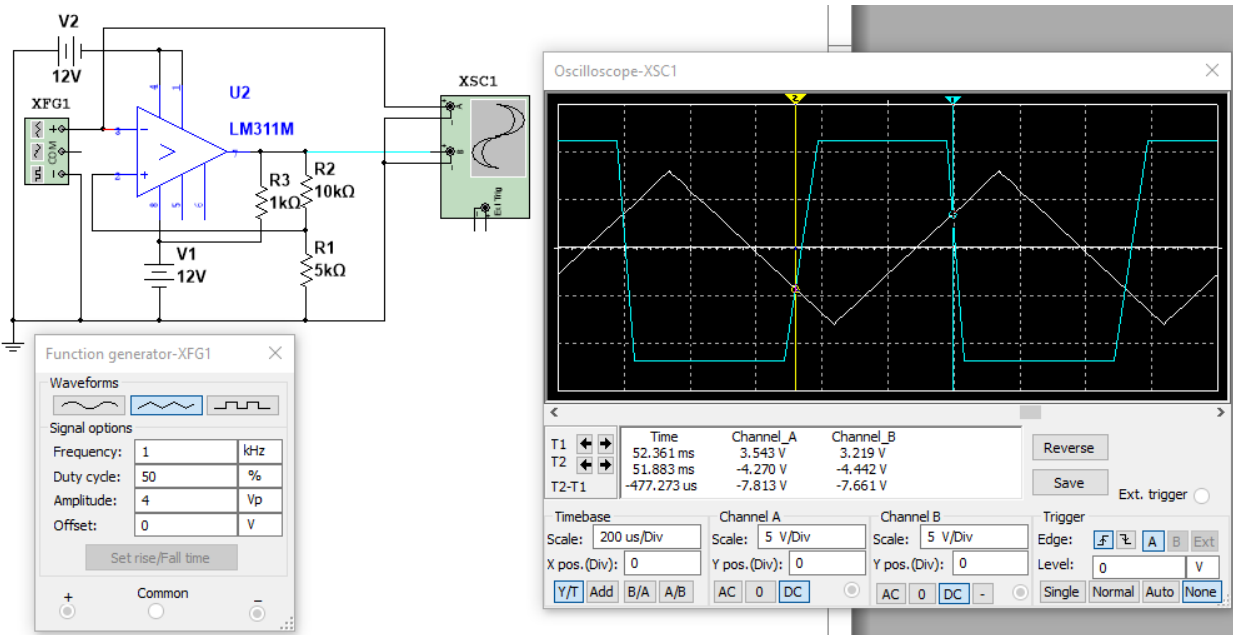
The figure shown above is representative of a Schmitt trigger. The voltage transfer characteristic ( $V_{out}$  versus  $V_{in}$ ), also labeled as a VTC, shows a hysteresis. In this case, when the input is very low ( $V_{in}$  much smaller than 0), the output is low. When the input increases, the output remains low until the input exceeds  $V_{TH}$ . Then the output switches to a high after that threshold.

However, as the input starts decreasing from a very high value, the output remains high until the input becomes smaller than the threshold  $V_{TL}$  (not equal to  $V_{TH}$ ). Then the output switches back to a low. This transfer characteristic is also representative of a non-inverting Schmitt trigger because the output is low when the input is low, and the output is high when the input is high.

This VTC will be achieved using a comparator and positive feedback.

### 4.1 Simple Inverting Schmitt Trigger

The figure below shows a simple inverting Schmitt trigger (the output is high when the input is low and the output is low when the input is high).



$$V_n = V_{in}$$

$$V_p = R_1 / (R_1 + R_2) * V_o$$

We are able to use voltage division because even though the two resistors share their node with the non-inverting input, the current through the non-inverting input being 0 because we assumed the comparator to have an infinite input resistance allows us to think as the two resistors to be virtually in series (same current).

When  $v_{in}$  is very small (negative range), the VTC shows that the output is high. If we had assumed the output to be low, we would have found that state to be unstable, and the output will switch to a stable state, which in this case is high.

$$v_n = v_{in} \frac{Q_0 \text{ Sat}}{Q_0 \text{ OFF}} v_p = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} v_o$$

Note that when  $Q_0$  is OFF,  $v_o = V_{OH} = V_{CC}$ , though in practical circuitry, the output may be lower than  $V_{CC}$  due to internal voltage drops.

When  $Q_0$  is saturated,  $v_o = V_{OL} = -V_{EE}$

Hence, the switching occurs when  $v_{in}$  exceeds the threshold

$$V_{TH} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_{OH} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_{CC}$$

Conversely, as the input is very high, and the stable state of the output is low where  $v_o = V_{OL} = -V_{EE}$ , the switch will occur when the input becomes lower than the threshold

$$V_{TL} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_{OL} = -\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_{EE}$$

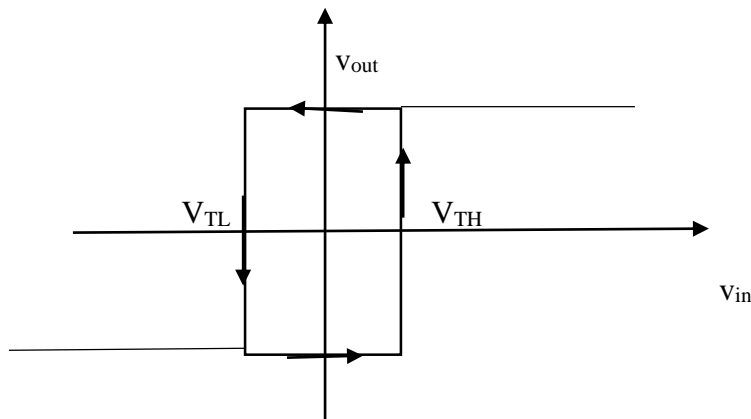
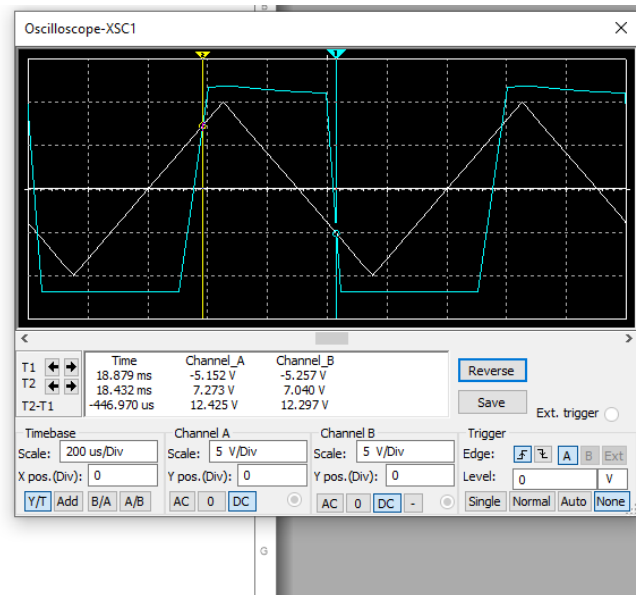
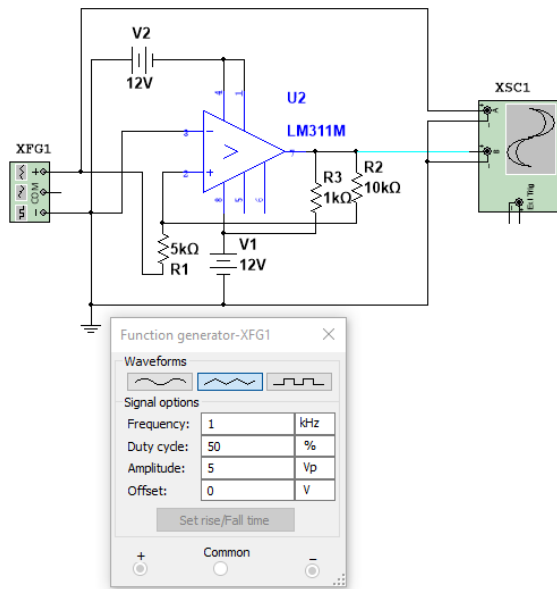
Note that the thresholds are equal in magnitude and opposite in sign if we assume dual power supply and  $V_{CC} = V_{EE}$ .

## 4.2 Simple Noninverting Schmitt Trigger

The figure below shows a simple noninverting Schmitt trigger (the output is low when the input is low and the output is high when the input is high).

$$v_n = 0$$

$$v_p = R_1/(R_1+R_2)*v_o + R_2/(R_1+R_2)*v_{in}$$



$$v_n = 0 \begin{cases} \geq \\ < \end{cases} \frac{Q_0 \text{ Sat}}{Q_0 \text{ OFF}} v_p = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} v_o + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} v_{in}$$

We assume that we start with the appropriate assumption that the output is low when the input is low.



Hence the output will switch to a high when the input reaches  $V_{TH}$

$$\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_{OL} + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_{TH} = 0$$

$$\text{or } V_{TH} = -\frac{R_1}{R_2} V_{OL}$$

When the input is very high, the output is high. As the input decreases toward and reaches  $V_{TL}$ ,

$$\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_{OH} + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} V_{TL} = 0$$

$$\text{or } V_{TL} = -\frac{R_1}{R_2} V_{OH}$$

with the width of the hysteresis becoming equal to

$$\Delta V_T = \frac{R_1}{R_2} (V_{OH} - V_{OL})$$

We again see that the thresholds are equal in magnitude and opposite in sign if we assume dual power supply and  $V_{CC} = V_{EE}$ .

#### 4.3 Single Power Supply Inverting Schmitt Trigger

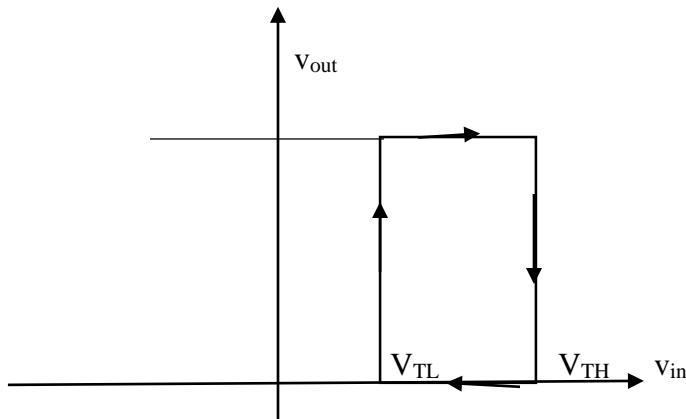
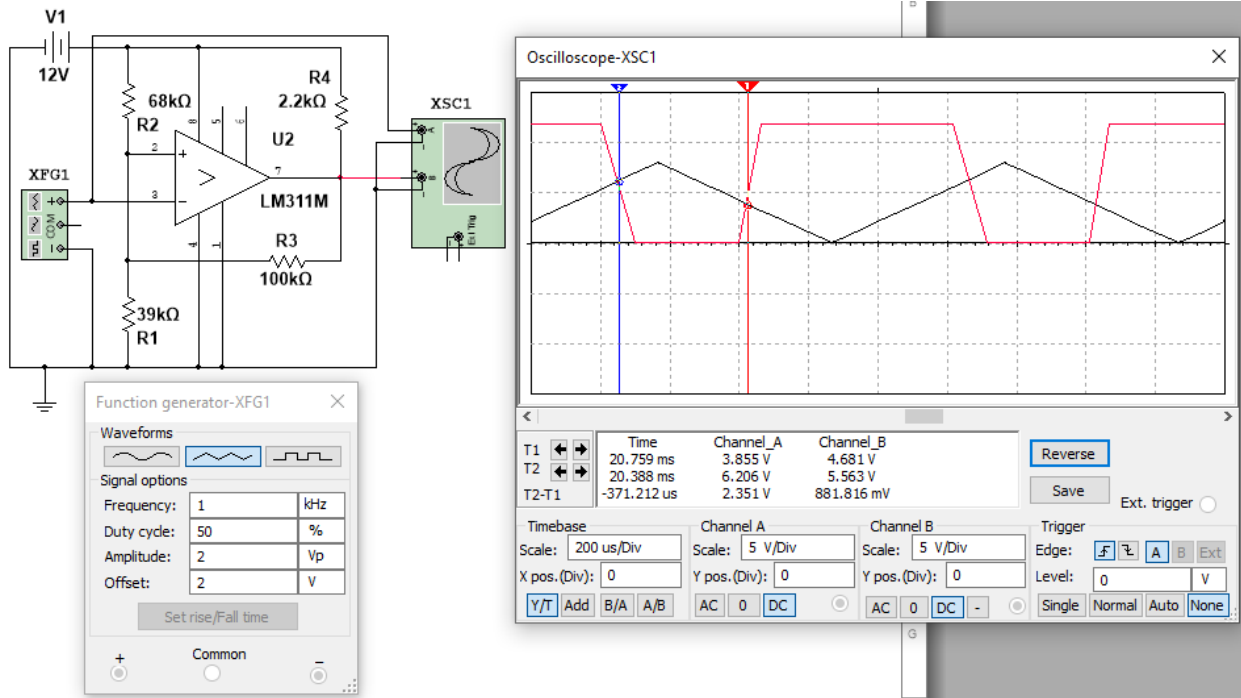
We again assume that the output is high when the input is low and the output is low when the input is high (stable state)

$$v_n = v_{in}$$

Using superposition, with  $V_{CC}$  and  $v_o$  being the two sources affecting  $v_p$

$$v_p = \frac{R_1 // R_3}{R_1 // R_3 + R_2} V_{CC} + \frac{R_1 // R_2}{R_1 // R_2 + R_3} v_o$$

$$v_n = v_{in} \begin{matrix} \text{Q}_0 \text{ Sat} \\ \geq \\ \text{Q}_0 \text{ OFF} \end{matrix} v_p = \frac{R_1 // R_3}{R_1 // R_3 + R_2} V_{CC} + \frac{R_1 // R_2}{R_1 // R_2 + R_3} v_o$$



Hence the output will switch to a low when the input reaches  $V_{TH}$

$$\frac{R_1 // R_3}{R_1 // R_3 + R_2} V_{CC} + \frac{R_1 // R_2}{R_1 // R_2 + R_3} V_{OH} = V_{TH}$$

Conversely, the output is low when the input is high.

Hence the output will switch to a high when the input reaches  $V_{TL}$

$$\frac{R_1 // R_3}{R_1 // R_3 + R_2} V_{CC} + \frac{R_1 // R_2}{R_1 // R_2 + R_3} V_{OL} = V_{TL}$$

Knowing that  $V_{OH} = V_{CC}$ ,  $V_{OL} = 0$

$$V_{TH} = \frac{R_1 // R_3}{R_1 // R_3 + R_2} V_{CC} + \frac{R_1 // R_2}{R_1 // R_2 + R_3} V_{CC} = \left( \frac{R_1 // R_3}{R_1 // R_3 + R_2} + \frac{R_1 // R_2}{R_1 // R_2 + R_3} \right) V_{CC}$$

$$V_{TL} = \frac{R_1 // R_3}{R_1 // R_3 + R_2} V_{CC}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{R_1 // R_3}{R_1 // R_3 + R_2} + \frac{R_1 // R_2}{R_1 // R_2 + R_3} &= \frac{\frac{R_1 R_3}{R_1 + R_3}}{\frac{R_1 R_3}{R_1 + R_3} + R_2} + \frac{\frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}}{\frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2} + R_3} \\ &= \frac{R_1 R_3}{R_1 R_3 + R_2 (R_1 + R_3)} + \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 R_2 + R_3 (R_1 + R_2)} \\ &= \frac{R_1 R_3 + R_1 R_2}{R_1 R_3 + R_2 (R_1 + R_3)} = \frac{R_1 (R_3 + R_2)}{R_1 (R_2 + R_3) + R_2 R_3} \\ &= \frac{R_1}{R_1 + \frac{R_2 R_3}{(R_2 + R_3)}} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2 // R_3} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{TH} = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2 // R_3} V_{CC}$$

$$V_{TL} = \frac{R_1 // R_3}{R_1 // R_3 + R_2} V_{CC}$$

The design of this Schmitt trigger, with the choice of the resistor values to satisfy a specific set of  $V_{TL}$  and  $V_{TH}$ , requires the selection of 4 resistor values with only 2 equations. Hence, we will choose a value for  $R_3$  and the value of  $R_4$  will be chosen to make sure  $v_o$  is very close to  $V_{CC}$  ( $R_3 \gg R_4$ ).

The remaining resistor values will be obtained with the help of the following equations

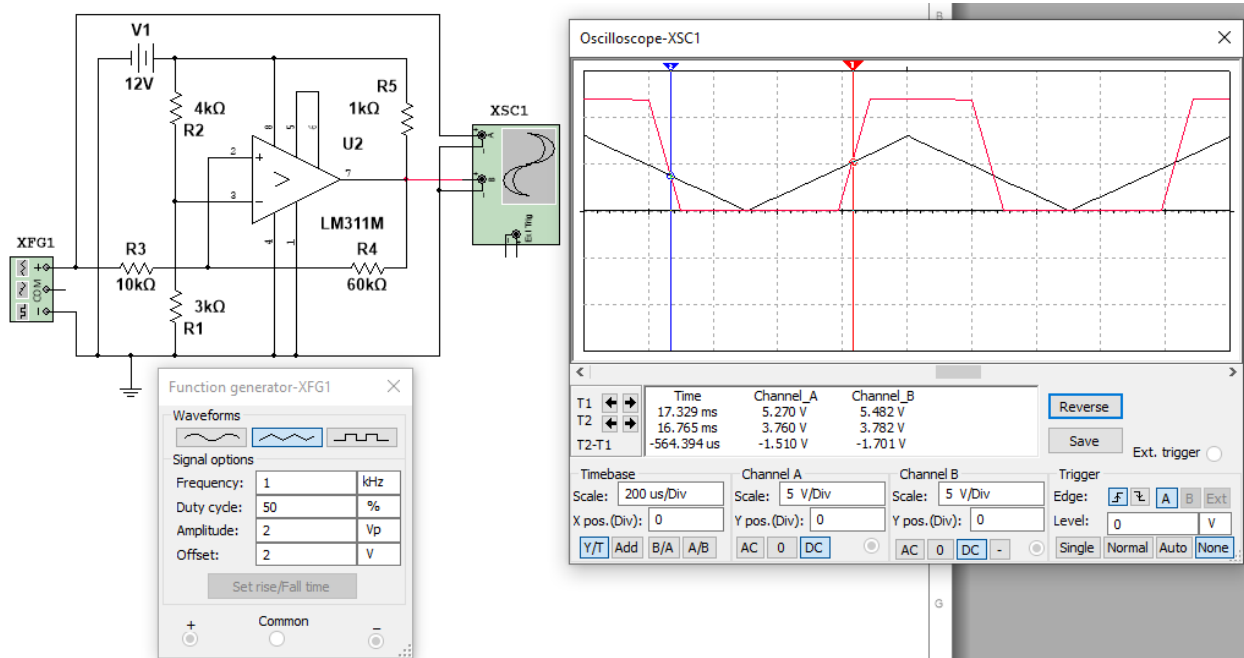
$$\frac{1}{R_1} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{TH}}{V_{TH}} \left( \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \right)$$

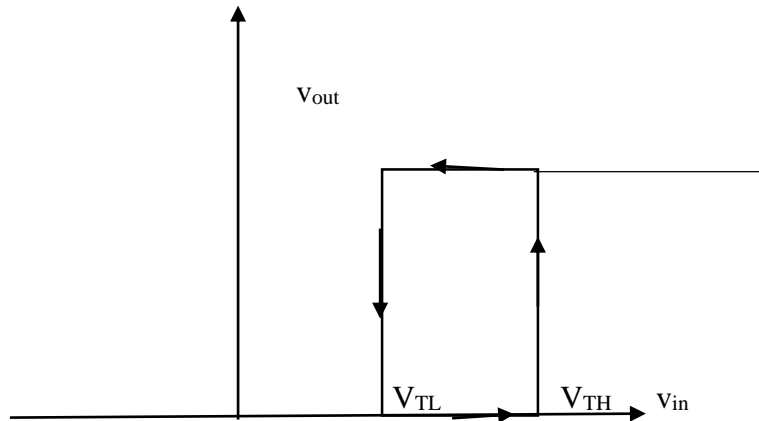
$$\frac{1}{R_2} = \frac{V_{TL}}{V_{CC} - V_{TL}} \left( \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_3} \right)$$

Example:

Assume that we are using a single power supply  $V_{CC} = 12V$ , and made a choice of  $V_{TL} = 3.5V$  and  $V_{TH} = 6V$ . If we start with the choice of  $R_4 = 2.2k\Omega$ , then  $R_3 = 100 k\Omega$  would be suitable. In that case, Approximate standard values of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  satisfying the previous equations would be  $R_1 = 39 k\Omega$ , and  $R_2 = 68 k\Omega$ , which would complete the design (achieving  $V_{TL} = 3.5V$  and  $V_{TH} = 5.89V$ ).

#### 4.4 Single Power Supply Noninverting Schmitt Trigger





$$v_n = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_{CC}$$

Using superposition, with  $V_{CC}$  and  $v_o$  being the two sources affecting  $v_p$

$$v_p = \frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} v_{in} + \frac{R_3}{R_3 + R_4} v_o$$

$$v_n = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_{CC} \begin{matrix} > \\ < \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} Q_0 \text{ Sat} \\ Q_0 \text{ OFF} \end{matrix} v_p = \frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} v_{in} + \frac{R_3}{R_3 + R_4} v_o$$

With the assumption that when the input is low, the output is low (stable state), and  $V_{OH} = V_{CC}$ , and  $V_{OL} = 0$ , as  $v_{in}$  increases from a low, the output will switch when the input reaches  $V_{TH}$ . Conversely, the output will switch with decreasing input when the input reaches  $V_{TL}$ .

When the input reaches  $V_{TH}$  while increasing,

$$v_n = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_{CC} = v_p = \frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} V_{TH}$$

Conversely, when the input reaches  $V_{TL}$  while decreasing,

$$v_n = \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} V_{CC} = v_p = \frac{R_4}{R_3 + R_4} V_{TL} + \frac{R_3}{R_3 + R_4} V_{CC}$$

giving us

$$V_{TH} = \frac{R_3 + R_4}{R_1 + R_2} \frac{R_1}{R_4} V_{CC}$$

$$V_{TL} = \frac{R_1}{R_4} \left( \frac{R_3 + R_4}{R_1 + R_2} - \frac{R_3}{R_1} \right) V_{CC}$$

One can also show that

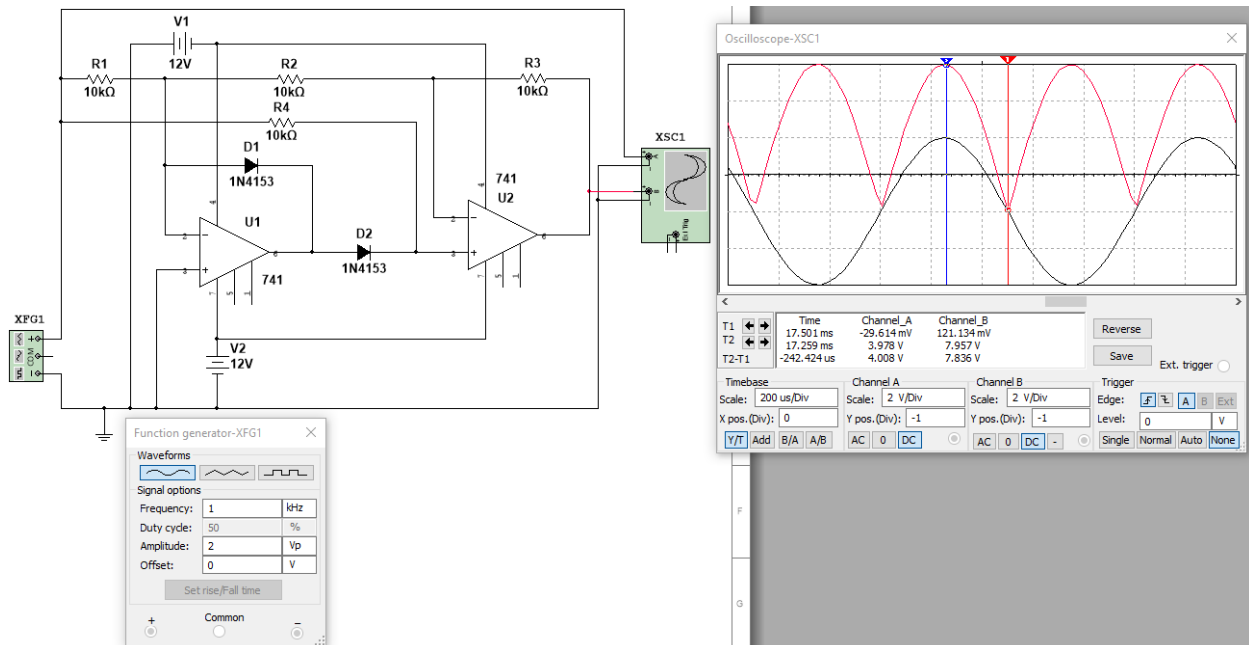
$$\frac{R_3}{R_4} = \frac{V_{TH} - V_{TL}}{V_{CC}}$$

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1} = \frac{V_{CC} - V_{TL}}{V_{TH}}$$

We can see that with the components values in the given circuit

$V_{TL} = 4V$ , and  $V_{TH} = 6V$

## 5. Full Wave Rectifier



Let us assume that  $R_1 = R_2 = R$ , and that  $R_3 = (A-1)R$

When  $v_{in} > 0$ ,  $D_1$  is ON. Since we have a negative feedback connection, this means that  $v_{n1} = v_{p1} = 0V$ . Hence  $v_{o1} = -V_{D1on}$ . In that case,  $D_2$  is OFF since the anode voltage is definitely less than the cathode voltage (cathode connected to  $v_{in}$  through  $R_4$ ). Since  $v_{in}$  is applied to  $v_{p2}$  through  $R_4$ , and  $v_{n1} = 0V$ , the second stage acts like a noninverting amplifier with a gain equal to  $v_o/v_{in}$ .

With  $R_1 = R_2 = R$  and  $R_3 = (A-1)R$

$$\frac{v_o}{v_{in}} = 1 + \frac{R_3}{R_2} = 1 + \frac{(A-1)R}{R} = A \quad \text{when } v_{in} > 0$$

When  $v_{in} < 0$ ,  $D_1$  is OFF. The biasing of  $D_2$  by a negative  $v_{in}$  through  $R_4$  turns it ON since the inverting input of the first OPAMP is still ground because of negative feedback (from  $D_2$  to 2<sup>nd</sup> OPAMP to  $R_3$  to  $R_2$ ). Hence

$$\frac{0 - v_{in}}{R_1} = \frac{v_o - 0}{R_2 + R_3}$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{v_o}{v_{in}} = -\frac{R_2 + R_3}{R_1} \quad \text{when } v_{in} < 0$$

With  $R_1 = R_2 = R$  and  $R_3 = (A-1)R$

$$\frac{v_o}{v_{in}} = -A \quad \text{when } v_{in} < 0$$

Hence  $v_o = A|v_{in}|$  and a full wave rectification ensues

## 6. Peak Detector

When the switch is closed, the output follows the input waveform. When the switch is closed, the output tracks and remains equal to the highest peak it had encountered.

