

# Exp.7: Clamping Circuits

## 1- Objectives:

- To become familiar with the function and operation of clampers.

## 2- Circuit elements:

- Function generator.
- Oscilloscope.
- Silicon diode.
- Resistor 10 K $\Omega$ .
- Capacitor 1 $\mu$ F.
- DC. Power supply unit (1.5 V).

## 3- Procedure:

### Part 1: Clampers (Effect of R)

1- Determine the time constant ( $\tau = RC$ ) for the network of fig 1.

(calculated)  $\tau =$  \_\_\_\_\_

$5\tau =$  \_\_\_\_\_

2- Calculate the period of the applied signal and then determine half the period.

(calculated)  $T = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$T/2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3- Using the result of  $5\tau$  and compare to  $T/2$ .

### Part 2: Clampers (R, C, diode combination)

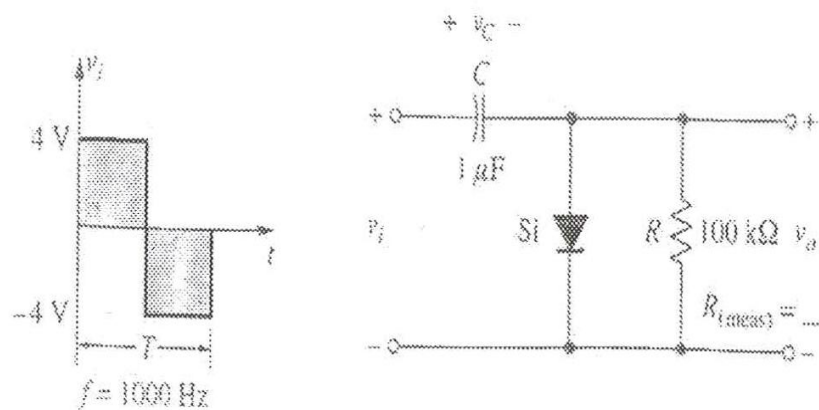


Fig 1

1- Connect the circuit as shown in figure 1. Note that the input is an  $8 V_{p-p}$  square wave at a frequency of 1000 Hz.

2- Calculate the voltage  $V_C$  and  $V_o$  when the applied square wave is +4 V.

(Calculated)  $V_C = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

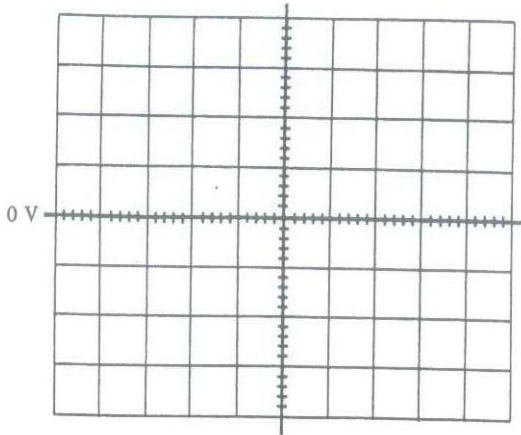
(Calculated)  $V_o = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3- Repeat (2) when the applied square wave is -4 V.

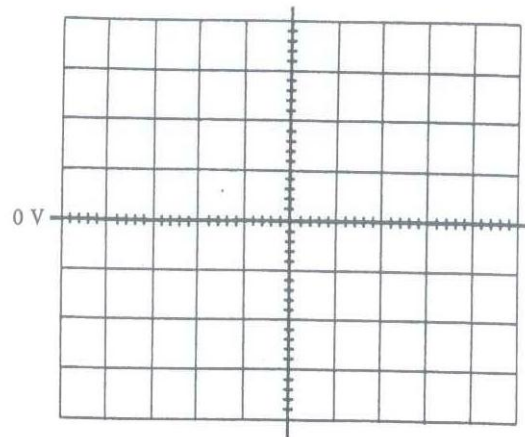
(Calculated)  $V_o = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

4- Sketch the expected waveform for  $V_o$  .

Calculated:



Measured:



5- Compare with the predicted results.

6- Reverse the diode of fig 1, and calculate the level of  $V_C$  and  $V_o$  when  $V_i = +4$  V.

(Calculated)  $V_C =$  \_\_\_\_\_

(Calculated)  $V_o =$  \_\_\_\_\_

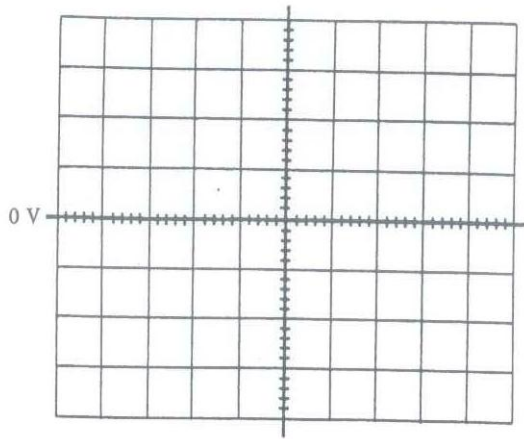
7- Repeat (6) when the applied square wave is -4 V.

(Calculated)  $V_o =$  \_\_\_\_\_

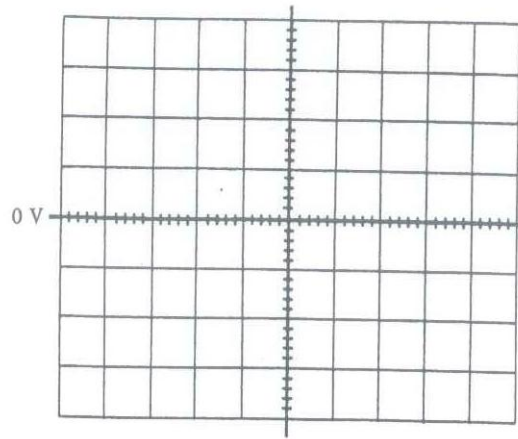
8- Sketch the expected waveform for  $V_o$  .

9- Compare with the predicted results.

Calculated:



Measured:



### Part 3: Clampers with a DC battery

1- Connect the circuit as shown in figure 2. Note that the input is a  $8\text{ V}_{\text{p-p}}$  square wave at a frequency of  $1000\text{ Hz}$ .

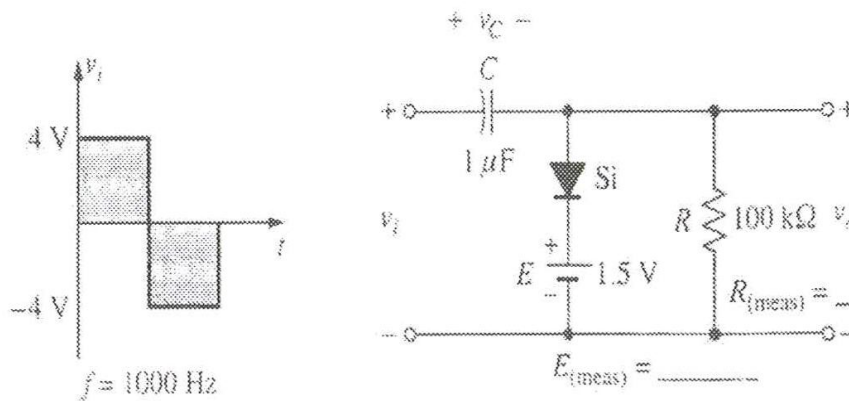


Fig 2

2- Calculate the voltage  $V_C$  and  $V_o$  when the applied square wave is  $+4\text{ V}$ .

(Calculated)  $V_C = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

(Calculated)  $V_o =$  \_\_\_\_\_

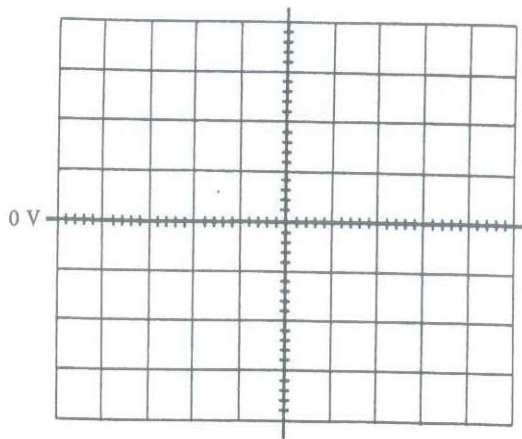
3- Repeat (2) when the applied square wave is -2 V.

(Calculated)  $V_o =$  \_\_\_\_\_

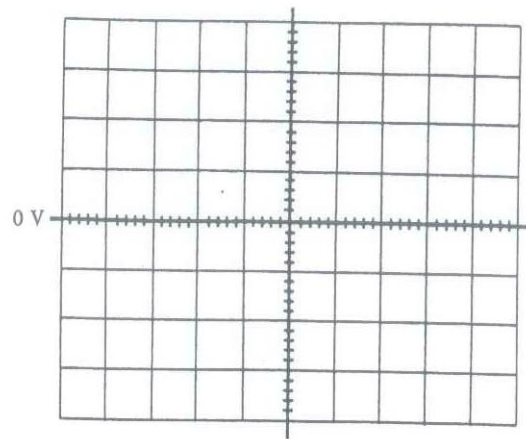
4- Sketch the expected waveform for  $V_o$ .

5- Compare with the predicted results.

Calculated:



Measured:



1- Reverse the battery of fig 2, and calculate the level of  $V_C$  and  $V_o$  when  $V_i = +4$  V.

(Calculated)  $V_C =$  \_\_\_\_\_

(Calculated)  $V_o =$  \_\_\_\_\_

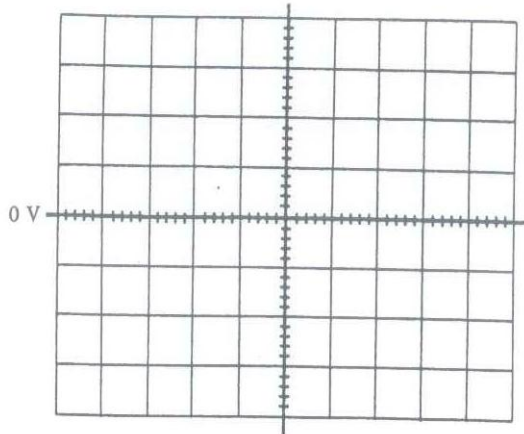
2- Repeat (6) when the applied square wave is -4 V.

(Calculated)  $V_o =$  \_\_\_\_\_

3- Sketch the expected waveform for  $V_o$ .

4- Compare with the predicted results.

Calculated:



Measured:

