

Unit - 4

Barkhausen criterion:

$$V_o = A \cdot V_i \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

feedback

$$V_f = -\beta V_o \quad \text{--- (2)} \quad (\text{Inverting Amplifier})$$

-ve sign indicates 180° phase shift

Subst (1) in (2)

$$V_f = -\beta \cdot A \cdot V_i$$

For the oscillator, feedback should drive the ampli

hence  $V_f = V_i$

$$V_i = -\beta \cdot A \cdot V_i$$

$$\boxed{-\beta A = 1} \quad \leftarrow \text{This is called Barkhausen criterion.}$$

$$\beta A = -1 + j0$$

Equating magnitude of both sides,

$$|\beta A| = |-1 + j0|$$

$$|\beta A| = 1$$

Phase of  $V_f$  must be same as  $V_i$ .

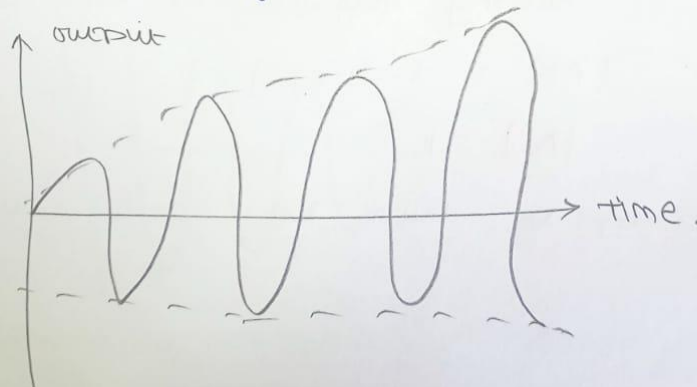
Barkhausen criteria states that,

- 1) The total phase shift around a loop is  $0^\circ$  (or)  $360^\circ$  or an integral multiple of  $2\pi$  radians.
- 2) The magnitude of the product of the open loop gain of amplifier (A) and the feedback factor  $\beta$  is unity  $|A\beta| = 1$

Satisfying the above 2 conditions, the circuit works as an oscillator producing sustained oscillations of constant frequency and amplitude.

a)  $|A\beta| > 1$ .

When total phase shift  $0^\circ$  (or)  $360^\circ$  &  $|A\beta| > 1$ .  
Output oscillates and growing type. Amplitude goes on increasing.

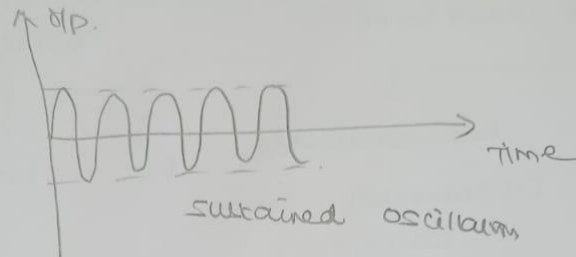


a) Growing type of oscillation.

b)  $|A\beta| = 1$ .

Phase shift  $0^\circ$  (or)  $360^\circ$  &  $|A\beta| = 1$ .

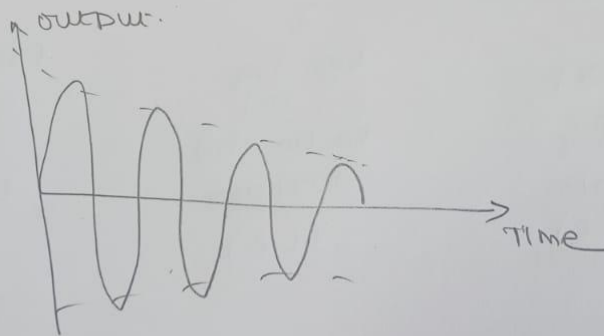
Oscillations with constant frequency and amplitude are called sustained oscillations.



c)  $|A\beta| < 1$ .

When phase shift  $0^\circ$  (or)  $360^\circ$  &  $|A\beta| < 1$ .

Oscillations are decaying type. Amplitude decreases exponentially and finally ceases. Circuit works as amplifier without oscillations.



Exponentially decaying oscillation.

Starting Voltage?

Movement of free electrons generate a voltage called noise voltage, across the resistance. Such noise voltages are amplified.

## Classification of oscillator :

