

# Project # 3

## Schmitt Trigger Design and Testing



Objective was to design and test a Schmitt trigger, using a standard



symmetric  $\pm V_{cc}$ ,  
With  $V_{TH} - V_{TL} = 7V$   
-6V.

$V_L$  values for  
was chosen to be  
for  $N_2$ , and  
The test gave

low enough not to reach  $\pm V_{cc,max} = \pm 18V$  for the chosen op amp.  
the values for  $V_L$  and  $V_H$  to be  $-11V$  and  $+11V$ , respectively. Thus the Schmitt  
trigger graph  $V_o$  vs  $V_i$  should have looked as shown in figure 1.

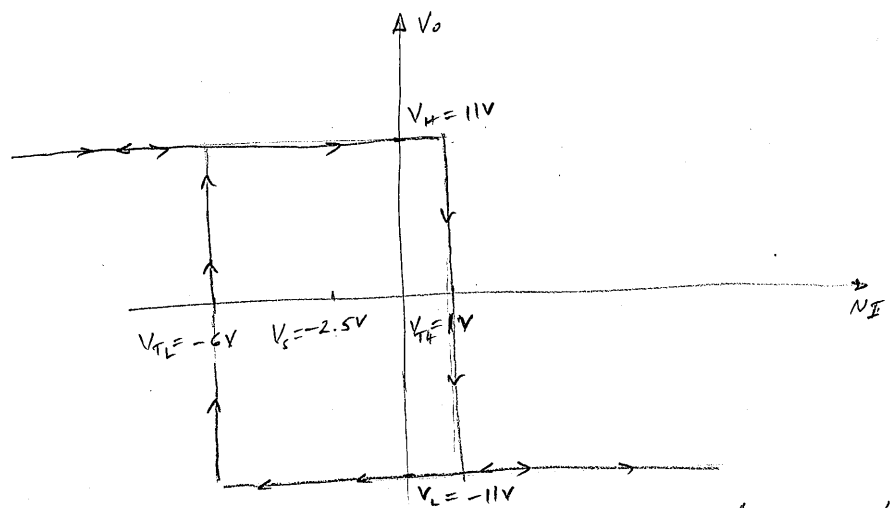


Figure 1. Voltage transfer characteristics.

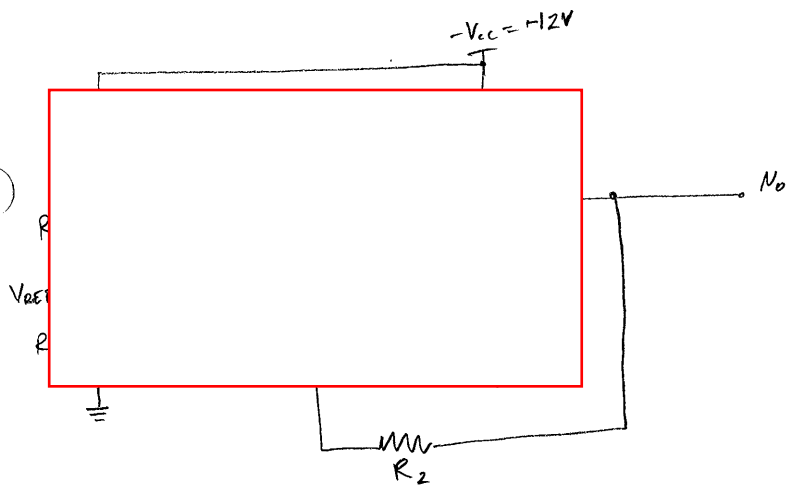


Figure 2. Schmitt Trigger Circuit

Figure 2 showed the circuit design used. Reference voltage for the circuit was pulled from the same power supply as  $\pm V_{cc}$ , thus a voltage divider was created to adjust for the  $V_{ref}$  required value. Positive feedback circuit was used, and the component (resistor) values were calculated using equations below.

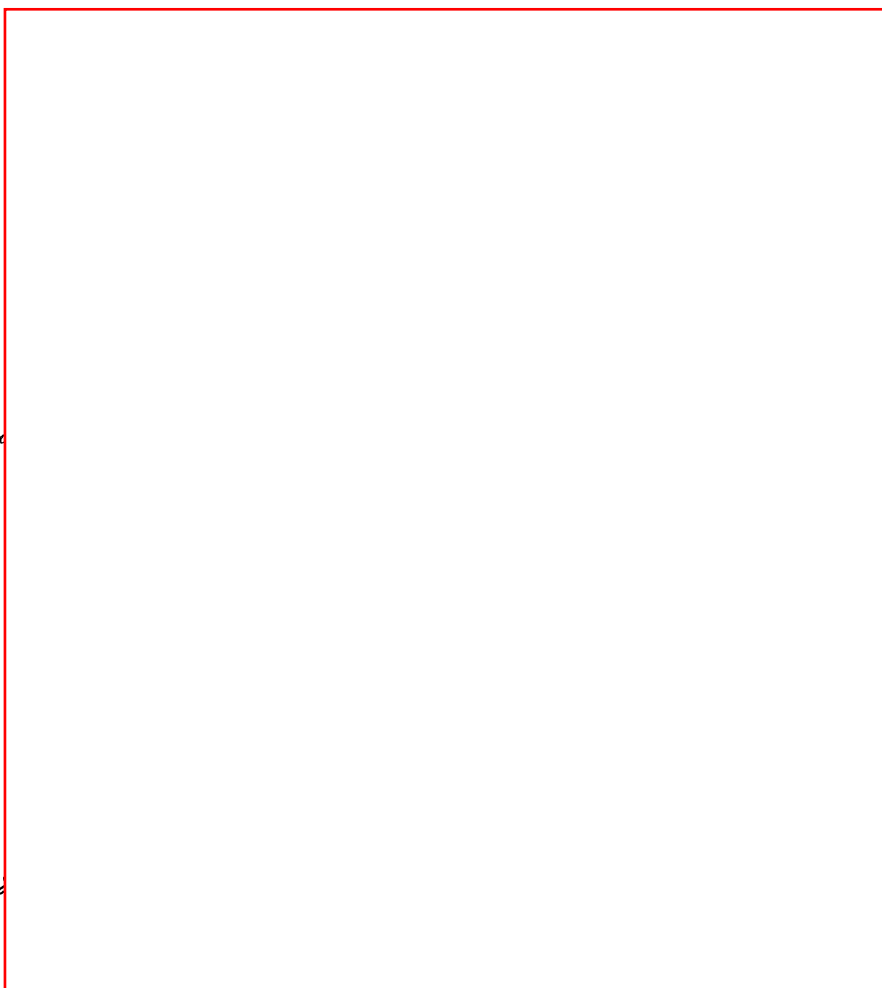
$$V_L = -11V, V_H = -2.5V,$$

$$\text{and } V_{TL} = -6V$$

so:

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Thus,

$R_1$

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Next set  
and  $R_4 = 2.2$   
effect was  
 $V_{I} = 8 V_{pp}$   
values of  $V_{I}$   
This was de  
 $V_{I}$  was ab  
signal. Two

$22k\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 2.2k\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 1k\Omega$ ,  
(approximately). Hysterisis  
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t signal. However, the  
tion on the x-t graph.  
the  $V_{I}$  was changing,  
e with the  $V_{I}$  sinusoidal  
ct of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ .

By increasing the value of  $R_1$ ,  $V_{REF}$  was more isolated from  $V_{I}$  and the variation of  $V_{REF}$  was much smaller. Values of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  were  $22k\Omega$  and  $47k\Omega$ , respectively. Values of  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  were kept the same as before. Resistor  $R_1 || R_2$  was changed to  $15k\Omega$ .

This circuit yielded net voltage transfer characteristics as shown in figure 3. On the x-axis  $V_{I}$  was presented and  $V_{O}$  on the y-axis.

The x-cursors were measuring  $V_{TL}$  and  $V_{TH}$ , which were  $-6V (x2)$  and  $1V (x1)$  as required by the specifications. The y-cursors showed the values of  $V_{L}$  and  $V_{H}$  to be  $-11V$  and  $11V$ .

Appendix A contained the MicroCap circuit and transient analysis, using sinusoidal signal as input, in figures 4 and 5. Also, Matlab simulation code and graph (figure 6) were presented in the appendix.

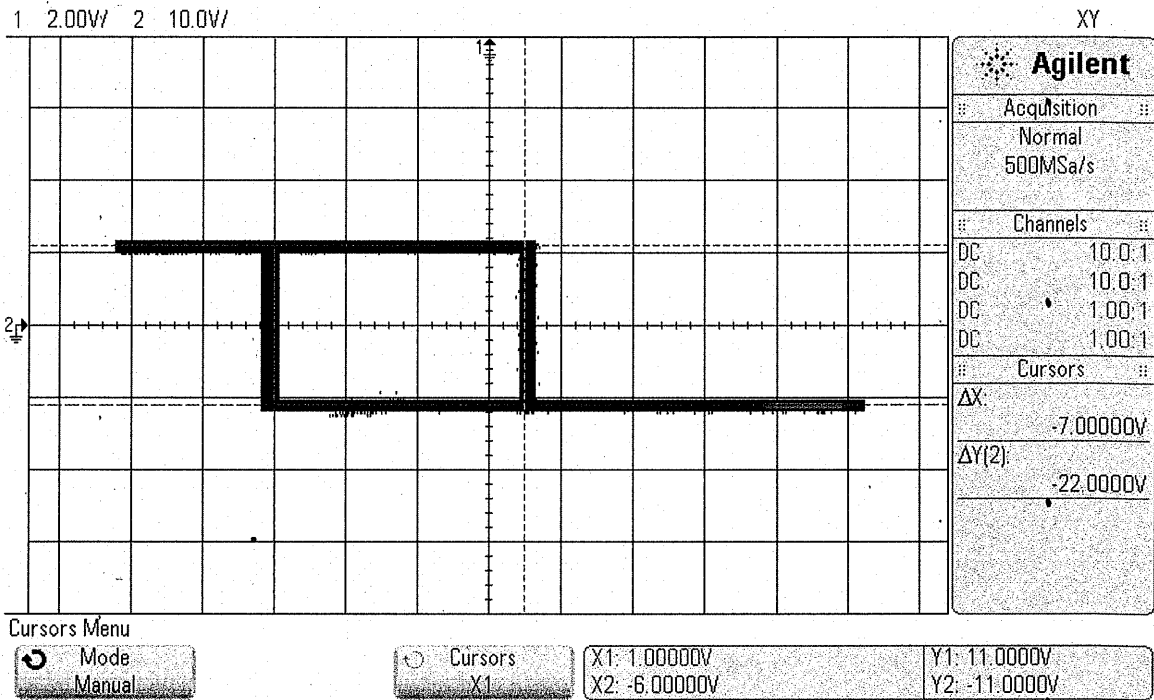


Figure 3. Circuit Net Voltage Characteristics

Appendix A :



Figure 4. Micro Cap Circuit

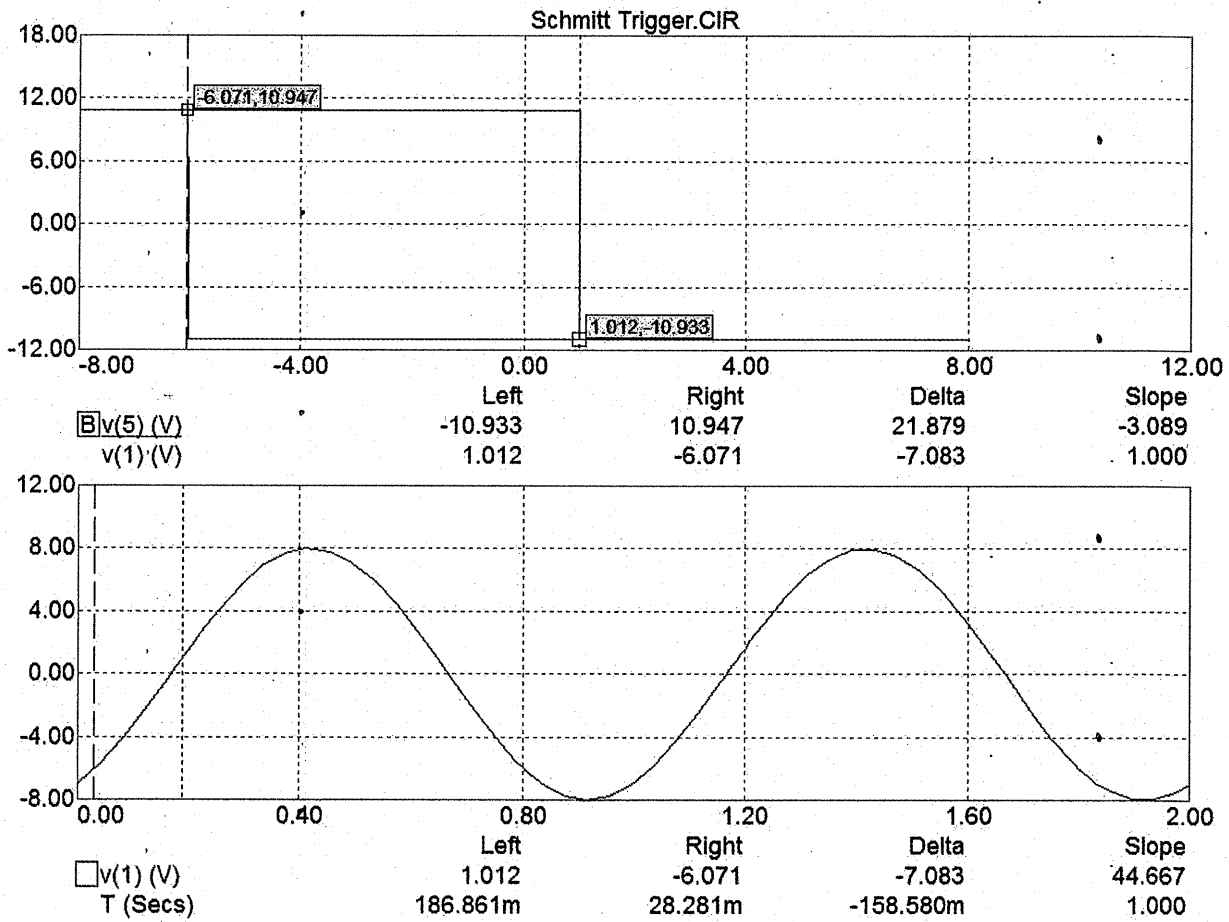
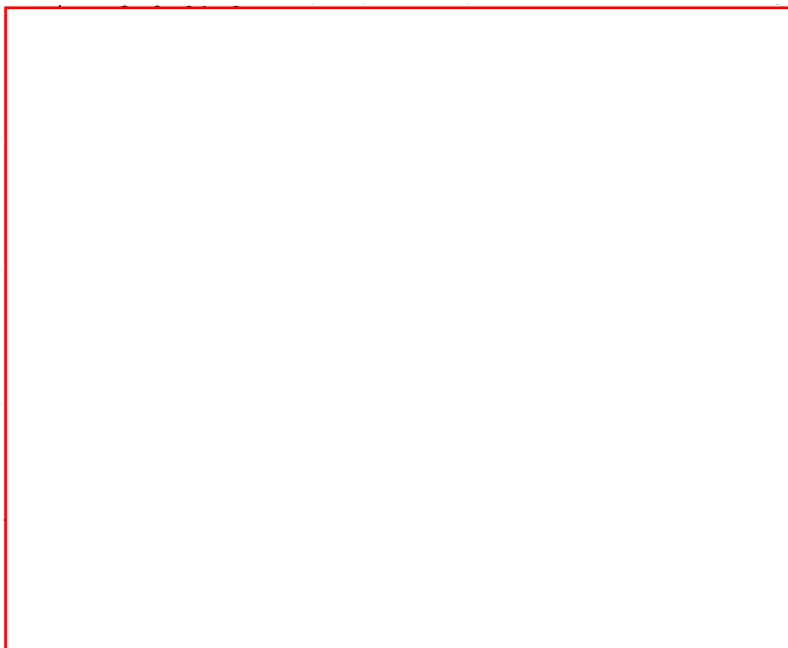


Figure 5. Micro Cap Transient Analysis

Matlab Code:

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%EE254 Project3
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plot(vin,vout,'r')  
hold on  
stem(Vs,0,'b')
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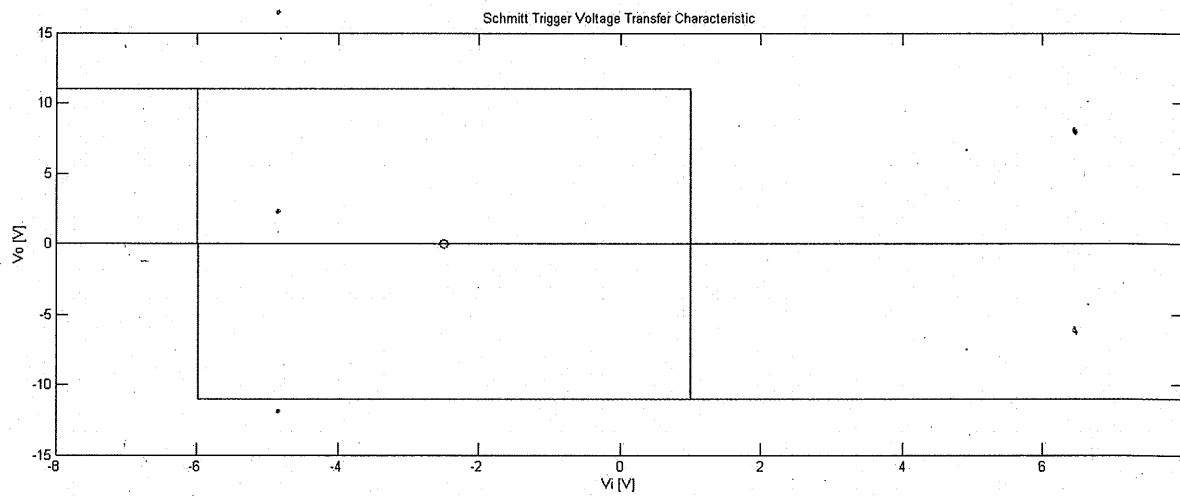


Figure 6. Matlab Simulation