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S Y N O P S I S

The machines of the modern era require power supplies that are of a high level of accuracy and more or less a constant value of voltage.

Our project, titled 'A Static Servo Stabilizer', is a step towards ensuring a stable supply of power which is a pre-requisite for expensive machinery and computers.

This project basically deals with the design, fabrication and testing of the Static Servo Stabilizer. The Aluminium foil transformer ensures that there are no moving parts in the stabilizer as in the case of the conventional voltage stabilizers that incorporate Auto Variacs to control the voltage levels of the servo motor.

Consequently, the size of the stabilizer has been reduced and aluminium, being cheaper than Copper has ensured that the cost is also reduced.

The design particulars, fabrication details, mode of servo-mechanism and the testing procedures have been extensively dealt with in this report.

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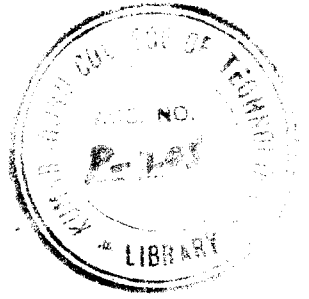
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CHAPTER I

Introduction

1.1 .Need for voltage stabilizers

The provisions of the Indian Electricity Act requires that power supply voltage should not rise or drop by more than 5%. But we find voltage fluctuations taking the 230v mains supply voltage to as low as 150v or as high as 300v occasionally. With enormous increase in loads connected to a distribution transformer, the electricity suppliers now find it exceeding difficult to maintain the voltage within the stipulated limits. This has made necessary the use of an automatic voltage stabilizer for almost every instrument. Even domestic appliances like refrigerators and t.v sets need a stabilizer before connecting power to them, not to speak of computers and other expensive equipment.

Principle of voltage stabiliser

Fig. 1.1 shows the block diagram of a voltage stabiliser connected to an appliance or load. When there is a change in voltage from 170v to 260v, the output voltage mains connected to the load maintains a voltage of 215v to 220v. The stabiliser's size increases generally with its rating, which is in KVA.

The types of voltage stabilizers

various types of voltage stabilizers are:

Ferroresonant type stabilisers

Relay type stabiliser

Servo stabilisers

Ferroresonant type stabiliser

About 20 years ago, the most frequently employed voltage stabiliser was the ferroresonant type. This uses two transformers, one with a saturating core and the other, ordinary. The principle of ferroresonance in the saturating core was used to maintain the output voltage constant even though the input voltage varies over and below the rated nominal voltage. Ironically, the output voltage waveform in such a stabiliser is distorted due to the saturation effects and some equipments experience problems due to this.

ferroresonant type being all static, with no moving parts is able and has a long life.

2 Relay type stabilizer

Relay type automatic stabilizers cater for small variations in voltage. Fig. 1.2 shows the relay operated voltage stabilis-

The relay contact changeover is done by a sensing circuit. This compares a fraction of the input voltage with a fixed reference voltage and depending on the value being over or below the reference, it causes the relay to operate up or down to the reference position.

Number of variations of this circuit are employed in

Generally, these relay type voltage stabilisers have the following disadvantages:

1. Power is off momentarily during relay changeover, sensitive equipment like computers cannot afford this.
2. The voltage range is very limited.
3. Relay contact gives problems.
4. Accuracy is limited.

Servo Stabilizers

Conventional servo stabilizers employ a toroidal auto transformer and a servomotor driven by a circuit which senses the voltage. The toroidal auto transformer has a toroidal core with a contact arm housing a carbon brush, which makes a sliding contact with the coil wound over the toroid, just as in a potentiometer. The toroidal core is circular. The inner surface is lined with enamelled copper wire which is wound around the toroid uniformly. The output terminal is exposed at the top side where the contact is made by the carbon brush of the moving assembly. The output voltage is

ied automatically on varying the position of this contact.

this purpose, a servomotor fitted with gears is coupled to contact arm.

The sensing circuit senses the voltage difference between the output and the nominal voltage. It drives the servomotor with suitable power amplification in clockwise or anticlockwise direction. As the motor moves the contact on the winding of the transformer, it reduces the voltage difference which becomes zero when the output voltage reaches the nominal value. There is no error signal. Now, the servomotor stops. Further variations in output voltage causes the motor to move forward or backward again, thus correcting the voltage.

The servo stabilizer is quite accurate as its resolution is dependent on the voltage across each turn of the toroidal winding. This resolution depends on the core size of the toroid.

A servo stabilizer, however, has the disadvantage that it tends to hunt if the input voltage fluctuates too often. Also it adjusts slowly and cannot adjust to sudden shoots or dips of main supply voltage. Actually, the servomotor takes at least a moment for, say a second, to respond to an input change. But if the voltage fluctuates suddenly from 240 to 260 as is common when a heavy powerload is switched off on a distribution line, it will take more than one second. During this time, the equipment will be subjected to this sudden overvoltage of 260v. In fact, it is these sudden fluctuations that ultimately spoil the equipment.

Hence there is a need for a Voltage stabilizer which will regulate the voltage smoothly without hunting and quickly. In this connection an attempt is made to develop such a stabilizer.

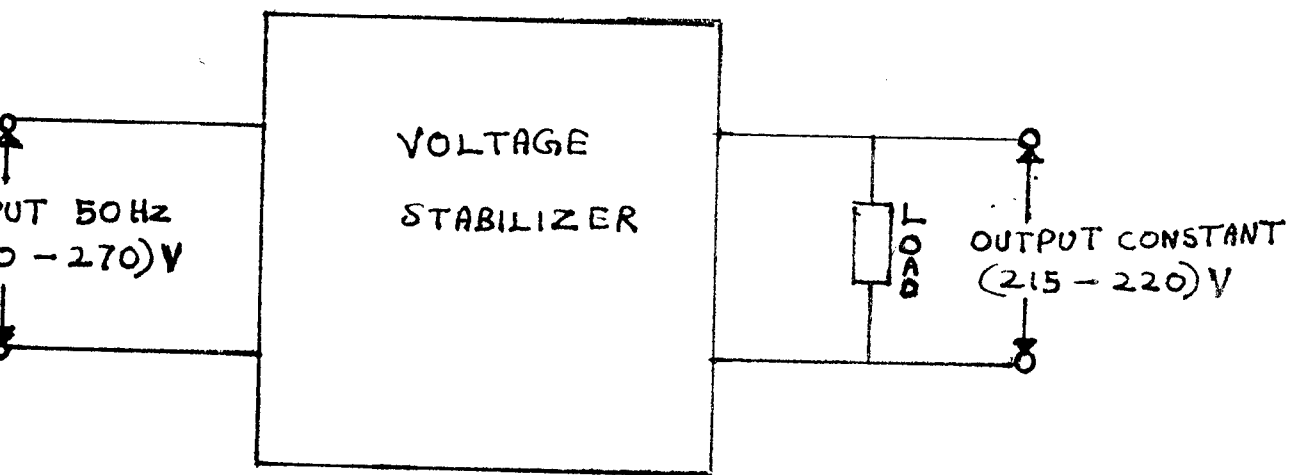


Fig 1.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM OF VOLTAGE STABILIZER

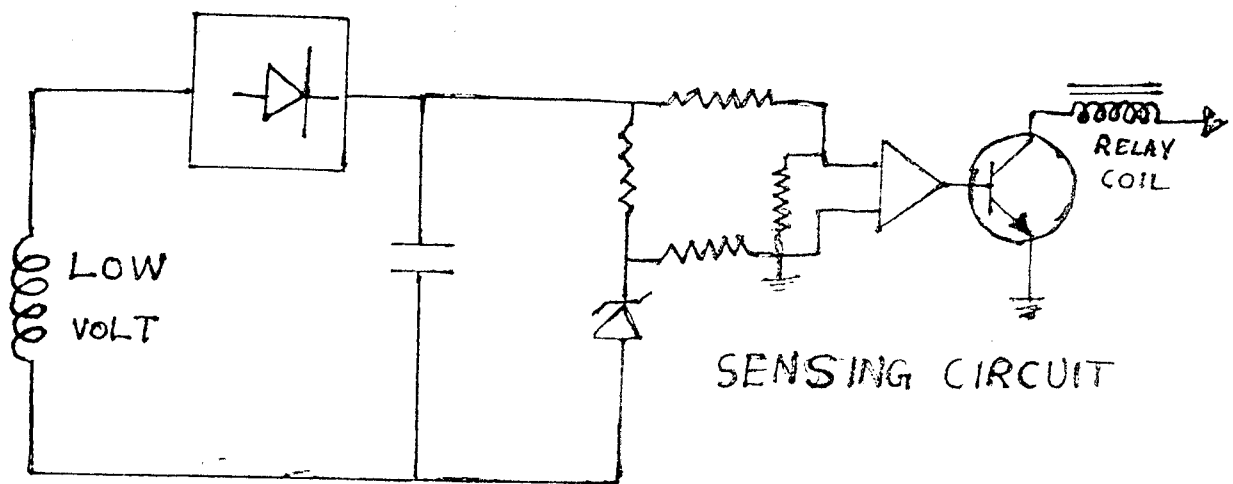
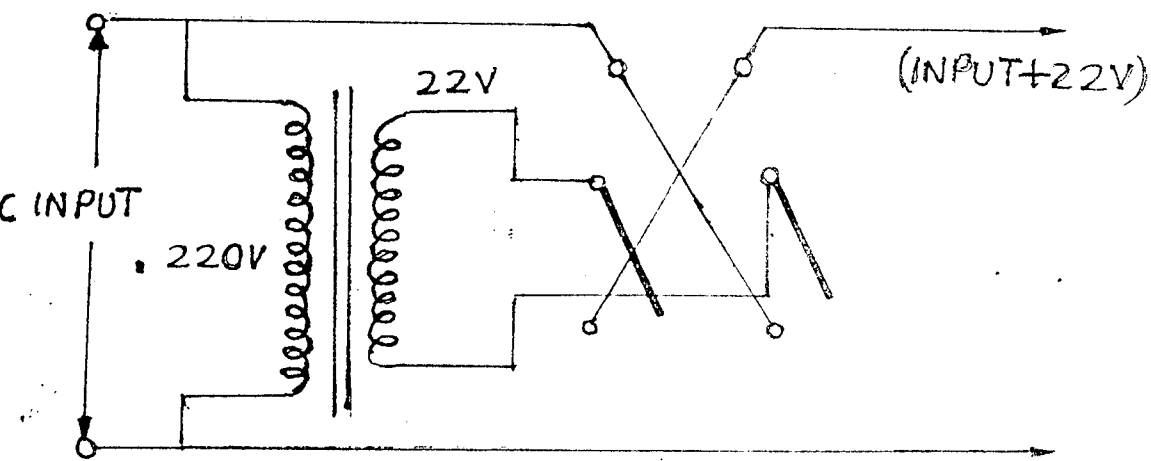
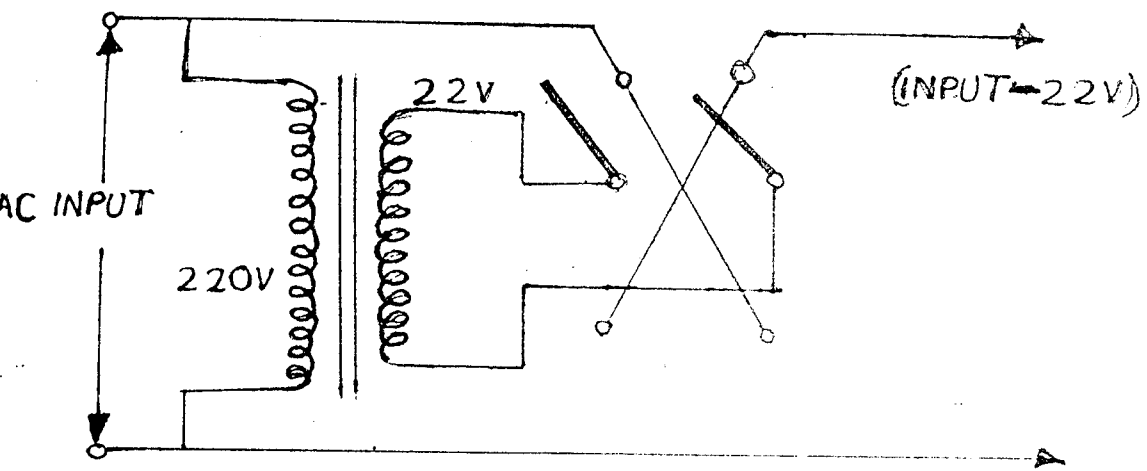


Fig. 1.2. Relay operated voltage stabilizer

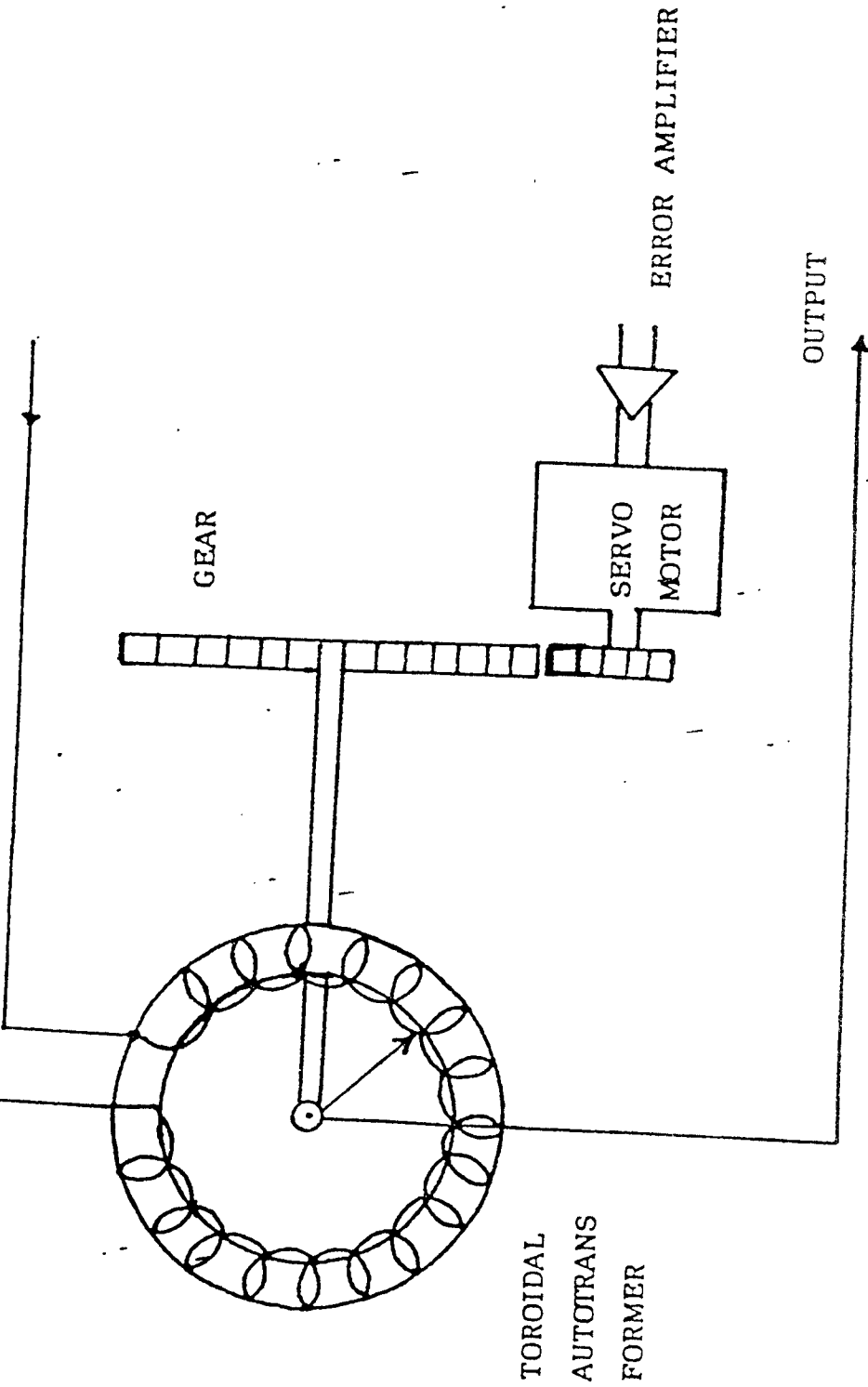


Fig 1.3 SERVO STABILISER WITH SERVO MOTOR

CHAPTER II

STATIC SERVO STABILIZER

1 Principle of operation.

Transformer is a high input impedance and low output impedance electrical device. With its input impedance being high the transformer can support the voltage applied to it drawing a small no-load current required for magnetisation. The magnetic flux generated interacts with the output coil which can feed current to the load. The impedance of the output coil is therefore low to prevent a voltage drop across the coil. If the impedance of the output coil is increased, the voltage across the coil starts dropping and the output voltage is reduced. As the coil resistance has not changed, the losses are the same for the required load. Hence, the voltage at the output gets changed without a loss in efficiency.

The output impedance is varied by controlling the reactance of the limb supporting the output coil. The output voltage is

sed and fed back for error detection. Depending upon the error reactance of the support limb is controlled to increase/decrease the voltage available at the output. This is done by varying the ampere turns of the coil through an electronic switching system which facilitates quick response and correction without overshoots. This makes the stabilizer a complete closed loop system.

The unique design of this transformer enables it to detect saturation on account of high input voltages or output short circuit conditions. As the transformer does not work on the principle of saturation, the detection of saturation enables it to cutoff its input supply, to be restored manually by the operator. This is an additional safety precaution.

2 Block diagram description

Fig.2.1 shows the block diagram of a Static Servo Stabilizer. The stabilizer can be broadly divided into the following blocks.

- (1) Main system block
- (2) Feedback system block
- (3) Protection block

The main system block consists of a three limb transformer and the triac card. The triac card has 7 triacs and one of these conducts at a time depending on the magnitude of the error voltage. These can have a common heat sink as only one of the triacs going to be conducting at a time.

The feedback system block is concerned with the feedback loop of the system. The system is closed loop feedback and the accuracy is more. This consists of current transformer for sensing current, power transformer for supplying power to the various working components. The sensing transformer is for getting a sample of the output voltage.

The control card shown in fig. 2.2 is one of the main parts of the system. This has the control logic which decides which triac is to be fired. The display card indicates the status with the help of 7 LEDs.

The protection block essentially consists of the various devices which are used for over-current and over-voltage protection to the stabilizer and the load. This includes the fuse, MCB, the filter, Metal oxide varistor, On/off switch and the cut-off relay. The cut-off relay is used for protection of the load.

3 Working of Static Servo Stabilizer

Each functional block does a specified function in achieving the final objective mentioned. The function of each block is explained and the operation of the stabilizer is explained with reference to the functional blocks.

The control circuit which senses the output voltage through the voltage-sensing transformer determines how much voltage should be added or subtracted from the input voltage so as to maintain the output voltage constant at the specified level.

The protection part of the control circuit determines taking into account the output voltage sensed through the voltage sensing transformer, whether or not the output voltage is within the specified cutoff limits. It also senses the output current by means of the current sensing transformer, whether or not the output current is within the permissible limits. If the output voltage is above the upper cutoff limit or below the lower cutoff limit or if the output current is above the permissible

When the protection circuit de-energises the cutoff relay and disconnects supply to the output terminal. Thus any load connected to the output terminal is protected from damage through under/over voltage and overload.

The annunciator circuit is shown in Fig. 2.2. It displays the operational status on 7 LEDs. The power transformer supplies the power necessary for operation of the control, protection and annunciator circuit.

The earth terminal on the input and the output terminal blocks is connected to the chassis of the stabilizer, so as to maintain the stabilizer body at earth potential and avoid possibility of any electrical shock.

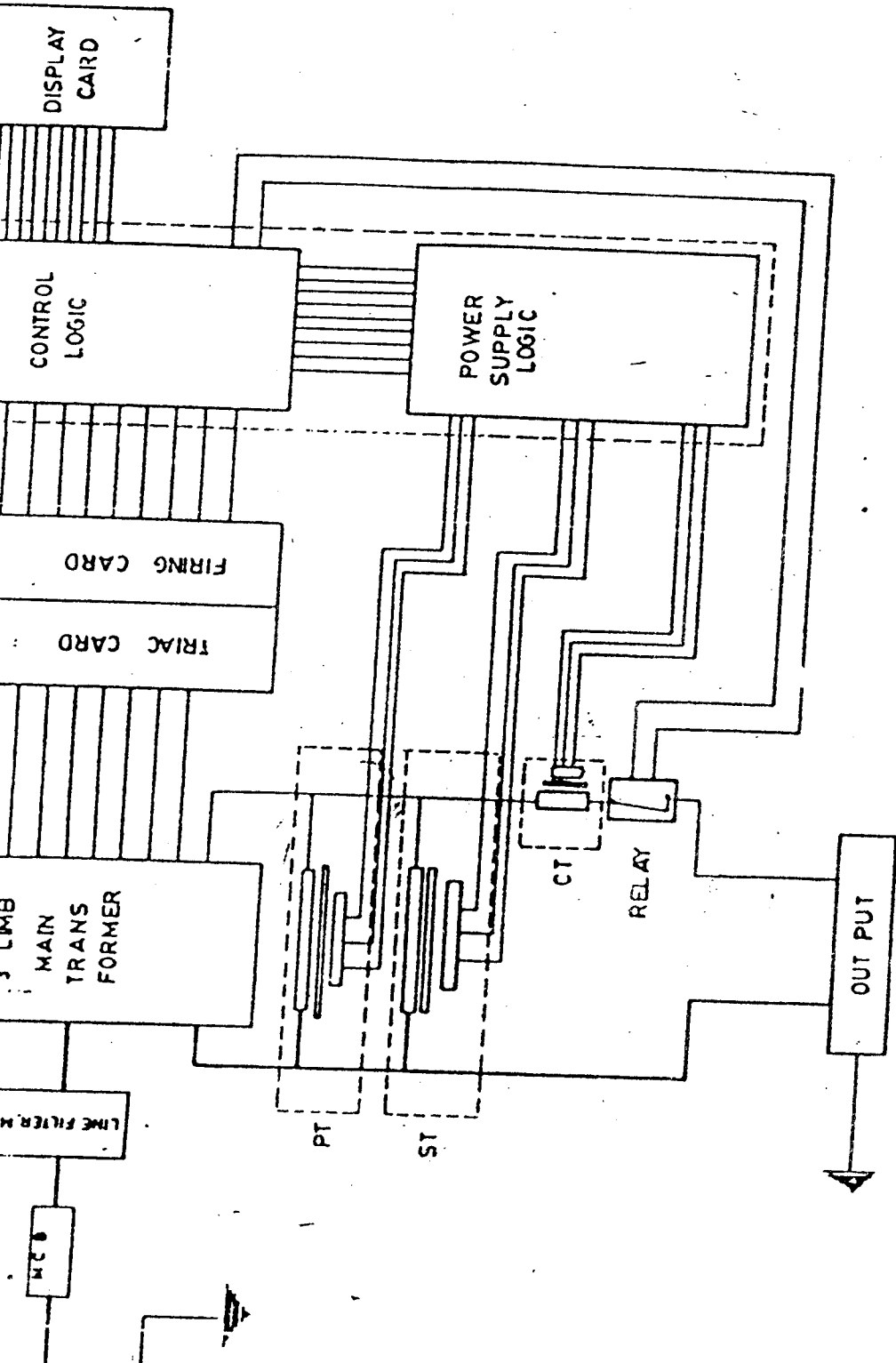


Fig 2.1 BLOCK DIAGRAM OF STATIC SERVO STABILIZER

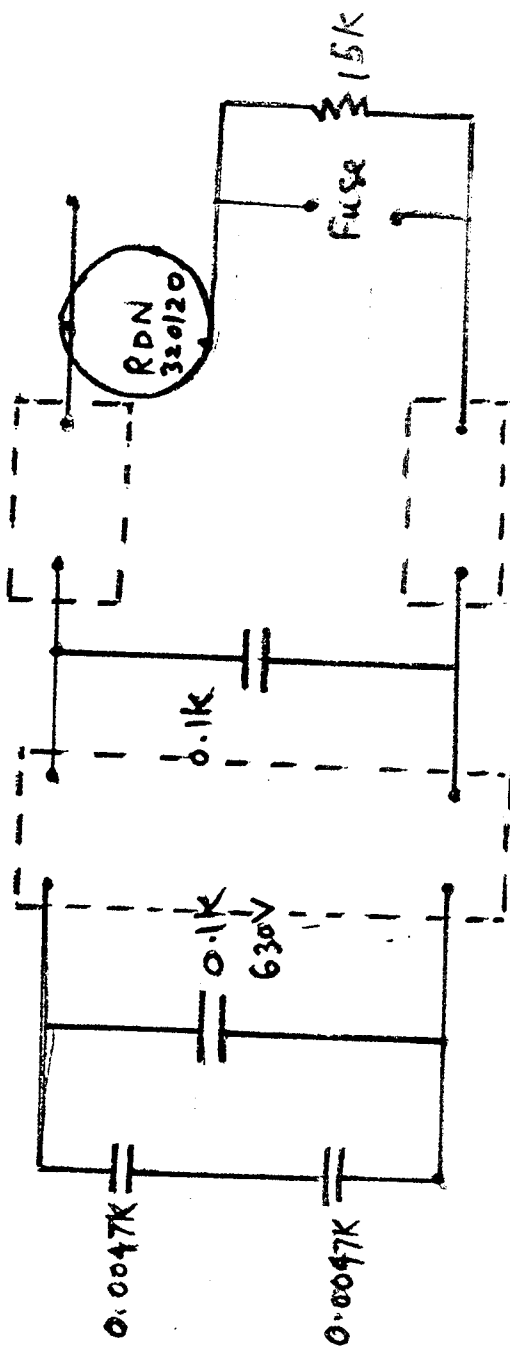


Fig. 2.2. CONTROL CARD

CHAPTER III

CONTROL OF VOLTAGE

1 The Triac

The triac structure is considerably more complicated than conventional thyristor. In addition to the P1 - N1- P2- N2 junctions there is a junction gate N3 and N4 region in contact with MT1.

The triac can switch the current in either direction by applying low voltage, low current pulse of either polarity between gate and one of the two main terminals M1 and M2.

The current voltage characteristics and the device symbol the triac are shown in fig.3.1 . The triac is a symmetrical triode switch that can control loads supplied with ac power. Integration of two thyristors on a single chip results in only one half of the structure being used at any one time.

2 Operation of triac

Fig.3.2 shows the construction of a triac. When the main terminal MT1 is positive with respect to MT2 and a positive voltage is applied to the gate, the junction J4 is reverse biased and is inactive, the gate current is supplied through the gate near the N3 region. Since junction J5 is also reverse biased and inactive, the main current is carried through the left side of P1 - N1 - P2 - N2 section.

When MT1 is negatively biased with respect to MT2 and VG positively biased, the junction J3 becomes forward biased between M2 and the shorted gate. Electrons are injected into and diffuse to N1, resulting in an increase in the forward bias of J2. By the regenerative action, eventually full current is carried through the short at MT2. The gate junction J4 is reverse biased and is inactive. The full device current is carried through the right side of P2 - N1 - P1 - N4.

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Trigger pulses are used to start the triac. Each triac conducts through trigger pulses applied between two of its pins and G.

There are many triacs in the circuit. Depending upon the ratio between the voltage at input and standard reference voltage of the triacs gets signals to trigger it to conduction. The output voltage is divided by the magnitude of the difference in voltage. Thus the output voltage is adjusted to buck or boost the input.

The pulse circuit produces coinciding with the zero crossing of the ac voltage wave and hence any triac starts conduction at the zero of voltage wave.

If the voltage rises at the input, the trigger pulse goes to the next lower triac, but only at the immediately coming zero crossing of the voltage wave and till then only the former triac would have been conducting. Thus the output voltage varies only at the zero crossing of the voltage wave.

4 Voltage correction

The transformer used in this project has 3 windings. There is a Primary and a Secondary limb and in addition there is a central limb common to both. The Secondary is divided into 7 sections, each section wound for 12.5 volts. By connecting the secondary to the mains supply, we can get up to 40 v above or below the input voltage by taking the output from one of the Secondary's tapings.

Fig. 3.3 shows the triac card which controls the triggering of the triacs. The control circuit triggers one of the 7 triacs depending on the voltage correction and when the input voltage is reduced to a value less than the nominal value, the triac connected to one of the upper 3 taps will be triggered. The lower the input the higher is the tap which is selected for triggering the triac connected to it. The other terminals (MT2) of all the triacs are joined together and go to the output connection.

Each triac conducts through trigger pulses applied to the
1 and G. A comparator integrated circuit provides 7 outputs
depending on the input voltage to one of the pulse transformers.
Seven gates are wired between the pulse forming circuit and the
pulse transformer, and only one of them is activated as and when
required. There is a seven output comparator which enables one of
7 outputs to open one of the 7 gates. Thus, depending on the
error between the voltage input and a standard reference voltage,
one of the 7 triacs gets pulses to trigger it to conduction. The
triac is decided by the error magnitude. Thus the output voltage
is adjusted so as to Buck or Boost the input.

The pulse circuit produces pulses coinciding with the zero-
crossing of the AC voltage, and hence any triac starts conduc-
tion from the zero of the voltage wave.

If the voltage rises at the input, the trigger pulse goes to the next lower triac, but only at the immediate coming zero-crossing of the sine wave and till then only the former triac would have been conducting. Thus the output voltage varies only the zero crossing of the voltage wave.

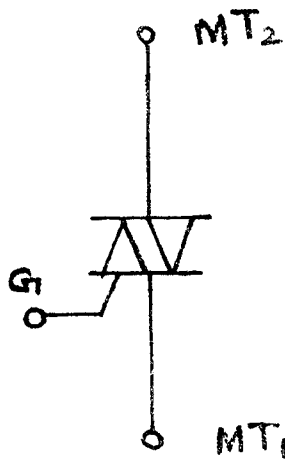
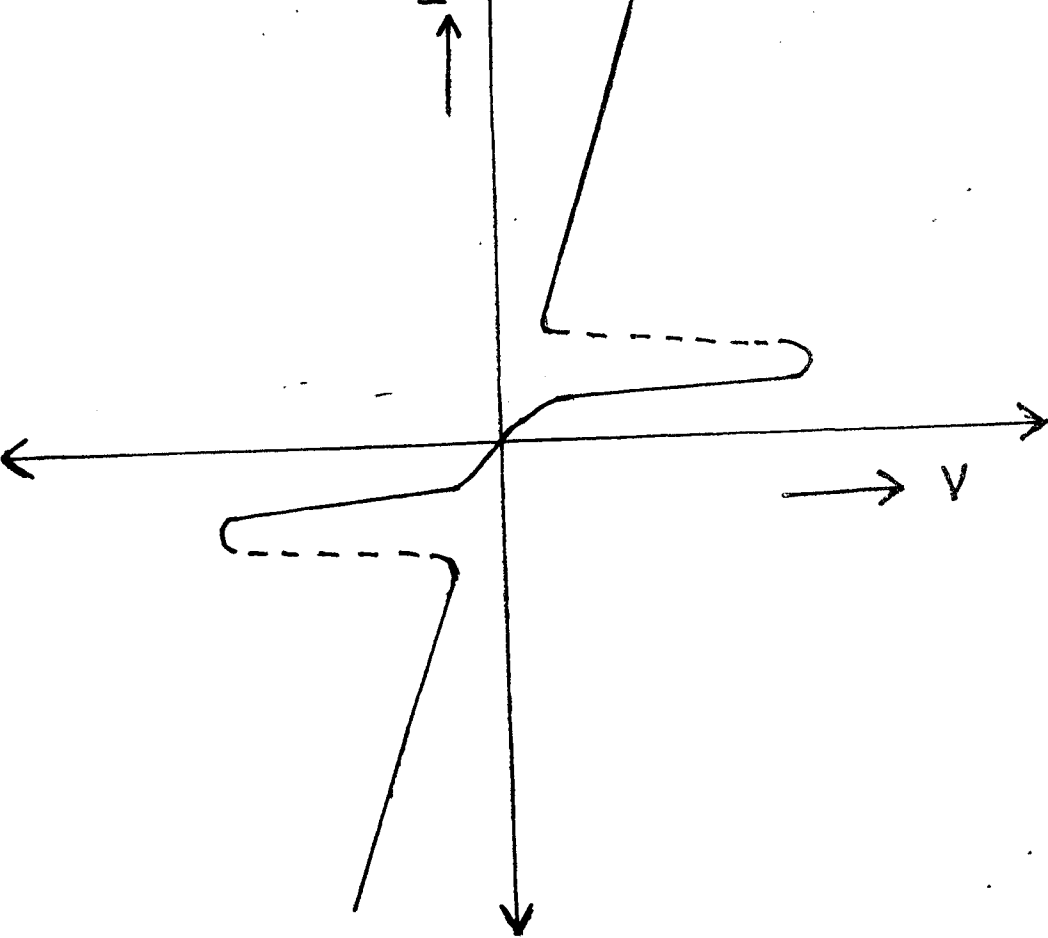


Fig 3.1 V-I CHARACTERISTIC OF TRIAC AND TRIAC SYMBOL

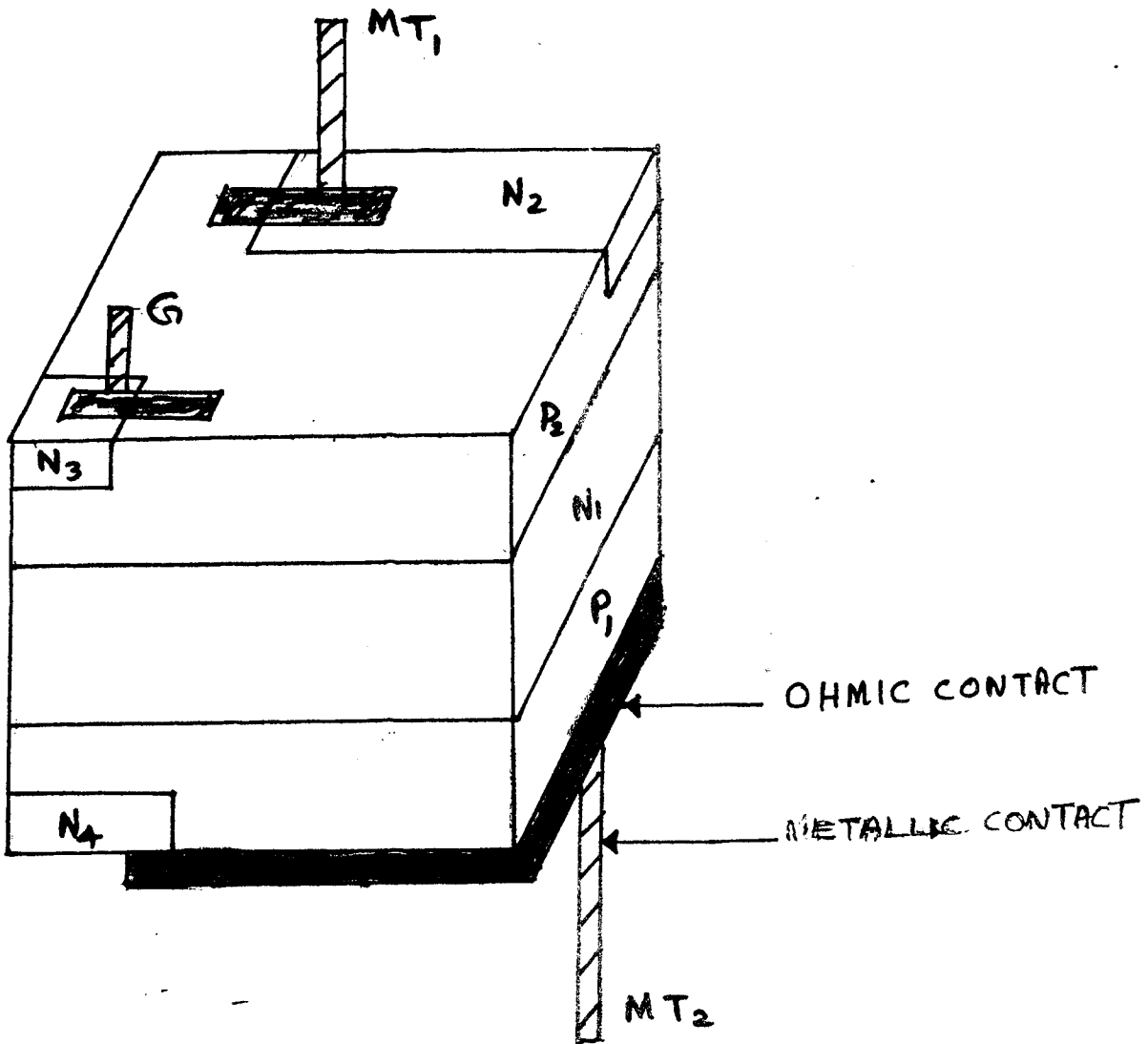
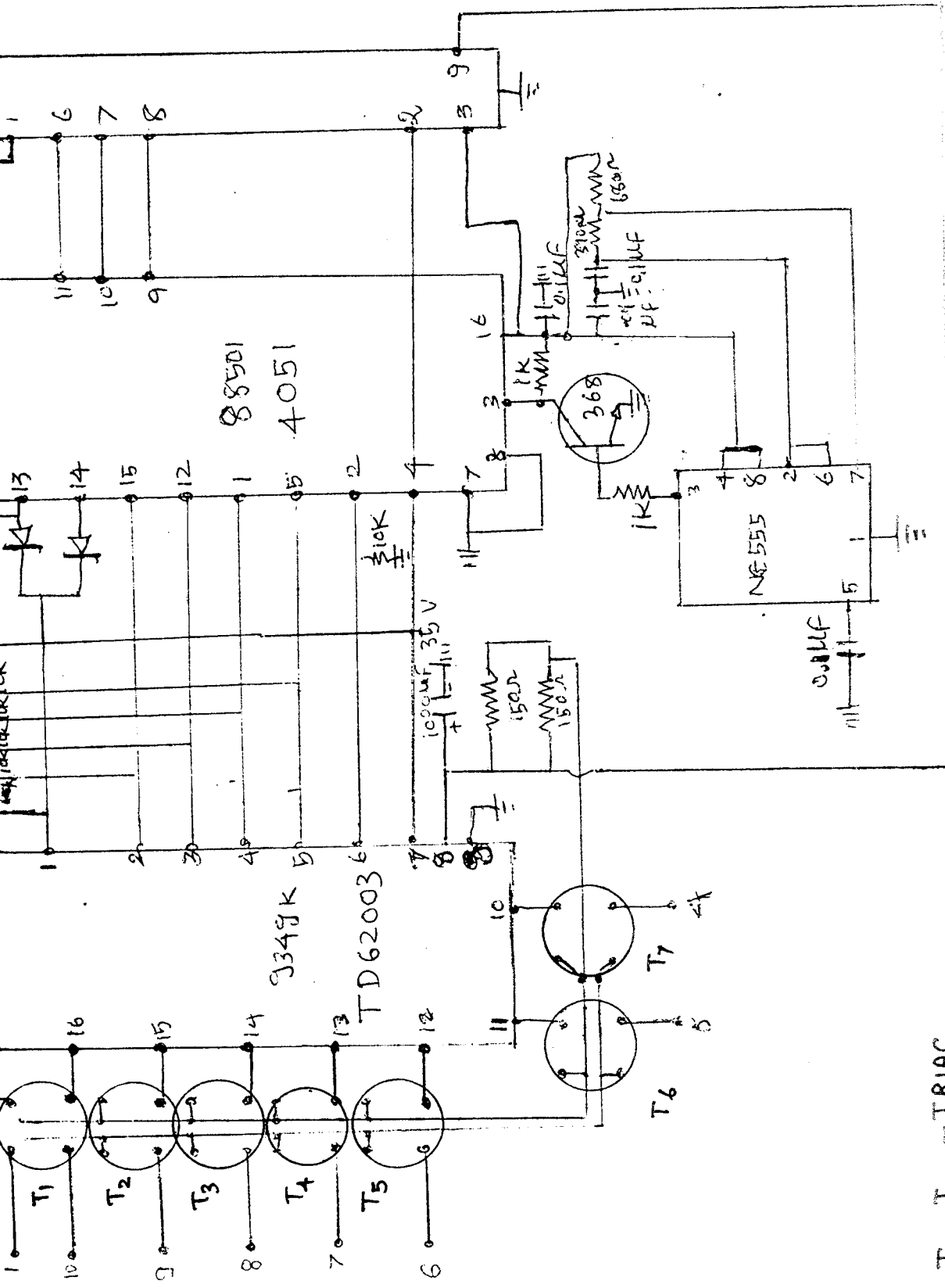


Fig 3.2 CONSTRUCTION OF TRIAC



T₁-T₇ - TRIAC
 FIG 3.3 TRIAC CARD

CHAPTER IV

DESIGN AND FABRICATION

1 Design of transformer

Rating of the transformer = 1 KVA.

Primary voltage = 230 V.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Primary current} &= \frac{\text{KVA Rating}}{\text{Primary voltage}} \\ &= \frac{1000 \text{ VA}}{230 \text{ V}} \\ &= 4.37 \text{ A.} \end{aligned}$$

Secondary voltage = 220 V.

Secondary current = 4.5 A / for user specification.

Type of Core : Ferrite, CRNO type(cold rolled non

- grain oriented)

Maximum flux density of CRNO type core,

$$B_{\max} = 11,625 \text{ lines/sq.cm.}$$

Area of the core = (Stack height x Tongue width)

$$\text{Stack height} = 7.62 \text{ cm.}$$

$$\text{Tongue width} = 2.54 \text{ cm.}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Area of the core} = 7.62 \times 2.54$$

$$= 19.35 \text{ sq. cm.}$$

$$\text{Maximum flux density} = \frac{\text{Primary voltage} \times 1 \text{ E } 08}{4.44 \times f \times T_p \times A_i}$$

$$4.44 \times f \times T_p \times A_i$$

$$\text{Primary Turns} = \frac{230 \times 1 \text{ E } 08}{4.44 \times 50 \times 11,625 \times 19.35}$$

$$4.44 \times 50 \times 11,625 \times 19.35$$

$$= 460.46 \text{ (or) } 461 \text{ turns approx.}$$

the voltage at secondary ,

$$V_s = \frac{I_p \times V_p}{I_s}$$
$$= 223 \text{ V.}$$

and according to formula,

$$\frac{\text{Primary voltage}}{\text{Secondary voltage}} = \frac{\text{Primary turns}}{\text{Secondary turns}}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{Secondary turns} = \frac{461 \times 223}{230}$$
$$= 447 \text{ turns}$$

Winding type : 16 B.

Area of core : 74 E-I.

Insulation : Class E.

.2 Fabrication

The cover for the stabilizer was fabricated at M/s. Vintech Pvt, Ltd., Coimbatore. 4 mm. thickness metal sheet has been used for this purpose. A handle has been provided to make the stabilizer portable.

The Aluminium foil is of a few microns thick. The printed circuit board (PCB) work was done at M/s. Zenith Circuits. The manufacture of this prototype on a large scale would make it cheaper.

The transformer was fabricated at M/s. Indian Transformers Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore. The E-I stampings of grade 74 E-I were used for fabrication.

.3 Testing

The static stabilizer was tested at M/s. Ohm Sun Electronics, Coimbatore using suitable testing kit. Voltages in the range of 170 to 270 volts were given and it was found that the output voltage corrected itself to 230 V instantly.

When a voltage of less than 170 V was given using an Auto transformer, the stabilizer tripped and there was no output to the load. Similarly when a voltage of magnitude greater than 270 V was given, the stabilizer tripped.

It was found that the stabilizer operated only in the input range of 170 to 270 V. The operating status of the stabilizer was indicated on the front panel with the help of 7 LEDs.

4.4. Advantages of static servo stabilizer

The advantages of using this stabilizer are

- 1) There is no servo motor involved. Because of this there are no moving parts. This totally eliminates the wear and tear of the system and there are no mechanical losses. This causes an improvement in the operating efficiency of the system.

- 2) There is no need for any bulky variable transformers.

- 3) The stabilizer is fast acting unlike the conventional stabilizer and can correct at a speed of 100 v/sec.

- 4) It can accept a wide range of input voltages (170 to 270 v).

5) The same circuit can be used for any capacity and only values of the individual components need to be altered.

6) It is highly efficient.

7) We use Aluminium foils instead of copper wires and this considerably reduces the production cost. This makes the system cost economical when compared to that of the conventional servo stabilizer that employs Copper windings.

8) Over-voltage and over-current protection is provided to the load.

9) There are LEDs which indicate the operating status and this eliminates the need for a separate Voltmeter.

10) It is portable as weight of the unit is less.

4.5. Applications

Servo stabilizers are used in a variety of applications. In fact they are fast replacing the conventional voltage stabilizers as they have many advantages over them.

1) One of the most important applications of the servo stabilizer is in the field of computers. The computers are highly sensitive to fluctuations in the voltage and even a small change in the voltage could cause loss of data. This has to be prevented at all costs. The servo stabilizer is instrumental in preventing such abnormalities.

2) The servo stabilizers are also used along with equipments which are sensitive to voltage fluctuations like T.V, fridge CR etc.

3) They are used in environments that are sensitive to the slightest fluctuation in voltage for example computerized numerically controlled machines and xerox machines.

4) This finds wide application in the field of Robotics. This is used to control the signals given to stepper motors to control the movements of robots.

5) This is also used in Defence and Aviation equipments.

CHAPTER V

C O N C L U S I O N

In this project, a Static servo stabilizer has been successfully designed, fabricated and tested. The novelty of this project is that contrary to the conventional servo stabilizers that are in use today, this stabilizer has absolutely no moving parts.

The advantages of having no moving parts is that the efficiency is improved as there are no friction losses.

The wear and tear of the components has also been considerably reduced and this has ensured a longer life for the stabilizer.

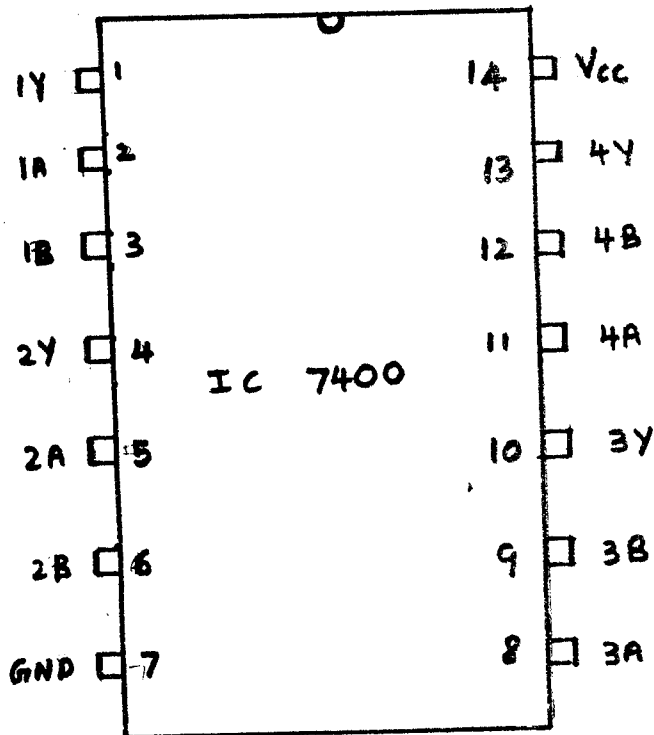
This stabilizer has many advantages when compared with other types of voltage stabilizers. They are reduction in size, increased efficiency and low cost. The use of triacs has considerably improved the correction rate to around 100 volts/second.

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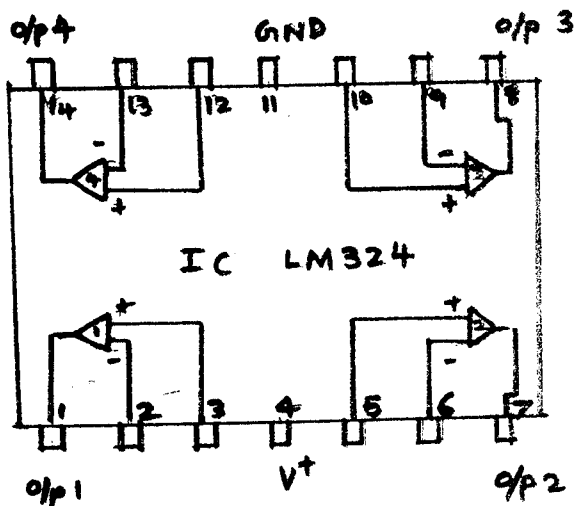
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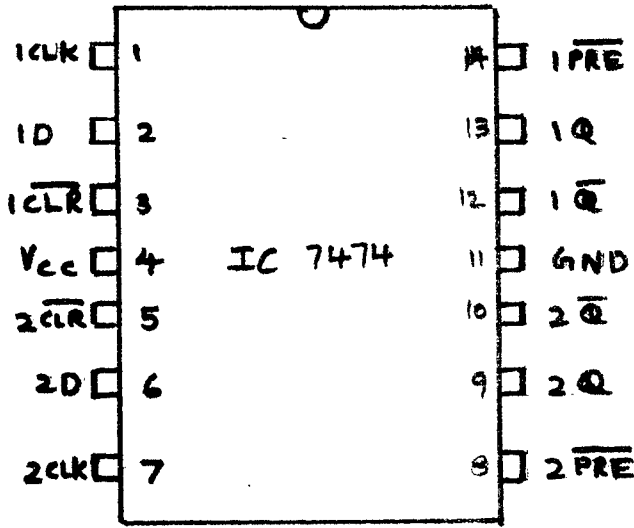
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The IC 7400 contains four independent 2-input nand gates. Here the output is high when the two inputs are of two different levels. When both the inputs are same, the output is low. This is equivalent to an AND gate with an inverter.



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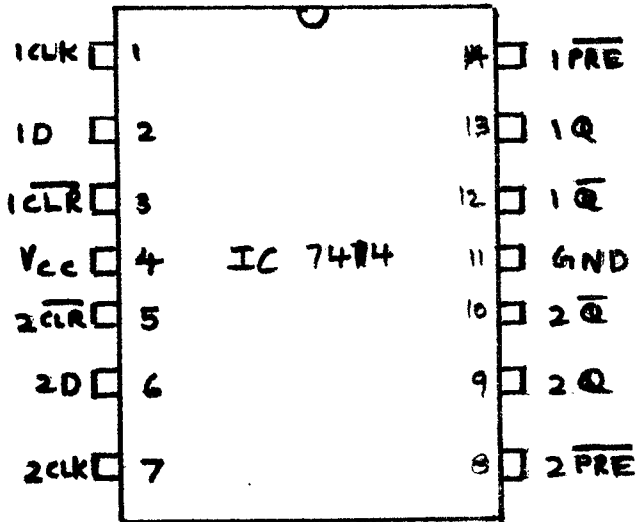
This series consists of four independent high gain, internally frequency compensated operational amplifiers which is designed specifically to operate from a single power supply over a wide range of voltages. Operation from split power supplies is also possible. The unity gain cross frequency is temperature independent. This is compatible with all forms of logic.



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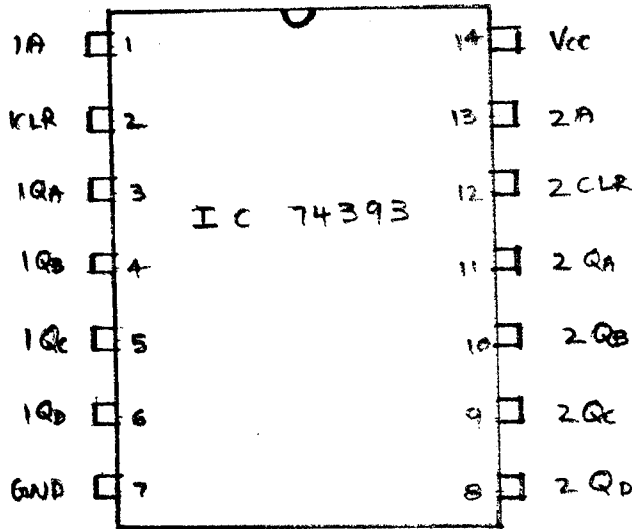
These devices contain two D-type positive-edge-triggered flip-flops. A low level at the preset or clear input sets or resets the output regardless of the level of the other inputs. This can operate within the temperature limits of 0-70°C.

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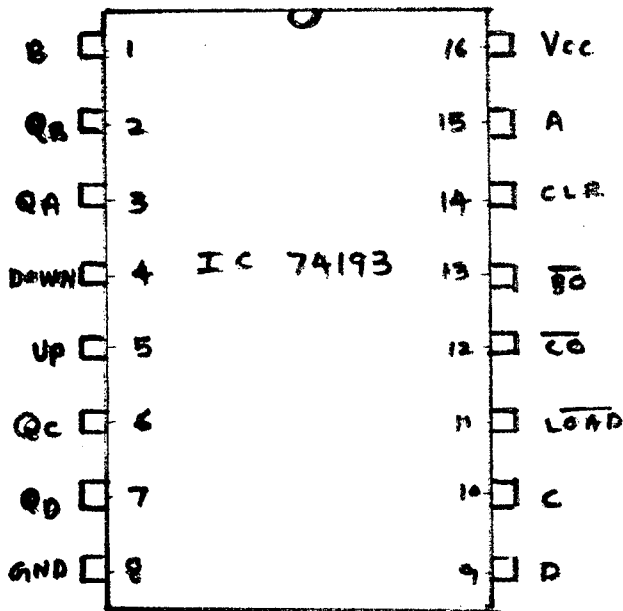
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The each circuit functions as an inverter, but because of Schmitt action, it has different input threshold levels for positive and negative going signals. These circuits are temperature-compensated and give clear output signals for the inputs.



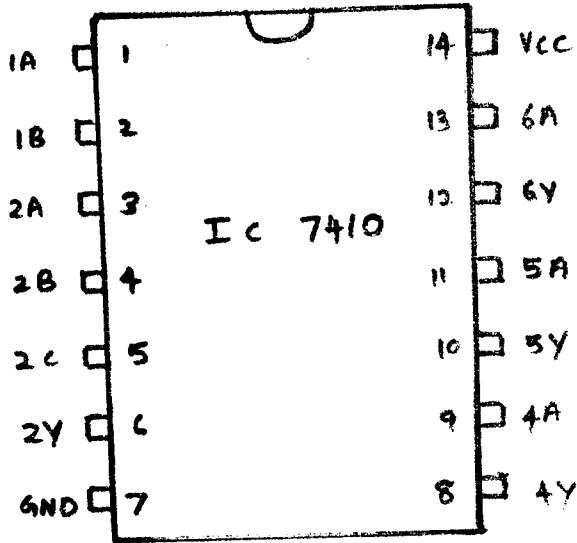
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The IC 74393 monolithic circuit contains eight master-flipflops and additional gating to implement two individual bit counters in a single package. There is parallel output each counter stage so that any submultiple of the input frequency is available for system-timing signals.



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These monolithic circuits are synchronous reversible counters having a complexity of 55 equivalent gates. Synchronous operation is provided by having all flipflops clocked simultaneously so that the outputs change coincidentally with other when so instructed by the steering logic. This of operation eliminates the output counting spikes.



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This IC 7410 contains three independent three input NAND gates. This is equivalent to the three input NAND gate whose output is passed through an inverter. The output is low when all inputs to the NAND gate is high. In the other cases the output is low only.