

5 ULTRASONICS

- human audibility limit is in between 20Hz & 20kHz.
- Acoustic waves having frequency below 20Hz are Infrasounds
- Acoustic waves whose frequency is above 20kHz are called ultrasonics.

Detection of ultrasonics

1) Piezo-electric Detected:-

- using piezo-electric effect presence of ultrasonic waves can be detected.
- Ultrasonic waves are applied to opposite faces of a piezo-electric crystal. From the perpendicular faces of the ~~crystal~~ crystal an a.c potential is developed. From these a.c potential we can detect the presence of ultrasonics.

2) Thermal Detected Method:-

- A fine platinum wire is moved in a medium of ultrasonics.
- Temperature change takes place at Nodes and it remains constant at Anti-Nodes.
- Resistance varies w.d + the changes in Temperature

→ So resistance changes at Nodes and remains constant at Anti Nodes.

→ The change in resistance is determined by a sensitive bridge arrangement.

3, Sensitive Flame Method,

→ A sensitive flame is moved in a medium of ultrasonics.

→ Due to compressions & rarefactions flickering takes place for the flame at Nodes.

→ But at Anti nodes the flame remains stationary.

4, Kundt's tube method:-

→ Kundt's tube can be used for the detection of ultrasonics.

Piezo Electric effect.

→ When a mechanical stress or pressure is applied across the opposite faces of certain crystals ~~sets~~, a potential difference is developed across the perpendicular ~~cryst~~ faces. This phenomenon is called piezo electric effect.

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- crystals which exhibit piezo-electric effect are called piezo electric crystals.
- Quartz, tourmaline, Rochelle salt are examples of piezo electric crystals.

Production of ultrasonics using piezo electric effect:-

- (first write what is piezo electric effect from previous topic)
- converse of piezo electric effect is used for the production of ultrasonics.
- i.e, when a.c potential is applied across the opposite faces of a piezo electric crystal, ultrasonic waves are generated from the perpendicular faces.
- when the natural frequency and forced frequency becomes equal resonance ~~is~~ takes place. This result vibration of the crystal in large amplitudes. It generates ultrasonic waves.

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Tank circuit of experimental circuit :-

- The ac potential to be applied is produced using a tank circuit.
- It consists of an Inductance coil 'L' and a variable capacitor 'C'.
- The frequency of a.c Potential to be applied is given by

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

- The arrangement consists of a quartz crystal placed between two metallic plates. It is connected parallel to the tank circuit containing L & C. one end of tank circuit is connected to collector of the transistor.
- The power is supplied from VCC through R.F choke. R.F choke prevents the intermixing between ac & dc. R₁ & R₂ provides proper biasing to the base.

Working.

→ when Key K is pressed ac potential is produced from tank circuit. This ac is applied across the quartz crystal.

→ The quartz crystal starts vibrating. The variable capacitor C is adjusted so that natural frequency of forced frequency of the crystal becomes equal. Resonance is attained.

→ The crystal starts vibrating in larger amplitudes. It generates ultrasonic waves.

Theory:-

Natural frequency of the crystal is given by

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2l} \sqrt{\gamma/\rho} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$V = \omega \lambda$$

$$\omega = \frac{V}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{2l} \sqrt{\gamma/\rho}$$

Forced frequency is given by

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi \sqrt{(L_1 + L_2)C}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

when these two becomes equal. Resonance is attained
It generates ultrasonic waves.

Magnetostriktion.

Principle:— when a ferromagnetic rod is placed in a changing magnetic field, the length of the rod increases and decreases suddenly. i.e., the rods starts vibrating. It is used for the production of ultrasonics.

Apparatus:—

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- Important part is a ferromagnetic rod R which is fixed at the middle.
- The rod contains two coils L_1 & L_2 at the opposite ends of the rods.
- The coil L_1 is connected to a variable capacitor C which forms the tank circuit. It is connected to the collector of the transistor.
- The coil L_2 is connected to the base and emitter of the transistor.

Working: -

- Key K is closed, then a current flows through coil L_1 . Hence a magnetic field is induced.
- This magnetic field changes the ^{length of} ~~area~~ ^{area} due to magnetostriiction.
- This changes the magnetic flux across L_2 and emf is induced across L_2 .
- Since L_2 is connected to the base and emitter of transistor, it increases the forward bias to sustain the oscillations of the tank circuit.
- The oscillations/vibrations of the rod produce ultrasonic waves.

Theory: -

Natural frequency of the ~~rod~~ ^{rod} is given by

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2l} \sqrt{\gamma/\rho} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$v = \omega \lambda$$

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Forced frequency is given by

$$\omega = \frac{1}{2\pi \sqrt{LC}} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

When these two becomes equal, Resonance is attained. It generates ultrasonic waves.

Application of ultrasonics.

1) NDT- Non Destructive Testing :-

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- NDT is a method of Testing without any destruction of the materials and without any obstruction of their future use.
- It is used for testing flaws, cracks, breakings, cavity, air pockets, imperfections etc.
- If a flaw is present in a metal block, the incident signal due to change in media at the flaw, undergoes partial reflection and partial transmission. The transmitted ray reflects from the bottom layer of metal block.
- The output is connected to a CRO.
- If flaw is present we will get three signal at the monitor of CRO. They are input signal, reflected signal, transmitted signal.

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- IF flow is absent the output of CRO contains only two signal across CRO monitor. They are incident and transmitted and then reflected from bottom separation.
- From the time periods for the peaks the depth of cavity $d = v(t_1 - t_2)$ can be calculated.

Depth of sea

- ultrasonic waves can be used for detecting the depth of sea.
- Device used for this is called SONAR - Sound operated Navigation and Ranging.
- In this case the time interval between sending the wave and receiving back the reflected wave from the bottom of sea is recorded.
- Depth is calculated using the equation

$$V = \frac{2d}{t}$$

Velocity & wavelength of ultrasonics using ultrasonic diffractometer.

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- Consider a quartz crystal Q placed between two metal plates. The two metal plates are connected with the terminals of an R.F. oscillator.
- The entire arrangement is placed at the bottom of a rectangular glass chamber. A reflector "R" is placed attached at the ~~bottom~~ top of chamber.
- The glass chamber is filled with Kerosene or ccl₄.
- When the oscillator works, the quartz crystal starts oscillating. These oscillations are propagated towards the top side and reflected back by the reflector.
- It forms stationary waves or standing waves which contains nodes and Anti-nodes.
- So it forms an acoustic grating.

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→ Using this arrangement velocity ' v ' and wavelength ' λ ' can be determined.

Working of ultrasonic diffractometer

→ The acoustic grating is mounted on a grating table. Light from a sodium vapour lamp is allowed to fall on the acoustic grating.

→ The nodes and anti nodes acts as line of spacing in the case of a plane transmission grating.

→ Diffraction takes place and diffracted beam is observed through a telescope.

→ First Direct image is observed through the telescope.

→ Then R.F oscillator is switched on and the frequency of R.F oscillator varies from 2 to 5 MHz. Then the crystal starts vibrating and resonance is attained. As a result ultrasonic waves are produced.

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- These waves moves towards the reflected wave. ~~Interference~~ generates ~~net~~ and is reflected. It forms nodes & antinodes. Arrangement behaves like an acoustic grating.
- on either side of central maxima Principal maxima are obtained.
- The telescope is turned towards the left side Principal maxima and the cross wire is adjusted with the principal maxima of first order. MSR & VSR are noted and total reading is calculated.
- Like the telescope is turned towards the first order principal maxima on Right side and total reading is calculated.
- From these two readings 2θ is calculated and θ is calculated.
- The value of " d ", distance b/w successive nodes or Antinodes is calculated by the equation $d \sin \theta = n\lambda$ — (1).

→ wavelength of ultrasonic waves is determined by the equation

$$\lambda_a = 2d \text{ — (2)}$$

→ Velocity of ultrasonic wave is determined by the equation

$$V = a \lambda_a$$

Knowing the frequency a of the oscillator, Velocity ' V ' can be determined.