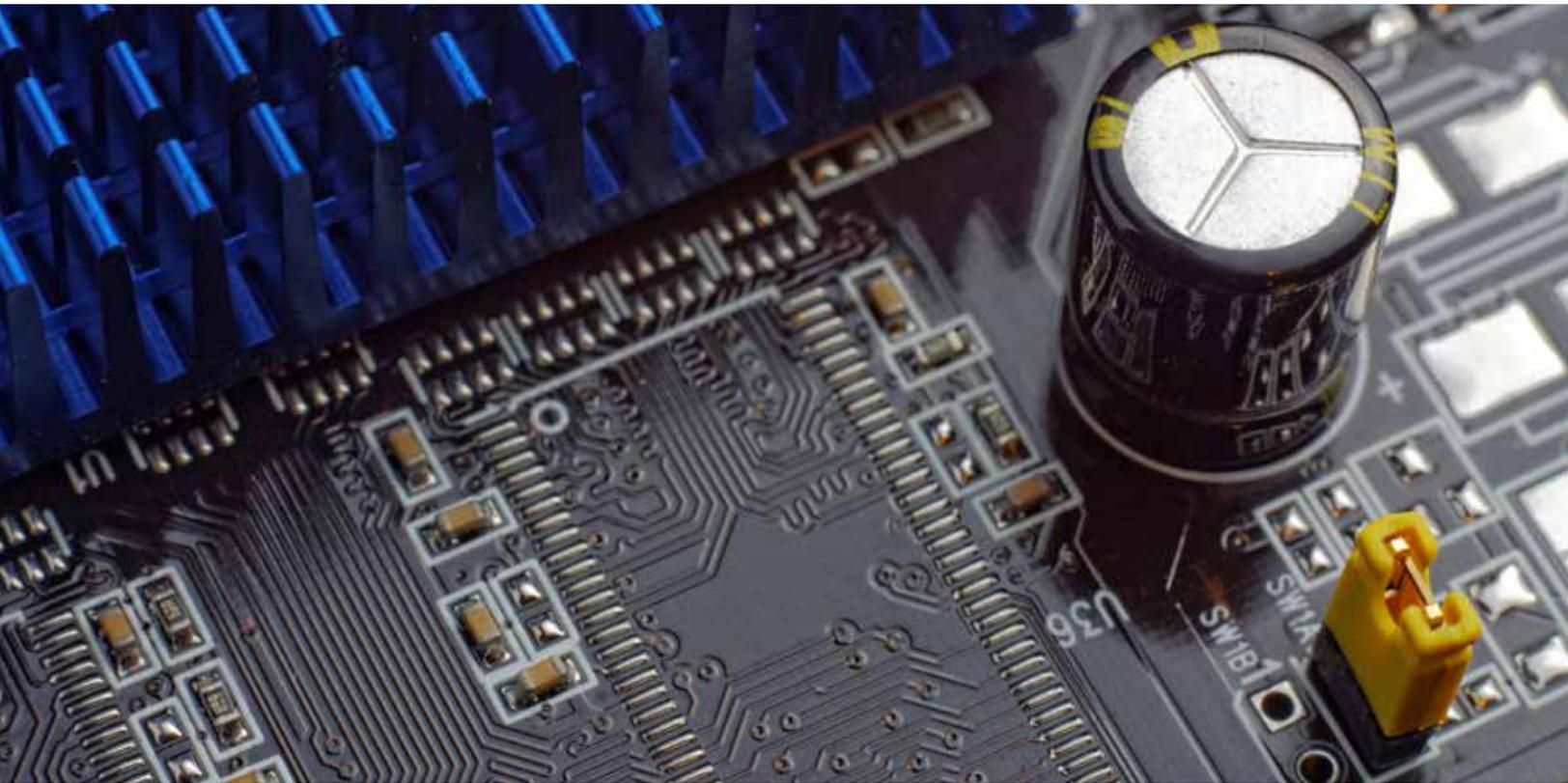
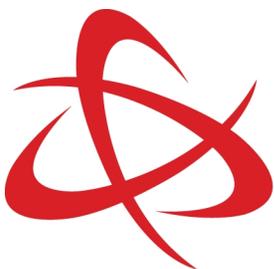


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## Cover

- See Figure 2 for corrections to the schematic shown on the cover.

## Chapter 1: Diodes, Rectifiers and Regulators

### Module 1.1: Conductors, Insulators and Semi-Conductors

#### Refer to Page 1-4, Section 1.1.1, Conductors

In the first paragraph, modify the following statement as shown:

“These materials readily conduct electrical current because their atomic structure contains relatively few (one or two) ~~large and heavy~~ valence (outer shell) electrons that can be relatively easily removed.”

Modify the following statement as shown:

- “contain valence electrons that ~~are large and heavy and~~ are easily released, and”

#### Refer to Page 1-4, Section 1.1.2, Insulators

Delete the third point under “Insulators generally:”

- “contain atoms with valence electrons that are small and light”

#### Refer to Page 1-6, Section 1.1.4, The Diode (or the P-N Junction)

Delete the last two points under “Semi-conductors:”

- “P-type material (negative terminal) is called the “cathode”.”
- “N-type material (positive terminal) is called the “anode”.”

Replace them with the following statements:

- “N-type material (negative terminal) is called the “cathode”.”
- “P-type material (positive terminal) is called the “anode”.”

#### Refer to Page 1-7, Section 1.1.5, Operation of a Diode

Refer to the diagram. If it is assumed that the diode is silicon, then the voltage drop across the diode would be 0.7 V. That means that the voltage across the resistor would be 1.3 V. Hence the meter should indicate 13 mA.

#### Refer to Page 1-8, Section 1.1.6, Diode Characteristics

- In the paragraph below the diagram:
  - Horizontal axis voltage values should be designated as  $V_D$ , not VD.
  - Vertical axis current values should be designated as  $I_D$ , not ID.

**Refer to Page 1-9, Section 1.1.6, Diode Characteristics**

- In the paragraph at the top of the page,  $V_F$  should be corrected to read  $V_F$
- In the second paragraph,  $V_R$  should be corrected to read  $V_R$

**Refer to Page 1-8, Section 1.1.6, Diode Characteristics** Refer to the diagram

- The definition of  $I_D$ ;  $I_D$  should be defined as simply “Current Flow” since there is current flow both at forward bias and at reverse breakdown as shown on the left hand side of the graph.
- Refer to the second point in the definition of  $V_R$ . When Maximum Reverse Voltage has been exceeded current will not “flow in either direction”: it will flow in the reverse direction only. A better definition of Maximum Reverse Voltage would be “That value of reverse voltage beyond which there is a significant increase in reverse current.”

Refer to the final sentence in the final paragraph in the section. Again, at the point of Maximum Reverse Voltage, current will not flow in both directions: it will flow in the reverse direction only.

**Refer to Page 1-9, Section 1.1.7, Testing a Diode**

The instructions should tell the person to use the resistance scale which exhibits the diode symbol in order to obtain a higher testing voltage. This will ensure that the meter applies a voltage that is adequate to overcome the barrier voltage of the junction.

**Module.2: Rectifiers and Filters**

**Refer to Page 1-13, Section 1.2.2, Full-Wave, Centre-Tapped Rectifiers**

Refer to the paragraph above the diagram:  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  should be referred to as  $D_1$  and  $D_2$

Refer to the diagram: the legend should refer to  $T_R$  and  $R_L$ .

**Refer to Page 1-14, Section 1.2.3, Full-Wave Bridge Rectifier**

- Refer to the third paragraph,  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$  and  $R_L$  should be referred to as  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$  and  $R_L$
- Refer to the fifth paragraph,  $D_3$  and  $D_4$  should be referred to as  $D_3$  and  $D_4$

**Module 1.3: Voltage Regulators**

**Refer to Page 1-17, Section 1.3.2, Zener Diode**

Replace the schematic shown at the bottom of page 1-17 with the schematic shown in Figure 1.

Delete the following paragraph:

“A 20-volt peak-to-peak voltage applied to an 8.2 volt Zener diode will deliver an 8.2 volt positive reading with a negative 10 volt reading on an oscilloscope”

Add the following paragraph:

“A rectified half wave with a 10-volt peak applied to the circuit will deliver to the load, a rectified half wave with its peak shaved to 8.2 volts.”

**Refer to Page 1-18, Section 1.3.3, Dual Zener Diodes**

Remove the plus and minus signs from the left hand side of the schematic.

**Refer to Page 1-19, Section 1.3.3, Dual Zener Diodes**

Refer to the second paragraph: change  $R_1$  to read  $R_1$

**Refer to Page 1-18, Section 1.3.5, Inductive-Load Commutation Protection**

Delete the final sentence in the section which says:

“This helps protect the circuit against high current values created by collapsing fields.”

Replace it with a sentence that says:

“This helps protect the circuit against voltage spikes created by the collapsing fields.”

**Refer to Page 1-20, Chapter Summary** Delete the following statements:

1. “Some materials are good electrical conductors because their atoms contain very few valence electrons in their outer shells.
2. Other materials are good insulators because their atoms contain several valence electrons in their outer shells.”

Replace them with the following statements:

3. “Some materials are good electrical conductors because their atoms contain 1,2 or 3 valence electrons in their outer shells.
4. Other materials are good insulators because their atoms contain 5 or more valence electrons in their outer shells.”

**Refer to Page 1-21, Review Questions**

Replace Question 1 with the following:

1. In a diode, electrons will flow from the negative terminal through the positive terminal. Which of the following best describes the electron flow?
  - a. Electrons will flow from the anode to the cathode
  - b. Electrons will flow from the cathode to the junction
  - c. Electrons will flow from the cathode to the anode
  - d. Electrons will flow to the semiconductor reverse biased diode

Delete the following statement:

5. “What is the name for the condition when current flows from a negative terminal through the positive terminal across the P-N junction of a diode?”

Replace it with the following statement:

5. “What is the name for the condition that occurs when electrons flow from a negative terminal through the positive terminal across the PN junction of a diode?”

**Refer to Page 1-23, Review Questions**

Replace Question 15 with the following:

15. With regard to the “Single Zener Diode Regulator” circuit example, a rectified half wave with a 10-volt peak applied to the circuit will deliver to the load, a rectified half wave with its peak shaved to 8.2 volts.
  - e. True
  - f. False

## Chapter 2: Bipolar Transistors

### Language Defined

**carrier** an electron in the conduction band or a hole in the valence band of a semiconductor that is free to carry an electric charge, and hence, can contribute to the semiconductor conductivity

### Module 2.1: Transistor Basics

#### Refer to Page 2-5, Section 2.1.7, Current Flow

Refer to the last paragraph on the page: VCE and VBE should be show as  $V_{CE}$  and  $V_{BE}$ .

#### Refer to Page 2-6, Section 2.1.7, Current Flow

Refer to the last paragraph on the page: VEE should be shown as  $V_{EE}$

#### Refer to Page 2-7, Section 2.1.7, Current Flow

The arrows in the diagram at the top of the page show electron flow not current flow as suggested by the text. Conventional current flow would be in the opposite direction.

#### Refer to Page 2-8, Section 2.1.8, Transistor Operating Regions

Refer to the first paragraph: HFE should be show as  $H_{FE}$

#### Refer to Page 2-10, Module 2.3: Common-Emitter Transistor

Refer to the second last paragraph on the page: RB and RC should be shown as  $R_B$  and  $R_C$

#### Refer to Page 2-11, Module 2.3: Common-Emitter Transistor

The upper diagram should be referred to as the emitter-follower circuit and the lower schematic should be designated as the common-emitter circuit.

#### Refer to Page 2-12, Module 2.5: Testing Transistors

The diagram and the instructions should tell the person to use the resistance scale which exhibits the diode symbol in order to obtain a higher testing voltage. This will ensure that the meter applies a voltage that is adequate to overcome the barrier voltage of the junction.

#### Refer to Page 2-16, Chapter Summary

Revise point 5 as follows:

5. In the active region, one junction is forward biased and one junction is reverse biased.

#### Refer to Page 2-19, Review Questions

In Question 14, change RB and RC to read as  $R_B$  and  $R_C$ .

In Question 15, change —VEE and RE to read as  $-V_{EE}$  and  $R_E$ .

#### Refer to Page 2-20, Review Questions

In Question 17, change R1and R2 to read as  $R_1$  and  $R_2$

## Chapter 3: Field Effect Transistors

### Refer to Page 3-2, Language Defined

Modify the following definition as shown:

**MOSFET (metal oxide semiconductor field effect transistor)** a field effect transistor that has ~~sliding contact~~ no electrical connection between the gate and the current channel

### Refer to Page 3-3, Language Defined

Replace the operational amplifier definition with the following definition:

**Operational amplifier** a DC-coupled high-gain amplifier with a differential voltage input and, a single voltage output

**Refer to Page 3-6, Drain Curves**

Refer to the 'JFET Drain Curves' diagram.

Add the following items to the Legend:

$I_D$	drain current
$I_{DSS}$	drain current for zero bias which is the maximum current that flows through a JFET
$V_{DS}$	voltage between the drain and source
$V_{GS}$	voltage between the gate and source
$V_P$	pinch-off voltage
$V_{BR}$	breakdown voltage
Ohmic Region	region where the ohmic value of the channel can be varied by varying the Gate bias

**Refer to Page 3-6, Drain Curves**

Delete the following sentence in the last paragraph:

“An advantage to the JFET is that it is usually operated with the voltage connected to the base, and with the gate junction reverse-biased.”

And replace it with the following sentence:

“An advantage of the JFET is that it is usually operated with its gate commoned through resistors with its source and always with its gate junction reverse-biased.”

**Refer to Page 3-7, JFET Biasing**

Refer to the three schematics shown in this section.

Add the following items to the Legend:

$V_{DD}$	drain voltage source
$V_{SS}$	source voltage source
$-V_{GG}$	gate voltage source
$R_G$	gate resistor
$R_D$	drain resistor
$R_S$	source resistor
$R_1$	gate bias resistor
$R_2$	gate bias resistor

**Refer to Page 3-8, JFET Amplifiers**

Refer to the three schematics shown in this section.

Add the following items to the Legend:

$V_{DD}$	drain voltage source
$R_D$	drain resistor
$R_S$	source resistor
$R_1$	gate bias resistor
$R_2$	gate bias resistor
$R_L$	load resistor

**Refer to Page 3-10, Section 3.2.2, Structure of MOSFET's: Enhancement — Depletion Type** The description presented in this section is NOT comprehensible: a complete rewrite is required.

**Refer to Page 3-10, Section 3.2.3, Structure of MOSFET's: Depletion Type** When Section 3.2.2 is rewritten, this section should be rewritten at the same time.

**Refer to Page 3-11, Section 3.2.4, Biasing for JFETs and MOSFETs**

Refer to the second last paragraph.

VGS should be written as  $V_{GS}$

**Refer to Page 3-11, Section 3.2.4, Biasing for JFETs and MOSFETs** Refer to the diagram. The following terms should be added to the Legend:

$R_D$  drain resistor

$R_G$  gate resistor

## Chapter 4: Power Supplies

**Refer to Page 4-4, Section 4.1.2, Unregulated Power Supplies**

Refer to the second complete paragraph on the page.

Replace the sentence that says:

“The plug-in low power transformer converts the 120 volts AC to some value of low voltage AC (depending upon the specific need) and the very basic in-line filter rectifies the DC.”

With the following sentence:

“The plug-in low voltage power transformer converts the 120 volts AC to some value of low voltage AC (depending upon the specific need) and the very basic in-line rectifier converts the AC to DC.”

**Refer to Page 4-15, Review Questions**

Refer to Question 8.

In answer a.,  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $V_2$  should be shown as  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $V_2$ .

In answer b.,  $V_Z$  and  $V_2$  should be shown as  $V_Z$  and  $V_2$ .

The bipolar transistor referred to as  $Q_2$ .

In answer c.,  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$  should be shown as  $Q_1$  and  $Q_2$ .

## Chapter 5: Operational Amplifier

**Refer to Page 5-4, Section 5.1.1, Introduction**

In the diagram on this page  $V_{1in}$  and  $V_{2in}$  should be shown as  $V_{1in}$  and  $V_{2in}$ .

In the third paragraph in this section,  $V_{2in}$  should be shown as  $V_{2in}$ .

**Refer to Page 5-10, Section 5.4.5, Comparators**

Refer to the legend of the diagram in this section.

$V_1$  and  $V_2$  should be shown as  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ .

**Refer to Page 5-10, Section 5.4.5, Regulators**

Refer to the legend of the diagram in this section.

$P_i$  and  $P_{id}$  should be shown as  $P_i$  and  $P_{id}$ .

**Refer to Page 5-11, Section 5.4.8, Oscillators**

Replace the diagram with the diagram shown in Fig. 2. Without the resistor added in Fig. 2, the oscillator will not oscillate.

Referring to the Legend and to the first two paragraphs, Wien is the correct spelling of the family name mentioned.

**Refer to Page 5-12, Section 5.4.9, Audio Amplifiers**

Refer to the legend of the diagram in this section.

Define LSS as Life Safety System.

**Chapter 6: Analog Electronics Applications**

**Module 6.1: Diode Applications**

**Refer to Page 6-3, Section 6.1.1, Supervisory Condition**

Replace the following sentence appearing the second paragraph:

“The resistor acts as an over-voltage protection device for the diodes in the bells”

With a sentence saying:

“The end-of-line resistor acts as a biasing resistor for a transistor back in the control unit”

**Refer to Page 6-9, Review Questions**

Referring to question 2., modify answer d. to read as follows:

2. “Functions as a biasing resistor for a transistor located in the control panel.”

**Chapter 7 Numbering Systems**

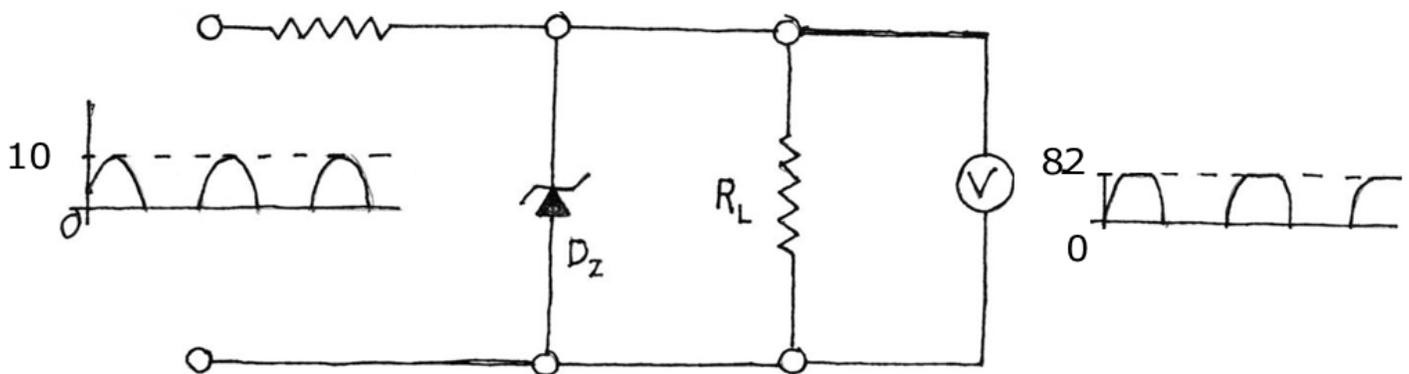
**Module 7.1: Binary Numbers**

**Refer to Page 7-7, Section 7.1.6, The Hexidecimal Method**

Refer to the example at the bottom of the page.

It should read as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 3BE2 &= (3)16^3 + (11)16^2 + (14)16^1 + (2)16^0 \\ &= 12,288 + 2,816 + 224 + 2 \\ &= 15,330 \end{aligned}$$



**Fig. 1 – Application of Zener Diode**

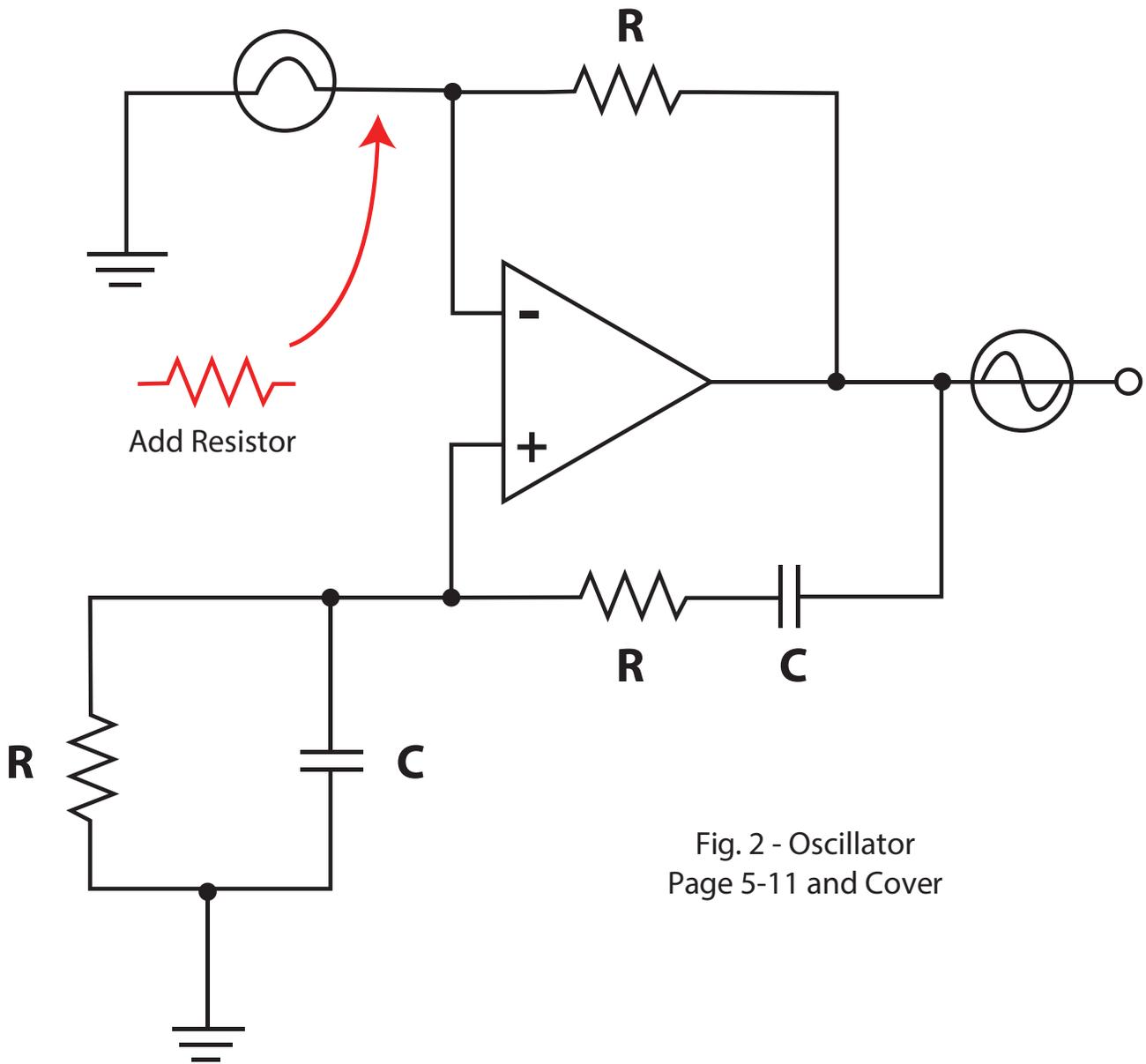


Fig. 2 - Oscillator  
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