

ECE 2300 Applied Circuits Lab Practical Part 2

Spring 2025

You've been given a job as a design engineer. Congratulations! Using the skills you've built, your goal is to design a circuit to meet the specifications for the "practical" problem below.

You can **only use components found in your lab kit** for your final design. When designing, you can calculate the "ideal" component and then approximate it using your lab kit or you can design your components starting from this limitation.

You are welcome to work in groups of up to 3 people on this assignment. If you work in a group, you should turn in a single submission. You are also welcome to work individually if you prefer.

1 Practical 2: Stairstep Generator

1.1 Specifications

For the second practical, you must design a circuit that produces the output in Fig. 1. You can use any of the components in your lab kit. You cannot use the AD2 waven.

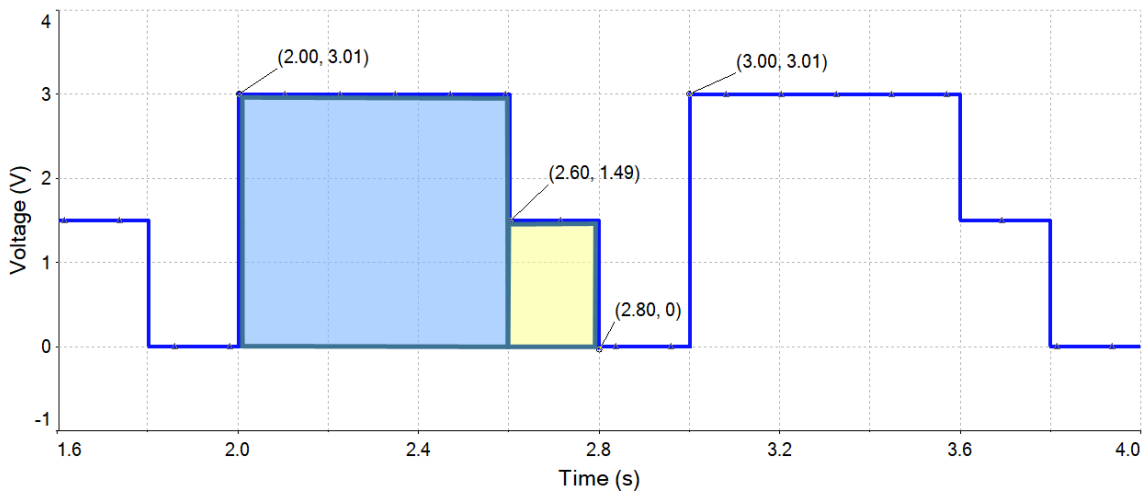


Figure 1: Stairstep waveform. Here, each block of the x -axis is 0.2s. The waveform is at 3V for 0.6s, 1.5V for 0.2s, and 0V for 0.2s and then repeats this pattern. The start-up condition for time $t = 0$ is arbitrary and not important.

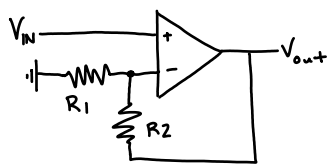
1.2 Deliverables

You must build your design both in Multisim and physically on your breadboard. In your submission, include:

1. A brief summary (one page or less) stepping through how your circuit works and how you designed your circuit, including calculations. If there are any discrepancies between your real and simulated circuits, note down what they are, and why you think they may be happening.
2. A screenshot of your final Multisim schematic and an annotated transient analysis of the simulated output.
3. A picture of your breadboarded circuit and the output in waveforms.
4. A short description of the contribution of each group member.

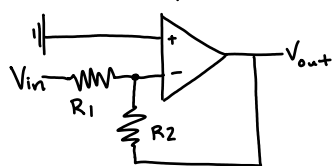
For both of the graphs, include proper annotations to show that your circuit meets the proper specifications.

NON-INVERTING OPAMP



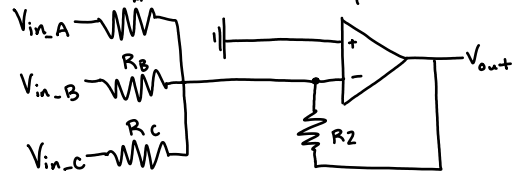
$$V_{out} = V_{in} \left(1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)$$

INVERTING OPAMP



$$V_{out} = -V_{in} \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1} \right)$$

SUMMING OPAMP



$$V_{out} = - \left(\frac{R_2}{R_A} V_A + \frac{R_2}{R_B} V_B + \frac{R_2}{R_C} V_C \right)$$

OR

$$R_A = R_B = \dots = R_{in} \rightarrow V_{out} = - \frac{R_2}{R_{in}} (V_A + V_B + V_C)$$

VOLTAGE DIVIDER (5V → 3V)

$$3V = 5V \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_1}$$

$$\frac{3V}{5V} = \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_1}$$

$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{3\Omega}{3\Omega + 2\Omega}$$

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$$\frac{3}{5} = \frac{1.5k\Omega}{1.5k\Omega + 1k\Omega} \quad \checkmark$$

$$R_1 = 1k\Omega$$

$$R_2 = 1.5k\Omega$$

SUMMING OPAMP

$$V_{out} = - \frac{R_2}{R_{in}} (V_A + V_B)$$

$$3V = - \frac{R_2}{R_{in}} (5V + 5V)$$

$$\frac{3V}{10V} = - \frac{R_2}{R_{in}}$$

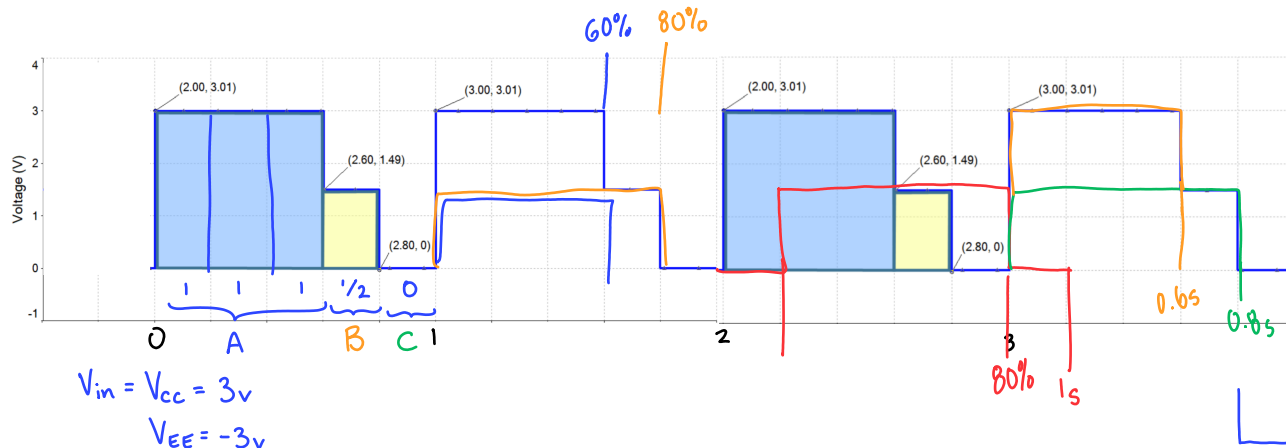
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$$R_2 = 0.3 R_{in}$$

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$$R_2 = 11.7k = \underbrace{3(3.9k)}_{\text{in series}}$$

$$R_{in} = 39k$$



A

$$V_{out} = V_{in}$$

$$V_{CC} = -V_{EE} = 3V$$

B

$$V_{out} = \frac{1}{2} V_{in}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} V_{EE} = 1.5V$$

C

$$V_{out} = 0$$

$$V_{out} = V_{CC} + V_{EE}$$

Duty Cycle (60%)

$$D = \frac{T_{on}}{T_{total}} = \frac{R_A + R_B}{R_A + 2R_B} = 0.60$$

↓ MATLAB

$$R_A = \cancel{3300\Omega} \quad 2700$$

$$R_B = \cancel{6800\Omega} \quad 5600$$

Duty Cycle (80%)

$$D = \frac{T_{on}}{T_{total}} = \frac{R_A + R_B}{R_A + 2R_B} = 0.80$$

↓ MATLAB

$$R_A = \cancel{10k\Omega} \quad 8200$$

$$R_B = \cancel{3300\Omega} \quad 2700$$

$$T_{total} = 0.693(R_A + 2R_B)C_{60}$$

$$1s = 0.693(R_A + 2R_B)10\mu F$$

$$R_A + 2R_B = \frac{1s}{0.693 \cdot 10\mu F}$$

↓ MATLAB

$$68000\Omega$$

$$4700\Omega$$

$$+ \frac{\Omega}{72700\Omega}$$

FIND C_{60}

$$T_{total} = 1s$$

$$T_{total} = 0.693(R_A + 2R_B)C_{60}$$

$$T_{total} = 0.693(3.3k\Omega + 2 \cdot 6.8k\Omega)C_{60}$$

$$C_{60} = \frac{1s}{0.693(16.9k\Omega)}$$

$$C_{60} = 85.4\mu F \quad \times 100\mu F$$

$$C_{60} = \underline{\underline{100\mu F}}$$

FIND C_{80}

$$T_{total} = 1s$$

$$T_{total} = 0.693(R_A + 2R_B)C_{80}$$

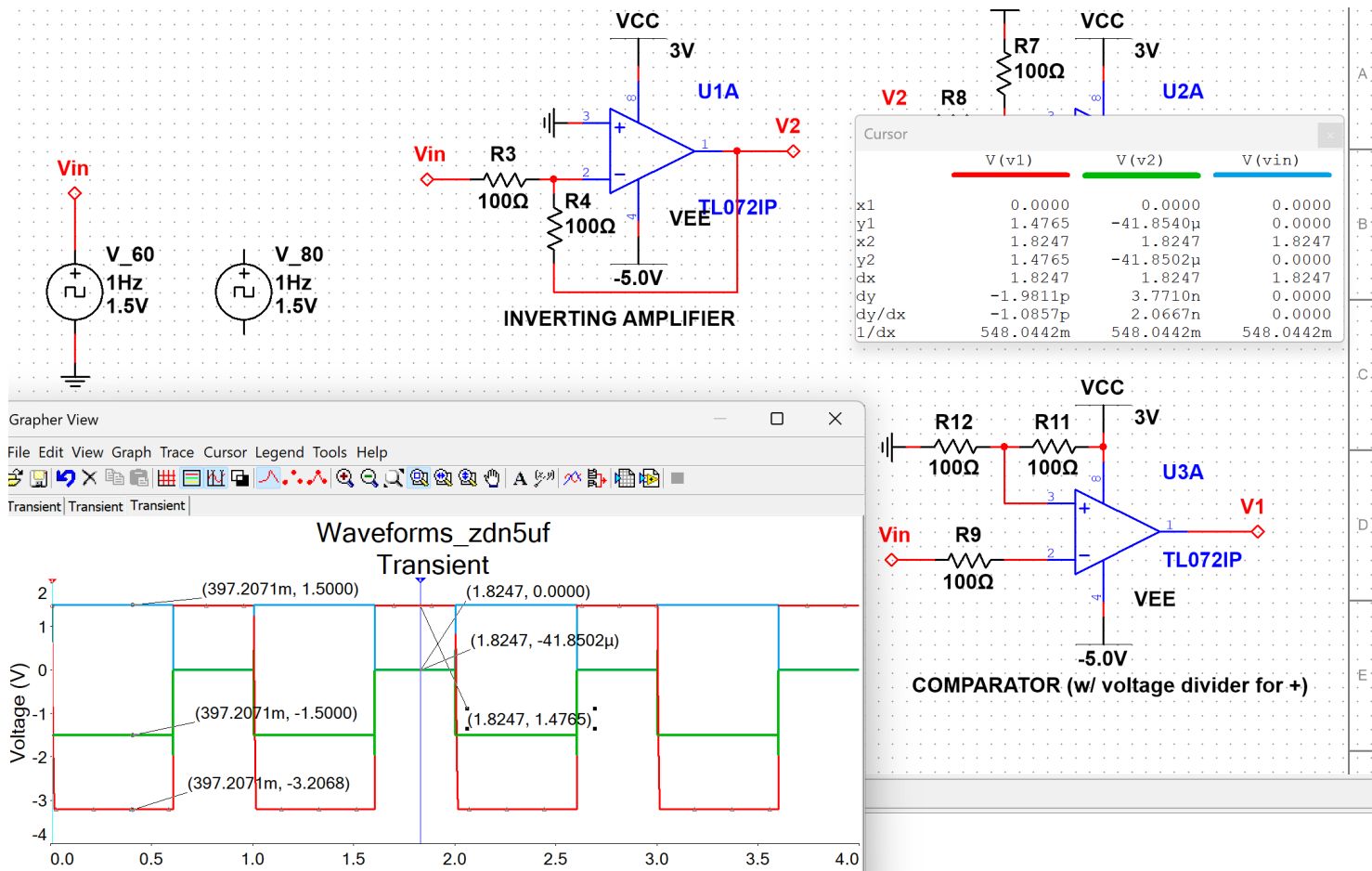
$$T_{total} = 0.693(10k\Omega + 2 \cdot 3.3k\Omega)C_{80}$$

$$C_{80} = \frac{1s}{0.693(16.6k\Omega)}$$

$$C_{80} = 86.9\mu F \quad \times 100\mu F$$

$$C_{80} = \underline{\underline{100\mu F}}$$

Q: What's the difference in output between comparator (V1) and inverting amplifier (V2)?
Vin = input current = 1.5v



One Shot Charging Cycle

$$t_c = 1.1 RC$$

$$0.2s = 1.1 RC$$

$$R_{ONE} = \frac{0.2s}{1.1C}$$

$$R_{ONE} = \frac{0.2s}{(1.1)(10\mu F)}$$

$$R_{ONE} = 18181$$

$$\frac{0.6s}{1.1C}$$

$$\frac{0.6s}{(1.1)(10\mu F)}$$

$$54545\Omega$$

MATLAB ↓

$$\begin{array}{r} 27000\Omega \\ 22000\Omega \\ + 5600\Omega \\ \hline 54600\Omega \end{array} \quad \text{OR} \quad \begin{array}{r} 27000\Omega \\ 27000\Omega \\ + 560\Omega \\ \hline 54560\Omega \end{array}$$

$$\frac{0.8s}{1.1C}$$

$$\frac{0.8s}{(1.1)(10\mu F)}$$

$$72727\Omega$$

MATLAB ↓

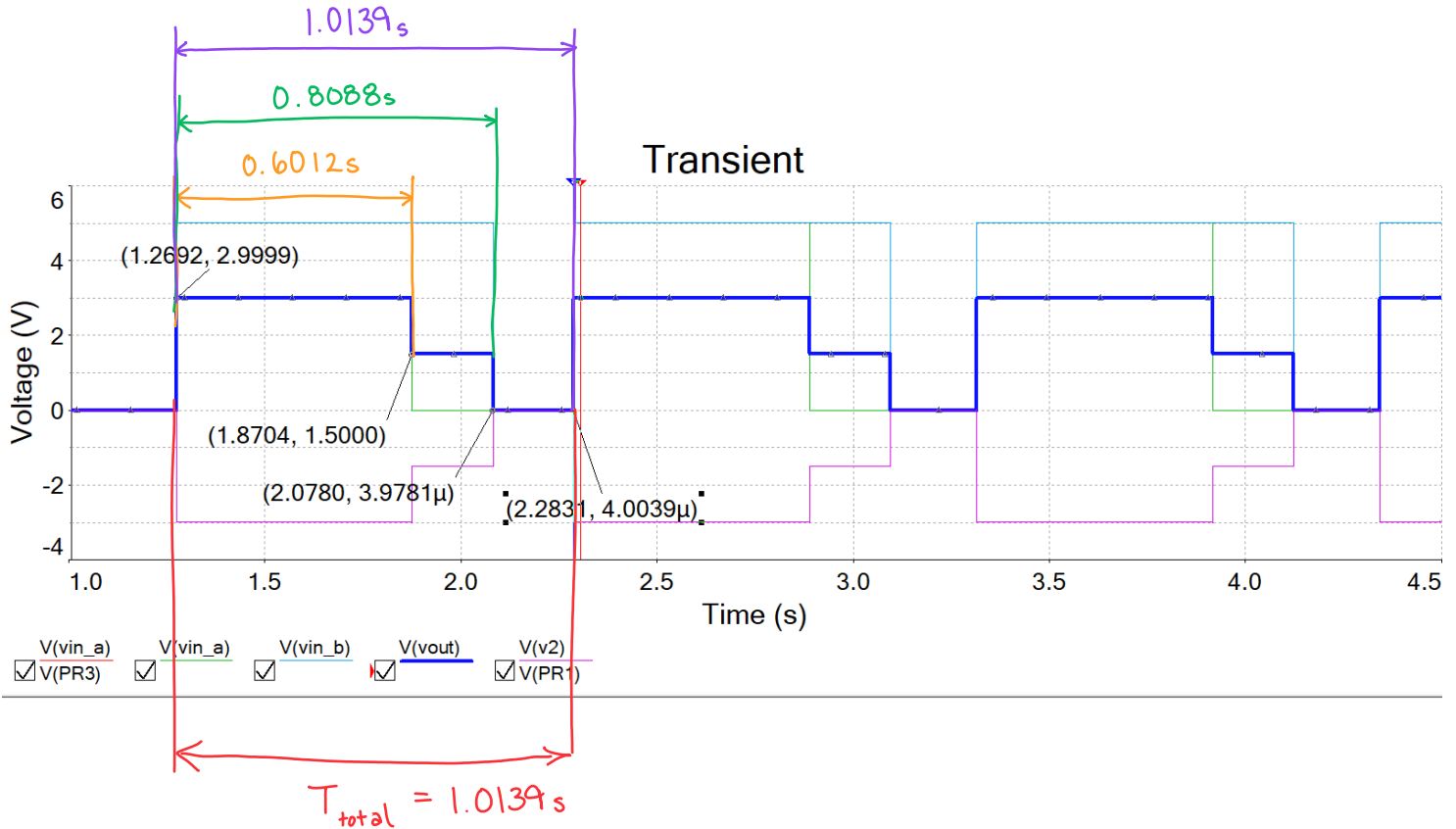
$$\begin{array}{r} 68000\Omega \\ 4700\Omega \\ + 27\Omega \\ \hline 72727\Omega \end{array} \quad \text{OR} \quad \begin{array}{r} 68000\Omega \\ 4700\Omega \\ + \quad \quad \Omega \\ \hline 72700\Omega \end{array}$$

$$0.62 = 56363$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 47k \\ 47k \\ 4.7k \end{array}$$

$$0.84 = 76363$$

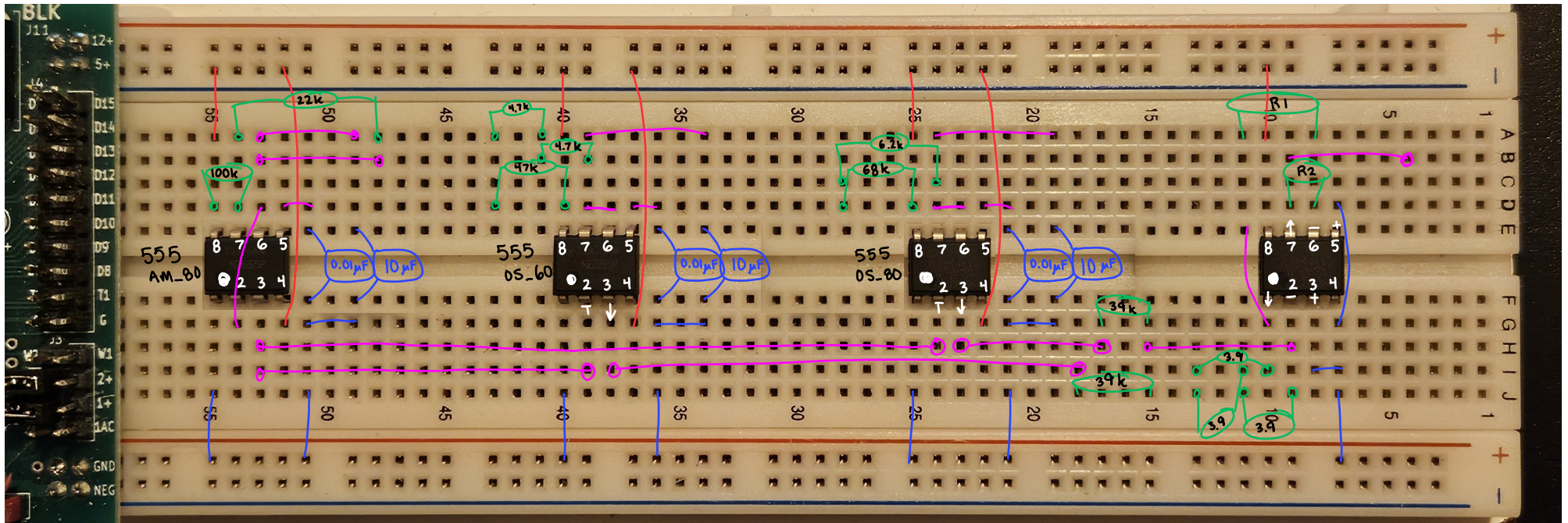
$$\begin{array}{l} 68k \\ 8.2k \end{array}$$



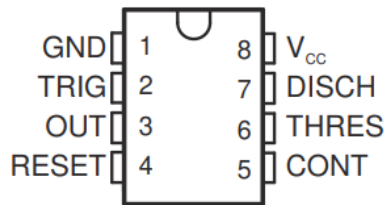
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>> find_req_555(80, 0.5)
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Found 16 unique solutions for RA, RB to achieve the specified gain in a 555 timer.

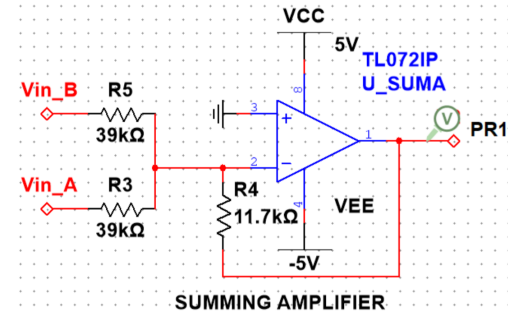
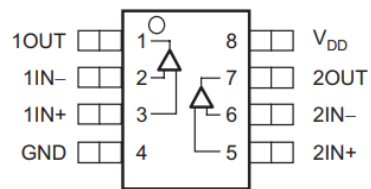
RA	RB	Duty_Cycle	Percent_Error (Duty)	Time	Percent_Error (Time)
8200	68000	0.52843	33.946	0.99931	0.0694
1e+05	22000	0.84722	5.9028	0.99792	0.208
1.2e+05	12000	0.91667	14.583	0.99792	0.208
6800	68000	0.52381	34.524	0.9896	1.0396

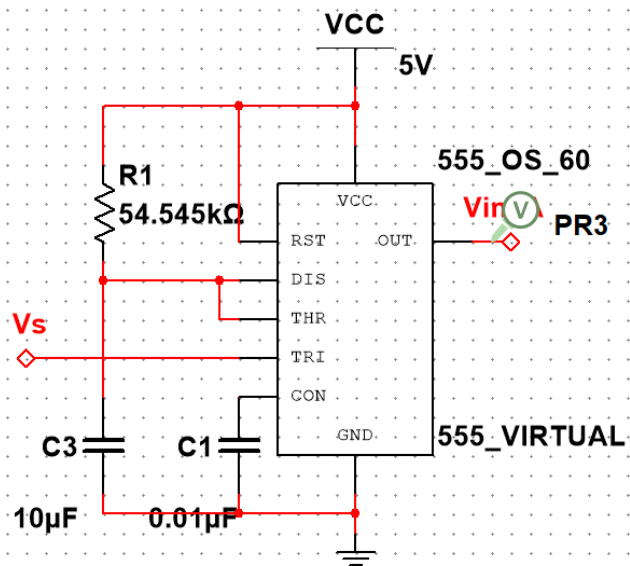


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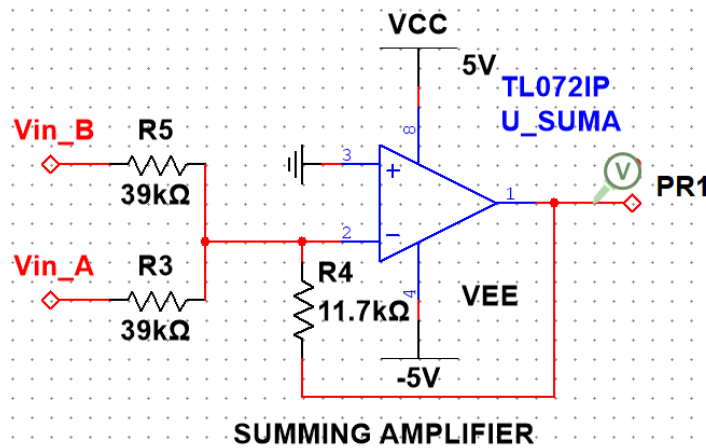


TLV272: D, DGK, and P Packages
8-Pin SOIC, VSSOP, and PDIP
Top View

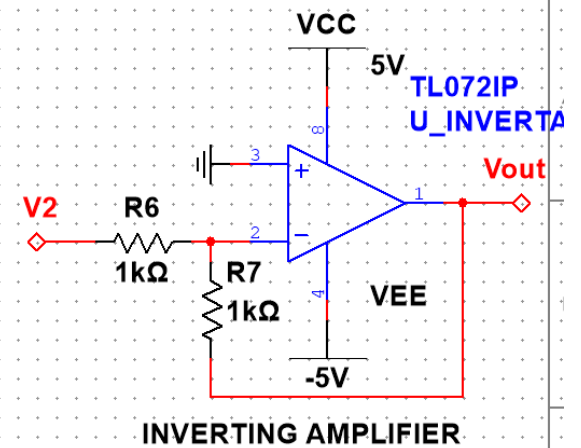




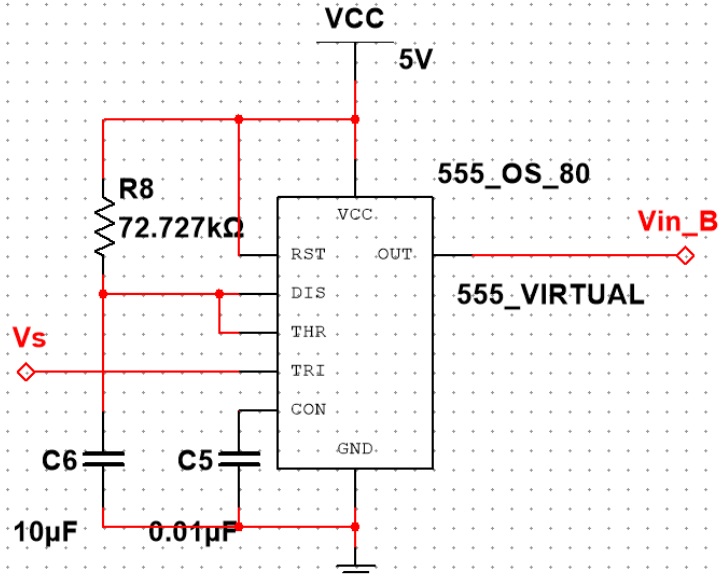
0.60s ONE SHOT



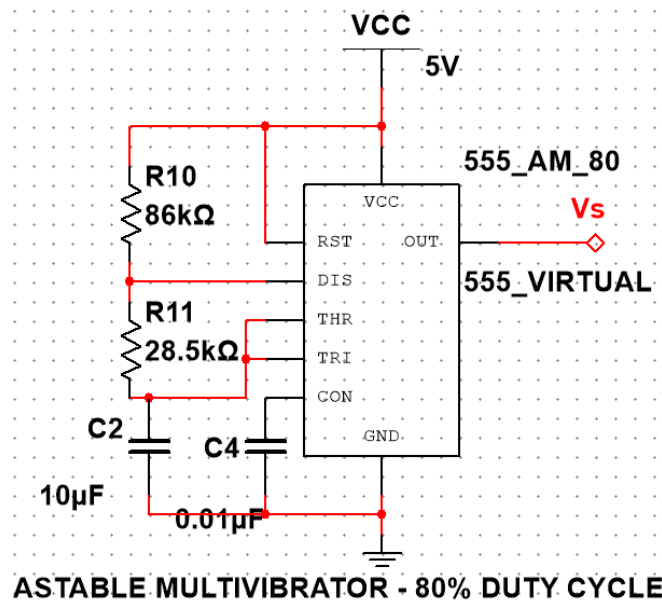
SUMMING AMPLIFIER



INVERTING AMPLIFIER



0.80s ONE SHOT



ASTABLE MULTIVIBRATOR - 80% DUTY CYCLE