

Analysis of an AC signal

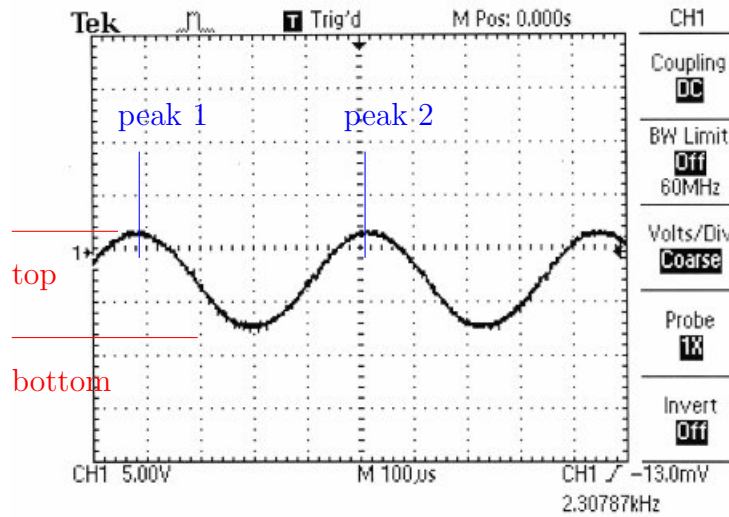


Figure 1: Sample

Calculations

Amplitude of the signal is given by

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \frac{V_{top} - V_{bottom}}{2} \\ &= \frac{(0.3 \pm 0.1) \text{ div} - ((-1.6 \pm 0.1) \text{ div})}{2} \times 5V/\text{div} \\ &= \frac{(1.9 \pm 0.2) \text{ div}}{2} \times 5V/\text{div} \\ &= (4.75 \pm 0.5) V \end{aligned}$$

DC offset of the signal is given by

$$\begin{aligned} D &= V_{middle} = \frac{V_{top} + V_{bottom}}{2} \\ &= \frac{(0.3 \pm 0.1) \text{ div} + ((-1.6 \pm 0.1) \text{ div})}{2} \times 5V/\text{div} \\ &= \frac{(-1.3 \pm 0.2) \text{ div}}{2} \times 5V/\text{div} \\ &= (-3.25 \pm 0.5) V \end{aligned}$$

Period of the signal is given by

$$\begin{aligned} T &= T_{peak\ 2} - T_{peak\ 1} = ((5.1 \pm 0.1) \text{ div} - (0.8 \pm 0.1) \text{ div}) \times 100 \mu\text{S/div} \\ &= (4.3 \pm 0.2 \text{ div}) \times 100 \mu\text{S/div} \\ &= (430 \pm 20) \mu\text{S} \end{aligned}$$

Frequency of the signal is given by

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{(430 \pm 20) \mu\text{S}} = (2.3 \pm 0.1) \text{ kHz}$$

Explanations

The waveform is a sine wave, with the amplitude and DC offset calculated above. The calculated frequency of $2.3 \pm 0.1 \text{ kHz}$ agrees with the value of 2.30787 kHz from the oscilloscope.