

Absolute Maximum Ratings(Note 1)

Recommended Operating Conditions

device may occur. **Note 2:** Unless otherwise specified all voltages are referenced to ground.

Note 3: Power Dissipation temperature derating — plastic "N" package: −
12 mW/°C from 65°C to 85°C.

DC Electrical Characteristics (Note 4)

Note 4: For a power supply of 5V ±10% the worst case output voltages (V_{OH}, and V_{OL}) occur for HC at 4.5V. Thus the 4.5V values should be used when
designing with this supply. Worst case V_{IH} and V_{IL} occur at V_{CC} rent (I_{IN} , I_{CC} , and I_{OZ}) occur for CMOS at the higher voltage and so the 6.0V values should be used.

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Detailed Circuit Description

VOLTAGE CONTROLLED OSCILLATOR/SOURCE FOLLOWER

The VCO requires two or three external components to operate. These are R1, R2, C1. Resistor R1 and capacitor C1 are selected to determine the center frequency of the VCO. R1 controls the lock range. As R1's resistance decreases the range of f_{MIN} to f_{MAX} increases. Thus the VCO's gain increases. As C1 is changed the offset (if used) of R2, and the center frequency is changed. (See typical performance curves) R2 can be used to set the offset frequency with 0V at VCO input. If R2 is omitted the VCO range is from 0Hz. As R2 is decreased the offset frequency is increased. The effect of R2 is shown in the design information table and typical performance curves. By increasing the value of R2 the lock range of the PLL is offset above 0Hz and the gain (Hz/Volt) does not change. In general, when offset is desired, R2 and C1 should be chosen first, and then R1 should be chosen to obtain the proper center frequency.

Internally the resistors set a current in a current mirror as shown in Figure 1. The mirrored current drives one side of the capacitor once the capacitor charges up to the threshold of the schmitt trigger the oscillator logic flips the capacitor over and causes the mirror to charge the opposite side of the capacitor. The output from the internal logic is then taken to pin 4.

VCO WITH OFFSET

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FIGURE 2. Logic Diagram for VCO

The input to the VCO is a very high impedance CMOS input and so it will not load down the loop filter, easing the filters design. In order to make signals at the VCO input accessible without degrading the loop performance a source follower transistor is provided. This transistor can be used by connecting a resistor to ground and its drain output will follow the VCO input signal.

An inhibit signal is provided to allow disabling of the VCO and the source follower. This is useful if the internal VCO is

PHASE COMPARATORS

All three phase comparators share two inputs, Signal In and Comparator In. The Signal In has a special DC bias network that enables AC coupling of input signals. If the signals are not AC coupled then this input requires logic levels the same as standard 74HC. The Comparator input

not being used. A logic high on inhibit disables the VCO and source follower.

The output of the VCO is a standard high speed CMOS output with an equivalent LSTTL fanout of 10. The VCO output is approximately a square wave. This output can either directly feed the comparator input of the phase comparators or feed external prescalers (counters) to enable frequency synthesis.

is a standard digital input. Both input structures are shown in Figure 3.

The outputs of these comparators are essentially standard 74HC voltage outputs. (Comparator II is 3-STATE.)

Thus in normal operation V_{CC} and ground voltage levels are fed to the loop filter. This differs from some phase detectors which supply a current output to the loop filter and this should be considered in the design. (The CD4046 also provides a voltage.)

Figure 5 shows the state tables for all three comparators.

PHASE COMPARATOR I

This comparator is a simple XOR gate similar to the 74HC86, and its operation is similar to an overdriven balanced modulator. To maximize lock range the input frequencies must have a 50% duty cycle. Typical input and output waveforms are shown in Figure 4. The output of the phase detector feeds the loop filter which averages the output voltage. The frequency range upon which the PLL will lock onto if initially out of lock is defined as the capture range. The capture range for phase detector I is dependent on the loop filter employed. The capture range can be as large as the lock range which is equal to the VCO frequency range.

To see how the detector operates refer to Figure 4. When two square wave inputs are applied to this comparator, an output waveform whose duty cycle is dependent on the phase difference between the two signals results. As the phase difference increases the output duty cycle increases and the voltage after the loop filter increases. Thus in order to achieve lock, when the PLL input frequency increases the VCO input voltage must increase and the phase difference between comparator in and signal in will increase. At an input frequency equal f_{MIN} , the VCO input is at 0V and this requires the phase detector output to be ground hence the two input signals must be in phase. When the input frequency is f_{MAX} then the VCO input must be V_{CC} and the phase detector inputs must be 180° out of phase.

The XOR is more susceptible to locking onto harmonics of the signal input than the digital phase detector II. This can be seen by noticing that a signal 2 times the VCO frequency results in the same output duty cycle as a signal equal the VCO frequency. The difference is that the output frequency of the 2f example is twice that of the other example. The loop filter and the VCO range should be designed to prevent locking on to harmonics.

PHASE COMPARATOR II

This detector is a digital memory network. It consists of four flip-flops and some gating logic, a three state output and a phase pulse output as shown in Figure 6. This comparator acts only on the positive edges of the input signals and is thus independent of signal duty cycle.

Phase comparator II operates in such a way as to force the PLL into lock with 0 phase difference between the VCO output and the signal input positive waveform edges. Figure 7 shows some typical loop waveforms. First assume that the signal input phase is leading the comparator input. This means that the VCO's frequency must be increased to bring its leading edge into proper phase alignment. Thus the phase detector II output is set high. This will cause the loop filter to charge up the VCO input increasing the VCO frequency. Once the leading edge of the comparator input is detected the output goes 3-STATE holding the VCO input at the loop filter voltage. If the VCO still lags the signal then the phase detector will again charge up to VCO input for the time between the leading edges of both waveforms.

Detailed Circuit Description (Continued)

If the VCO leads the signal then when the leading edge of the VCO is seen the output of the phase comparator goes LOW. This discharges the loop filter until the leading edge of the signal is detected at which time the output 3-STATE itself again. This has the effect of slowing down the VCO to again make the rising edges of both waveform coincident.

When the PLL is out of lock the VCO will be running either slower or faster than the signal input. If it is running slower the phase detector will see more signal rising edges and so the output of the phase comparator will be HIGH a majority of the time, raising the VCO's frequency. Conversely, if the VCO is running faster than the signal the output of the detector will be LOW most of the time and the VCO's output frequency will be decreased.

As one can see when the PLL is locked the output of phase comparator II will be almost always 3-STATE except for minor corrections at the leading edge of the waveforms. When the detector is 3-STATE the phase pulse output is HIGH. This output can be used to determine when the PLL is in the locked condition.

This detector has several interesting characteristics. Over the entire VCO frequency range there is no phase difference between the comparator input and the signal input. The lock range of the PLL is the same as the capture range. Minimal power is consumed in the loop filter since in lock the detector output is a high impedance. Also when no signal is present the detector will see only VCO leading edges, and so the comparator output will stay LOW forcing the VCO to f_{MIN} operating frequency.

Phase comparator II is more susceptible to noise causing the phase lock loop to unlock. If a noise pulse is seen on the signal input, the comparator treats it as another positive edge of the signal and will cause the output to go HIGH until the VCO leading edge is seen, potentially for a whole signal input period. This would cause the VCO to speed up during that time. When using the phase comparator I the output of that phase detector would be disturbed for only the short duration of the noise spike and would cause less upset.

PHASE COMPARATOR III

This comparator is a simple S-R Flip-Flop which can function as a phase comparator Figure 8. It has some similar characteristics to the edge sensitive comparator. To see how this detector works assume input pulses are applied to the signal and comparator inputs as shown in Figure 9. When the signal input leads the comparator input the flop is set. This will charge up the loop filter and cause the VCO to speed up, bringing the comparator into phase with the signal input. When using short pulses as input this comparator behaves very similar to the second comparator. But one can see that if the signal input is a long pulse, the output of the comparator will be forced to a one no matter how many comparator input pulses are received. Also if the VCO input is a square wave (as it is) and the signal input is pulse then the VCO will force the comparator output LOW much of the time. Therefore it is ideal to condition the signal and comparator input to short pulses. This is most easily done by using a series capacitor.

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