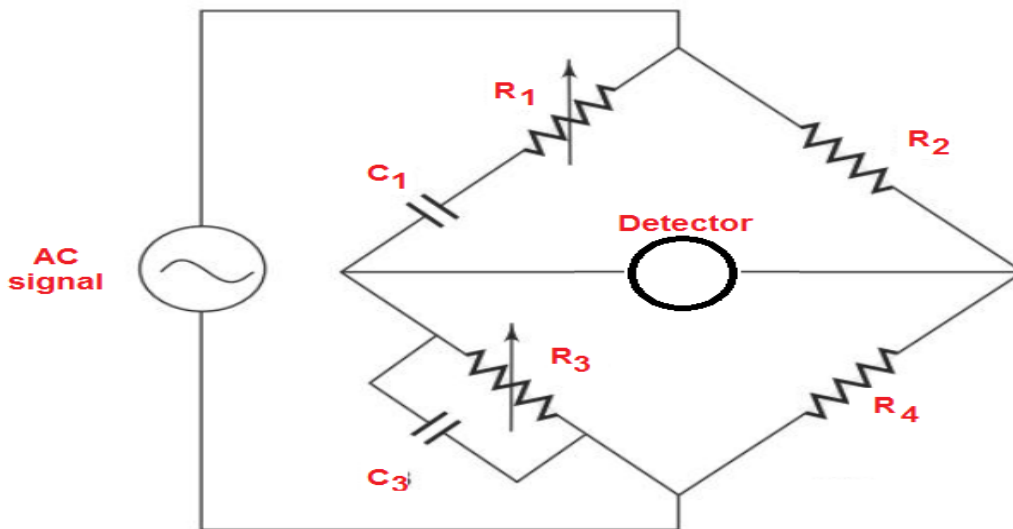


WEIN BRIDGE

The Wien bridge has a series *RC combination in one arm* and a parallel adjoining arm. Wien's bridge is designed to measure frequency. It can also be used for the measurement of an unknown capacitor with great accuracy. The audio range is typically 20 - 20 kHz ranges.

Used to measure the capacitance to a high degree of accuracy when frequency standards are available.



$$C_3 = \left(\frac{R_2}{R_4} \right)$$

The impedance of one arm is

$$Z_1 = R_1 - j/\omega C_1.$$

The admittance of the parallel arm is

$$Y_3 = 1/R_3 + j \omega C_3.$$

Using the bridge balance equation,

we have $Z_1 Z_4 = Z_2 Z_3$.

Therefore, $Z_1 Z_4 = Z_2/Y_3$, i.e. $Z_2 = Z_1 Z_4 Y_3$.

$$R_2 = R_4 \left(R_1 - \frac{j}{\omega C_1} \right) \left(\frac{1}{R_3} + j \omega C_3 \right) \quad (1)$$

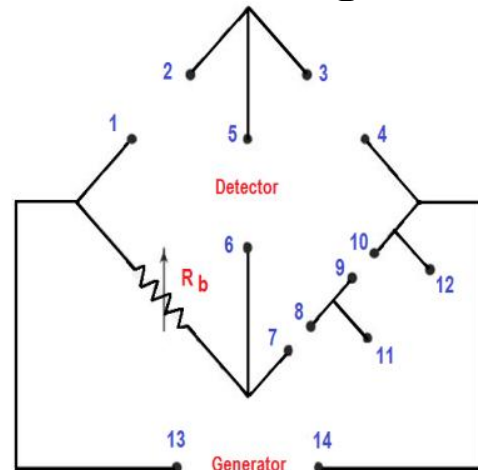
$$R_2 = \frac{R_1 R_4}{R_3} - \frac{j R_4}{\omega C_1 R_3} + j \omega C_3 R_1 R_4 + \frac{C_3 R_4}{C_1}$$

$$R_2 = \left(\frac{R_1 R_4}{R_3} + \frac{C_3 R_4}{C_1} \right) - j \left(\frac{R_4}{\omega C_1 R_3} - \omega C_3 R_1 R_4 \right)$$

Equating the real and imaginary terms we have

$$R_2 = \frac{R_1 R_4}{R_3} + \frac{C_3 R_4}{C_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{R_4}{\omega C_1 R_3} - \omega C_3 R_1 R_4 = 0$$

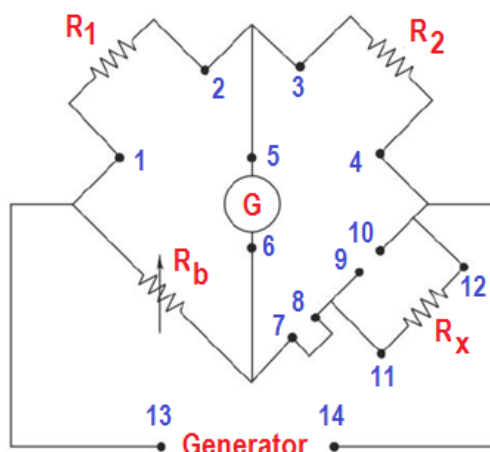
LCR Bridge



Skeleton type Bridge

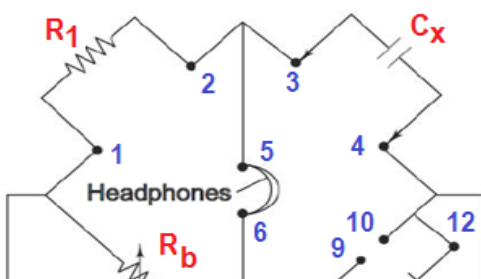
- A simple bridge for the measurement of resistance, capacitance and inductance with four resistance decades in one arm, and binding post terminals. Capacitors may be connected, to complete the other arms.
- For the LCR Bridge, R_b is self contained.
- The other arms are completed by connecting the unknown and standard components between terminals 2, 3-4, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12, a null detector to 5-6, and a generator to 13-14.
- This bridge can be used for both ac and dc measurements.
- By proper arrangement of the bridge arms:
 - Wheatstone's bridge may be set up for resistance measurement (ac and dc).
 - Comparison circuit for measurement of Capacitance (ac).
 - Maxwell's circuit for the measurement of inductance (ac).

LCR Bridge: Wheatstone Bridge



$$R_x = \frac{R_2 R_b}{R_1}$$

LCR Bridge: Capacitance Comparison Bridge



$$C_x = \frac{C_3 R_1}{R_b}$$