

Experiment No. 5

Objective: Measurement of capacitance by Schering bridge

Apparatus Used:

S. No.	Name of the apparatus	Quantity
1	Lab trainer kit	1
2	Multimeter	1
3	Unknown inductor	1

Theory: Schering bridge is one of the most important of the a.c. bridge. It is extensively used in measurement of capacitance.

$$\text{At balance, } \{r_1 + 1/(j\omega C_1)\} \{R_4/(1+j\omega C_4 R_4)\} = R_3/(j\omega C_2)$$

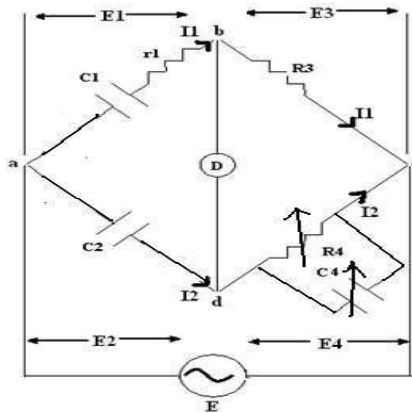
$$\{r_1 + 1/(j\omega C_1)\} R_4 = R_3/(j\omega C_2) * \{(1+j\omega C_4 R_4)\}$$

$$r_1 R_4 - \{(jR_4)/(\omega C_1)\} = \{(-jR_3)/(\omega C_2)\} + \{(R_3 R_4 C_4)/(C_2)\}$$

Equating real and imaginary terms,

$$r_1 = R_3 C_4 / C_2 \text{ and } C_1 = C_2 R_4 / R_3$$

Circuit Diagram:



Procedure:

1. Connect the circuit as shown in the figure.
2. Select any value of C1.
3. Connect the Multimeter between ground and output of imbalance amplifier.
4. Vary R4 and C4, from minimum position, in clockwise direction.
5. If the selection of C1 is correct the balance point can be obtained at minimum position.
6. If that is not the case, select another C1.
7. Calculate the Capacitance by substituting known values.

Observation Table:

S.NO	C4	C1	C2	R3	R4

Result: Hence the balanced condition of schering bridge is obtained and unknown value of capacitance is found.