HCH-1000 Series Humidity Sensor Calibration and Output Circuit Data
Frequency Output Circuit

- This circuit is a typical frequency output circuit using the timer 555.
- The HCH-1000, used as variable capacitor, is connected to the THRES and TRIG pin. Rv is a variable resistor which compensates an output frequency about the basic capacitance value of HCH-1000. Since the charge and discharge of the sensor run through different resistors, R1 and (Rv+R2), the duty cycle is determined by:

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T(\text{high}) = C \times \frac{(R_1 + (R_v + R_2))}{R_v + R_2} \times \ln 2
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T(\text{low}) = C \times \frac{R_1}{R_v + R_2} \times \ln 2
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\text{Period} = T(\text{high}) + T(\text{low}) = C \times \frac{R_1 + 2 \times (R_v + R_2)}{R_v + R_2} \times \ln 2
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F = \frac{1}{\text{Period}} = \frac{1}{C \times \% RH \times \frac{R_1 + 2 \times (R_v + R_2)}{R_v + R_2} \times \ln 2}
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\text{Output duty cycle} = T(\text{high}) \times F = \frac{R_1 + (R_v + R_2)}{R_1 + 2(R_v + R_2)} \times 100\%
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- The external capacitor charges through R1+(Rv+R2) and discharges through (Rv+R2). Thus, the duty cycle may be precisely set by the ratio of these two resistors if the duty cycle is close to 50%. Therefore, the frequency is independent of the supply voltage.
Voltage Output Circuit

• Block diagram
  – This is a dc voltage output model using the timer IC 555. The output of the sensor is a dc voltage linked to the capacitive humidity sensor. The circuit built operates in pulse width modulation (PWM) mode, which is one of the functions of timer IC 555.

• This sensor support electronic circuitry uses two timers. One timer continuously issues a pulse train in order to trigger the other timer, which operates in PWM mode.
Voltage Output Circuit – One-Point Calibration

- \( F_{out} = \frac{1.44}{(R_1 + 2R_2)C_2} \)
- \( T = \frac{1}{F_{out}} \)
- \( TH = 1.1 \times R_3 \times C(HCH-1000) \)
- Note: \( T > TH \) (at 0 %RH to 100 %RH)
Voltage Output Circuit – One-Point Calibration

1. Put a product equipped with HCH-1000 into a standard chamber or a humidity generator (25 °C, 60 %RH).
2. Supply +5 V with a dc power supply.
3. Connect Vout of the module with (+) terminal of digital multi-meter and GND of the module with (-) terminal of digital multi-meter, respectively.
4. Adjust the value of a multi-meter with a variable resistor (VRI) in order to correspond with the value of specification.
5. Fix variable resistor (VRI) with a lock-tight after adjusting its value so as not to change a set value by external force.
6. In case of using a saturated solution, please put a module of HCH-1000 into NaBr [generator (25 °C, 57.57 %RH)] and adjust the resistor value.

• Notes:
  – One-point calibration has a limitation in that the characteristics of voltage output is dependent upon the characteristics of sensitivity of HCH-1000. It is a suitable calibration method for the product’s accuracy required up to ± 3 %RH.
  – For products requiring a higher accuracy, two-point calibration is recommended.
Voltage Output Circuit – Two-Points Calibration

- $F_{out} = 1.44 / \{(R1+2*R2) * C2\}$
- $T = 1 / F_{out}$
- $TH = 1.1 * (R3+VR2) * C(HCH-1000)$
- Note: $T > TH$ (at 0 to 100 %RH)
Voltage Output Circuit – Two-Points Calibration

1. Put a product equipped with HCH-1000 into a standard chamber or a humidity generator @ 25 °C, 11 %RH or 33 %RH.
2. Supply +5 V with a dc power supply.
3. Connect Vout of the module with (+) terminal of digital multi-meter and GND of the module with (-) terminal of digital multi-meter, respectively.
4. Adjust the value of a multi-meter with a variable resistor VR1 in order to correspond with the value of specification. (Offset control)
5. Put a product equipped with HCH-1000 into a standard chamber or a humidity generator @ 25 °C, 76 %RH.
6. Adjust the value of a multi-meter with a variable resistor VR2 in order to correspond with the value of specification. (Span control)
7. Repeat item 4 and item 6 as remarked above in order to correspond with the value of specification.
8. Fix variable resistor (VR2) with a lock-tight after adjusting its value so as not to change a set value by external force.
9. In case of using a saturated solution, please put a module of HCH-1000 into NaCl [generator (25 °C, 75.3 %RH)] and adjust the resistor value.
With Adjustments

Before calibration (accuracy < ±3.9 %RH)

VR1 adjustment (accuracy < ±0.1/−2.7 %RH)

VR2 adjustment (accuracy < ±0.5 %RH)
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