Description

This invention relates to north-south pin-cushion corrected deflection circuits.

US-A-3748531 concerns compensating for beam-spot distortion in the corners of a color picture display apparatus. The distortion may be so severe as to produce color superposition errors. US-A-3748531 provides a circuit arrangement for generating by means of a modulator in a color picture display device a sawtooth correction current of line frequency flowing through the line deflection coils and having an amplitude varying at field frequency for the purpose of obtaining a better color superposition in the corners of the screen of the display tube. The arrangement comprises means to add an additional correction current which flows in the same direction as the first mentioned current and which is proportional to the third power of both the line and the field deflection currents. Said means may be a saturable coil or a resonant circuit which is tuned to a frequency which lies between the like frequency and twice the value thereof. In the latter case the voltage present across the circuit may be used for correcting the north/south pincushion distortion. Also, the modulator is controlled by an amplifier comprising a linear and a voltage-dependent resistor which ensure that a third-power component is added also to said field deflection current.

Picture tubes for video apparatus such as television receivers or computer monitors may require modulation of the field deflection current for correcting a geometrical distortion known as north-south pincushion distortion. A cause of this distortion is the difference between the beam scanning radius of curvature and the tube faceplate radius of curvature. New, flatter faceplate picture tubes having aspherical faceplate curvatures require a more complex form of north-south pincushion correction than is provided for a conventional spherical faceplate picture tube.

A tube of the type having a complex curvature faceplate is described in US-A-4786840 in the name of F.R. Ragland, Jr. and entitled CATHODE-RAY TUBE HAVING A FACEPLATE PANEL WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY PLANAR PERIPHERY, corresponding to UK published application GB-A-2136198A, published 12 September 1984.

In one form of flatter faceplate picture tube, as typified by the RCA 110° COTY-SP, square-planar, 27V, color television picture tube, A68ACC10X, the formula for the tube faceplate sagittal height, z, in millimeters, with reference to the center of the faceplate is given by:

$$Z = A_1X^2 + A_2X^4 + A_3Y^2 + A_4X^2Y^2 + A_5X^4Y^2 + A_6Y^4 + A_7X^2Y^4 + A_8X^4Y^4,$$

where X and Y are the distance coordinates, in millimeters, from the faceplate center along the major and minor axes, respectively, and where:

$A_1 = -0.236424229 \times 10^{-4}$
$A_2 = -0.363538575 \times 10^{-8}$
$A_3 = -0.422441063 \times 10^{-3}$
$A_4 = -0.213537355 \times 10^{-8}$
$A_5 = +0.883912220 \times 10^{-13}$
$A_6 = -0.100020398 \times 10^{-9}$
$A_7 = +0.117915353 \times 10^{-14}$
$A_8 = +0.527722295 \times 10^{-21}$

The picture tube faceplate defined by this formula has a relatively shallow curvature near the center of the faceplate, which increases near the edges along paths parallel to both the major and minor axes of the tube. The overall result is a faceplate of relatively flat appearance and with planar edges, namely, with points along the top, bottom, right and left edges located substantially in a common plane.

In accordance with one aspect of the invention, there is provided a television display apparatus that provides for raster scanning of a picture tube which includes an aspherical faceplate of relatively flat contour, a north-south pincushion correction circuit comprising: a field deflection winding; a field deflection amplifier for generating field deflection current in said field deflection winding; means for producing line rate modulation of said field deflection current; and means for varying at a field rate the envelope of the line rate modulation of said field deflection current; characterized by means for nonlinearly waveshaping said envelope to provide a north-south pincushion corrected field deflection current that includes correction of remaining north-south pincushion distortion associated with raster-scanning in conjunction with said picture tube.

In the drawings:

FIGURE 1 illustrates a vertical deflection circuit that includes a north-south pincushion correction circuit embodying the invention;

FIGURE 2 schematically illustrates a square-planar picture tube and its associated vertical and horizontal deflection windings, that advantageously uses a vertical deflection circuit that includes an inventive embodiment of a north-south pincushion correction circuit;

FIGURE 3 illustrates a vertical deflection circuit that includes a different north-south pincushion correction circuit, in accordance with an aspect of the invention; and

FIGURES 4-11 illustrates waveforms useful in explaining operation of the circuits of FIGURES 1 and 3.

In FIGURE 1, a vertical deflection circuit 20, includes a vertical deflection amplifier 21 coupled to a vertical deflection winding L_V for generating a

vertical deflection current i_V in the deflection winding. Vertical deflection current i_V flows to ground via an LC resonant circuit 22 or tank circuit of a north-south pincushion correction circuit 23 embodying the invention, via a coupling capacitor C_V and via a sampling resistor R_s. The vertical rate sawtooth voltage 24 developed by the deflection current i_V in sampling resistor R_s provides negative feedback for vertical deflection amplifier 21.

Current in vertical deflection winding L_V in conjunction with current in horizontal deflection winding L_H, both schematically represented in FIGURE 2, provide raster scanning of the electron beams across the screen of a square-planar color picture tube SP. As previously discussed, the faceplate 30 of square-planar picture tube SP is aspherical, with the faceplate curvature along both the major and minor axes increasing towards the edges of the faceplate. The overall result is that the surface of the faceplate and thus of the phosphor screen located on the inside surface of the faceplate, is relatively flat, overall, with edges lying substantially in one plane.

Horizontal deflection current is generated in horizontal deflection winding L_H of FIGURE 2 by a horizontal deflection circuit 19. Vertical deflection current is generated in vertical deflection winding L_V of FIGURE 2 by a vertical deflection circuit 220, that comprises either the circuit 20 of FIGURE 1 or the circuit 120 of FIGURE 3, to be discussed later.

North-south pincushion distortion of a raster being displayed on the screen of a square-planar picture tube may be corrected, by means of a line rate, cosine current which is added to the field deflection current. The cosine correction current, in addition to substantially correcting north-south pincushion geometric error, provides a better fit for a residual line frequency distortion of the raster, such as gullwing distortion, caused by the nonspherical nature of the faceplate of a square-planar picture tube. Such residual distortion is discussed in US-A-4682085 and US-A-4668897. The cosine function corrects most of this residual error because of the change in polarity of slope of the cosine current at each zero crossing. A parabolically shaped line rate correction is less beneficial than a cosinusoidally shaped correction because of the presence of gullwing distortion.

To generate a line rate cosine correction current component in field deflection current i_V, LC resonant circuit 22 of FIGURE 1 is excited at a line rate by a switching amplifier, Darlington transistor Q4. LC resonant circuit 22 is tuned to the horizontal deflection frequency. A line rate cosinusoidal circulating current i_1 is thereby generated in resonant circuit 22. A control circuit 26 develops a control signal 33H that switches conductive levels of amplifier Q_4 at a line rate. The switching occurs with a substantially 50% duty cycle. The 50% duty cycle of control signal 33H is advantageous when exciting LC resonant circuit 22 at its natural frequency f_H. Because the strongest frequency component of the 50% duty cycle signal is the fundamental frequency, f_H, little harmonic distortion is introduced into the excitation of LC resonant circuit 22.

To provide proper north-south pincushion correction, the amplitude of the horizontal rate modulation of the vertical deflection current is made to vary at a vertical rate in a sawtooth manner. In accordance with another inventive aspect, control circuit 26 switches conductive levels of switching amplifier Q_4 at a line rate between first and second levels of conduction. To produce a vertical rate variation of the amplitude of cosine correction current i_1, the magnitudes of the two conduction levels are varied at a vertical rate in a sawtooth manner. In this way, the envelope of the line rate modulation of the vertical deflection current i_V isof maximum height at the top and bottom of the raster and minimum at the center, thereby providing the proper amount of north-south pincushion correction at all times during vertical scan.

Control circuit 26 includes first and second control amplifiers Q_1 and Q_2, differentially connected, for generating first and second control currents i_{Q1} andi_{Q2} at the respective collector outputs of transistors Q_1 and Q_2. The collector outputs of control amplifiers Q_1 and Q_2 are switched to ground at a line rate by respective first and second control switches, QA and QB.

To produce the line rate switching of control switches QA and QB, a horizontal retrace pulse voltage 31, identified as the voltage V_r in FIGURE 4a, is conventionally developed at an input terminal 29. Horizontal retrace pulse voltage 31 is integrated by a resistor R_1 and a capacitor C_1 into a horizontal sawtooth voltage 32, identified as the voltage V_{hs} in FIGURE 4b. Horizontal sawtooth voltage 32 is applied to the inverting input terminal of switch QA and to the noninverting input terminal of switch QB. The other input terminals of switches QA and QB are grounded.

As illustrated in FIGURES 4c and 4d by switching voltages 27H and 28H, the outputs of control switches QA and QB are switched between conductive and nonconductive states at a line rate in phase opposition to each other. Thus, during the interval t_2 through t_4, switch QA is in saturated conduction and switching voltage 27H is at ground potential. During this interval, control switch QB is cutoff and switching voltage 28H is at the voltage level of the collector of control amplifier Q_2. During the next half horizontal cycle, between time t_4 and time t_5, control switch QA is cutoff and control switch QB is in saturated conduction. Switching voltage 28H is at ground potential and switching

voltage 27H is at the voltage level of the collector of control amplifier Q_1.

The line rate, switching voltages 27H and 28H are superimposed at the base of a driver transistor Q_3 via diodes D_1 and D_2. Transistor Q_3 is arranged in an emitter-follower configuration The emitter output electrode of driver transistor Q_3 is AC coupled to the base of power switching amplifier Q_4 via a capacitor C_3. Transistor Q4 may be operated in the linear mode. DC bias for the base of transistor Q_4 is provided by voltage dividing resistors R15 and R16. Emitter degeneration is provided by a resistor R_{17}.

The superposition of line rate voltages 27H and 28H at the base of driver transistor Q_3 produces a bilevel, line rate control voltage 33H at the output emitter electrode of transistor Q_3 having first and second voltage levels 33a and 33b, as illustrated in FIGURE 4e. Voltage level 33a is directly related to the amplitude of switching voltage 27H. Voltage level 33b is directly related to the amplitude of switching voltage 28H.

Bilevel control signal 33H switches conductive levels of output switching amplifier Q_4 at a line rate between first and second levels of conduction. As illustrated in FIGURE 4f, the collector current i_{Q4} of transistor Q_4 is a bilevel current having a first current level 34a that is directly related to the magnitude of level 33a of control signal 33H and having a second current level 34b that is directly related to the magnitude of level 33b.

Line rate output current i_{Q4} excites LC resonant circuit 22 into a substantially cosinusoidal oscillation. The capacitive branch of resonant circuit 22 comprises a capacitor C_5 coupled across the secondary winding W_s of an adjustable transformer T1. Transformer T1 comprises the inductive branch of resonant circuit 22. The primary winding W_p of transformer T1 is coupled to the collector output electrode of switching amplifier Q_4. Transformer T1 is tuned to resonate at the horizontal deflection frequency. Resonant circuit 22, therefore, filters out harmonics of the line rate, bilevel exciting current signal i_{Q4} to generate a generally sinusoidal voltage across primary winding W_p, at the line rate. This sinusoidal voltage is illustrated in FIGURE 4g by the collector voltage V_{Q4} of switching amplifier Q_4.

The excitation of resonant circuit 22 generates a cosinusoidal oscillation of current and a sinusoidal oscillation voltage in capacitor C_5 and secondary winding W_s. FIGURES 5b and 5c illustrate the cosinusoidal correction current i_1 in secondary winding W_s and the 90° phase-shifted voltage V1 across resonant tank circuit 22. FIGURE 5a illustrates a reference horizontal retrace pulse voltage. For descriptive purposes, an oscillatory waveform is considered cosinusoidal when the maxima or minima occur at the center of horizontal trace or retrace and is considered sinusoidal when zero at those instants.

Voltage V1 generates in vertical deflection winding L_v a cosinusoidal correction current component to correct north-south pincusion error. This component is phased by correction current i_1 of LC resonant circuit 22 and has an amplitude of $i_1 L_{Ws}/L_V$, where L_{Ws} is the inductance of the secondary winding W_s of transformer T1. The correction current component of vertical deflection current i_V provides a line rate modulation which adds to the vertical deflection current at the center of each line scan and which subtracts at the beginning and end of each line scan.

Vertical deflection winding L_V is AC-wise parallel connected to resonant circuit 22 and participates in the resonance. The horizontal rate currents are therefore in-phase. The coupling between windings W_p and W_s of transformer T1 should be very tight to avoid phase shifts between windings W_p and W_s. Transistor Q_4 operates in class A and represents a current source which does not load resonant circuit 22. Winding W_p represents to transistor Q_4 a high load impedance at the resonance frequency of resonant circuit 22. At all other frequencies, the impedance of winding W_p is low. Harmonics of the line frequency are therefore short-circuited by winding W_p.

The inductance of transformer T1 is adjustable for controlling the phase of the line rate modulation of the field deflection current to avoid north-south trapeze distortion. For correct phasing of the line rate modulation, as will be explained later, it is also advantageous that the switching of control signal 33H between levels 33a and 33b occurs at the center of horizontal retrace, at time t_2 of FIGURES 4a-4g and at the center of horizontal trace, at time t_4.

To provide north-south pincushion correction, the amplitude of the cosinusoidal, line rate modulation of the vertical deflection current is varied at a vertical rate in a generally sawtooth manner. As illustrated in FIGURE 6a, the envelope height of the amplitude modulation envelope of vertical deflection current i_V is maximum at the top and bottom of the raster, at the beginning and end of field scan, and is zero at the center of the raster or field scan. The closely spaced vertical lines in the waveform of FIGURE 6a schematically represent the line rate modulation of the vertical deflection current.

In accordance with an inventive aspect, to provide the vertical rate variation of the envelope of the line rate modulation of vertical deflection current i_V, control circuit 26 varies both level 33a and level 33b of control signal 33H at a field rate. In accordance with another inventive aspect, level 33a varies in a sense opposite that of level 33b during field scan, such that, for example, level 33a de-

creases in magnitude during field scan whereas level 33b increases. Additionally, by means of such an arrangement, the phase of the cosinusoidal correction of the vertical deflection current during the second half of vertical scan is phase-shifted by 180° from the cosinusoidal correction provided during the first half of vertical scan.

To develop a vertical rate variation of the amplitude levels of control signal 33H, vertical rate sawtooth voltage 24, developed across sampling resistor R_s, is applied to the base of control amplifier Q_2 of differentially connected control amplifiers Q_1 and Q_2. The magnitude of control current i_{Q2}, the collector current of transistor Q_2, is not constant but varies at a vertical rate, increasing in a generally sawtooth manner during field scan. Control current i_{Q1}, the collector current of transistor Q_1, is also a vertical rate varying current but decreases in magnitude during field scan. Due to the vertical rate variation of control currents i_{Q1} and i_{Q2}, the amplitudes of switching voltages 27H and 28H also vary at a vertical rate, with the amplitude of switching voltage 27H decreasing during field scan and the amplitude of switching voltage 28H increasing during field scan.

FIGURES 6b through 6i illustrate various waveforms at an expanded time scale near symmetrically located field scan instants T_b and T_e of FIGURE 6a. Field scan instants T_b and T_e are equally spaced from instant T_c, the center of field scan. Thus, disregarding the line rate modulation, vertical deflection current i_V of FIGURE 6a has the same magnitude I_O, but opposite sign, at field scan instants T_b and T_e.

Line rate switching voltage 27H of FIGURE 6d is phased to provide a positive going transition at the center of horizontal trace, at time t_t of horizontal retrace pulse voltage V_r of FIGURE 6b and to provide a negative going transition at the center of horizontal retrace at time t_r. Voltage 27H maintains the same phase throughout field scan, including instants T_b and T_e. The amplitude of voltage 27H, however, decreases at a vertical rate in a sawtooth manner, from a voltage level V_1' near field scan instant T_b, to a voltage level V_2' near field scan instant T_e.

Line rate switching voltage 28H of FIGURE 6e is phased opposite that of voltage 27H, to provide a negative going transition at the center of horizontal trace, at time t_t and to provide a positive going transition at the center of horizontal retrace, and time t_r. Voltage 28H maintains the same phase relationship throughout field scan, including instants T_b and T_e. The amplitude of voltage 28H increases at a vertical rate in a sawtooth manner, from the voltage level V'_1, near field scan instant T_b, to the voltage level V'_2, near field scan instant T_e.

Line rate control voltage 33H, illustrated in FIGURE 6f, equals the superposition of voltages 27H and 28H. During the first half of field scan, the amplitude of voltage 27H predominates, and the phase of control voltage 33H equals the phase of voltage 27H, with a positive going transition occurring at the center of horizontal trace. At some point, near the center of field scan, the amplitudes of voltages 27H and 28H are equal and control voltage 33H contains no square wave component. During the second half of field scan, the amplitude of voltage 28H predominates, and the phase of control voltage 33H switches by 180° to become equal to the phase of voltage 28H, with a negative going transition occurring at the center of horizontal trace.

The phase reversal of control voltage 33H from the first half of field scan to the second half of field scan produces the required phase reversal of the line rate, cosinusoidal correction current component 48 of vertical deflection current i_V, illustrated in FIGURE 6c. During the first half of field scan, such as near field scan instant T_b, control voltage 33H of FIGURE 6f has a positive going transition at time t_t, the center of horizontal trace, thereby producing a positive amplitude correction current component 48p of FIGURE 6c. During the second half of field scan, such as near field scan instant T_e, control voltage 33H has a negative going transition at time t_t, thereby producing a negative amplitude correction current component 48n.

FIGURE 7a illustrates voltage V_{Q1} at the collector of control amplifier Q_1 in an vertical rate time scale. The line rate modulation of collector voltage V_{Q1} is schematically indicated by the closely spaced vertical lines. FIGURE 7b illustrates voltage V_{Q2} at the collector of amplifier transistor Q_2. The line rate modulation of collector voltage V_{Q2} is schematically indicated by the closely spaced vertical lines. A comparison of FIGURES 7a and 7b reveals that the vertical rate variation of voltage V_{Q1} is in an opposite sense to that of the vertical rate variation of the voltage V_{Q2}.

FIGURE 7c illustrates voltage V_{eQ3} at the emitter output of driver transistor Q_3, at an expanded time scale relative to the time scale of the other waveforms of FIGURE 7. Voltage V_{eQ3}, as represented in FIGURE 7c, corresponds to the vertical rate modulation envelope of control signal 33H. The line rate modulation of voltage V_{eQ3} is schematically indicated in FIGURE 7c by the closely spaced vertical lines.

The vertical rate varying control voltage V_{eQ3} is applied to the base of switching amplifier Q_4 to vary at a vertical rate the amplitude of exciting current i_{Q4}.As illustrated in FIGURE 7d, the envelope of current i_{Q4} may be represented by two generally sawtooth lines 36 and 37 varying at a

field rate in opposing senses. The amplitude of the line rate component of current i_{Q4}, schematically indicated by the closely spaced vertical lines, decreases in a generally sawtooth manner from the beginning of field scan to the center of field scan and increases in a generally sawtooth manner from the center of field scan to the end of field scan.

The vertical rate envelope of collector voltage V_{Q4} is illustrated in FIGURE 7e and is generally of the same waveshape as that of the collector current i_{Q4} of FIGURE 7d. The crossover point T_c of the voltage envelope of FIGURE 7e occurs approximately at the center of vertical trace. Time T_c is delayed from the crossover point T_i of the current envelope of FIGURE 7d because of crosstalk between horizontal deflection winding L_H and vertical deflection winding L_V, to be described later.

The vertical rate modulation of the conduction of switching amplifier Q_4 produces a vertical rate modulation of correction current i_1 in LC resonant circuit 22 and produces a vertical rate modulation of the amplitude of the oscillatory voltage V1, as illustrated in FIGURES 7f and 7g, respectively. The line rate components of current i_1 and voltage V1 are schematically indicated in FIGURES 7f and 7g by the closely spaced vertical lines. The effect of the vertical rate modulation of current i_1 and voltage V1 on vertical deflection current i_V is illustrated in FIGURE 6a wherein the envelope of the line rate modulated vertical deflection current produces maximum line rate modulation at the top and bottom of vertical scan and no modulation at the center of vertical scan.

Some crosstalk exists between horizontal deflection winding L_H and vertical deflection winding L_V, of FIGURE 2. This crosstalk is in the form of an induced voltage and an induced current in vertical deflection winding L_V due to the electromagnetic coupling to the fields produced by the horizontal deflection current. The horizontal rate crosstalk current induced in vertical deflection winding L_V excites resonant circuit 22 and adds to vertical deflection current i_V a north-south pincushion correction waveform of one polarity only and of constant amplitude. The polarity is such as to add to the north-south correction provided by pincushion correction circuit 23 at the top of the raster and subtract from the correction provided at the bottom of the raster.

To compensate for the asymmetrical horizontal crosstalk, in accordance with a feature of the invention, pincushion correction circuit 23 generates asymmetrical vertical rate envelopes to voltage V_{eQ3} and current i_{Q4} of FIGURES 7c and 7d. The asymmetrical envelope of current i_{Q4} compensates the crosstalk to obtain symmetrical envelopes for voltage V_{Q4}, current i_1 and voltage V1 of FIGURES 7e, 7f and 7g. The amount of asymmetry introduced is controlled by adjusting potentiometer R_4 of the voltage dividing network coupled to the base of differentially connected amplifier Q_1. The particular deflection yoke-picture tube combination and yoke mounting location may also require asymmetric correction. A slight asymmetric correction may also be desirable when the viewing axis is different from the picture tube axis.

Current i_{Q4} of FIGURE 7d is proportional to the drive voltage V_{eQ3} of FIGURE 7c. The envelope of voltage V_{Q4}, which is AC-wise also developed across winding W_p of transformer T1, is the transformed voltage V1. Voltage V1 is proportional to the total drive of resonant circuit 22 consisting of current i_{Q4} and the horizontal crosstalk. The delay between time T_i and T_c is therefore a function of the amount of horizontal crosstalk. The advance of time T_i is adjusted by potentiometer R_4 to obtain straight lines at the center of vertical trace, around time T_c.

The horizontal rate signal picked up by vertical deflection winding L_V introduces a discontinuity in the line rate modulation of vertical deflection current i_V during horizontal retrace. As illustrated in FIGURE 6c, during horizontal retrace, the modulation of the vertical deflection current i_V changes from the line rate f_H to the higher horizontal retrace frequency. This discontinuity, occurring during horizontal retrace, has little visible effect.

As previously mentioned, the faceplate of a square-planar picture tube is aspherical. Its curvature is relatively shallow near the center of the faceplate and increases near the edges along paths parallel to both the major and minor axis. The edges of the faceplate are nearly planar, with points along the top, bottom, right and left edges substantially located in a common plane. In accordance with an inventive aspect, north-south pincushion correction circuit 23 of FIGURE 1 produces a nonlinear vertical rate sawtooth envelope of the horizontal rate modulation of the field deflection current. The nonlinear waveshaping of the modulation envelope corrects for residual north-south pincushion distortion caused by the asphericity of the faceplate of square-planar picture tube SP of FIGURE 2.

To understand the need for nonlinearly waveshaping the vertical rate envelope of the line-rate modulation of vertical deflection current i_V, assume, in a hypothetical example, that the vertical rate modulation of correction current i_1, produced a linear sawtooth envelope, as illustrated by the dashed line envelope waveform 34 of FIGURE 8.

for an SP tube faceplate, however, a linear envelope waveform 34 is unable to apply the proper amounts of line rate amplitude correction at all points during field scan. Assume, in the hypothetical example, that the north-south pincushion am-

plitude potentiometer R_{10} is adjusted to provide the proper amount of correction amplitude for raster lines scanned intermediate the center line and the top or bottom edge. The result is that for a linear sawtooth envelope, too much correction amplitude is provided around the center of the raster and too little correction is provided at the top or bottom of the raster. Analogous situations hold true when potentiometer R_{10} is adjusted to provide proper correction amplitude at either the top and bottom or in the center.

In accordance with an aspect of the invention, north-south pincushion correction circuit 23 provides a nonlinear waveshaping of the vertical rate sawtooth envelope to take into account the aspherical nature of the faceplate of a square-planar picture tube. In the example previously described, a linear vertical rate modulation produces too much correction amplitude around the center and too little correction at the top or bottom of the raster. For this example, proper nonlinear waveshaping is one that slightly compresses the envelope height at the smaller correction current amplitudes when scanning of the center lines of the raster, and expands slightly the envelope height at the larger correction current amplitudes when scanning the top and bottom lines of the raster.

To provide the nonlinear waveshaping, the vertical rate envelope of control voltage V_{eQ3}, illustrated in FIGURE 7c, is nonlinearly waveshaped to become compressed at small amplitude levels of modulation and to become expanded at the large amplitude levels. To produce the nonlinear waveshaping of the envelope of control voltage V_{eQ3}, a positive feedback of voltage V_{eQ3} to the emitters of control transistors Q_1 and Q_2 is provided via potentiometer R_{13} and resistor R_{12}. The positive feedback nonlinearly waveshapes control currents i_{Q1} and i_{Q2} generated by control amplifiers Q_1 and Q_2, thereby nonlinearly varying each of the bilevel amplitudes of control signal 33H.

Additional nonlinear waveshaping is provided by superimposing, at the emitter electrodes of control amplifiers Q_1 and Q_2, a parabolic voltage 94 developed at the collector of a transistor Q_5. Parabolic voltage 94 is AC coupled to control amplifiers Q_1 and Q_2 via a capacitor C_7 and a resistor R_{24}. To develop parabolic voltage 94, the parabolic voltage 25 developed at the top plate of coupling capacitor C_V is applied to the base of transistor Q_5.

By means of the positive feedback of control voltage V_{eQ3} and the superposition of parabolic voltage 94, the vertical rate envelope of voltage V_{eQ3} is nonlinearly waveshaped in a manner that produces a nonlinear envelope to correction current i_1, as illustrated by the solid line envelope waveform 35 of FIGURE 8. Compared to the linear sawtooth envelope waveform 34, envelope 35 is compressed in height at the center of raster scan and expanded at the top and bottom of raster scan, as is required, given the conditions imposed by the hypothetical example. Given a different set of conditions, such as may occur at different settings of potentiometer R_{10}, the nonlinear waveshaping may require corresponding modification. It should be noted that, for explanatory purposes, the nonlinearity of envelope waveform 35 of FIGURE 8 has been emphasized to a slight degree.

FIGURE 3 illustrates a vertical deflection circuit 120 that includes a different north-south pincushion distortion correction circuit 123, embodying the invention. In FIGURE 3, vertical deflection amplifier 21 generates an output voltage 21V, illustrated in FIGURE 10h. Output voltage 21V is applied to vertical deflection winding L_V to generate a vertical deflection current i_V, illustrated in FIGURE 10i.

To generate the line rate modulation of vertical deflection current i_V that provides north-south pincushion correction, the output stage of pincushion correction circuit 123 includes a driver transistor Q_3, a switching amplifier Q_4 and an LC resonant circuit 22. Each of these elements performs its respective function in a manner identical to the corresponding element in pincushion correction circuit 23 of FIGURE 1. A control circuit 126 develops the amplitude modulated, line rate, bilevel control voltage 133H that drives switching amplifier Q_4.

In control circuit 126, a horizontal retrace pulse voltage 31, developed at a terminal 29 and illustrated in FIGURE 9a, is integrated by capacitor C_{15} and resistors R_{42} and R_{54} to generate a horizontal or line rate sawtooth voltage 32, illustrated in FIGURE 9b, that is applied to the inverting input terminal of a controllable switch U2A. At the output of switch U2A, there is developed a line rate, 50% duty cycle, switching voltage 127H, illustrated in FIGURE 9c. Horizontal or line rate sawtooth voltage 32 is also applied to the noninverting input terminal of a controllable switch U2C to generate at the switch output a line rate, 50% duty cycle, switching voltage 128H, illustrated in FIGURE 9d, that is phase shifted by 180° from switching voltage 127H.

Switching voltages 127H and 128H are superimposed via diodes D1 and D2 at the base of emitter-follower driver transistor Q_3 to generate, at the emitter electrode, a line rate, bilevel control voltage 133H, illustrated in FIGURE 9e. The amplitude level 133a of control voltage 133H is directly related to the amplitude of switching voltage 127H, whereas amplitude level 133b is directly related to the amplitude of switching voltage 128H.

To provide the proper amount of north-south pincushion correction, control circuit 126 varies both levels 133a and 133b at a vertical rate in a generally sawtooth manner. The vertical rate

sawtooth voltage 24 is divided by a potentiometer R_1 and AC coupled via a capacitor C_3 to the inverting input terminal of a control amplifier U1C to develop a positive going, field rate sawtooth control voltage V_C at the amplifier output. Control voltage V_C is applied to the inverting input terminal of a control amplifier U1D to develop at the amplifier output a negative going, field rate sawtooth voltage V_D.

Field rate sawtooth voltages V_C and V_D are applied via resistors R_{40} and R_{41} to the outputs of control switches U2A and U2C, respectively. The amplitudes of switching voltages 127H and 128H therefore vary at a field rate in a sawtooth manner in accordance with the amplitudes of control voltages V_C and V_D, respectively.

FIGURE 10 illustrates various waveforms of the circuit of FIGURE 3 at a vertical rate time scale, with the line rate modulation of the waveforms being omitted from illustration. As illustrated in FIGURE 10a, voltage V_{2A}, at the output of control switch U2A, is a positive going, vertical rate sawtooth voltage, representing the vertical rate modulation envelope of switching voltage 127H. Similarly, as illustrated in FIGURE 10b, control voltage V_{2C}, developed at the output of control switch U2C, is a negative going, vertical rate sawtooth voltage, representing the vertical rate modulation envelope of switching voltage 128H.

The vertical rate modulation of the amplitudes of line rate switching voltages 127H and 128H produces a vertical rate modulation of each of the levels 133a and 133b of control voltage 133H, with amplitude level 133a increasing in amplitude during field scan and amplitude 133b decreasing. As illustrated FIGURE 10c, control voltage V_{eQ3}, developed at the emitter of driver transistor Q_3, represents the vertical rate modulation envelope of the switched, line rate control voltage 133H.

Line rate control voltage 133H produces the excitation current i_{Q4} for LC resonant circuit 22. FIGURE 9f illustrates excitation current i_{Q4} at a line rate time scale, and FIGURE 10d illustrates the current at a field rate time scale. The oscillatory voltage V_{Q4}, developed at the collector of switching amplifier Q_4, is illustrated at a line rate time scale in FIGURE 9g and at a field rate time scale in FIGURE 10e. The vertical rate envelope 42a and 42b of current i_{Q4} in FIGURE 10d follows closely the waveshape of the vertical rate envelope 41a and 41b of control voltage V_{eQ3} in FIGURE 10c.

The envelope waveforms of FIGURES 10e, 10f and 10g follow the sum of the envelope of current i_{Q4} of FIGURE 10d and the envelope of the line rate crosstalk. As previously explained, this results in a delay of the crossover points in the waveforms of FIGURES 10e, 10f and 10g. To compensate for the delay and locate the crossover points at the center of vertical trace, at time T_c, the crossover points of the envelopes of the waveforms of FIGURES 7c and 7d are advanced to time T_l, prior to time T_c. The amount of advance is adjusted by potentiometer R_{37}.

Excitation current i_{Q4} excites LC resonant circuit 22 into oscillation to generate a line rate correction current i_1, illustrated in FIGURE 9h, and a line rate correction voltage V1 illustrated in FIGURE 9i. Voltage V1 is applied to vertical deflection winding L_V for providing north-south pincushion correction. The vertical rate modulation envelope 46a and 46b of correction current i_1, and the vertical rate modulation envelope 47a and 47b of correction voltage V1 are illustrated in FIGURES 10f and 10g, respectively.

Line rate switching voltages 127H and 128H have the same phase relationships with horizontal retrace pulse voltage 31 as do the corresponding line rate switching voltages 27H and 28H of north-south pincushion correction circuit 23 of FIGURE 1. As illustrated in FIGURES 6d and 6g, the positive going transitions of switching voltages 27H and 127H occur at time t_t, the center of the horizontal trace interval, and, as illustrated in FIGURES 6e and 6h, the positive going transitions of switching voltages 28H and 128H occur at time t_r, the center of the horizontal retrace interval.

Switching voltages 127H and 128H differ from switching voltages 27H and 28H in the direction taken by their respective vertical rate amplitude modulation from the beginning of field scan to the end of field scan. Comparing FIGURE 10a with FIGURE 7a and comparing FIGURE 6g with FIGURE 6d, one notes that the amplitude of switching voltage 127H increases during field scan, whereas the amplitude of switching voltage 27H decreases. Similarly, by comparing the appropriate figures, one notes that the amplitude of switching voltage 128H decreases during field scan, whereas the amplitude of switching voltage 28H increases.

Because the amplitude modulation of switching voltages 127H and 128H is opposite the amplitude modulation of switching voltages 27H and 28H, line rate control voltage 133H of FIGURE 6i is phase shifted by 180° from line rate control voltage 33H of FIGURE 6f. This phase difference must be taken into account in order to produce a positive going amplitude modulation of deflection current i_V during the first half of vertical scan, prior to time T_c of FIGURE 6a, and a negative going amplitude modulation during the second half of vertical scan, after time T_c. One way of taking into account the 180° out-of-phase relationship between control voltage 133H and control voltage 33H is to reverse the winding direction of primary winding W_p in transformer T1 of FIGURE 3 from the direction of primary winding W_p of FIGURE 1.

In accordance with another feature of the invention, the nonlinear waveshaping of the vertical rate modulation envelope of the cosinusoidal correction of vertical deflection current i_V is produced by the vertical waveshaping circuit 138 of FIGURE 3. Vertical rate sawtooth voltage 24, developed across north-south amplitude control potentiometer R_1, represents sampled vertical deflection current. As such, the waveform of sawtooth voltage 24 is S-shaped, having a slope at the beginning and end of field scan that is shallower than at the center of field scan. The required slope for the nonlinearly waveshaped vertical rate modulation envelope of deflection current i_V, as explained previously, is a slope that is steeper at the beginning and end of field scan than at the center. Wave shaping circuit 138 develops, from vertical sawtooth voltage 24 a modified, waveshaped vertical rate voltage 45. The addition of vertical rate voltage 45 to vertical rate sawtooth voltage 24 at the inverting input terminal of amplifier U1C results in the correct waveform slopes to voltages V_c and V_d for providing north-south pincushion correction in a square-planar picture tube.

In waveshaping circuit 138, vertical sawtooth voltage 24 is applied to the inverting input terminal of an operational amplifier U1A. Operational amplifier U1A functions as a double integrator to produce at the amplifier output a vertical rate, third-order, S-shaped waveform 44. The AC zero-crossing of waveform 44 is slightly advanced relative to the center of field scan. Waveform 44 is first delayed by a resistor R_5 and a capacitor C_3 and then applied to the inverting input terminal of an operational amplifier U1B. Operational amplifier U1B functions as an inverting amplifier to generate at its output an envelope modifying vertical rate voltage 45 having an AC zero-crossing at the center of field scan.

Envelope modifying vertical rate voltage 45 is combined with sawtooth voltage 24 at the inverting input terminal of control amplifier U1C to produce a nonlinear waveshape to the vertical rate envelope control voltages V_C and V_D. As a result, the vertical rate sawtooth envelopes of the waveforms in FIGURES 10a and 10b are waveshaped to produce an envelope of the line rate correction that has a steeper slope at the beginning and end of field scan than it would otherwise have had, and a shallower slope at the center of field scan. Proper north-south pincushion correction in a square-planar picture tube is thereby achieved.

During the vertical retrace interval, the line rate modulation of vertical deflection current i_V changes from a negative going amplitude modulation during the first half of vertical retrace, similar to the negative going amplitude modulation 48n illustrated in FIGURE 6c, to a positive going amplitude modulation during the second half of vertical retrace, similar to the amplitude modulation 48p of FIGURE 6c. The reversal of the direction of amplitude modulation of field deflection current i_V is produced by a reversal in the phases of resonant voltage V1 and correction current i_1 in tranformer T1 during the vertical retrace interval. The phase reversal is accomplished when the modulation envelopes of voltage V1 and current i_1 decrease to zero height at some point within the vertical retrace interval. Beyond that point, the modulation envelopes begin to increase in height.

In accordance with an inventive feature, control circuit 126 of FIGURE 3 varies the height of the modulation envelopes during vertical retrace in a manner that permits the modulation envelopes to attain their proper heights at the beginning of the vertical trace interval.

LC resonant circuit 22 tends to introduce an undesirable delay into the change of the heights of the modulation envelope of voltage V1 and current i_1, as will now be explained. Assume, for explanatory purposes, that control circuit 126 does not compensate for such undesirable delay. During the vertical retrace interval, between times T_1-T_6 of FIGURES 11a-11f, the envelope 41a' and 41b' of control voltage V_{eQ3} of FIGURE 11a decreases to zero height at time T_3, the center of the vertical retrace interval, when vertical deflection current i_V ofFIGURES 11b and 11e is zero. For better clarity, the line rate modulation of deflection current i_V and voltage V_{eQ3} is omitted from illustration in FIGURE 11.

Due to the circulating energy in LC resonant circuit 22, the envelope 47a' and 47b' of oscillatory voltage V1 of FIGURE 11c does not decrease to zero height until the later instant T_5. The result is that the height of the modulation envelope of oscillatory V1 has not reached its proper value by time T_6, the beginning of the vertical trace interval. As illustrated in FIGURE 11c, the envelope height is still increasing rather than decreasing for a significant number of raster lines after the start of vertical trace. Thus, the raster lines scanned at the start of vertical trace will have incorrect amounts of north-south pincushion correction.

As mentioned earlier, it is the circulating energy in resonant circuit 22, which in turn is related to the Q of resonant circuit 22, that is responsible for the introduced delay. Phase and amplitude reversal during vertical retrace could have been accelerated by reducing the Q of resonant circuit 22. The result would have been an increased power consumption and distorted sine and cosine waveforms, since the filtering action of resonant circuit 22 would have been reduced.

In accordance with an inventive aspect, control circuit 126 of FIGURE 3 provides delay compensa-

tion to control voltage V_{eQ3} to insure that the modulation envelope of oscillatory voltage V1 achieves its proper height at the beginning of the vertical trace interval. To compensate for the delay in envelope crossover of oscillatory voltage V1, control circuit 126 changes the phase and modifies the amplitude variation of line rate control voltage 133H during the vertical retrace interval. The crossover of the modulation envelope of oscillatory voltage V1 is thereby advanced to the instant T_2 of FIGURE 11f, prior to the center of the vertical retrace interval at time T_3.

To produce the phase change and amplitude modification, the output of a comparator U2B is coupled to the output of control switch U2A and the output of a comparator U2D is coupled via a capacitor C_{19} and a diode D3 to the output of control switch U2C. A resistor R_{56} is coupled between ground and the junction of capacitor C_{19} and diode D3. Vertical sawtooth control voltage V_D is differentiated by an RC network comprising resistors R_{44} and R_{47} and capacitors C_{12} and C_{13}. The differentiated voltage developed across resistor R_{47} is applied to the inverting input terminal of comparator U2B and to the noninverting input terminal of comparator U2D. During the vertical retrace interval, control voltage V_D is a sharply sloped, positive going, sawtooth signal. The differentiation of voltage V_D therefore produces a relatively large positive voltage across resistor R_{47} during the vertical retrace interval and a much smaller negative voltage during the vertical trace interval.

During the vertical retrace interval, the large, positive, differentiated voltage at the inverting input terminal of comparator U2B switches the output of the comparator to ground. Line rate switching voltage 127H ceases to be generated during the vertical retrace interval. Thus, during the vertical retrace interval, T_1-T_6, of FIGURE 11d the envelope portion 41a of control voltage V_{eQ3} is switched at zero volts by comparator U2B.

During the vertical trace interval, comparator U2D is in saturation and discharges capacitor C_{19} through resistor R_{56}. Diode D3 is reverse biased and disconnects comparator U2D from control switch U2C. During the vertical retrace interval, the differentiated voltage across resistor R_{47} cuts off comparator U2D.

Capacitor C_{19} charges from the +25V source through resistor R_{55} and resistor R_{56}. The major portion of the charge current from capacitor C_{19} passes through diode D_3 and then divides between the output of control switch U2C and resistor R_{41}. During each horizontal deflection cycle, the charge current of capacitor C_{19} passes through resistor R_{41} when control switch U2C is cut off, and is bypassed to ground when control switch U2C is conductive. The charge current of capacitor C_{19} produces a positive voltage drop across resistor R_{41} which adds to the positive going sequence of voltage levels of waveform 128H during vertical retrace. The added voltage is highest at time T_1 of FIGURE 11d and ceases towards time T_4 when the charge current of capacitor C_{19} decreases to zero. The result of the above explained operation of comparators U2B and U2D is that envelope portion 41a of FIGURE 11d is switched to zero during the interval T_1 to T_6 and that an extra voltage, decreasing in amplitude, is added to the original envelope portion 41b from time T_1 to time T_4.

Comparing the envelope 41a and 41b of control voltage V_{eQ3} in FIGURE 11d with the envelope 41a' and 41b' in FIGURE 11a, one notes that throughout vertical retrace, between times T_1-T_6, the envelope height in FIGURE 11d is of relatively large value. The result is that control voltage 133H is of large amplitude during the entirety of vertical retrace.

Furthermore, because the line rate modulation of control voltage V_{eQ3} is provided solely by switching signal 128H during vertical retrace, control voltage 133H has the same phase during all of vertical retrace as it has at the beginning of the subsequent vertical trace interval. Thus, during the entirety of vertical retrace, line rate excitation current pulses i_{Q4} are produced with the same phase that they have at the start of vertical trace.

The excitation current pulses i_{Q4} during vertical retrace develop an oscillatory voltage V1, illustrated in FIGURE 11f that has an envelope 47a and 47b that decreases to zero height substantially faster than the coresponding envelope 47a' and 47b' in FIGURE 11c. The envelope reaches the zero height point in FIGURE 11f at the advanced time T_2. A much longer time interval, T_2-T_6, is available for the envelope to begin increasing in height to its value at the start of trace at time T_6. Thus, by using comparators U2B and U2D, control circuit 126 provides amplitude delay compensation to voltage V1 during vertical retrace. The degree of compensation is controlled by proper selection of the time constant of resistor R_{55} and capacitor C_{19} to avoid an overshoot of the line rate correction amplitude at time T_6, the beginning of vertical trace.

It should be noted that, for the purposes of clarity of explanation, the line rate modulation of the waveforms of FIGURES 11a, 11b, 11d, and 11e have been omitted from illustration.

Because vertical deflection amplifier 21 may exhibit significant output impedance at the line frequency, the line rate modulation of vertical deflection current i_V tends to produce a line rate component to output voltage 21V. Integrated circuit vertical deflection amplifiers may not permit the use of a sufficiently large supply voltage to avoid

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