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# Nomenclature

Update this list to make it applicable to your project.

## Variables and functions

$p(x)$	Probability density function with respect to variable $x$ .
$P(A)$	Probability of event $A$ occurring.
$\varepsilon$	The Bayes error.
$\varepsilon_u$	The Bhattacharyya bound.
$B$	The Bhattacharyya distance.
$s$	An HMM state. A subscript is used to refer to a particular state, e.g. $s_i$ refers to the $i^{\text{th}}$ state of an HMM.
$\mathbf{S}$	A set of HMM states.
$\mathbf{F}$	A set of frames.
$\mathbf{o}_f$	Observation (feature) vector associated with frame $f$ .
$\gamma_s(\mathbf{o}_f)$	A posteriori probability of the observation vector $\mathbf{o}_f$ being generated by HMM state $s$ .
$\mu$	Statistical mean vector.
$\Sigma$	Statistical covariance matrix.
$L(\mathbf{S})$	Log likelihood of the set of HMM states $\mathbf{S}$ generating the training set observation vectors assigned to the states in that set.
$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} \mu, \Sigma)$	Multivariate Gaussian PDF with mean $\mu$ and covariance matrix $\Sigma$ .
$a_{ij}$	The probability of a transition from HMM state $s_i$ to state $s_j$ .
$N$	Total number of frames or number of tokens, depending on the context.
$D$	Number of deletion errors.
$I$	Number of insertion errors.
$S$	Number of substitution errors.

## Acronyms and abbreviations

Update this list to make it applicable to your project.

PV	Photovoltaic
OC	Open Circuit
NEC	National Electrical Code
STC	Standard Test Conditions

# Chapter 1

## Solar photovoltaic cells and solar modules

Photovoltaic (PV) technology uses a natural source of energy in the form of sunlight and converts the sunlight into electrical energy. One PV device is called a cell, and are made from semiconductor materials such as silicon. These cells are quite small and only produce around 1-2 watts. In order to increase the power output several cells are connected together to form a module [3] [4]. Over the years the efficiency of solar PV modules have greatly improved, however polycrystalline PV modules which are going to be used in this project are not the most efficient type of PV module. Their efficiency is around 13-16% according to an article by Geotherm [5], however a practical study found it to be closer to 11% [6] [more detail?](#)

A PV module's performance is judged by its current-voltage (I-V) characteristic curve. As seen in figure 1.1a and figure 1.1b a few interesting points can be seen on the figures, namely the Open Circuit (OC) voltage and the Short Circuit (SC) Current ([insert fig here + reference](#)). The open circuit voltage can be defined as the maximum available voltage from one solar cell when no load is connected (this occurs at 0 current). The OC voltage is useful when you want to calculate how many solar modules(panels) you can connect in series which will connect to your inverter or charge controller. SC Current is how much current the solar cell is pulling when the voltage across the cell is 0, this can be measured when the positive and negative terminals are connected directly to each other. This SC current will be the maximum amount of amps that the solar cell will produce and can be used to determine how many amps connected devices can handle by multiplying with a 1.25 times scaling factor according to National Electrical Code (NEC) 80% requirements [7]. Typically a single PV cell has an OC voltage of around 0.5V to 0.6V at room temperature (25°C) [8].

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6. <https://www.victronenergy.com/blog/2020/02/20/pv-panel-output-voltage-shadow-effect/> <https://www.alternative-energy-tutorials.com/photovoltaics/solar-cell-i-v-characteristic.html> As voltage increases current stays the same until a certain point.

7. The maximum power point is where the product of volts x amps gives the highest wattage possible.  $P_{mpp} = V_{mpp}I_{mpp}$

"The point on a power (I-V) curve that has the highest value of the product of its corresponding voltage and current, or the highest power output" ....re phrase

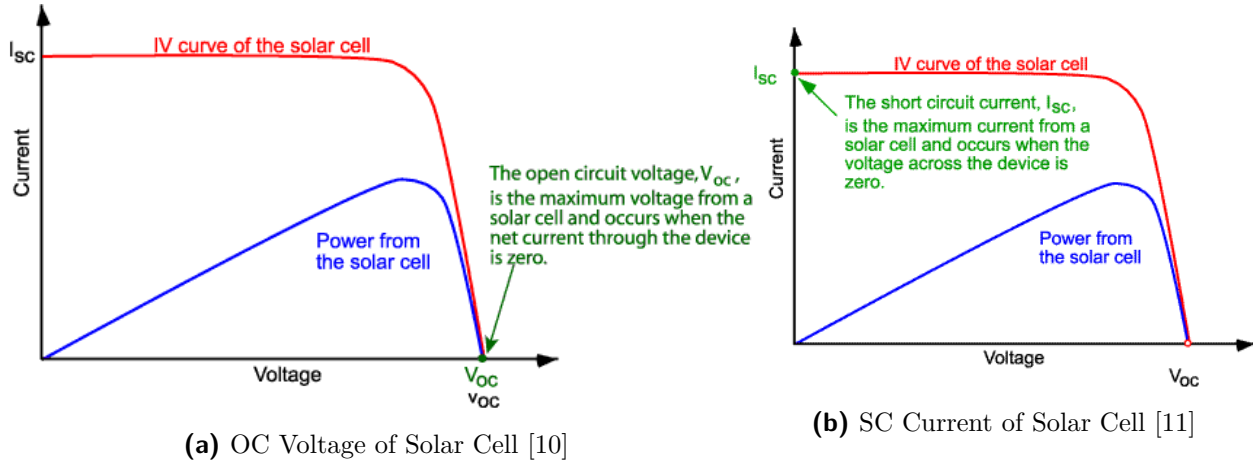
The solar module provided to us has a OC voltage of 21.6V and a SC current of 0.34A according to the ACDC Dynamics datasheet [9]. It appears to have 72 individual solar cells

Solar PV modules are tested at a certain set of standard conditions because voltage and current varies with temperature. This set of criteria are called the Standard Test Conditions

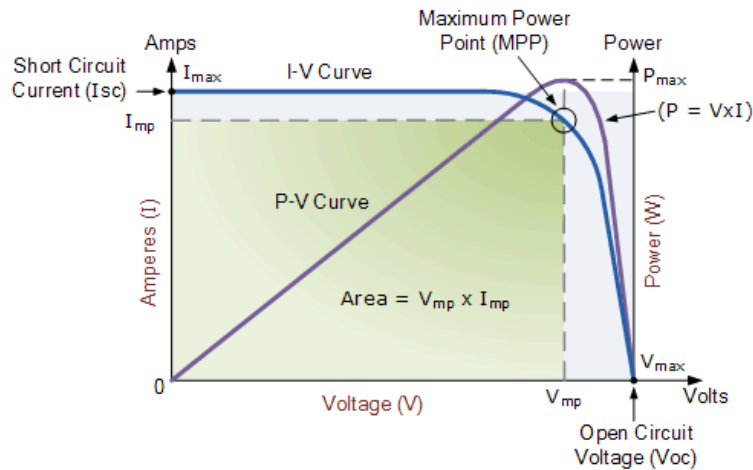


(STC), these conditions are: the cell's temperature at 25°C, an irradiance of 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> and the atmospheric density to be 1.5 . [7] At STC conditions the solar PV module provided to us has a rated power output of 5W.

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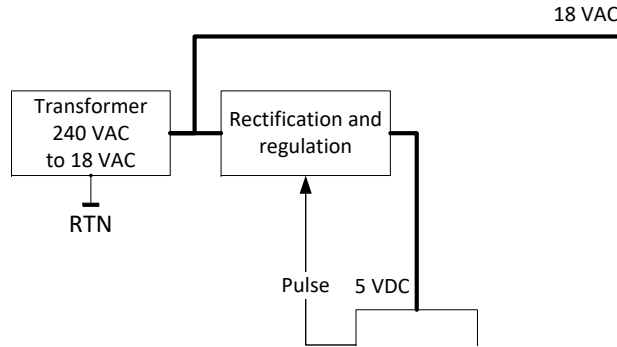
**Figure 1.1:** OC Voltage and SC Current of Solar Cell



**Figure 1.2:** Relationship between Current and Voltage Characteristics [1]

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**Figure 1.3:** This is my caption, make me descriptive! And cite if you borrow figures [2].

**Table 1.1:** Example of a simple table.

	$V_{OC}$ [V]	$I_{CC}$ [A]	$V_{pmax}$ [V]
Theroretical per cell	1.0	1.0	1.0
Datasheet per module	1.0	1.0	1.0
Measured dark 1.0	1.0	1.0	
Measured upside-down 1.0	1.0	1.0	
Measured oblique 1.0	1.0	1.0	
Measured facing 1.0	1.0	1.0	

## **Chapter 2**

### **Lead acid batteries**

# Chapter 3

## High-side switching circuit

### 3.1. Intro

Introduce the reader to **what you want to present** in this chapter (i.e. what are you trying to achieve by initiating this communication?). Try to put yourself in the readers' shoes - what would you like need to see to be convinced that the author (1) knew what they were doing and understood what they had to do (2) properly designed for the requirements, (3) simulation-tested their design, and (4) correctly and critically assessed the outcome.

Include any references to literature you feel is needed. In this section, you put a very short summary of information you gathered from literature (papers, web sites, datasheets) that you used to do the design. Be sure to cite the references, which you can add in the `References.bib` file.

### 3.2. Design

In this section, you need to capture your design, which should include the following:

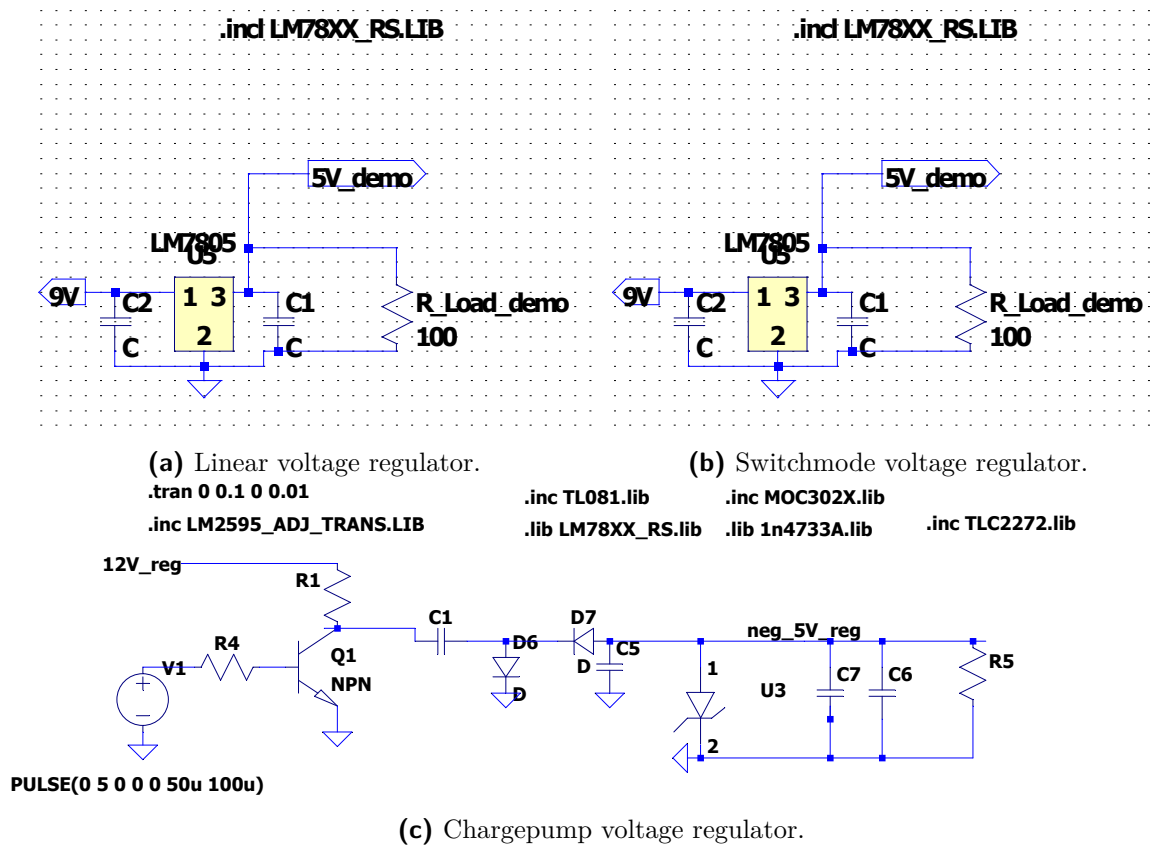
- Design rationale, i.e. what your thinking was behind the design.
- References to literature/sources as appropriate [2], but preferably in the intro above.
- You can assume the reader is in their third year of their E&E engineering degree, and that they will not need detailed explanations of trivial information (e.g. what a resistor is, or what Ohm's law is).
- Design calculations, for example to determine resistor values and capacitor values, or to check for allowed voltage and current ranges and levels. These calculations should also give expected outputs, which hopefully matches the simulated values.
- Analysis of given or expected input conditions.
- Expected values and ranges based on your design.
- Explain your choice of supply by referring to the advantages and disadvantages of each.

- Circuit diagram like the one in Figure 3.1. I used “print to PDF” from LTSpice, but feel free to use a cropped screengrab if you are PDF-challenged and do not have a PDF printer (there are some free PDF creators online). Also have a look at the demo video on SUNLearn.

For your benefit, here is how to write values with units: 150 m $\Omega$  or 199mUnits, and this is how we write ranges: 2 to 5 kV.

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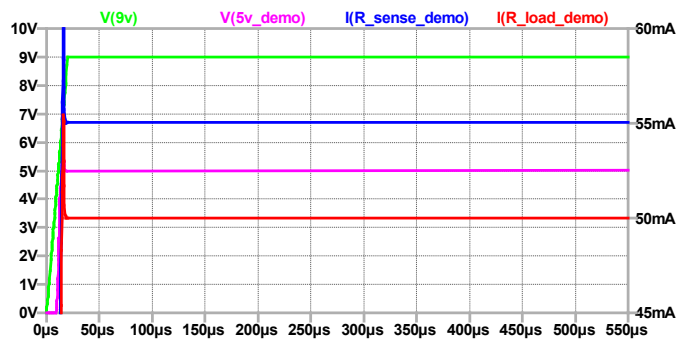
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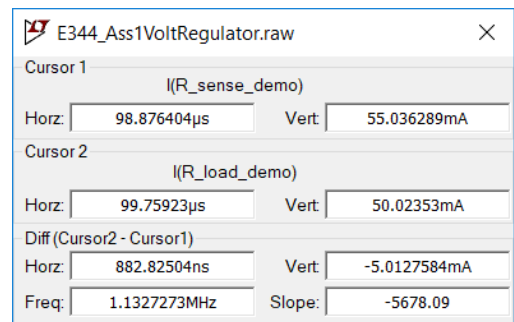
**Figure 3.1:** Circuit diagrams of the two voltage regulators, and another irrelevant one

### 3.3. Results

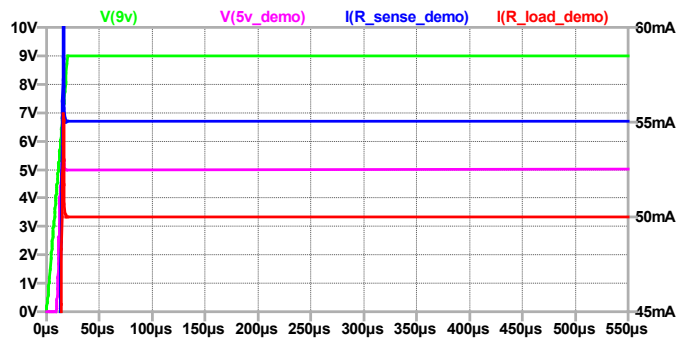
In this section, you want to demonstrate, by means of referring to simulation results, using the designed circuit, how your circuit behaves as you designed it in Section 3.2. Present and report on your simulated results in Figure 3.2. Be absolutely sure that the text and information in your report are readable.



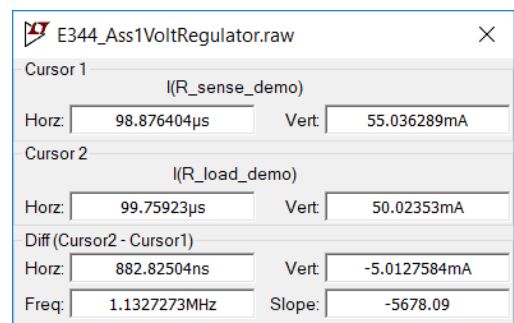
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

**Figure 3.2:** Voltage regulation, comparing the linear and switchmode regulators... (a) Blah blah. (b) Blah blah. (c) Blah blah. (d) Blah blah. As far as possible, please put input(s) and output(s) on the same plot rather than on separate plots. Based on the datasheet of XXXX in [2].

**Table 3.1:** Example of a simple table.

	2017	2018	$\Delta_{Abs}$	$\Delta_{DiD}$
A	9,868	10,399	+5	-11
B	10,191	10,590	+4	-12

**Table 3.2:** Example of another table.

Schools	Total energy used		Change	
	2017 [kWh]	2018 [kWh]	$\Delta_{Abs}$ [%]	$\Delta_{DiD}$ [%]
A	9,868	10,399	+5	-11
B	10,191	10,590	+4	-12

You can use screengrabs or photos of the oscilloscope, or download the CSVs and plot them as PDFs using Matlab, Excel or similar. You can also use tables, example of which are presented in Tables 3.1 and 3.2.

## 3.4. Summary

State whether your design performs as expected and what the limitations or things to keep in mind are.

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# Appendix A

## Social contract



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### E-design 344 Social Contract

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The purpose of this document is to establish commitment between the student and the organisers of E344. Beyond the commitment made here, it is not binding.

In the months preceeding the term, the lecturer (Thinus Booysen) and the Teaching Assistant (Kurt Coetzer) spent countless hours to prepare for E344 to ensure that you get your money's worth and that you are enabled to learn from the module and demonstrate and be assessed on your skills. We commit to prepare the assignments, to set the tests and assessments fairly, to be reasonably available, and to provide feedback and support as best and fast we can. We will work hard to give you the best opportunity to learn from and pass analogue electronic design E344.

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I, ..... have registered for E344 of my own volition with the intention to learn of and be assessed on the principals of analogue electronic design. Despite the potential publication online of supplementary videos on specific topics, I acknowledge that I am expected to attend the scheduled lectures to make the most of these appointments and learning opportunities. Moreover, I realise I am expected to spend the additional requisite number of hours on E344 as specified in the yearbook.

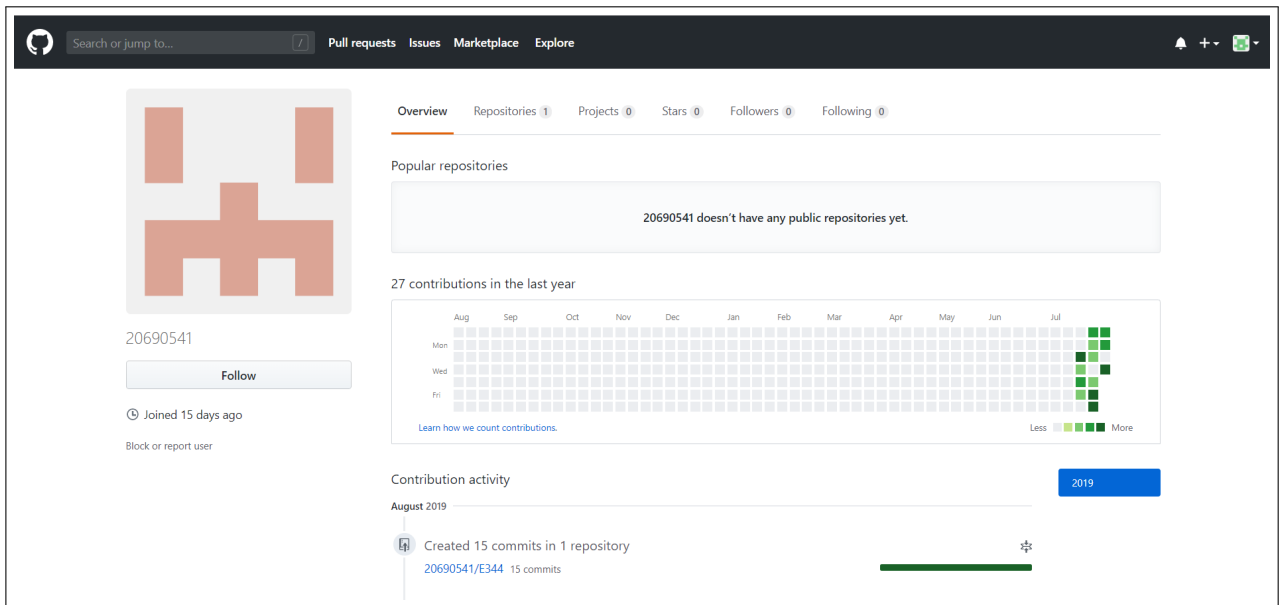
I acknowledge that E344 is an important part of my journey to becoming a professional engineer, and that my conduct should be reflective thereof. This includes doing and submitting my own work, working hard, starting on time, and assimilating as much information as possible. It also includes showing respect towards the University's equipment, staff, and their time.

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# Appendix B

## GitHub Activity Heatmap

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# Appendix C

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