

# Power Electronics

## Boost Converter Circuit

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### I. Problem solving.

- From the PSIM Circuit of Boost Converter shown in Figure 1(a), the inductor current has  $\Delta i_L = 2[A]$ . It is operating in dc steady state under the following conditions:  $V_{in} = 5[V]$ ,  $V_{out} = 12[V]$ ,  $P_{out} = 11[W]$ , and  $f_s = 200[kHz]$ .

(a) Assuming ideal components, calculate  $L$  and draw the waveforms of duty, MOSFET voltage, inductor voltage, inductor current, diode current and capacitor current.

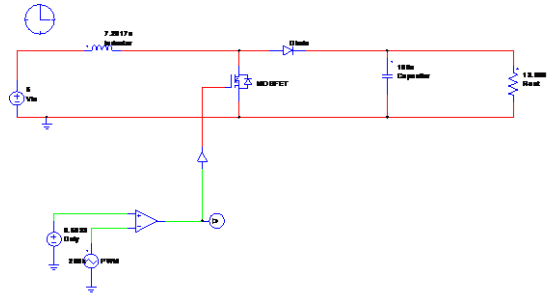


Figure 1. Circuit of Boost Converter (PSIM)

$$R_{out} = \frac{(V_{out})^2}{P_{out}} = 13.09[\Omega]$$

$$V_{in} = \frac{V_{out}}{D}, \quad D = 0.5833, \quad DT_s = 2.9165 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$L = \frac{V_{in}}{\Delta i_L} DT_s = 7.2917[\mu H]$$

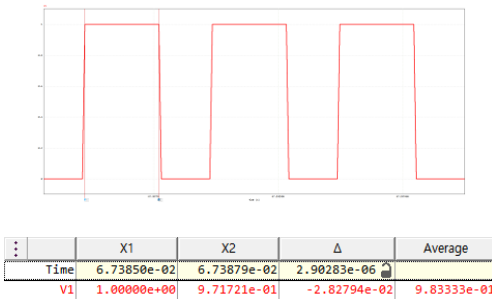


Figure 1-(a). Duty waveform and measured values

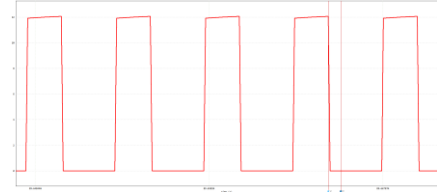


Figure 1-(b).  $V_{MOSFET}$  waveform and measured values

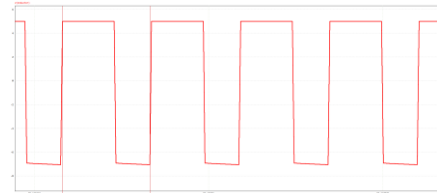


Figure 1-(c).  $V_L$  waveform and measured values

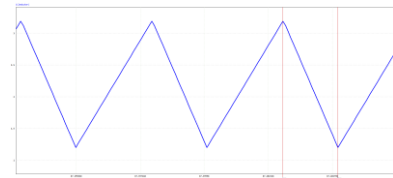


Figure 1-(d).  $I_L$  waveform and measured values

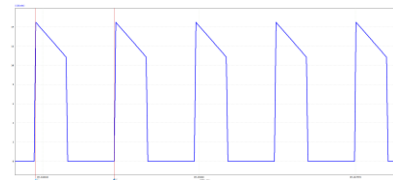
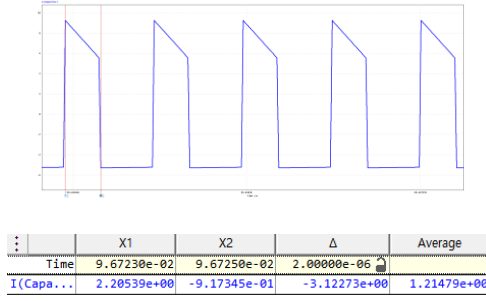


Figure 1-(e).  $I_{Diode}$  waveform and measured values



**Figure 1-(f).  $I_C$  waveform and measured values**

2. In a Boost converter,  $L = 25[\mu\text{H}]$ . It is operating in dc steady state under the following conditions:  $V_{in} = 12[\text{V}]$ ,  $D = 0.4$ ,  $P_{out} = 25[\text{W}]$ , and  $f_s = 400[\text{kHz}]$ . Assume ideal components. Calculate the critical value of the output load  $R_{Load}$  and  $P_{out}$  below which the converter will enter the discontinuous conduction mode of operation.

$$V_{out} = \frac{V_{in}}{1-D} = \frac{12}{1-0.4} = 20[\text{V}]$$

$$I = \frac{V_{in}}{D'^2 R_{load}}, \quad \Delta i_L = \frac{V_{in} D T_s}{2L}$$

DCM: when  $I = \Delta i_L$

$$\frac{V_{in}}{(1-D)^2 R_{load}} = \frac{V_{in} D T_s}{2L}$$

$$R_{load} = \frac{V_{in} \times 2L}{(1-D)^2 \times V_{in} D T_s} = 138.888[\Omega]$$

$$P_{out} = \frac{(V_{out})^2}{R_{load}} = 2.88[\text{W}]$$

3. In the Boost converter from problem 2, the input voltage is varying in a range from 9[V] to 15[V]. For each input value, the duty-ratio is controlled to keep the output voltage constant at its nominal value (with  $V_{in} = 12[\text{V}]$  and  $D = 0.4$ ). Calculate the critical value of the inductance  $L$  such that this Boost converter remains in the continuous conduction mode at and above  $P_{out} = 5[\text{W}]$  under all values of the input voltage  $V_{in}$ .

$$I_L > \Delta i_L, \quad \frac{P_{in}}{V_{in}} \geq \frac{V_{in} D T_s}{2L}$$

$$L \geq \frac{V_{in}^2 D T_s}{2P_{in}}$$

$$\text{Boost} : \frac{V}{V_g} = \frac{1}{1-D}, \quad D = 1 - \frac{V_g}{V}$$

$$L \geq \frac{V_{in}^2 \times T_s}{2P_{in}} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{in}}{V_{out}}\right), \quad P_{in} = P_{out}$$

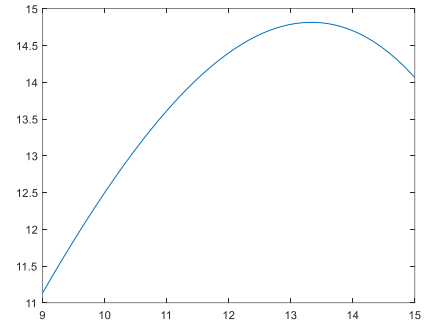
$$L_{cri} = \frac{V_{in}^2}{2 \times 5[\text{W}] \times 400[\text{kHz}]} \times \left(1 - \frac{V_{in}}{20[\text{V}]}\right)$$

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1 clear; clc; close all;
2
3 Vin=9:0.001:15;
4
5 Lcri=((Vin.*Vin).*(1-Vin/20))/4000*1000;
6
7 diffLcri=diff(Lcri);
8
9 plot(Vin, Lcri);
10
11 max = max(Lcri)

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**Figure 2. MATLAB Problem 3 Code**



**Figure 3. MATLAB Result Problem 3**

according to MATLAB,  $\max(L_{cri}) = 14.8148[\mu\text{H}]$

at  $\max(L_{cri})$ ,  $V_{in} = 13.3333[\text{V}]$

4. A Boost converter is to be designed with the following values:  $V_{in} = 5[\text{V}]$ ,  $V_{out} = 12[\text{V}]$ , and the maximum output power  $P_{out} = 40[\text{W}]$ . The switching frequency is selected to be  $f_s = 200[\text{kHz}]$ . Assume ideal components, Estimate the value of  $L$  if the converter is to remain in CCM at one-third the maximum output power.

$$\frac{V}{V_g} = \frac{1}{1-D}, \quad D = 1 - \frac{V_g}{V} = \frac{7}{12} = 0.5833$$

$$I_L \geq \Delta i_L, \quad I_L \geq \frac{D \times V_{in}}{2L f_s}$$

$$\frac{P_{in}}{V_{in}} \geq \frac{V_{in} \times D}{2L f_s}$$

$$L \geq \frac{V_{in}^2 D}{2 \times P_{in} \times f_s} = \frac{V_{in}^2}{2 \times P_{in} \times f_s} \left(1 - \frac{V_{in}}{V_{out}}\right)$$

$$P_{out} = P_{in} = \frac{40[\text{W}]}{3}$$

$$L \geq \frac{(5[\text{V}])^2 \times \frac{7}{12}}{2 \times \left(\frac{40[\text{W}]}{3}\right) \times 400[\text{kHz}]} = 1.3672[\mu\text{H}]$$

## Experiment

1) Following values are given:  $f = 150[\text{kHz}]$ ,  $R_{\text{Load}} = 20[\Omega]$ ,  $V_{\text{in}} = 5[\text{V}]$ ,  $P_{\text{out,max}} = 10[\text{W}]$ ,  $L = 150[\mu\text{H}]$ ,  $C = 1,800[\mu\text{F}]$ ,  $\Delta V_{\text{out}} \leq 0.1\% \cdot V_{\text{out}}$ . With these, find following values before further procedures:  $V_{\text{out,max}}$ ,  $D_{\text{max}}$ ,  $L_{\text{crit}}$ , and  $\Delta V_{\text{out,max}}$ . Are  $L$  and  $C$  suitable for the design?

We need to find value of  $L$  and  $C$  are suitable for the design of Boost Converter before start experiment. In Boost Converter, we know that  $V_{\text{out}} = \frac{1}{1-D} \times V_{\text{in}}$ . So, we need to find the maximum duty value that does not exceed the  $P_{\text{max}}$

$$P_{\text{max}} = \frac{V_{\text{out}}^2}{R_{\text{Load}}} = \frac{V_{\text{out}}^2}{20[\Omega]} = 10[\text{W}]$$

$$V_{\text{out,max}} = \sqrt{200}[\text{V}] = 14.14[\text{V}] = \frac{V_{\text{in}}}{1 - D_{\text{max}}}$$

$$D_{\text{max}} = \frac{4 - \sqrt{2}}{4} = 0.6464$$

For the boost converter to operate in the CCM interval,  $I_L$  must bigger than  $\frac{\Delta I_L}{2}$ . Then calculate  $I_L$  and  $\Delta I_L$ .

1) calculate  $I_L$

$$P_{\text{in}} = V_{\text{in}} \cdot I_{\text{in}} = V_{\text{out}} \cdot I_{\text{out}} = \frac{V_{\text{out}}^2}{R_{\text{Load}}}$$

$$I_L = I_{\text{in}} = \frac{P_{\text{in}}}{V_{\text{in}}} = \frac{V_{\text{out}}^2}{V_{\text{in}} \cdot R_{\text{Load}}} = \frac{\frac{V_{\text{in}}^2}{(1-D)^2}}{V_{\text{in}} \cdot R_{\text{Load}}} = \frac{V_{\text{in}}}{R(1-D)^2} = 2[\text{A}]$$

2) calculate  $\Delta I_L$

$$\Delta I_L = \frac{V_{\text{in}} \cdot D_{\text{max}} \cdot T}{L}$$

Using the equation 1) and 2),

$$I_L \geq \frac{V_{\text{in}} \cdot D_{\text{max}} \cdot T}{2 \cdot L} \Rightarrow I_L \geq \frac{V_{\text{in}} \cdot D_{\text{max}}}{2 \cdot L \cdot f}$$

$$L \geq \frac{V_{\text{in}} \cdot D_{\text{max}}}{2 \cdot I_L \cdot f} = \frac{5[\text{V}] \cdot 0.65}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 150[\text{kHz}]} = 5.3871[\mu\text{H}]$$

Next, use the conditions of the capacitor to obtain the required values. In given conditions,  $\Delta V_{\text{out}} \leq 0.1\%$ .

$$\Delta V_{\text{out}} = \frac{V_{\text{out}} \cdot D_{\text{max}} \cdot T}{R_{\text{Load}} \cdot C} = \frac{V_{\text{out}} \cdot D_{\text{max}}}{R_{\text{Load}} \cdot C \cdot f} \leq 0.1\% \cdot V_{\text{out}}$$

$$\frac{\Delta V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{out}}} = \frac{D_{\text{max}} \cdot T}{R_{\text{Load}} \cdot C} = \frac{D_{\text{max}}}{R_{\text{Load}} \cdot C \cdot f} \leq 0.1\%$$

$$C \geq \frac{D_{\text{max}}}{R_{\text{Load}} \left( \frac{\Delta V_{\text{out}}}{V_{\text{out}}} \right) f} = \frac{0.65}{20[\Omega] \cdot 150[\text{kHz}] \cdot \frac{1}{1000}} = 215.4822[\mu\text{F}]$$

Therefore, now we know that the given values are suitable for use in this experiment.

However, if duty over the  $D_{\text{max}}$ ,  $P_{\text{out}}$  will be over the  $P_{\text{out,max}}$ . It can cause damage to the circuit, so circuit must be operated within a safe range of duty. Therefore, this experiment was conducted under  $D = 0.5$ .

2) One must create the Boost converter circuit and have a clear picture of the circuit.

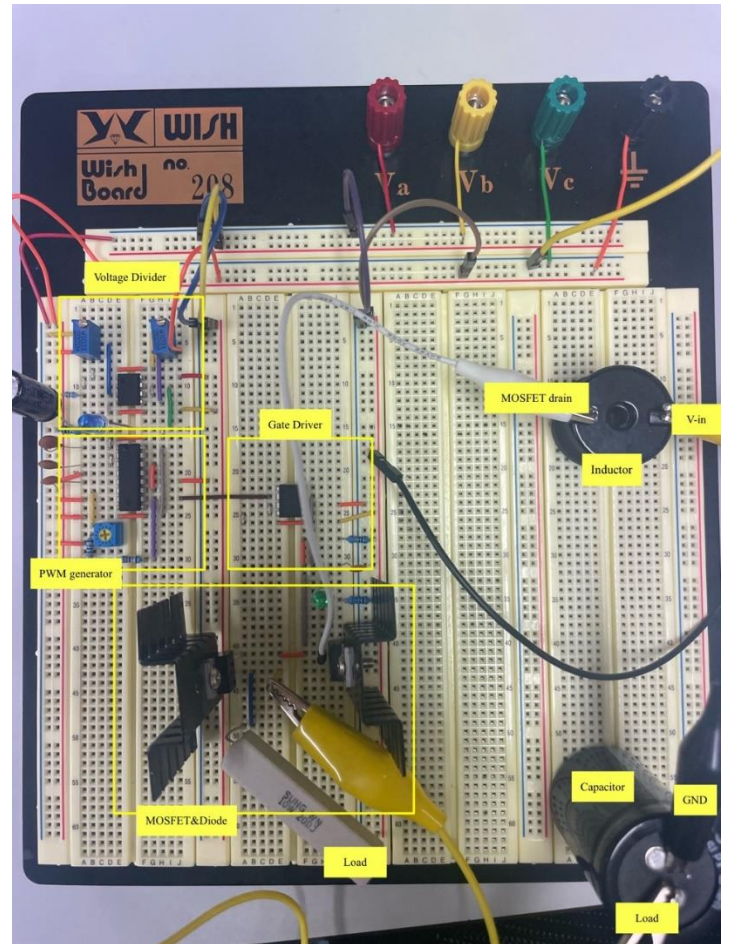


Figure 4. Boost Converter Circuit

3) One must show duty – output voltage curve when input voltage is set to 5[V] and Switching frequency is set to 150[kHz] (Don't go over the Pout,max).

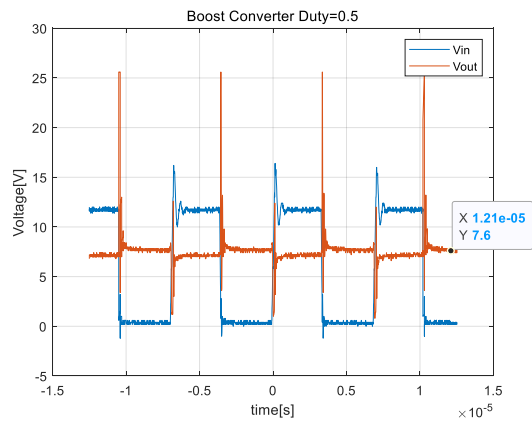


Figure 5. Duty-Output Voltage (Duty = 0.5)

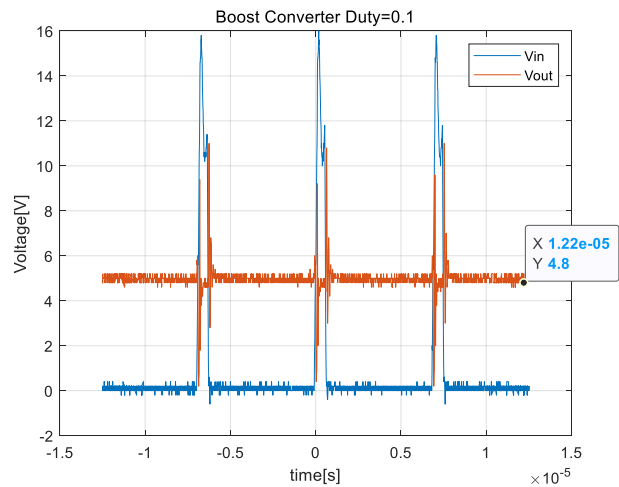


Figure 6. Duty-Output Voltage (Duty = 0.1)

	Duty(0.1)	Duty(0.5)
Theorical	5.55[V]	10[V]
Experimental	4.8[V]	7.8[V]

Table 1. Comparison of Experimental and Actual Values

In fact, when the duty is 0.5, the power voltage should be 10[V], but the experimental value is lower than that, which can be seen as a low value due to energy loss generated by the inductor and the capacitor.