Single Phase Half Bridge Inverter

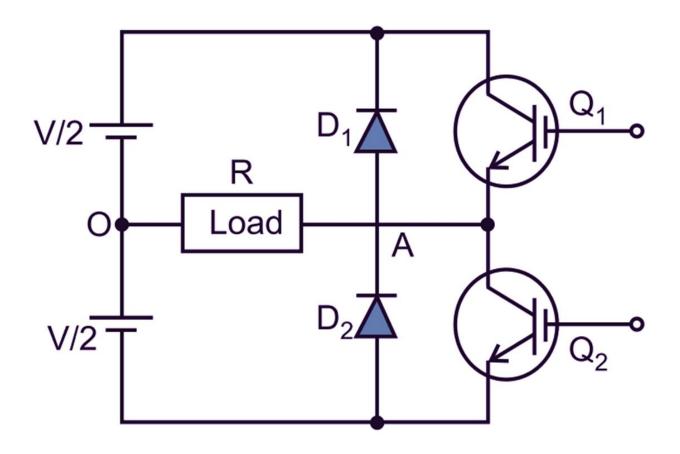


Fig. 1: Single Phase Half Bridge Inverter

Fig. 1 shows a half-bridge inverter using two transistors (MOSFET or IGBT). The diodes are used to protect the IGBT from blocking negative voltage. The diodes allow free-wheeling operation in case of inductive load. When only two switching devices are used for converting DC to AC then the configuration is known as a half-bridge inverter.

Working of Single-Phase Half Bridge Inverter

The working of the half-bridge inverter is as follows:

The transistor (MOSFET or IGBT) Q_1 is turned ON for a time $T_0/2$ which makes the V/2 voltage appear across the load, resistance 'R'. The value of output voltage (V_0) is given by

$$V_{o} = \frac{V}{2}$$

Similarly, when transistor Q_2 is turned ON at the instant $T_0/2$ until time To, by turning OFF Q_1 then – V/2 voltage appears across the load Resistance 'R'. The waveforms are shown in Fig. 2. The amount of current flowing through the load is given by,

$$Load current = \frac{V/2}{R} = \frac{V}{2R}$$

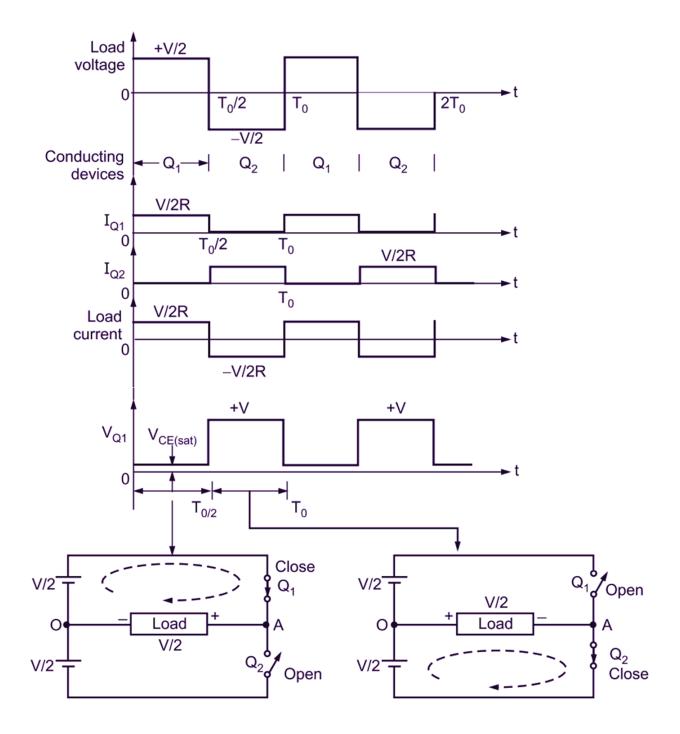


Fig. 2: Load voltage and current waveforms with resistive load for half bridge inverter