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# Nomenclature

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## Variables and functions

Update this list to make it applicable to your project.

$p(x)$	Probability density function with respect to variable $x$ .
$P(A)$	Probability of event $A$ occurring.

## Acronyms and abbreviations

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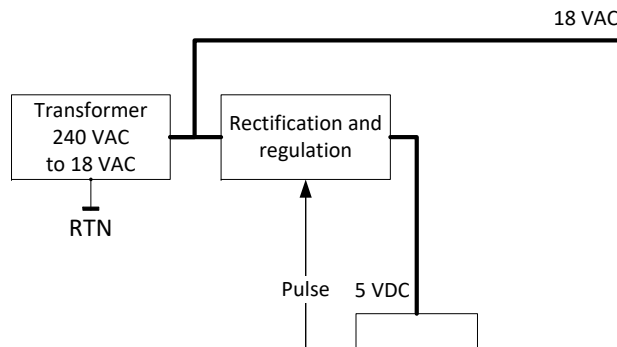
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AID	accent identification

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**Figure 1:** This is my caption, make me descriptive! And cite if you borrow figures [3].

**Table 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 1

## Literature survey

This chapter will cover a review on the different methods for current sensing and the limitations, considerations and configurations for operational amplifier design for current sensing.

### 1.1. Operational amplifiers

**Operational amplifiers: limitations and considerations**

**Operational amplifier configurations**



## 1.2. Current sensing

There are many different techniques to measure current. Both invasive and non invasive methods each with their own advantages and disadvantages that make them suitable for different situations. An invasive current sensor negatively affect the system and decreases performance whereas a non-invasive current sensor doesn't affect the operation of the system at a meaningful level.

### Hall effect

The Hall effect current sensor is a non invasive method of current sensing that uses the magnetic field generated around a current carrying conductor [4]. This magnetic field creates a voltage across the material of the sensor. Hall effect sensors measure this voltage to determine the current flowing in a conductor [5]. There are many advantages to using a Hall effect sensor however, besides the amplifier circuit additional circuits are required and is more costly than other measurement methods [4].

### Rogowski coil

The Rogowski coil is a non invasive current sensing method that uses a helical shaped coil that is wrapped around the conductor that you want to measure current in. The coil outputs a voltage depending on the rate of change of current through the conductor, this requires an integrator circuit to create an output voltage that is proportional to the current. The Rogowski coil is very useful for high frequency currents and does not require complex temperature compensation. However this method is only suitable for AC current [4].

### Shunt Resistor

The shunt resistor is the most common current sensing technique and uses a resistor in series with the current to be measured. This is a invasive current measuring method. The shunt resistor produces a voltage drop proportional to the current, however the resistance and hence the voltage must be kept low in order to reduce the power consumption. This requires a high gain amplifier circuit to increase the small voltages to meaningful levels. The shunt resistor is a very cost effective solution that works on both AC and DC however it creates a decrease in system efficiency and can't handle high currents due to power dissipation across the resistor. Thermal drift also results in error [4].

High-side vs low-side current sensing is only applicable for invasive methods like the shunt resistor. Low-side has the advantages of being simple and low cost and low input common mode voltage however it can't detect high current due to a short [6]. High-side current sensing removes the ground disturbance and can detect accidental shorts however it has a higher complexity and cost because the gain circuit must be able to handle high common mode voltages [6].

# Chapter 2

## Detail design

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

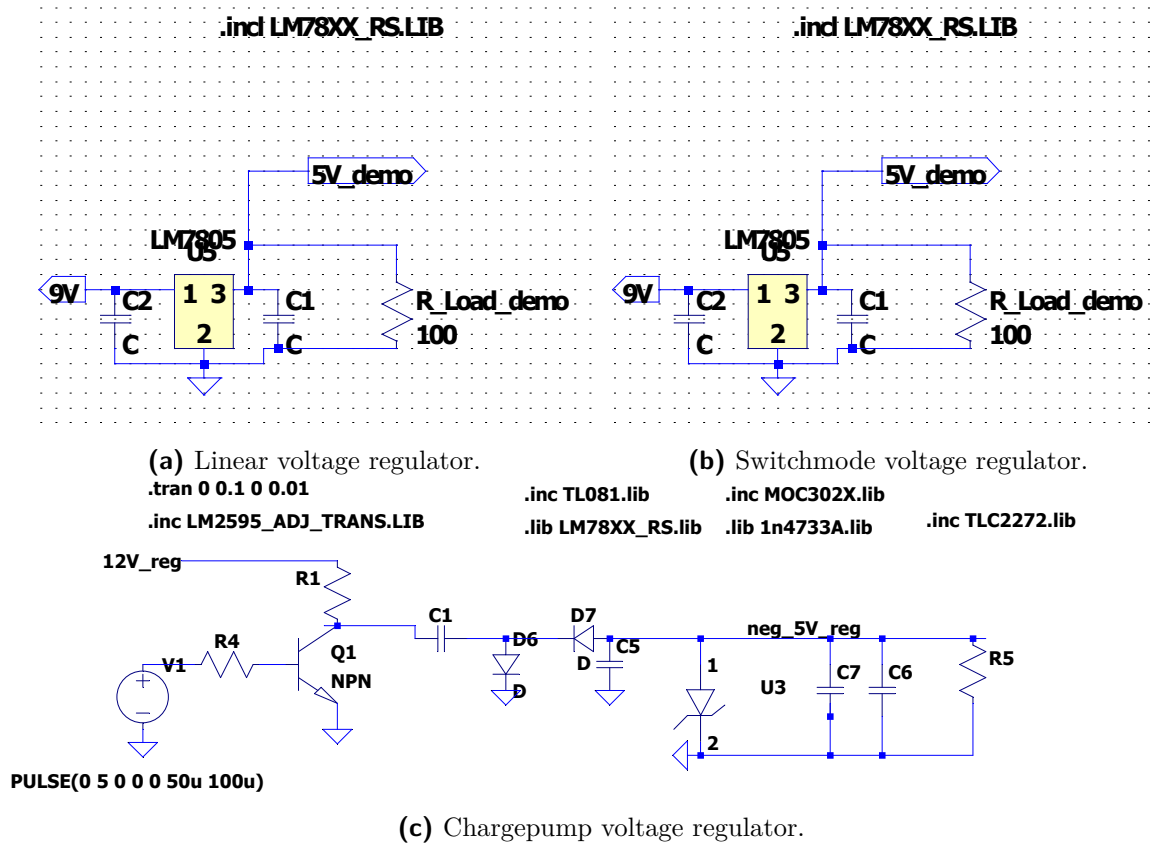
- Design rationale, i.e. what your thinking was behind the design.
- References to literature/sources as appropriate [3], but preferably in the intro above.
- You can assume the reader is in their third year of their E&E engineering degree, and that they will not need detailed explanations of trivial 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 2.1. 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 mΩ or 199 myUnits, and this is how we write ranges: from 2 to 5 kV.

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Here is a numbered equation in Eq. 2.1.

$$a = \frac{55}{45 + 3}. \tag{2.1}$$



**Figure 2.1:** Circuit diagrams of the two voltage regulators, and another irrelevant one

## 2.1. Current sensor

# Chapter 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 2.1. Present and report on your simulated results in Figure 3.1. Be absolutely sure that the text and information in your report are readable.

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.

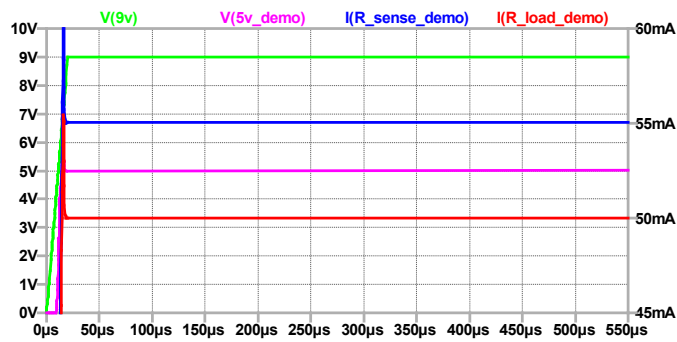
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	2017	2018	$\Delta_{Abs}$	$\Delta_{DiD}$
A	9,868	10,399	+5	-11
B	10,191	10,590	+4	-12

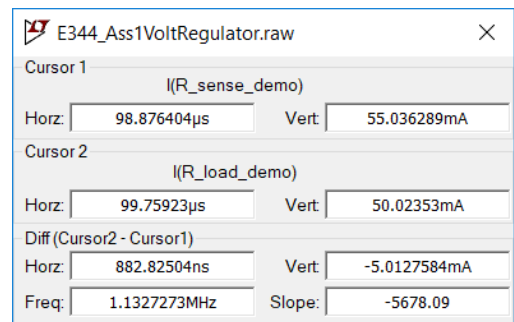
**Table 3.2:** Example of another table.

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

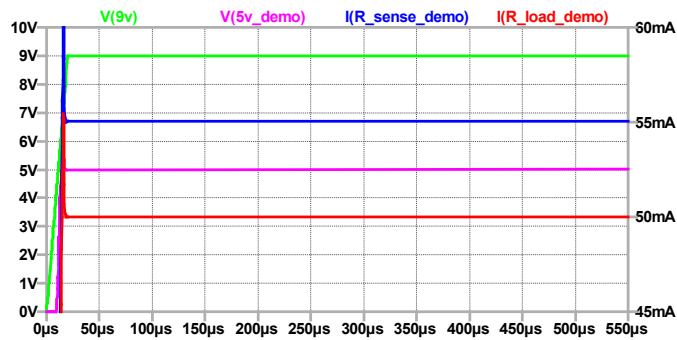
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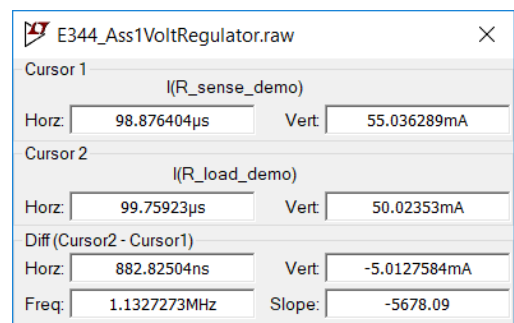
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

**Figure 3.1:** 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 [3].

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# Appendix A

## Social contract

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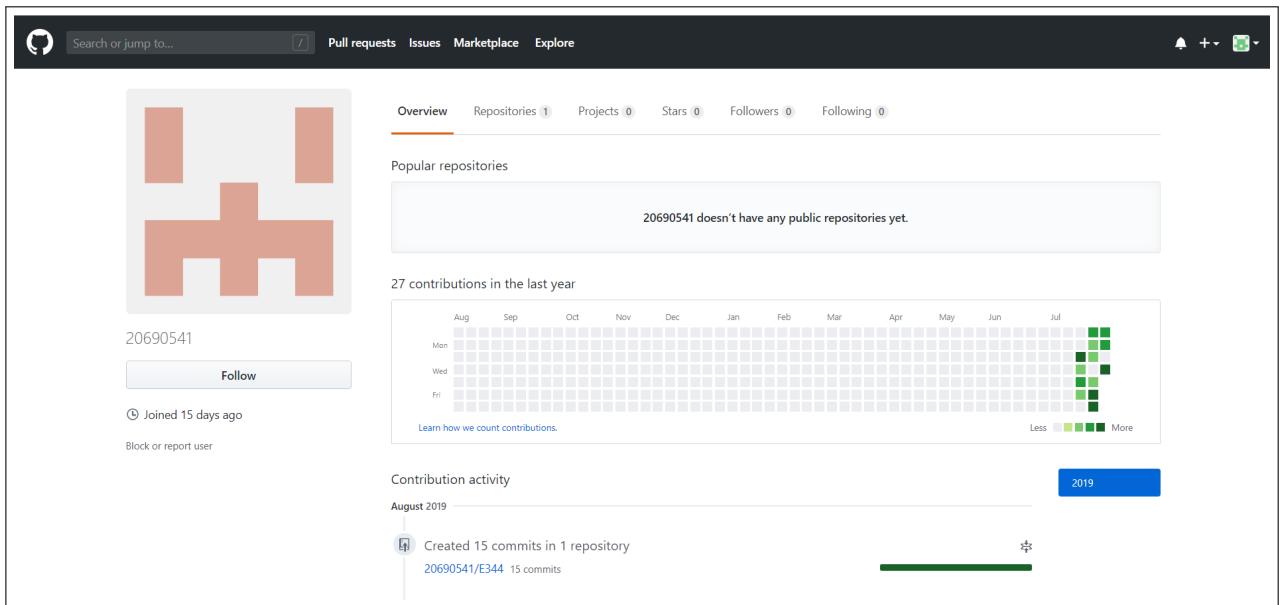
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# Appendix B

## GitHub Activity Heatmap

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# Appendix C

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