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# Nomenclature

## Variables and functions

$J$	Joules
$P$	Power
$W$	Watt
$V$	Voltage/Volts
$I$	Current
$A$	Ampere
$R$	Resistance
$\Omega$	Ohms
$Q$	Charge
$C$	Coulomb
$t$	time
$F.V$	Full Voltage
$V_{OC}$	Open circuit voltage
$I_{SC}$	Short circuit current
$T_{amb}$	Ambient Temperature
$T_j$	Junction Temperature
$V_{sg}$	Source to gate voltage
$V_{gs}$	Gate to source voltage
$V_T$	Threshold voltage
$V_{Supp}$	Supply voltage
$V_{cc+}$	Positive voltage rail of an op-amp
$V_{cc-}$	Negative voltage rail of an op-amp
$V_{ref}$	Reference voltage of an op-amp
$V$	Inverting input of an op-amp
$V^+$	Non-inverting input of an op-amp
$R_s$	Sense resistance

## Acronyms and abbreviations

s.	seconds
e.g.	for example
LED	Light-Emitting Diode
mV	milli Volts
mA	milli Ampere
NMOS	Negative-channel Metal-Oxide Semiconductor
PMOS	Positive-channel Metal-Oxide Semiconductor
MOSFET	Metal–Oxide–Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistor
Temp	temperature
AC	Alternating current
DC	Direct current
op-amp	Operational Amplifier
LTspice	Circuit Simulation Software

# Chapter 1

## Literature

### 1.1. Low-side Switch

The low side switch will be used to switch the supply to the load on and off.

### 1.2. Current Sense

Bidirectional current sensor is connected over a resistor called  $R_{sense}$ . This resistor is placed in series between to battery and the load. It has a very small resistance such that its power dissipation can be neglected, and its tolerance is also very small so that the resistance value is accurate enough to give a more precise current reading through it. Then an op-amp is connected in parallel over the sense resistor with the inverting and non-inverting input terminals of the op-amp. The op-amp produces an amplified voltage signal of the potential difference over the resistor because of the high gain of the op-amp. This voltage signal is proportional to the voltage over the resistor and according to ohms law it is also directly proportional to the current through the resistor. Therefore output of the op-amp now follows the current flowing between the battery and the load and is scaled to represent the current level as an analog signal.

# Chapter 2

## Design

### 2.1. Low-side Switch

The given design requires a low-side load control that will help it to manage the current flow to 5 displayed indistinguishable bright LEDs. The low-side load control will be embodied out of a NMOS which will act as a switch to the LEDs and when it receives a control signal of 0V and 5V it will be able to turn on and off. Every one of the LEDs will be drawing 20mA of current, with a battery voltage of  $V_{bat}=7.2V$ , this will then lead to total current drawn by the load of 100mA. To be able to successfully meet this present requirement, each LED will need to consist of a current limiting resistor that is connected in series and needs to be designed to limit the current to meet the desired amount for the LED. The mentioned 5 ultra-bright LEDs will be drawing 20mA(each) which we will call,  $I_{LED}$ . The LEDs have voltage aimed forward of 3.2V which we will label  $V_F$  and the value of the current limiting resistor,  $R_{lim}$ , will be calculated by making use of the equation: " $R_{lim} = \frac{V_{bat}-V_F}{I_{LED}}$ ", and as a result we will get  $R_{lim} = 200\Omega$ . For the NMOS that preforms the switching we will need a pull down resistor of  $10k\Omega$  to get to correct  $V_{gs}$  voltage from the 5V rail voltage available to us. See Figure3.1.



## 2.2. Current Sense

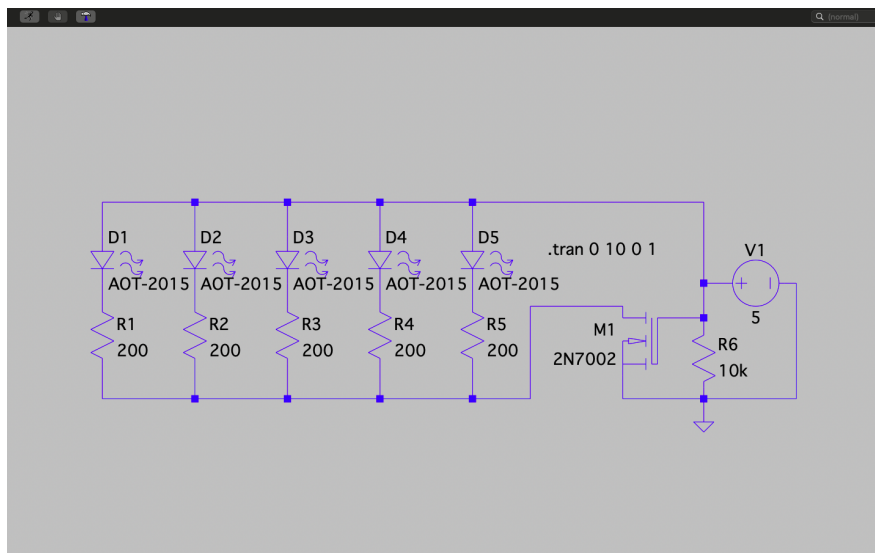
We use the “TSC213” op-amp because it has a large enough gain to amplify to small voltage across  $R_{sense}$ . When the battery is charging 150 mA flows through  $R_{sense}$  which has a resistance of  $0.1\Omega$  and 450 mA will flow through  $R_{sense}$  in the opposite direction when the battery dis-charges to full-load. Because of the bidirectional current flow, a zero-reference voltage is required for the op-amp to determine the direction of the current in terms of its voltage output analog signal. a Reference voltage,  $V_{ref}$ , is designed for maximum swing while staying in range of the rail voltages of the op-amp. We determine this  $V_{ref}$  using the following equations provided by the datasheet op the TSC213 op-amp: “ $\Delta V_{out} = \Delta V_{out(charge)} + \Delta V_{out(discharge)} = 3V$ ” and “ $V_{ref} = \frac{5-3}{2} + \Delta V_{out(charge)} = 1.75V$ ”. Furthermore two resistors is designed to apply voltage division to the 5V rail voltage, available for the circuit, to produce the  $V_{ref}$  voltage for the op-amp. Thus  $R1$  and  $R2$  is determined with a simple voltage division calculation and then scaled up to prevent unnecessary power dissipation in the resistors, to get the values of  $R1 = 13k\Omega$  and  $R2 = 7k\Omega$ . Lastly the capacitor is placed at the output of the op-amp to filter out the signal, a  $47\mu F$  capacitor is chosen, it’s capacitance is high enough so that the signal is filtered good but not too high otherwise the output will become sluggish.

# Chapter 3

## Results

### 3.1. Low-side Switch

The circuit I built and measured is shown Figure3.1, the measurements confirmed the results seen in the simulation shown by Figure3.2.



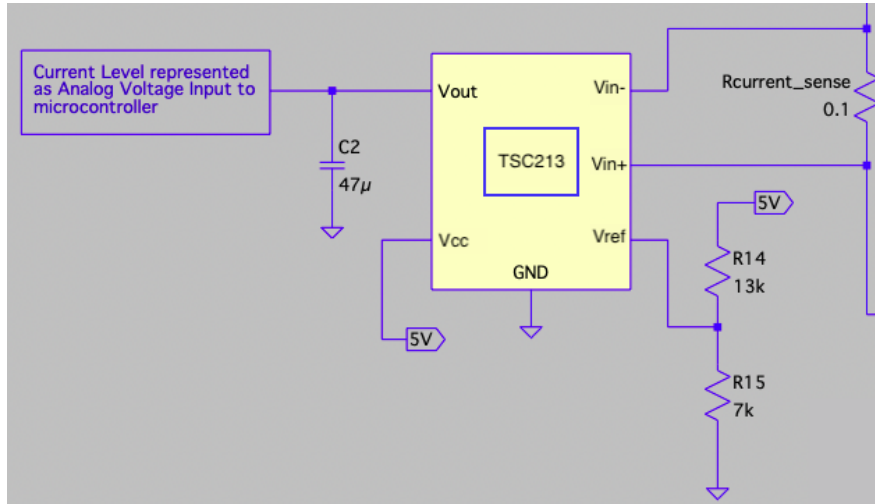
**Figure 3.1:** Low-side Switch and LED load circuit.



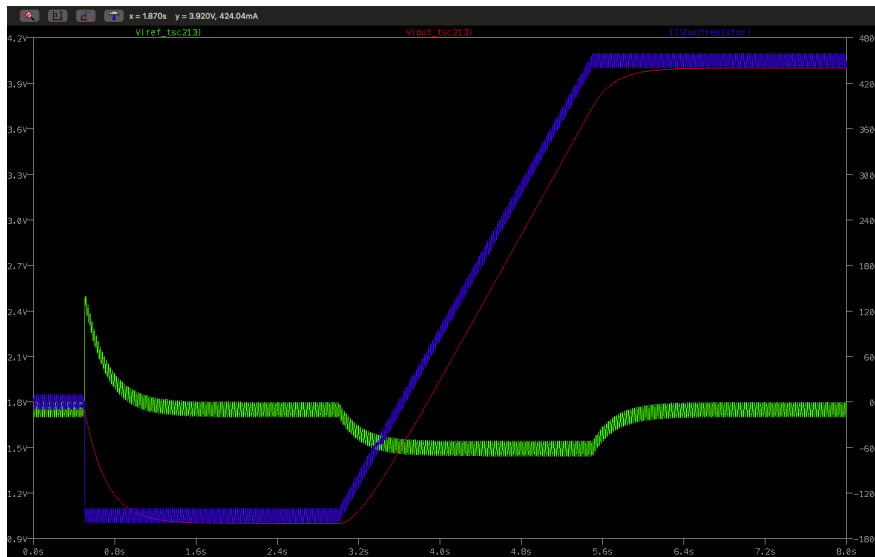
**Figure 3.2:** Low-side Switch and LED load circuit Simulation.

## 3.2. Current Sense

The circuit I built and measured is shown Figure3.3, the measurements confirmed the results seen in the simulation shown by Figure3.4.



**Figure 3.3:** Current sense circuit.

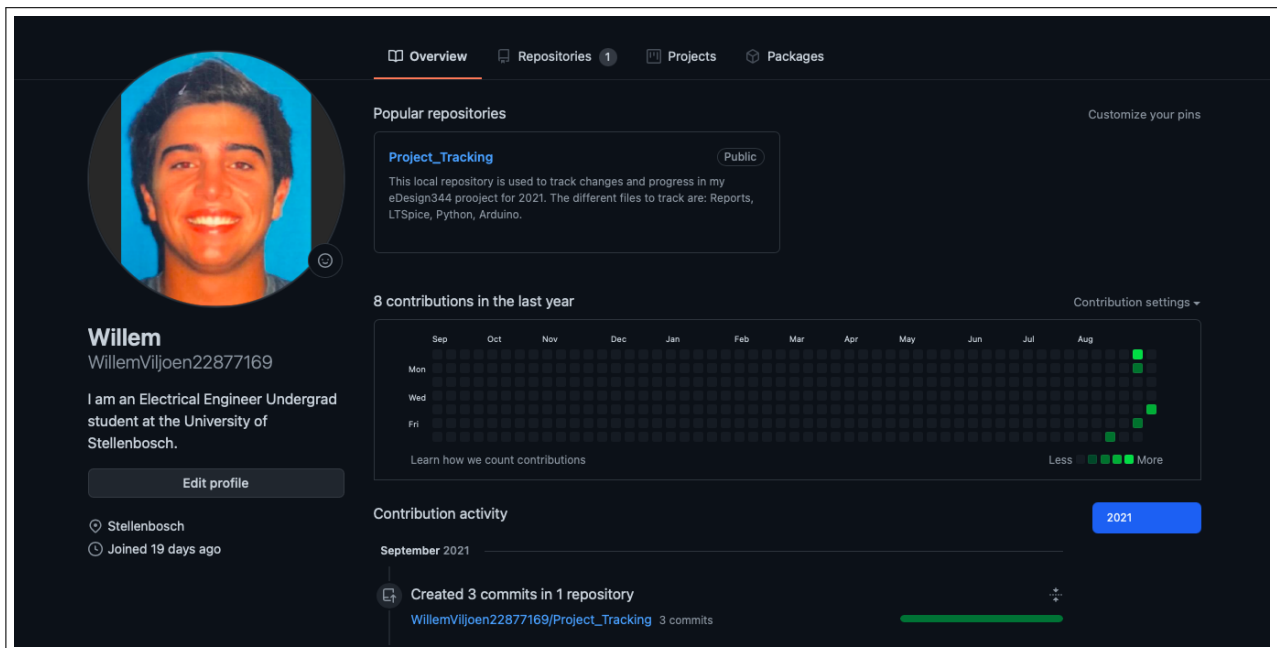


**Figure 3.4:** Current sense circuit Simulation.

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# Appendix A

## GitHub Activity Heatmap



# Appendix B

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