

NON-ISOLATED DC/DC CONVERTERS

The aim of the work is to design a converter which reduces 16V DC to 12V DC. The design options that we have for the task are Buck-Boost, Ćuk and SEPIC converter. The converter should be able to supply 24W at switching frequency of 50kHz. The output voltage ripple should not exceed 2%. In the end, which one is best solution for the application will be determined.

1. Buck-Boost Converter

a) Analytically determine the value of inductance for converter to be in CCM operation with 10% ripple current.

b) Analytically find the output capacitance value in order to have 2% output voltage ripple.

c) According to your calculations, find commercial products for inductors, capacitors and semiconductors from [Digikey](https://www.digikey.com). State the parameters of devices. Explain your reasoning for selections.

d) Validate your results by constructing the designed buck-boost converter in Matlab/Simulink environment with non-idealities, meaning ESR values of capacitors and inductors, which you can find in the datasheets of the products. You can use ideal switching devices. Plot the following waveforms. Comment on the results and explain if you observe any discrepancy from analytical calculations.

- Output voltage
- Input current
- Inductance current

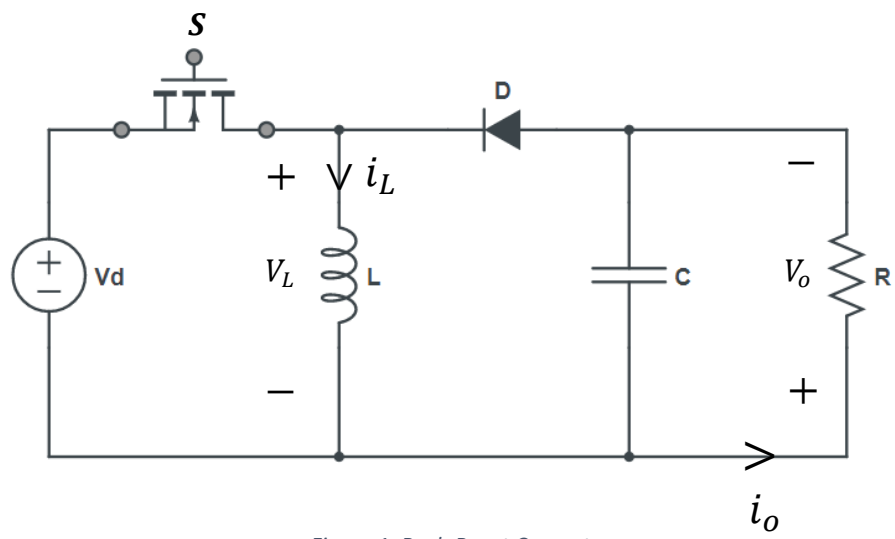


Figure 1. Buck-Boost Converter

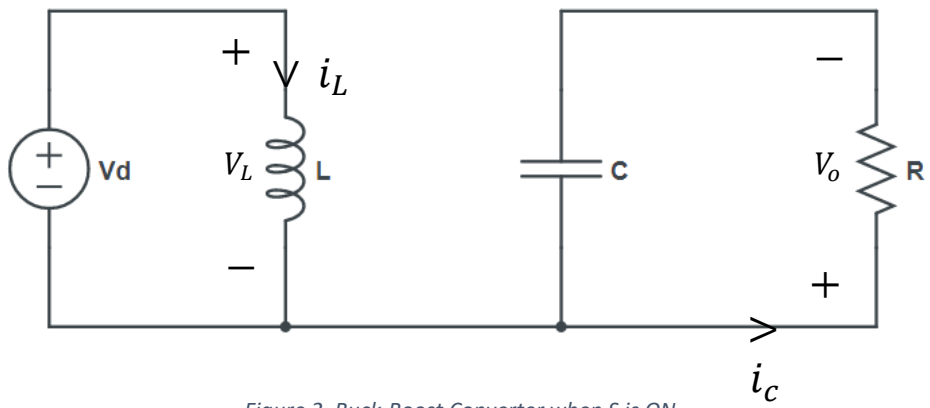


Figure 2. Buck-Boost Converter when S is ON

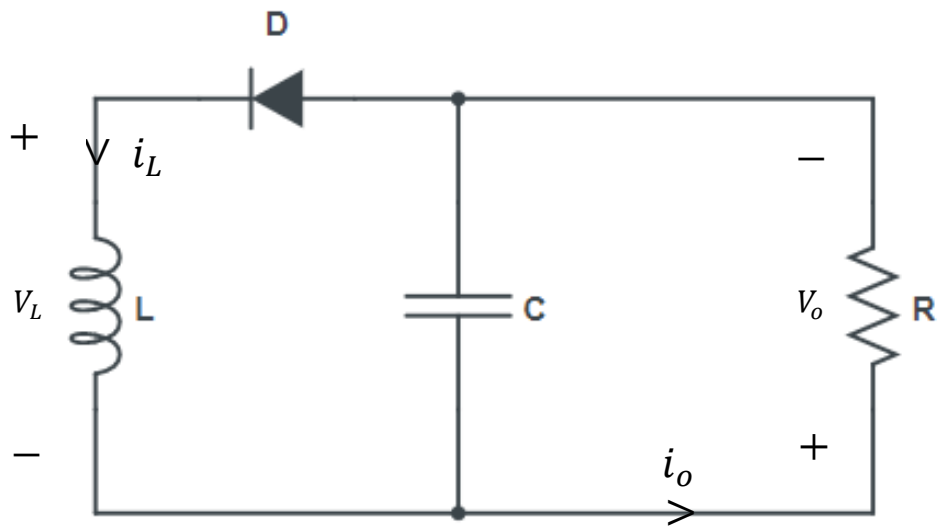


Figure 3. Buck-Boost Converter when S is OFF

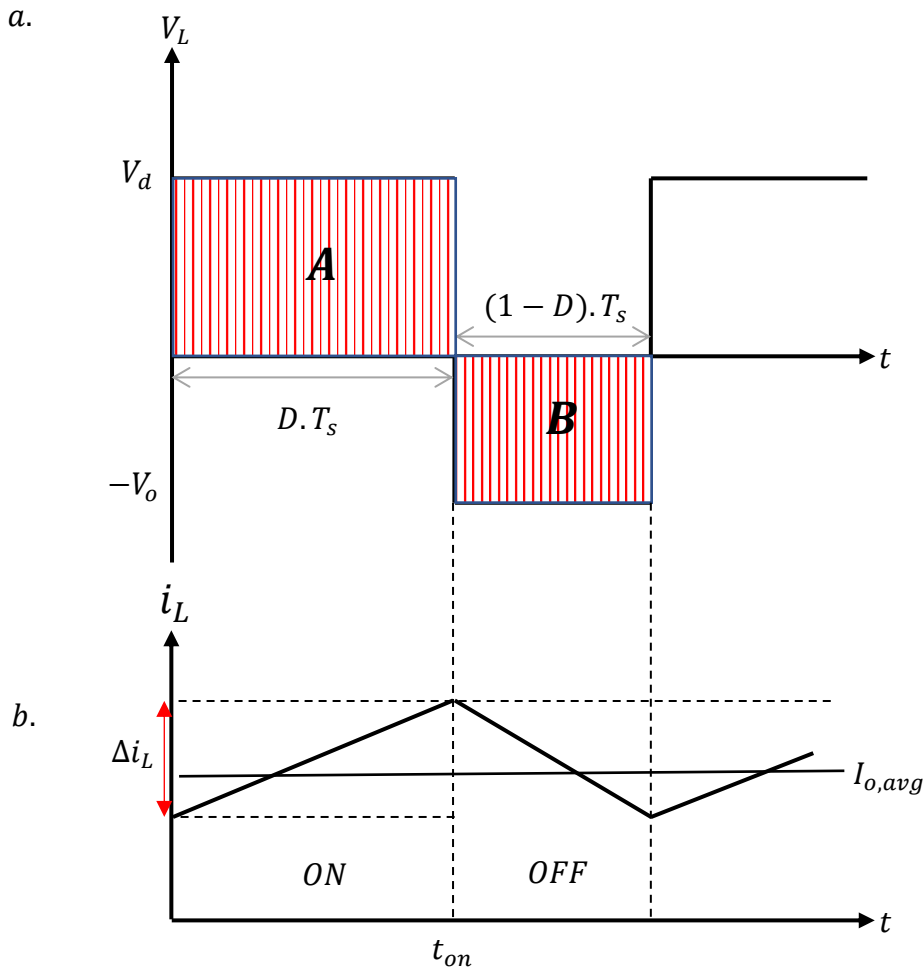


Figure a: Inductor voltage waveform, Figure b: Inductor current waveform

In properly designed converters, charging and discharging in the inductor current should be equal. Otherwise, the inductor current increases all the time and may damage to circuit.

Therefore, Area A and Area B should be equal each other and sum of these will cancel each other.

$$A + B = 0$$

$$V_d \cdot D \cdot T_s + (-V_o)(1 - D)T_s = 0$$

$$V_d \cdot D - V_o + V_o \cdot D = 0$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_d} = \frac{D}{1 - D}$$

or

$$V_o = \frac{D}{1 - D} V_d$$

Put the values into the equation.

$$V_d = 16V$$

$$V_o = 12V$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_d} = \frac{12}{16} = \frac{D}{1-D} \quad \rightarrow \quad D = 43\%$$

- a)** Analytically determine the value of inductance for converter to be in CCM operation with 10% ripple current.

$$v_L = L \frac{di}{dt} \rightarrow v_L = L \frac{\Delta i}{\Delta t}$$

$$v_L = V_d \text{ during } D \cdot T_s \text{ period}$$

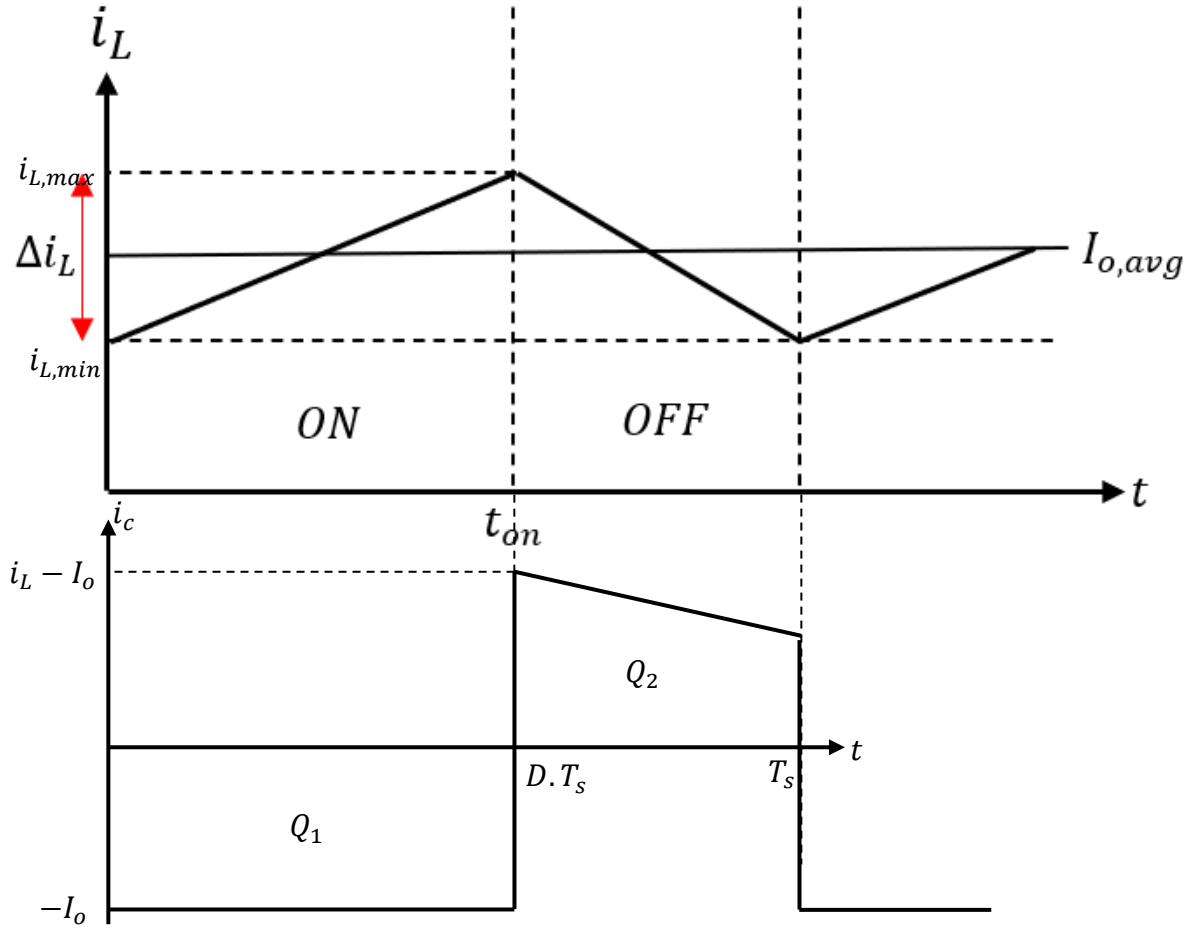
$$\Delta i = \frac{V_d \cdot D \cdot T_s}{L} \text{ or } \frac{V_d \times D}{L \times f_s}$$

T_s can be written as $T_s = \frac{1}{f_s}$, and f_s is given as 50kHz.

$$\Delta i_L = 0.1 = \frac{1}{L} \times \frac{V_d \times D}{f_s}$$

$$L = \frac{1}{0.1} \times \frac{16 \times 0.43}{50k} \rightarrow L = 1.38mH$$

- b) Analytically find the output capacitance value in order to have 2% output voltage ripple.



$$i_c = C \frac{dV}{dt} \rightarrow i_c = C \frac{\Delta V_c}{\Delta T}$$

For first period (Q_1) $\rightarrow i_c = I_o$

$$I_o = C \frac{\Delta V_c}{D \cdot T_s}$$

$$C = \frac{I_o \cdot D \cdot T_s}{\Delta V_c}$$

The output voltage ripple is given as 2%.

$$\text{Therefore } \Delta V_c = 0.02, I_o = \frac{24W}{12V} = 2A$$

$$\Delta V_c = \frac{I_o \cdot D \cdot T_s}{C} \rightarrow C = \frac{I_o \cdot D}{\Delta V_c \cdot f_s} \rightarrow C = \frac{2 \times 0.45}{0.02 \times 50k} \rightarrow C = 0.9mF$$

- c) According to your calculations, find commercial products for inductors, capacitors and semiconductors from [Digikey](#). State the parameters of devices. Explain your reasoning for selections.

Capacitor and Inductor values were found in the previous pages. They are:

$$L = 1.38mH$$

$$C = 0.9mF$$

However, 1.38mH is not available for purchase. When the specifications are applied to search motor in Digikey, the possible inductor value is 2.2mH when the inductor current ratings are taken into account. Therefore, our inductor value will be 2.2mH.

The appropriate inductor is: [CTDR4F-222K](#)

It has DC resistance (DCR) 0.494Ω

$$I_{sat}(A) = 4.00A$$

Cost: Does not specified. Assumed it is \$3/unit

For the capacitor, the required specifications are entered in Digikey, it will show us available capacitors. One of them is: [16SEPF1000M](#) (Polymer Aliminum Solid Capacitor)

It has capacitance of 1mF, voltage rated of 16V, ESR of 12mΩ

Cost: (\$2.32/unit)

For switching component, I preferred MOSFET. Which needs to have 30V voltage rate, and 4A current rate, which is available in Digikey

[DMG3418L-7](#)

Which has $R_{ds(on)}$ 60m Ω

Its price: \$0.43

Diode has to be withstand 38V reverse. Average current flow through diode is 3.8A

Therefore, I chose 40V, 4A Schottky Diode for this purpose.

[SSB43L-E3/52T](#)

It has forward voltage ($V_F = 0.45V$)

Its price is \$0.6

- d) Validate your results by constructing the designed buck-boost converter in Matlab/Simulink environment with non-idealities, meaning ESR values of capacitors and inductors, which you can find in the datasheets of the products. You can use ideal switching devices. Plot the following waveforms. Comment on the results and explain if you observe any discrepancy from analytical calculations.

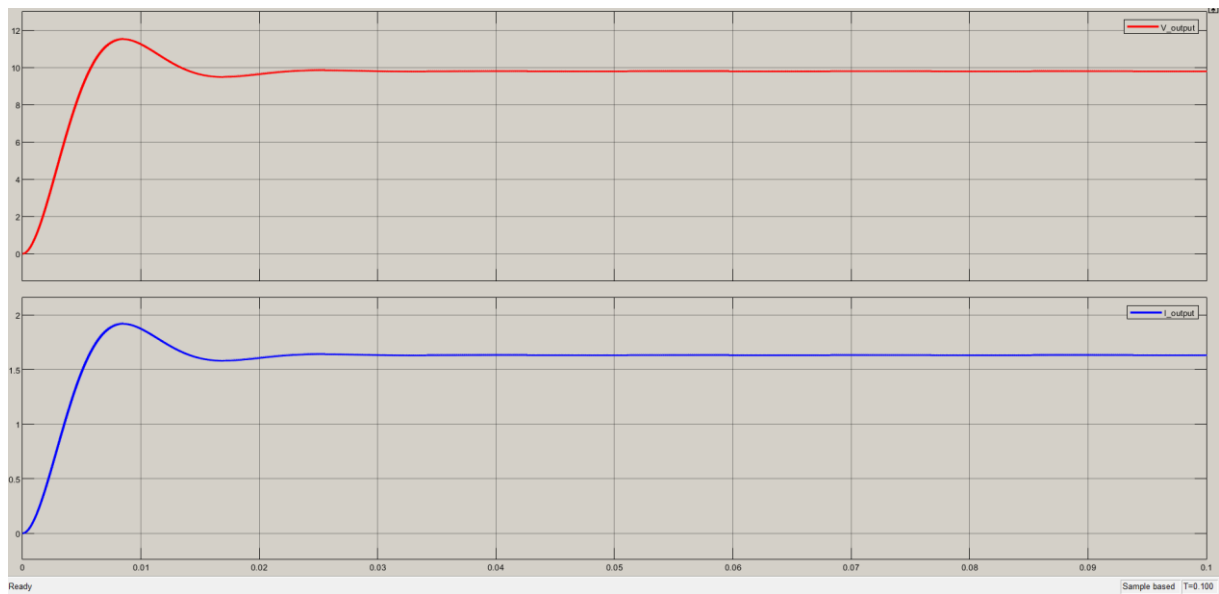


Figure 4. Buck-Boost Converter with non idealities

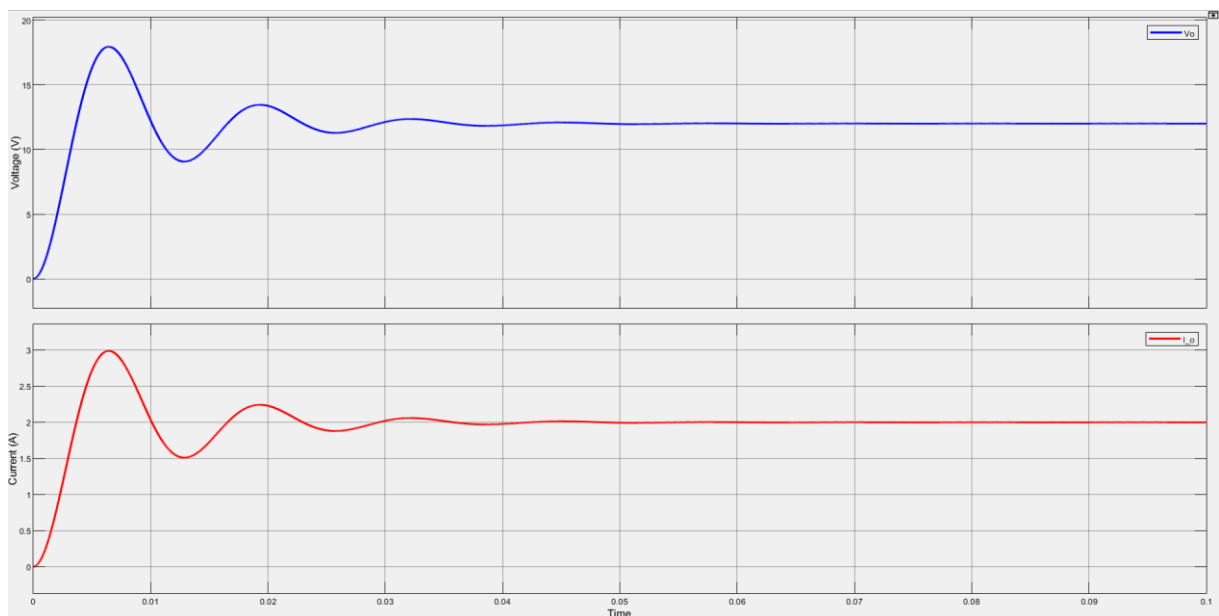


Figure 5. Buck-Boost converter ideal case

Here in both cases, duty ratio (D) are calculated as 0.45 or 45%. However, with non-idealities, with the same duty ratio (D), it could not reach desired output voltage values. Therefore, duty ratio (D) has to be increased.

With increase in duty ratio (D) +7%. That is, 52% duty ratio provides the following waveform:

Figure 6. Increase in duty ratio (D) = 52%

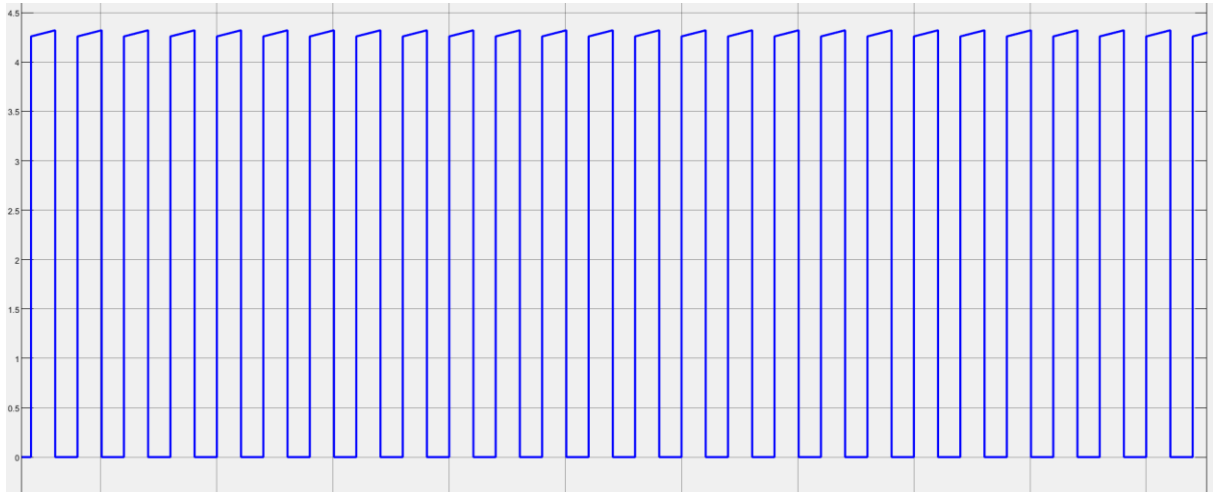


Figure 7. Input Current with non-idealities

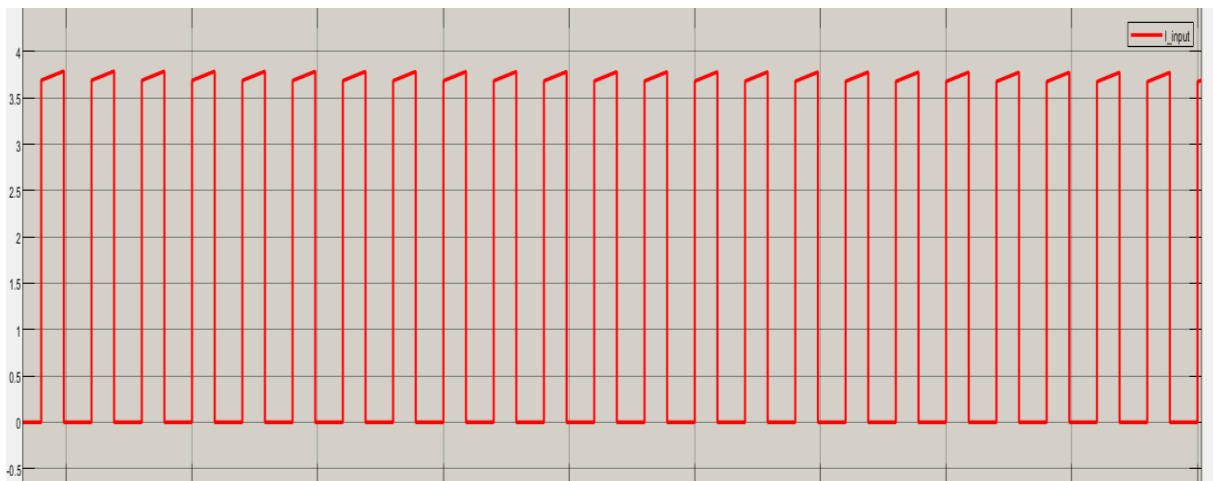


Figure 8. Input current in ideal case

As there are some power losses due to non-idealities, the duty ratio increased to ensure to get the same parameters. Therefore, with the increase in duty ratio (D), input current will be much higher than before. As it can be seen on the graphs above.

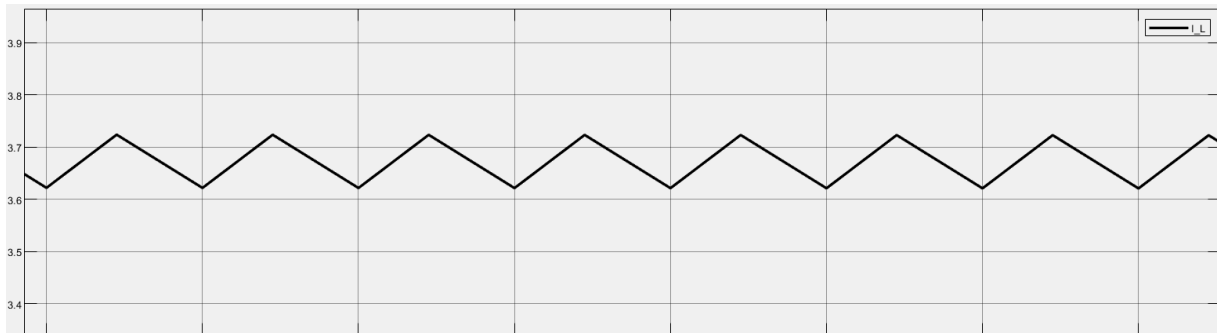


Figure 9. Inductor current in ideal case

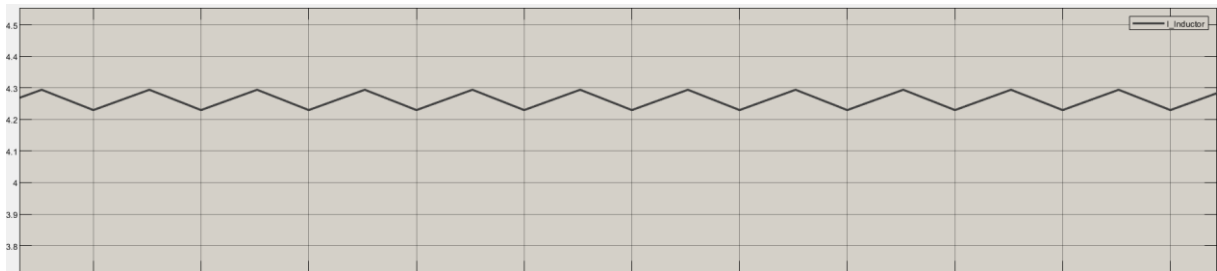


Figure 10. Inductor current with non-idealities

As the input current is increased with increase in duty ratio (D), the inductor current has also increased. However, as inductance is different and bigger than in ideal case, the current ripple in the inductor is decreased as expected.

There are some differences due to non-idealities like ESR of capacitor, inductor, or voltage drops in switching components. Also, on-resistances of the switching components.

2. Ćuk Converter Design

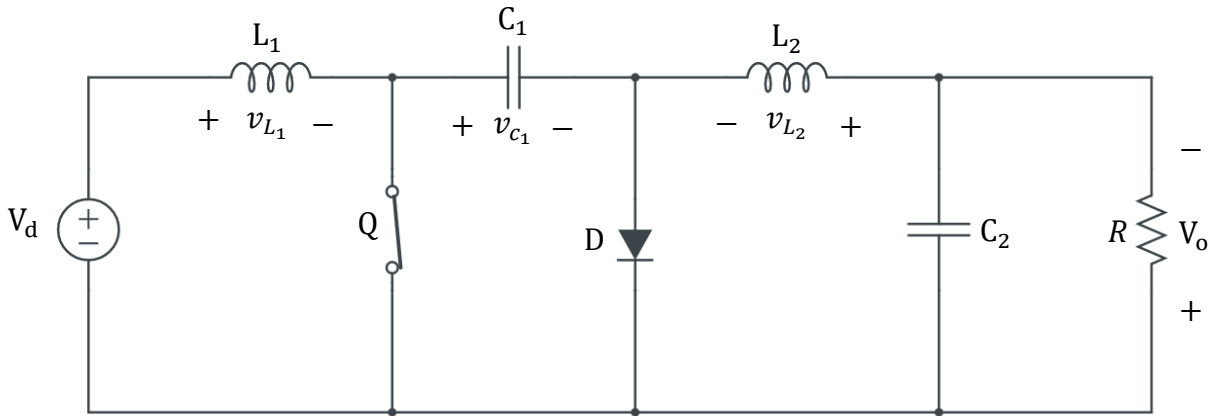


Figure 11. Ćuk converter circuit schematic

There are 2 modes in Ćuk converter, one is switch (Q) is ON and another one is switch (Q) is OFF.

OFF-State:

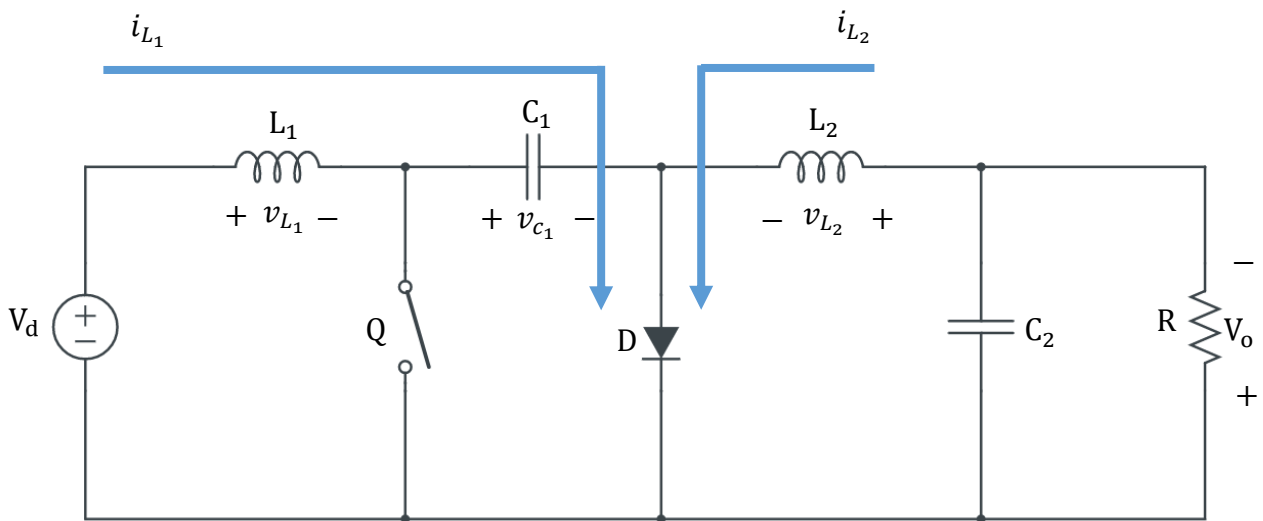


Figure 12. Switch (Q) is OFF

When the switch (Q) is OFF, i_{L_1} & i_{L_2} flow through the diode. The capacitor C_1 is charging through the diode by the energy from both V_d & L_1 . Current i_{L_1} decreases since $v_{c_1} > V_d$. Energy stored in L_2 feeds the output. Therefore, i_{L_2} also decreases.

ON-State:

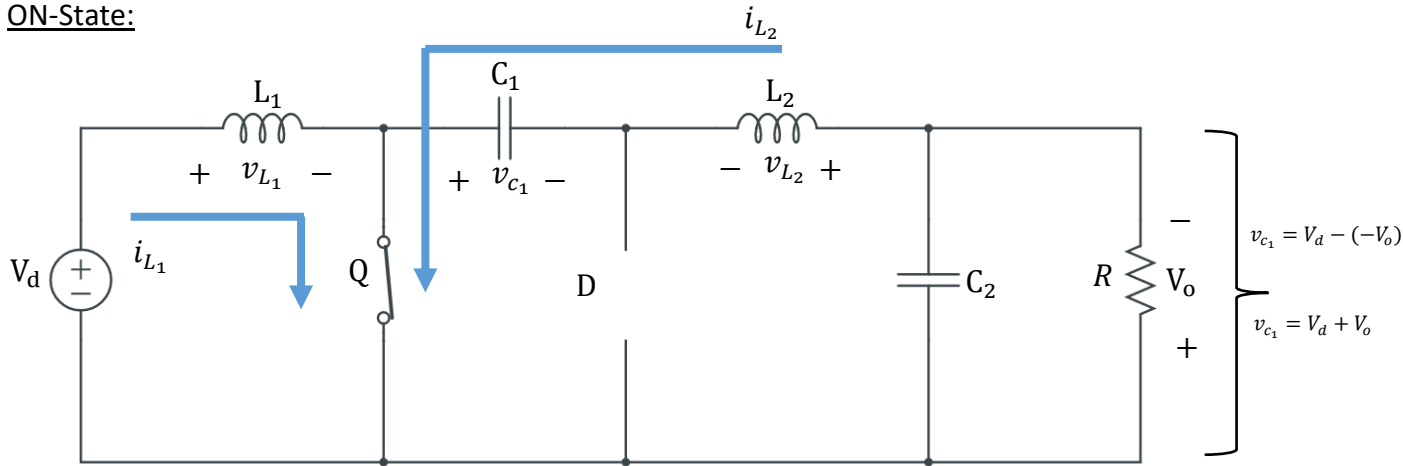


Figure 13. Switch (Q) is ON

As $v_{c_1} > V_o$, C_1 is discharging through the switch, transferring energy to the output & L_2 . Also, reverse biases the diode. Therefore, i_{L_2} increases. The input source V_d feeds L_1 causing i_{L_1} to increase.

The inductor current i_{L_1} & i_{L_2} are assumed to be continuous. The voltage & current expressions in steady-state can be obtained in two different ways.

ON-State

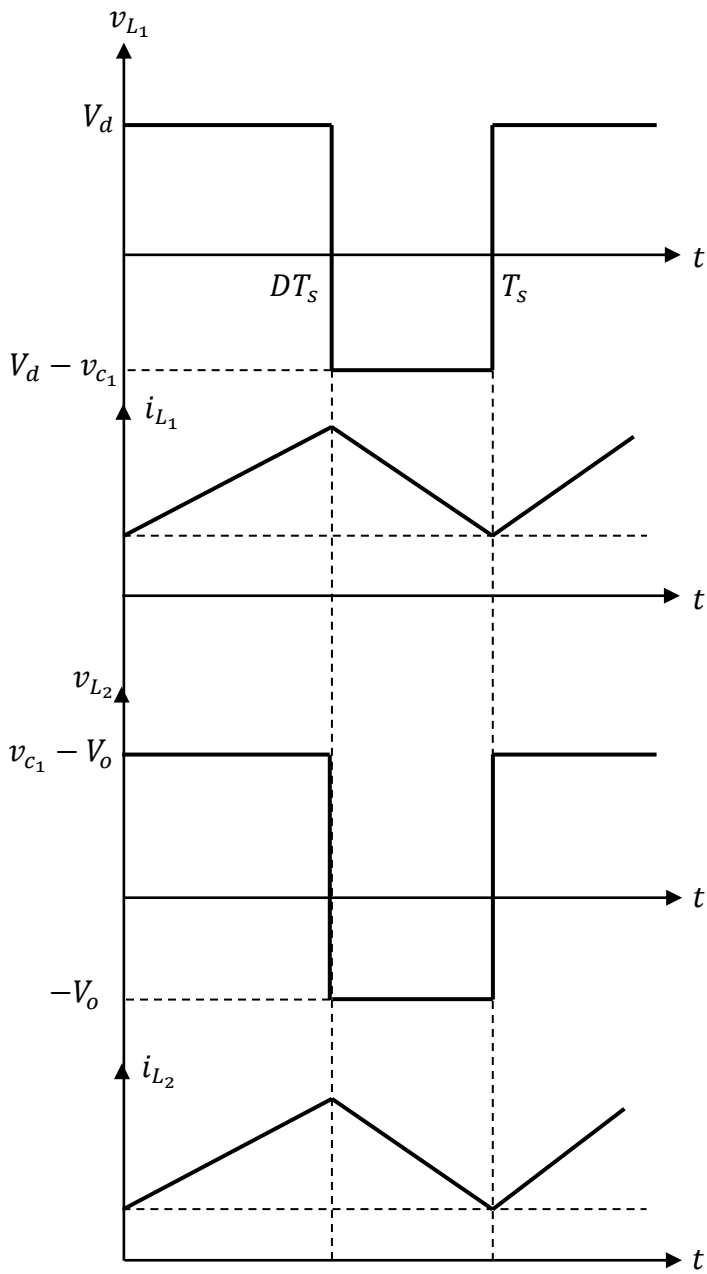
$$v_{L_1} = V_d \quad \rightarrow i_{L_1} \text{ increases}$$

$$v_{L_2} = v_{c_1} - V_o \quad \rightarrow i_{L_2} \text{ increases}$$

OFF-State

$$v_{L_1} = V_d - v_{c_1}, (v_{c_1} > V_d) \quad \rightarrow i_{L_1} \text{ decreases}$$

$$v_{L_2} = -V_o \quad \rightarrow i_{L_2} \text{ decreases}$$



From L_1 volt-second balance equation:

$$V_d DT_s + (V_d - v_{c_1})(1 - D)T_s = 0$$

$$V_d DT_s + V_d T_s - V_d DT_s - v_{c_1} T_s + v_{c_1} DT_s = 0$$

$$V_d T_s - v_{c_1} T_s + v_{c_1} DT_s = 0$$

$$V_d T_s = v_{c_1} T_s - v_{c_1} DT_s$$

$$V_d = v_{c_1}(1 - D)$$

$$v_{c_1} = \frac{V_d}{1-D} \quad \text{equation 1}$$

From L_2 volt-second balance equation:

$$(v_{c_1} - V_o)DT_s + (-V_o)(1-D)T_s = 0$$

$$v_{c_1}D - V_oD - V_o + V_oD = 0$$

$$v_{c_1} = \frac{V_o}{D} \quad \text{equation 2}$$

From equation 1 & 2

$$v_{c_1} = \frac{V_d}{1-D} \quad \& \quad v_{c_1} = \frac{V_o}{D}$$

$$\frac{V_o}{D} = \frac{V_d}{1-D}$$

Transfer function of Ćuk converter is

$$\frac{V_o}{V_d} = \frac{D}{1-D}$$

$$\frac{I_o}{I_d} = \frac{1-D}{D}$$

Where

$$I_{L_1} = I_d$$

$$I_{L_2} = I_o$$

$$V_o = V_d \frac{D}{1-D}$$

Ćuk converter can be operated in both buck converter or boost converter depends on the duty cycle (D). However, output voltage is a negative. It is a inverting converter.

To recap, in the buck converter, discontinuous input current we have. In the boost converter, we have discontinuous output current, in the buck-boost converter we have discontinuous current on both the input as well as on the output side.

That means, we encounter such EMI problems in discontinuous converters. However, with the Ćuk converter, EMI problems can be minimized. If EMI problems are important for a design, Ćuk converter is a better solution for it.

- a) Calculate the required output capacitor, C_2 , value in order to have 2% voltage ripple, and find the values of L_1 , L_2 inductances by assuming 10% ripple current.

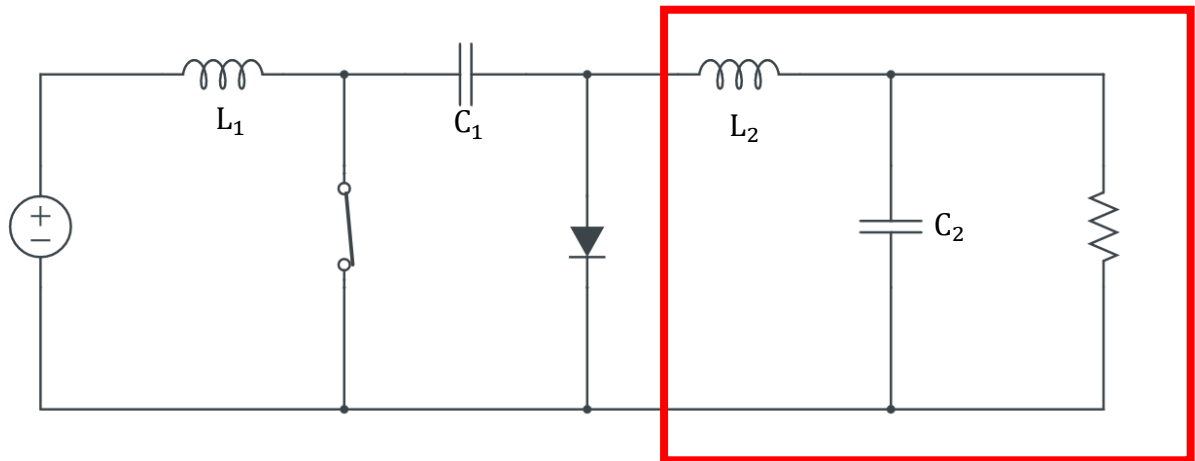


Figure 14. Ćuk converter circuit schematic

It can be said that right side of the Ćuk converter is similar to buck converter as seen in above figure. Therefore, the voltage ripple at the output can be derived from buck converter:

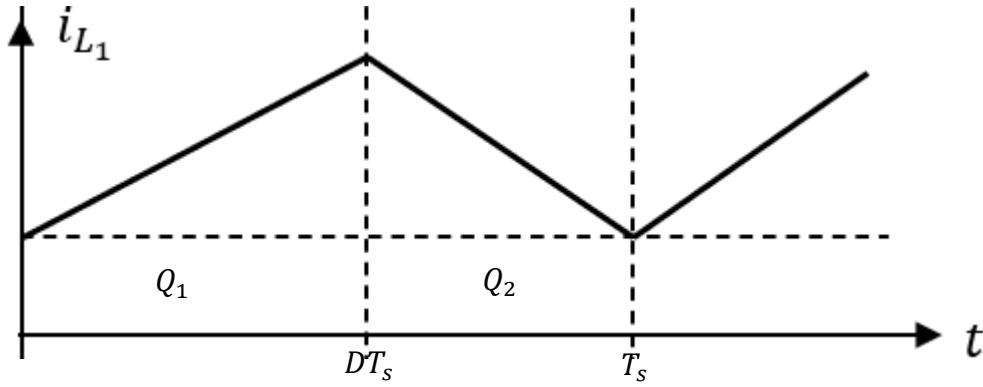
$$\Delta V_o = \frac{T_s^2 \cdot V_o (1 - D)}{8L_2 C_2}$$

$$\Delta V_o = 0.02 = \frac{V_o (1 - D)}{8L_2 C_2 f_s^2}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{V_o (1 - D)}{8L_2 \times 0.02 f_s^2}$$

To find the value of C_2 , L_2 should be known.

We assume we are in CCM



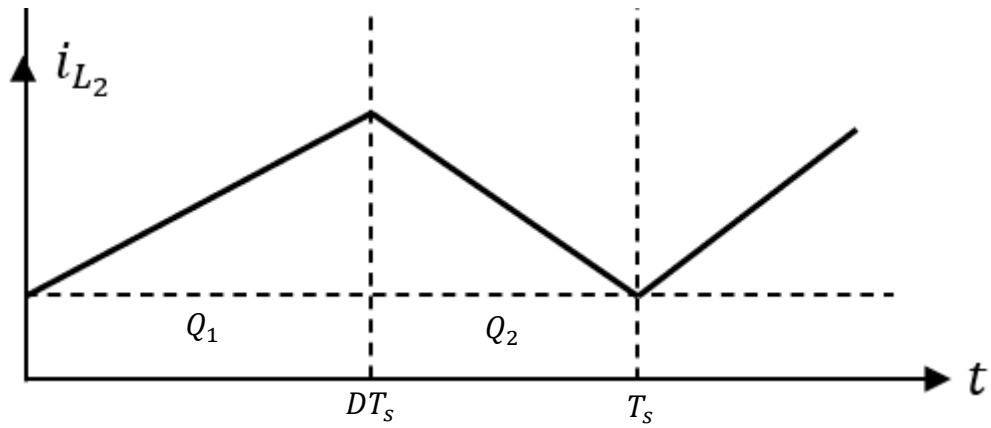
$$\Delta_{i_{L_1}} = \underbrace{\frac{V_d D T_s}{L_1}}_{Q_1 \text{ period}} = \underbrace{\frac{(v_{c_1} - V_d)(1 - D) T_s}{L_1}}_{Q_2 \text{ period}}$$

$$\Delta_{i_{L_1}} = \frac{V_d D T_s}{L_1} = \frac{V_d D}{L_1 f_s} = \frac{16 \times 0.43}{L_1 \times 50k}$$

Ripple at the inductor currents was given as 10%.

$$L_1 = \frac{16 \times 0.43}{\Delta_{i_{L_1}} \times 50k} = \frac{16 \times 0.43}{0.1 \times 50k}$$

$$L_1 = 1.38\text{mH}$$



$$\Delta_{i_{L_2}} = \underbrace{\frac{(v_{c_1} - V_o)DT_s}{L_2}}_{Q_1 \text{ period}} = \underbrace{\frac{V_o(1-D)T_s}{L_2}}_{Q_2 \text{ period}}$$

$$\Delta_{i_{L_2}} = 0.1 = \frac{V_o(1-D)T_s}{L_2}$$

$$\Delta_{i_{L_2}} = 0.1 = \frac{12 \times (1 - 0.43)}{L_2 \times f_s}$$

$$\Delta_{i_{L_2}} = 0.1 = \frac{12 \times (1 - 0.43)}{L_2 \times 50k}$$

$$L_2 = \frac{12 \times (1 - 0.43)}{\Delta_{i_{L_2}} \times 50k}$$

$$L_2 = \frac{12 \times (1 - 0.43)}{0.1 \times 50k}$$

$$L_2 = 1.37\text{mH}$$



The fact is ripple at the inductor currents are same, so inductor values should be same.

Let's assure that the converter is working at CCM.

$$I_d = I_{L1,avg}$$

$$I_{L1,avg} = \frac{D}{1-D} I_{o,avg}$$

$$I_{o,avg} = \frac{P_o}{V_o} = \frac{24W}{12V} = 2A$$

$$I_{L1,avg} = \frac{0.43}{1-0.43} \times 2 = 1.51A$$

For both ON and OFF-States

$$I_{L2,avg} = I_{o,avg} = 2A$$

$$\Delta_{i_{L1}} \ll I_{L1,avg}$$
$$\Delta_{i_{L2}} \ll I_{L2,avg}$$

Therefore, CCM is verified.

Percentage error of the inductors:

$$\frac{\Delta_{i_{L1}}}{I_{L1,avg}} = \frac{0.1}{1.51} = 0.067 = 6.7\%$$

$$\frac{\Delta_{i_{L2}}}{I_{L2,avg}} = \frac{0.1}{2} = 0.05 = 5\%$$

For capacitor C_2

$$C_2 = \frac{V_o(1-D)}{8L_2 \times 0.02f_s^2}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{12(1-0.43)}{8 \times 1.38m \times 0.02f_s^2} = 12.4\mu F$$

$$C_2 = 12.4\mu F$$

b) Find the value of C_1 capacitor by assuming 10% ripple voltage.

$i_{c_1} = C_1 \frac{\Delta v_{c_1}}{\Delta T}$, and $i_{c_1} = I_o$ during D period, $i_{c_1} = I_{L_1} = I_d$ during $1-D$ period.

$$\Delta v_{c_1} = \frac{I_{L_1} \times (1-D)T_s}{C_1} = \frac{I_o \times D \times T_s}{C_1}$$

I_{L_1} is found as 1.51A, I_o is found as 2A, $D = 0.43$.

$$\Delta v_{c_1} = \frac{I_{L_1} \times (1-D)}{C_1 f_s} = \frac{1.51 \times (1-0.43)}{C_1 \times 50k}$$

$$C_1 = \frac{1.51 \times (1-0.43)}{\Delta v_{c_1} \times 50k} = \frac{1.51 \times (1-0.43)}{0.1 \times 50k}$$

$$C_1 = 0.173mF \approx 0.18mF$$

To ensure the value is correct, let's calculate from D period.

$$\Delta v_{c_1} = \frac{I_o \times D \times T_s}{C_1} = \frac{I_o \times D}{C_1 \times f_s}$$

$$C_1 = \frac{I_o \times D}{\Delta v_{c_1} \times f_s} = \frac{2 \times 0.43}{0.1 \times 50k} = 0.173mF \approx 0.18mF$$

$$C_1 = 0.18mF$$

As it supposed to be that $C_1 \gg C_2$

- c) According to your calculations, find commercial products for capacitors, inductors and semiconductors from Digikey. State the parameters of devices. Explain your reasoning for selections.

$$L_1 = L_2 = 1.38\text{mH}$$

$$C_2 = 12.4\mu\text{F}$$

$$C_1 = 0.18\text{mF}$$

The inductor values are same with the buck-boost converter, so the inductor found in the buck-boost design can be used for Ćuk converter.

The appropriate inductor is: [CTDR4F-222K](#)

It has DC resistance (DCR) 0.494Ω

$$I_{sat}(A) = 4.00A$$

Cost: Does not specified. Assumed it is \$3/unit

For

$$C_2 = 12.4\mu\text{F}$$

There is no available capacitance such $12.4\mu\text{F}$. Therefore, the closest one is $20\mu\text{F}$

[TE1090-E3](#)

Rated Voltage = 6V, C = $20\mu\text{F}$

No ESR specified

Price: \$4.84/unit

For

$$C_1 = 0.18mF = 180\mu F$$

C_1 should be able to handle $V_d + V_o$ which is $16V + 12V = 28V$

In Digikey, 180 μF 28V capacitor is not available; however, 180 μF 35V is available for purchase.

[EEU-FR1V181B](#)

ESR: 0.056Ω

Price: \$0.68/unit

For MOSFET (Switch)

[DMG3418L-7](#)

$$V_{DSS} = 30V$$

$$I_D = 4 \text{ or } 3.1A$$

$$ESR = 70m\Omega$$

Price: \$0.43/unit

For Diode

[SK44BL-TP](#)

$$V_{R(MAX)} = 40V$$

$$I_{o(avg)} = 4A$$

$$V_F = 0.450V$$

Price: \$0.45/unit

d) Construct the Ćuk converter in Simulink with non-idealities and check if the circuit meets the requirements. Plot the following waveforms. Comment on the results and explain if you observe any discrepancy from analytical calculations.

- Output voltage
- C_1 voltage
- L_1, L_2 currents

Ideal Case:

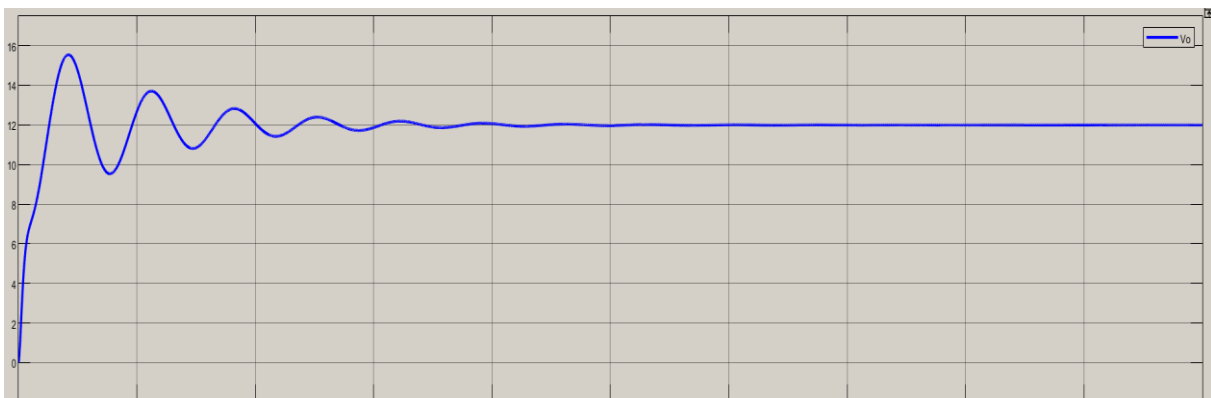


Figure 15. Output voltage waveform

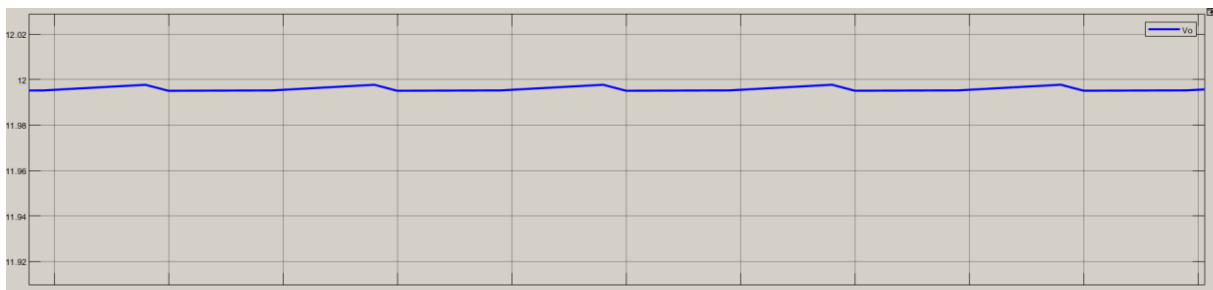


Figure 16. Output voltage ripple in ideal case

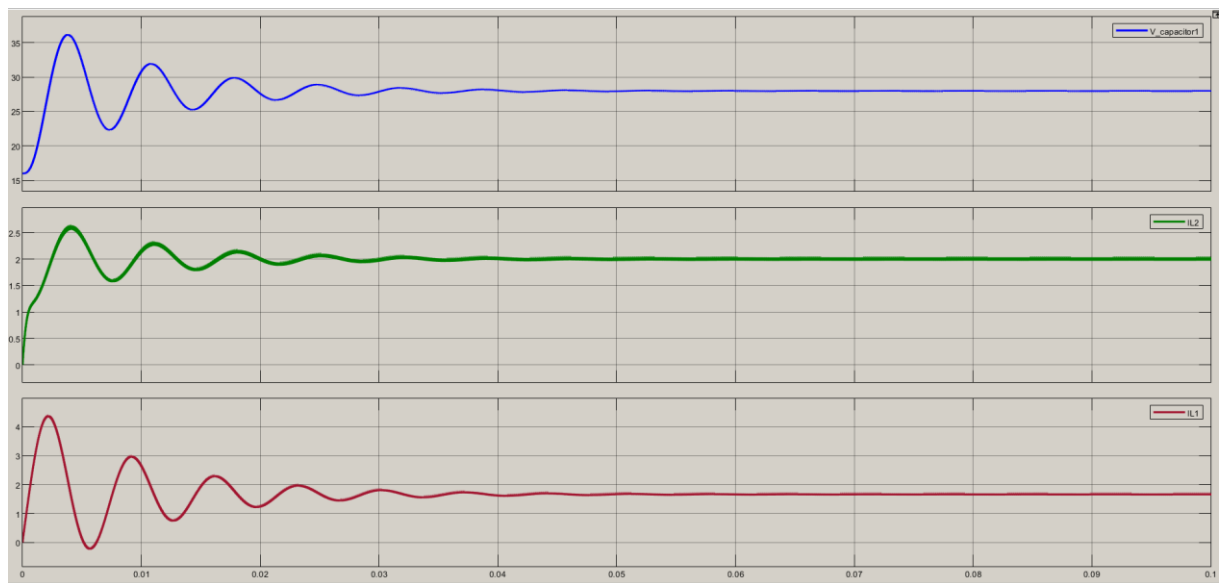


Figure 17. C1 voltage & L1, L2 currents waveforms in ideal case

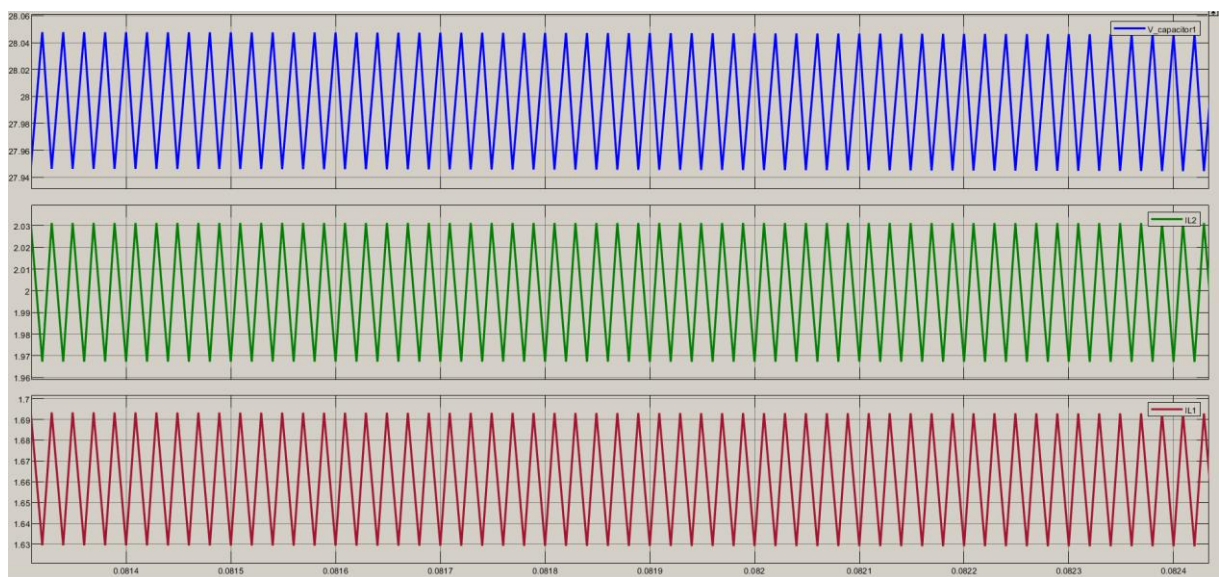


Figure 18. C1 voltage, L1 & L2 currents ripples in ideal case

With Non-idealities

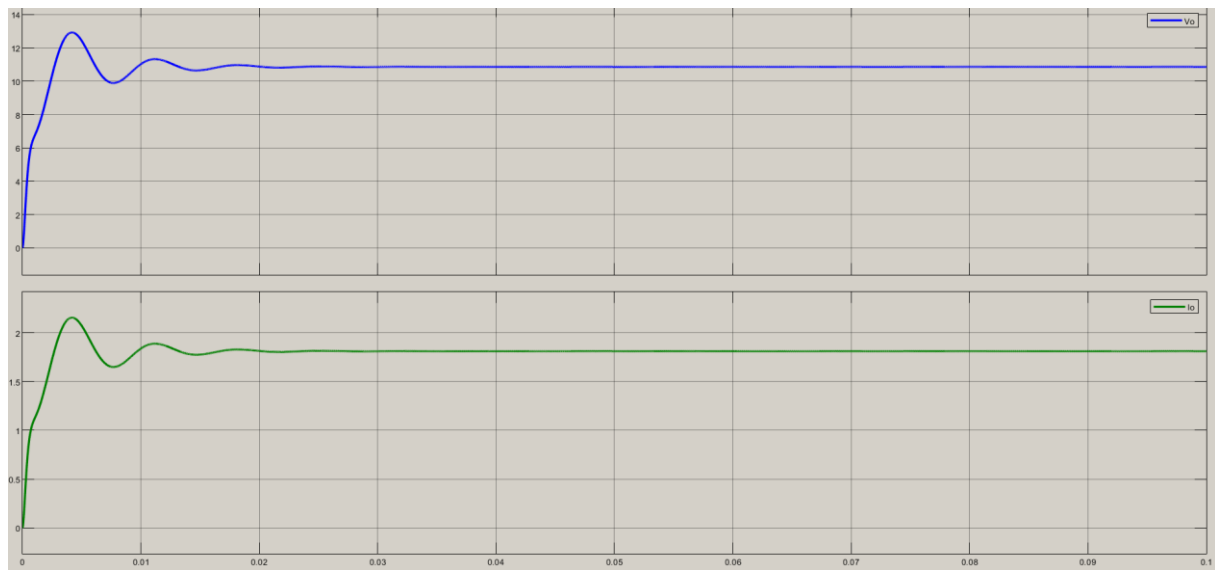


Figure 19. Output voltage & current waveform with non-idealities

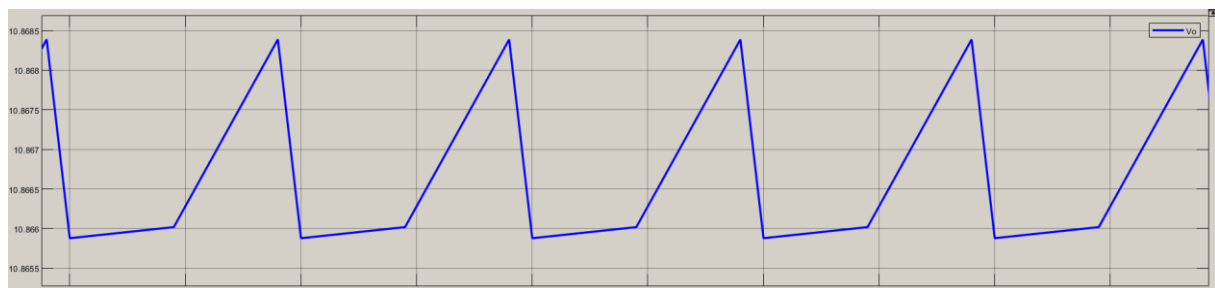


Figure 20. Output voltage ripple with non-idealities



Figure 21. C1 voltage, L1 & L2 current waveforms with non-idealities

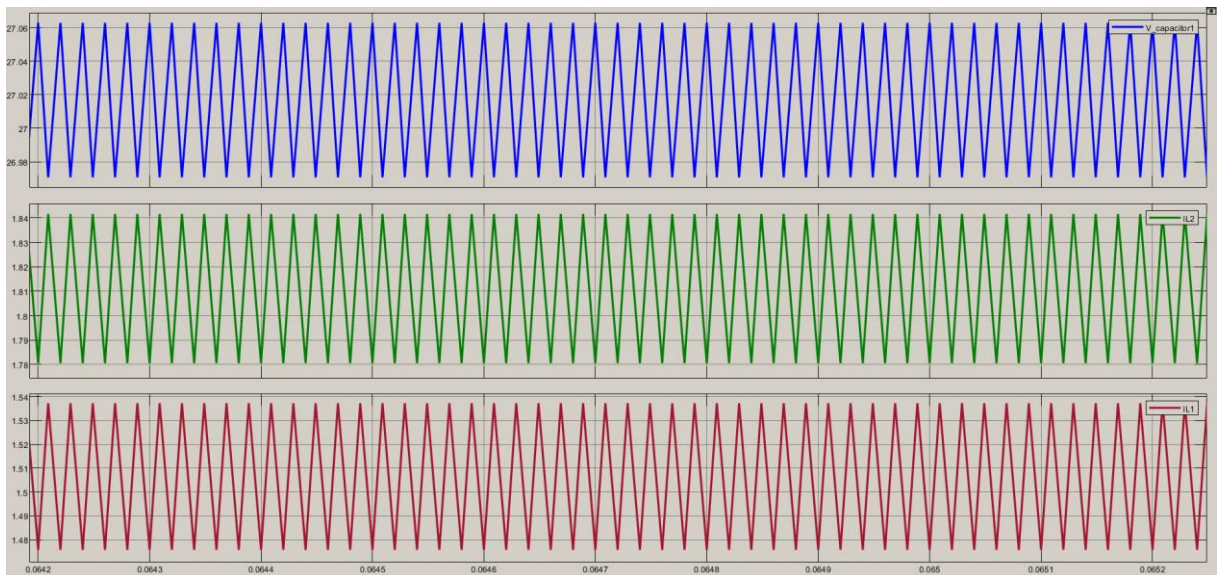


Figure 22. Voltage and current ripples on C1, L1 & L2 with non-idealities

Results:

The results are close to the desired specifications. However, losses in the components due to ESR or any other non-idealities, It is expected to reduce voltage drops across the load or components. However, it can be observed that the ripples will remain same because there is no change in capacitance or inductance values. However, duty ratio is increased to 48%. (Was 45% in ideal case). Also, we can say that the time to reach steady-state condition is reduced.

3. SEPIC (Single Ended Primay Inductor Converter)

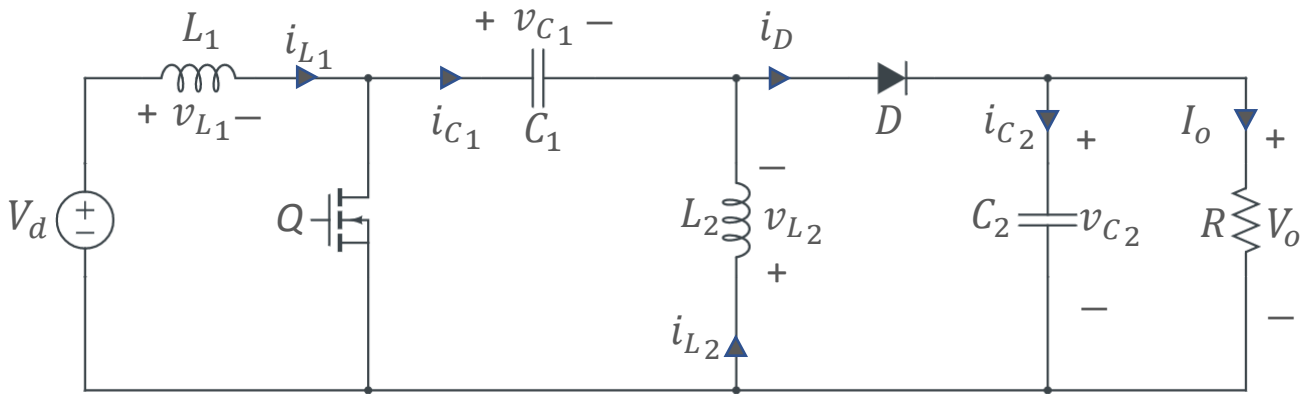


Figure 23. SEPIC (Single Ended Primary Inductor Converter) circuit schematic

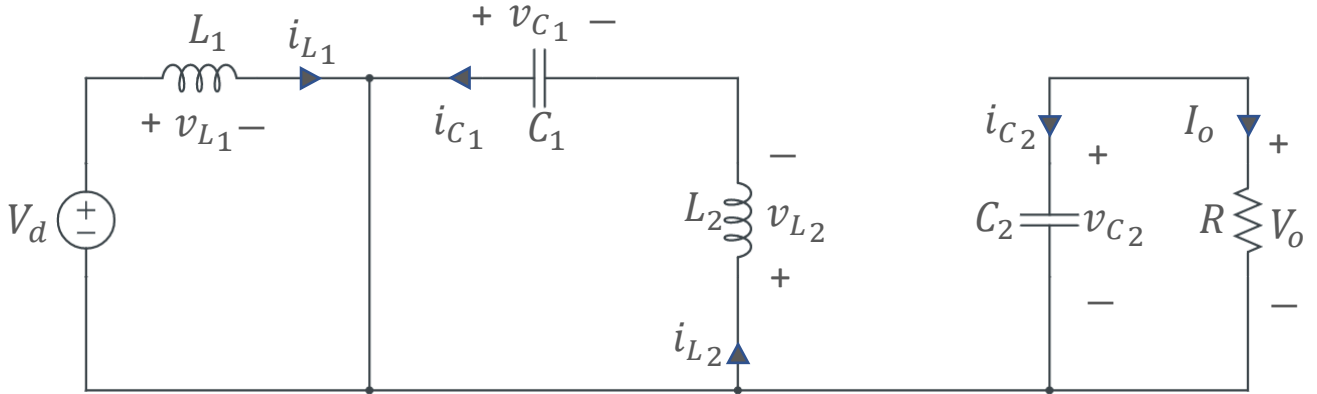


Figure 24. SEPIC ON-state circuit

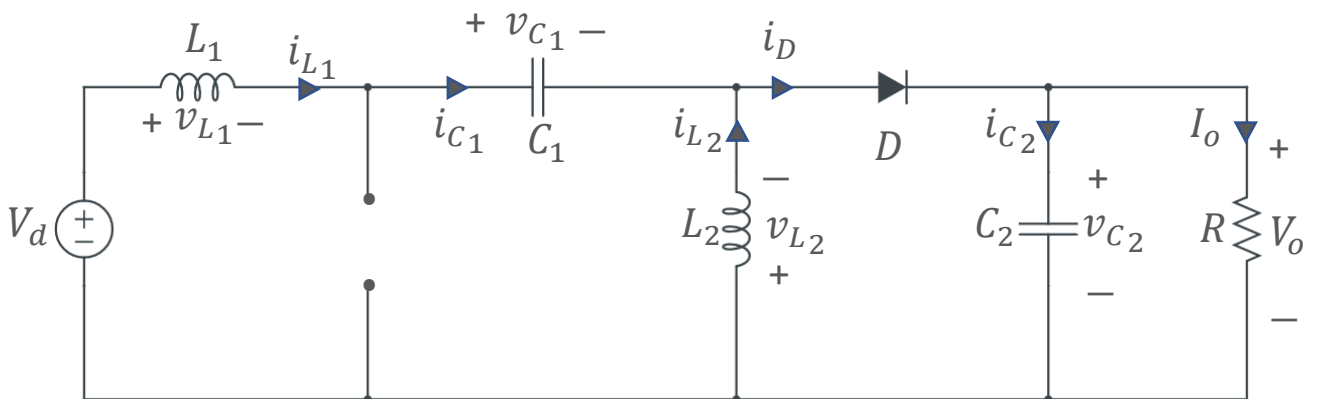


Figure 25. SEPIC OFF-state circuit

During ON-state

$$V_{L1} = V_d$$

$$V_{L2} = V_{C1}$$

From KVL:

$$-V_d + V_{L1} + V_{C1} + V_{L2} = 0$$

Volt-second balance must remain:

$$V_{L1} = 0 \quad \& \quad V_{L2} = 0$$

Therefore;

$$-V_d + V_{C1} = 0$$

$$V_{C1} = V_d$$

Rewrite V_{L2} equation

$$V_{L2} = V_d$$

During OFF-state

$$V_{L1} = -V_d + V_{C1} - V_o$$

$$V_{L2} = -V_o$$

Rewrite V_{L1} equation:

$$V_{L1} = -V_d + V_{C1} - V_o$$

$$V_{L1} = -V_d + V_d - V_o$$

$$V_{L1} = -V_o$$

To recap the equations:

ON-state:

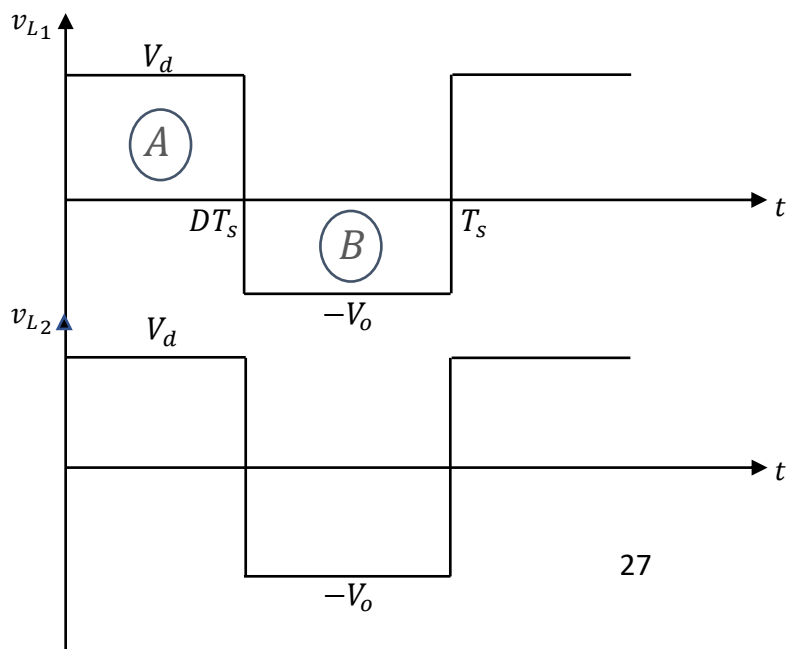
$$V_{L1} = V_d$$

$$V_{L2} = V_d$$

OFF-state:

$$V_{L1} = -V_o$$

$$V_{L2} = -V_o$$



Volt-second balance equation must be continued to remain safety of the circuit.

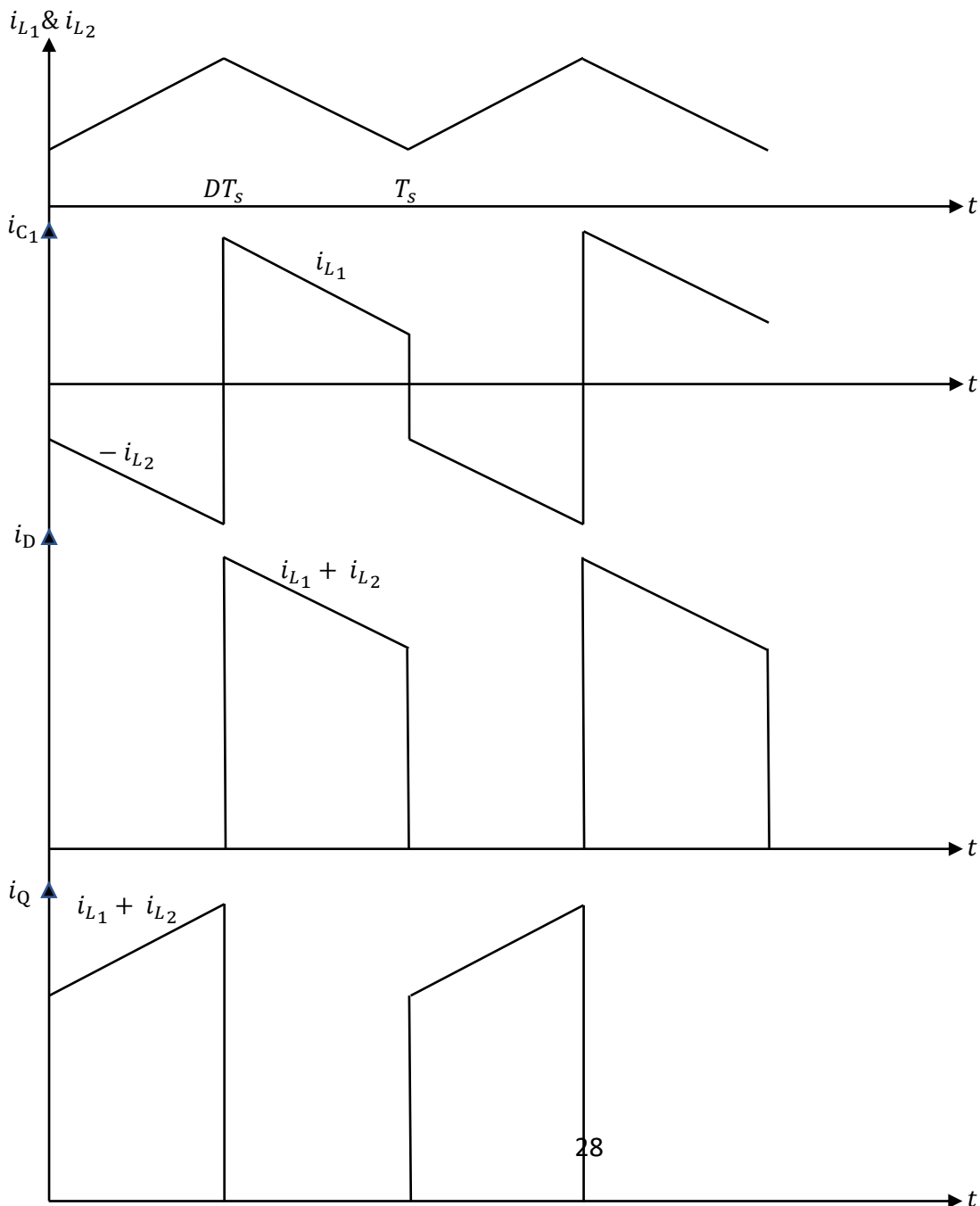
Therefore, area A & area B must be equal in magnitude and cancel each other.

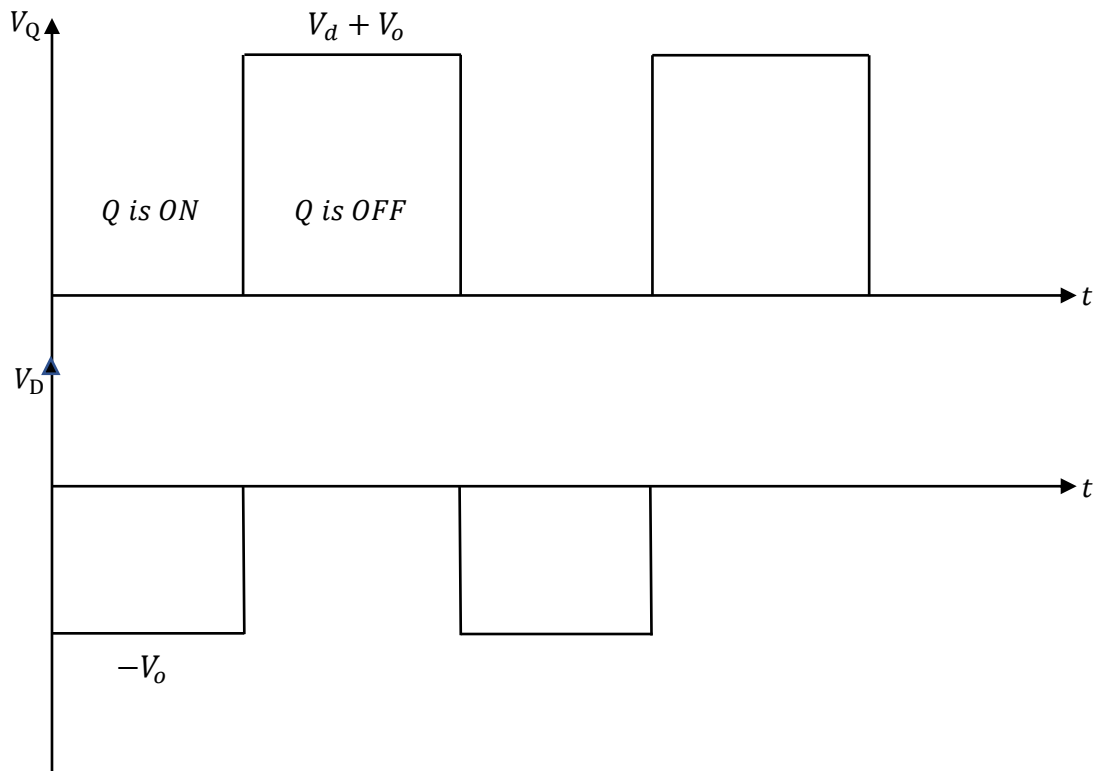
$$V_d D T_s + (-V_o)(1 - D) T_s = 0$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_d} = \frac{D}{1 - D}$$

It is same with Buck-Boost and Ćuk converter, but it is positive polarity at the output. In Buck-Boost and Ćuk, the converters have negative polarity at the output. Also, the difference here in SEPIC converter is ability to shutdown completely (When the switch is OFF).

Let's see voltage & current waveforms to see the behaviour of the converter:





For V_Q , If Kirchhoff's Voltage Law is applied on the circuit below with yellow path:

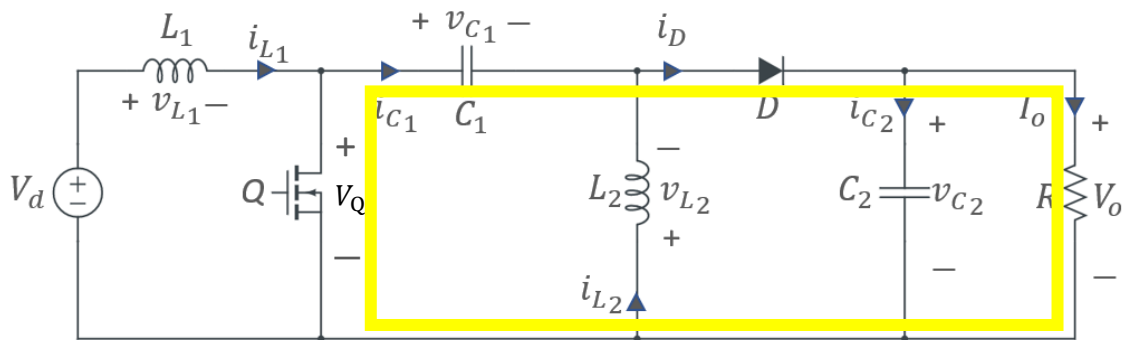


Figure 26. SEPIC is in OFF-state

$$-V_Q + V_{C1} + V_o = 0$$

As we found $V_{C1} = V_d$:

$V_Q = V_d + V_o$ during OFF-state.

- a) Calculate the required output capacitor, C_2 , value in order to have 2% voltage ripple, and find the value of L_1 , L_2 inductances by assuming 10% ripple current.

To calculate the inductors L_1 & L_2 :

First, it is necessary to find duty ratio (D) first.

As it is found in the previous pages:

$$\frac{V_o}{V_d} = \frac{D}{1-D}$$

$$\frac{12}{16} = \frac{D}{1-D}$$

$$D = 0.43 \text{ or } 43\%$$

$$V_{L_1} = L_1 \frac{di_{L_1}}{dt}$$

$$V_{L_1} = L_1 \frac{\Delta i_{L_1}}{\Delta T}$$

During ON-state (DT_s):

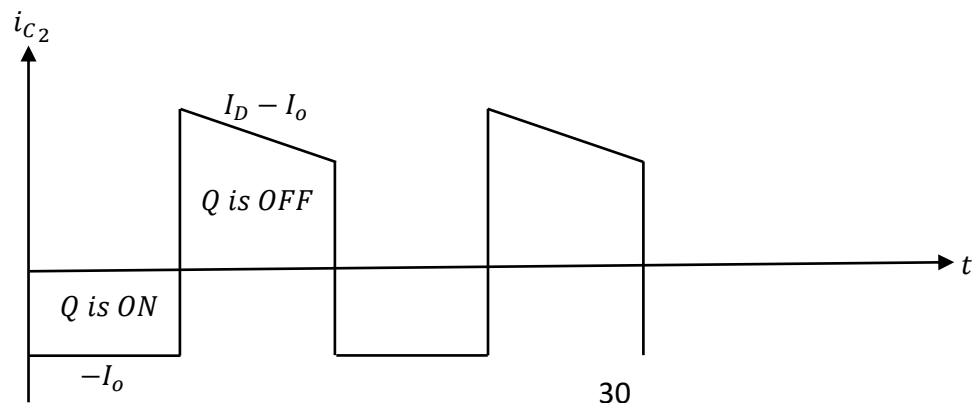
$$V_{L_1} = V_d \quad \& \quad \Delta T = DT_s$$

$$L_1 = \frac{V_d DT_s}{\Delta i_{L_1}}, \text{ where } T_s = \frac{1}{f_s}$$

$$L_1 = \frac{16 \times 0.43}{0.1 \times 50k} = 1.38mH$$

$$L_1 = L_2 = 1.38mH$$

To calculate C_2 values, we need to determine the current of the capacitor C_2 .



$$i_{c_2} = C_2 \frac{dV_c}{dt} = C_2 \frac{\Delta V_c}{\Delta T}$$

$$V_{C_2} = V_o$$

$$i_{c_2} = -I_o \text{ during ON-state}$$

$$\Delta t = DT_s$$

$$C_2 = \frac{-I_o DT_s}{\Delta V_c}$$

$$I_o = 24W/12V = 2A$$

$$C_2 = \frac{2 \times 0.43}{0.02 \times 50k}$$

$$C_2 = 860\mu F$$

b) Find the value of C_1 capacitor by assuming 10% ripple voltage.

To find C_1 , capacitor C_1 current must be known.

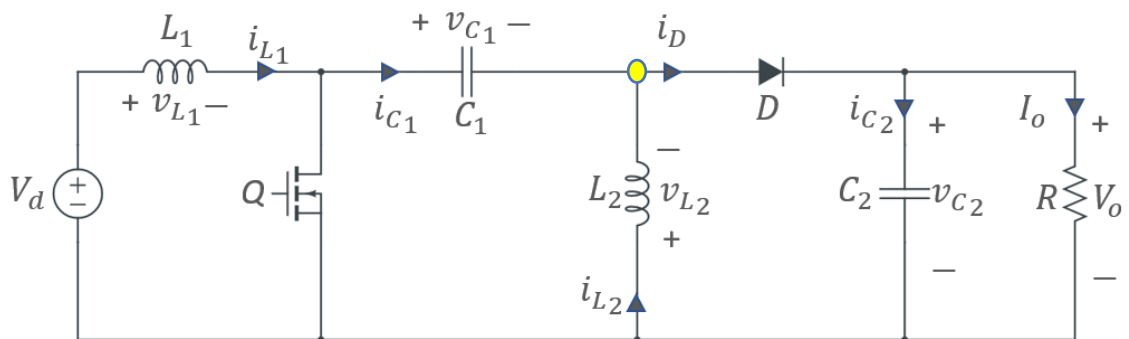
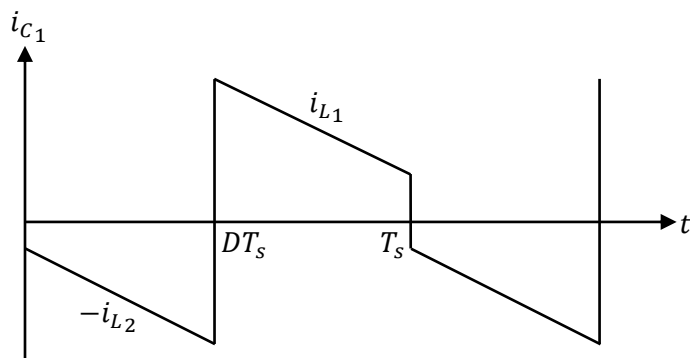


Figure 27. SEPIC circuit schematic

KCL at the yellow point:

$$-i_{C_1} - i_{L_2} + i_D = 0$$

$$i_{L_2} = i_D - i_{C_1}$$

$$i_D = i_{C_2} + I_o$$

Substitute i_D equation into i_{L_2} equation:

$$i_{L_2} = i_{C_2} + I_o - i_{C_1}$$

It is known that steady-state operation the capacitor net charge or charge-second balance on a capacitor is equal to zero.

Therefore; average current through the capacitor is $i_{C_2} \& i_{C_1} = 0$

$$i_{L_2} = I_o$$

Now, it is possible to calculate the capacitor C_1

$$i_{C_1} = C_1 \frac{dV_c}{dt} = C_1 \frac{\Delta V_c}{\Delta T}$$

$$C_1 = i_{C_1} \times \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta V_c}$$

Because average value of i_{L_2} is found, the way of calculation became easier.

$$i_{C_1} = i_{L_2} = I_o$$

Also, it is known that ripple at capacitor C_1 is 10%.

$$C_1 = \frac{I_o \times DT_s}{\Delta V_c}, \quad I_o \text{ can be replaced as } I_o = \frac{V_o}{R} \text{ and } T_s = 1/f_s$$

$$C_1 = \frac{V_o D}{R f_s \Delta V_c}$$

$$C_1 = \frac{2 \times 0.43}{0.1 \times 50k} = 172\mu F$$

$$C_1 = 172\mu F$$

For switching components, Q needs to block positive voltage and positive current, D should block negative voltage and positive current. That means, Q can be IGBT, BJT or MOSFET. D is obviously is diode.

Q must block $V_d + V_o$

D must block $-V_o$

To recap:

$$L_1 = L_2 = 1.38mH$$

$$C_1 = 172\mu F$$

$$V_{C_1} = V_d = 16V$$

$$C_2 = 860\mu F$$

$$V_{C_2} = V_o = 12V$$

MOSFET must block 28V

Diode should block $-12V$

Because, the inductor values are the same with the previous topologies' values, it is better to use same inductor to compare accurately.

The appropriate inductor is: [CTDR4F-222K](#)

It has DC resistance (DCR) 0.494Ω

$$I_{sat}(A) = 4.00A$$

Cost: Does not specified. Assumed it is \$3/unit

Capacitor C_1

16V, 180 μ F

[860020373009](#)

No ESR or ESL specified

Unit price: \$0.16/unit

Capacitor C_2

12V, 1000 μ F

[672D108F012DS5D](#)

0.06 ESR specified.

Unit price: \$5.5

For MOSFET (Switch)

[DMG3418L-7](#)

$V_{DSS} = 30V$

$I_D = 4 \text{ or } 3.1A$

ESR = 70m Ω

Price: \$0.43/unit

For Diode

[DFLS220L-7](#)

$V_r = 20V$

$V_F = 0.42V \text{ at } 2A$

Price: \$0.23/unit

The simulation results are:

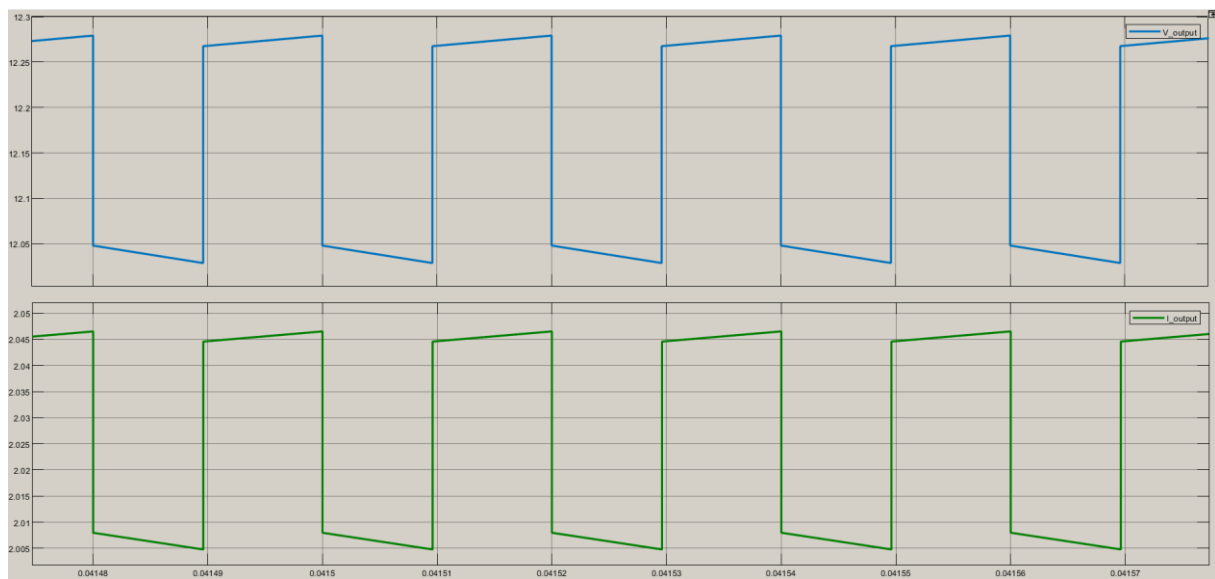


Figure 28. Output voltage and current waveform

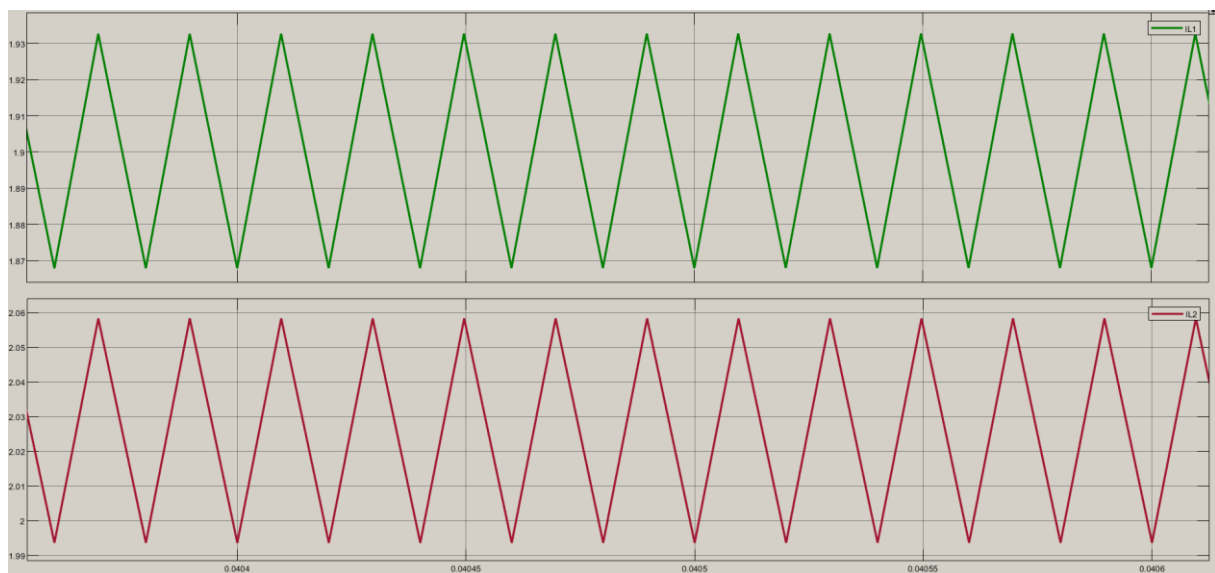


Figure 29. Inductor currents $IL1$ & $IL2$

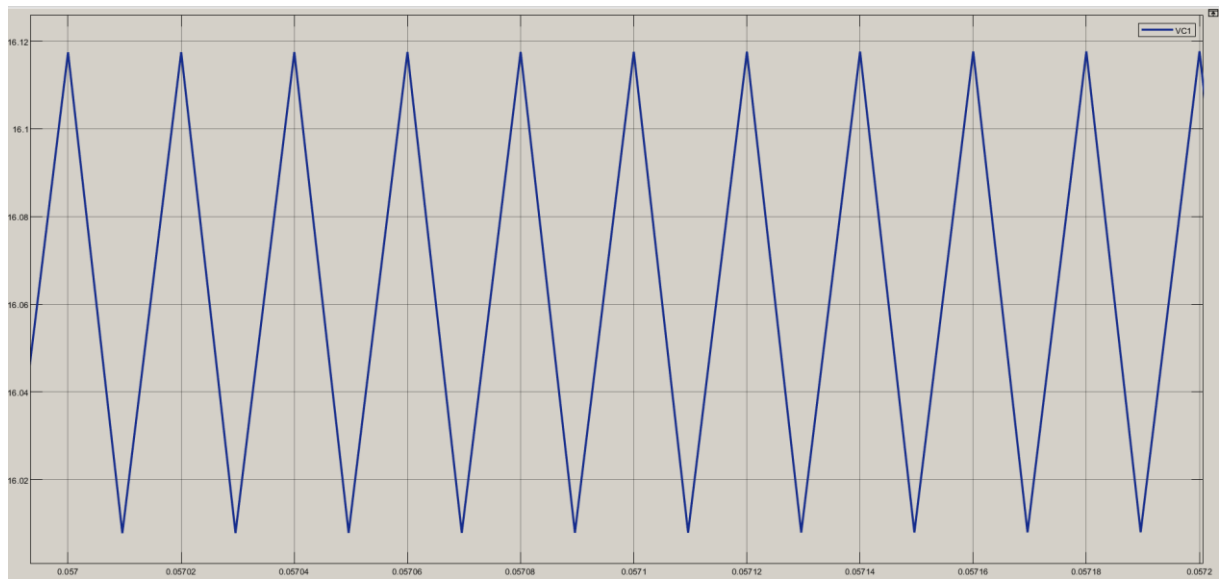


Figure 30. C1 voltage waveform

As it can be observed, all the specifications are met and in the given range. However, duty ratio (D) is not 43%, but 48% due to losses due to non-idealities. Therefore, duty cycle ratio has been increased.

4. Comparison between topologies

- a) Create a table which shows all the circuit components that you have used in your design with their costs.

Topology	Output Voltage Polarity	Switching Component	Diode	L_1	L_2	C_1	C_2	Total Price
Buck-Boost Converter	—	DMG3418L-7	SSB43LE3/52T	CTDR4F-222K	CTDR4F-222K	16SEPF1000M	×	\$9.35
Price		\$0.43	\$0.6	\$3	\$3	\$2.32	×	
Ćuk Converter	—	DMG3418L-7	SK44BL-TP	CTDR4F-222K	CTDR4F-222K	EEU-FR1V181B	TE1090-E3	\$12.4
Price		\$0.43	\$0.45	\$3	\$3	\$0.68	\$4.84	
SEPIC	+	DMG3418L-7	DFLS220L-7	CTDR4F-222K	CTDR4F-222K	860020373009	672D108F012DS5D	\$12.32
Price		\$0.43	\$0.23	\$3	\$3	\$0.16	\$5.5	

- b) According to your analytical calculations and simulation results, list the advantages and disadvantages of each converter topology and comment on the input current waveforms.

In Buck-Boost converter:

- Sharp edges on input currents create EMI problems
- Supplies a negative voltage. (Inverting converter)

In Ćuk Converter:

- Supplies a negative voltage (Inverting converter)
- Reduced EMI & bi-directional power flow
- C_1 should be large like $V_{C_1} = V_d + V_o$ (Disadvantage)
- Double-ended: Inductors placed at both the input and output side, therefore; the current on both side never goes to zero (no sharp edge)

In SEPIC:

- Supplies a positive polarity voltage
- Possible to shutdown completely (when the switch is OFF)
- Reduced EMI compared to Buck-Boost Converter
- Single-ended: An inductor placed in primary end, but not in the output end

- c) Which one of these three topologies would you choose considering circuit components used in the circuit? Explain why did you choose that specific topology and why did not you choose other two topologies. What might be the case in which other two topologies are more suitable?

If EMI problems are being considered first, I will go through Ćuk converter, but If a needs to shutdown input source side completely and EMI is still being considered, it is better to go for SEPIC. However, If EMI problems are not considered and money should be the case, go for Buck-Boost converter.

MATLAB .slx files can be found in the repository.

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