

EE 238

Power Engineering - II

Power Electronics

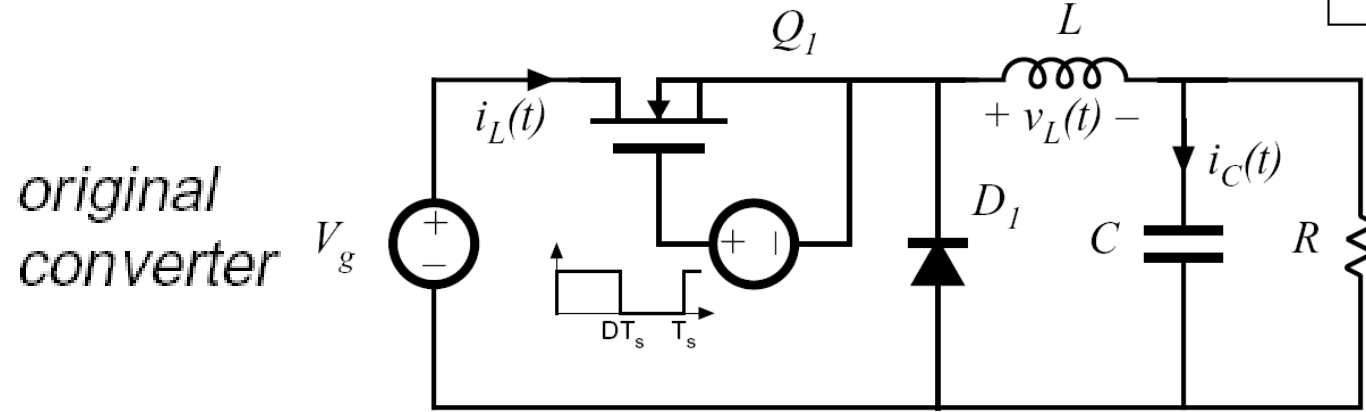
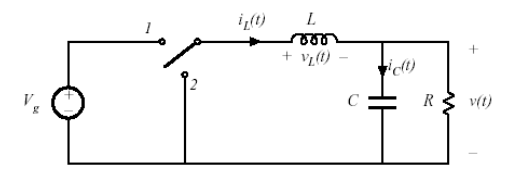


Lecture 7

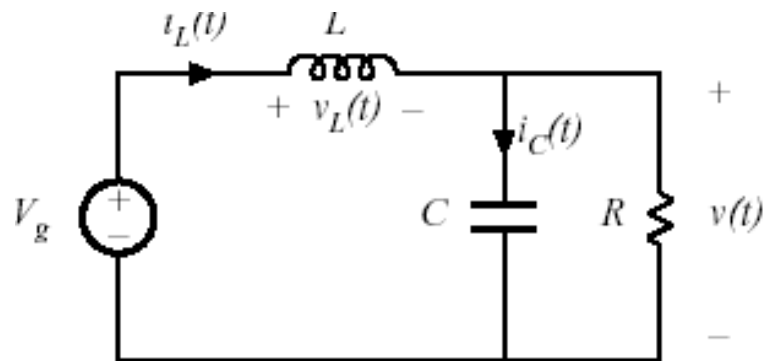
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Buck converter analysis:

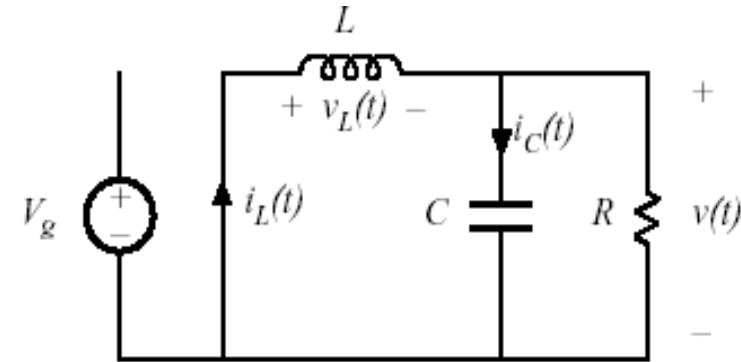


switch in position 1



During the interval when the switch is on, the diode becomes reverse biased and the input provides energy to the load as well as to the inductor.

switch in position 2

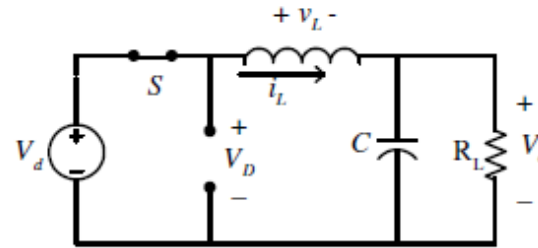


During the interval when the switch is off, the inductor current flows through the diode, transferring some of its stored energy to the load.

Buck converter analysis:

Switch is turned on (closed)

- Diode is reversed biased.
- Switch conducts inductor current



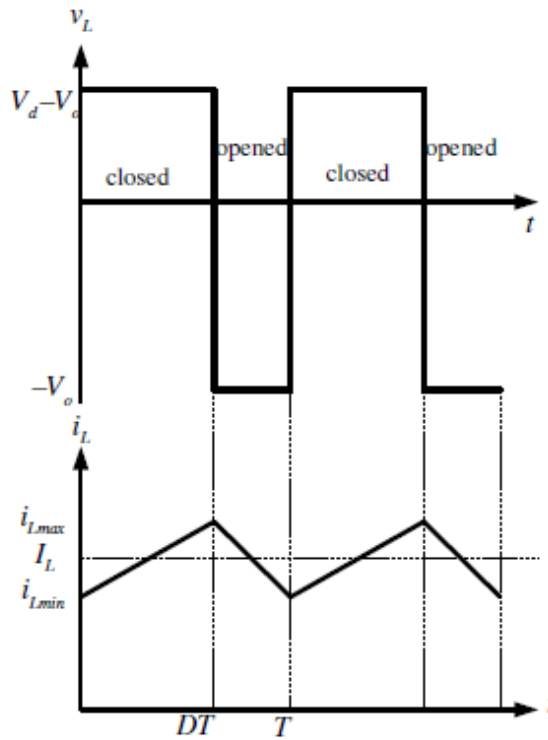
- This results in positive inductor voltage, i.e:

$$v_L = V_d - V_o$$

- It causes linear increase in the inductor current

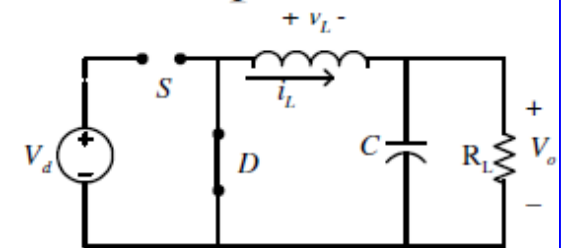
$$v_L = L \frac{di_L}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow i_L = \frac{1}{L} \int v_L dt$$

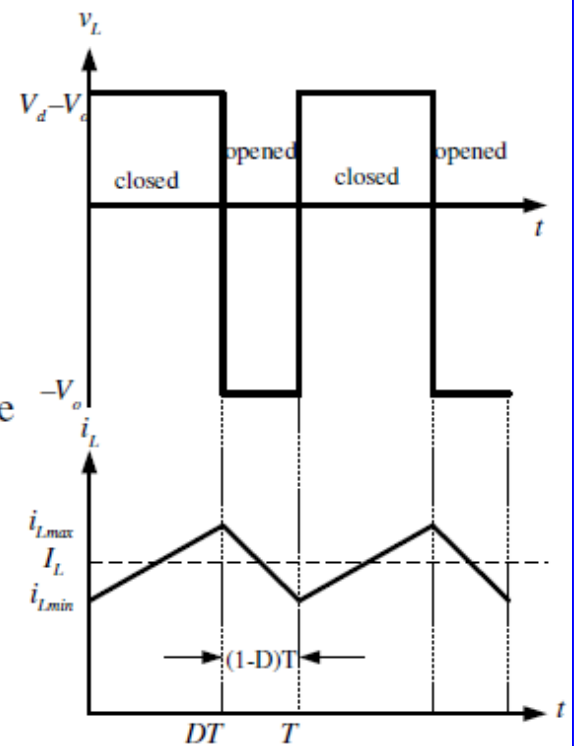


Switch turned off (opened)

- Because of inductive energy storage, i_L continues to flow.
- Diode is forward biased
- Current now flows (freewheeling) through the diode.
- The inductor voltage can be derived as:



$$v_L = -V_o$$



Buck converter Analysis

When the switch is closed (on) :

$$v_L = V_g - V = L \frac{di_L}{dt}$$

$$\frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{V_g - V}{L}$$

Derivative of i_L is a positive constant.
Therefore i_L must increase linearly.

From Figure

$$\frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{\Delta i_L}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta i_L}{DT} = \frac{V_g - V}{L}$$

$$(\Delta i_L)_{closed} = \left(\frac{V_g - V}{L} \right) \cdot DT$$

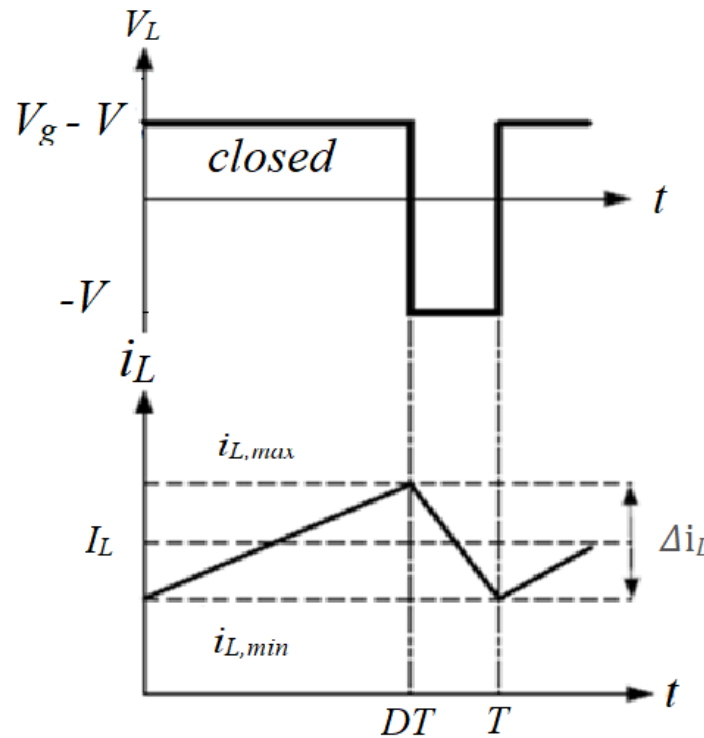
For switch opened,

$$v_L = -V = L \frac{di_L}{dt}$$

$$\frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{-V}{L}$$

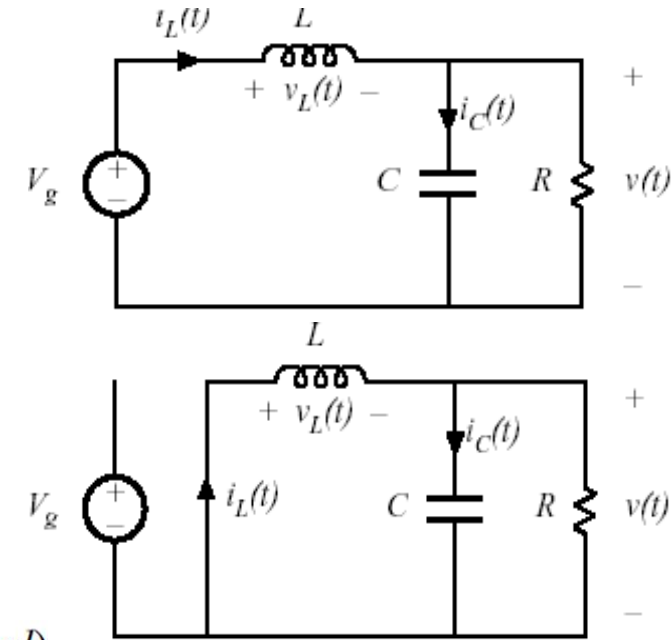
$$\frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{\Delta i_L}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta i_L}{(1-D)T} = \frac{-V}{L}$$

$$(\Delta i_L)_{opened} = \left(\frac{-V}{L} \right) \cdot (1-D)T$$



(change in i_L) = (slope)(length of subinterval)

Determination of inductor current ripple magnitude

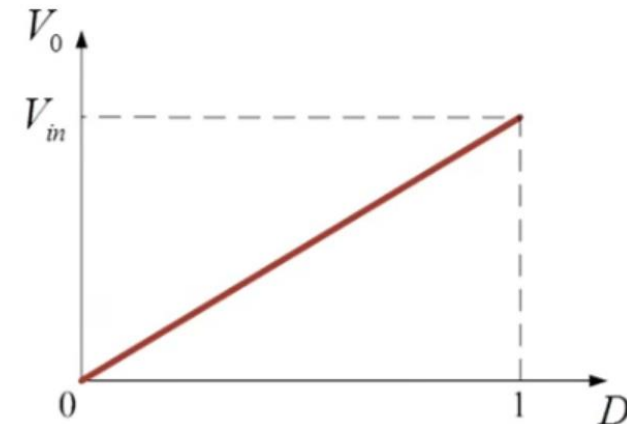


Steady- state operation requires that i_L at the end of switching cycle is the same at the beginning of the next cycle. That is the change of i_L over one period is zero i.e :

$$(\Delta i_L)_{closed} + (\Delta i_L)_{opened} = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{V_g - V}{L} \right) \cdot DT_s - \left(\frac{-V}{L} \right) \cdot (1-D)T_s = 0$$

$$V = DV_g$$



Volt-sec balance in Inductors

Instantaneous v-i relationship for inductor

$$v_L(t) = L \frac{di_L(t)}{dt}; \quad i_L(t) = i_L(t_0) + \frac{1}{L} \int_{t_0}^t v_L(\tau) d\tau \quad \dots (1)$$

Substituting $t = t_0 + T_s$ in (1)

$$i_L(t_0 + T_s) = i_L(t_0) + \frac{1}{L} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + T_s} v_L(\tau) d\tau \quad \dots (2)$$

In steady state

$$i_L(t_0 + T_s) = i_L(t_0) \quad \dots (3)$$

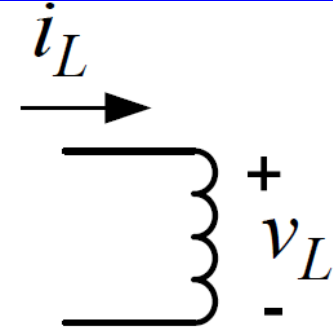
from (2) and (3)

$$\frac{1}{L} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + T_s} v_L(t) dt = \frac{T_s}{L} \bar{v}_L = 0$$

$$\bar{v}_L = 0$$

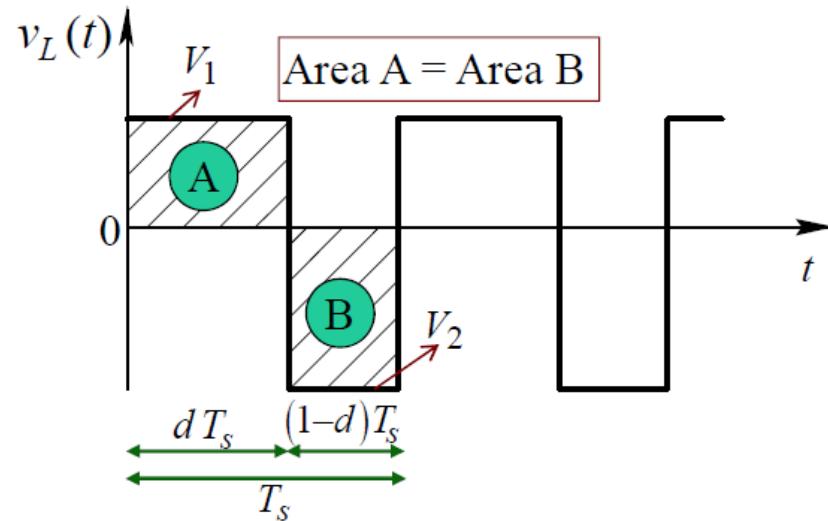
$$\bar{v}_L = L \frac{d\bar{i}_L}{dt} = 0$$

(since, \bar{i}_L should be constant in steady state)

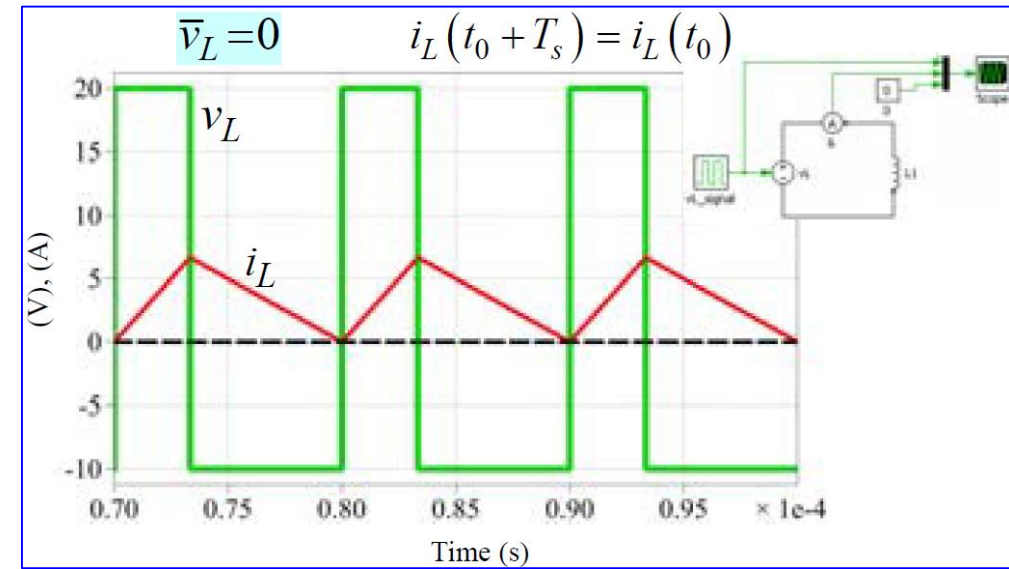


Volt-sec balance in Inductors

$\bar{v}_L = 0$ does not imply that the inductor voltage is zero instantaneously, only the average over a complete period is zero

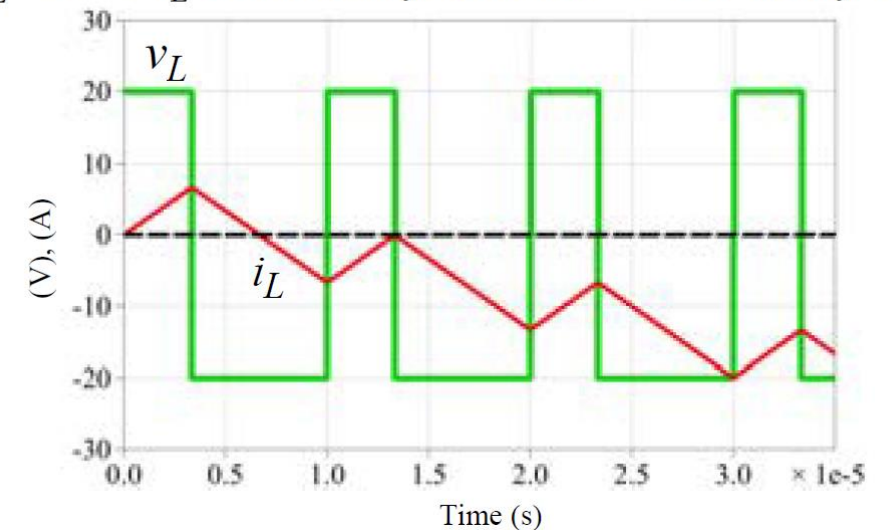


$$V_1 d + V_2 (1 - d) = 0$$



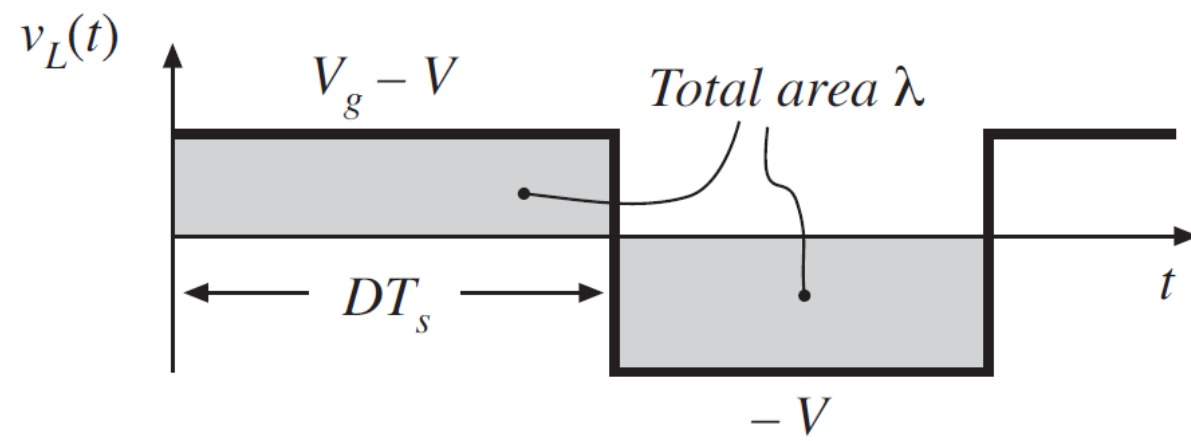
If volt-sec balance is violated

$\bar{v}_L < 0 \Rightarrow \bar{i}_L$ continuously decreases \Rightarrow non-steady-state



Inductor volt-second balance: Buck converter example

Inductor voltage waveform, previously derived:



Integral of voltage waveform is area of rectangles:

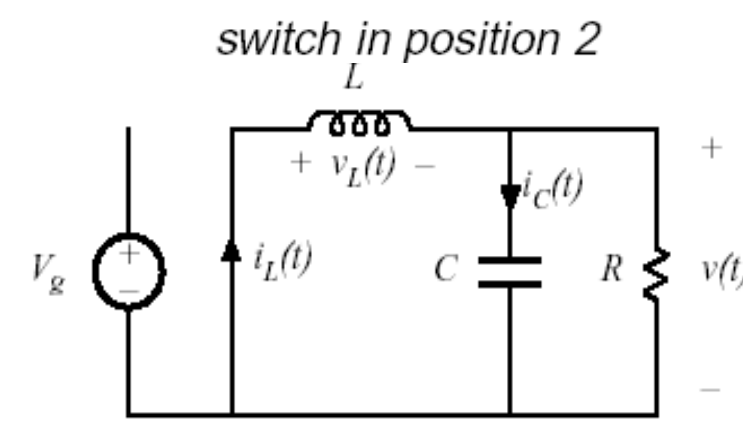
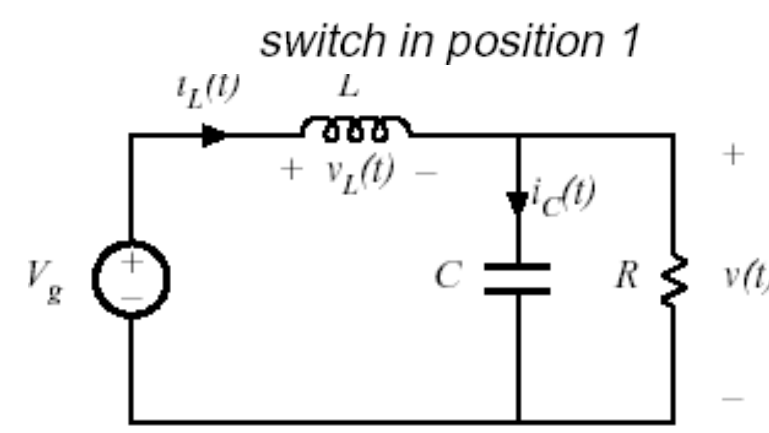
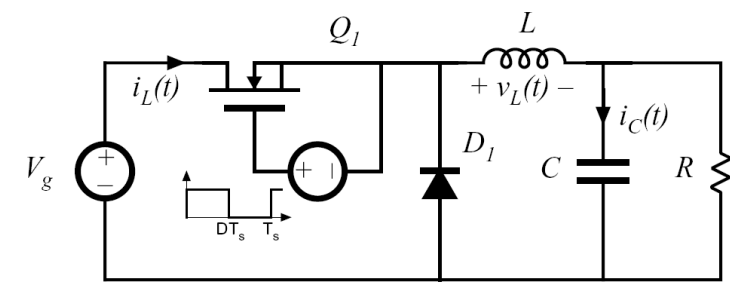
$$\lambda = \int_0^{T_s} v_L(t) dt = (V_g - V)(DT_s) + (-V)(D'T_s)$$

Average voltage is

$$\langle v_L \rangle = \frac{\lambda}{T_s} = D(V_g - V) + D'(-V)$$

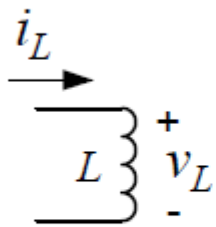
Equate to zero and solve for V :

$$0 = DV_g - (D + D')V = DV_g - V \Rightarrow V = DV_g$$



Characteristics of inductors and capacitors

Inductor



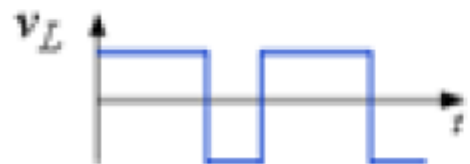
$$v_L(t) = L \frac{di_L(t)}{dt}$$



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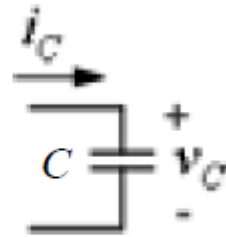


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Capacitor



$$i_C(t) = C \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt}$$



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Current-sec balance in capacitors

- The **average** (CCA) current through a capacitor in **steady-state** is zero

$$\bar{i}_C = 0$$

Current-sec balance: Derivation

Instantaneous v-i relationship for a capacitor

$$i_C(t) = C \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt}; \quad v_C(t) = v_C(t_0) + \frac{1}{C} \int_{t_0}^t i_C(\tau) d\tau \quad \dots (1)$$

Substituting $t = t_0 + T_s$ in (1)

$$v_C(t_0 + T_s) = v_C(t_0) + \frac{1}{C} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + T_s} i_C(\tau) d\tau \quad \dots (2)$$

In steady state

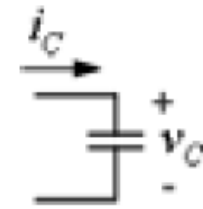
$$v_C(t_0 + T_s) = v_C(t_0) \quad \dots (3)$$

from (2) and (3)

$$\frac{1}{C} \int_{t_0}^{t_0 + T_s} i_C(\tau) d\tau = \frac{T_s}{C} \bar{i}_C = 0$$

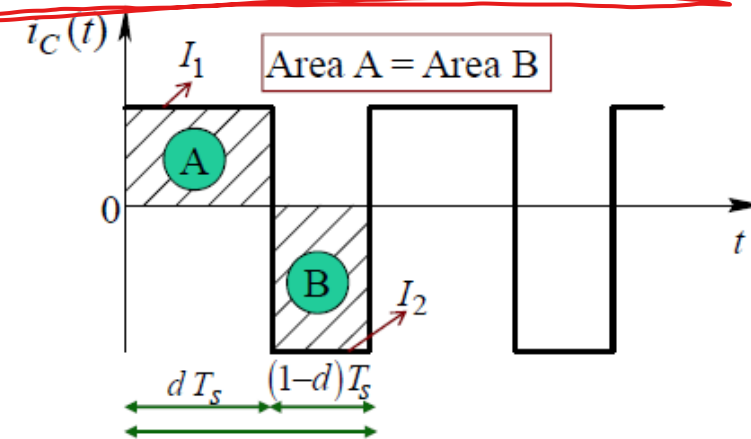
$$\bar{i}_C = 0$$

$$\bar{i}_C = C \frac{d\bar{v}_C}{dt} = 0$$



(since, \bar{v}_C should be constant in steady state)

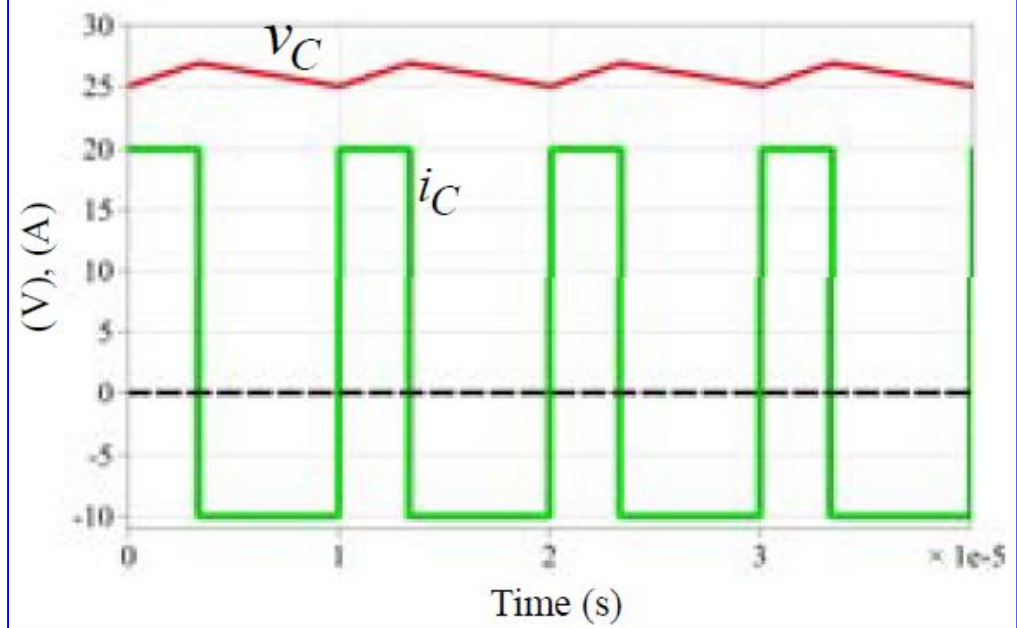
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$$I_1 d + I_2 (1-d) = 0$$

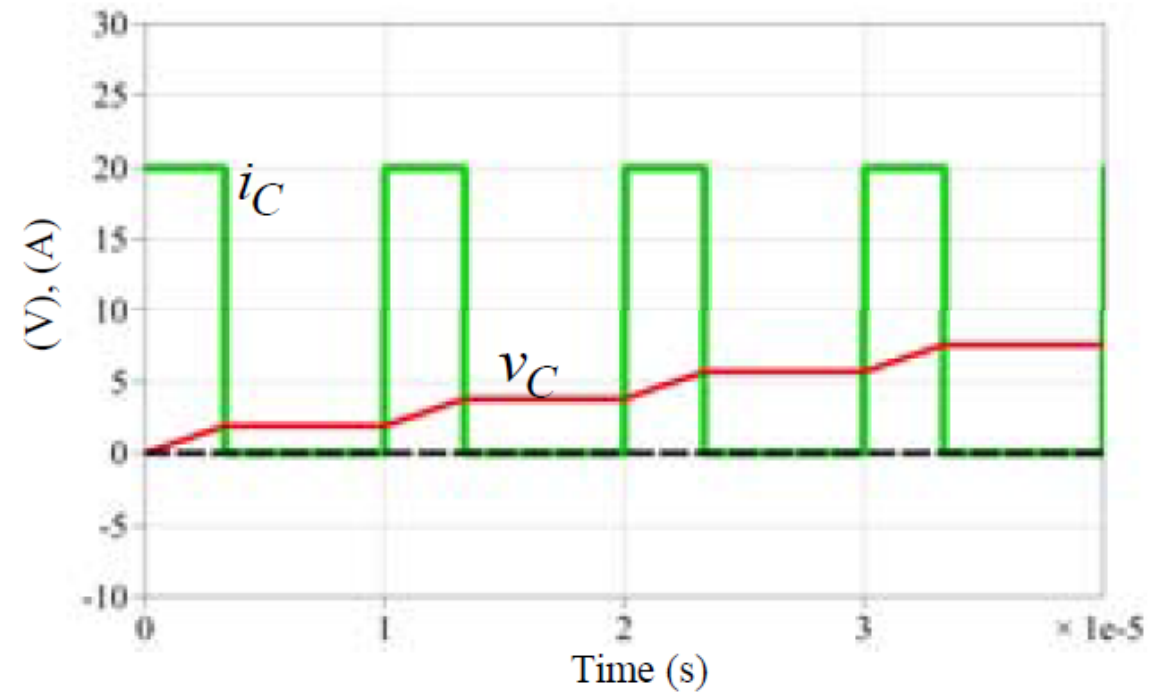
Current-sec balance: Derivation

$\bar{i}_C = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{v}_C$ remains constant



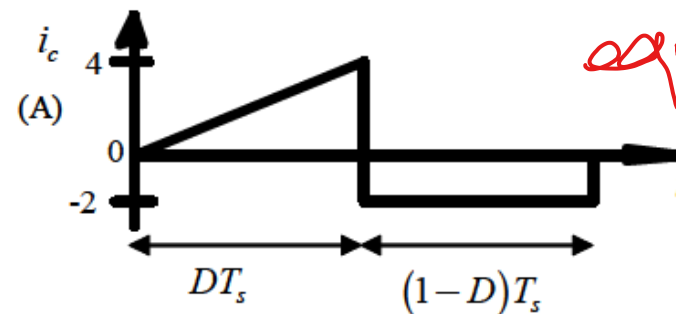
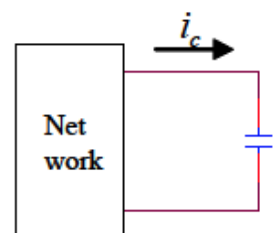
If current-sec balance is violated

$\bar{i}_C > 0 \Rightarrow \bar{v}_C$ continuously increases \Rightarrow non-steady-state



Example

Given that the circuit is in DC steady state, calculate D

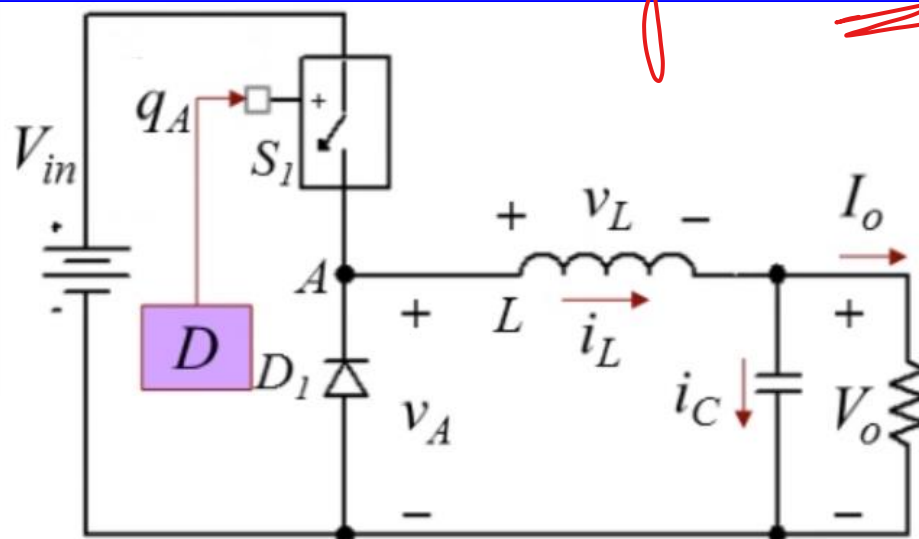


square wave
 $D = ?$

Buck Converter Waveforms

Waveforms IMP

$$\frac{V_o}{V_{in}} = D$$



$$i_L(t) = i_L(t_o) + \int_{t_o}^t v_L(\tau) d\tau$$

1. ON interval

$$v_L(t) = V_{in} - V_o \quad \text{Slope of } i_L : m_1 = \frac{V_{in} - V_o}{L}$$

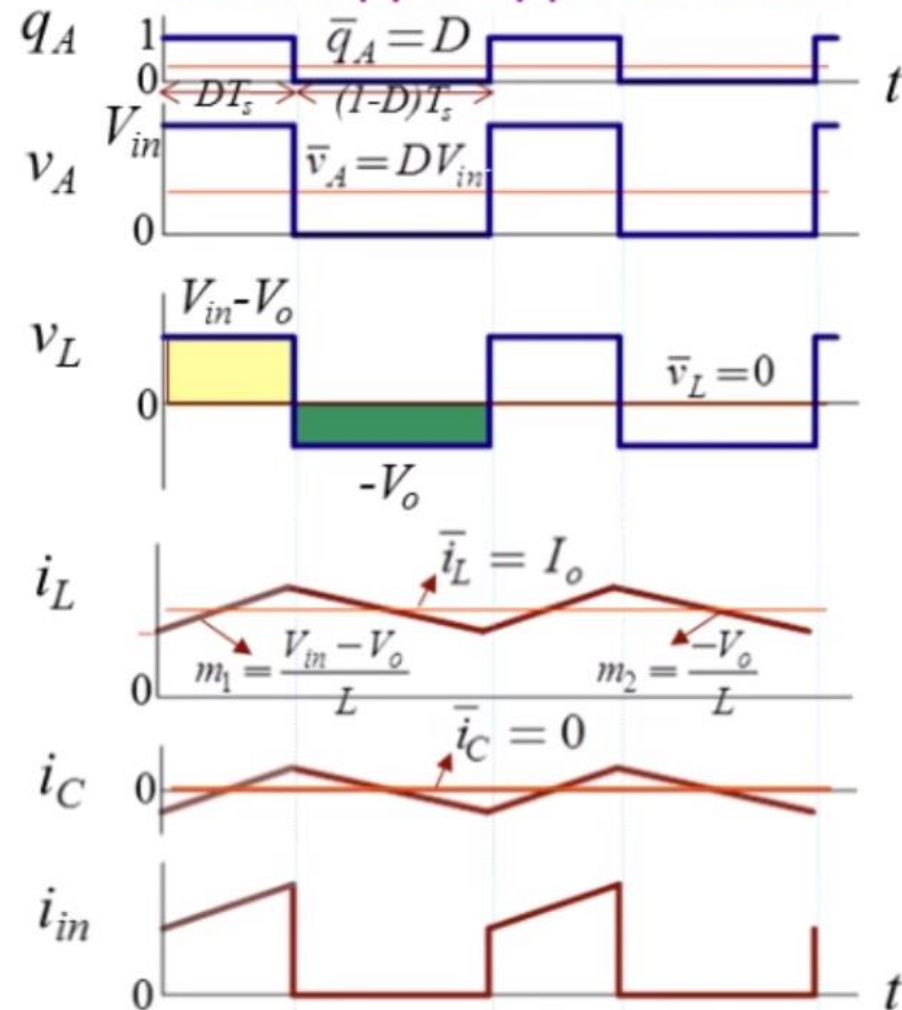
2. OFF interval

$$v_L(t) = -V_o \quad \text{Slope of } i_L : m_2 = \frac{-V_o}{L}$$

3. Average of i_L obtained by KCL at output node

$$\bar{i}_L = I_o + \bar{i}_c = I_o \quad (\text{since } \bar{i}_c = 0)$$

Small ripple approximation



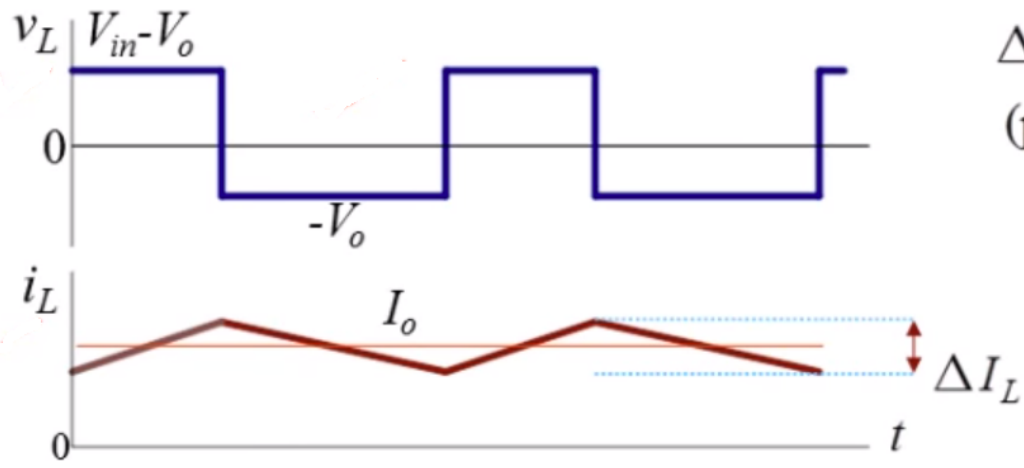
Instantaneous i_c obtained by KCL at output node $i_c(t) = i_L(t) - I_o$

$P_o = P_d$
↑
same as
 P_{in}

Selection of Output Filter Inductor, L

- L and C together determine output voltage ripple
- L selected to limit the inductor current ripple to a chosen value
 - e.g. 10-20% of its average current (I_o)
 - CCM considerations

- **Worst case design**
 - minimum D for fixed output buck



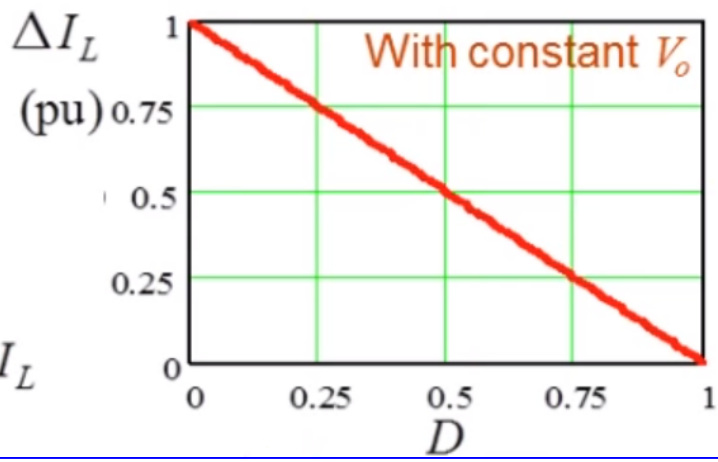
$L \frac{di}{dt} = v_L$

Consider the T_{OFF} interval

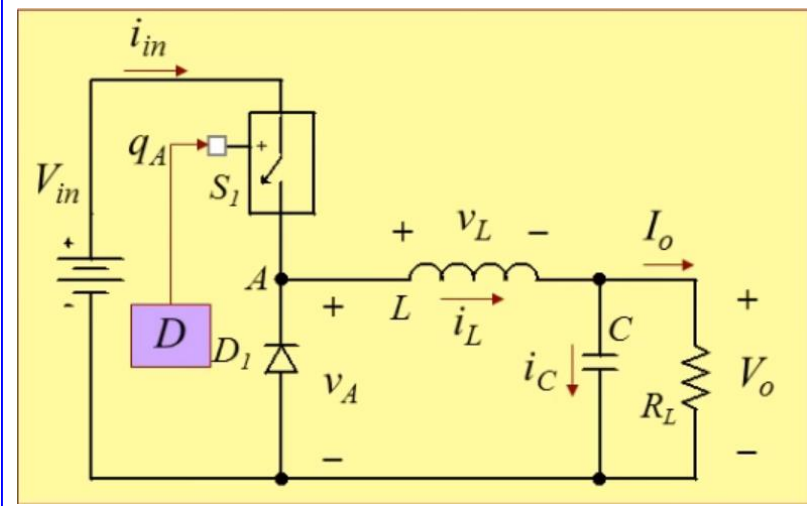
$$L \frac{\Delta I_L}{(1-D)T_S} = V_o$$

ΔI_L - Peak-peak ripple

$$L = \frac{V_o (1-D) T_S}{\Delta I_L}$$



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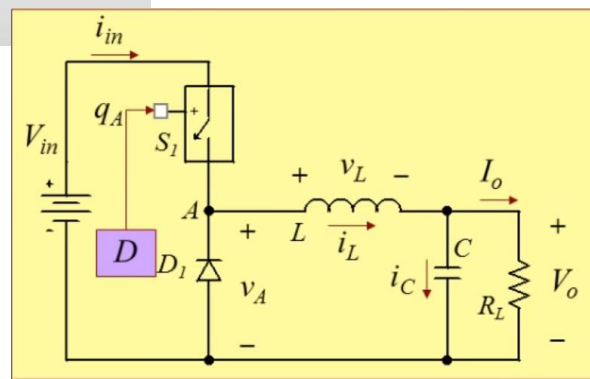
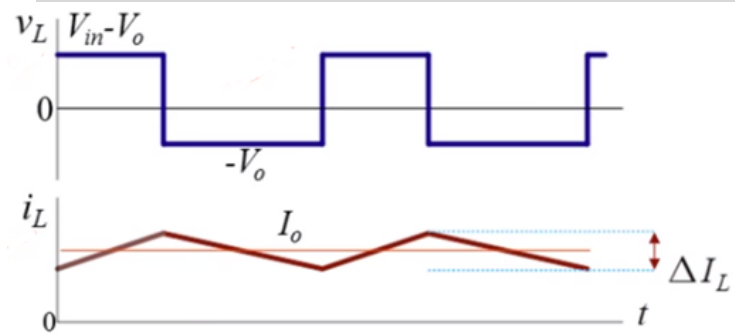
For constant V_o and variable V_{in}

$$\left(\frac{V_o}{V_{in,max}} \right) \leq D \leq \left(\frac{V_o}{V_{in,min}} \right)$$

Trade-off in Selection of Inductor Current Ripple

Larger L (small current ripple)

- Lower RMS current in switch, capacitor and inductor, hence lower conduction loss
- Smaller C is enough for same output voltage ripple
- Poor dynamic response to step loads (ramp rate of i_L)
- Bulky inductor
- Usually higher inductor resistance



Smaller L (high current ripple)

- Good dynamic response to step loads due to higher slew rate of inductor current
- Smaller size inductor, higher power density
- Larger RMS current in switch, inductor and capacitor, hence higher conduction loss
- Larger flux swing at high frequency

CCM Considerations \Rightarrow

