

EE 238

Power Engineering - II

Power Electronics



Lecture 12

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BOOST CHOPPER

Boundary between Cont. and Discont. Modes

$$\frac{V_o}{V_d} = \frac{T_s}{t_{\text{off}}} = \frac{1}{1 - D}$$

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

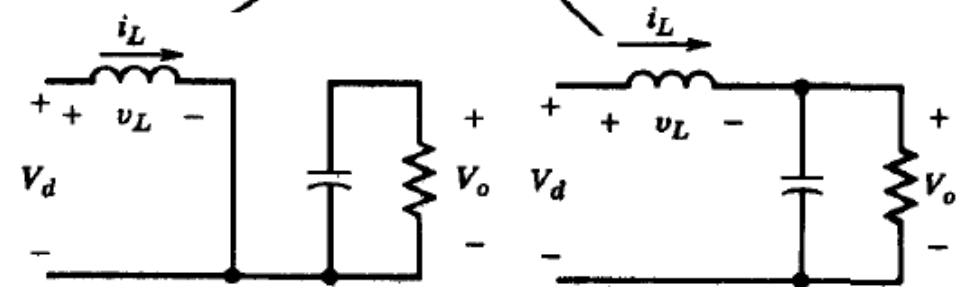
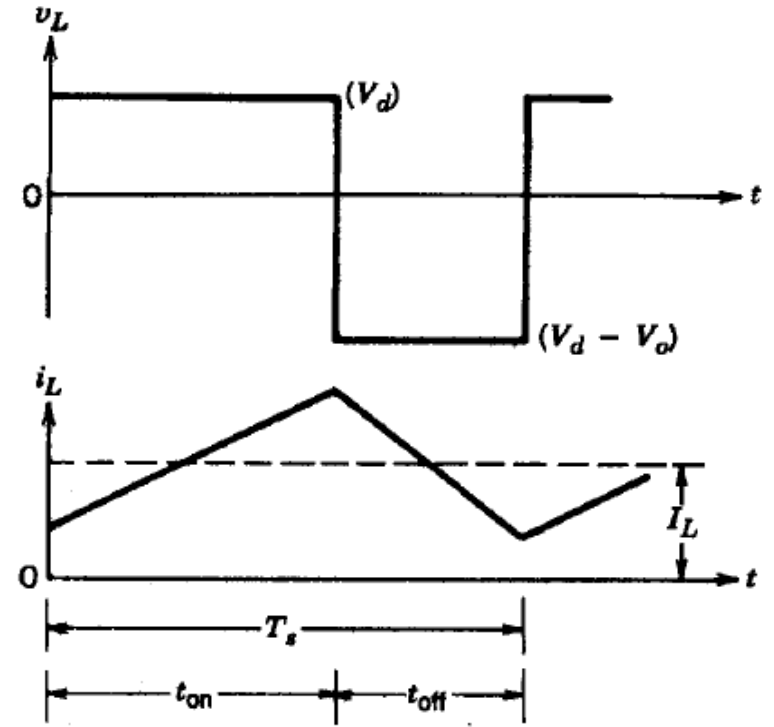
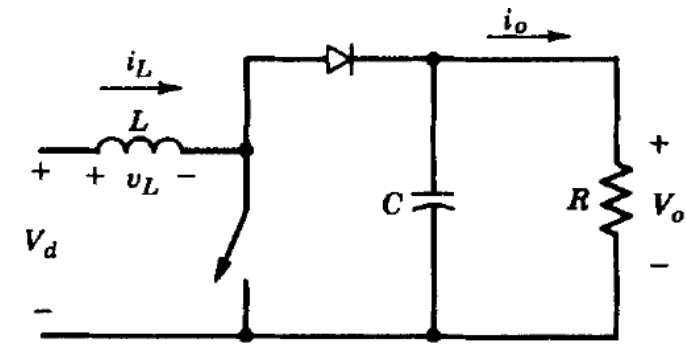
$$I_{LB} = \frac{1}{2} i_{L,\text{peak}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{V_d}{L} t_{\text{on}}$$

$$= \frac{T_s V_o}{2L} D(1 - D)$$

The average output current at the edge of cont. cond. is

$$I_{oB} = \frac{T_s V_o}{2L} D(1 - D)^2$$



STEP-UP (BOOST) CONVERTER

Boundary between Cont. and Discont. Modes

$$I_{LB} = \frac{T_s V_o}{2L} D(1 - D) \frac{I_o}{I_d} = (1 - D) i_d = i_L$$

The average output current at the edge of cont. cond. is

$$I_{oB} = \frac{T_s V_o}{2L} D(1 - D)^2$$

In most Boost converter applications, V_o is kept constant.

I_{LB} reaches a maximum value at $D = 0.5$:

$$I_{LB, \max} = \frac{T_s V_o}{8L}$$

Also, I_{oB} has its maximum at $D = 0.333$

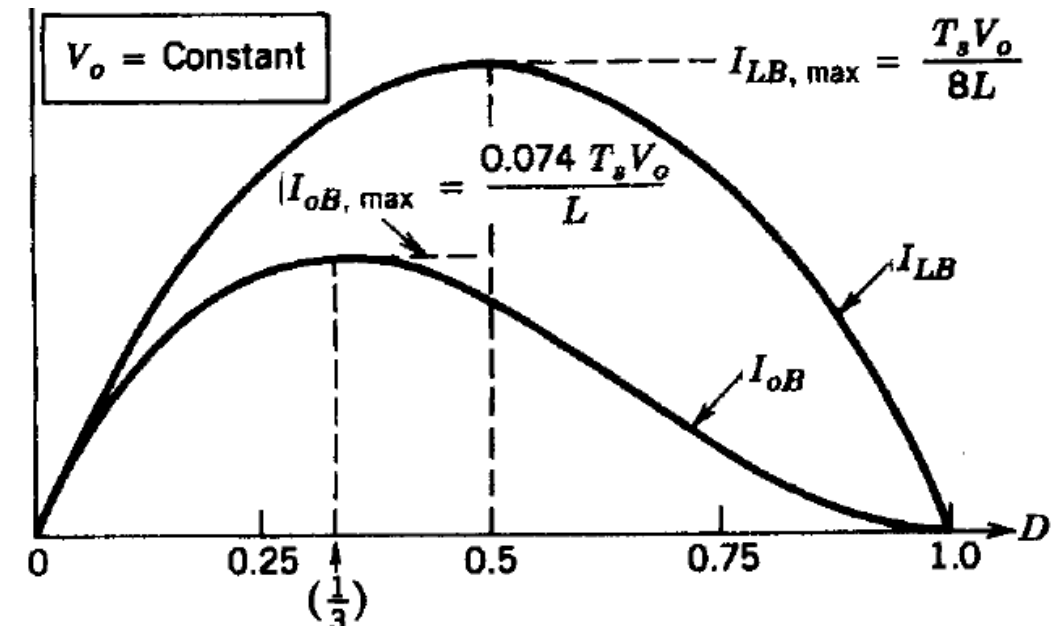
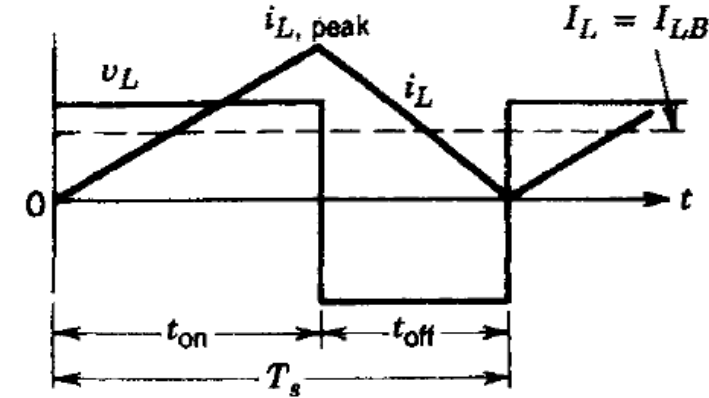
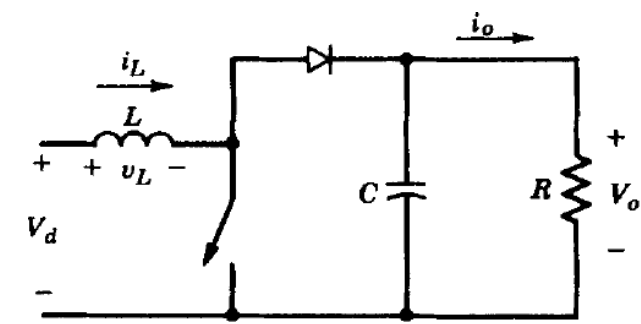
$$I_{oB, \max} = \frac{2}{27} \frac{T_s V_o}{L} = 0.074 \frac{T_s V_o}{L}$$

In terms of their maximum values,

$$I_{LB} = 4D(1 - D)I_{LB, \max}$$

$$I_{oB} = \frac{27}{4} D(1 - D)^2 I_{oB, \max}$$

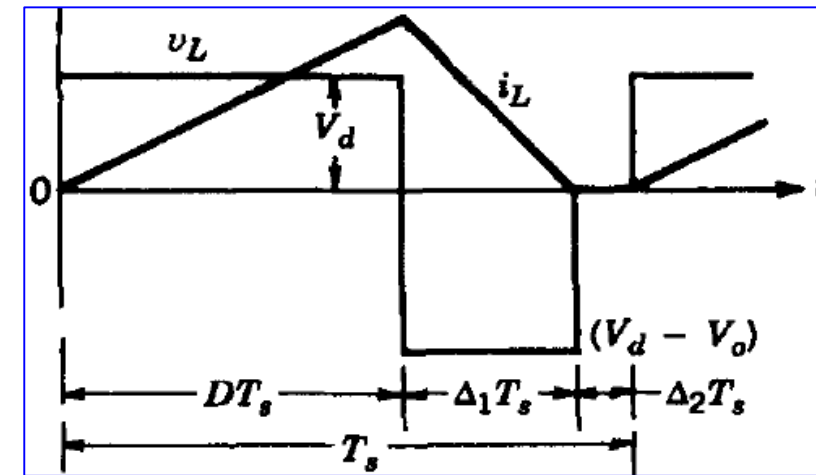
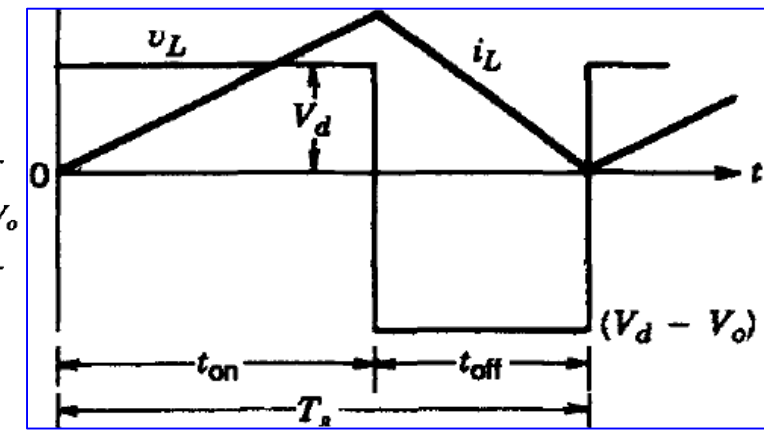
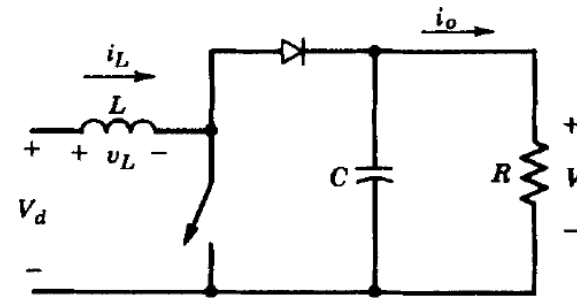
For a given D , with constant V_o , if the average load current drops below I_{oB} (and, hence, the average inductor current below I_{LB}), the current conduction will become discontinuous.



DISCONTINUOUS-CONDUCTION MODE

Assume that as the output load power decreases, V_d and D remain constant (even though, in practice, D would vary in order to keep V_o constant).

- The DCM occurs due to decreased P_o ($=P_d$) and, hence, a lower I_L ($=I_d$), since v_d is constant.
- Since $i_{L\text{peak}}$ is the same in both modes, a lower value of I_L (and, hence a discontinuous I_L) is possible only if V_o goes up.



If we equate the integral of the inductor voltage over one time period to zero,

$$V_d DT_s + (V_d - V_o) \Delta_1 T_s = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{V_o}{V_d} = \frac{\Delta_1 + D}{\Delta_1}$$

$$\frac{I_o}{I_d} = \frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_1 + D} \quad (\text{since } P_d = P_o)$$

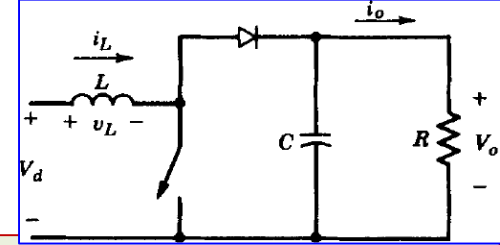
The average input current, which is also equal to the inductor current, is

$$I_d = \frac{V_d}{2L} DT_s (D + \Delta_1) \Rightarrow I_o = \left(\frac{T_s V_d}{2L} \right) D \Delta_1$$

DISCONTINUOUS-CONDUCTION MODE

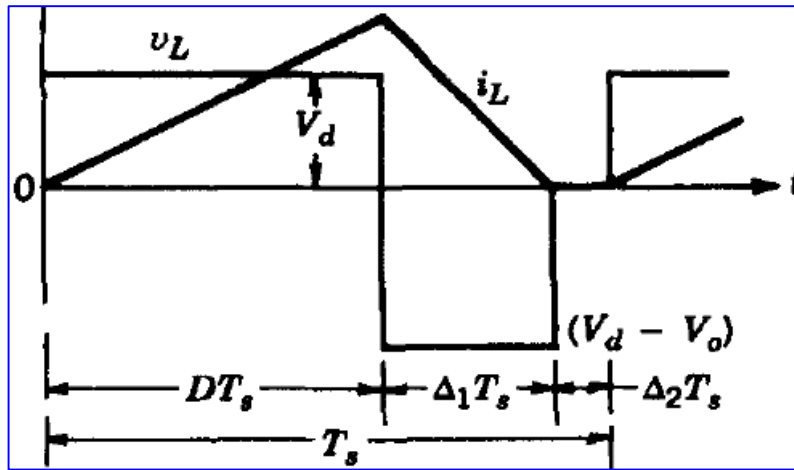
$$I_o = \left(\frac{T_s V_d}{2L} \right) D \Delta_1 \therefore \frac{V_o}{V_d} = \frac{\Delta_1 + D}{\Delta_1}$$

$$I_{oB, \max} = \frac{2}{27} \frac{T_s V_o}{L} = 0.074 \frac{T_s V_o}{L}$$



In practice, since V_o is held constant and D varies in response to the variation in V_d , it is more useful to obtain the required duty ratio D as a function of load current for various values of V_o / V_d .

$$D = \left[\frac{4}{27} \frac{V_o}{V_d} \left(\frac{V_o}{V_d} - 1 \right) \frac{I_o}{I_{oB, \max}} \right]^{1/2}$$



D is plotted as a function of $I_o/I_{oB, \max}$ for various values of V_d/V_o .

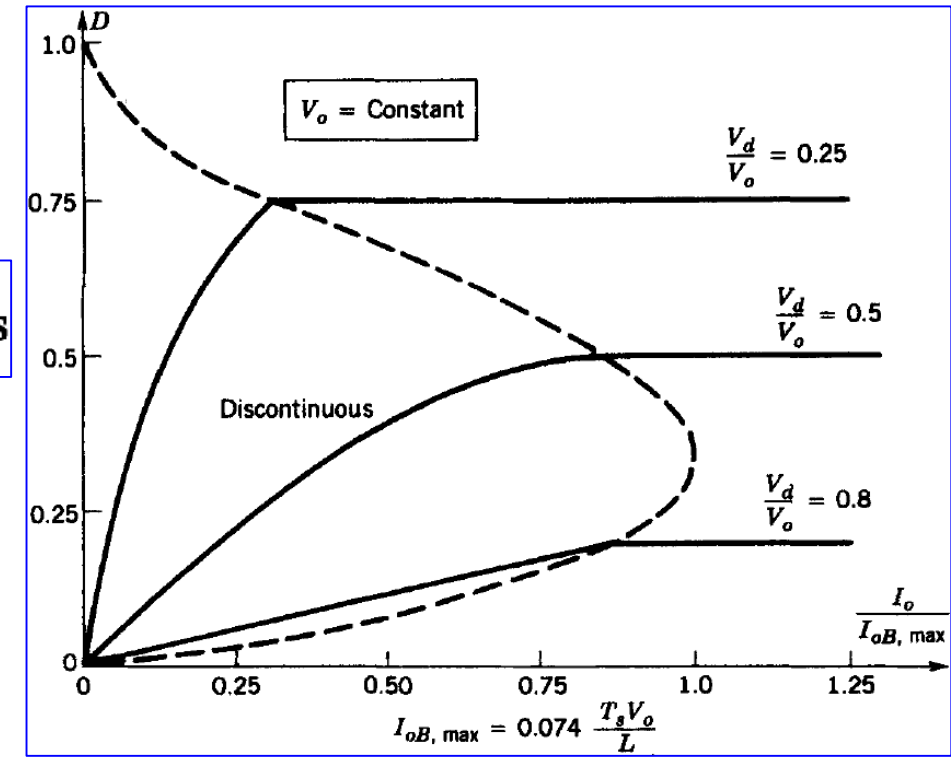
In the discontinuous mode, if V_o is not controlled during each switching time period, at least

$$\frac{L}{2} i_{L, \text{peak}}^2 = \frac{(V_d D T_s)^2}{2L} \quad \text{W-s}$$

are transferred from the input to the output capacitor and to the load.

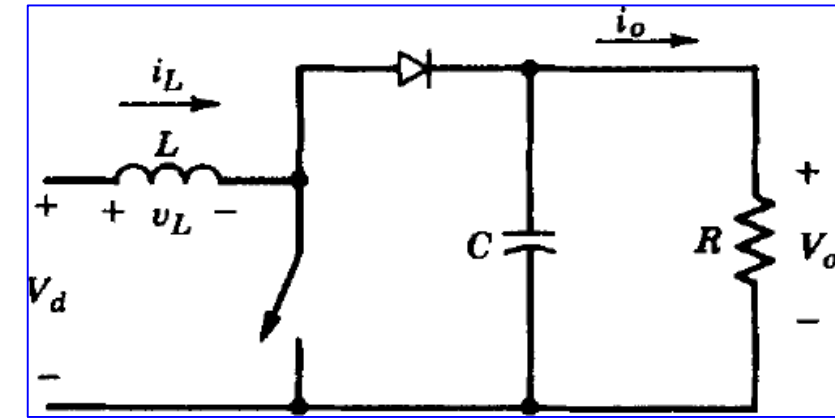
For constant output voltage and variable input voltage applications

$$\left(1 - \frac{V_{in, \max}}{V_o} \right) \leq D \leq \left(1 - \frac{V_{in, \min}}{V_o} \right)$$



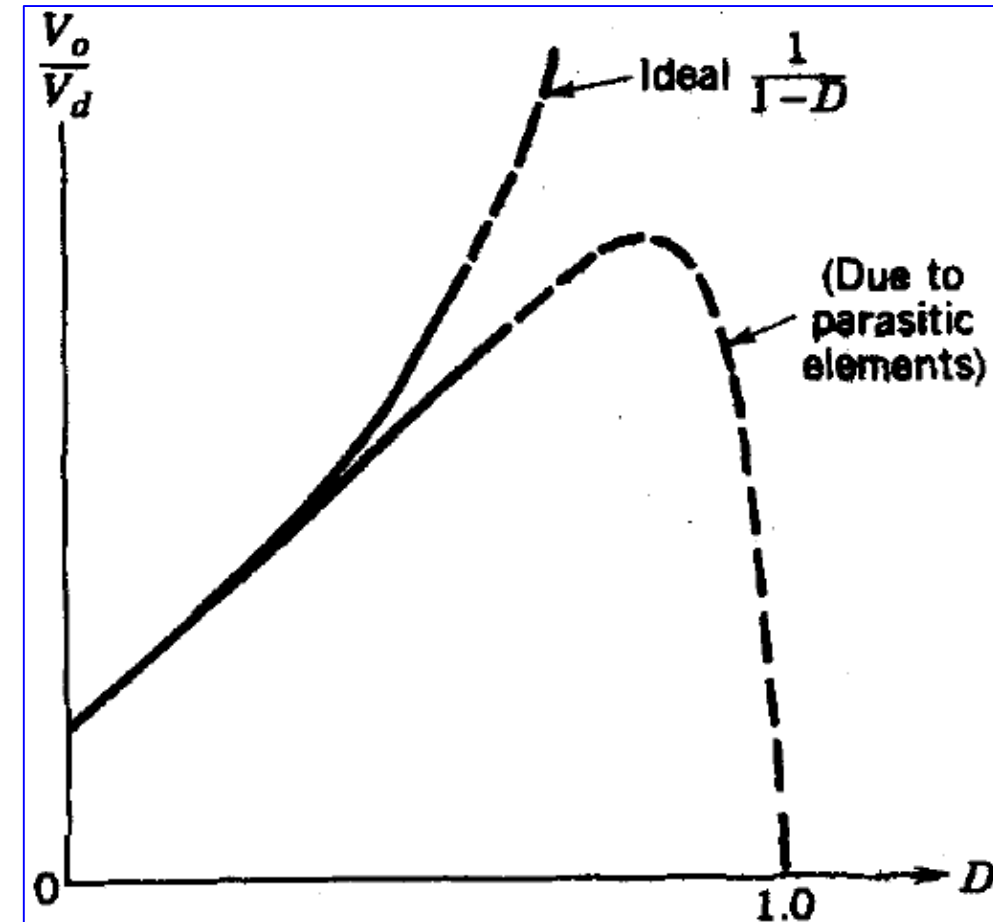
STEP-UP (BOOST) CONVERTER EFFECT OF PARASITIC ELEMENTS

The parasitic elements in a step-up converter are due to the losses associated with the inductor, the capacitor, the switch, and the diode.



Unlike the ideal characteristic, in practice, V_o/V_d declines as D approaches unity.

These parasitic elements can be incorporated into circuit simulation programs on computers for designing such converters.



Inductor Resistance

- L should be designed to have small resistance to minimize power loss and maximize efficiency.
- The existence of a small inductor resistance does not substantially change the buck converter analysis.
- However, inductor resistance affects performance of the boost converter, especially at high duty ratios.

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

For analysis purpose, assume that i_L is approximately constant.

Neglecting other losses. And applying power balance:

$$P_s = P_o + P_{r_L}$$

$$V_s I_L = V_o I_D + I_L^2 r_L$$

r_L is the series resistance of L .

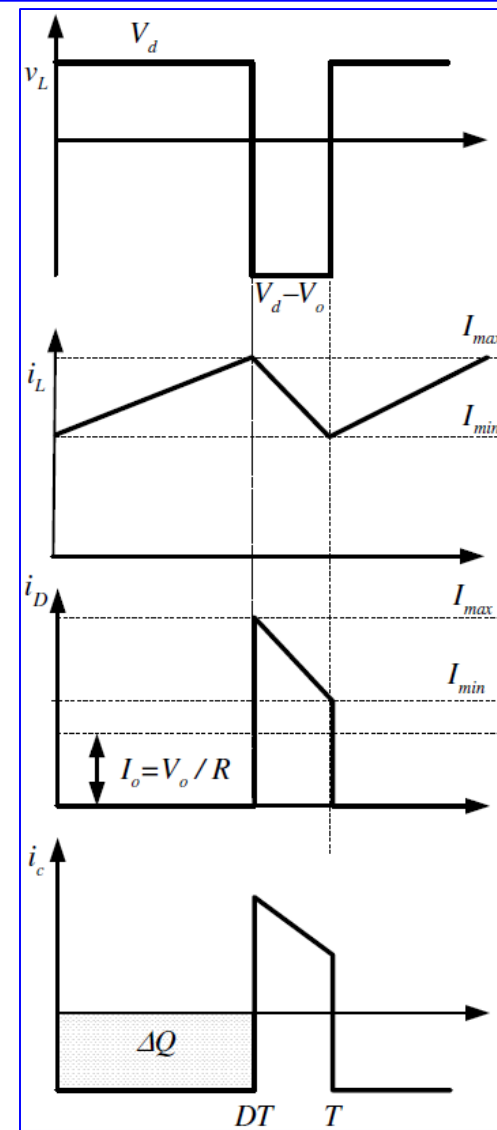
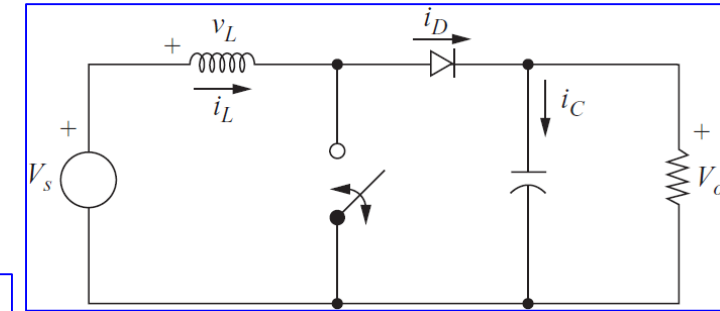
The diode current is equal to the inductor current when the switch is off and is zero when the switch is on. Therefore, the average diode current is $I_D = I_L(1 - D)$

$$\Rightarrow I_L = \frac{I_D}{1 - D} = \frac{V_o/R}{1 - D}$$

From above, $V_s I_L = V_o I_L(1 - D) + I_L^2 r_L$

$$\Rightarrow V_s = V_o(1 - D) + I_L r_L$$

Also, $I_L = \frac{I_D}{1 - D} = \frac{V_o/R}{1 - D} \Rightarrow V_s = \frac{V_o r_L}{R(1 - D)} + V_o(1 - D)$



Inductor Resistance

$$V_s = \frac{V_o r_L}{R(1-D)} + V_o(1-D)$$

Solving for V_o ,

$$V_o = \left(\frac{V_s}{1-D} \right) \left(\frac{1}{1 + r_L/[R(1-D)^2]} \right)$$

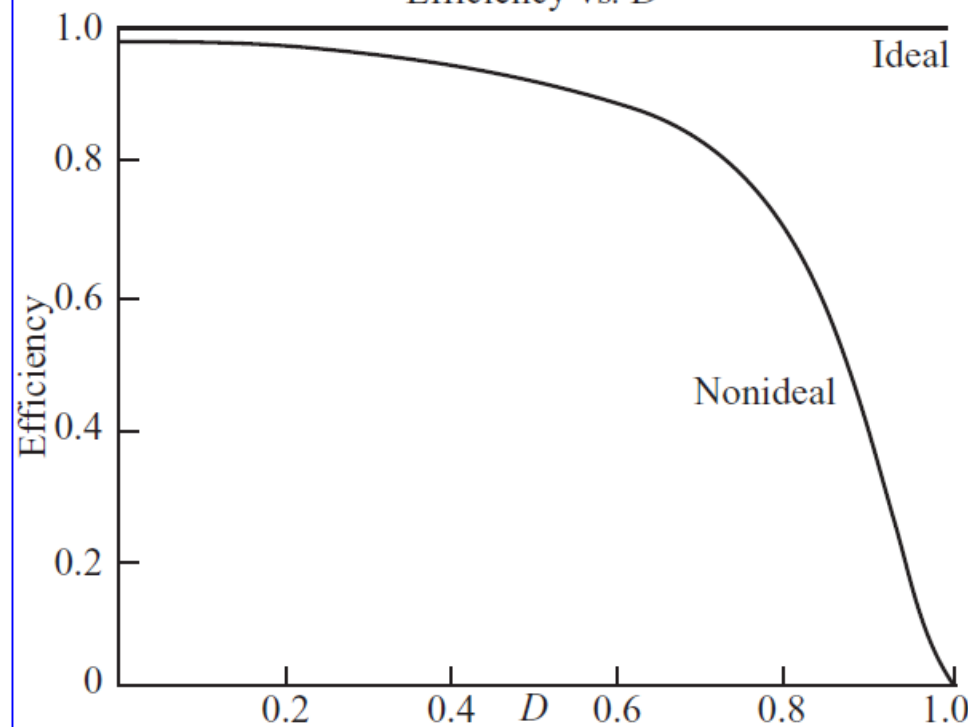
This eqn. is similar to that for an ideal converter but includes a correction factor to account for r_L .

The inductor resistance also has an effect on the power efficiency of converters. Efficiency is the ratio of output power to output power plus losses. For the boost converter

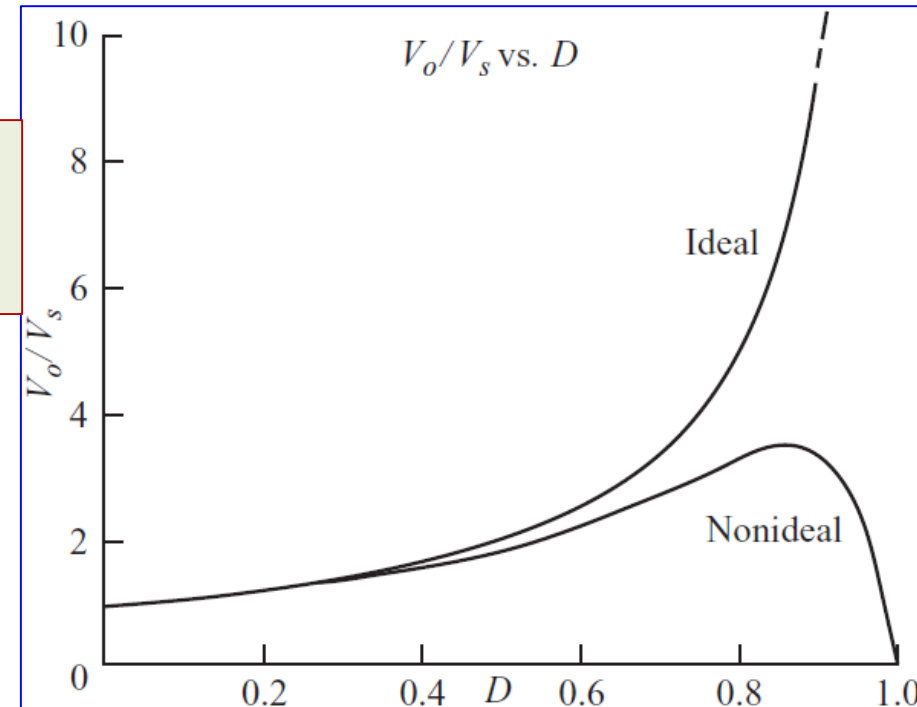
$$\eta = \frac{P_o}{P_o + P_{\text{loss}}} = \frac{V_o^2/R}{V_o^2/R + I_L^2 r_L}$$

$$\eta = \frac{V_o^2/R}{V_o^2/R + (V_o/R)^2/(1-D)r_L} = \frac{1}{1 + r_L[R(1-D)^2]}$$

Efficiency vs. D



As D increases, the converter efficiency decreases.



Output voltage of the boost converter with and without inductor resistance.

- Effect is dominant at high D
- Difficult to achieve large conversion ratios (> 10)
- No power transfer at $D = 1$

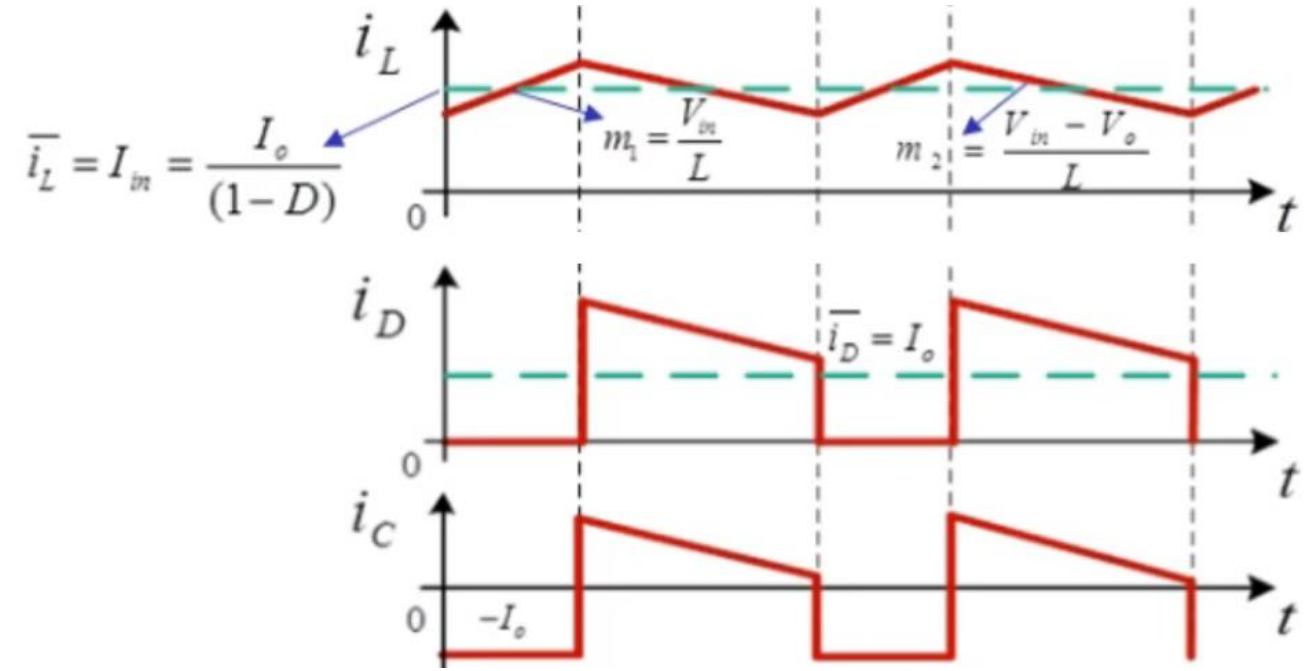
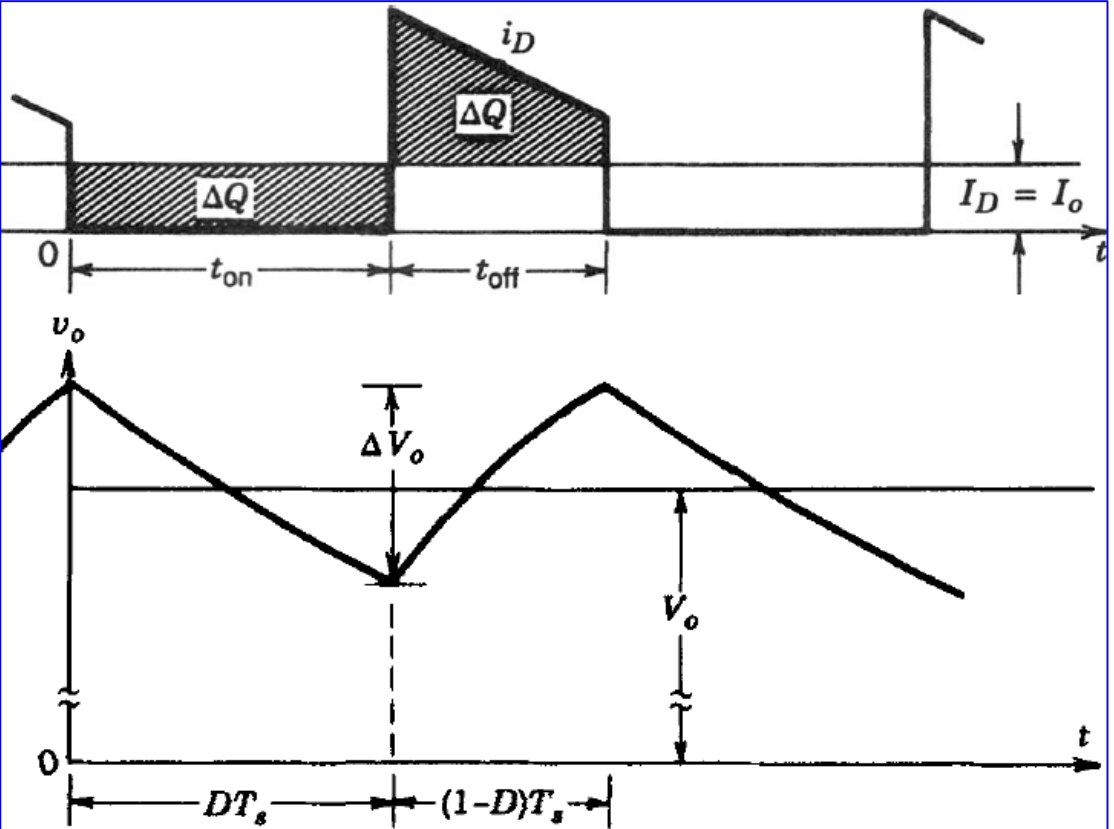
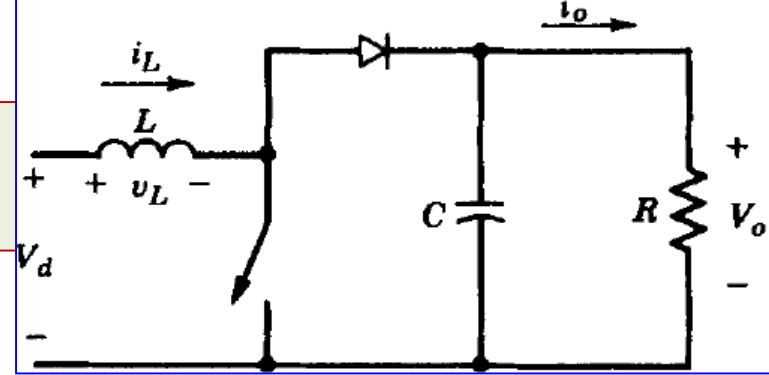
OUTPUT VOLTAGE RIPPLE (ΔV_o)

CCM: Assuming that all the ripple component i_D flows through C and its average value flows through the load resistor, the shaded area represents charge ΔQ .

Current-sec. balance principle:

$$\Delta V_o = \frac{\Delta Q}{C} = \frac{I_o D T_s}{C} = \frac{V_o D T_s}{R C}$$

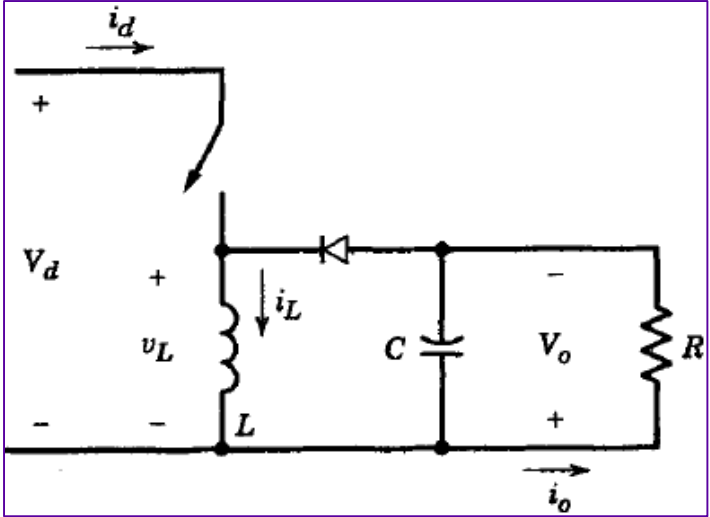
$$\therefore \frac{\Delta V_o}{V_o} = \frac{D T_s}{R C} = D \frac{T_s}{\tau} \quad (\text{where } \tau = RC \text{ time constant})$$



A similar analysis can be performed for the discontinuous mode of conduction.

Buck-Boost Converter

The main application of a buck-boost converter is in regulated dc power supplies, where a negative-polarity output may be desired with respect to the common terminal of the input voltage, and the output voltage can be either higher or lower than the input voltage.



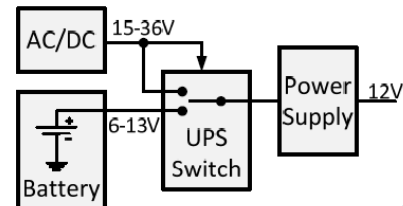
Buck-boost applications

Industrial PCs



Application needs

- 6 V-36 V_{IN} from AC-powered supply or battery
- 12 V output, 60 W-200 W

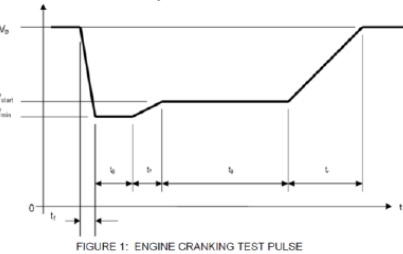


Automotive start/stop & DVRs



Application needs

- 9 V-16 V_{IN}, 3.5 V during start
- ~12 V output, 60 W-120 W



USB power delivery



Application needs

- 12 V bus or battery, 9V-16 V_{IN}
- 5/12/20 V_{OUT}, 10 W-100 W

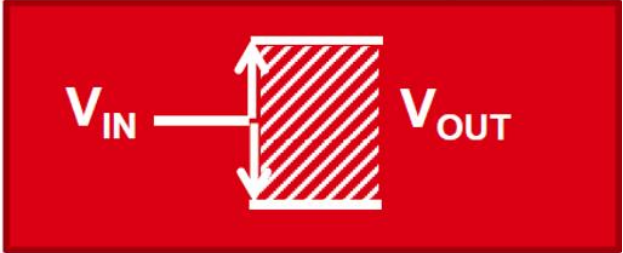
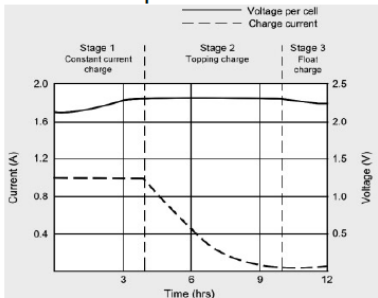
USB Power Delivery profiles			
Profile	+5 V	+12 V	+20 V
1	2.0 A, 10 W	N/A	N/A
2		1.5 A, 18 W	N/A
3		3.0 A, 36 W	N/A
4			3.0 A, 60 W
5		5.0 A, 60 W	5.0 A, 100 W

Industrial & battery chargers



Application needs

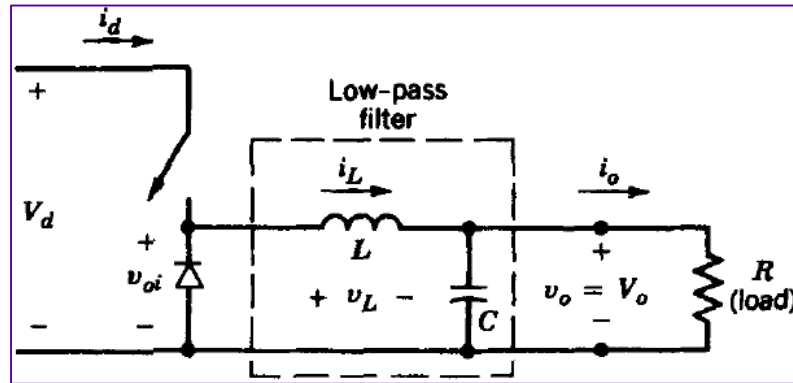
- 12 V or 24 V_{IN} or DC adapter
- CC/CV up to 200 W+



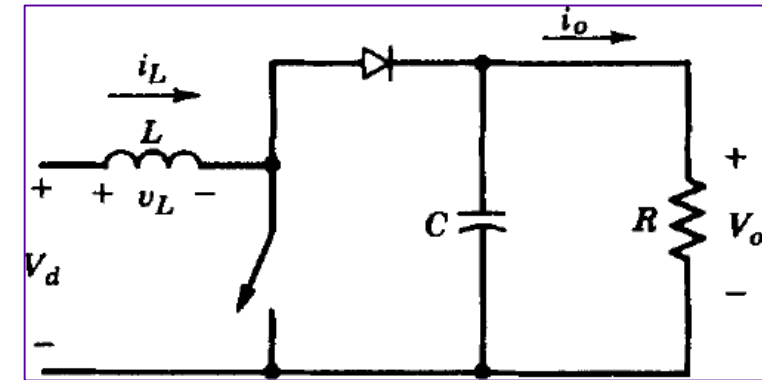
BUCK-BOOST CONVERTER

A buck-boost converter can be obtained by the cascade connection of the two basic converters: the step-down converter and the step-up converter.

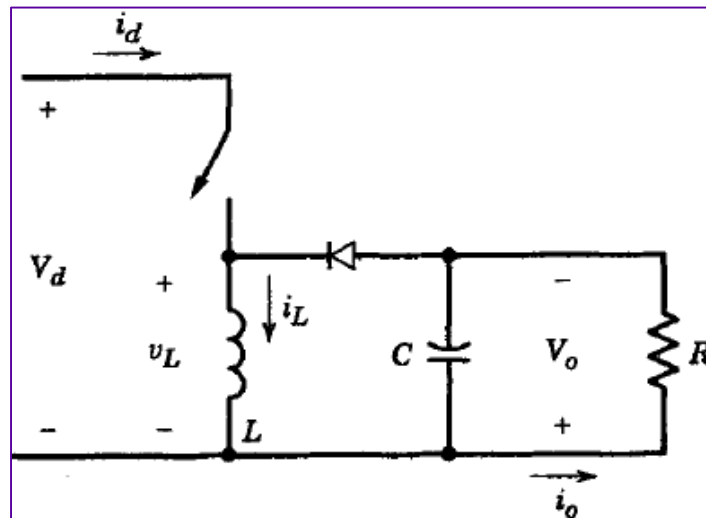
Buck



Boost



Buck-Boost

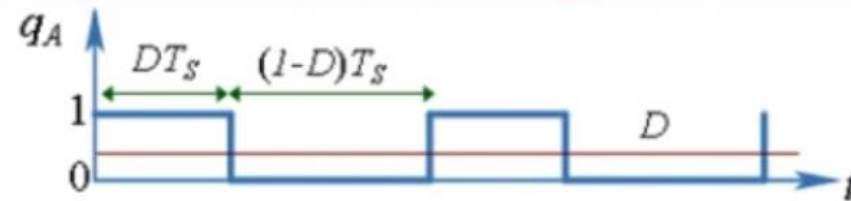
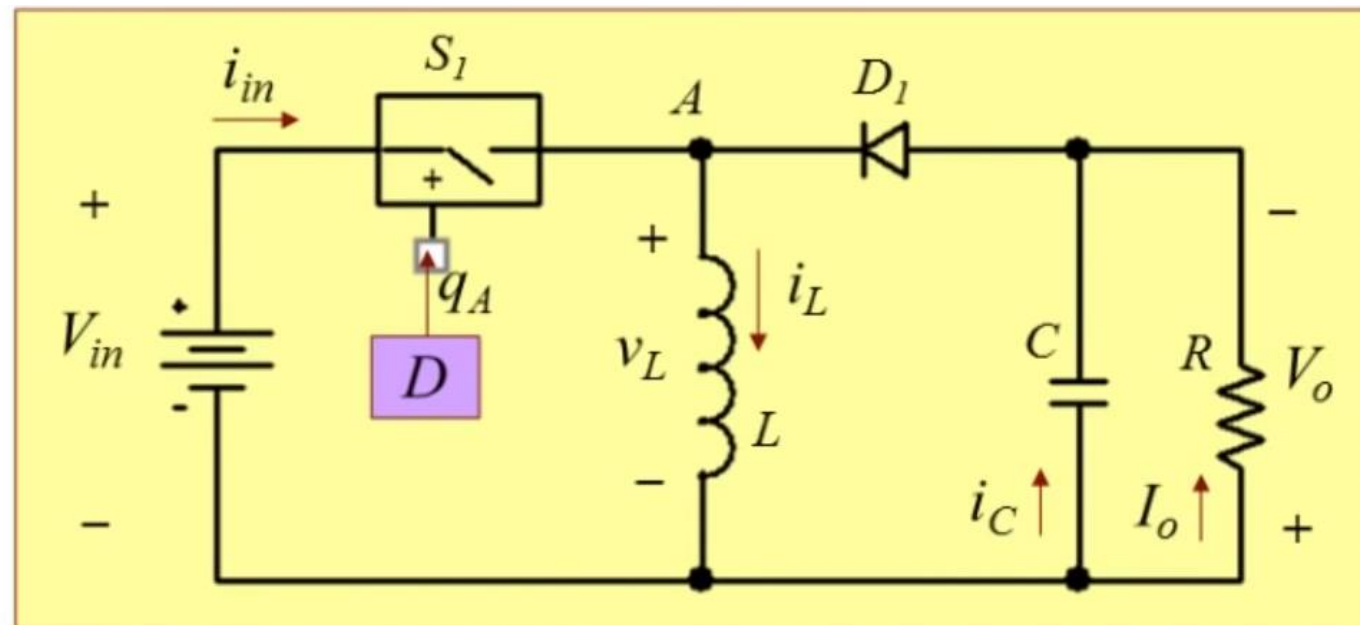


In steady state, the output-to-input voltage conversion ratio is the product of the conversion ratios of the two converters in cascade (assuming that switches in both converters have the same D):

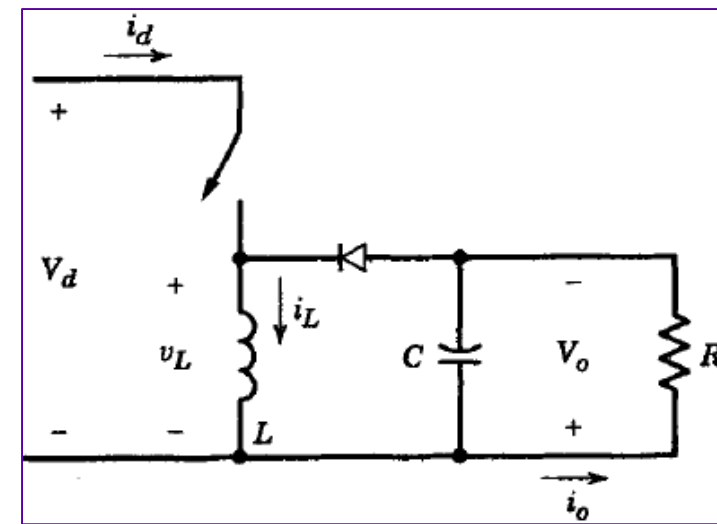
This allows the output voltage to be higher or lower than the input voltage, based on the duty ratio D .

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

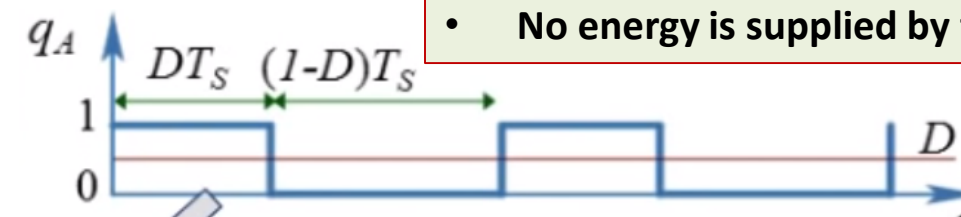
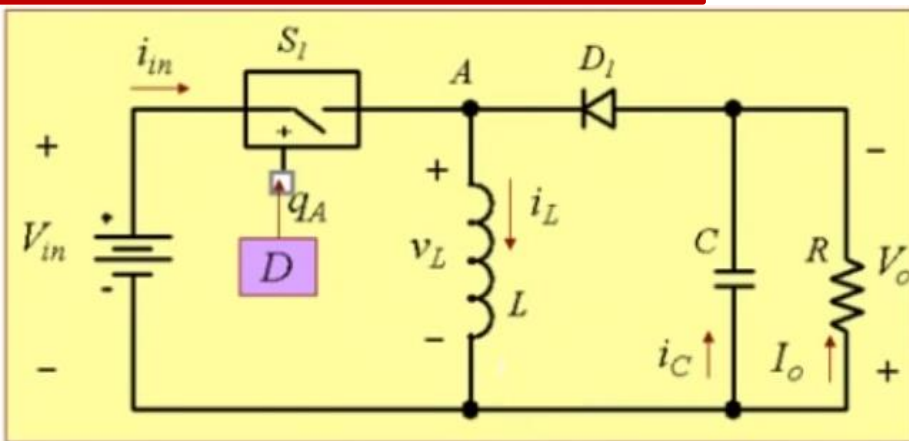
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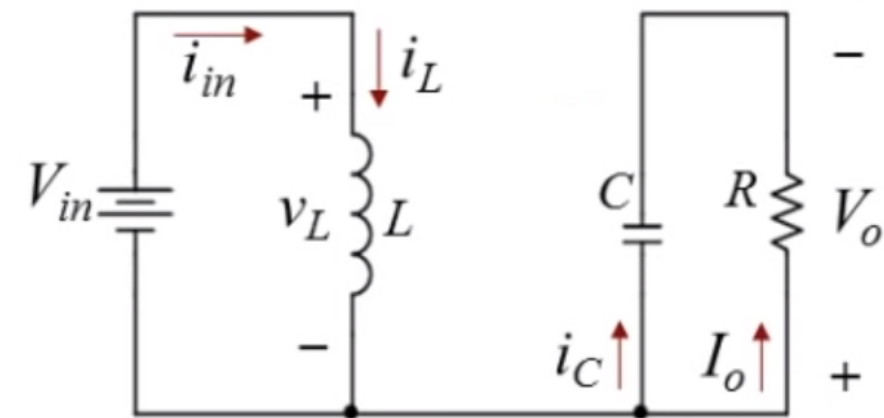
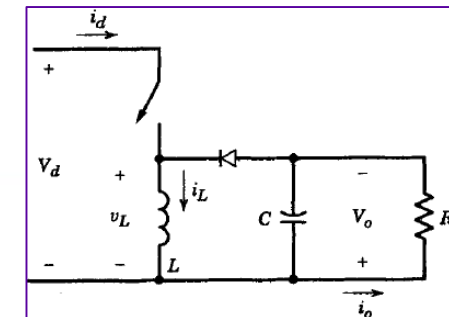
- Step up as well as step down depending on D
- Negative output (with respect to input ground)
- Isolated version – flyback converter quite popular at low (~ 100 W) power level



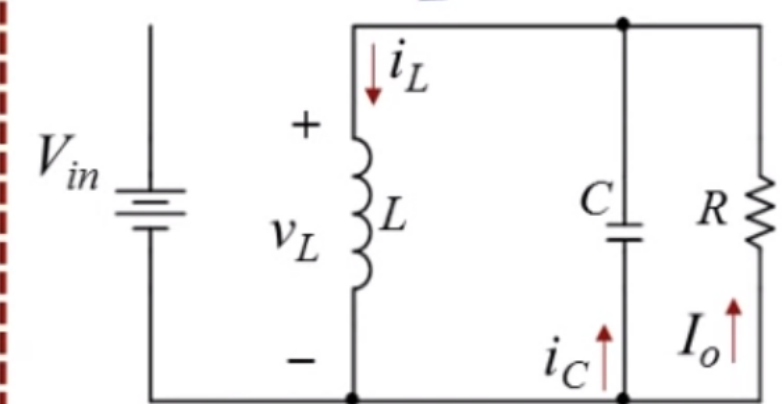
BUCK-BOOST CONVERTER



- When the switch is closed, the input provides energy to the inductor and the diode is reverse biased.
- When the switch is open, the energy stored in the inductor is transferred to the output.
- No energy is supplied by the input during this interval.

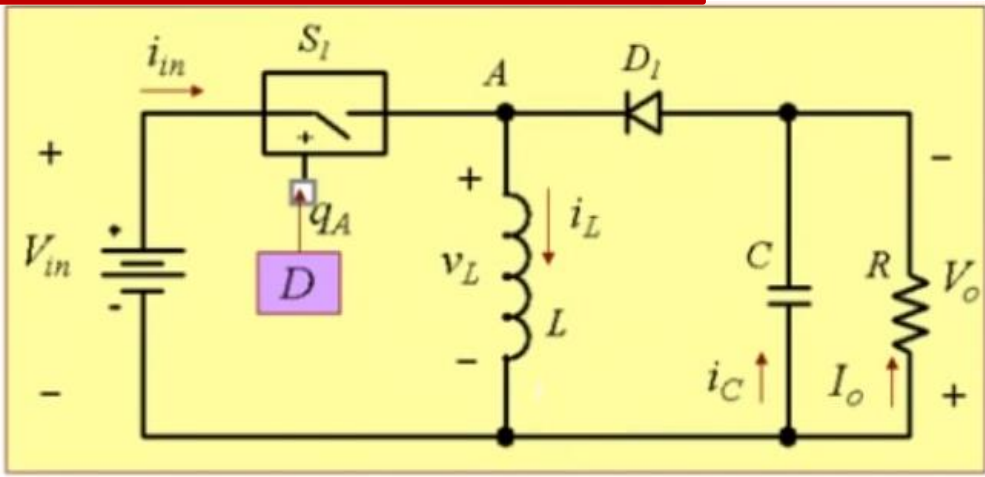


- $v_L = V_{in}$
- i_L and energy stored in L increase
- C supports load and discharges
- C large enough to maintain voltage almost constant (small ripple)



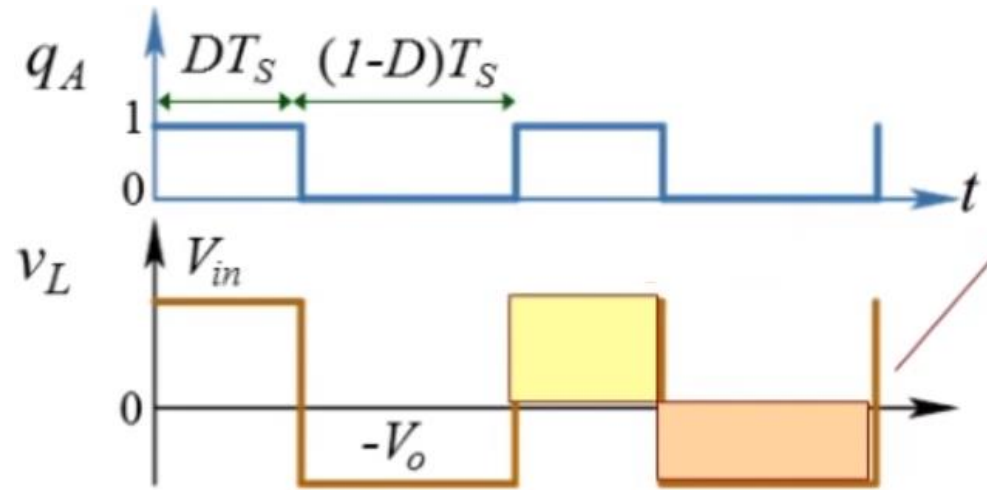
- $v_L = -V_o$
- i_L and energy stored in L decrease, energy fed to C and R
- i_C positive and C charges up
- C large enough to maintain voltage almost constant (small ripple)

BUCK-BOOST CONVERTER



Buck operation for
 $D \leq 0.5$

Boost operation for
 $D \geq 0.5$



$$V_{in}DT_s + (-V_o)(1-D)T_s = 0$$
$$V_{in}D = V_o(1-D)$$

$$\frac{V_o}{V_{in}} = \frac{D}{1-D}$$

Input-output voltage relationship for buck-boost

$$\frac{I_{in}}{I_o} = \frac{D}{1-D}$$

Input-output current relationship using power balance

Switch closed

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{V_d}{L}$$

$$\frac{\Delta i_L}{\Delta t} = \frac{\Delta i_L}{DT} = \frac{V_d}{L}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\Delta i_L)_{closed} = \frac{V_d DT}{L}$$

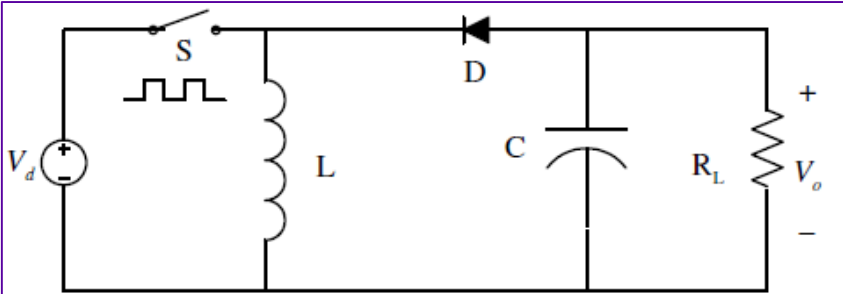
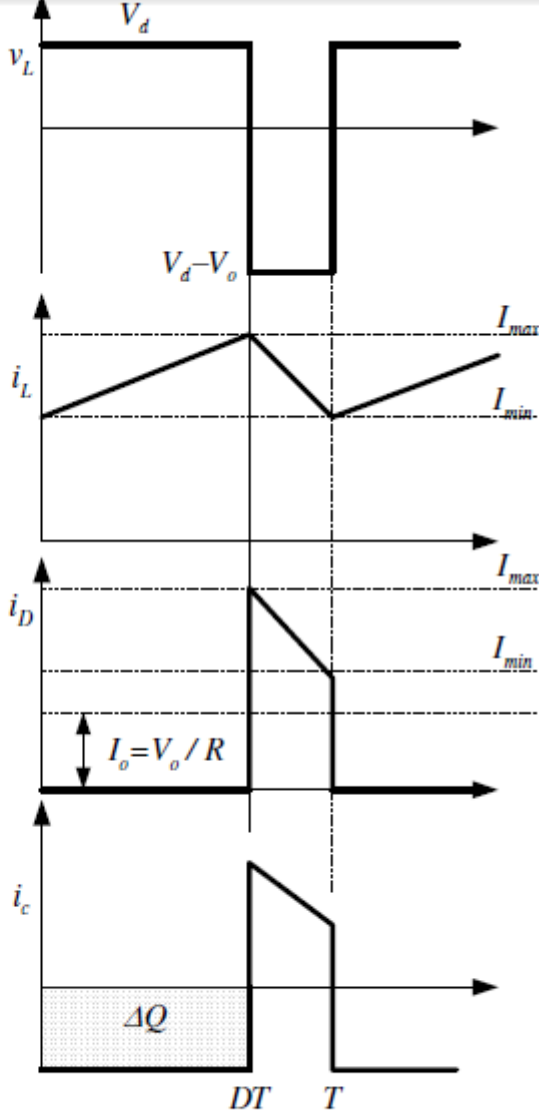
Switch opened

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

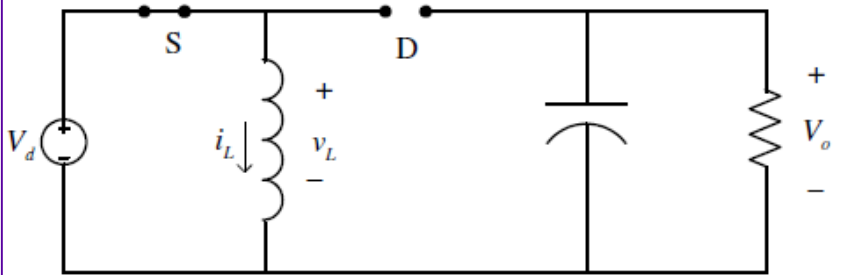
$$\Rightarrow \frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{V_o}{L}$$

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

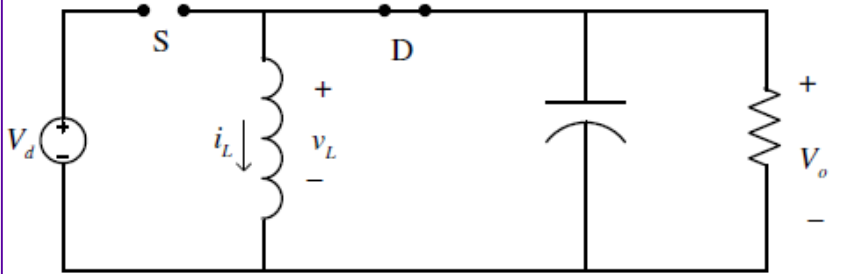
$$\Rightarrow (\Delta i_L)_{opened} = \frac{V_o (1-D)T}{L}$$



CIRCUIT OF BUCK-BOOST CONVERTER



CIRCUIT WHEN SWITCH IS CLOSED



CIRCUIT WHEN SWITCH IS OPENED

Buck-boost analysis CONTINUOUS-CONDUCTION MODE

The ΔI method

Steady state operation :

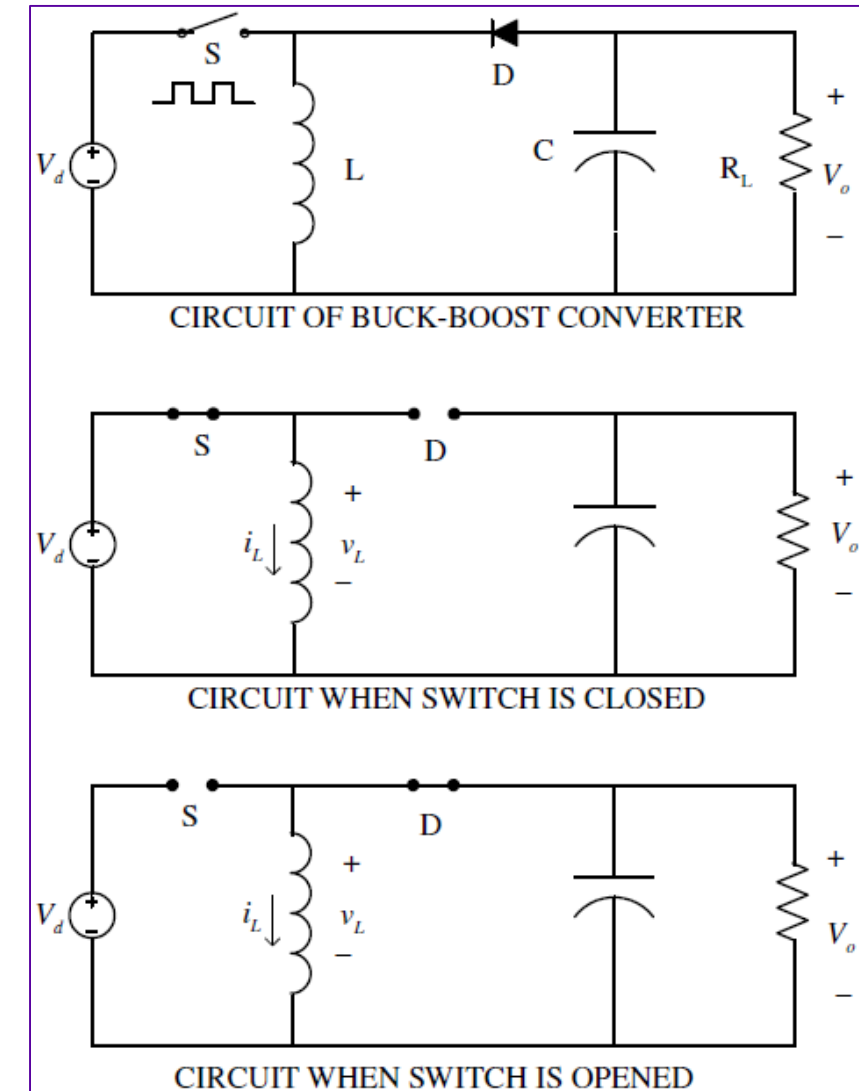
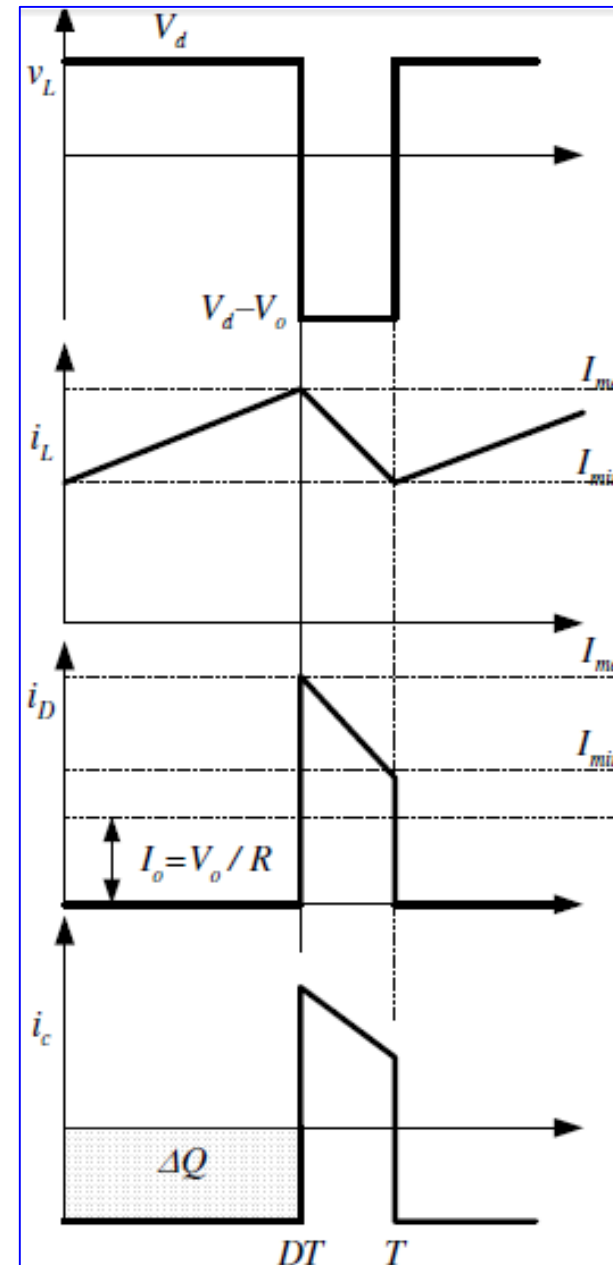
$$\Delta i_{L(closed)} + \Delta i_{L(opened)} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_d DT}{L} + \frac{V_o(1-D)T}{L} = 0$$

Output voltage :

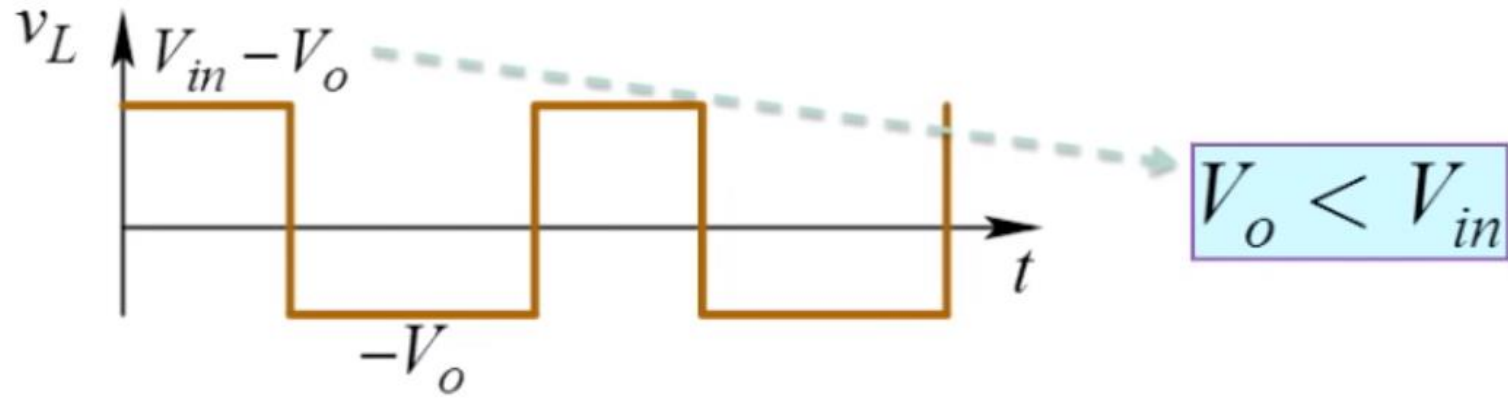
$$\Rightarrow V_o = -V_s \left(\frac{D}{1-D} \right)$$

- NOTE: Output of a buck-boost converter either be higher or lower than input.
 - If $D > 0.5$, output is higher than input
 - If $D < 0.5$, output is lower input
- Output voltage is always negative.
- Note that output is never directly connected to load.
- Energy is stored in inductor when switch is closed and transferred to load when switch is opened.

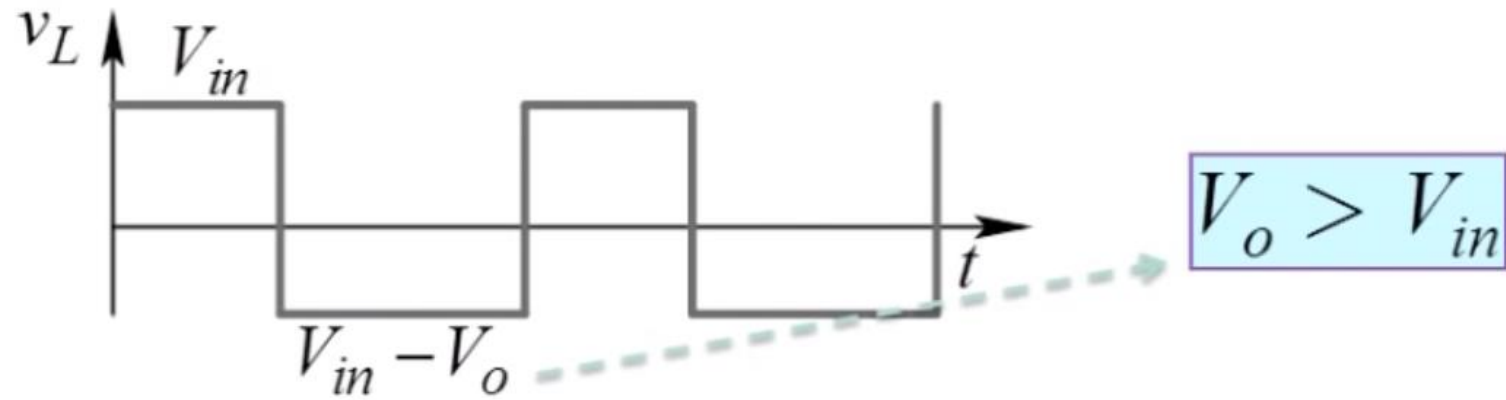


Comparison of v_L in Buck, Boost and Buck-Boost

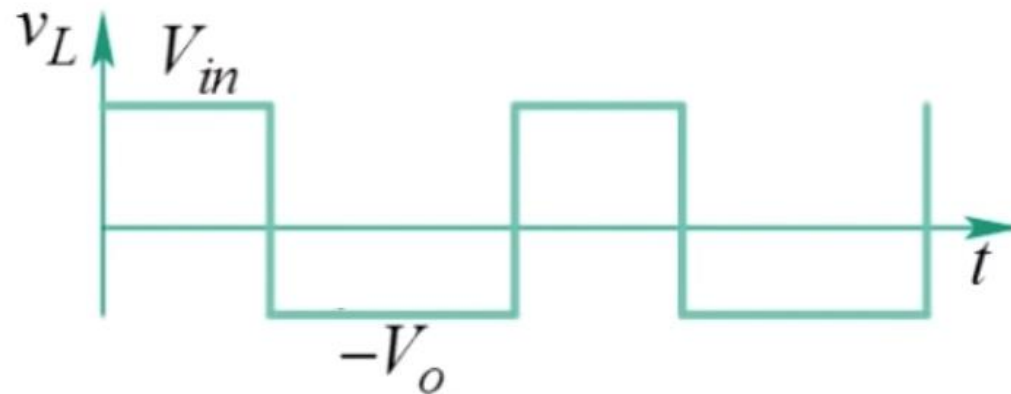
Buck



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Buck-boost



Step-up and
Step-down