

D1: Boost Converter Project

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ELEC1200/1201: Circuits & Programming

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Project Time Line

Today and Friday
Mo 13th Jan: due 20th
Mo 20th Jan
Lab open 21st-23rd Jan.
Fri 24th Jan
 ≤ 2 Weeks



You will have lab access either AM or PM every day from 20th–24th Jan. You are expected to work on your code the other half of the day.



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- ▶ Wind
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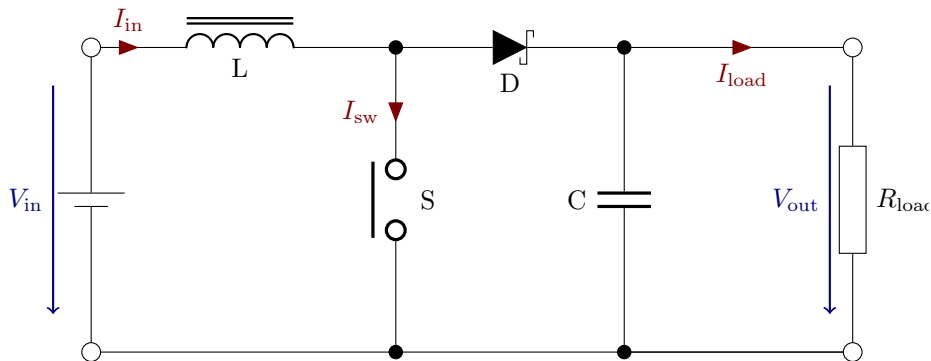
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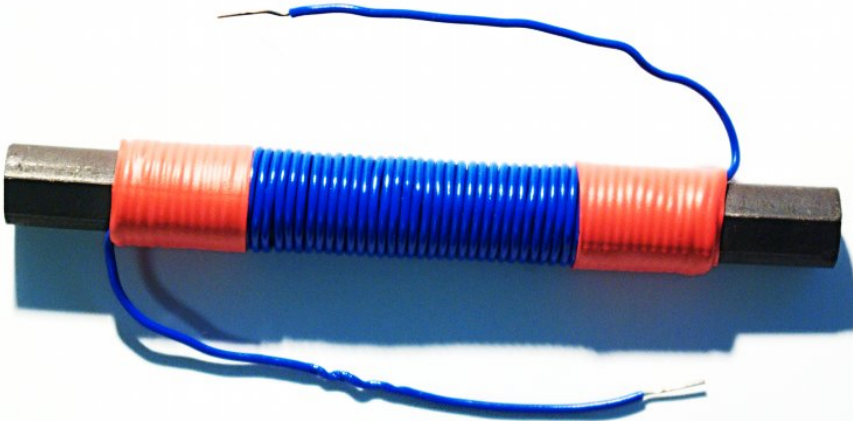


As a switch we will use an n-MOSFET that can be controlled with the 3.3 V IIMatto board.

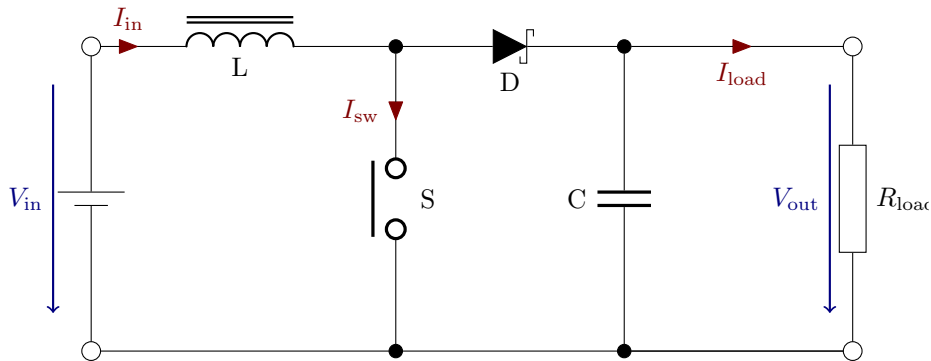


Coil

You will wind and characterise your own coil:



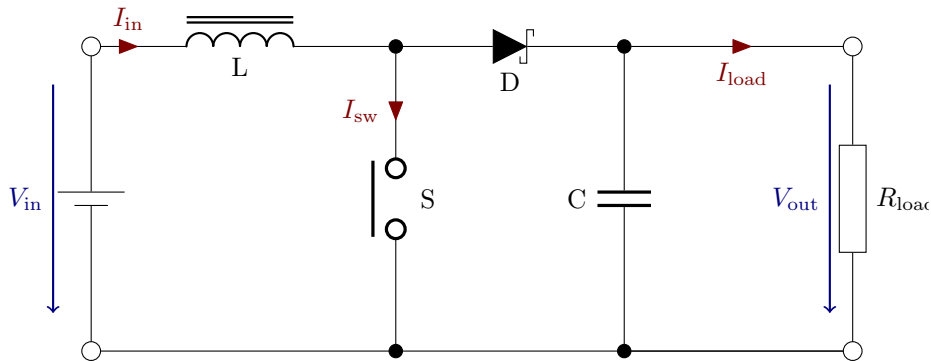
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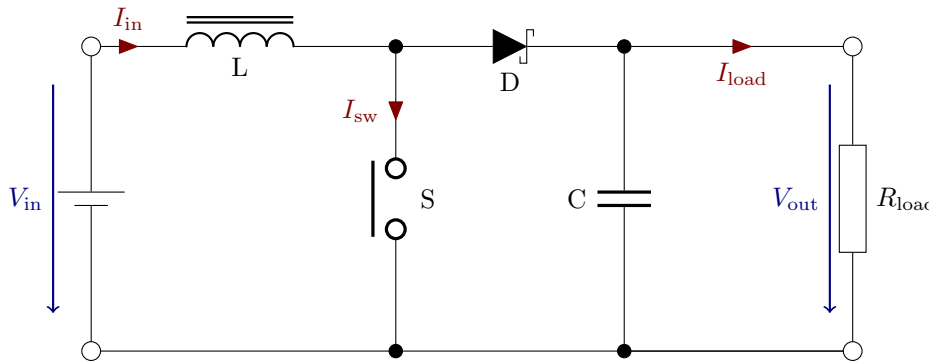
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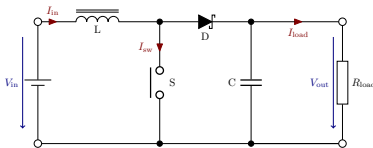
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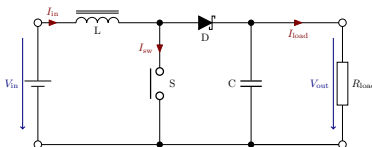


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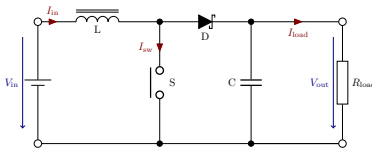


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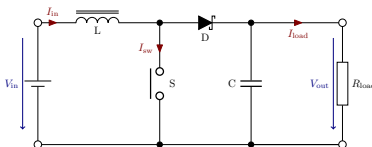


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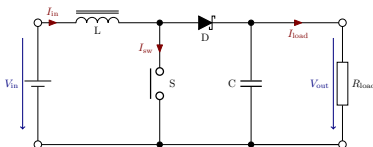


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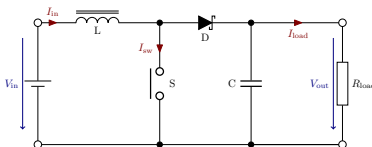


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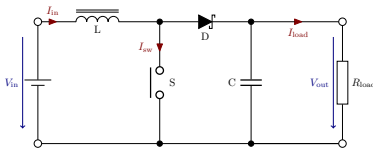


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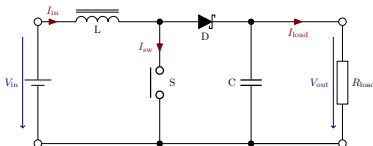


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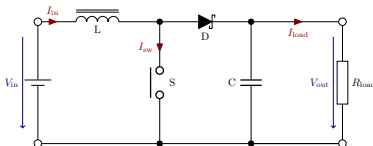


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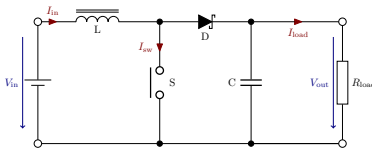


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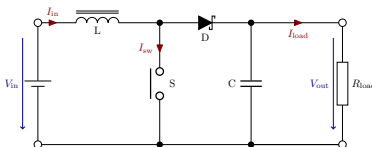


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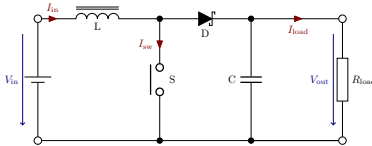


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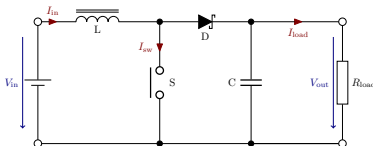


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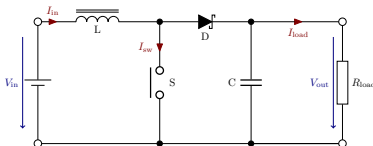


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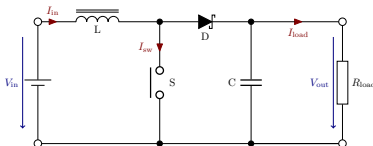


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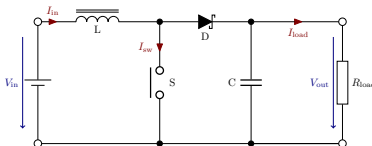


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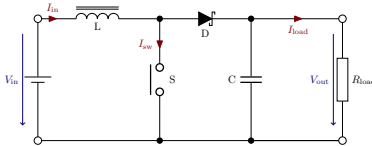


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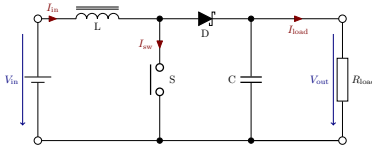


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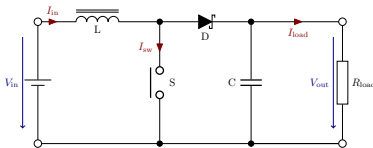


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Duty Cycle

$$D = 1 - \frac{V_{IN(min)} * \eta}{V_{OUT(max)}}$$

$$\Delta I_L = \frac{V_{IN(min)} D_{max}}{f_S L}$$



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