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A.1 Ramp Current Waveform 

A.2 Sine Current Waveform 

A.3 Sine-Sine Current Waveform 

A.4 Ramp-Sine Current Waveform 

A.5 Sine-Sine-Sine Current Waveform 

A.6 Ramp-Sine-Sine Current Waveform
I. INTRODUCTION

A complete satellite power system consists of a multipanel solar cell array, a rechargeable battery, voltage limiting elements, and power conditioning devices such as voltage regulators and direct current-to-direct current (dc-dc) converters. Spacecraft power systems are involved in the efficient collection, transformation, and distribution of accessible solar, chemical and/or nuclear energy into electrical power for consumption by other systems and payloads. Advancing technology for spacecraft has placed increased demands on components of the system itself. Use of improved power electronics for power conditioning is today a necessity. The power conditioning aspect associated with electrical power systems has become the heart of all spaceborne craft. Power control electronics are responsible for effectively fulfilling the engineering power management function (power flow control, balanced energy management of multiple power sources and energy storage elements, autonomy of system operation during all mission phases, and elimination of potential mission critical failure modes) onboard all orbiting platforms. [Ref. 1:p. 391]

The power distribution of energy to other systems and payload equipment alike in an unregulated bus is accomplished through decentralized dc-dc converters. Designers distribute raw unconditioned dc power and regulate the voltage at the point of use in order to build redundancy into a system. Large numbers of converters are therefore necessary to meet all voltage and power requirements present in a spacecraft.

Spacecraft power systems were for a long time considered of secondary importance, considered to be very conventional in nature, and hence received minimal
attention during the thought process from which development of the satellite system architecture occurred. A study conducted on eight Jet Propulsion Laboratory funded programs, Mariner Mars 1964 through Galileo 1986, reveals in Figure 1.1, that about 30% of total spacecraft weight is concentrated in packaged electronics [Ref. 2:pp. 134-135]. With the greatest potential for spacecraft mass savings coming in this area over time, as proven in Figure 1.2, the impact of efficient circuit operation and physical realization of electronic power subsystems has become readily apparent. The call for improved efficiency and higher switching frequencies has renewed interest in both resonant and pulse width mode (PWM) technologies.

One of the most significant opportunities for improving power density in a dc-dc converter (as illustrated in Figure 1.3) comes in the area of the switching element. Power Metal-oxide Semiconductor Field Effect Transistors (MOSFETs) allow dc-dc converter operation to take place at higher switching frequencies, using relatively simple drive circuitry to add to system reliability. However, this device cannot operate without loss and is impaired by certain kinds of dissipative losses.

Power losses in a dc-dc converter are comprised of both switching losses and conduction losses. Switching losses increase in direct proportion to frequency. Each time the switching element is turned on or turned off, as demonstrated in Figure 1.4, a proportional amount of energy is dissipated. The more frequently the device is operated, the greater the power loss. At the other end of the spectrum exist conduction losses. This form of energy dissipation represents an almost constant loss, strictly dependent upon the converter load and the on-resistance characteristic of the particular MOSFET chosen as the switching element [Ref. 3:p. 322]. MOSFETs are capable of fast switching, but are relatively high in conduction loss.

The motivation for moving towards higher switching frequencies as shown in Figure 1.5 is to reduce the volume of the reactive energy storage elements, which
Figure 1.1: Weighted Average of Spacecraft Mass by Technology [From Ref. 2]

Figure 1.2: Normalized Percentage of Spacecraft by Technology vs. Time [From Ref. 2]
Figure 1.3: Relative Losses Within a 400 kHz DC-to-DC converter [From Ref. 3]

Figure 1.4: Power Semiconductor Switch (a) Voltage and Current Waveforms and (b) Dissipated Power Waveform [From Ref. 3]
comprise a major portion of a dc-dc converter. These elements become smaller in size at higher frequencies, because they need to store relatively less energy for shorter periods of time. For this savings to occur, the switching frequency must be raised from tens of kilohertz to hundreds of kilohertz [Ref. 2: p. 319]. Beyond this point, movement into frequencies in the megahertz range produces significantly less yield. Tradeoffs due to parasitic elements start to occur. [Ref. 3:p. 319, Ref. 4:p. 61, Ref. 5:p. 362]

Power conversion designs employing conventional PWM dc-dc converters are, however, besieged by switching losses at higher frequencies. PWM converters have been perfected to operate most efficiently at an optimal switching frequency range between 30-50 kHz [Ref. 6:p. 58]. In a square-wave operation, each time the switching element is turned on or off, and current or voltage is interrupted, energy is dissipated in the form of heat. Worry over a proper thermal design and the size of the heat sink increases. To remedy this situation and alleviate switching loss, quasi-resonant dc-dc converters have recently been developed for use. Experimentally, this technique using power MOSFETs has been proven successful for higher frequencies up to approximately 10 MHz [Ref. 4:p. 61]. This type of dc-dc converter increases efficiency as it separately improves reliability by alleviating switching stresses.

To achieve higher power system density and reduce the size and cost of the power conversion subsystem designs, design engineers have, in their research and development efforts, focused most of their attention on:

• higher switching frequencies,

• higher levels of circuit integration, and

• improved thermal performance [Ref. 3:p. 319].
However, it is the intent of this research to concentrate specifically on conduction loss. On a percentage basis, conduction losses are more prevalent in instances when power is supplied at low voltages and high currents, as in satellites. This thesis, for two reasons, is used to develop an engineering scheme which creates a switch-mode current waveform that represses conduction loss in a power MOSFET.

First, when operating a conventional PWM dc-dc converter, a trade-off exists in this technology between greater on-state losses and lower switching type transient losses. Power MOSFETs are characterized by their fast switching speeds and a relatively large forward drop in the on-state. As expected, a Bipolar Junction Transistor (BJT) has a significantly less total power loss at low frequencies while the performance of a power MOSFET is greater at high frequencies. Any improvement in the form of the resulting switch-mode current waveform put through the
semiconductor switch will lessen the detrimental effect produced by conduction voltage drop in either case. However, the movement in the point of intersection (the "crossover point") between two curves showing the total power loss per unit area in these two types of transistors caused by a reduction in on-state losses would prove to be more instrumental in a majority carrier device functioning at a low frequency and low voltage. A combination of either two or three ZCS, quasi-resonant dc-dc converters would produce this effect and provide a boost in power density. This in-turn would reduce the symptom of higher resonating rms current, which would in the end cut conduction loss during the switch-on time interval.

Secondly, to a lesser extent, use of a ZCS, quasi-resonant technique would offer the consideration of extra power transferred per switching cycle without an increase in EMI.

The choice in this design is not to ameliorate component quality (e.g., MOSFET on-resistance) or to employ a very heavy gate overdrive to reduce on-voltage losses, but to concentrate on improving the behavior of the current waveform through the converter switching element itself. This research re-examines the basic features of both the Buck PWM and ZCS, Quasi-Resonant dc-dc converters to develop an ideal step-down converter topology. Combination of the best features of each type of converter is targeted to produce an optimal circuit design with the following characteristics in mind:

- low conduction losses due to use of a proposed waveshaping technique.
- higher operating efficiency,
- improved power density to lessen power demand requirements and reduce the physical size of the overall power system itself.
- one switching element,
- simple control circuitry,
- reduced radiation by employing a zero-current switching strategy,
- improved converter reliability and less stringent thermal design, which implies reduced switching stresses and switching losses,
- faster dynamic response from use of a power MOSFET.

Discussion in subsequent chapters begins by qualitatively developing a numerical method to compensate for on-resistance loss generated within the switching element. A technique used to minimize peak current through current waveform shaping is brought forward.

Chapter III is used next to present the different categories of power conversion alternatives available to the power electronics engineer today. Each major type of power supply is discussed concentrating on its ability to efficiently regulate supplied electrical power and control power dissipation losses. In particular, the basic operational theory and circuit analysis of both the PWM Buck dc-dc power converter and Quasi-Resonant, ZCS dc-dc power converter are given. This serves to introduce the parameters which affect boundary conditions and influence the dc conversion ratio in each circuit. The analysis is presented in a practical, easy-to-understand manner, in order to comprehend how the various modes and waveforms are produced.

The impact behind the selection of the switching element is judged in Chapter IV. The critical characteristics involved in the performance of POWERMOS transistors are purposely deliberated.

The last chapter outlines the theoretical process involved in the development of a ramp-sine current waveform. Certain design specifications are given. Specific
equations which dictate the exact relationship between the peak values of the two individual current waveforms are identified. As a practical example, the ramp-sine current waveform is produced from its brassboard model. The modes of the resulting circuit are illustrated.

The remaining portion of the chapter deals with an evaluation of dissipative losses from the operational circuit. As a result, a final comparison is made between the magnitude of the relative values of conduction loss which exist between different current waveforms.
II. GENESIS OF A NEW POWER CONVERSION STRATEGY

Both the passive and active components affect the overall mass, volume, and efficiency of a dc-dc converter. Analytical evaluation of the power losses associated with these elements therefore becomes necessary to achieve an optimal power system configuration.

Relatively speaking, as previously shown in Figure 1.3, the second highest power loss in a dc-dc converter comes in the activation of the primary power switch. Losses in the semiconductor device can reduce overall converter efficiency by 5-10% [Ref. 3:p. 322]. The seriousness of the loss is amplified and becomes significant as efficiencies begin to approach 90%.

The power dissipated, $P_L$, in a converter circuit is due to a combination of conduction and switching losses occurring in the switching element at turn-on and turn-off. Expressing these losses in their equation form leads to,

$$P_L = P_{\text{cond}} + P_{\text{sw}}$$

(2.1)

where

- $P_{\text{cond}} = \text{Total amount of conduction loss due to non-zero on-resistance, } R_{DS\,(on)}$, during switching element on-time.

- $P_{\text{sw}} = \text{Total amount of switching loss due to power dissipated in the switching element during both turn-on and turn-off times, and the type of load switched.}$
Attempts to further reduce dc-dc converter size and increase power handling density has led to much research using higher frequencies to eliminate switching losses. However, first and foremost, research in this section qualitatively seeks to demonstrate a means to compensate for on-resistance related losses. Assuming a fixed blocking voltage, on-state current, and device area, Figure 2.1 clearly demonstrates the limit conduction losses have placed on power MOSFET devices today. As switching frequencies extend into the 10 MHz frequency range and parasitics are explicitly incorporated into topological designs, emphasis on conduction losses can be expected to escalate rapidly [Ref. 5:p. 363], [Ref. 8:p. 12].

A. WAVESHAPING TO LIMIT POWER LOSSES

1. Conduction Losses

Manipulation of the current waveform through the converter switching element to control the conduction power loss is founded upon the following principles. First, the average amount of charge, \( Q \), that a switching element can transfer in a prescribed amount of time, \( \tau \), is given by,

\[
Q = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} i(t) dt
\]

(2.2)

where \( i(t) \) is the switch-current waveform under consideration. If \( \tau \) is fixed, the maximum amount of charge attainable is strictly dependent upon the quantity of current, \( i(t) \), present. Figure 2.2 represents three basic current waveforms with identical values of \( \tau \). In each case, peak current is expressed in terms of normalized charge, \( Q \), divided by on-time, \( \tau \). As shown, the rectangular waveform most effectively supplies the desired amount of charge for the lowest value of peak current, \( I_p \).
Figure 2.1: Qualitative Plot of Conduction Losses and Switching Energy Versus the Amount of Stored Charge [From Ref. 7]

Secondly, the average power dissipated by the switching element in the same cycle is proportional to,

\[ P_{\text{cond}} = \frac{R_{DS(on)}}{T} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} i^2(t) \, dt \]  

(2.3)

or

\[ P_{\text{cond}} = f_s \tau I_{D(on)}^2 R_{DS(on)} \]  

(2.4)

where

- \( \tau \) = Switching element on-time,
- \( T \) = Switching period,
- \( f_s \) = Switching frequency,
- \( I_{D(on)} \) = On-state drain current,
• \( V_{DS(on)} = \) On-state drain-to-source voltage, and

• \( R_{DS(on)} = \) Drain-to-source voltage in the on-state.

If \( R_{DS(on)} \) and \( T \) are assumed to be equal to one in value, the power consumed by the conduction process is strictly dependent upon the current as a function of time squared. Control over this parameter is vitally important, and hence becomes the dominating theme behind the development of a waveshaping technique. Using the ramp function found in Figure 2.2 as an example, substitution of \( i(t) = (I_p/\tau)t \) into Equation 2.3 yields

\[
P_{cond} \approx \frac{\tau}{3} I_p^2 ,
\]

an equation for power loss in terms of peak current and device on-time. Replacement of peak current in Equation 2.5 with an appropriate value of normalized charge produces figures for accompanying values of current and power. Results recorded in Table 2.1 prove, in this instance, that a ramp like current waveform is 33\% less efficient than a rectangular waveform having a \( Q \) of one. Similarly, if the same logic is applied again, an expression can be developed for any half-sinusoidal current waveform as a function of time using.

\[
i(t) = \int_0^{\tau_m} \sin \left( \frac{\pi t}{\tau_m} \right) dt
\]

where \( \tau_m \) is the half period of the \( m^{th} \) sinusoid in question and \( m \) is the integer number value of the particular waveform under consideration.

In contrast, a singular sinusoidal current waveform as shown in Table 2.1 can be expected to realize a 7.43\% improvement in conduction loss over the ramp current waveform.

In order to experiment with different combinations of waveforms and to extend this analysis one step further, an optimization routine entitled ZXMIN was
TABLE 2.1: Waveform Results

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used to lessen the prodigious amount of calculations involved. This algorithm, which is a part of the IMSL library, uses a quasi-Newton method to locate the minimum of a function $f(x)$ of N variables, $x = (x_1, x_2, \cdots, x_n)$. By squaring the sum of the different current waveforms in question and integrating over the switching element on-time interval, a function proportional to the average power of the combined waveforms is derived. Applying ZXMIN produces an output vector X of length N. Vector X contains N final parameter estimate values, as determined by ZXMIN, that causes the power function to be a minimum. Each estimate represents the current amplitude and period required to minimize average power, $P$, at a $Q$ equal to one for each combination. Appendix A is used to give a complete explanation of the IMSL routine ZXMIN. Also, present in Appendix A are the graphical results to the six different current waveforms analyzed.

Table 2.1, from the calculations performed in Appendix A, lists for each current waveform the minimum power, $P$, and associated current value, $I_p$, required
to produce a charge, $Q$, of one. The current $I_p$ represents the resulting minimum peak current from the sum of $m$ different waveforms being added together. Utilizing the ramp waveform as a benchmark, the particular combination of the ramp, sine, sine waveforms is most advantageous. A 25% reduction in conduction power loss is obtainable in comparison to the ramp waveform alone.

2. Switching Losses

Switching losses in a power MOSFET can be calculated using,

$$\begin{align*}
P_s &= f_s \left[ I_{D(on)} V_{DS(on)} \int_{0}^{t_{s1}} \left( \frac{t}{t_{s1}} \left( 1 - \frac{t}{t_{s2}} \right) \right) dt + I_{D(on)} V_{DS(on)} \int_{0}^{t_{s2}} \frac{t}{t_{s2}} dt \right] (2.7) \\
&= f_s I_{D(on)} V_{DS(on)} \left[ \frac{2}{3} t_{s1} + \frac{t_{s2}}{2} \right] (2.8)
\end{align*}$$

where

- $t_{s1} =$ Current rise time, and
- $t_{s2} =$ Current fall time.

Higher operating frequencies imply proportionally greater energy losses. When switching frequency is increased, larger heat sinks are required in dc-dc converters as the fixed amount of power dissipated during each cycle is repeated more often. Hence, switching losses limit dc-dc converter size. [Ref. 3:p. 322. Ref. 9:p. 4.5]

The results found in Table 2.1 are promising and a discovery of this nature may have other possible ramifications as well. Being able to construct a current waveform containing sinusoidal elements would constitute the creation of a zero-current-switching waveform. Turning the switching element on and off at zero current would not contribute, but assist in reducing both switching losses and
switching stresses. Thus, additional and unexpected gains in power density, efficiency, and reliability could be achieved in low voltage power applications. [Ref. 10, Ref. 11:p. 377-378]
Figure 2.2: Hierarchy of Basic Current Waveforms as a Function of Charge, $Q$, and Switch on-time, $\tau$. 

1. $I_p = \frac{Q}{\tau}$

2. $I_p = \frac{2Q}{\tau}$

3. $I_p = \frac{1.571Q}{\tau}$
III. POWER CONVERSION ALTERNATIVES

The concept of both linear and switch-mode power supplies is not new. As illustrated in Figure 3.1, there are several different types of power supplies available that will allow a design engineer to transform dc at one voltage level to dc of another voltage level. Over the years, the array of differences in voltage and current requirements specified for different applications has produced a variety of tailor-made dc-dc converters specially designed to meet this indigence state.

In a MOSFET, where conduction loss is

\[ P_{\text{cond}} \sim I_{D_{\text{rms}}}^2, \]  

the drain current, \( I_D \), must be as small as possible to achieve highest efficiency. This chapter serves to examine how peak drain current through the switching element varies in two selected topologies.

The discussion begins with an investigation into the approach used in both linear and non-linear power supplies (square and sine-wave) to achieve voltage regulation in dc-dc power conversion; characteristic voltage and current waveforms are then explored to understand their waveshaping modus operandi. Today's superior high-frequency semiconductor devices permit active waveshaping to be employed as a methodology to better control and process power. Active waveshaping typically increases power density by extirpating most of the weight and volume normally dedicated to low frequency filter elements. Completion of this study is used by the author to verify that the current waveforms for the Buck and ZCS, quasi-resonant
Figure 3.1: Classification of DC-DC Converter Power Supply Technology
dc-dc power converter topologies are appropriate for use in the framework of a dc-dc converter design. A model is developed for each converter type chosen which analyzes their structural properties and resulting voltage and current waveforms.

**A. DISSIPATIVE OR LINEAR POWER SYSTEMS**

In the basic design of a linear power supply, as shown in Figure 3.2, the converter uses a series linear element, usually a transistor operating in the continuous conduction mode, to act as a variable resistor to control and regulate the output voltage. The voltage across the pass transistor is always equal to the difference between the input and output voltage. In the linear mode of operation, dissipation in the controlling element is high and converter efficiency is low (30-60%). The linear regulator circuit provides precise line and load regulation required at the output of the supply. Although simple in design, this regulator type possesses no waveshaping capability. Hence, both the series and shunt dissipative regulators are of little use to the design engineer in reducing system losses.

**B. NON-DISSIPATIVE OR SWITCH-MODE POWER SYSTEMS**

There are three separate classes of switch-mode converters available for use; they are:

- Square-wave.
- Resonant.
- Quasi-resonant.

Classically, each type of switch-mode converter is composed of a power handling device arranged in tandem with a distinctive number of passive energy storage elements, inductors and capacitors, to form a unique topology capable of transforming...
Figure 3.2: Linear DC-DC Power Systems: (a) Series Regulator, (b) Shunt Regulator
energy supplied by the source to the load. The power transistor is treated as an ideal switch. The kind of power transistor chosen is selected to operate in either its saturated (ON) or cut-off (OFF) mode to minimize power losses. The constant periodic changes between the two states makes these converters non-linear. Switch-mode converters possess the ability to use the fraction of time that the switch remains on ($\tau$, $t_{on}$, DT, etc.,) in comparison to the switching period to regulate power flow to the load. The switching regulator obtains high efficiencies as a result of:

- its ability to vary the duty cycle to raise the switching frequency above the line frequency to reduce the volume of reactive components and limit power losses, and

- excellent closed loop load-transient response over wide ranges in load current [Ref. 12:p. 53].

Major internal losses, however, do exist from high currents flowing through the saturation resistance at transistor turn-on and transient switching losses occurring at higher frequencies.

The combination of high efficiency, small magnetics, and reduced switching stress has resulted in improved, more reliable power converters rated at 200 W, which are emerging with power densities approaching 1 kW/in$^3$ at 98% efficiency [Ref. 13].

1. **Square-wave Converters**

   As implied by Figure 3.3, a great variety of possible switch-mode topologies can be constructed using any particular combination of switches and storage components. However, only one out of the four of the most elementary converters, which are fundamental to all other derived dc-dc converters, is discussed here.
The PWM controlled dc-dc converters, illustrated in Figure 3.4, operate in a switching mode rather than an analog mode to impress square waves of current and voltage onto power semiconductor switching elements. The desired dc output is controlled by use of a switching transistor, inductor or high frequency transformer, rectifier, and output filter network to properly regulate the voltage against changing line and load conditions. Typical square-wave converters process power at a rate of 20 to 500 kHz. Within this frequency range, the system is considered to be optimal in size, weight, reliability, and cost. Above this plateau, square-wave converters are completely overwhelmed by frequency related losses. At the cost of complexity, MOSFETs are generally used in resonant circuits to alleviate this condition.

a. Buck DC-DC Converter

(1) Operational Characteristics

The simplest and most fundamental configuration to understand is the basic Buck converter, illustrated in Figure 3.5. This switching regulator
is comprised of the following components: an ideal switch, \( sw \), which can be realized in this case by the implementation of a BJT with a free-wheeling diode, \( D_1 \); a dc power source, \( V \); and a L-C filter used to reduce voltage ripple and provide a constant output, \( V_{out} \), across the load, \( R_L \). The value of \( C \) is chosen such that it is sufficient in size to ensure that the change in \( V_L \) (\( \Delta V_L \)) is small. The diode and transistor used in this discussion are assumed to be ideal switching components.

In a Buck dc-dc converter, the regulated output voltage, \( V_{out} \), is always less than the given range of the input, \( V \). Using an integrated circuit controller, the output voltage, \( V_{out} \), can be compared with a stable reference voltage to create an amplified error signal to generate either a PWM or Frequency Modulated (FM) waveform, which will control the switch-off period adequately.

During the switching cycle in a Buck dc-dc converter, switch, \( sw \), as indicated in Figure 3.5(a) is periodically manipulated after a given amount
of time, $\tau$, from position $A$ to position $B$ for time $T - \tau$. The circuit topology in Figure 3.6 results. When switch, $sw$, is placed in position $A$ at the beginning of the cycle time, $t_0$, the input voltage, $V$, is greater than the output voltage, $V_{out}$. This produces a constant voltage, $V_L = V - V_{out}$, across inductance, $L$. Diode, $D_1$, is reverse-biased due to the polarity of input voltage, $V$. This forces all current to flow into inductor, $L$, and a voltage to build across capacitor, $C$. Inductor current, $i_L(t)$, ramps upward producing an output voltage across the load with a polarity in the direction as shown in Figure 3.6. This process occurs approximately until the output voltage, $V_{out}$, exceeds a given reference voltage and the switch moves to position $B$. The peak current, $I_p$, developed in the inductor is directly proportional to the amount of time switch, $sw$, is turned-on.

Once a value of $V_{out}$ is achieved, switch, $sw$, is turned-off or opened at time $t = \tau$. The voltage, $V_x$, immediately drops to zero volts and the stored magnetic energy in inductor, $L$, reverses its field polarity to preserve the flux created by the formerly applied emf, causing diode, $D_1$, to become forward-biased. Diode $D_1$, behaves as an automatic switch, able to commutate inductor current. Current through inductor, $L$, begins to ramp downward as current is discharged into both the load, $R_L$, and filter capacitor, $C$. Note, that the output voltage polarity across the load, $R_L$, remains unchanged as the voltage out, $V_{out}$, remains constant.

At the end of the second time interval, either one of two different operational conditions can prevail. If the inductance current, $i_L(t)$, throughout the course of the switching cycle in Figure 3.7(a) never reaches zero, the circuit operationally is specified as acting in the continuous conduction mode. Inductor current, $i_L(t)$, is always some non-zero positive value. However, if all accumulated energy in inductor, $L$, is expended and dissipated in the load, capacitor $C'$ will be
forced to start its discharging process. This in turn will cause the output voltage to fall. The capacitor will completely discharge through the load due to diode, $D_1$, positioning. At this point in time, switch $sw$ will return back to position $A$ and the process will repeat itself. A switch-mode converter in which the inductance current, $i_L(t)$, becomes zero during a portion of the switching process, as shown in Figure 3.7(b), is specified as operating in the \textit{discontinuous conduction mode}. The minimum amount of time necessary for the load to dissipate the energy built up in the inductor for a given on-time, $\tau$, is dictated by the size of the load requirement itself. As it will be shown in subsequent paragraphs, transition from a continuous to a discontinuous conduction mode can also be made a function of duty cycle, $D$, switching frequency, $f_s$, and inductance, $L$, as well.

\section*{(2) DC Voltage Conversion Ratio}

For any given design neglecting the voltage drop across the diode and the saturation voltage drop of the transistor in Figure 3.5, duty cycle, $D$, is defined as

\[ D = \frac{\tau}{T} = \tau f_s \tag{3.2} \]

where

- $\tau$ = Switch on-time,
- $f_s$ = Switching frequency, and
- $T$ = Switching period.

Given the fact that the average voltage across an inductor over a complete period is zero, the volt-seconds stored in the inductor during interval, $\tau$, must equal the volt-seconds released during the inductor discharge interval [Ref. 14:pp. 282-283, Ref. 17:p. 4]. Because of this, in the steady state the initial and final values of
Figure 3.5: Buck DC-DC Converter Model: (a) Basic Circuit Topology, (b) Utilization of a BJT and a Freewheeling Diode, $D_1$, as a Switch
Figure 3.6: Resulting Topological Changes in the Buck DC-DC Converter due to the Positioning of the Switch: (a) Switch-On, (b) Switch-Off
Figure 3.7: Buck DC-DC Converter Switching Waveforms: (a) Continuous Conduction Mode, (b) Discontinuous Conduction Mode [After Ref. 16]
the inductor must be equivalent. Therefore, it can be stated that over two switched
intervals,

\[ \int_0^{DT} V_L dt = -\int_{DT}^T V_L dt \]  \hspace{1cm} (3.3)


or after completing the necessary integral calculation noted above:

\[ (V - V_{out}) DT = V_{out}(1 - D) T \]  \hspace{1cm} (3.4)

As a result of this criterion, a Buck dc-dc converter functioning in the continuous
conduction mode will have a duty cycle, \( D \), of,

\[ D = \frac{V_{out}}{V} \]  \hspace{1cm} (3.5)

By defining \( M \), a commonly used dimensionless parameter, as the dc voltage ratio
(or converter gain) as

\[ M \triangleq \frac{V_{out}}{V} \]  \hspace{1cm} (3.6)

the step-down dc conversion ratio for a Buck dc-dc converter can be expressed as.

\[ M = D \ [Continuous \ conduction \ mode] \]  \hspace{1cm} (3.7)

Equating Equation 3.2 to 3.5, it is obvious that \( V_{out} \) will always be less than \( V \) in
value.

In the discontinuous conduction mode, the energy stored in the
inductor during the interval, \( \tau \), and then subsequently recovered during discharge.
\( \tau_{min} - \tau \), or \( D_2 T \), is slightly different than the aforementioned case or,

\[ (V - V_{out}) DT = V_{out} (\tau_{min} - \tau) T \]  \hspace{1cm} (3.8)

where \( \tau_{min} \) is the period of maximum switching frequency.
This equation, which reduces to

\[ V_{\text{out}} = \frac{V_D}{D + (T_{\text{min}} - \tau)} = \frac{V_D}{D + D_2}, \]  

allows for a step-down conversion ratio of

\[ M = \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V} = \frac{D}{D + D_2} \text{ [Discontinuous conduction mode].} \]  

(3.10)

To develop a similar relationship for the dc voltage conversion ratio of a Buck converter functioning in its discontinuous mode, it first must be understood that the dc output current \( I_{L_{\text{AVG}}} = \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{R_L} \) found in the load must match the average value of the current present in the inductor over time \( T \) or, from Figure 3.7b,

\[ I_{L_{\text{AVG}}}T = \frac{I_p\tau}{2} + \frac{I_p}{2}(T_{\text{min}} - \tau). \]  

(3.11)

Peak current, \( I_p \), in the inductor can easily be determined from the very well-known inductor voltage relationship

\[ V = L \frac{di}{dt} \]  

as being

\[ I_p = \tau \frac{(V - V_{\text{out}})}{L} = DT \frac{(V - V_{\text{out}})}{L} \text{ (For inductor charge)} \]  

(3.13)

and, equivalently,

\[ I_p = \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{L} \frac{T_{\text{min}} - \tau}{L} = \frac{V_{\text{out}} D_2 T}{L} \text{ (For inductor discharge).} \]  

(3.14)

Therefore, by substitution of Equation 3.13 into Equation 3.11, Equation 3.15 results,

\[ I_{L_{\text{AVG}}} = \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{R_L} = \frac{V_{\text{out}} D_2 T}{2L} \text{ [D + D_2]} \]  

(3.15)

in order to achieve an equation for \( D_2 \). The equation for \( D_2 \) is

\[ D_2(D, K) = \frac{-D \pm \sqrt{D^2 + 4K}}{2} = \frac{K}{D} \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4K}{D^2}}} \]  

(3.16)
where
\[
K = \frac{2L}{R_L T} = \frac{2Ls}{R_L}.
\] (3.17)

This produces the desired result of
\[
M(D, K) = \frac{V_{out}}{V} = \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4K}{D^2}}} \quad \text{[Discontinuous conduction mode]} \quad (3.18)
\]
in terms of \(D\) and \(K\) by careful substitution of Equation 3.16 into Equation 3.10 for \(D_2\).

It is very important to note the dramatic effect the parameters \(D_2, D, \) and \(K\) have on the voltage out of a Buck dc-dc converter operating in the discontinuous conduction mode. The dc gain exhibits a very strong dependence on switching frequency, inductor size, loading condition and duty cycle. This outcome is in very sharp contrast with Equation 3.7, the result for the continuous conduction mode.

A converter can be operated in an open or closed loop manner.

In an open-loop consideration, the converter is operated independently of the feedback regulator [Ref. 18:p. 148]. The duty cycle, \(D\), is given and externally controlled (independently generated) [Ref. 19:pp. 117-118]. Consequently, the decay ratio, \(D_2\), is a function of \(K\) and \(D\) as found in Equation 3.16.

In a closed-loop consideration, the dc output voltage is kept constant regardless of the input voltage by maintaining control over the duty cycle (PWM) or \(T_{min}\) (FM). The type of regulator used for PWM control adjusts the value of \(D\), and hence \(D_2\) is strictly dependent upon \(D\) and \(K\). It therefore becomes accommodating to develop an expression for \(D\) and \(D_2\) in terms of \(M\) and \(K\). Equations 3.16 and 3.18 can be rearranged to create
\[
D(M, K) = \sqrt{\frac{KM^2}{1 - M}}
\] (3.19)
Figure 3.8: Inductor Current Conduction Mode Boundary Relationship:
(a) Discontinuous Conduction Mode, (b) Continuous Conduction Mode
[After Ref. 16]

\[ D_2 < 1 - D \]
K<K_{\text{crit}}

(a)

\[ D_2 > 1 - D \]
K>K_{\text{crit}}

(b)

\[ D_2(M, K) = \sqrt{K(1 - M)} \]  \hspace{1cm} (3.20)

[Ref. 18:pp. 148-149, Ref. 19:p. 116]

(3) Boundary Condition Determination

It is now important to investigate the condition which determines whether a dc-dc converter is operating in the continuous or discontinuous mode. The boundary that splits the two modes apart is solely dependent upon the size of the inductor current decay interval. Using Figure 3.8 as a sample waveform, this principle is illustrated as follows.
When interval $D_2T$ is less than interval, $T - \tau$, or equivalently, $T(1 - D)$, the converter operates in the discontinuous conduction mode. Thus,

$$D_2 < 1 - D \ [\text{Discontinuous conduction mode}]. \quad (3.21)$$

If, though, $D_2$, the decay ratio, is made greater than the switch-off ratio, then the switch-mode converter will function in the continuous conduction mode yielding to the condition:

$$D_2 > 1 - D \ [\text{Continuous conduction mode}]. \quad (3.22)$$

It is important to notice, again, how inductor current in each case varies within the interval, $T$. The guideline established for the boundary between two conduction modes in the case of the Buck converter therefore becomes:

$$D_2 = 1 - D \ [\text{Ref. 19: p. 117}]. \quad (3.23)$$

The critical value of $K$, $K_{\text{crit}}$, as defined in Equation 3.17, which defines the boundary between two conduction modes can be determined by placing $D_2$ from Equation 3.16 into Equation 3.23 to form:

$$K_{\text{crit}} = 1 - D. \quad (3.24)$$

As a result, the criteria for defining the correct operating mode for any dc-dc converter becomes

$$K \triangleq K_{\text{crit}} \ Limiting \ case \ between \ conduction \ modes. \quad (3.25)$$

$$K < K_{\text{crit}} \ Discontinuous \ conduction \ mode, \ and \quad (3.26)$$

$$K > K_{\text{crit}} \ Continuous \ conduction \ mode. \quad (3.27)$$

[Ref. 18:p. 149, Ref. 19:p. 117, 125]
By plotting Equation 3.24 in Figure 3.9, the range of operation for a Buck dc-dc converter can clearly be determined. If $K$ is greater than $K_{\text{crit}}(D)$, as specified by the operating parameters $L$, $R$, and $f_s$, then the switch-mode converter will always function in the continuous conduction mode, independent of duty cycle $D$. However, when $K$ is less than $K_{\text{max}}$, the switch-mode converter operates in the discontinuous conduction mode. $K_{\text{crit,max}}$ is the maximum value of $D$ possible for the function given in Equation 3.24.

Equation 3.24 defines $K_{\text{crit}}(D)$ for the open loop consideration. For the closed loop case, when it is more suitable to describe the boundary condition in terms of the dc gain, $M$, the parameter $D$ can be proven equal to $M$ by substitution of Equation 3.23 into Equation 3.10 for $D_2$ and reducing the result. The criterion for $K_{\text{crit}}$ is thus established by replacing $D$ with $M$ in Equation 3.24 to form:

$$K_{\text{crit}}(M) = 1 - M.$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.28)

Graphing $D$ vs. $M(D, K)$ (Equation 3.18) in both conduction modes provides interesting insight into the dc voltage gain characteristics of the Buck dc-dc converter. It is evident from Figure 3.10 that transition from one conduction mode into another for the Buck dc-dc converter occurs at higher values of $D$ when $K << 1$. In the continuous conduction mode, $M$ behaves in a highly linear fashion in contrast to its opposing mode of operation. A Buck dc-dc converter functioning in its discontinuous conduction mode increases in its degree of non-linearity in inverse proportion to $K$.

Transition from a continuous to a discontinuous mode of operation for a Buck dc-dc converter with a maximum $K_{\text{crit}}$ value of less than one can be achieved by varying the duty cycle, $D$, as just shown in Figure 3.9 and Figure 3.10. The range of the duty cycle, $D$, or its corresponding gain, $M(M = \frac{V_{\text{out}}}{V})$, is
important when designing a closed loop system in which the output voltage $V_{out}$ is held constant over a widely varying range of input voltages, $V$.

From an operational viewpoint, the design engineer usually is most interested in how a change of load, $R_L$, will affect the converter operating mode. As load resistance, $R_L$, is increased to a high $R$ value and the average inductor current is reduced below some critical value $R_{crit}$, a converter will enter into its discontinuous mode of operation. Figure 3.11 indicates the effect load has on the inductor current waveform as load resistance, $R_L$, is increased. Diode, $D_1$, in Figure 3.5, acting as an unidirectional current element, prevents waveform $C$ from occurring. Inductor current is unable to reverse its direction of flow during switch off-time. Further decrease in load current beyond the limit set by $R_{crit}$ causes inductor current to remain at zero. By defining $R_{nom}$ as

$$R_{nom} \triangleq 2Lf_s = \frac{2L}{T}$$

(3.29)

$K$ can be described in terms of $R_L$ to obtain:

$$K = \frac{2L}{R_L T} = \frac{R_{nom}}{R_L}$$

(3.30)

Now, another criterion for determining the boundary separating two conduction modes of operation can be established using

$$R = R_{crit}$$

(3.31)

to produce

$$R_L > R_{crit} \quad [\text{Discontinuous conduction mode}]$$

(3.32)

and

$$R_L < R_{crit} \quad [\text{Continuous conduction mode}].$$

(3.33)

Figure 3.9: Determination of Conduction Mode Boundary Analyzing $K$ vs. $K_{\text{crit}}(D)$ [After Ref. 16, 19]

The preceding two equations can be best expressed as being the dual relationships to Equations 3.26 and 3.27 respectively. By replacing $K$ in Equation 3.30 with $K_{\text{crit}}$ from Equation 3.21 and solving for $R$, an expression for $R_{\text{crit}}$ can be found for the open loop consideration as being:

$$R_{\text{crit}}(D, R_{\text{nom}}) = \frac{R_{\text{nom}}}{1 - D} . \quad (3.34)$$

Similarly, an equation for $R_{\text{crit}}$ in the closed loop condition can be developed using Equations 3.28 and 3.30 to yield

$$R_{\text{crit}}(M, R_{\text{nom}}) = \frac{R_{\text{nom}}}{1 - M} . \quad (3.35)$$

Table 3.1 and Figure 3.12 are included to summarize the conditions and vividly illustrate how the parameters load of resistance, $R_L$, inductance, $L$, switching frequency, $f_s$, and duty cycle, $D$, affect the boundary condition of a
Buck dc-dc converter. A qualitative increase in load resistance $R_L$, and for a decrease of $L$, $f$, and/or $D$ will cause a switch-mode converter to transition into its discontinuous conduction mode of operation.

2. Resonant Converters

Resonant converters have been used in a wide variety of applications requiring high power density. The development of this circuit has evolved due to the inability of the square-wave converter to handle switching losses. The resonant converter when compared to a traditional Buck PWM converter offers the following advantages:
Figure 3.11: Inductor Current Conduction Mode Boundary Relationship as a Function of Load Resistance [After Ref. 14]

TABLE 3.1: Boundary Conditions Between Two Conduction Modes

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<th>CONTINUOUS CONDUCTION MODE</th>
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<td>$K &lt; \frac{2L}{RT}$</td>
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<td>$D_2 &gt; 1 - D$</td>
<td>$D_2 &lt; 1 - D$</td>
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Figure 3.12: Parameters Affecting the Boundary Conditions of the Buck DC-DC Power Converter: a) Resistance, b) Inductance, c) Switching frequency, d) Duty Cycle [After Ref. 14]
- Higher efficiency due to reduced switching losses,
- Smaller weight and volume in magnetic elements, filter components, and heat sink,
- Reduced EMI from zero current switching, and
- Increased reliability from reduced switching stresses.

The resonant technique processes power in a sinusoidal fashion. Resonant converters use L-C tank circuits, which can be repetitively excited by a power source through the gating of semiconductor switches. Energy is exchanged back and forth with a time constant that is a function of the L-C product. This action is attained at times of zero current by opening and closing switching elements in series with the resonant current. Turn-off under zero-current conditions reduces switching stresses and switching losses. [Ref. 9:pp. 4-6, Ref. 20:p. 365, Ref. 21:p. 221]

The two most popular resonant converters in use today are the Series Resonant Converter (SRC) and the Parallel Resonant Converter (PRC), shown in Figure 3.13 [Ref. 22:p. 545, Ref. 23:p. 232]. A PRC obtains its power by tapping the tank's capacitor, while a SRC must tap its inductor current to acquire energy. [Ref. 12:p. 222]

Figure 3.14 shows a simple resonant converter using switches to produce a square-wave voltage across a series LRC network. The current that flows is approximately sinusoidal and in phase with the square-wave voltage at resonance. As the frequency at which the circuit operates is moved further away from the point of resonance, the tank impedance rises, reducing load current and power. Excessive
deviation from resonance produces a phase difference between load current, $I_L$, and square-wave voltage, $V_{SW}$. [Ref. 5:p. 367]

Resonant technology, although frequently used in high power SCR motor drives and uninterrupted power supplies, has not gained wide acceptance in low voltage dc-dc converter applications. Due to circuit complexity and phase differences occurring in resonant converters under certain conditions, quasi-resonant converters have become the popular alternative. They too share the main advantage of resonant converters, that is, the semiconductor switch can be naturally commutated using sinusoidal current waveforms produced by an L-C tank circuit. [Ref. 5:pp. 366-377. Ref. 21:p. 7, Ref. 11:p. 377]

3. Quasi-Resonant Buck DC-DC Converter

a. Circuit Element Topology

Figure 3.15 illustrates a quasi-resonant Buck dc-dc converter in its half-wave mode configuration. This type of circuit represents a whole new generation of converters. The quasi-resonant converter is a descendant of both the PWM converter and resonant converter. Consequently, this new converter topology benefits from having a resonant tank circuit that produces a pseudo-sinusoidal current or voltage waveform in the resonant switch and a continuous resonant inductor current or resonant capacitor voltage waveform that is not broken up by intermittent operation of the transistor power switch. [Ref. 21:pp. 7-8]

Like a true series resonant converter, a quasi-resonant converter is preferred to PWM regulation in applications concerning high power and high switching frequencies. Use of either a zero-current switching or zero-voltage switching technique permits operation primarily at a higher switching frequency while reducing switching loss, lowering device stress, and cutting size of reactive energy-storage elements [Ref. 25:p. 472]. This important discovery comes at a time when use of
Figure 3.13: (a) Full Bridge Series Resonant Converter, (b) Half Bridge Parallel Resonant Converter [From Ref. 22, 23]
Figure 3.14: a) A Voltage Source, Series Resonant Converter, b) Switch Waveforms Showing Zero Current Transitions [From Ref. 5]

new power MOSFETs at switching speeds of tens of megahertz (MHz) is imminent. However, capacitive turn-on loss has restricted operation of this type of converter to a switching frequency of 1-2 MHz; conduction loss is generally greater since the sinusoidal current gives rise to increased rms current [Ref. 11:p. 377, Ref. 25:p. 55].

A quasi-resonant converter is formed by inserting a resonant switch into the proper location of a conventional PWM controlled Buck dc-dc converter. A resonant switch is comprised of the following components: a resonant inductor, $L_r$, a resonant capacitor, $C_r$, and a semiconductor switching device [Ref. 21:p. 278, Ref. 24:p. 472, Ref. 26:p. 107, Ref. 27:p. 395]. As viewed in Figure 3.16, the resonant inductance, $L_r$, is always placed in series with the switch to moderate the change in current with respect to time, and a resonant capacitor is added as an additional energy storage and transfer element [Ref. 21:pp. 11-12, Ref. 24:p. 472].

The series resonant, L-type, switch topology is employed in Figure 3.15. It is used when current-waveform shaping is desired. Note, also, the placement
of resonant capacitor, \( C_r \); it is connected in parallel to the series combination of the switch and resonant inductance, \( L_r \). The L-C tank circuit is necessary to cause current resonance in the circuit as energy is periodically interchanged between the resonant inductor and capacitor. This is done to ensure that the transistor can be naturally commutated on and off at zero-current, instead of being forced off by an applied gate signal. [Ref. 21:p. 12, Ref. 28:p. 381-382]

Positioning of diode \( D_2 \) (in Figure 3.15) is important when determining actual flow of switch current and switch mode type of operation. As shown, diode \( D_2 \) will only allow the switch current to resonate in its positive half cycle and operate in a half-wave mode. However, a full-wave configuration is easily obtained by placing diode \( D_2 \) anti-parallel to the switching device, giving the switch current a bidirectional flow. Figure 3.16 illustrates the resonant switch characteristics of both half-wave and full-wave configurations for each \( L \) and \( M \) type of switch. [Ref. 11:p. 378, Ref. 21:p. 12, Ref. 26:p. 107]

Application of the resonant switch is not limited to just the Buck converter, but has found use in all variations of the basic Boost, Buck-Boost, Cuk, and their derivatives as well. Figure 3.17 gives a graphical comparison of these quasi-resonant topologies vs. their standard PWM converter counterparts. [Ref. 21:p.23, Ref. 24:p. 476]

b. Circuit Analysis of the Quasi-Resonant Buck DC-DC Converter

In order to develop useful expressions for voltage and current relationships which accurately describe the behavior of the ZCS, quasi-resonant dc-dc converter, the following assumptions are essential:
Figure 3.15: Quasi-Resonant Buck DC-DC Converter

\[ L \text{-Type} \quad M \text{-Type} \]

Figure 3.16: Current-mode Resonant Switch Topology: (a) Half-wave Mode, (b) Full-wave Mode [From Ref. 21]
Figure 3.17: Zero-Current Switched Quasi-resonant Converters: a) Buck, b) Boost, c) Buck-Boost, d) CUK [After Ref. 21, 24]
• All semiconductor devices used are ideal, implying zero saturation voltage from negligible on resistance, zero leakage current in the off-state because of infinite off resistance, zero switching loss due to zero current rise and fall times, and zero capacitance.

• Switch diode, \( D_2 \), and free wheeling diode, \( D_3 \), are ideal.

• All reactive elements are lossless, linear, passive, and time invariant in behavior without any parasitic elements.

• \( L_0 \) is chosen to be much larger than \( L_r \) to ensure \( L_0 - C \) resonates at a frequency greater than \( L_r - C_r \) [Ref. 29:p. 345].

• The output filter, \( L_0 - C \), and load resistance, \( R_L \), are modeled as a constant current sink given that inductance and capacitance of the filter are large enough to produce a constant current and voltage output. [Ref. 11:p. 380, Ref. 21:p. 15, Ref. 26:p. 344, Ref. 30:p. 287]

1) Mode I: Resonant-Freewheeling State

A ZCS, quasi-resonant Buck dc-dc converter having two primary switches, \( sw \) and \( D_3 \), can be characterized by its four distinct modes of operation as shown in Figure 3.18. The analysis begins prior to time \( t = 0 \) with the switch, \( sw \), being open and the capacitor voltage, \( V_{C_r} \), set at zero volts. Current provided by current sink, \( I_L \), flows through forward-biased diode, \( D_3 \), in a closed loop fashion during this first mode.

2) Mode II: Inductor-Charging State

At time \( t = 0 \), the switch is closed and Mode II begins. Current flow through forward-biased half-wave diode, \( D_2 \), charges inductor, \( L_0 \), at a rate of

\[
\frac{dI_L}{dt} = \frac{V - V_{C_r}}{L_r} = \frac{V}{L_r}
\]

(3.36)
where

- \( V \) = input voltage, and
- \( I_{Lr} \) = resonant inductor current.

Current generated by the inductor is not allowed to charge the resonant capacitor, as a result of changing the bias on diode \( D_2 \), until the instantaneous resonant inductor current, \( I_{Lr}(t) \), exceeds the output current, \( I_L \). The voltage \( V_{Cr} \) thus remains clamped at zero volts until time, \( T_1 \), as pictured in Figure 3.19. The duration of Mode II is, from Equation 3.36

\[
T_{10} = \frac{I_L L_r}{V} .
\]  

(3) Mode III: Resonant-Charging State

Mode III marks the beginning of the resonant charging state in the quasi-resonant converter as diode \( D_3 \) is commutated off. During this interval \( [T_1, T_3] \), the current waveforms of the resonant capacitor and the resonant inductor are quasi-sinusoidal. The period of time to resonantly charge the resonant capacitor voltage, \( V_{Cr} \), from 0 to 2V with a current of

\[
I_{Cr}(t) = I_{Lr}(t) - I_L
\]  

requires

\[
T_{21} = \pi \sqrt{L_r C_r}
\]  

which is equal to one-half of the resonant circuit period.

Both the resonant inductor, \( L_r \), and the resonant capacitor, \( C_r \), are constrained in size by the relationship governing resonant frequency. This condition expressed as a function of \( L_r \) and \( C_r \) is defined as:

\[
f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi \sqrt{L_r C_r}} .
\]  

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In a current-mode resonant switch, the periodic interchange of energy between resonant components \( L_r \) and \( C_r \) takes place mainly during switch on-time. Resonant inductor current is dependent upon the energy shared between the resonant elements \( L_r \) and \( C_r \). Therefore, peak current passing through a power semiconductor device used in a ZCS, quasi-resonant converter is always greater than its corresponding PWM converter counter-part [Ref. 21:p. 66, Ref. 28:p. 384].

Resonant inductor current, \( I_{L_r} \), reaches its maximum value,

\[
I_{L_{r,\text{max}}} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{\frac{L_r}{C_r}}} \tag{3.41}
\]

at time \( T_1 + \Delta t \), when capacitor resonant voltage, \( V_{C_r} \), equals input voltage, \( V \).

Equations describing the behavior of current flowing through inductor, \( I_{L_r} \), and voltage present in resonant capacitor, \( V_{C_r} \), are found by applying Kirchoff's Laws. First, the voltage drop across inductor, \( L_r \), from \( T_1 \) to \( T_3 \) is

\[
V - V_{C_r}(t) = L_r \left( \frac{dI_{L_r}}{dt} \right). \tag{3.42}
\]

The current through the capacitor, \( C_r \), which is proportional to the instantaneous time rate of change of voltage, can be determined using Equation 3.38 and rewritten as

\[
I_{L_r}(t) - I_L = C_r \left( \frac{dV_{C_r}}{dt} \right). \tag{3.43}
\]

Realizing that \( I = \frac{dQ}{dt} \), Equation 3.42 can be written in operator form as

\[
\left( D^2 + \frac{1}{C_r L_r} \right) Q = \frac{V}{L_r} \tag{3.44}
\]

where

- \( D = \frac{d}{dt} \) and
- \( Q = \) instantaneous charge present in the resonant capacitor.
Equation 3.44 is solved as a second-order linear differential equation in terms of $Q$. Knowing that $V_{Cr}(0) = 0$, the result,

$$V_{Cr}(t) = \frac{Q}{C_r} = V(1 - \cos wt)$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.45)

is obtained for the voltage present in the resonant capacitor from $T_1$ to $T_3$. This then allows an expression for the current through the resonant inductor, $I_{Lr}$, to be formed as a function of its alternating current (ac) and dc components. This is accomplished by replacing $V_{Cr}$ in Equation 3.43 with Equation 3.45 and solving to yield

$$I_{Lr}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{C_r}{L_r}}(V \sin wt) + I_L$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.46)

Close examination of this current waveform in Figure 3.19 requires that the ac component of resonant inductor current always be greater than its corresponding dc component. If, for a given input voltage, $V$, the load current, $I_L$, is ever greater than the magnitude of its corresponding ac component of resonant inductor current, then the zero-current property will be forfeited. The current, $I_{Lr}(t)$, because of its size, will be unable to decrease to zero due to the proportion of $I_L$. [Ref. 11:p. 383]

During this third mode of operation, a second point in time exists when $I_{C_1}(t)$ in Equation 3.38 once again equals zero. This occurs at time $T_2$ in Figure 3.19 when $V_{C_1}$ is equivalent to $2V$. The time for the resonant current to completely ring down from $I_{L}(T_2)$ to zero at switch turn-off $I_{L}(T_3)$ is directly related to

$$I_L = I_{L_1} \sin \left[2\pi \frac{T_{32}}{T}\right] = I_{L_1} \sin \left[\frac{T_{32}}{\sqrt{L_rC_r}}\right]$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.47)

The duration of this particular segment lasts approximately

$$T_{32} = \left(\frac{1}{w}\right) \left[\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{I_L}{I_{L_1}}\right)\right] = \left(\frac{1}{w}\right) \left[\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{I_L}{V}\right)^2\right]$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.48)
where

- \( w = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_C}} \), and
- \( Z = \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \) (Resonant characteristic impedance).

(4) Mode IV Resonant Capacitor-Discharge State

Time \( T_3 \) is used to mark the beginning of Mode IV as indicated in Figure 3.18(e) and 3.19. Switch \( sw \) is naturally commutated off as instantaneous resonant inductor current, \( I_{L_r}(t) \), falls to zero. Prompted by a reverse voltage of \( V_{C_r} \), diode \( D_2 \) is used to prevent any reverse current flow through the resonant switch.

During time interval \( T_{43} \), the resonant capacitor's voltage discharge to the load is linear as voltage \( V_{C_r} \) drops. The rate at which this energy exchange takes place is proportional to the load current, i.e.,

\[
\frac{V_3}{T_{43}} = -\frac{I_L}{C_r} \quad (3.49)
\]

where \( V_3 \) is the voltage at time \( T_3 \).

To determine the time it takes the circuit to complete this action requires an expression for \( V_3 \). Knowing that the voltage is in a state of decay dictates use of a negative cosine function to properly describe its waveform. Therefore,

\[
V_3 = V + V \cos [\omega T_{32}] \quad (3.50)
\]

or after further computation \( V_3 \) expressed in terms of \( V \), \( I_L \), and \( Z \) becomes:

\[
V_3 = V + \sqrt{V^2 - (I_L Z)^2} \quad (3.51)
\]

Finding the time interval over which this process quickly occurs now becomes a simple matter of substituting Equation 3.51 for \( V_3 \) of Equation 3.49.
Thus,

\[ T_{43} = \frac{C_r V}{I_L} \sqrt{1 + \left( 1 - \left( \frac{Z}{V} \right) \right)} . \] (3.52)

Equation 3.52 describes the ability of the resonant capacitor, \( C_r \), to discharge energy in a given period of time. In a ZCS, quasi-resonant converter, resonant cycles of fixed on-time, \( T_0 \) to \( T_3 \), or \( T_{30} \), are separated by non-resonant stages of variable off-time, \( T_3 \) to \( T_5 \), or \( T_{53} \). Control of the circuit’s resonant capacitor, \( C_r \), as shown in Figure 3.19, is very important in regulation of switching frequency and transfer of power.

(5) Mode I - Revisited

The next mode is a repetition of the first. From time \( T_4 \) to \( T_5 \), or \( T_{54} \), current originating from the current sink, \( I_L \), flows through the freewheeling diode, \( D_3 \). As pictured in Figure 3.19, until the next voltage \( (V_{GS}) \) is applied and inductor charging begins, inductor current will remain at zero.

The total period of the quasi-resonant Buck dc-dc converter switching cycle is denoted by \( T \), and is defined as the sum of all combined time intervals, or

\[ T = T_{10} + T_{21} + T_{32} + T_{43} + T_{54} . \] (3.53)

Overall, Equations 3.45 and 3.46 determine the maximum current and voltage ratings required from a zero-current quasi-resonant Buck switching element. Maximum permissible peak resonant current through the switch is

\[ I_{\text{sumax}} = \sqrt{\frac{C_r}{L_r}} + I_L . \] (3.54)

The maximum forward voltage possible that can be delivered to the switch is \( V \). The above mentioned fixed resonant parameters \( C_r \) and \( L_r \) are again important, since their magnitude controls switching frequency and peak resonant of the waveform directly.
Figure 3.18: Various Modes of a ZCS, Quasi-Resonant Buck DC-DC Converter
Figure 3.19: Half-wave Mode Waveforms of a ZCS, Quasi-Resonant Buck DC-DC Converter [After Ref. 21]
c. DC Voltage Conversion Ratio

Once again, $M$, a dimensionless parameter, is used to describe the dc conversion ratio or dc gain of the quasi-resonant dc-dc converter as being:

$$M = \frac{V_L}{V} . \quad (3.55)$$

The input energy stored in resonant inductor, $L_r$, during the switch turn on time, $T_{30} = T_3 - T_1$, must equal the energy released per cycle to the load. Therefore, equating the input energy, $E_i$, to the output energy, $E_o$, produces

$$V \int_{T_0}^{T_1} I_{Lr}(t)dt + V \int_{T_2}^{T_1} I_{Lr}(t)dt + V \int_{T_2}^{T_3} I_{Lr}(t)dt = I_L V L T \quad (3.56)$$

Energy stored [volt - sec] = Energy released [volt - sec].

To greatly simplify matters, manipulation of Equation 3.56 can be made less strenuous if the quasi-resonant current waveform is considered to be a near perfect sinusoid. Equation 4.19 then can be written as

$$\forall I_{in_{avg}} = V_L I_L \quad (3.57)$$

where $I_{in_{avg}}$ is the average resonant input current viewed by the switch.

This now permits use of the approximation described in Equation A-1.2 to determine the average resonant input current as seen by the switch. Thus, the dc conversion ratio expressed as a function of average input and output current becomes

$$M = \left[ \frac{I_{in_{avg}}}{I_L} \right] = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \frac{T_{30} I_{sw_{max}} L_r}{T_{10}} \right] \quad (3.58)$$

It can also be shown, after several calculations, that the output voltage in Equation 3.56 is equal to

$$V_{out} = \frac{V}{T} \left[ \frac{1}{2} T_{10} + T_{31} + T_{43} \right] . \quad (3.59)$$

[Ref. 29:p.348]
Research by several authors has exposed the sensitivity of the dc voltage conversion ratio for the quasi-resonant Buck converter to load variation. As shown in Figure 3.20, the voltage conversion ratio for the half-wave mode is very sensitive to different loading conditions in comparison to the full-wave mode. Under a heavy current loading condition, the majority of the energy generated by the resonant L-C rank circuit is delivered and consumed by the load. However, under a light load condition, when $R_L$ is large, resonant inductor current, $I_{Lr}(t)$, becomes less. This fact is understandable, since $V_L = I_LR_L$ and time interval $\Delta T_{10}$ must decrease for a constant output voltage. Consequently, $I_{Lr}(t)$ in Equation 3.46 will have a smaller constant dc value, $I_L$, and, in comparison to a heavy load condition, will oscillate less in the first half of the resonant cycle and have a lower overall negative value in its second half cycle. Hence, a quasi-resonant switch in the quasi-resonant Buck converter, operating in a full-wave condition, can compensate for a varying load by passing more or less reverse current through the anti-parallel diode. But a Buck resonant converter built to function in the half-wave mode must resort to a frequency alteration to regulate its output voltage. Therefore, under very heavy load conditions, dc voltage gain for a quasi-resonant Buck converter operating in either mode, can be shown to equal,

$$\frac{M}{V \frac{V_{out}}{V}} = \frac{f_s}{f_n}$$

(3.60)

where $f$ is the circuit resonant frequency.

If duty cycle, $\left(\frac{f_s}{f_n}\right)$, is substituted for frequency, this result is identical to that of a PWM Buck converter. Notice, also, that the dc voltage conversion ratio, as defined by Equation 3.60, is completely independent of load resistance. [Ref. 11:pp. 383-383, Ref. 21:pp. 26-27, Ref. 26:pp. 110-111, Ref. 29:pp. 348-349]
Figure 3.20: DC Voltage Conversion Ratio for the ZCS, Quasi-Resonant Buck Converter [After Ref. 26]
IV. SWITCHING ELEMENT SELECTION

The arrival of fast power switching solid state devices of the bipolar, MOS-FET, and thyristor variety has brought about a revelation of change in the techniques used in development of new smaller dc-dc power converters. Each type of semiconductor device has its own individual strengths and weaknesses. The research in this thesis supports the use of a power MOSFET over a minority carrier device, due to its superior performance. This section is used to identify and discuss key power MOSFET electrical characteristics highlighted in Table 4.1. A comparison is made between a BJT and the enhancement mode (N-channel) power MOSFET. Subsequent paragraphs are used to discuss certain device power losses and salient operating characteristics which factor into current waveform waveshaping.

A. MOSFETS MATURE

The transistor, when used as a switch and forced to operate under harsh conditions, is probably the most highly stressed component in a dc-dc power converter circuit. A poor switch design will place severe limitations on system efficiency and reliability. Hence, higher frequencies have mandated the use of transistors as switching elements in converter designs today.

In the beginning, BJTs were preferred over MOSFETs as switching elements. MOSFETs found no application in the switch-mode power converter industry due to rating limitations and relatively high conduction losses. As shown in Figure 4.1, development of power MOSFET technology started to increase dramatically in the latter part of the 1970’s when the fabrication process used in their manufacture was modified. Improvements in device on-resistance per unit area, particularly in the

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### TABLE 4.1: Power MOSFET Electrical Characteristics

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<tr>
<th>DEVICE</th>
<th>BJT [NPN]</th>
<th>PARAMETER</th>
<th>MOSFET [N CHANNEL]</th>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Middle (20 ~ 80 kHz)</td>
<td>Switching Frequency</td>
<td>Very High (100 kHz ~ 2 MHz)</td>
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<td>P</td>
<td>Middle</td>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>P</td>
<td>Middle (500 V)</td>
<td>Voltage</td>
<td>High (1200 V)</td>
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<td>Current Gain</td>
<td>High (10^5 ~ 10^8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Middle (150 °C)</td>
<td>Maximum Operating Temp</td>
<td>High (200 °C)</td>
</tr>
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<td>I</td>
<td>Low (10^3 ~ 10^5 Ω)</td>
<td>Input Impedance</td>
<td>Very High (10^9 ~ 10^{11} Ω)</td>
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<td>Low</td>
<td>On Resistance</td>
<td>High (60 ~ 250 milli Ω for 100 V)</td>
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<td>High</td>
<td>Off Resistance</td>
<td>High (10^9 Ω)</td>
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<td>Good</td>
<td>Ruggedness</td>
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<td>SAO</td>
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Figure 4.1: Milestones in the Growth of Power MOS Technology [From Ref. 31]

low voltage region coupled with their high breakdown voltage, low current leakage, ruggedness, and ease of use have made MOSFETs an attractive alternative in the power electronics industry. [Ref. 31:p. 448, Ref. 32:pp. 311, 418]

Double-diffused or DMOS technology, as shown in Figure 4.2, has replaced conventional surface-groove technology, called VMOS. This MOS structure eliminates many of the voltage and on-resistance limitations of conventional MOS transistors by maintaining a tight tolerance over channel-length reproducibility to within 1 to 2 mm and by heavily doping the body region (p-doped area) in comparison to the N drain (epitaxy) region during each diffusion cycle. [Ref. 9:p. 2.20, Ref. 33:p. 216, Ref. 34:p. 23]
Figure 4.2: The Structure and Dopant Profile of a Lateral DMOS Field Effect Transistor [From Ref. 33]

The development of the power MOSFET has evolved due to the need of a switching device that can operate well above the 20 kHz frequency plane [Ref. 35, p. 90]. The appeal of the MOSFET comes mainly from its switching behavior. Unlike a BJT, a MOSFET is a majority-carrier device capable of ultra high switching speeds, as indicated in Figure 4.3. The speed at which either device switches is proportional to time delays within its structure and the presence of different capacitances which must be alternately charged and discharged. The MOSFET’s high operating frequency allows for unexpected power density, and reduced output noise and ripple. [Ref. 33:p. 217, Ref. 37:p. 13, Ref. 38:p. 16, Ref. 39:p. 91]

B. DEVICE TURN-ON CHARACTERISTICS

In a BJT, movement of carriers is from the emitter to collector region through the base. Electrons which are injected from the emitter to the base are labelled minority carriers. For a BJT, turn-on requires only that the capacitances associated with the junction be charged. However, when switched off, poor turn-off behavior
Figure 4.3: Turn-off Time as a Function of Rated Blocking Voltage for MOSFETs, Bipolar Power Transistors and Fast Switching SCRs [From Ref. 36]

is observed for this minority carrier device. Upon application of reverse base drive current, the stored charge in the semiconductor material required to sustain current flow results in a storage time that reduces its turn-off speed. [Ref. 33:p. 217]

The MOSFET, on the other hand, is a voltage-controlled device. A MOSFET is turned on by applying a voltage within specified limits between the gate and source to produce a current flow in the drain. Current flow from source to drain is supported by majority carriers.

C. EFFECT OF INTERNAL CAPACITANCES

A MOSFET is capacitive in nature. Figure 4.4 provides a cross-sectional view of a power MOSFET and its associated capacitances. During each switching cycle when the MOSFET is turned on, the MOSFET's parasitic input capacitance, $C_{iss}$, must be charged and then discharged to make the channel conductive. This tiny input capacitance used to model the metal-oxide gate structure itself is formed as
a result of several manufacturing limitations and design trade-offs. It is defined as being

\[ C_{iss} = C_{GS} + C_{GD} \]  \hspace{1cm} (4.1)

where

- \( C_{GS} \) = Gate-to-source capacitance, and
- \( C_{GD} \) = Gate-to-drain capacitance. [Ref. 31:p. 92, Ref. 32:p. 312, Ref. 34:p. 24, Ref. 35:p. 91]

A MOSFET reacts as a resistive device and dissipates additional energy as the gate drive is used to charge \( C_{iss} \) past a threshold voltage. To attain higher switching speeds, the source impedance of the driving voltage source is kept low. Ultimately, the speed at which this device switches is dependent upon the ability of the gate driving source to supply and remove gate charge. Therefore, the total average

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drive dissipation, $P_G$, within a power MOSFET is equal to,

$$P_G = C_{iss} V_{GS}^2 f_s \left[ \frac{R_G}{(R_G + R_{DR})} \right]$$ \hspace{2cm} (4.2)$$

or

$$P_G = Q_G V_{GS} f_s \left[ \frac{R_G}{(R_G + R_{DR})} \right]$$ \hspace{2cm} (4.3)$$

where

- $C_{iss}$ = MOSFET input capacitance,
- $V_{GS}$ = Peak gate-to-source input voltage equal to $(V_{on}^2 + V_{off}^2)$,
- $f_s$ = Switching frequency,
- $Q_G$ = Peak gate charge,
- $R_G$ = Internal gate resistance,
- $R_{DR}$ = External drive resistance. \[Ref. 9:p. 4-6, Ref. 38:p. 17, Ref. 39:p. 96, Ref. 40:p. 407]\]

Although, input capacitance in reality is non-linear in nature; for simplicity, it is approximated as a constant value. \[Ref. 33:p. 217, Ref. 35:p. 91, Ref. 37:p. 13, Ref. 41:p. 151]\]

In today’s MOSFETs, the above loss becomes significant only at very high switching frequencies in the megahertz range. Not only does this capacitance increase switching time, but, its energy is lost twice each cycle. Power dissipated in the gate drive circuit can be diminished by use of a resonant technique to charge $C_{iss}$. If the differential voltage $(V_{on} - V_{off})$ is used to increase switching speed, it is accomplished at the expense of a substantial power loss. \[Ref. 5:p. 365-366, Ref. 11:pp. 386-387, Ref. 40:p. 408]\]
Another loss that must be considered is the power loss related to the MOSFET's output capacitance, $C_{oss}$. This parameter, which is defined as

$$C_{oss} = C_{DS} + C_{DG},$$

(4.4)

where

- $C_{DS} = \text{Drain-to-source capacitance, and}$
- $C_{DG} = \text{Drain-to-gate capacitance,}$

contributes greatly to switch loss in a Buck square-wave dc-dc converter, especially when $V_{DS}$ is greater than 100 volts [Ref. 4:p. 62, Ref. 9:p. 3-6]. This loss,

$$P_{sw-on} = \frac{1}{2} f_s C_{oss} V_{DS}^2,$$

(4.5)

where $V_{DS}$ is the drain-to-source voltage prior to turn-on is not affected by how fast the channel can turn on. This is because, at device turn-off, the MOSFET channel becomes very high in impedance, forcing the commutating load current to charge the output capacitance. Energy entering into the MOSFET during this time interval is stored within $C_{oss}$ until its voltage, $V_{DS}$, equals the voltage in $V$. There is no energy dissipation until the MOSFET is turned on again to complete the switching transition. At this point, energy is lost as load current commutates to the free wheeling diode, causing $C_{oss}$ to discharge through the drain. [Ref. 4:pp. 62-63, Ref. 40:p. 404]

At switching frequencies above 1 MHz range, the energy contained within $C_{oss}$ must be conserved to preserve efficiency [Ref. 6:p. 58, Ref. 11:p. 378]. Two options exist. First, a MOSFET can be constructed with a lower value of $C_{oss}$. But, usually with this kind of change comes an increase in on-resistance, $R_{DS(on)}$, and conduction loss. A more favorable result is obtainable if a zero-voltage switching technique is
used to shape transistor voltage and achieve zero-voltage at turn-on. [Ref. 4:pp. 62-63, Ref. 21:pp. 3-4, Ref. 40:pp. 404]

D. DEVICE TURN-OFF AND OFF-RESISTANCE

Turn-off circuitry for a power MOSFET conversely is very simple in comparison to that of a BJT. Removal of the gate-to-source voltage instantly causes the channel between source and drain to become high in impedance \(10^9\) ohms [Ref. 34:p. 23]. Having a layer of SiO\(_2\) between the gate and body electrically isolates all current flow from the applied voltage source into the gate, except for minor leakage currents \(I_{DSS} - \text{microamperes}\). This characteristic allows power MOSFETs to be driven directly by CMOS or TTL circuitry. On account of this, power loss, \(P_L\), due to drain-to-source leakage,

\[
P_L = I_{DSS}V_{DS}(1 - D)
\]

is usually disregarded unless \(T_j\) (junction temperature) is high or \(V_{GS}\) is not significantly less than the threshold voltage of the device during switch off-time [Ref. 9:p. 4.7]. [Ref. 35:pp. 91-92, Ref. 37:p. 13]

A power MOSFET, because it is not limited by minority charge storage effects, has a very short turn-off time as previously demonstrated in Figure 4.3. Switching time is a direct function of gate capacitance and available drive current. Turn-off capability of a minority carrier device, e.g., a BJT, can be improved by using added external circuitry, but its performance is degraded by one or more of the following inadequacies:

- Greater circuit complexity,
- More frequent voltage and current spikes,
- Increased switching loss, and/or
• Greater limitations on circuit switching frequency and/or load range. [Ref. 21:pp. 2-3]

Hence, power MOSFETs are better suited devices for use in low power, high frequency applications. [Ref. 9:p. 4.7, Ref. 33:p. 217, Ref. 39:p. 91]

E. STATIC OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS

A MOSFET, when utilized as a switch, cycles from time to time from its saturation region to its cutoff region and vice versa. Comparison of typical output characteristic curves for both the MOSFET and BJT devices shows the MOSFET in Figure 4.5 having a constant resistance (ohmic region) and constant current (saturation) region. When turned on and $V_{DS}$ is small, the MOSFET will operate in the linear region of the curve where drain current, $I_D$, is proportional to drain-to-source voltage, $V_{DS}$. Application of additional drain-to-source voltage causes the device to move past pinch-off into a region of constant drain current. It is the actual increase in drain current which compels carriers to move through the channel area, causing a transverse voltage drop to occur. This in turn creates an increase in on-resistance as the channel shortens. For values of $V_{DS}$ greater than ten volts, the MOSFET behaves as a current source if $V_{GS}$ is held constant. Transition from one state to another is strictly gate-to-source voltage dependent. The relationship of on-resistance as a function of gate voltage and channel current is illustrated in Figure 4.6. [Ref. 9:p. 5.72]. [Ref. 9: pp. 2.2, 5.71, Ref. 34:p. 24, Ref. 38:p. 93-94]

F. ON-RESISTANCE

A MOSFET, as previously stated, when in its constant resistance region, functions as a resistor. Figure 4.7 reveals each of the internal parasitic resistances found in this device. In a power MOSFET, most loss suffered comes from on-resistance.
Figure 4.5: Comparison of Idealized Output Characteristics of a) Power MOSFET, b) Bipolar Power Transistor [From Ref. 34]

Figure 4.6: Device Resistance as a Function of $V_{GS}$ and $I_D$ [From Ref. 9]
Figure 4.7: MOSFET Internal Parasitic Resistances [From Ref. 9]

$R_{DS(on)}$, through which all drain-to-source current, $I_D$, must flow. The on-resistance of a power MOSFET is very important because it determines conduction voltage drop, power handling capacity, and an efficiency of a device [Ref. 42:p. 212].

Conduction loss, as previously defined in Equation 2.3, is once again stated as

$$P_{cond} = f_s r D^2 \text{rms} R_{DS(on)}$$

(4.7)

Conduction losses are not a function of $R_{DS(on)}$ and $I_D$ alone, but are dependent upon junction temperature, $T_J$, gate-to-source voltage and manufacturing variations [Ref. 9:p. 47].

Characteristic of all MOSFETs, each has a positive temperature coefficient as shown by the BUZ-60 specification sheet located in Appendix C. As a rule, $R_{DS(on)}$ will double approximately for every 110°C rise in junction temperature. Power dissipation will increase as well, but switch time will remain a constant. A BJT, on the other hand, is less stable thermally. Its switching loss is increased with temperature, usually doubling every 100°C. [Ref. 41:p. 152]
In general, for the same die size and junction temperature, on-resistance will grow for a given voltage rating, due to the device's internal resistance distribution [Ref. 9:p. 4.8]. For example, a BUZ 347 rated at 50 V possesses a value of 0.03 Ω in comparison to a BUZ 311 rated at 1000 V, which typically has a value of approximately 6 Ω. Also, channel resistance, \( R_{\text{channel}} \), which is determined by the channel length, gate oxide thickness, carrier mobility, threshold voltage, and actual gate voltage applied to the device is more dominating in low voltage devices. Epitaxial layer thickness and resistivity, \( R_{\text{epi}} \), are more important in high voltage applications in conjunction with higher drain-to-source voltage rating requirements, as illustrated in Figure 4.8. Epitaxial layer thickness selection is crucial in minimizing device on-resistance for a given breakdown specification and die size [Ref. 9:p. 2.51].

Conduction losses for a BJT, as defined by,

\[
P_{\text{cond}} = \frac{\tau}{T}(i_c V_{ce} + i_{be} V_{be})
\]

(4.8)

where

- \( \tau \) = Switching element on-time,
- \( T \) = Switching period,
- \( i_c \) = On-state collector current,
- \( V_{ce} \) = On-state collector-to-emitter voltage,
- \( i_{be} \) = Base-to-emitter current, and
- \( V_{be} \) = Base-to-emitter voltage.

are usually considered minimal in a switch-mode power converter. The design engineer has the option of selecting an optimum base current, \( i_b \), that will force the
transistor into saturation, lessen power dissipation as a result of $V_{ce}$, and prevent losses due to high current in the drive circuitry. The ability to bias a BJT and limit conduction loss results in a significant advantage in voltage drop for a given current over a power MOSFET. However, a trade-off exists since switching performance is degraded for each increase in base current, $i_b$, due to a growth in storage time. This handicap retards device efficiency in regard to switching frequency. [Ref. 33:p. 217, Ref. 43:pp. 396-397, Ref. 44:p. 200]

At switching frequencies below 1 MHz, on-state conduction loss is much more severe in a MOSFET than a BJT [Ref. 39:p. 92]. This truth is centered around the fact that conduction voltage of a MOSFET is higher and increases with voltage rating. It generally implies that a BJT is a more efficient device at low frequency in low voltage applications. Switching losses impair MOSFET operation only at frequencies above several hundred kHz. Switching losses in a BJT become more prevalent and surpass MOSFET conduction loss only at progressively higher frequencies. When comparing total power loss per unit area or maximum current density in each device as a function of frequency by adding switching losses to conduction losses, the crossover point, as illustrated in Figure 4.9 occurs at approximately 10~60 kHz, depending upon given conditions [Ref. 33:p. 217, Ref. 36:p. 1, Ref. 37:p. 14].

G. SAFE OPERATING AREA AND DRAIN-TO-SOURCE BREAKDOWN VOLTAGE

Another item worth noting in Table 4.1 is the SOA (Safe Operating Area) of a BJT in comparison to a power MOSFET. An SOA graph is shown in Figure 4.10 defining the maximum values of current and voltage for each device at a given continuous rating. A power MOSFET will undergo avalanche breakdown if its applied drain-to-source voltage exceeds its maximum voltage rating. $BV_{DSS}$; however, its
Figure 4.8: Power MOSFET Components of $R_{DSon}$ [From Ref. 38]

Figure 4.9: Maximum Current Density as a Function of Switching Frequency for MOSFETs and Bipolar Transistors Rated at 400 V [From Ref. 36]
secondary breakdown is small and incommensurable to that of a BJT. SOA's of a MOSFET are energy dependent and determined by thermal considerations only. A MOSFET, being a majority carrier device, has a positive temperature coefficient of forward resistance, which prevents localized hot-spots by forcing a uniform current distribution to occur across the total area of the device. It is a mechanism which inhibits thermal runaway. Virtual absence of secondary breakdown during forward or reverse bias makes the MOSFET a much more rugged device, giving it a much higher peak current carrying capability [Ref. 9:p. 2.44, Ref. 35:p. 95]. [Ref. 43:p. 125]

Second breakdown in a BJT refers to the fact that collector voltage is swiftly collapsing at the onset of failure [Ref. 46:p. 430]. It is characterized by the voltage dropping hundreds of volts in a few nanoseconds, accompanied by an increase in collector current. BJTs are prone to thermal runaway. Once started, this process becomes regenerative, higher current leads to higher temperatures, which in turn
causes higher current, etc. High peak currents are self destructive. They will pull a BJT out of saturation and cause it to overheat. A BJT undergoing secondary breakdown will not operate at full current and voltage, regardless of the power handling capability of its package. To avoid this condition, its possible SOA of voltage and current combinations are limited, especially at higher frequencies. The SOA of a BJT is therefore very much inferior to that of a MOSFET. [Ref. 9:p. 5.83, Ref. 12:pp. 15, 17, Ref. 33:p. 14, Ref. 45:pp. 131-132]

To make the sustaining voltage of a BJT equal to the breakdown voltage of a power MOSFET, BJT collector region thickness and resistance can be increased. But, this change in the device will cause the amount of voltage drop in the on-state to increase and degrade its performance. [Ref. 33:p. 218]
V. SYNTHESIS OF AN OPTIMUM SWITCH-MODE REGULATOR

A. CURRENT WAVEFORM DESIGN

Use of this theory, as discussed thus far, would be considered practical if, when given a set of simple design specifications, one could quickly describe the resulting circuit configuration and current waveform. After completing a few standard calculations, a judgement could then be made on the trade-offs a particular design would offer over another, in an attempt to minimize conduction loss.

As an example, the process is outlined for the development of the ramp-sine current waveform. The basic requirements and restrictions delineated in Table 5.1 are used to illustrate the characteristics of an input bus to which a dc-dc converter could be attached in a satellite.

Twenty-eight volts is a typical input voltage common to most DoD-sponsored unregulated-bus-voltage satellite power systems. A rated voltage of approximately 14 volts and 14 watts of power at the load output end is selected to emphasize the importance of this approach under low voltage and relatively high current conditions. Efficiency is dependent upon output voltage. High efficiency is difficult to obtain when either input or output voltages are low, comparable to switching element and voltage drops. Higher output voltages (i.e., 28 volts vs. five volts) result in much higher overall efficiencies. Electrical currents are not as large, conductor size and weight decrease accordingly, and distribution losses decrease in proportion with set power level and distance. In addition, semiconductor losses are proportionally less and the resultant heat produced is less difficult to dissipate. [Ref. 47:p. 181]
To maintain design simplicity and easily view its switch-current waveform, only one switching element is allowed. Paralleling semiconductor devices can pose a dynamic current sharing problem, due to a mismatch in switching speeds [Ref. 21:p.63]. Typical state-of-the-art resonant-mode dc-dc converters in production today, which quite commonly operate within the 100-300 kHz region, utilize single power MOSFETs. The value of 100 kHz is chosen as a maximum operating frequency to prevent dominance from transient switching losses. A minimum switching frequency of 20 kHz is established to prevent the switching element from functioning in the range of human detectable audio tones.

Besides knowing the circuit input and output voltage and power requirement, which establishes a majority of the buck operating characteristics, a switch on-time for the device must be selected. The on-time, in proportion to the switching frequency, governs the peak current value for each section of the combination Buck/ZCS, Quasi-Resonant Buck converter.

In a Quasi-Resonant dc-dc power converter, the on-time of the device is determined strictly by the natural frequency of the resonant tank. To achieve an optimum efficiency, a constant on-time must be sustained. Proper voltage regulation is maintained by altering the duty cycle to vary the switching frequency.

A fixed amount of switch on-time is important from a standpoint that it simplifies overall circuit design. Knowing this value, in fact, helps determine the amount of energy that can be consistently stored within the resonant and buck inductors. The design engineer is then better able to realize the size of each component he or she must supply to accommodate the most extreme load and line conditions existing over a wide range of switching frequencies.

To discover the maximum value attained by each of the individual ideal current waveforms in this type of design, the following assumptions must first be made:
### TABLE 5.1: DC-DC Converter Baseline Requirements

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• All phases of the resonant current waveform are considered to be sinusoidal; linear or quasi-sinusoidal periods of time $T_{10}$ and $T_{32}$ are ignored.

• The maximum peak buck current is one and one-half times greater than the peak resonant current.

• The half period of the quasi-resonant current waveform is equivalent to roughly 52% of switch on-time ($x = 0.52$).

• Only the lossless case is considered; the conditions previously stated in Chapter III, Section 3B, are upheld.

To calculate both the peak buck and peak resonant current values, an approximation citing the average current contribution by each waveform is needed. The average resonant input current, as viewed by the switch, is represented by

$$I_{sw_{avg}} = \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} I_{r_{peak}} \left( \frac{T}{\tau} \right) + \frac{1}{2} I_{B_{peak}} \left( \frac{T}{\tau} \right) \right]$$

Solving this equation for a given average input current of $P_{in}/V_{in}$ [amperes] over a period of $T$ [sec] requires a peak buck current of,

$$I_{B_{peak}} = 1.388 I_{sw_{avg}} \left( \frac{T}{\tau} \right)$$

$$= 1.388 \left( \frac{P_{in}}{V} \right) D$$

and a peak resonant current of,

$$I_{r_{peak}} = 0.922 I_{sw_{avg}} \left( \frac{T}{\tau} \right)$$

$$= 0.922 \left( \frac{P_{in}}{V} \right) D$$

The peak resonant current is a critical value which drives the selection of all other resonant tank parameters. From Equations 3.38 and 3.48, an expression can...
be formed for either reactive energy storage element in terms of input voltage, peak resonant current, and half resonant period, that being

\[ L_r = \frac{V}{I_{peak}} \left( \frac{0.52\tau}{\pi} \right) \]  

(5.6)

and

\[ C_r = \frac{I_{peak}}{V} \left( \frac{0.52\tau}{\pi} \right) \]  

(5.7)

This, in turn, sets the resonant circuit characteristic frequency and determines the average resonant current out, \( I_L \), as illustrated by Equations 3.40 and 3.57, respectively. Time intervals \( T_{10}, T_{21}, T_{32}, T_{43}, \) and \( T_{54} \), are then easily defined by employing Equations 3.37, 3.39, 3.48, 3.52, and 3.53.

In trying to determine the correct inductor size value in the Buck circuit, a quick decision can be made if Equation 3.13 is used. This relationship established during the inductor charge interval is written as

\[ L_B = 0.720 \left( \frac{\tau^2}{T} \right) \frac{(V - V_{out})}{I_{sw_{avg}}} \]  

(5.8)

Similarly, the Buck circuit discharge interval, \( D_2T \), using Equation 3.14 can be expressed as

\[ D_2T = \tau \left[ \left( \frac{1}{M} \right) - 1 \right] \]  

(5.9)

The remaining computations involving the discontinuous time interval and other critical parameters, which are an important concern in boundary condition determination, are prosaic with knowledge of load condition and period, \( T \).

The power contributed to the load by each section is driven by the apportionment of input current after it passes through the power switching element. Roughly speaking, a 2:1 ratio is observed with the Buck circuit supplying approximately 70% of the circuit’s raw power. Current through each individual element is elevated in inverse proportion to \( M \).
B. CONVERTER ARCHITECTURE

As shown in Figure 5.1, a combination Buck/ZCS, Quasi-Resonant Buck dc-dc converter designed to function in its half-wave mode of operation was breadboarded. The voltage and current waveforms produced by this dc-dc power converter were observed at roughly 20% of full load condition or 11.2 ohms of resistance. System input voltage was held constant at 28 volts dc. By design, all boundary conditions identified for an open loop configuration in Table 3.1 were rigorously met, without exception.

1. Switching Element

A BUZ-60 N-channel enhancement mode power transistor was selected as the switching element having a drain-to-source resistance value of one ohm. A 10 volt peak-to-peak driving pulse, having a pulsewidth of 7.5 $\mu$-seconds with a periodicity of 22 $\mu$-seconds, was chosen as the input to the gate drive circuit. A small resistor, $R_G$, was inserted between pin 5 of the pulse transformer and the gate of the power MOSFET. This action was necessary to dampen the parasitic ringing oscillations which occurred intermittently during switch turn-on and turn-off intervals in time.

2. Gate Drive Circuit

A class B output stage, shown in Figure 5.2, was selected as the power MOSFET driving element based primarily upon the switching speed of each individual transistor, simplicity, the number of components required to implement the device, and a strong need to isolate the switching element from severe parasitic ringing incurred by use of the gate drive itself. The motivation behind this design was quite simple, to offer a very practical I.C. controller capable of presenting a very fast current sourcing and sinking action to the gate capacitances. Because a large current pulse can be drawn out of the gate in either state in a short amount
Figure 5.1: Buck/ZCS, Quasi-Resonant Buck DC-DC Converter
of time, saturation losses become tolerable and conduction losses in the on-state are better controlled. The gate drive is isolated from the switching element by incorporating a pulse transformer. This transformer, having a one-to-one turns ratio, was connected in phase providing the necessary isolation from line to the load. The output impedance of the circuit was minimal, lowered through the use of a single NPN and PNP complementary symmetry emitter-follower, resulting in a higher switching speed.

3. Nonlinear Elements

To implement the half-wave mode ZCS, Quasi-Resonant converter, a \( L \)-type current-mode switch was utilized. A fast recovery diode, \( D_1 \), having a maximum reverse recovery time ten times greater than that of the MOSFET device, was used to prevent the backflow of energy into the source and to minimize diode peak recovery current.

In the Buck converter section, both freewheeling diodes, \( D_3 \) and \( D_4 \), were selected as Schottky barrier diodes, having an instantaneous voltage drop of less than three-tenths of a volt for seven-tenths of an ampere of instantaneous forward current. Realistically speaking, in either case, the corresponding average forward power dissipation represented a maximum power loss of well less than one-quarter watt per diode.

C. MODEL ANALYSIS

This analysis is offered as a succinct summary to the Buck/ZCS, Quasi-Resonant switching converter due to previous discussion borne in Chapter III. The resulting behavior of the switch-current waveform is in agreement with the supposition, with few exceptions. A complete switching cycle, \( T \), in this combination converter is apportioned into six different operating modes. As demonstrated in:
Figure 5.2: Class B Output Stage Type Gate Drive
Figure 5.3, the individual waveforms contained in illustrations within this chapter are similar in shape to standard resonant and PWM discontinuous mode converter waveforms; however, their combined form, timing, and current values share a special predetermined relationship.

1. MODE I - Inductor-Charging State

When the power MOSFET is turned on, both diodes, $D_1$ and $D_3$, become forward-biased as a positive current is applied. Energy in both Buck and quasi-resonant inductors is allowed to build as the ideal diodes behave as a short circuit in the forward direction with zero voltage drop. Once again, inductor current is not permitted to resonantly charge the resonant capacitor, $C$, until the resonant current, $I_{Lr}(t)$, surpasses the constant current $I_{Lo}(t)$, supplied by the very large inductor, $L_o$. As a result of this phenomena, the instantaneous switch current, $I_{sw}(t)$, will equal the instantaneous load current, $I_L(t)$, i.e.,

$$I_{sw}(t) = I_L(t) = I_{Lb}(t) + I_{Lo}$$

where

$$I_{Lb}(t) = \frac{(V - V_{out})}{L} t$$

as long as the switch remains closed.

2. MODE II - Resonant/Buck Inductor-Charging State

This mode marks the beginning of the resonant charging cycle in the quasi-resonant converter half-circuit as diode, $D_2$, is commutated off. As demonstrated in Figure 5.4, no change occurs in the anticipated physical appearance of the Buck converter individual waveform. The total instantaneous switch current becomes non-linear at this point. The total instantaneous switch current put through
Figure 5.3: Six Modes of a Buck/ZCS, Quasi-Resonant Buck DC-DC Converter
the switch is

\[ I_{sw}(t) = I_{LB}(t) + \frac{V}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{L}{C}\right)}} [\sin \omega t] + I_{Lo} \]  \hspace{1cm} (5.12)

As the opportunity presents itself, the resonant inductor first, and then the resonant capacitor, both charge to their maximum value during this time interval. As depicted in Figure 5.4, the peak resonant current reached is 1.4 amperes. Likewise, the resonant capacitor attains a peak value of 51 volts, which is nearly equivalent to 2V in measure. When \( I_{Lr}(t) \) equals \( I_{Lo}(t) \) again, \( C_r \) discharges its reservoir of energy into the load.
3. MODE III - Resonant Capacitor-Discharging/Buck Inductor-Charging State

This mode reveals that as soon as diode $D_1$ terminates resonant inductor current flow, both the resonant capacitive voltage waveform, as well as the switch current waveform, become linear in nature. The switch current is equal to buck current. This action, as it prevents negative current oscillations, permits an easy calculation to be completed using the graph in Figure 5.5(b) to determine the average resonant current out, $I_{L_o}$, using Equation 3.49. The average resonant current out, over period $T$, results in being equivalent to 0.300 amperes.
4. MODE IV - Resonant-Freewheeling/Buck Inductor-Charging State

After all resonant capacitive energy is expended, the total instantaneous switch current remains a simple function of the buck inductor charging current alone. The portion of the instantaneous switch current developed throughout the inductor-charging state of the Buck circuit is stipulated by Equation 3.13 for Modes I, II, and III alike. The resonant-freewheeling/Buck Inductor-Charging State lasts until turn-off of the power MOSFET at time $T_5$.

5. MODE V - Resonant Freewheeling/Buck Discharge-State

At time $\tau$, as predetermined, the power MOSFET is switched off by the gate drive. Diode $D_4$ is commutated on as the buck inductor, $L_B$, reverses its field polarity. The instantaneous current waveform, as viewed by the semiconductor switch up to time $T_s$, is shown in Figure 5.6. The absolute maximum peak current observed, which must be handled by the majority carrier switching device at turn-off is 2.05 amps. The computed average current contribution, using Equation 3.11, given by the buck inductor current waveform in Figure 5.7 to the load is 0.769 amperes.

Mode V is distinguished from other modes of operation by the placement of an additional diode, $D_3$, prior to the buck inductor to guarantee proper converter operation. Without its presence, any discharge of energy from $L_o$ or $L_B$ into the resonant tank would prematurely permit the charging of the resonant circuit and disrupt the requisite converter state waveshaping function.

6. MODE VI - Resonant-Freewheeling/Buck Discontinuous State

Mode VI, the final mode, is identical to the ZCS Quasi-Resonant Buck converter freewheeling stage discussed in Chapter III, Section B, Subsection 3. This
Figure 5.6: Drain-to-Source-Current Waveform, $T = 22 \times 10^{-6}$ [sec], $R_{LOAD} = 11.2$ [Ω], Top Waveform: Gate Drive Pulse (10 Volts/div), Bottom Waveform: $I_{DS}$ (1 amp/div)
mode is characterized by the magnitude of inductor, $L_o$, and length of interval $D_3T$. The magnitude of $D_3T$ is a direct function of:

$$D_3T \sim f\left(R, T, \frac{1}{D}, \frac{1}{L}\right)$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.13)

D. CONDUCTION LOSS MODEL - SUMMARY

Overall, after viewing Figures 5.4 and 5.5, the ratio of peak buck to peak resonant current matches up quite well with proposed theoretical values, showing a difference of less than 3%. Despite a loss in output power of 1.85 watts, this non-ideal converter as illustrated in Figure 5.8 is still able to provide to the load 1.07 amperes of output current. Having achieved this necessary agreement in peak current value for both quasi-resonant and buck current waveforms permits use of Equation A1.1 to estimate conduction loss.

The rms current squared during MOSFET switch on-time is closely approximated using Equation A1.2, time intervals $T_{10}$ and $T_{32}$ occupy less than 10% of the quasi-resonant current waveform half period. A value of 0.803 milli-watts is dissipated in power as a result of the BUZ-60 device having to transfer one-half ampere of input current through one ohm of resistance.

At this point, a good comparison can be made between conduction loss and all other dissipative losses occurring during this same time period. The motive here is to understand the huge burden conduction loss places on circuit efficiency under this loading condition. To assimilate the difference in magnitude of switching loss requires the assistance of Equation 4.5.

$$P_{sw,on} = \frac{1}{2} f_s C_{oss} V_{DS}^2$$  \hspace{1cm} (5.14)

Using a maximum output capacitance of 180 pf, as noted on the product summary sheet, and adding an additional 5 pf to compensate for stray capacitance yields a loss of 3.39 milli-watts.
Figure 5.7: Buck Inductor Charging/Discharging Current Waveform, $T = 22 \times 10^{-6}$ [sec], $R_{LOAD} = 11.2$ [Ω], Top waveform: Gate Drive Pulse (10 Volts/div), Bottom waveform: $I_{Lb}(t)$ (1 amp/div)
Figure 5.8: Current Waveform Through the Load Resistor, $T = 22 \times 10^{-6}$[sec], $R_{LOAD} = 11.2$ [Ω], Top waveform: Gate Drive Pulse (10 Volts/div), Bottom waveform: $I_L(t)$ (1 amp/div)
The other loss which can be accounted for is the power loss due to drain-to-source leakage. This loss is also small, causing 74 milli-watts of power loss from four milli-amperes of leakage current.

Therefore, as expressed before, under a high current, low voltage condition, such as in a satellite:

\[ P_{\text{cond}} \gg P_{\text{sw}} + P_L \]  

(5.15)

Using this finding, it can be stated that if a ramp-sine waveform is subject to a conduction loss of 0.808 watts, then a ramp waveform in its self will support an even greater amount of dissipation of 0.958 watts. Furthermore, a ramp-sine-sine current waveform under the tradeoff of additional circuitry would cause this loss to decline even further in value to approximately 0.720 watts of power.
VI. CONCLUSION

The high cost of placing a satellite into orbit has imposed severe constraints upon the entire power system design philosophy. The desirable effects produced from reduced cost, less power loss, and size and weight limitations are now a constant theme in any effort to produce effective power conversion equipment. An efficient power switching technique, as proven in this research, is definitely the most successful method in meeting the substantial demand for increased power system density today.

To alleviate power dissipation losses in a dc-dc converter, the concept of current waveform waveshaping was introduced and implemented for power processing circuits. Using a quasi-Newton numerical technique, an analysis was performed to identify the physical relationship existing between the peak currents of various combined current waveforms. Theoretically, the ramp-sine-sine relationship produced the current waveform with the lowest overall conduction power loss.

To enhance the understanding of fundamental principles underlying the circuit operation of different elementary current waveforms, a complete dc analysis was presented on two non-dissipative power systems. Imperative to this study was the ability to develop and comprehend the proper current and voltage relationships which correctly define the condition of resonance and discontinuous conduction mode of converter operation. Also, in a summary, a comparison between the MOSFET and the BJT switching elements was made. The basic static and transient switching properties of each transistor were investigated to identify the strong and weak points of each semi-conductor switch. In most cases, it was obvious that the capabilities offered by a majority-carrier device were far superior to advantages of a
BJT. The detrimental power losses facing each device, especially MOSFET-plaguing conduction loss, were carefully scrutinized.

The simplest and perhaps the most widely used variety of switch-mode regulator was then breadboarded to prove the feasibility of this study. A step-down 45 kHz, 14 volt, 14 watt, Buck/ZCS, Quasi-Resonant Buck dc-dc converter using a BUZ-60 power MOSFET provided results which were consistent with the theory proposed. It established a basis that this design concept is applicable to a variety of conventional converters in two ways. First, it proved that the goal of producing any of the displayed waveforms illustrated in Figures A.3 through A.6 is possible using existing technology. Secondly, it demonstrated that the resonant switch concept can be applied to a host of other basic switcher designs operating in their discontinuous conduction mode as well.

Development of a MOSFET power converter for use at low voltage and high current levels has been limited because other semiconductor devices functioning in the frequency domain from 20 ~ 100 kHz operate more efficiently. Thus, unfortunately, techniques in this area have not yet been given the opportunity to achieve their full development. However, as proven in this research, prospects exist for the maturation of a more highly efficient dc-dc converter by using certain circuit devices and physical waveshaping techniques. The highlights and merits of using the design process disclosed in this thesis are:

- An increase in power conversion frequency above the 20 kHz frequency plane with a growth in power system density and a depreciation in conduction loss.

- Improved design flexibility without adding significantly to the current stress which occurs in the power switch.
- Implementation of a half-wave mode, ZCS, series-resonant, L-type, switch topology to preserve energy that which would otherwise be dissipated in conduction loss through the anti-parallel diode under different load conditions in a full-wave mode type of quasi-resonant converter.

- Natural commutation of quasi-sinusoidal component current waveforms.

- Added energy conservation and space saving in a dc-dc converter because of its small size, light weight, and improved performance efficiency.

The comparative dc analysis of the operation of the Buck/ZCS, Quasi-Resonant Buck converter functioning in its discontinuous inductor current mode of operation is now complete. The performance of an experimental circuit built in the lab has verified the author's intuitive prediction concerning the relationship between conduction voltage drop and the shape of the current waveform passing through the switching element. It is thought that the simplicity behind this development and the insight it provides should make waveshaping a helpful tool to limit conduction power loss in future dc-dc converter analysis.
APPENDIX A: IMSL ROUTINE ZXMIN

A.1 PROGRAM SOFTWARE

The IMSL routine ZXMIN, contained within the enclosed FORTRAN program, which Section A-II, is used to predict the theoretical outcome of minimum average power to a combination of proposed waveforms. Items required to initiate this program are:

1. FUNCT, a user-supplied subroutine used to calculate the function \( F \), which in this case, is the power minimization of \( \left[ \frac{(N+1)}{2} \right] \) waveforms.
2. \( X \), a vector of length \( N \), containing parameter values.
3. \( N \), the number of variables or parameter estimates contained within \( F \).
4. \( NSIG \), the convergence criterion governing the degree of accuracy required in parameter estimates.

Given \( N \) initial parameter estimates supplied by the user of the FORTRAN program and the information above (including all other less significant arguments required by the calling sequence as well), the subroutine ZXMIN is called. ZXMIN uses subroutine FUNCT to first calculate \( F \).

The function \( F \) is dependent upon the vector \( X \) for \( N \) different parameter estimates. The function \( F \) is found by first solving Equation 2.3 for each current waveform combination, and then determining the absolute value of one minus the average power dissipated, \( P \), in the switch. Table A.1 gives the solutions to Equations 2.2 and 2.3 for each of the six waveforms analyzed. When \( P \) is computed for any current waveform, two assumptions are made. For each case concerned: (1) the
time, \( \tau_2 \), given for the longest duration single element waveform is always assumed to be equal to one; and (2) to lessen the number of independent values contained within \( F \), one of the parameter values \( x(1) \), \( x(2) \), \ldots, \( x(N) \) is always solved for \( Q \) equal to one in terms of the other remaining parameter values. These initial conditions simplify each expression and reduce the number of calculations involved. The convergence criterion required for the final iteration of \( F \) is specified to four significant digits.

Solutions for \( F \) were not necessarily determined to be unique. Also, due to the nature of the algorithm, as was in the case of the sine-sine-sine waveform, exact convergence of \( F \) was not achieved. Iterations were terminated due to rounding errors, or final parameter values resulted in negative values of \( x(N) \). Therefore, the setting of initial conditions each time by the operator was influential in obtaining final results.

Figures A.1 through A.6 illustrate graphically the optimum power minimum for each current waveform combination examined. Given in each graph are the values of switch-on time, \( \tau \), versus current as a function of time, \( i(t) \), for each individual current element waveform and their sum as well. It is important to note that, as the average power dissipated in the switching cycle decreases, the peak current of the combination is also reduced. The ramp-sine-sine waveform is proven to be the most efficient process. Table A.2 summarizes the results obtained for the overall analysis.
Table A.1: Basic Current Waveform Equations

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Case</th>
<th>Equation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A1.1 Ramp</td>
<td>( \frac{1}{2} \tau_1 I_1 )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A1.2 Sine</td>
<td>( \frac{2}{\pi} [\tau_1 I_1] )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A1.3 Sine-Sine</td>
<td>( \frac{2}{\pi} [\tau_1 I_1 + \tau_2 I_2] )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A1.4 Ramp-Sine</td>
<td>( \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \tau_1 I_1 + \frac{\pi}{4} (\tau_2 I_2) \right] )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A1.5 Sine-Sine-Sine</td>
<td>( \frac{2}{\pi} [\tau_1 I_1 + \tau_2 I_2 + \tau_3 I_3] )</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A1.6 Ramp-Sine-Sine</td>
<td>( \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \tau_1 I_1 + \tau_3 I_3 \right] + \frac{1}{2} \tau_2 I_2 )</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

\[
A1.3 Sine-Sine: \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \tau_1 I_1 + \tau_2 I_2 \right] \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left( \tau_1 I_1^2 + \tau_2 I_2^2 \right) + \frac{2 I_1 I_2 \tau_1 \tau_2 \sin \left( \frac{\pi \tau_1}{\tau_2} \right)}{\pi \left( \tau_2^2 - \tau_1^2 \right)}
\]

\[
A1.4 Ramp-Sine: \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \tau_1 I_1 + \frac{\pi}{4} \left( \tau_2 I_2 \right) \right] \right] = \frac{1}{2} \tau_1 I_1^2 + \frac{1}{3} \tau_2 I_2^2 + \frac{2 \tau_1 \tau_2 I_2^2}{\pi \tau_2}
\]

\[
A1.5 Sine-Sine-Sine: \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \tau_1 I_1 + \tau_2 I_2 + \tau_3 I_3 \right] \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left( \tau_1 I_1^2 + \tau_2 I_2^2 + \tau_3 I_3^2 \right) + \frac{4 \tau_1 \tau_2 \tau_3 \sin \left( \frac{\pi \tau_1}{\tau_3} \right)}{\left( \tau_3^3 - \tau_1^3 \right)} + \cdots
\]

\[
A1.6 Ramp-Sine-Sine: \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} \left[ \tau_1 I_1 + \tau_3 I_3 \right] + \frac{1}{2} \tau_2 I_2 \right] = \frac{1}{2} \left( \tau_1 I_1^2 + \tau_3 I_3^2 \right) + \frac{1}{3} \tau_2 I_2^2 + \frac{4 I_1 \tau_1 I_2 \tau_3 \sin \left( \frac{\pi \tau_1}{\tau_3} \right)}{\pi \left( \tau_2^2 - \tau_1^2 \right)} + \frac{2 I_2^2 \left[ I_1 \tau_2 + I_3 \tau_3 \right]}{\pi \tau_2}
\]
Table A.2: Waveform Results

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WAVEFORM</th>
<th>$I_p$</th>
<th>$P$</th>
<th>$Q$</th>
<th>% REDUCTION RAMP</th>
</tr>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ramp</td>
<td>2.000</td>
<td>1.333</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sine</td>
<td>1.571</td>
<td>1.234</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>7.43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sine-Sine</td>
<td>1.395</td>
<td>1.147</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>13.95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ramp-Sine</td>
<td>1.388</td>
<td>1.086</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>18.60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sine-Sine-Sine</td>
<td>1.372</td>
<td>1.302</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>2.33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ramp-Sine-Sine</td>
<td>1.171</td>
<td>1.001</td>
<td>1.0</td>
<td>24.90</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
RAMP POWER MINIMUM

Figure A.1: Ramp Current Waveform
Figure A.2: Sine Current Waveform
SINE-SINE POWER MINIMUM

Figure A.3: Sine-Sine Current Waveform

TAU=.184  I1=.959  I2=1.396
Figure A.4: Ramp-Sine Current Waveform
Figure A.5: Sine-Sine-Sine Current Waveform
RAMP-SINE-SINE POWER MINIMUM

Figure A.6: Ramp-Sine-Sine Current Waveform
A.2 RAMP-SINE CURRENT WAVEFORM NUMERICAL RESULTS

This section contains the FORTRAN program to calculate the power minimization of different elementary waveforms. As configured, it is set up to determine the minimum power and peak current for the Ramp-Sine waveform. The subsequent table of numbers which follow are the result of the analysis performed and graphed in Figure A.4.
THIS SIMPLE FORTRAN PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO
DETERMINE THE THEORETICAL MINIMUM AVERAGE POWER
DISSIPATED BY A POWER MOSFET OVER ONE SWITCHING
CYCLE. THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF CHARGE TRANSFERRED
DURING SWITCH ON-TIME, THE SWITCHING ELEMENT ON-
RESISTANCE, AND SWITCHING PERIOD ARE ALL NORMALIZED
TO EQUAL A VALUE OF ONE.

**SCALAR VALUE OF MINIMIZED FUNCTION AT FINAL
PARAMETER ESTIMATES.**

**USER SUPPLIED SUBROUTINE WHICH CALCULATES
THE FUNCTION F FOR GIVEN PARAMETER VALUES
X(1), X(2), ..., X(N).
THE CALLING MATRIX HAS THE FORM
CALL FUNCT(N,X,F).**

**VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING ON OUTPUT AN
ESTIMATE OF THE GRADIENT DF/UX(1), I=1,...,N
AT FINAL PARAMETER ESTIMATES.**

**VECTOR OF LENGTH N*(N-1)/2 CONTAINING AN
ESTIMATE OF THE HESSIAN MATRIX
DF2F/(UX(1)UX(J)), 1,J=1,...,N.
ON INPUT IF:
IPT=0, CALL ZXRN INITIALIZES H.
IPT=1 USER INITIALIZES THE SETTING OF H.
H IS NOT POSITIVE DEFINITE A TERMINAL ERROR OCCURS.
ON OUTPUT CONTAINS ESTIMATE OF HESSIAN MATRIX
USING FINAL PARAMETER VALUES.**

**OUTPUT ERROR PARAMETER.
IER=0 CONVERGENCE ACHIEVED NO ERRORS.
IER=129 INITIAL HESSIAN MATRIX USED BY ZXRN
IS NOT POSITIVE DEFINITE, EVEN AFTER
TRYING TO MAKE ALL DIAGONAL ELEMENTS
POSITIVE BY ADDING A MULTIPLE OF ITS
IDENTITY.
IER=130 ITERATION WAS TERMINATED DUE TO SIGN-
IFICANT ROUNING ERRORS. CONVERGENCE CRITERIA OF PARAMETER ESTIMATES IS NOT
MET.**
IER=131 PROGRAM TERMINATED BECAUSE MAXFN EXCEEDED.

IOPT= OPTIONS SELECTOR, ON INPUT:
  IOPT=0 CAUSES ZXMIN TO INITIALIZE THE HESSIAN MATRIX H TO THE IDENTITY MATRIX.
  IOPT=1 INDICATES USER HAS INITIALIZED H AS A POSITIVE DEFINITE MATRIX.

MAXFN= MAXIMUM NUMBER OF CALLS TO SUBROUTINE FUNCT ALLOWED.

N= THE NUMBER OF PARAMETER VALUES.

NSIG= THE NUMBER OF DIGITS OF ACCURACY REQUIRED IN THE PARAMETER ESTIMATES. THIS VALUE GOVERNS THE CONVERGENCE CRITERION FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE IERATIONS OF F.

P= THE AVERAGE POWER DISSIPATED BY THE POWER MOSFET IN ONE SWITCHING CYCLE.

PI= THE NUMERICAL CONSTANT OF PI RADIANS.

Q= THE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF CHARGE TRANSFERRED BY THE POWER MOSFET DURING SWITCH ON-TIME.

X= VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING: ON INPUT THE INITIAL PARAMETER ESTIMATES AND ON OUTPUT THE FINAL PARAMETER VALUES AS CALCULATED BY ZXMIN.

W= A VECTOR OF LENGTH N+1 AS A WORKING SPACE. ON OUTPUT, W[1:N] CONTAINS FOR I=1, NORM OF THE GRADIENT.

# USER MUST SELECT ARRAY SIZES. ARRAY SIZE IS A FUNCTION OF N: PARAMETER VALUES.

EXTERNAL FUNCT
  INT OR N, NSIG, MAXFN, IOPT
  REAL X[1], H[1], G(1), W[1], PI
  REAL X[1], H[1], G(1), W[1], PI
  REAL X[1], H[1], G(1), W[1], PI

INITIAL CONDITIONS
  IOPT=0
  MAXFN=100
  N=1
  N=2
  N=3

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NSIG=4
PI= 3.14159265

INITIAL PARAMETER ESTIMATES
X(1)=TAU1 1.0 =TAU2  X(4)=TAU3
X(2)=MAX1 X(3)=MAX2  X(5)=MAX3

X(1)= 0.53456789
X(2)= 0.93456799
X(3)= 1.38456789
X(4)= 0.375
X(5)= 0.250

CALL ZXMN(FUNCT,N,NSIG,MAXFN,IOPT,X,H,G,F,WIER)

COMPUTE AVERAGE AMOUNT OF CHARGE AND MINIMUM POWER

DISSIPATED BY SWITCHING ELEMENT OVER PERIOD T FOR EACH

TYPE OF CURRENT WAVEFORM:

SINE WAVEFORM
C G=2.0/PI*(X(1)*X(2))
C P=8.0*(X(1)**2.0)

RAMP WAVEFORM
C G=3.0*(X(1)**2.0)
C P=(X(1)/3.0)**2.0

SINE-SINE WAVEFORM
C G=(2.0/PI)*(X(1)**2.0 + X(2)**2.0)
C P=4.0*(X(1)**2.0)*((X(1)**2.0)/(3.0)) + ((2.0**X(2)**2.0))

RAMP-SINE WAVEFORM
C G=2.0/PI*(X(1)**2.0 + 2.0*(X(2)**2.0))
C P=((1.0/3.0)*((X(1)**2.0)/(X(2)**2.0)) + ((X(1)**2.0)/(3.0)) + ((2.0**X(2)**2.0))

RAMP-SINE WAVEFORM
C G=(2.0/PI)*((X(1)**2.0) + X(2)**2.0)
C P=((1.0/3.0)*((X(1)**2.0)/(X(2)**2.0)) + ((X(1)**2.0)/(3.0)) + ((2.0**X(2)**2.0))

RAMP-SINE WAVEFORM
C G=(2.0/PI)*((X(1)**2.0) + X(2)**2.0) + X(3)**2.0
C P=((1.0/3.0)*((X(1)**2.0)/(X(2)**2.0)) + ((X(1)**2.0)/(3.0)) + ((2.0**X(2)**2.0))

SINE-SINE WAVEFORM
C G=((2.0/PI)*(X(1)**2.0) + X(2)**2.0) + X(3)**2.0
C P=((1.0/3.0)*((X(1)**2.0)/(X(2)**2.0)) + ((X(1)**2.0)/(3.0)) + ((2.0**X(2)**2.0))
C PRINT ZXMIN FINAL PARAMETER ESTIMATES AND RESULTING VALUES
C OF IER, Q, P, AND F.

PRINT *, 'IER=', IER
PRINT *, 'X(1)=', X(1)
PRINT *, 'X(2)=', X(2)
PRINT *, 'X(3)=', X(3)
PRINT *, 'X(4)=', X(4)

PRINT *, 'Q=', Q
PRINT *, 'F=', F

C GRAPH NUMERICAL RESULTS

C CALL S(1.0,X(2))
C CALL T(1.0,X(2))
C CALL SS(X(1),1.0,X(2),X(3))
C CALL TSS(X(1),1.0,X(2),X(3),X(4),X(3))
C CALL SSS(X(1),1.0,X(2),X(3),X(4),X(3),X(4),X(5))

STOP
END

SUBROUTINE FUNCTION(X,N,F)
* THIS USER SUPPLIED SUBROUTINE CALCULATES THE MINIMUM
* OF FUNCTION F FOR X(1),1=1,...,N GIVEN PARAMETER ESTIMATES.
* USER MUST SELECT APPROPRIATE WAVEFORM COMBINATION PRIOR TO
* EACH PROGRAM RUN.
* *** POWER MINIMIZATION OF WAVE FORMS ***
* VARIABLE LISTING
* F= SCALAR VALUE OF MINIMIZED FUNCTION AT FINAL
* PARAMETER ESTIMATES.
* N= THE NUMBER OF PARAMETER VALUES.
* X= VECTOR OF LENGTH N CONTAINING, ON INPUT THE
* INITIAL PARAMETER ESTIMATES AND ON OUTPUT THE
* FINAL PARAMETER VALUES AS CALCULATED BY LMIN.
* 1:0=X(1) MAX 2:0=X(2)

X(1)=TAU1 X(2)=MAX1
INTEGER N
REAL X(N),F,Q,P
REAL PI
PI = 3.141592654

**SINE WAVE**
C X(1)=1.0
C X(2)=.5*PI/X(1)
C F=ABS(1.0 - (X(1)**2)*X(2)**2.0))

**RAMP WAVEFORM**
C X(1)=1.0
C X(2)=2.0/X(1)
C F=ABS(1.0 - (X(1)/3.0)*X(2)**2.0))

**SINE-SINE WAVEFORM**
C X(1)=3.141592653
C X(2)=X(1)**2.0 + X(3)**2.0))
C X(3)=X(1)**2.0 + X(3)**2.0))
C F=ABS(1.0 - (X(1)/3.0)*X(2)**2.0))

**RAMP-SINE WAVEFORM**
C X(1)=1.5*PI/X(2)**2.0 - X(3)/X(2))
C X(3)=X(1)**2.0 - X(3)/X(2))
C F=ABS(1.0 - ((5**2)*X(2)**2.0 - X(3)**2.0))

**SINE-SINE WAVEFORM**
C X(1)=ABS(X(1))
C X(2)=ABS(X(2))
C X(3)=ABS(X(3))
C IF(X(1), LT, 1.0) GO TO 42
C X(1)=1.0
C IF(X(2), LT, 1.0) GO TO 44
C X(2)=1.0
C X(3)=ABS(X(2)) - X(4)*X(5)
C X(3)=ABS(X(3))
SUBROUTINE S(TAU1, IMAX)
* THIS SUBROUTINE PLOTS THE HALF PERIOD OF A SINUSOID.
*
***** VARIABLE LISTING *****
*
IM(J) = VALUE OF CURRENT AS A FUNCTION OF TIME.
IMAX = MAXIMUM CURRENT AMPLITUDE OF SINUSOID.
M = NUMBER OF POINTS PLOTTED.
TAU = ABSTRAEA VALUE OF SWITCH ON-TIME.
TAU1 = HALF PERIOD OF SINUSOID OR SWITCH ON-TIME.
T1 = FULL PERIOD OF SINUSOID.
*
INTEGER J
REAL TAU1, IMAX
REAL T1, IM(100), TAU/100/, PI
CLEN (UNIT=6, FILE= 'SAM', STATUS='NEW')
FIN, P1= 2.141592654
T1=2.0 * TAU1
DO 10 J=1,100
IM(J)=IMAX * SIN((2.0*PI*J)/(T1*100))
TAU(J)= J/100.0
WRITE (*,300)(TAU(J), IM(J))
300 FORMAT (' ', F6.3, 3X, F12.7)
END
*
**SUBROUTINE T(\tau, I_{\text{MAX}})**

* This subroutine plots half period of a ramp function.

***** VARIABLE LISTING ***

- \( I(J) \): Value of current as a function of time.
- \( J \): Number of points plotted.
- \( \tau(J) \): Abscissa value of switch on-time.
- \( \tau = \): Duration of switch on-time.

** INTEGER \( J \)**

** REAL \( \tau, I_{\text{MAX}} \)**

** REAL \( I(100), \tau(100), \pi \)**

** OPEN (UNIT=3, FILE='RAMP', STATUS='NEW')**

** PI = 3.141592653**

** DO 10 J=1,100 **

** \( \tau(J) = J/100. \)**

** \( I(J) = (I_{\text{MAX}} / \tau(J)) \times \tau(J) \)**

** WRITE(3,200) \tau(J), I(J)**

** FORMAT(' ',F6.3,3X,F10.7)**

10 ** CONTINUE**

** RETURN**

** END**

** SUBROUTINE SS(\tau, \tau, I_{\text{MAX}}, I_{\text{MAX}})**

* This subroutine plots the half periods of two sinusoids and their sum.

** *** VARIABLE LISTING ***

- \( I(J) \): Value of current as a function of time.
- \( I(J) \): Value of current as a function of time.
- \( \text{SUM}(J) \): Sum of \( I(J) \) and \( I(J) \) as a function of time.
- \( I_{\text{MAX}} \): Maximum current amplitude of sinusoid.
- \( I_{\text{MAX}} \): Maximum current amplitude of sinusoid.
- \( N \): Number of points plotted.
- \( \tau(J) \): Abscissa value of switch on-time.
- \( \tau = \): Half period of sinusoid.
- \( \tau = \): Duration of switch on-time.
- \( \tau = \): Full period of sinusoid \( \tau \).
- \( \tau = \): Full period of sinusoid \( \tau \).

** INTEGER \( J \)**

** REAL \( \tau, \tau, I_{\text{MAX}}, I_{\text{MAX}} \)**

** REAL \( I(100), \tau(100), \pi \)**

** OPEN (UNIT=6, FILE='SSAMP', STATUS='NEW')**

** PI = 3.141592653**

115
T1=2.0  \* TAU1
T2=2.0  \* TAU2

DO 10 J=1,100

I2(J)=I2MAX * SIN((2.0*PI*J)/(T2*100))
I1(J)=I1MAX * SIN((2.0*PI*J)/(T1*100))
TAU(J)= J/100.0
IF(TAU(J).LT.TAI)GO TO 13
IF(I1(J).GT.0)GO TO 15

10 CONTINUE
RETURN
END

*****************************************************************************

SUBROUTINE SSS(TAU1,TAU2,I1MAX,I2MAX,TAU3,I3MAX)
* THIS SUBROUTINE PLOTS THE HALF PERIODS OF THREE SINUSOIDS AND
* THEIR SUM.

* ** VARIABLE LISTING **

\* I1(J)= VALUE OF CURRENT AS A FUNCTION OF TIME.
\* I2(J)= VALUE OF CURRENT AS A FUNCTION OF TIME.
\* I3(J)= VALUE OF CURRENT AS A FUNCTION OF TIME.
\* ISUM(J)= SUM OF I1(J),I2(J),AND I3(J), AS A FUNCTION OF TIME.
\* I1MAX= MAXIMUM CURRENT AMPLITUDE OF SINUSOID.
\* I2MAX= MAXIMUM CURRENT AMPLITUDE OF SINUSOID.
\* I3MAX= MAXIMUM CURRENT AMPLITUDE OF SINUSOID.
\* J= NUMBER OF POINTS PLOTTED.
\* TAU(J)= ASTYSCSA VALUE OF SWITCH ON-TIME.
\* TAU1= HALF PERIOD OF SINUSOID.
\* TAU2= DURATION OF SWITCH ON-TIME.
\* TAU3= HALF PERIOD OF SINUSOID.
\* T1= FULL PERIOD OF SINUSOID TAU1.
\* T2= FULL PERIOD OF SINUSOID TAU2.
\* T3= FULL PERIOD OF SINUSOID TAU3.

INTEGER J
REAL T1,T2,T3,PI,TAU1,TAU2,TAU3,I1MAX,I2MAX,I3MAX
REAL TI,TJ,T3,TAU1,T3
CFILE (UNIT=7, FILE="SSSAMP", STATUS='NEW")

PI= 3.141592654
T1=0.0  \* TAU1
T2=0.0  \* TAU2
T3=0.0  \* TAU3

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DO 10 J=1,100
 10 J=JMAX = SIN((2.0*PI*J)/(T3*100))
 12 J=JMAX = SIN((2.0*PI*J)/(T2*100))
 13 J=JMAX = SIN((2.0*PI*J)/(T1*100))
 14 T(J)=J/100.00
 15 IF(T(J).LT.TAU1) GO TO 13
 16 J=0.0
 17 IF(T(J).LT.TAU3) GO TO 15
 18 ISUM(J)=I1(J)+I2(J)+I3(J)
 19 WRITE(7,20)T(J),I1(J),I2(J),I3(J),ISUM(J)
10 CONTINUE
RETURN
END

SUBROUTINE TS(TAU1,TAU2,JMAX,ISUM)

THIS SUBROUTINE PLots THE HALF PERIOD OF A sinusoidal AND A RAMP
FUNCTION AND THEIR SUM.

******** VARIABLE LISTING ********

I1(J) = VALUE OF sinusoidal CURRENT AS A FUNCTION OF TIME.
I2(J) = VALUE OF Ramp CURRENT AS A FUNCTION OF TIME.
ISUM(J) = SUM OF I1(J) AND I2(J) AS A FUNCTION OF TIME.
JMAX = MAXIMUM CURRENT AMPLITUDE OF sinusoidal.
K = NUMBER OF POINTS PLOTTED.
T = ASSUMED VALUE OF Switch on-time.
T1 = HALF PERIOD OF sinusoidal.
T2 = EXECUTION OF Switch on-time.
T3 = FULL PERIOD OF sinusoidal TAU1.

READ TAU1,TAU2,JMAX,ISUM
PLOT = TAU1,JMAX,ISUM(100),TAU2,PI,100,0.0
INTEGER J
COMMON (UNIT1, FILE='STAMP', STATUS='NEW')

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SUBROUTINE TESS(TAU1, TAU2, TAU3, TAU1MAX, TAU2MAX, TAU3MAX)
C THIS SUBROUTINE PLOTS THE HALF PERIODS OF TWO SINUSOIDS, A RAMP
FUNCTION, AND THEIR SUM.

* VARIABLE LISTING *

II(J)= VALUE OF SINUSOIDAL CURRENT AS A FUNCTION OF TIME. AMP03190
IC(J)= VALUE OF RAMP CURRENT AS A FUNCTION OF TIME. AMP03190
IS(J)= VALUE OF SINUSOIDAL CURRENT AS A FUNCTION OF TIME. AMP03190
SUM(J)= SUM OF II(J), IC(J), AND IS(J), AS A FUNCTION OF TIME AMP03200
IMAX= MAXIMUM CURRENT AMPLITUDE OF SINUSOID. AMP03210
INMAX= MAXIMUM CURRENT AMPLITUDE OF RAMP. AMP03220
ISMAX= MAXIMUM CURRENT AMPLITUDE OF SINUSOID. AMP03230
J= NUMBER OF POINTS PLOTTED. AMP03240
TAU(J)= ABSOLUITE VALUE OF SWITCH ON-TIME. AMP03250
TAU1= HALF PERIOD OF SINUSOID. AMP03260
TAU2= NOTATION OF SWITCH ON-TIME. AMP03270
TAU3= FULL PERIOD OF SINUSOID TAU1. AMP03280
T= FULL PERIOD OF SINUSOID TAU2.

INTEGER I
REAL TAU1, TAU2, TAU3, TAU1MAX, TAU2MAX, TAU3MAX
REAL SUM, SUM(J), MAX(J), IMAX, INMAX, ISMAX, TAU(J)
OPEN (UNIT=5, FILE='THRES', STATUS='NEW')

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12 IF (I.EQ.0) THEN 13
13 I= I + 1
18 WRITE (1, 1) SUM(J), TAU(J), MAX(J), TAU1MAX, TAU2MAX, TAU3MAX
19 CONTINUE
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F = 0.0851879 Compile time (seconds): 0.92 Execution time (seconds): 0.13
APPENDIX B: 14 V, 14 W, BUCK/ZCS QUASI-RESONANT BUCK DC-DC CONVERTER

PARTS LIST

Switching Transistor

BUZ 60 8627 N-channel Enhancement Mode Transistor, 400 V, 1 Ω, 5.5 Amps

Inductors

$L_r$ - 21.4 μH, Core 55208-A2 ($\mu = 26$), 22 turns of 22 AWG
$L_0$ - 15.35 mH, Core FD78HL237350, $\frac{1}{2}$ Amp
$L$ - 51.3 μH, Core 55°08-A2 ($\mu = 26$), 53 turns of 24 AWG

Capacitors

$C_r = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + C_4 = 48.8 \times 10^{-9} F$
$C_1$ - 20.1 nF, 100 V, Z5U
$C_2$ - 14.07 nF, 100 V, Z5U
$C_3$ - AE, 9.8 nF, 1 kV
$C_4$ - 438804 Gudeman XFS-1813-10, 4.83 nF, 600 VDC
$C = C_5 + C_6 + C_7 = 1.21$ mF
$C_5$ - USI, 594 μF, 50 V
$C_6$ - USI, 514 μF, 50 V
$C_7$ - Sprague, 96.7 μF, TE-1210, 75-25 DC, USA 7430 H

Diodes

$D_1$ - MUR 410 Ultrafast Rectifier, VR = 100 V, $I_{F(AV)} = 4$ Amps
$D_2$ - MUR 410 Ultrafast Rectifier, VR = 100 V, $I_{F(AV)} = 4$ Amps

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$D_3$ - MBR 735 Schottky Barrier Rectifier, VR = 35 V, $I_{F_{AV}} = 7.5$ Amps

$D_4$ - MBR 735 Schottky Barrier Rectifier, VR = 35 V, $I_{F_{AV}} = 7.5$ Amps

**Resistors**

$R_{LOAD}$ - Jagabi Lubri-tact Rheostat, 53 Ω, 3 Amps

$R_G$ - 10.19 Ω

**Support Equipment**

Power Designs Inc. Regulated DC Power Supply, 0-36 V, 0 ~ 5 Amps
APPENDIX C: SWITCHING ELEMENT DATA

POWERMOS TRANSISTORS QUICK SELECTION CHAR[From Ref. 38]

This broad range of N-Channel enhancement mode MOSFET's facilitates simpler, faster power control in a wide variety of applications. They can be driven from microcomputers and TTL, and have a switching speed that is several times faster than conventional bipolar devices. Types are available with drain-source voltage ratings up to 1000V. All are manufactured to have a controlled threshold voltage, and all exhibit low on-resistance and high transconductance.

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BUZ60 N-CHANNEL ENHANCEMENT MODE TRANSISTOR

DATA SHEET [From Ref. 48]

Siliconix incorporated

MOSPOWER

BUZ60
N-Channel Enhancement Mode Transistor

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1Pulse width limited by maximum junction temperature (refer to transient thermal impedance data, figure 11)
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1 Pulse width limited by maximum junction temperature (refer to transient thermal impedance data, figure 11)
2 Pulse test: Pulse width ≤ 300 μsec, Duty Cycle ≤ 2%
PERFORMANCE CURVES (25°C Unless otherwise noted)

FIGURE 1: Typical Output Characteristics

FIGURE 2: Typical Transfer Characteristics

FIGURE 3: Typical Transconductance

FIGURE 4: Typical On-Resistance

FIGURE 5: Typical Capacitance

FIGURE 6: Typical Gate Charge
PERFORMANCE CURVES (25°C Unless otherwise noted)

FIGURE 7: On-Resistance vs. Junction Temperature

FIGURE 8: Typical Source-Drain Diode Forward Voltage

FIGURE 9: Maximum Avalanche and Drain Current vs. Case Temperature

FIGURE 10: Safe Operating Area

FIGURE 11: Normalized Effective Transient Thermal Impedance, Junction-to-Case

1 Operation in this area may be limited by t(Dissipation)
APPENDIX D: GENERAL SWITCH-MODE POWER CONVERSION STORAGE COMPONENTS AND SWITCHES

INDUCTOR CORE MAGNETIC AND WINDING INFORMATION

DATA SHEET [From Ref. 49]

| WINDOW AREA | 225,600 cm²/milf |
| CROSS SECTION | 0.0350 in², 0.226 cm² |
| PATH LENGTH | 2.01 in, 5.09 cm |
| WEIGHT | 0.36 oz, 10 gm |
| 1.023 lb |

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CORE DIMENSIONS AFTER FINISH

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| ID (Min) | 0.475 in, 12.07 mm |
| HT (Max) | 0.280 in, 7.11 mm |

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* Please check with your local sales office for further stabilization and grading information.

** The nominal airgap resistances and the ampere-turns are theoretical values only and are not guaranteed. In practice, please see winding current ratings.
SWITCHMODE POWER RECTIFIERS DATA SHEET [From Ref. 50]

1. Schottky Barrier [From Ref. 50]
2. UltraFast [From Ref. 50]

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**MAXIMUM RATINGS**

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- **Peak Reverse Current Voltage:**
  - Value: 50 V, 100 V, 150 V, 200 V, 300 V, 500 V, 600 V, 800 V, 1000 V

- **DC Blocking Voltage:**
  - Value: 50 V, 100 V, 150 V, 200 V, 300 V, 500 V, 600 V, 800 V, 1000 V

- **Average Rectified Forward Current (Square Wave):**
  - Value: 40 A @ 200 V, 40 A @ 200 V, 40 A @ 200 V

- **Repetitive Fast Surge Current:**
  - Value: 950 A, 125 A, 70 A

- **Operating Maximum Temperature:**
  - Value: 125°C

**THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS**

- **Maximum Junction Temperature:**
  - Value: 150°C

**ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

- **Maximum Continuous Forward Voltage (1):**
  - Value: 5.0 V @ 25°C

- **Maximum Reverse Voltage (1):**
  - Value: 5.0 V @ 25°C

- **Maximum Current Rating:**
  - Value: 5.0 A, 10 A, 15 A, 20 A

**CASE STYLE:**

- **PLASTIC**
MUR405, 410 AND 415

**FIGURE 1 — TYPICAL FORWARD VOLTAGE**

**FIGURE 2 — TYPICAL REVERSE CURRENT**

- The curves shown are typical for the forward voltage.
- These are plotted as a function of temperature difference.
- Typical reverse current can be determined from the curves.
- The actual current must be calculated from the curves.

**FIGURE 3 — CURRENT DERATING (MOUNTING METHOD #3 PER NOTE 1)**

**FIGURE 4 — POWER DISSIPATION**

**FIGURE 5 — TYPICAL CAPACITANCE**

- Capacitive loading: \( \frac{Vc}{Vf} = 25, 50, 100 \)
- Square wave, \( Vc = 25 \), \( Vf = 50 \), \( Vf = 100 \)
- Maximum current: \( I \) at \( Vf = 25 \), \( Vf = 50 \), \( Vf = 100 \)
- Reverse voltage: \( Vr = 25 \)
NOTE 1 — AMBIENT MOUNTING DATA

Data shown for thermal resistance junction-to-ambient (R_{J,A}) for the mountings shown is to be used as typical guideline values for preliminary engineering or in case the tie point temperature cannot be measured.

TYPICAL VALUES FOR R_{J,A} IN STILL AIR

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MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Case: Transfer Molded Plastic
Finish: External Leads are Plated. Leads are readily Solderable
Polarity: Indicated by Cathode Band
Weight: 1.1 Grams (Approximately)
Maximum Lead Temperature for Soldering Purposes:
300°C, 1/8" from case for 10 s

OUTLINE DIMENSIONS

NOTES
1. DIMENSIONING & TOLERANCING PER ANSI Y14.5M
2. CONTROLLING DIMENSION INCH

CASE 287-02
PLASTIC
APPENDIX E: GATE DRIVE CIRCUIT FOR BUCK/ZCS, QUASI-RESONANT DC-DC CONVERTER

PARTS LIST

Transformer
Magnetic Circuit Elements Inc., 0-1618T2, Turns Ratio ±2%, DCR ±20%

   Primary (5-1): 20 Turns #32 AWG
   Secondary (2-6): 20 Turns #32 AWG

Transistors
Q₁ - High-Speed Switching Transistor. Silicon PNP, CCGJTX 2N3636 KS314 (fₚ = 200 MHz)
Q₂ - High-Speed Switching Transistor, Silicon NPN, TI 2N3252 210 (fₚ = 200 MHz)

Capacitors
Cₐ - Sprague 225P, 1.0 ± 10 % - 75 DC
Cₜ - 0.001K, X5E, 1 kV
Cₛ - +80-20%, 50 V, ZSV

Resistors
Rₛ - 10 Ω ± 5%

Support Equipment
DC Power Supply - HP 6218A, 0 - 50 V (60 VMAX), 250 mA
Textronik 2213 60 MHz Osciloscope
20 MHz Pulse Function Generator Model 145 Hewlett Packard
# Appendix F: Class B Output Stage Data Sheets

Transformer & Inductor Specifications [From Ref. 49]

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## Electrical

**Schematic Diagram—Voltages, Currents, Frequency, Tolerances, Impedances (Source, Input, Load, Winding, Taps, Polarity, Shielding, etc.).**

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**DC/Inductance at Terminals** (5 - 1) shall be:

- Maximum) MA. AVG. A.C. Measured at 1 Volts 1000 CPS.

**Phase Shift**

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**Packaging**

For V.D.E

**Outline Drawing—Case & Mounting Dimensions, Terminals, Identification, Finish**

![Diagram]

**Environment**

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Magnetic Circuit Elements Inc.

1540 Moffett St.
Salinas CA 93905
Phone: (408) 757-8752

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2N3252 NPN Silicon Transistors [From Ref. 51]

TYPES 2N3252, 2N3253
N-P-N SILICON TRANSISTORS
BULLETIN NO. DL S72-263 MARCH 1961-REVISED MARCH 1972

DESIGNATED FOR HIGH-SPEED, HIGH-CURRENT SWITCHING APPLICATIONS

mechanical data

absolute maximum ratings at 25°C free-air temperature (unless otherwise noted)

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*electrical characteristics at 25°C free-air temperature (unless otherwise noted)

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<td>100 mA</td>
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<td>Ib (Emitter Current)</td>
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<td>25°C</td>
<td>50 V</td>
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<td>Vbe (Emitter-Base Voltage)</td>
<td>25°C</td>
<td>0.6 V</td>
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Notes:
1. This value is the maximum between Dc and Tc collector current after 1 minute of device is energized.
2. Device tested at 200°C; free-air temperature at the rate of 5°C/min.
3. Device tested to 200°C; free-air temperature at the rate of 5°C/min. Tested to 97°C in 1 minute. Device must be operated with a 22.5°C free-air temperature at the rate of 3°C/min.
5. Device tested at 200°C; free-air temperature at the rate of 5°C/min. Tested to 97°C in 1 minute. Device must be operated with a 22.5°C free-air temperature at the rate of 3°C/min.

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N-P-N SILICON TRANSISTORS

*switching characteristics at 25°C free-air temperature

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<td>tC. Rise Time</td>
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<td>tF. Fall Time</td>
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<td>tS. Storage Time</td>
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<td>$Q_{s}$ Total Collector Charge</td>
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<td>5</td>
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Thermal and current ratings shown are absolute upper limits only with transistor guaranteed.

*PARAMETER MEASUREMENT INFORMATION

- **FIGURE 1 — DELAY AND RISE TIMES**
  - **TEST CIRCUIT**

- **FIGURE 2 — STORAGE AND FALL TIMES**
  - **TEST CIRCUIT**

- **FIGURE 3 — TOTAL CONTROL CHARGE**
  - **TEST CIRCUIT**

**NOTES:**
- 1. The output waveforms are the time average characteristics.
- For measuring, $I_{R}$, $P_{max}$, $P_{max}$, $V_{CC} = 50$ V max, $V_{CC}$ = RL = $500$ Ohm.
- For measuring $I_{R}$, $V_{CC}$ = 100 V max, $V_{CC}$ = RL = $500$ Ohm.
- For measuring $I_{R}$, $V_{CC}$ = 50 V max, $V_{CC}$ = RL = $500$ Ohm.
- 3. Transient are measured at an excitation with the transient characteristics.
- 4. $I_{CC}$ max $I_{CC}$ max, $V_{CC}$ max, $I_{CC}$ max, $V_{CC}$ max, $I_{CC}$ max.
2N3636 PNP Silicon Transistors [From Ref. 51]

TYPES 2N3634 THRU 2N3637
P-N-P SILICON TRANSISTORS
BULLETIN NO. DL-S 7311934, JUNE 1973

HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSISTORS
FOR GENERAL PURPOSE AMPLIFIER AND SWITCHING APPLICATIONS
- High V(BR)CEO ... 140 V (2N3634, 2N3635) or 175 V (2N3636, 2N3637)
- High Dissipation Capability ... 10 W at 25°C Case Temperature

mechanical data

THE COLLECTOR IS IN ELECTRICAL CONTACT WITH THE CASE

ALL JEDEC TO 39 DIMENSIONS AND NOTES ARE APPLICABLE

absolute maximum ratings at 25°C free-air temperature (unless otherwise noted)

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NOTES
1. These values apply between 0 and 10 mA collector current when the emitter-base diode is open-circuited.
2. Derate linearly to 200°C free-air temperature at the rate of 5.71 mW/°C.
3. Derate the 10-watt rating linearly to 200°C case temperature at the rate of 57.1 mW/°C. Derate the 5-watt (JEDEC registered) rating linearly to 200°C case temperature at the rate of 28.6 mW/°C.
4. The JEDEC registered outline for these devices is TO 5. TO 29 falls within TO 5 with the exception of lead length.
5. JEDEC registered data. This data sheet contains all applicable registered data in effect at the time of publication.
6. These values are guaranteed by Texas Instruments in addition to the JEDEC registered values which are also shown.
**TYPES 2N3634 THRU 2N3637**  
P-N-P SILICON TRANSISTORS

*electrical characteristics at 25°C free-air temperature*

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**NOTE 4**: These parameters must be measured using pulse techniques, t<sub>W</sub> = 300 μs, duty cycle ≤ 2%.
TYPES 2N3634 THRU 2N3637
P-N-P SILICON TRANSISTORS

*Operating characteristics at 25°C free-air temperature

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*Switching characteristics at 25°C free-air temperature

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Voltage and current values shown are nominal, exact values vary slightly with transistor parameters.

*PARAMETER MEASUREMENT INFORMATION

**TEST CIRCUIT**

**VOLTAGE WAVEFORMS**

**FIGURE 1**

NOTES
A. The input waveforms are supplied by a generator with the following characteristics: R(OUT) = 50 Ω, t(1) < 20 ns, t(2) < 20 ns, t(w) = 20 ns, duty cycle < 2%.
B. Waveforms are monitored on an oscilloscope with the following characteristics: t(1) < 10 ns, R(m) > 100 kΩ, C(m) < 5 pF.

*DEC registered data*
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