

Single Phase Semiconverter with RL load.

In practice, a load has a finite inductance. Load current depends on load resistance, load inductance L , and battery voltage E as shown in fig. 2.19. The converter operation can be divided into two modes:- mode-1 and mode-2

Mode-1 $0 \leq \omega t \leq \alpha$ during which free wheeling diode will conduct. The load current i_L , during mode 1 is described by

$$L \frac{di_L}{dt} + R i_L + E = 0 \quad \text{--- (8)}$$

with initial condition $i_L(\omega t = 0) = I_{L0}$ in the steady state, gives

$$i_L = I_{L0} e^{-\frac{R}{L}t} - \frac{E}{R} (1 - e^{-\frac{R}{L}t}) \quad \text{for } i_L \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (9)}$$

At the end of this mode i.e. at $\omega t = \alpha$, the load current becomes I_{L1} . &

$$I_{L1} = i_L(\omega t = \alpha) = I_{L0} e^{-\left(\frac{R}{L}\right)\left(\frac{\alpha}{\omega}\right)} - \frac{E}{R} (1 - e^{-\left(\frac{R}{L}\right)\left(\frac{\alpha}{\omega}\right)}) \quad \text{for } i_L \geq 0 \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

Mode-2: for $\alpha \leq \omega t \leq \pi$ while Thyristor T_1 conduct. It $v_s = \sqrt{2} V_s \sin \omega t$, and load current in this mode is i_{L2} found from

$$L \frac{di_{L2}}{dt} + R i_{L2} + E = \sqrt{2} V_s \sin \omega t \text{ for } i_{L2} \geq 0$$

solution of this equation is in the form — (11)

$$i_{L2} = \frac{\sqrt{2} V_s}{Z} \sin(\omega t - \theta) + A_1 e^{-(R/L)t} - \frac{E}{R} \text{ for } i_{L2} \geq 0$$

constant A_1 can be determined from — (12)
initial condition: at $\omega t = \alpha$, $i_{L2} = I_L$ is found as

$$A_1 = \left[I_L + \frac{E}{R} - \frac{\sqrt{2} V_s}{Z} \sin(\alpha - \theta) \right] e^{(R/L)(\frac{\alpha}{\omega})} \text{ — (13)}$$

After substituting A_1 , found

$$i_{L2} = \frac{\sqrt{2} V_s}{Z} \sin(\omega t - \theta) - \frac{E}{R} + \left[I_L + \frac{E}{R} - \frac{\sqrt{2} V_s}{Z} \sin(\alpha - \theta) \right] e^{-(R/L)(\frac{\omega t - \alpha}{\omega})} \text{ for } i_{L2} \geq 0 \text{ — (14)}$$

At the end of mode 2 in the steady-state condition

$$I_{L0} = \frac{\sqrt{2} V_s}{Z} \frac{\sin(\pi - \theta) - \sin(\alpha - \theta) e^{-(R/L)(\frac{\pi - \alpha}{\omega})}}{1 - e^{-(R/L)(\frac{\pi}{\omega})}} - \frac{E}{R} \text{ — (15)}$$

for $i_{L0} \geq 0$ and $0 \leq \alpha \leq \pi$

rms current of a thyristor can be found from eqn. (14) as

$$I_R = \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi} i_{L2}^2 d(\omega t) \right]^{1/2} \text{ — (16)}$$

Average current of thyristor can also be determined from eqn. (14)

$$I_A = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi i_{L2} d(\omega t)$$

r.m.s. output current can be found from eqns. (9) and (14) as

$$I_{rms} = \left[\frac{2}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi i_{L1}^2 d(\omega t) + \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_\pi^{2\pi} i_{L2}^2 d(\omega t) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Average output current

$$I_{dc} = I_{ave} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^\pi i_{L1} d(\omega t) + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_\pi^{2\pi} i_{L2} d(\omega t)$$

Discontinuous load current: - By setting $I_{L0} = 0$ in eqn. (15) dividing by $\sqrt{2} V_s / Z$ and substituting $R/Z = \cos \theta$ and $\omega L / Z = \tan \theta$ we get the critical value of voltage R_{crit} as

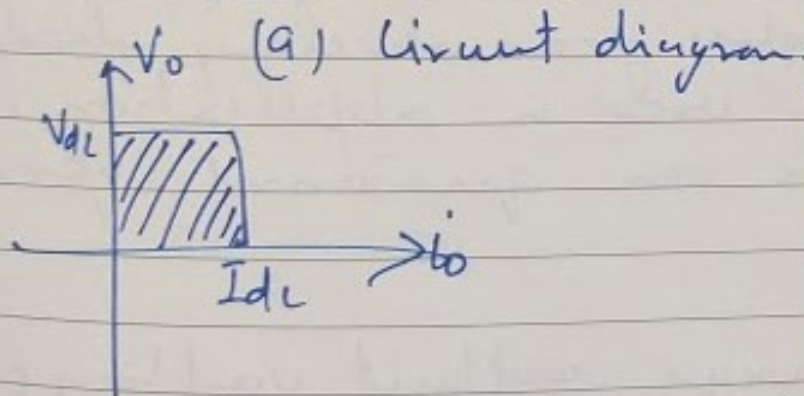
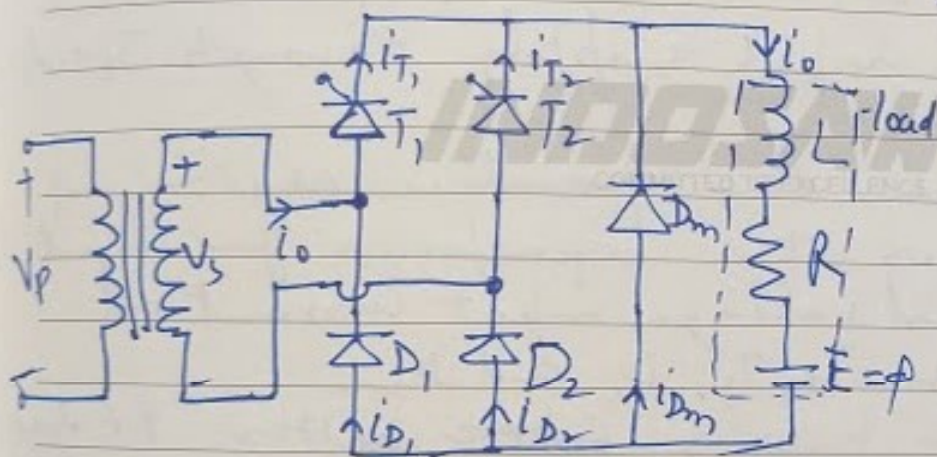
$$x = \frac{E}{\sqrt{2} V_{ab}} \quad \text{as}$$

$$x = \left[\frac{\sin(\pi - \theta) - \sin(\alpha - \theta) e^{\frac{(\alpha - \pi)}{\tan \theta}}}{1 - e^{-\pi / \tan \theta}} \right] \cos \theta$$

which can be solved for the corresponding critical value of $\alpha = \alpha_c$ for known values of x and θ . For $\alpha > \alpha_c$, $I_{L1} = 0$. The load current that is described by eqn. (14) flows only during the period $\alpha \leq \omega t \leq \beta$. At $\omega t = \beta$, the load current falls to zero again.

Single-phase Semi Converters (Single-phase)

The circuit arrangement of single-phase semiconverter is shown in fig. 2(a) with a highly inductive load. The load current is assumed continuous and ripple free. During positive half cycle, thyristor T_1 is forward biased. When thyristor T_1 is fired at $\omega t = \alpha$, the load is connected to the input supply through

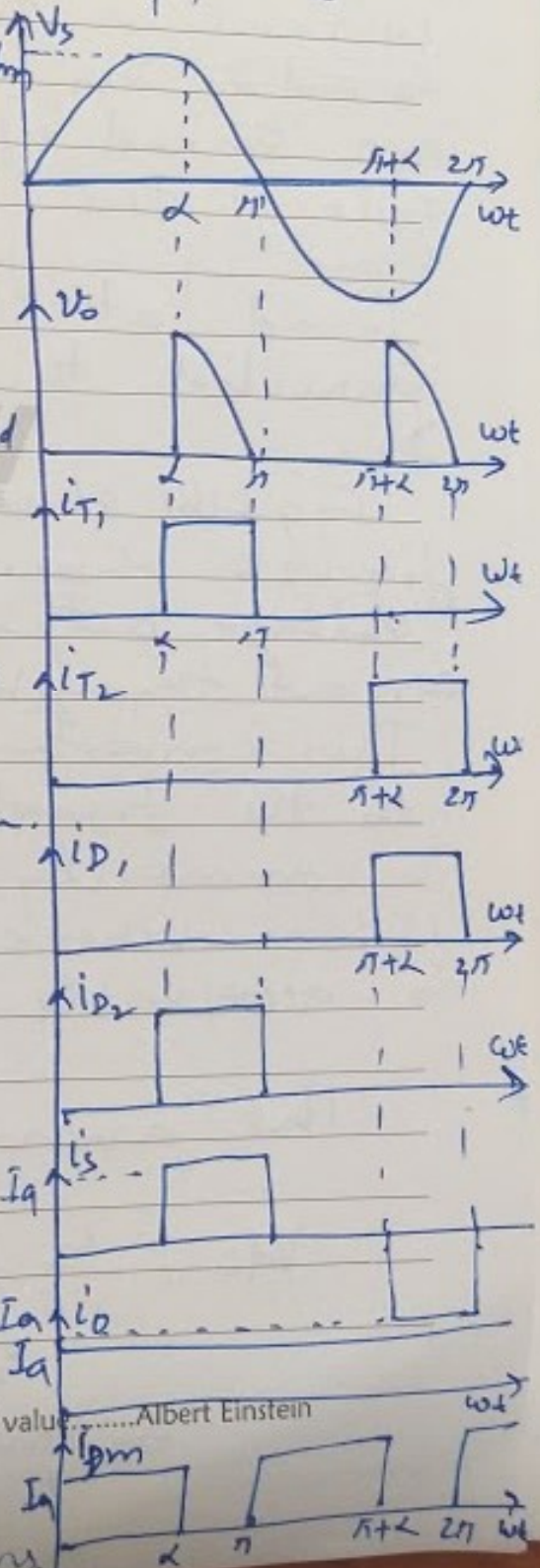


(b) Quadrant

Fig. 2

Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value. Albert Einstein

(c) waveforms



T_1 and D_2 during the period $2 \leq \omega t \leq \pi$. During the period from $\pi \leq \omega t \leq \pi + \alpha$, the input voltage is negative, and the free wheeling diode D_m is forward biased. D_m conduct to provide the continuity of current in the inductive load. The load current is transferred from T_1 and D_2 to D_m and thyristor T_1 and diode D_2 are turned off. During the negative half cycle of the input voltage, thyristor T_2 and D_1 is forward biased and T_2 is fired at $\omega t = \pi + \alpha$ and the load is connected to input supply through T_2 and D_1 .

Fig 2(b) shows the operative region and fig. 2(c) shows the waveforms for input voltage, output voltage, input current and current through T_1 , T_2 , D_1 and D_2 .

This converter has a ~~better~~ better P.F. due to the free wheeling diode and is commonly used in application up to 15 kW where on quadrant operation is acceptable.

The average output voltage

$$V_{dc} = \frac{2}{2\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi} V_m \sin \omega t d(\omega t) = \frac{2V_m}{2\pi} [-\cos \omega t]_{\alpha}^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha).$$

and V_{dc} can be varied from $2V_m/\pi$ to 0 by varying α from 0 to π .

The max. output voltage

$V_{dm} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi}$ and normalized average output voltage is

$$V_n = \frac{V_{dc}}{V_{dm}} = 0.5(1 + \cos \alpha).$$

The rms output voltage is found from.

$$V_{rms} = \left[\frac{2}{2\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi} V_m^2 \sin^2 \omega t d(\omega t) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \left[\frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi} (1 - \cos 2\omega t) d(\omega t) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{1}{\pi} (\pi - \alpha + \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2}) \right]^{1/2}$$