



EEL 5245 POWER ELECTRONICS I
Lecture #3: Chapter 2
Switching Concepts



Discussion Topics

- **Homework Assignment #1**
- **Need for Switching in Power Electronic Converters**
 - **Example on Efficiency Comparison**
- **Ideal Switch Characteristics**
- **Comparison to Practical Switch**
- **Power Loss in Practical Switch**
- **Several Examples on Switch Loss Calculation (Conduction and Switching components of Loss)-(Batarseh)**



Homework Assignment #1

Exercises:

E2.1, E2.3

Problems:

P2.2, P2.3, P2.4, P2.6

Due Wednesday, September 3, 2014

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Homework Corrections-Hw #1

- **Direct Homework questions to:**
- **Answers per solution manual and need to be verified**
- **Problem 2.2- R is 5Ω**
 - (a.) Ans. -80V
 - (b.) Ans. 1600W
 - (c.) Ans. 100%
- **Problem 2.3**
 - $V_{o,avg} = 2 * \Delta * I_{dc} * R$
- **Problem 2.4-**
 - Like class example (easier), Find $P_{sw}(t)$, $P_{avg} = .302W$



Homework Corrections-Hw #2

- Answers per solution manual and need to be verified
- Problem 2.8- **$V_{on}=.7V$**
 - (a.) Ans. $P_{sw}=32.5W$
 - (b.) Ans. $P_{cond}=9.59W$
- Problem 2.10
 - Do (a.)-(c.) only, skip (d)
 - (b.) Ans. $P_{o,avg}=.5*f_s*V_{off}*I_{on}*(2*t_d+t_f+t_r)$
 - (c.) Ans. $P_{o,avg}=54W$

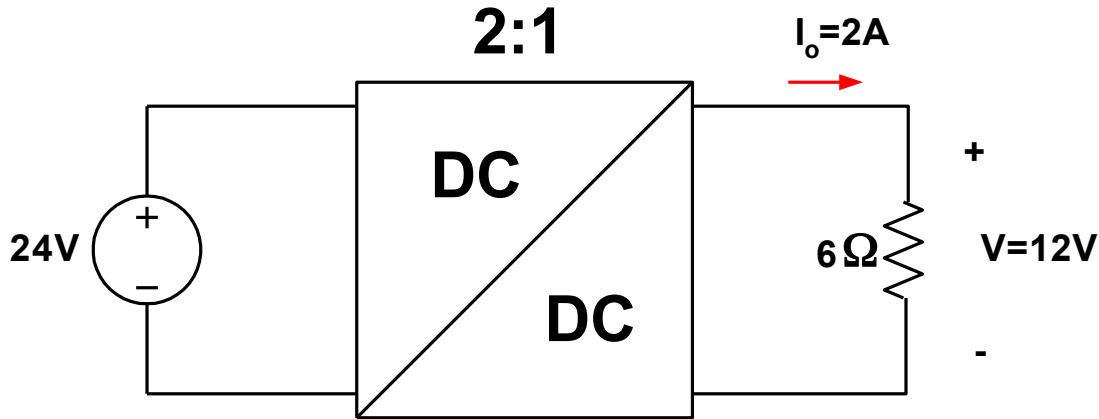


Need for Switching

- **Why use semiconductor devices as switches?**
 - **Allows better output control**
 - **Allows for improved efficiency**
 - **Ideally 100%**
- **What are effects of poor efficiency?**
 - **Energy costs**
 - **Design complications**
 - **Reduce reliability-(More losses mean more heat)**
 - **More component design**
 - **Heat transfer**
 - **Protection**



Theoretical Efficiency Example

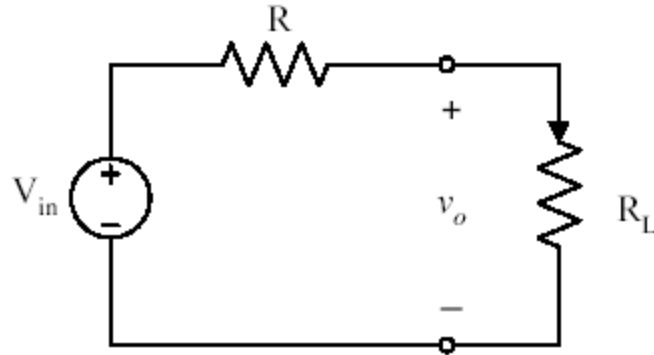


- We'll do an example to underscore why switching is the most energy efficient choice
- Consider the design of a DC-DC converter as shown above
- Design requires 24V step down to 12V across a 6 Ohm resistive load
- Let's investigate, some possible options



Theoretical Efficiency Example

Voltage Divider

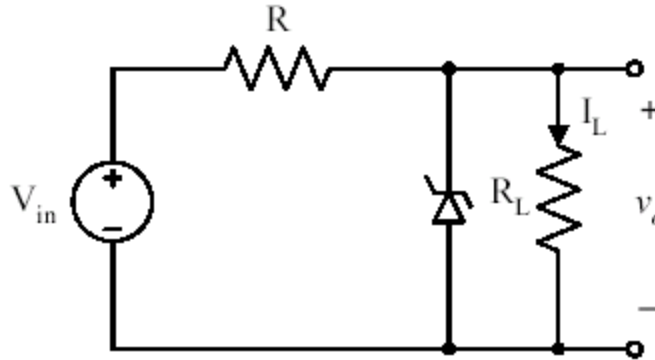


- A simple voltage divider can do job
- R must be set to 6Ω
- Load cannot change- R fixed so no opportunity for control
- Losses are high $\eta=50\%$



Theoretical Efficiency Example

Zener Regulator

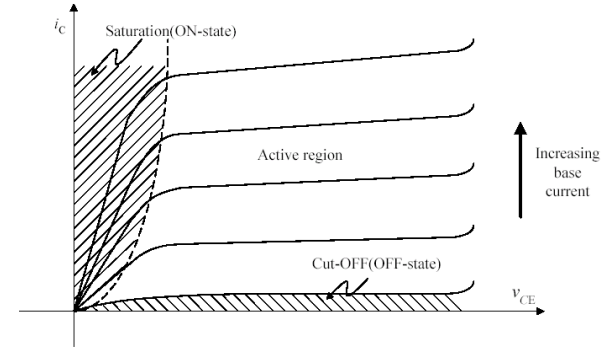
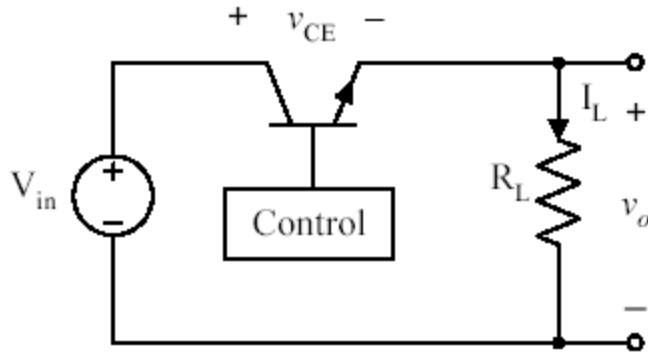


- Need some control (regulation)
- A Zener Regulator will allow for load variation
- Assume $V_Z=12V$, $I_Z@12V=.2A$, $R_{drop}=5.5\Omega$
- $P_{in}=P_{out}+P_{rdrop}+P_{zener}=24W+26.2W+2.4W=52.6W$
- $\eta=46\%$



Theoretical Efficiency Example

Linear Regulator

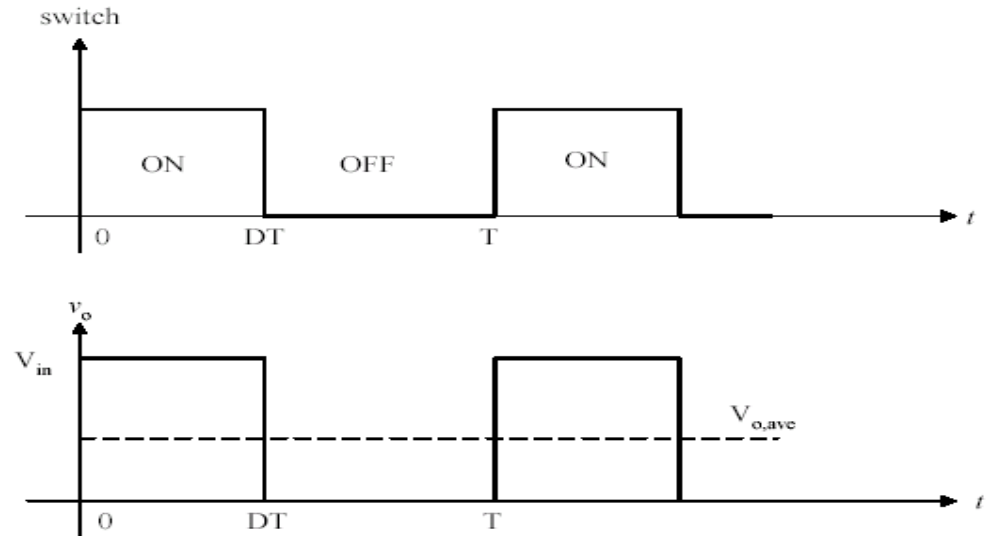
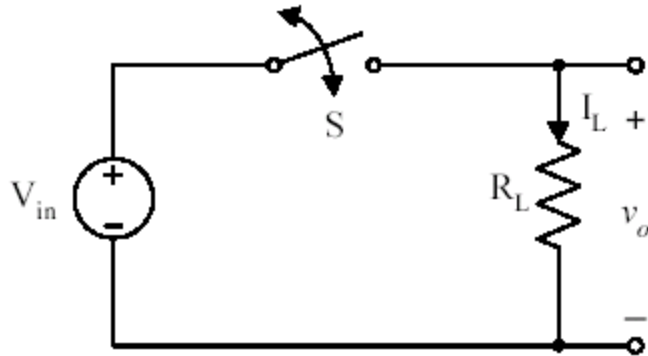


- Drop resistor inefficient means
- Direct source connection is preferable
- Try linear regulator
(Similar to implementation 7805, LM317 etc.)
- Assume $V_{ce}=12V$
- $P_{in}=P_{out}+P_{npnloss}=24W+24W=50W$
- $\eta=50\%$



Theoretical Efficiency Example

Duty Ratio Controlled Switch



$$V_{o,ave} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{TD} V_{in} dt = V_{in} D$$

- Instead of operating transistor in active mode try using as switch
- Low Pass filter required to extract DC
- $\eta=100\%$



Circuit Implementation

Duty Ratio Controlled Switch-SPDT

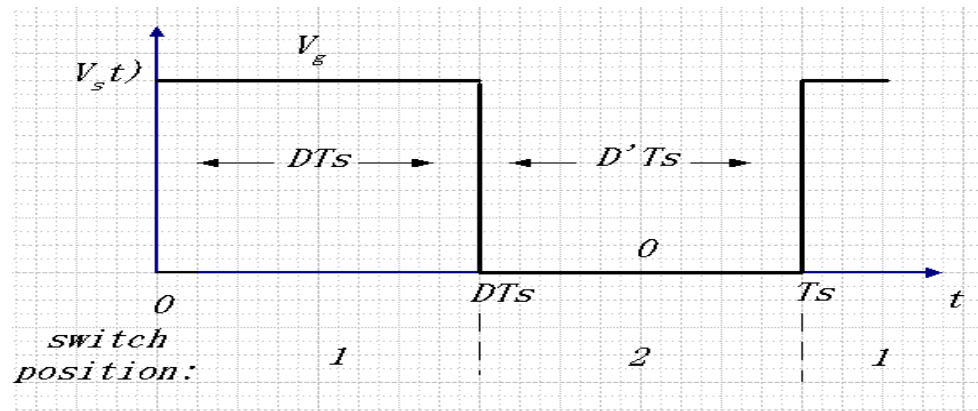
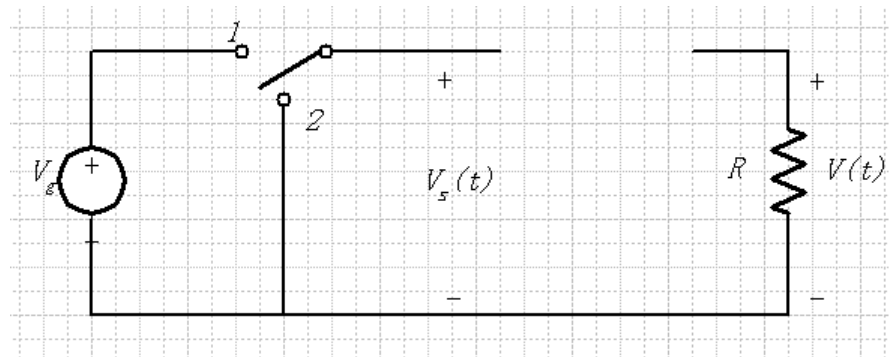
SPDT switch changes dc component

- **Note-all power semiconductor devices act as SPST switch**

Switch output voltage waveform

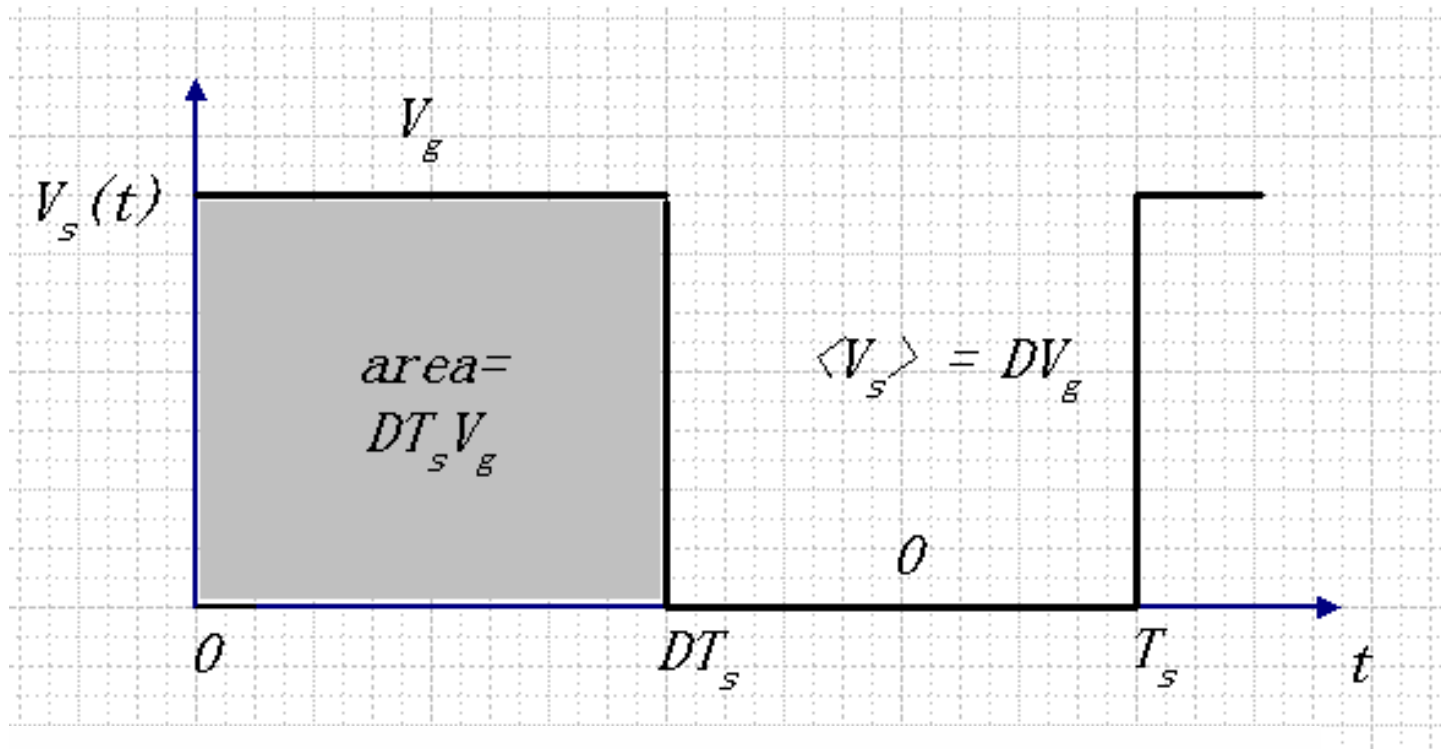
Duty cycle D :
 $0 \leq D \leq 1$

complement D' :
 $D' = 1 - D$





DC Component



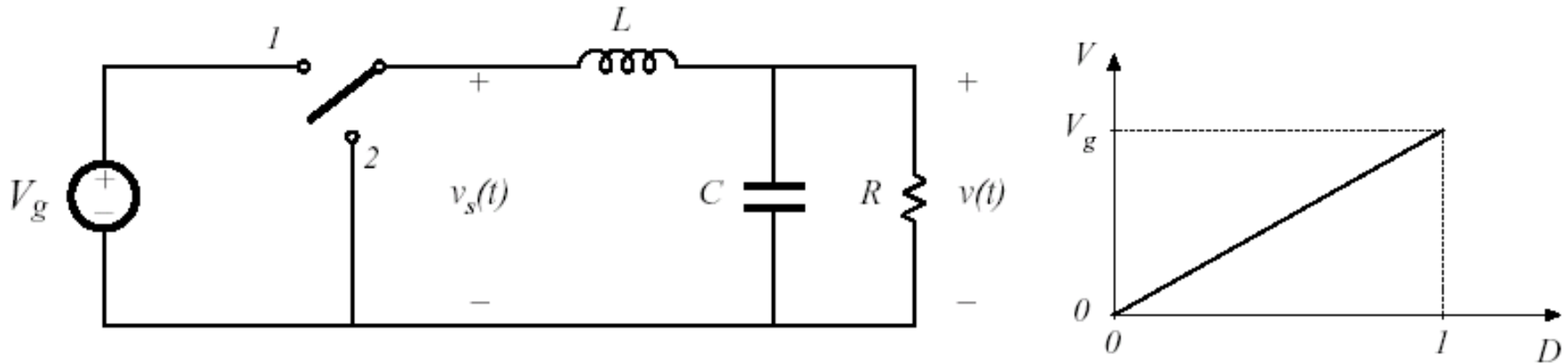
Fourier analysis: Dc component = average value

$$\langle v_s \rangle = \frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^{T_s} v_s(t) dt$$

$$\langle v_s \rangle = \frac{1}{T_s} (DT_s V_g) = DV_g$$



Step Down Converter-Buck



- Low Pass extracts DC
- Position 2 allows for current “freewheeling”
- V_o can be controlled by adjusting D (Switching Period/Frequency Fixed), $V_o/V_{in} = D$
- Ideally, is no switch/filter loss, $\eta=100\%$
 - We assume an ideal switch here



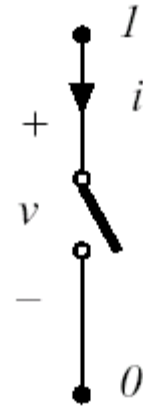
Summary of Example

- **Step down converter (Buck) exemplifies how waveform “chopping” allows control output**
- **Waveform modification by “chopping” is fundamental premise in Power Electronics**
- **If switch ideal, no losses**
- **By controlling D , V_o is controlled, independent of load**
- **Clearly, for an ideal switch, this example is the best approach**
- **In reality, switch not ideal (switching/conduction losses)**
- **“Chopping” means harmonics at both input/output (EMI)**
- **Is the assumption of an ideal switch reasonable?**



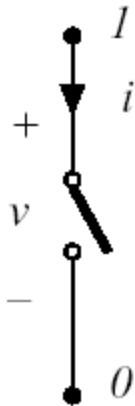
Ideal Switch Characteristics

- **Zero on-state resistance**
 - No forward voltage drop when on
- **Infinite off-state resistance**
 - No leakage current when off
- **Current limitless when on-either direction**
 - Conduction current a function of external components only
- **No limit on amount of voltage across switch when off**
 - Blocking voltage infinite (forward or reverse)
- **Switch can transition from on-off or off-on instantaneously when commanded to**

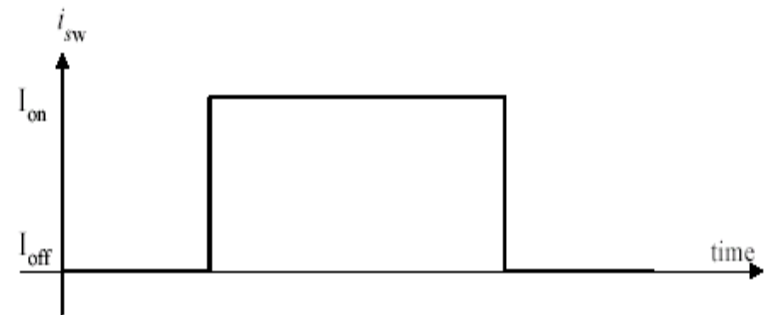
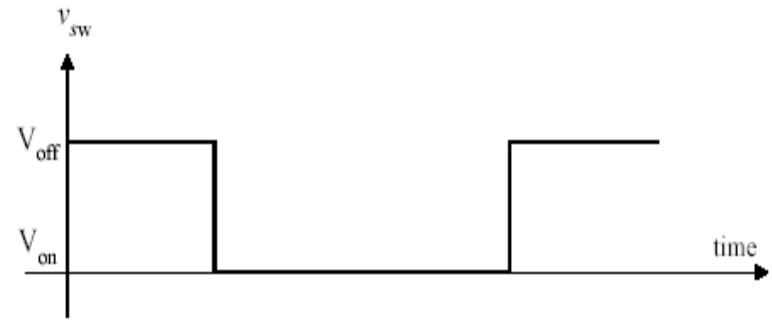




Ideal Switch i-v Characteristics (Transition)



- Previous desirable conditions mean, no power loss by any mechanism (conduction, leakage, or switching)
 - Switch transition-No overlap
 - $V_{on}=0V$, $I_{off}=0A$





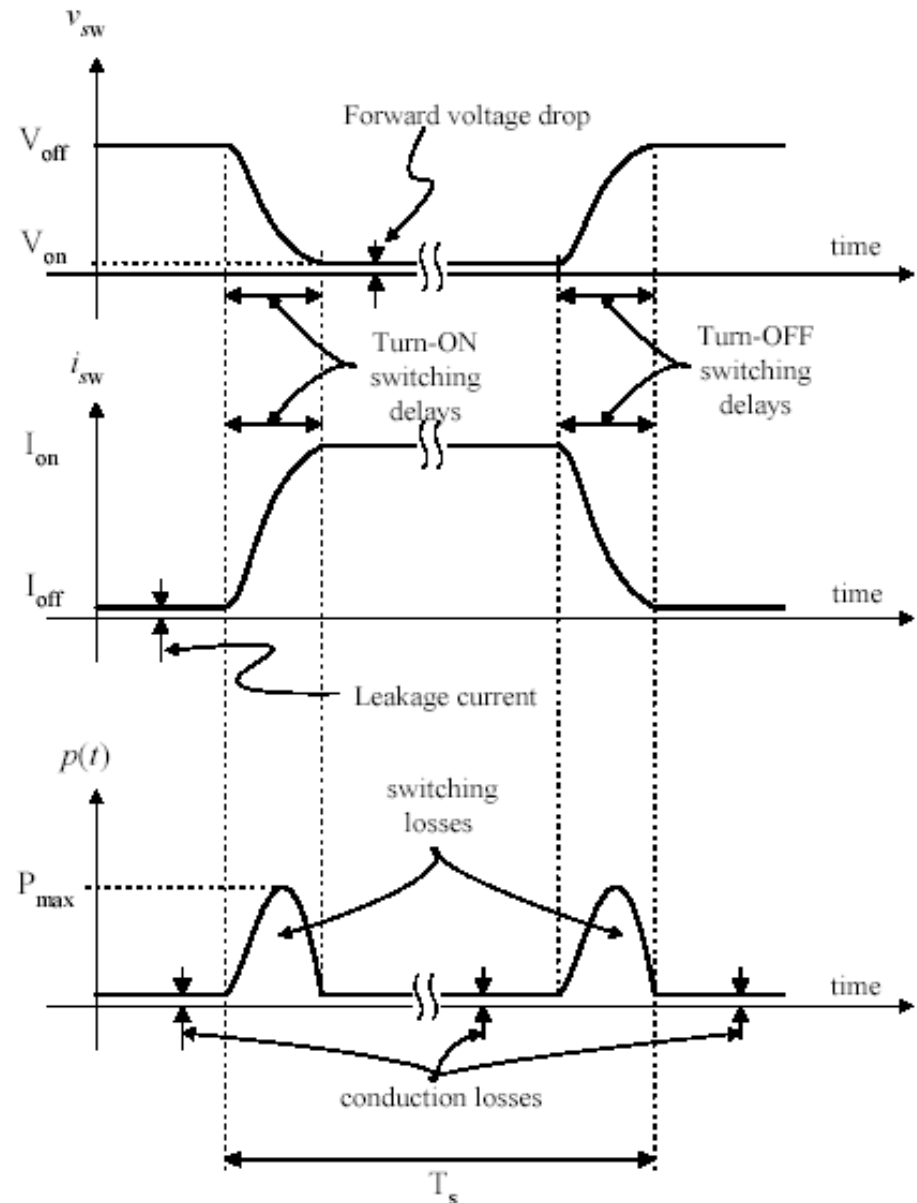
Practical Switch

- Although Semiconductor Industry has produced amazing devices, the “real world” switch is not ideal
 - Limited conduction current when the switch on, limited blocking voltage when the switch is in the off
 - Both are directional in practical switch
 - Limited switching speed that caused by the finite *turn-on* and *turn-off* times
 - Real world (Semiconductor) switches are charge driven
 - Finite, nonzero *on*-state and *off*-state resistances
 - There is a I^2R loss when on and some leakage when off (very small)



Practical Switch i-v Characteristics (Transition)

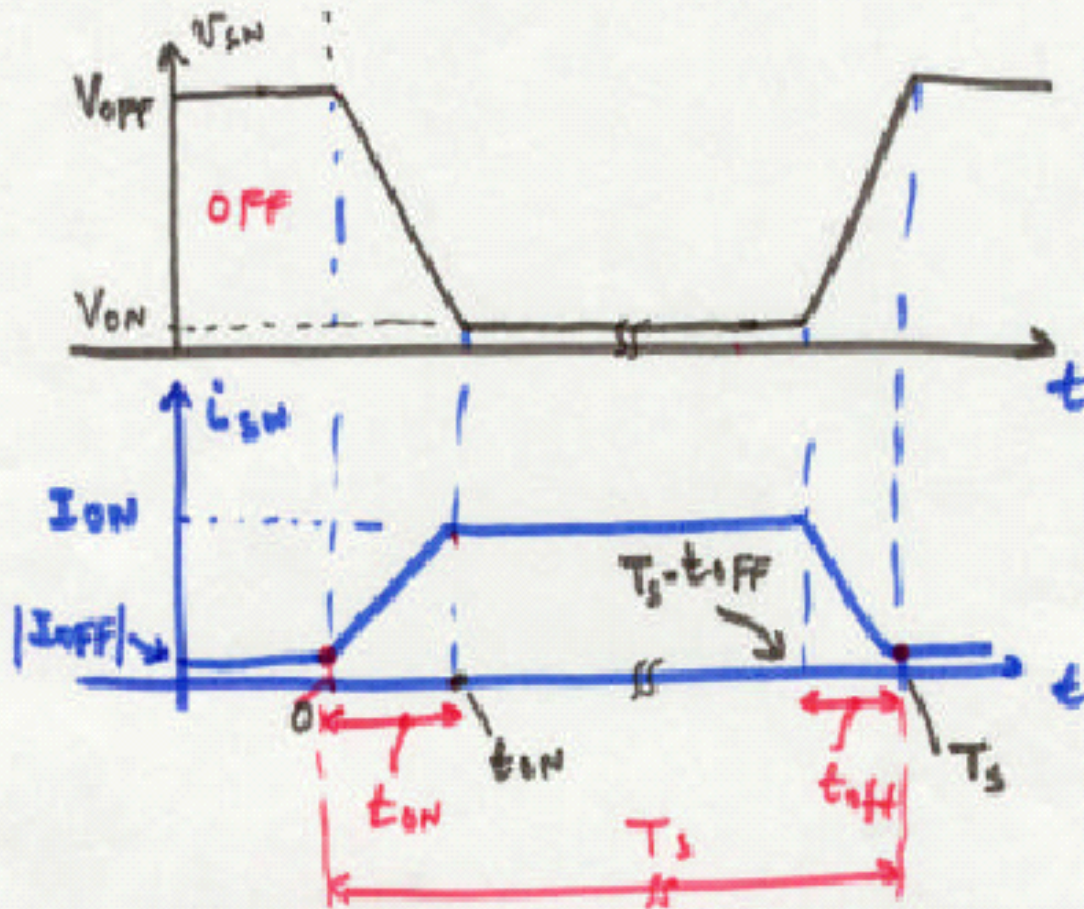
- *This is root cause of the single major source of loss in PE converters*
 - *Conduction- When switch is in on state (off state too, to a lesser degree)*
 - *Switching Losses- When switch is transitioning from on to off or off to on*





Switch Loss Example

Example 2.2:



- Derive expression for instantaneous power, $p(t) = v_{sw} * i_{sw}$
- Determine average power dissipation over one switching cycle, T_s



Switch Loss Example

$$i_{sw} = \begin{cases} \frac{t}{t_{on}} (I_{on} - I_{off}) + I_{off} & 0 \leq t < t_{on} \\ I_{on} & t_{on} \leq t < T_s - t_{off} \\ -\frac{t - T_s}{t_{off}} (I_{on} - I_{off}) + I_{off} & T_s - t_{off} \leq t < T_s \end{cases}$$

$$v_{sw} = \begin{cases} \cancel{\frac{V_{off} - V_{on}}{t_{on}} (t - t_{on}) + V_{on}} \\ V_{on} \\ \frac{V_{off} - V_{on}}{t_{off}} (t - (T_s - t_{off})) + V_{on} \end{cases}$$



Switch Loss Example

The instantaneous power, $p(t)$, is given by

$$p(t) = i_{sw} v_{sw}$$

Assume $I_{off} \approx 0$ & $V_{on} \approx 0$

$$p(t) = \begin{cases} -\frac{V_{off} I_{on}}{t_{on}^2} (t - t_{on})t & 0 \leq t < t_{on} \\ V_{on} I_{on} & t_{on} \leq t < T_s - t_{off} \\ -\frac{V_{off} I_{on}}{t_{off}^2} (t - (T_s - t_{off}))(t - T_s) & T_s - t_{off} \leq t < T_s \end{cases}$$

Annotations: P_1 points to the first case, P_2 points to the second case, and P_3 points to the third case.



Switch Loss Example

$$c) P_{ave} = \frac{1}{T_s} \int_0^{T_s} p(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{T_s} \left[\int_0^{t_{on}} P_1(t) dt + \int_{t_{on}}^{T_s - t_{off}} P_2 dt + \int_{T_s - t_{off}}^{T_s} P_3 dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{V_{OFF} I_{ON}}{6 T_s} (t_{on} + t_{OFF}) + \frac{V_{ON} I_{ON}}{T_s} (T_s - (t_{on} + t_{off}))$$



Switch Loss Example

$$P_{\text{switching loss}} = \frac{V_{\text{OFF}} I_{\text{ON}}}{6} \cdot f_s \cdot (t_{\text{on}} + t_{\text{off}})$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the switching loss equation:

- V_{OFF} is labeled as **blocking voltage**.
- I_{ON} is labeled as **forward current**.
- f_s is labeled as **switching frequency**.
- $(t_{\text{on}} + t_{\text{off}})$ is labeled as **switching delay**.

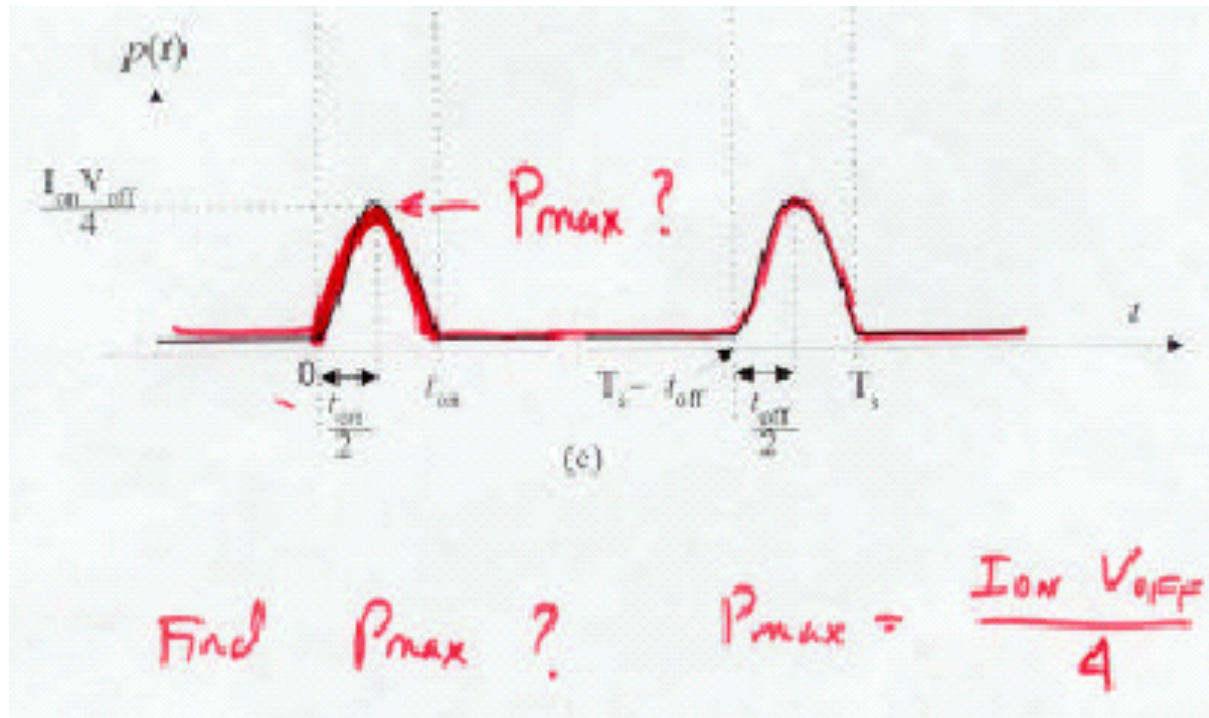
$$P_{\text{conduction loss}} = \left(\frac{V_{\text{ON}} I_{\text{ON}}}{6} \right) \cdot f_s \cdot (T_s - (t_{\text{on}} + t_{\text{off}}))$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the conduction loss equation:

- V_{ON} and I_{ON} are labeled as **max voltage & max current**.
- f_s is labeled as **switching frequency**.
- $(T_s - (t_{\text{on}} + t_{\text{off}}))$ is labeled as **conduction time**.



Switch Loss Example





Another Switch Loss Example

Exercise 2.1 : Determine the average power dissipated in a switch that has the following switching characteristics:

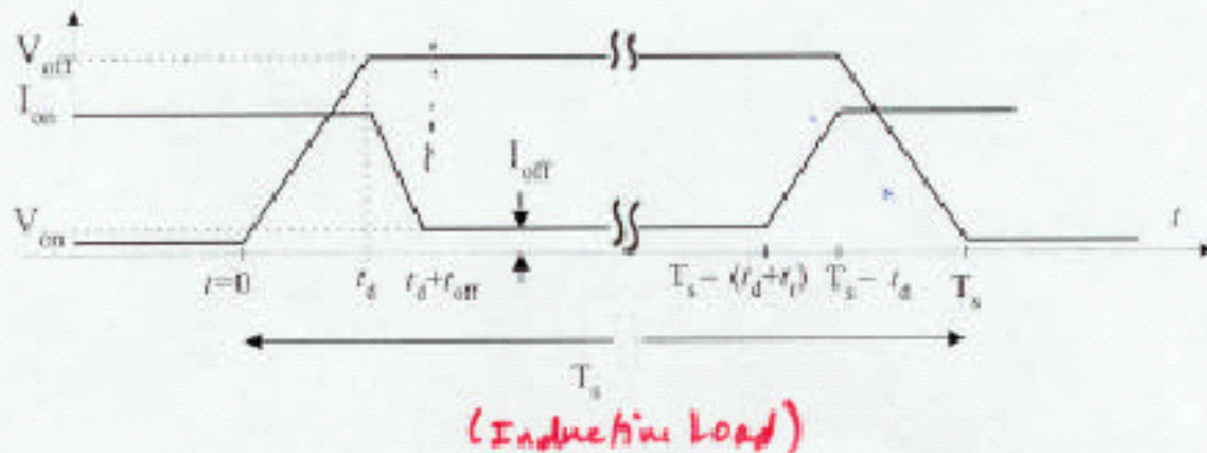


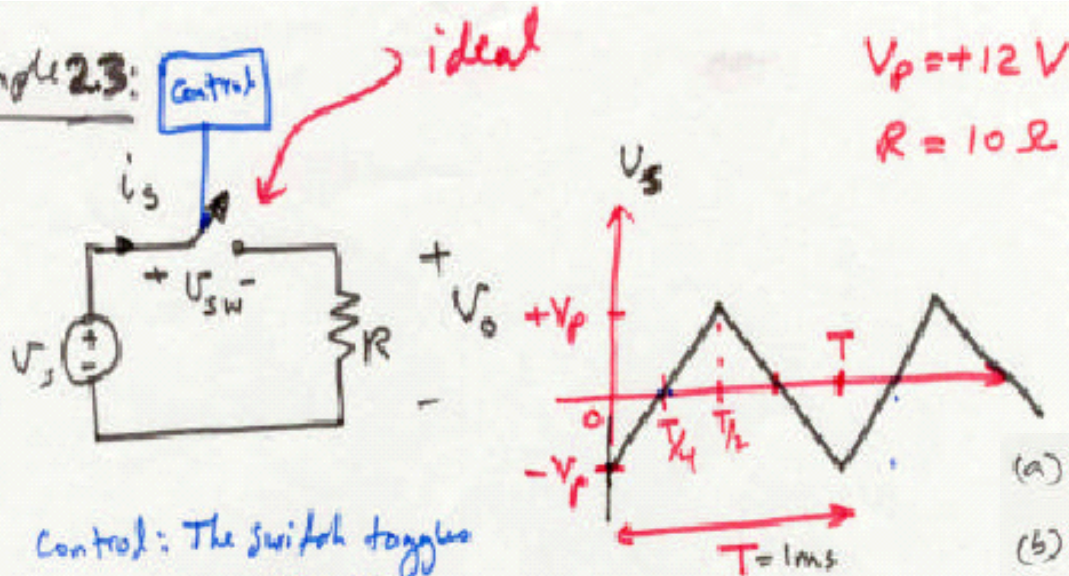
Fig. E2.1

$$P_{ave} = \frac{V_{off} I_{on}}{2} (2t_d + t_f + t_r) f_s$$



Example on Vo Control

Example 2.3:



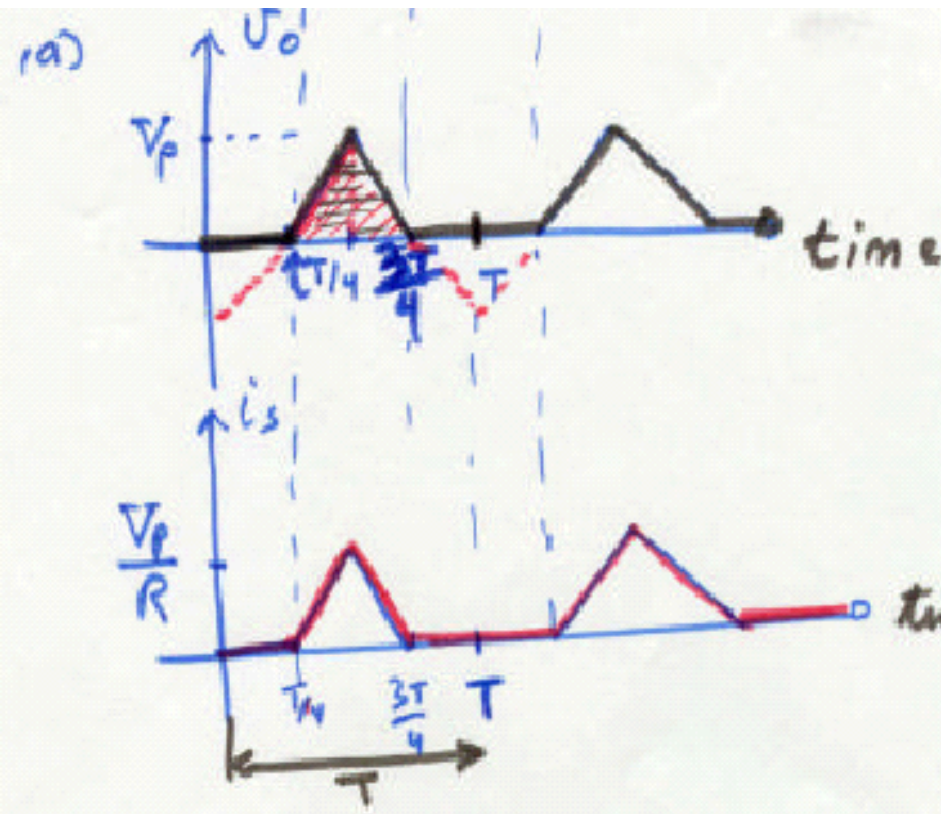
Control: The switch toggles every time the input voltage crosses zero.

Assume the switch was initially ($t=0$) open.

- sketch i_s & v_o .
- Calculate the average and rms values for v_o .
- Calculate the average input power and the average output power.
- Repeat for $T=1\ \mu\text{s}$
- Repeat the above by assuming the switch has 1V forward voltage drop.



Example on V_o Control



(b) The average output voltage,

$$V_{o,ave} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T V_o dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_{T/4}^{3T/4} V_o dt =$$

$$= \frac{1}{T} \left[\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{T}{2} \cdot V_p \right] = \frac{V_p}{4} = 3V$$

Use $V_p = 12V$.

$$V_{o,rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T V_o^2 dt}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \left[\int_{T/4}^{T/2} \left(\frac{4V_p}{T} t - V_p \right)^2 dt + \int_{T/2}^{3T/4} \left(-\frac{4V_p}{T} t + 3V_p \right)^2 dt \right]}$$

$$= \frac{V_p}{\sqrt{6}} \approx 4.9V$$



Example on Vo Control

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c)} \quad P_{in,ave} &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T i_s v_s dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^{3T/4} v_s^2 dt \\ &= \frac{V_p^2}{6R} = \frac{12^2}{6 \times 10} = 2.4 \text{ W} \end{aligned}$$

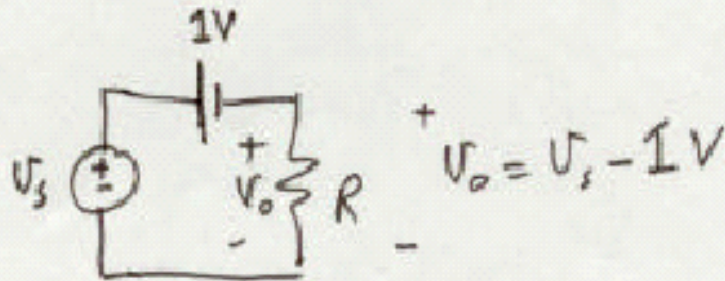
$$\begin{aligned} P_{out,ave} &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T i_o v_o dt = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T i_s v_o dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \left[\frac{1}{R} \int_0^{T/2} v_o^2 dt + \frac{1}{R} \int_{T/2}^{3T/4} v_o^2 dt \right] \\ &= \frac{V_p^2}{6R} = 2.4 \text{ W} \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta = 100\% \quad (\text{Because of ideal diode})$$



Example on V_o Control

(c) Assume the switch has 1V drop.



$$V_{o,rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{6V_p} \left[(V_p - 1)^3 + 1 \right]}$$

$$\approx 4.3V$$

$$P_{in,ave} = \frac{1}{4R} \left(\frac{2V_p^2}{3} - 1 \right)$$

$$= 2.375W$$

$$P_{o,ave} = \frac{1}{R6V_p} \left[(V_p - 1)^3 + 1 \right] = 1.85W$$

$$\eta = \frac{P_{out,ave}}{P_{in,ave}} \cdot 100\% = \frac{1.85}{2.375} \cdot 100\%$$

$$\approx 77.9\%$$

$$V_{o,ave} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T V_o dt$$

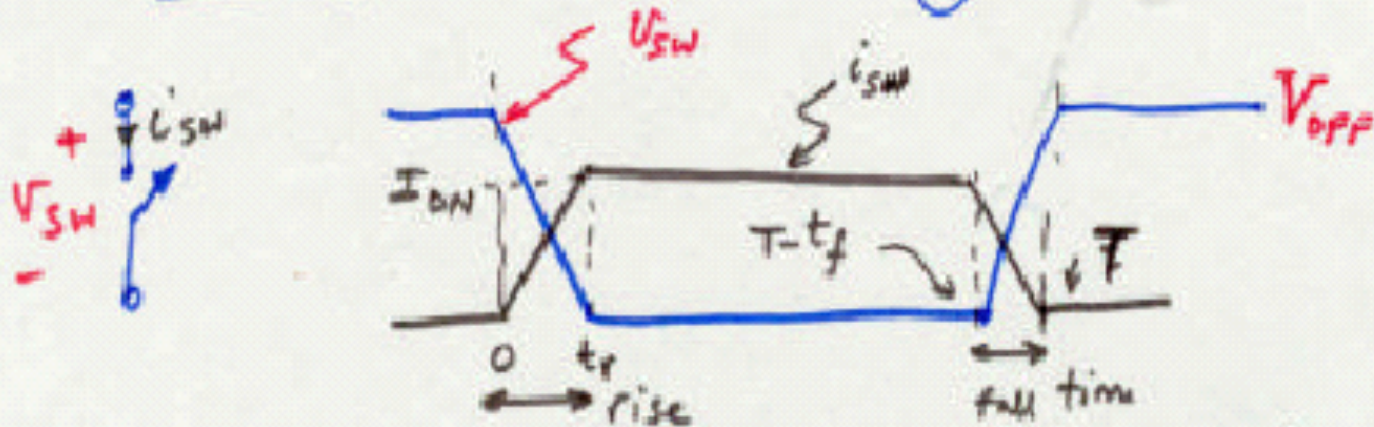
$$= \frac{1}{T} \left[\int_{T/4}^{T/2} \left(\frac{4V_p}{T} t - V_p - 1 \right) dt + \int_{T/2}^{3T/4} \left(-\frac{4V_p}{T} t + 3V_p - 1 \right) dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{V_p}{4} - \frac{1}{2} = 2.5V$$



Another Switch Loss Example (Pmax)

Example: Non-ideal switching characteristics



(a) sketch the instantaneous power $P(t)$.

$$P(t) = I_{SW} \cdot V_{SW}$$



Another Switch Loss Example (Pmax)

i) For $0 < t \leq t_r$

$$i_{sw}(t) = \frac{I_{ON}}{t_r}(t - 0)$$

$$v_{sw}(t) = -\frac{V_{OFF}}{t_r}(t - t_r)$$

$$p_i(t) = i_{sw} v_{sw}$$

$$= -\frac{I_{ON} V_{OFF}}{t_r^2}(t - t_r)t$$

ii) For $t_r < t \leq T_s - t_f$

$$i_{sw} = I_{ON}$$

$$v_{sw} = 0$$

$$p_{ii}(t) = 0 \quad (\text{No conduction loss})$$

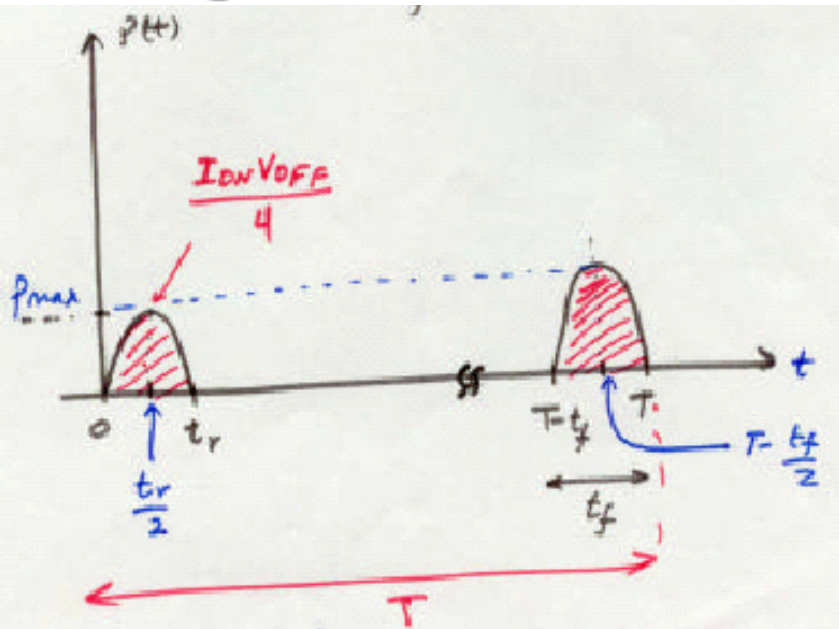
(i') For $T - t_f < t \leq T$

$$i_{sw}(t) = -\frac{I_{ON}}{t_f}(t - T)$$

$$v_{sw}(t) = \frac{V_{OFF}}{t_f}(t - (T - t_f))$$



Another Switch Loss Example (Pmax)

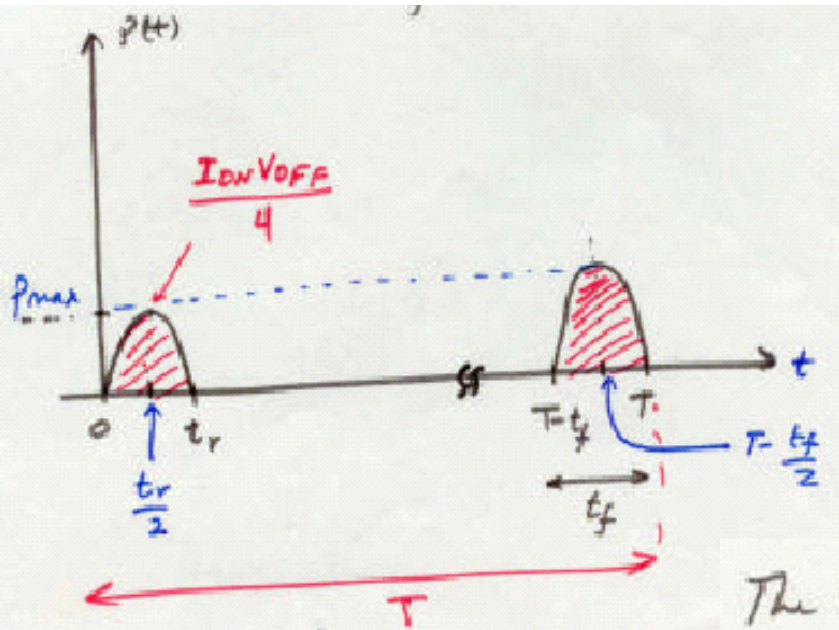


$$p(t) = \begin{cases} -\frac{I_{ON} V_{OFF}}{t_r^2} (t - t_r)t & 0 \leq t \leq t_r \\ 0 & t_r < t \leq T - t_f \\ -\frac{I_{ON} V_{OFF}}{t_f^2} (t - (t - T))(t - T) & T - t_f \leq t \leq T \end{cases}$$

$$P_{irc}(t) = -\frac{I_{ON} V_{OFF}}{t_f^2} (t - (T - t_f))(t - T)$$



Another Switch Loss Example (Pmax)



The maximum power occurs at $t = t_{max}$,

$$\left. \frac{dP_c(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=t_{max}} = 0 = \left. \frac{-I_{ON} V_{OFF}}{t_r^2} (2t - t_r) \right|_{t=t_{max}} = 0$$

$$\therefore 2t_{max} - t_r = 0$$

$$\therefore t_{max} = \frac{t_r}{2}$$



Another Switch Loss Example (Pmax)

b) Determine the average power dissipated over one switching cycle,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{ave}} &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T p(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \left[\int_0^{t_r} P_{i(t)} dt + \int_{t_r}^{T-t_f} P_{ii} dt + \int_{T-t_f}^T P_{fii} dt \right] \\ &= \frac{I_{\text{ON}} V_{\text{OFF}}}{T} \left(\frac{t_r - t_f}{6} \right) \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{I_{\text{ON}} V_{\text{OFF}}}{6}}_{\text{device power rating}} \cdot \underbrace{(t_r - t_f)}_{\text{device switching delay.}} \cdot \underbrace{f}_{\text{operating frequency}} \end{aligned}$$

- Should be $t_r + t_f$