

# Analysis and Modelling of DC-DC Power Buck Converter

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**Abstract**— in present scenario DC to DC switching converter are generally used for modern application. Now a days design of power electronics circuitry are reducing the size, space and weights of converter or inverter circuit All this are possible because of the availability of new high switching frequency devices. This paper presents analysis and modelling of dc to dc power buck converter. A buck converter is a dc to dc power converters which step down the voltage from its input to its output. Sometimes, it is also called as step down converter. The proposed model of buck converter consists of two parts: 1].main converter circuit with the components like diode, inductor, capacitor and load. 2] Converter circuit with LM2576. To prove the propose model, the circuit is prepared and their experimental results were compared with result obtained by using LM2576.

**Keywords**— *DC to DC buck converter, Integrated circuit (IC's), Inductor, Capacitor.*

## I. INTRODUCTION

DC to DC converter is a power converter. This converter are mostly used in switched mode power supply .It has light weight of highly efficient and it uses in a semiconductor switching element .In modern electronics system required small , lightweight and reliable. There are 5 types of DC to DC converter, Buck converter, Boost converter, Buck -Boost converter, Cuk converter and Full bridge converter .Out of this converter only 2 basic converter are used i.e., Buck and Boost converter. We can derive other converter by using this converter. Buck converter is used to stepping down the voltage from its input to the output load .It mainly consist of 2 semiconductors which can be either capacitor or inductor .It work based in the circuit where electrical isolation is not require. They are useful for performing a special task like converting the huge voltage to small voltage components like USB, CPU and DRAM.

Buck converter is step down converter which effectively reduces the level of voltage as per the required application. The DC to DC converter can operate into two distinct modes with respect to

inductor current. It consists of inductor, two switches (generally transistor switch (S) and diode (D) for controlling inductor and capacitor as shown in figure (1).

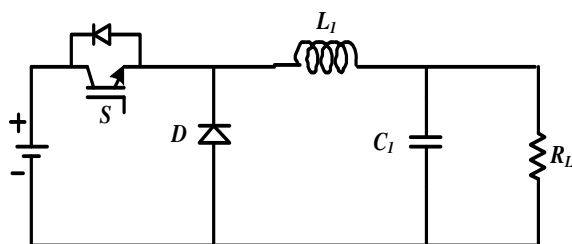


FIG .1. CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF BUCK CONVERTER

## CONTINUOUS CONDUCTION MODE

Under assumption that the state of converter in which the inductor current is never zero for any period of time is called as continuous conduction mode. In this mode when the switch is ON state (i.e. closed) as shown in fig2 (a) at  $t=0$  the supply voltage changes the inductor current increases linearly. This current continuously increases till switch is ON and the freewheeling diode (D) acts as an open circuit that is the diode (D) is reverse biased. When the switch is open. There is some energy in the inductor, an inductor acts as a source and maintain the current through load resistor. During this period the energy stored in the inductor decreases and its current falls. As shown in fig 2(a) and (b).

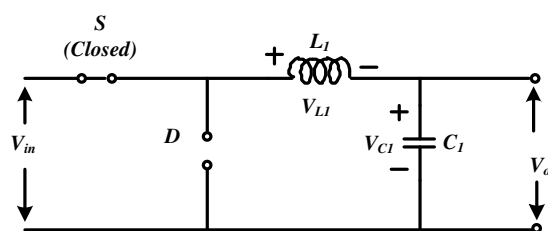


Fig 2(a). When switch is closed

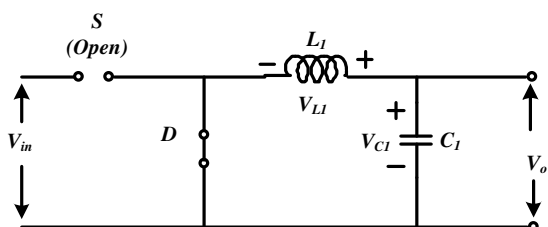


Fig2 (b). When switch is open.

## DISCONTINUOUS CONDUCTION MODE

When average value of output current is low, the converter may enter the DCM. In this mode, the inductor depletes its stored energy completely before completion of switching cycle. i.e., the current through inductor goes to zero and reverse current does not flow.

DC voltage transfer function for buck converter defines as the ratio of the output voltage to the input voltage is.

$$\Delta I_{L(ON)} + \Delta I_{L(OFF)} = 0$$

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

$$V_o = DV_s$$

$$D = \frac{V_o}{V_s} \quad (1)$$

Where  $V_o$  is the output voltage,  $D$  is duty cycle, and  $V_s$  is the input voltage. The range of duty cycle lies between 0 - 1 ( $0 < D \leq 1$ ) so output voltage is always less than or equal to supply voltage.

Critical value of inductance for buck converter.

$$L_c = \frac{(1 - D)R}{2f} \quad (2)$$

Critical inductance  $L_c$  is the minimum value of the inductor for a given  $D$ ,  $f$  and  $R$  before the converter enters the discontinuous conduction mode of operation.

Critical value of capacitance

$$C_{min} = \frac{(1 - D)}{16f^2L} \quad (3)$$

Where  $C_{min}$  is the minimum capacitance. Where  $D$  refers to duty cycle,  $f$  is frequency of switching,  $L$  and  $C$  refers to inductor and capacitor respectively.

## DESIGNING 5V BUCK CONVERTER CIRCUIT USING LM2576

There are many types of buck regulators. These regulators attempt typical features like input voltage capacity, switching frequency, and high efficiency operation. And these devices are available in fixed output voltage of 3.3V, 5.0V,

12V, 15V, and an adjustable output version. It has some distance advantages like resulting in poor efficiency, wasted power and continuous heat generation. The main disadvantage is that, their maximum continuous output current rating is limited to just a few amperes or so.

## 1] WHERE TO USE LM2576 BUCK CONVERTER IC.

The LM2576 is a voltage Regulator IC. A regulated voltage is very important for smooth functioning of many digital electronic devices. It uses the Buck converter type to step down regulate higher level voltage value to lower level voltage. This is fixed output voltage type and variable output type converters are available with the same IC.

## 2] HOW TO USE LM2576 IC.

Using the LM2576 is very easy. It requires some additional components including an inductor which is placed in series with the output. The value of the inductor can range from 47uH to 330uH based on the output required. The circuit diagram of 5V buck regulator based on the LM2576 is shown below.

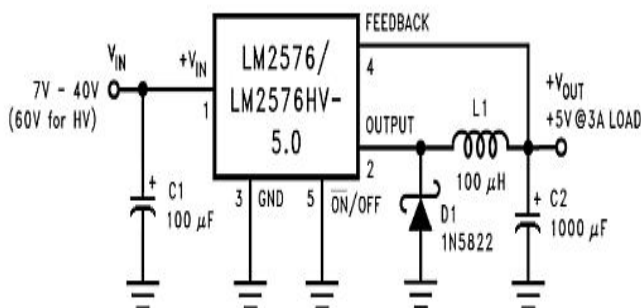


Fig.3. buck converter with LM2576

## 3] APPLICATIONS OF LM2576

Simple High Efficiency Step down regulator. Power supply for battery charge. Used in small SMPS circuits and Positive to Negative converter.

## DESIGNING BUCK CONVERTER CIRCUIT USING SWITCHING REGULATOR.

When higher output voltage or current power supplies are required switching regulators are used.

Switching regulator commonly known as switch mode power supply. A buck switching regulator is a type of switch mode power supply that is designed to reduce DC voltage from a higher voltage to a lower voltage. For example a buck converter can convert 8 volts to 5 volts. The basic circuit of buck converter using arduino and N-channel MOSFET as shown in fig4. The major advantage of the switch mode power supply is its higher efficiency, and this is achieved by power MOSFET.

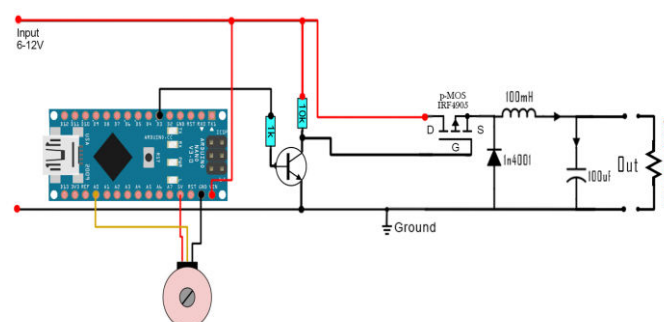


Fig4. Control of buck converter using switching regulator.

## ARDUINO

The Arduino UNO is a low cost microcontroller board based on the ATmega328. It has 14 digital input/output pins, 6 analog inputs, a 16 MHz ceramic resonator, a USB connection, a power jack, an ICSP header, and a reset button. It contains everything needed to support the microcontroller, power to it with an AC to DC adapter or battery to get started. The MATLAB also supports the arduino and communicate through the computer serial port. The arduino has a 5v linear voltage regulator that will lower efficiency of the circuit. The main function of the arduino is to learn how the circuit, the feedback and the PWM signal work in order to achieve the desired output. The buck converter parameters are connected as shown in fig. we have a potentiometer connected to the analog input A0. With this potentiometer we will choose the output value.

## COMPARISON OF LINEAR REGULATOR (LM2576) AND SWITCHING REGULATOR (MOSFET)

## 1. LINEAR REGULATOR

Linear regulators are used for low powered devices. Even though they are easy to use, simple and cheap, they are normally insufficient because the difference between the input voltage and regulated output voltage is continually dissipated as heat.

## 2. SWITCHING REGULATOR

Switching regulators are highly efficient and have a wide input and output range with internal compensation. Complexity is medium to high. Waste heat is low.

### DESIGN

#### Specifications with LM2576

Input voltage = 12V

Output voltage = 5V

Switching frequency = 52 kHz fixed frequency

L1: 100  $\mu$ H

D1: 1N5822

C1: 100 $\mu$ F

C2: 100 $\mu$ F

#### Specification with switching regulator

N-channel MOSFET

Inductor: 100  $\mu$ H

Capacitor: 47 $\mu$ F

Resistor: 10k $\Omega$ , 100 $\Omega$

Schottky diode

Arduino UNO

Potentiometer: 10k $\Omega$

### SIMULATION RESULT

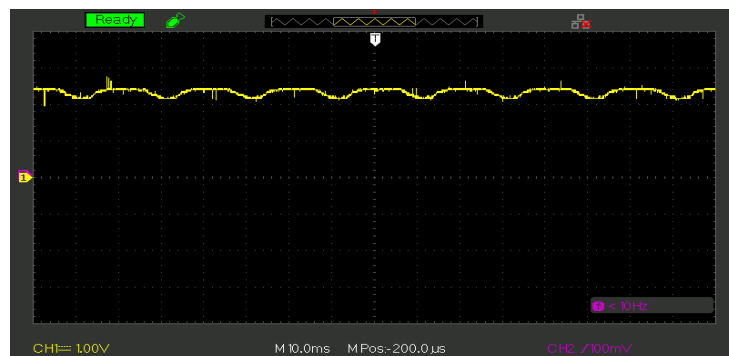


Fig5 (a). Input of buck converter with LM2576

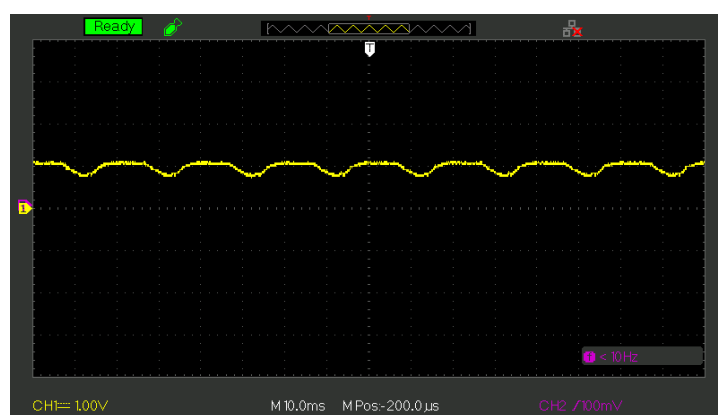


Fig5 (b). Output of buck converter with LM2576



Fig5 (c). Input of buck converter using switching regulator.





Fig5 (d). Output of buck converter using switching regulator.



Fig5 (f). Hardware setup of buck converter with arduino.

## HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION

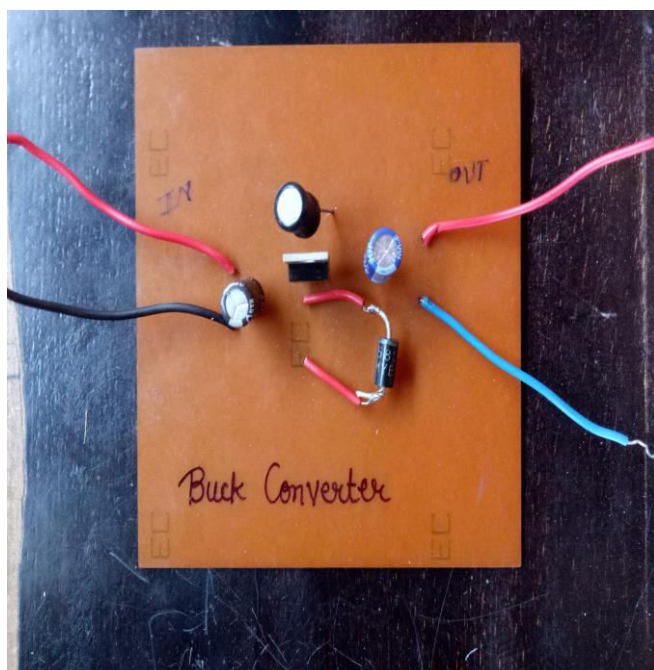


Fig5 (e). Hardware of buck converter with LM2576.

## CONLUCTION

In this paper, buck converter is designed and simulated in both with LM2576 and without and hard ware also implemented for both with LM2576 and without by using Arduino microcontroller for low power applications, and most of the electronics systems. Since arduino is used for better flexibility in control system for any change in supply voltage and load. And as compare to linear regulator switching regulator is better.

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