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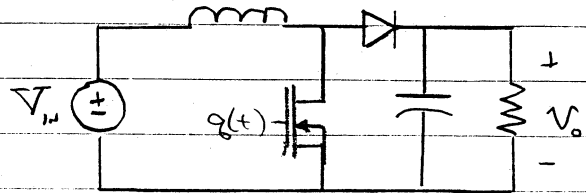
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# Power Electronics Notes - D. Perreault

- ★★ Modeling And Control
- ★ Direct Circuit Averaging
- READ KSV 11.1-11.3.4

Consider a Boost Converter

$$V_o = \frac{V_{in}}{1-D}$$



Desire to regulate the output voltage  $V_o$  in the face of:

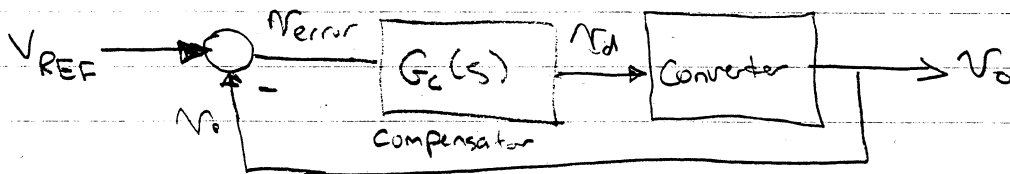
1. Load disturbances  $\rightarrow R_{min} \leq R \leq R_{max}$
2. Input voltage variations  $\rightarrow V_{min} \leq V \leq V_{max}$

$\rightarrow$  Feedforward has problems

1. control depends on idealized modeling assumptions
2. doesn't let us control response to load variations

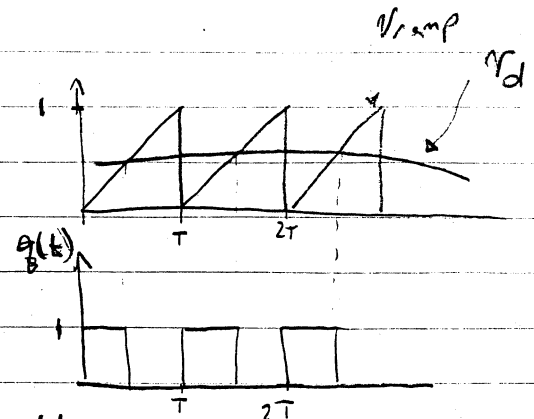
$\Rightarrow$  Use Feedback!! change  $d$  depending on output voltage.

(check % that has had 6.302...)



$V_d$  is a voltage  $0 < V_d < 1$  representing duty ratio  
 $\Rightarrow$  generate  $q(t)$  switching fn.

over 1 cycle  $\langle q(t) \rangle = \langle V_d \rangle$   
 $\rightarrow$  PWM generation



★  $\Rightarrow$  lib still need...

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We need a dynamic model for the converter.

Switched models are not easy to use

→ they carry too much information about the waveforms

→ we want to know about low frequency variations, not switching

Ex 1

(see example simulation of boost to illustrate this: Ex 1)

To study low-frequency "averaged" behavior, we can look at the local average value of the waveforms.

Define Local Average operator: (moving avg over 1 cycle)

$$\bar{X}(t) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t-T}^t X(\tau) d\tau$$

→ local average tracks low freq. variations, suppresses switching ripple info.

## Properties of this operator

differentiation  $\overline{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)} = \frac{d}{dt}(\bar{X})$  (proof trivial)

Note: in general  $\overline{X(t) y(t)} \neq \bar{X}(t) \bar{y}(t)$

But if  $X(t)$  or  $y(t)$  has both

- 1.) small ripple
- 2.) slow variation w.r.t

then  $\overline{X(t) y(t)} \approx \bar{X}(t) \bar{y}(t)$

linearity  $\overline{aX + bY} = a\bar{X} + b\bar{Y}$

(proof trivial)

time invariance  $\overline{X(t-t_0)} = \bar{X}(t-t_0)$  (proof trivial)

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## Boost Converter Switched Simulation

(EX1)

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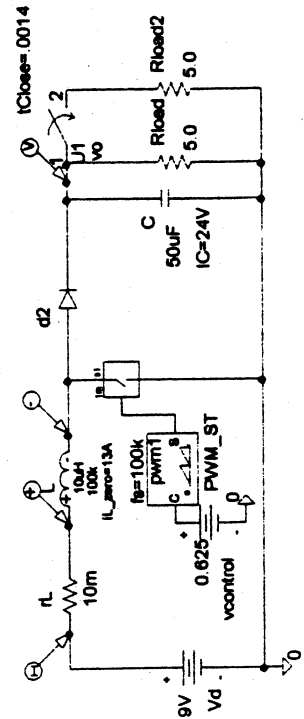
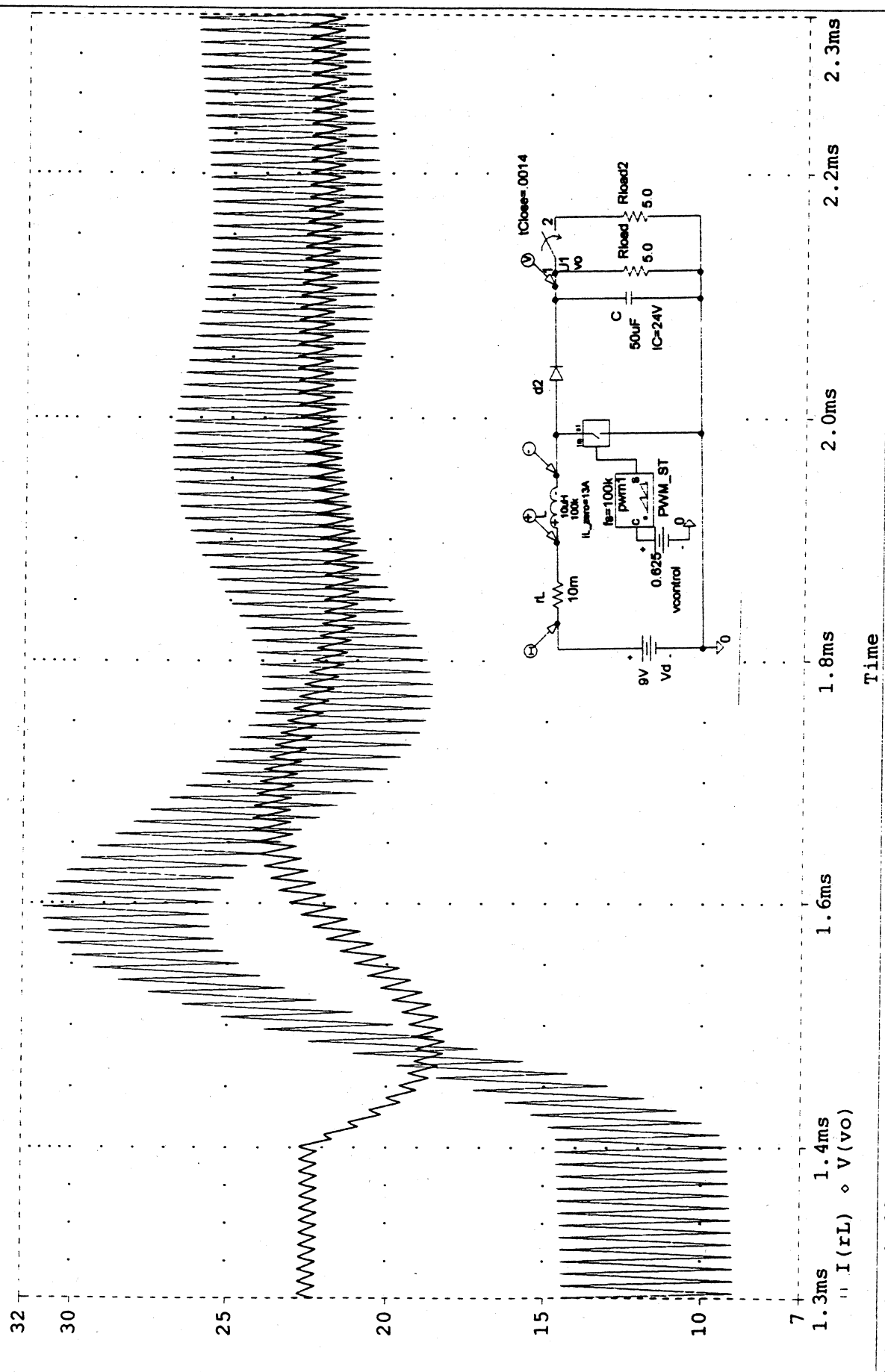
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Temperature: 27.0

(C) Boost.dat



1.3ms 1.4ms  
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1.6ms 1.8ms 2.0ms 2.2ms 2.3ms

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Consider the use of this operator on a circuit:

⇒ ★ Because LTI, KVL + KCL are satisfied for averaged vars

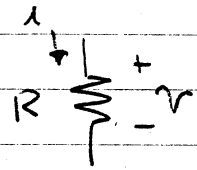
KVL :  $\sum v_{ij} = 0 \rightarrow \sum \bar{v}_{ij} = 0$

KCL :  $\sum i_s = 0 \rightarrow \sum \bar{i}_s = 0$



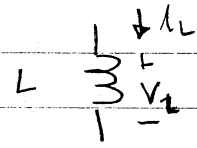
We can apply averaging in circuits

Consider constitutive laws for averaged vars:



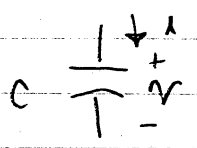
$v(t) = i(t) R$

$\bar{v}(t) = \bar{i}(t) R$



$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$

$\bar{v} = L \frac{d\bar{i}}{dt}$



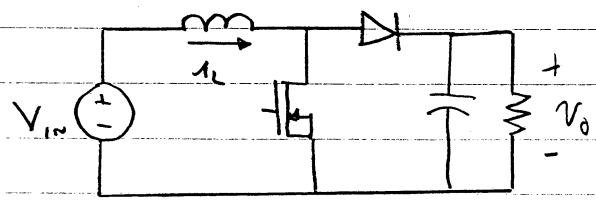
$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$

$\bar{i} = C \frac{d\bar{v}}{dt}$

LTI circuit elements  
Constitutive relationships  
do not change!

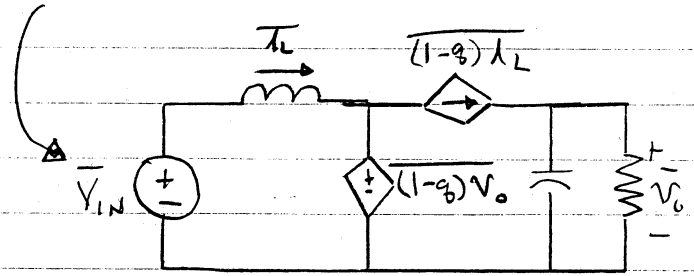
Nonlinear or time varying elements do change!

Boost ckt



$x(t) y(t) \neq \bar{x}(t) \bar{y}(t)$   
but IF  $x(t)$  or  $y(t)$  has  
 1. Small ripple  
 and 2. slow variation wrt T  
 $\Rightarrow \bar{x(t)y(t)} \approx \bar{x}(t) \bar{y}(t)$

model w/switching function



to average, place  $\bar{\quad}$  over all variables.  
(LTI elements do not change)

IF  $i_L$  has small ripple, slow variation

$\therefore \overline{(1-d)i_L} \approx \overline{1-d} \cdot \bar{i}_L = d' \bar{i}_L$

$v_O$  has small ripple, slow variation

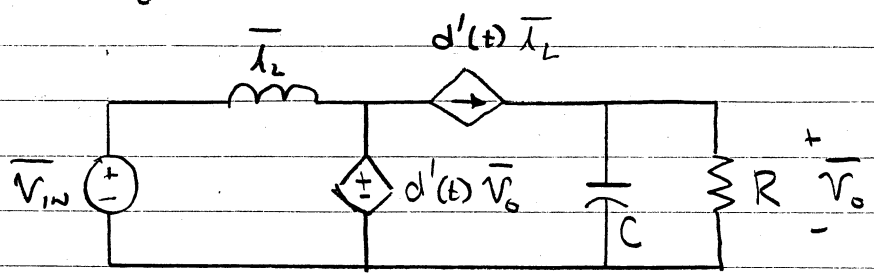
$\therefore \overline{(1-d)v_O} \approx \overline{1-d} \cdot \bar{v}_O = d' \bar{v}_O$

↳ i.e.  $\approx$  const over a cycle

where  $\int d(t) = \bar{q}(t)$

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## Averaged Circuit model



- \* → in this circuit model we have no more switching (only depends on averaged duty cycle  $d(t) = \overline{q(t)}$ )
- \* → model is not linear in our control variable  $d(t)$  (because of  $d'V_o$ ,  $d'I_L$  terms)
- \* → model is very simple, + should be accurate for averaged variables if our assumptions are valid (i.e.  $\overline{qI_L} = \overline{q} \overline{I_L}$ , etc.)

### Ex 2 (show simulation w/ both switched + avg'd models.)

- good results (small offset due to device models.)
  - \* → will be very useful for control !!
  - note: not useful for some things. Ex. switch power dissipation
- $$\frac{P(t)}{P(t)} = \frac{V(t)I(t)}{V(t)I(t)} \neq \overline{V(t)I(t)}$$
- ↳ small ripple assumption not met

→ Review how we got here + address questions!

EX2

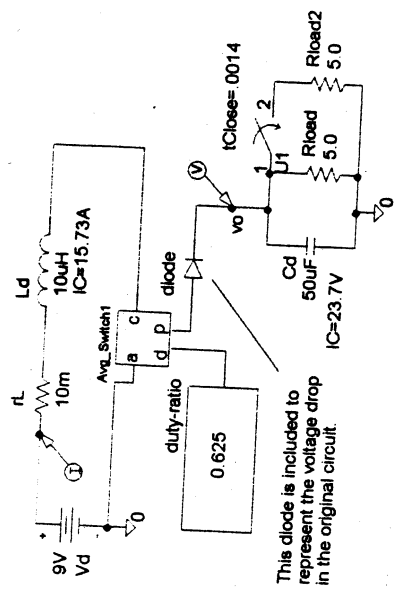
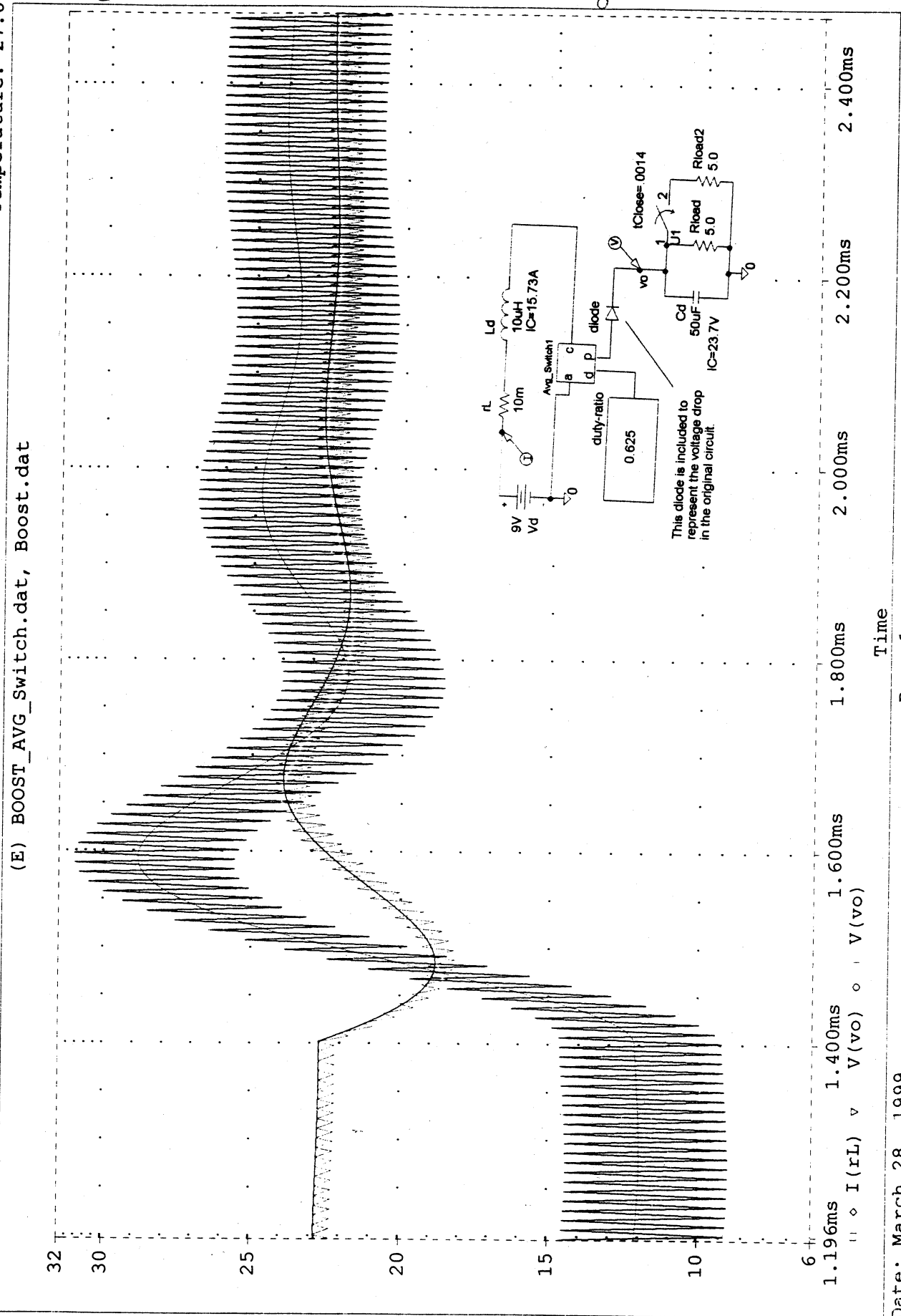
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## Boost Converter Switched + Averaged simulation

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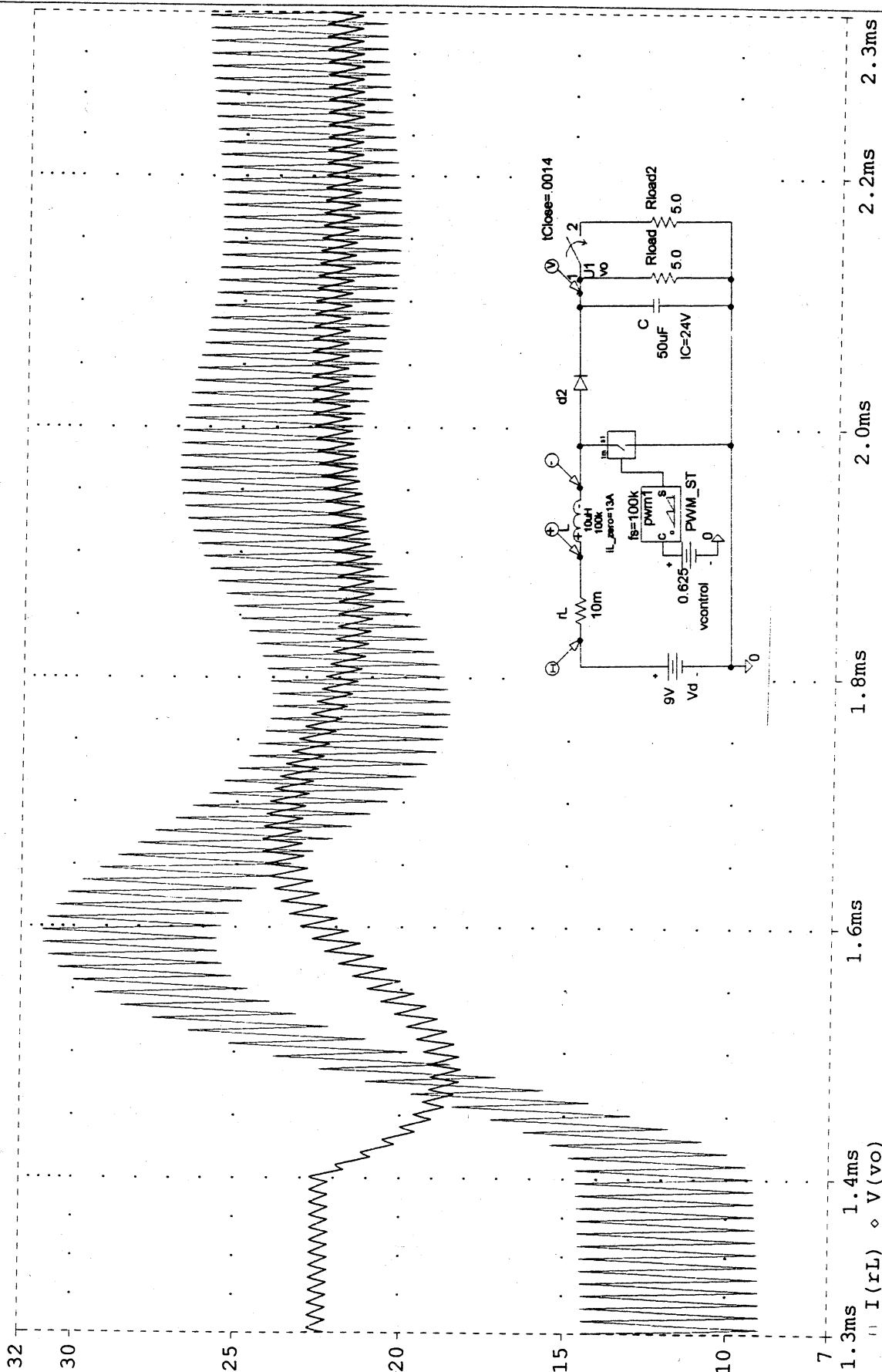
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## ★ State-Space Averaging, Linearization

Reading: KS+V 12.1-12.4, 13.1-13.2

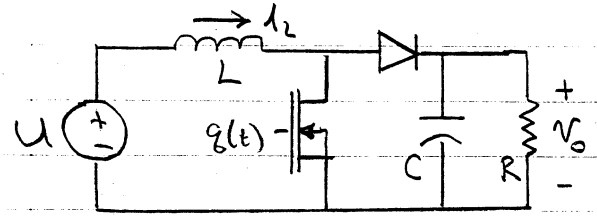
Intro: State-space averaging: different (more methodical) approach to the same type of model we built last time.

→ Review:

$$\bar{X}(t) = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t-T}^t X(\tau) d\tau$$

- 1. Linear
- 2. Time Invariant
- 3.  $\overline{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)} = \frac{d\bar{x}}{dt}$
- 4.  $\overline{xy(t)} \approx \bar{x}(t)\bar{y}(t)$  if  $x$  only has slow variation & small ripple

Boost Converter



$$q(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{switch on} \\ 0 & \text{switch off} \end{cases} \quad q' = 1 - q \quad \begin{matrix} d(t) = \bar{q} \\ d'(t) = \bar{q}' \end{matrix}$$

State equations:  $i_L, V_o$  are state variables

$$\begin{cases} \frac{di_L}{dt} = \frac{U}{L} q(t) + \frac{(U - V_o)}{L} (1 - q(t)) \\ \frac{dV_o}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC} V_o + \left[ \frac{1}{C} i_L - \frac{1}{RC} V \right] (1 - q(t)) \end{cases}$$

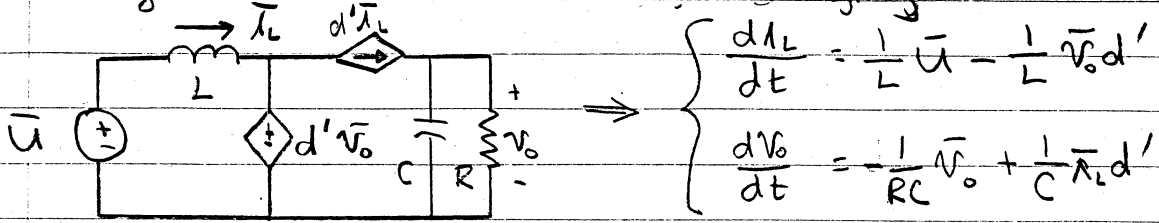
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average

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\bar{i}_L}{dt} = \frac{\bar{U}}{L} - \frac{\bar{V}_o}{L} \bar{q}'(t) \approx \frac{1}{L} \bar{U} - \frac{1}{L} \bar{V} d' \\ \frac{d\bar{V}_o}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC} \bar{V}_o + \frac{1}{C} \bar{i}_L \bar{q}'(t) \approx -\frac{1}{RC} \bar{V}_o + \frac{1}{C} \bar{i}_L d' \end{cases} \quad \star$$

because  $\overline{xy} \approx \bar{x}\bar{y}$

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Averaged ckt model from direct ckt. averaging



Same state eqns: Circuit avg, + state space avg, are the same! (Circuit view vs. eqn. view.)

★ Linearization

To do linear control design, Linearize system about operating point.

→ explain what linearized dynamics mean.  $x = \bar{x} + \tilde{x} \Rightarrow \tilde{x} = x - \bar{x}$  (deviation from S.S. point)

$$\bar{u} = U + \tilde{u} \quad \bar{i}_L = I_L + \tilde{i}_L \quad \bar{v}_0 = V_0 + \tilde{v}_0 \quad d = D + \tilde{d}$$

formal def: Given  $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, r, t)$ ,  $f(\bar{x}, \bar{r}, t) = 0$  (op. point)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} + \frac{d\bar{x}}{dt} = \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right|_{\bar{x}, \bar{r}} \tilde{x} + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right|_{\bar{x}, \bar{r}} \tilde{r} + f(\bar{x}, \bar{r})$$

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial r}$  must be continuous!

intuitive approach: substitute expanded variables in + simplify (all purely S.S. terms must go away by definition of S.S.)

approx f with a line near  $x = \bar{x}$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\tilde{i}_L}{dt} + \frac{d\tilde{i}_L}{dt} = \frac{1}{L} \tilde{u} - \frac{1}{L} (V_0 + \tilde{v}_0) (1 - D - \tilde{d}) \\ \frac{d\tilde{v}_0}{dt} + \frac{d\tilde{v}_0}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC} V_0 - \frac{1}{RC} \tilde{v}_0 + \frac{1}{C} (I_L + \tilde{i}_L) (1 - D - \tilde{d}) \end{cases}$$

1st order Taylor Expansion of f about  $\bar{x}, \bar{r}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\tilde{i}_L}{dt} &= \frac{1}{L} \tilde{u} - \frac{1}{L} V_0 D' + \frac{1}{L} \tilde{u} - \frac{D'}{L} \tilde{v}_0 + \frac{V_0}{L} \tilde{d} + \frac{1}{L} \tilde{v}_0 \tilde{d} \\ \frac{d\tilde{v}_0}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{RC} V_0 + \frac{D' I_L}{C} - \frac{1}{RC} \tilde{v}_0 + \frac{D'}{C} \tilde{i}_L - \frac{I_L}{C} \tilde{d} - \frac{1}{C} \tilde{i}_L \tilde{d} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\tilde{i}_L}{dt} = \frac{1}{L} \tilde{u} - \frac{D'}{L} \tilde{v}_0 + \frac{V_0}{L} \tilde{d} \\ \frac{d\tilde{v}_0}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC} \tilde{v}_0 + \frac{D' I_L}{C} \tilde{i}_L - \frac{I_L}{C} \tilde{d} \end{cases} \leftarrow \text{Linearized model at op. pt. } \bar{u}, \bar{D}, \bar{V}_0, \bar{I}_L$$

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Assume  $u = \bar{U}$  (no perturbation in  $u$ ); Laplace transform:

$$\begin{cases} s \tilde{i}_L = -\frac{D'}{L} \tilde{v}_o + \frac{V_o}{L} \tilde{d} \\ s \tilde{v}_o = -\frac{1}{RC} \tilde{v}_o + \frac{D'}{C} \tilde{i}_L - \frac{I_L}{C} \tilde{d} \end{cases}$$

$$s \tilde{v}_o = -\frac{1}{RC} \tilde{v}_o + \frac{D'}{sC} \left( -\frac{D'}{L} \tilde{v}_o + \frac{V_o}{L} \tilde{d} \right) - \frac{I_L}{C} \tilde{d}$$

$$\left( s + \frac{D'^2}{sCL} + \frac{1}{RC} \right) \tilde{v}_o = \left( \frac{V_o D'}{sLC} - \frac{I_L}{C} \right) \tilde{d}$$

$$\frac{\tilde{v}_o}{\tilde{d}} = \frac{-s \frac{I_L}{C} + \frac{V_o D'}{LC}}{s^2 + \frac{1}{RC} s + \frac{D'^2}{LC}}$$

→ 2nd order system

→ 2 LHP poles (underdamped)

→ 1 RHP zero (yuck!)

★ → poles move w/ operating point !!

one of pt. only! → Ex/  $U = 9V, V = 24V, D = 0.625, I_L \approx 25.6A$   
 $L = 10\mu H, C = 50\mu F, R = 2.5\Omega$

$$\frac{\tilde{v}_o}{\tilde{d}} = \frac{-51200s + 1.8 \times 10^{10}}{s^2 + 8000s + 2.31 \times 10^8}$$

$$\begin{cases} \text{zero @ } s = 35,156 \text{ rad/sec} \\ \text{poles @ } s = -4,000 \pm j16,279 \text{ rad/sec} \end{cases}$$

↑  
s .4 msec osc. period

Example from simulation (E x 1/2)

∴ compare to it. !!

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## ★ Control Design Example

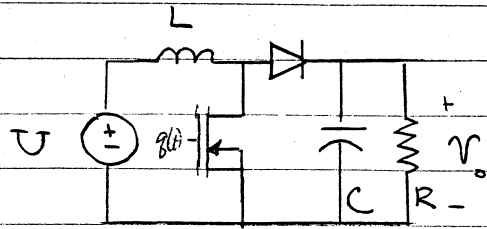
### Boost Converter

$L = 10\text{mH}$   $C = 50\text{mF}$

$f_{sw} = 100\text{kHz}$   $V_{o,ref} = 24\text{V}$

$U_{Nom} = 9\text{V}$ ,  $8\text{V} < U < 10\text{V}$

$2\Omega < R < 10\Omega$



Start with switched equations of state:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dI_L}{dt} = \frac{U}{L} q(t) + \frac{(u - V_o)}{L} (1 - q(t)) \\ \frac{dV_o}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC} V_o q(t) + \left[ \frac{1}{C} I_L - \frac{1}{RC} V_o \right] (1 - q(t)) \end{cases}$$

AVG.

State-space averaging with  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t-T}^t x(\tau) d\tau$  results in nonlinear averaged model

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\bar{I}_L}{dt} \approx \frac{1}{L} \bar{u} - \frac{1}{L} \bar{V} d' \\ \frac{d\bar{V}_o}{dt} \approx -\frac{1}{RC} \bar{V}_o + \frac{1}{C} \bar{I}_L d' \end{cases}$$

Linearize

Linearization about op. point.  $U, I_L, V_o, D$  yields LTI linearized model of incremental dynamics

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\tilde{I}_L}{dt} = \frac{1}{L} \tilde{u} - \frac{D'}{L} \tilde{V}_o + \frac{V_o}{L} \tilde{d} \\ \frac{d\tilde{V}_o}{dt} = -\frac{1}{RC} \tilde{V}_o + \frac{D'}{C} \tilde{I}_L - \frac{I_L}{C} \tilde{d} \end{cases}$$

LTI analysis

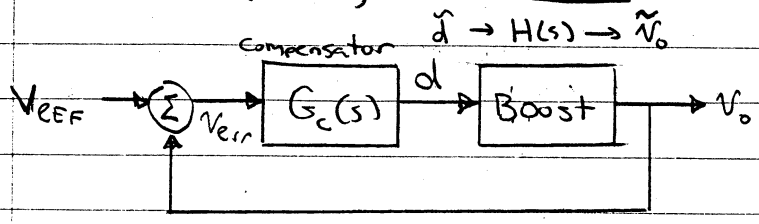
Using Laplace transform & Identity  $\frac{V_o}{R} = D' I_L$

$$H(s) = \frac{\tilde{V}_o(s)}{\tilde{d}(s)} = \frac{-s \frac{V_o}{RC D'} + \frac{V_o D'}{LC}}{s^2 + \frac{1}{RC} s + \frac{D'^2}{LC}}$$

Transfer function depends on op. pt.

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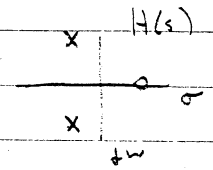
Back to original goal: Control!



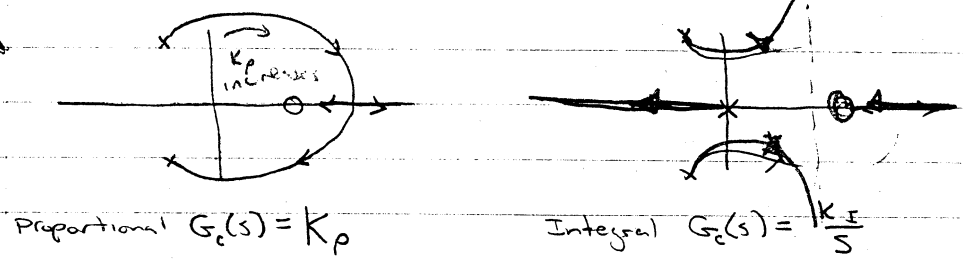
Note sign in numerator of  $H(s)$

Looking at our transfer function, we have

1. 2 Lightly-damped poles in LHP
2. 1 RHP zero



This is tricky, because the poles tend to move to the RHP under feedback:



→ So we must pick control gains that are not too high for stability.

Also, the poles move with operating point! (Variations in  $U, R$  for example)

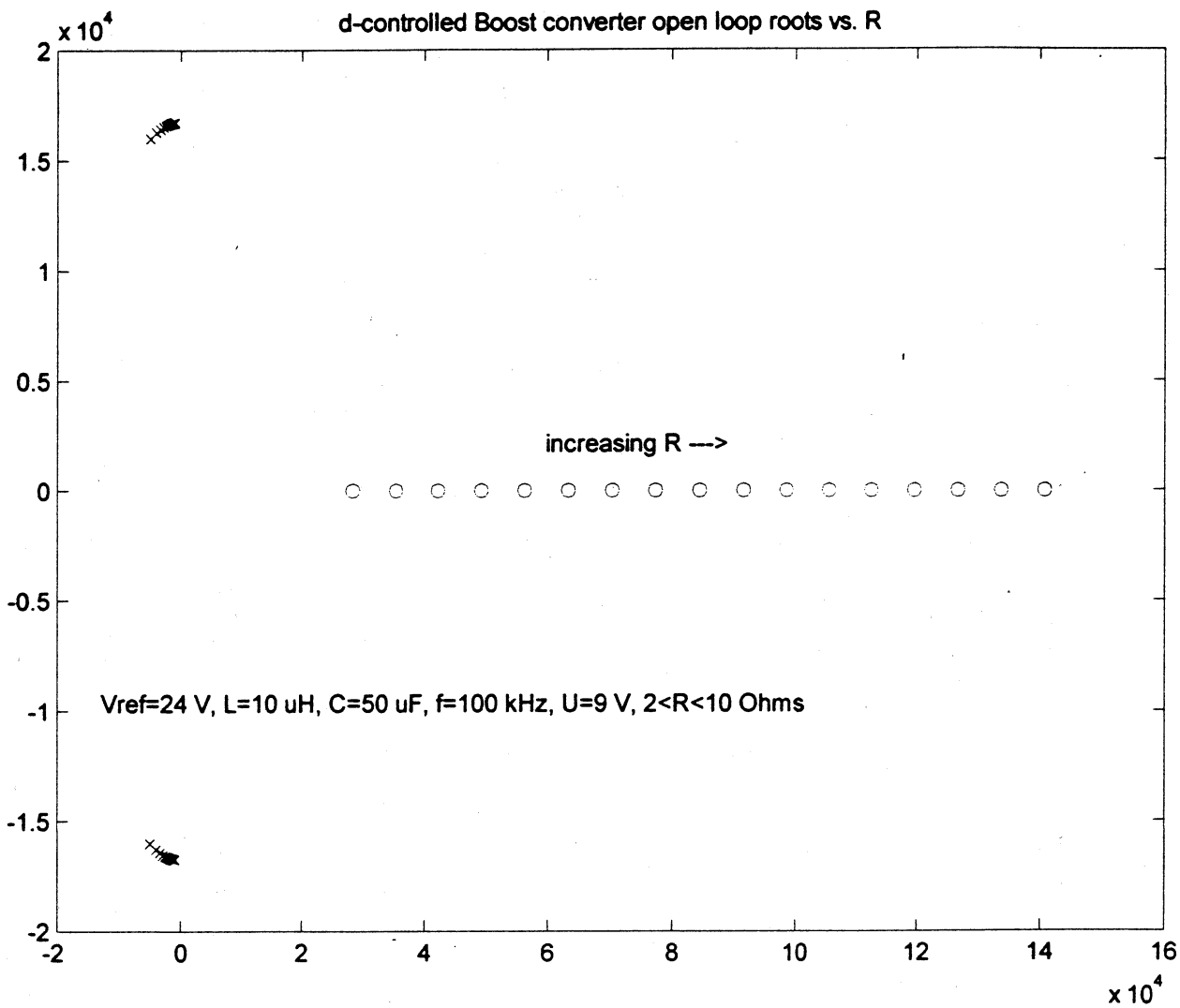
- look at slide for variations of poles with  $R$ , (problem becomes more difficult at light load...)
- \* → could use a damping leg ~~to multiply~~ !! (neat trick)

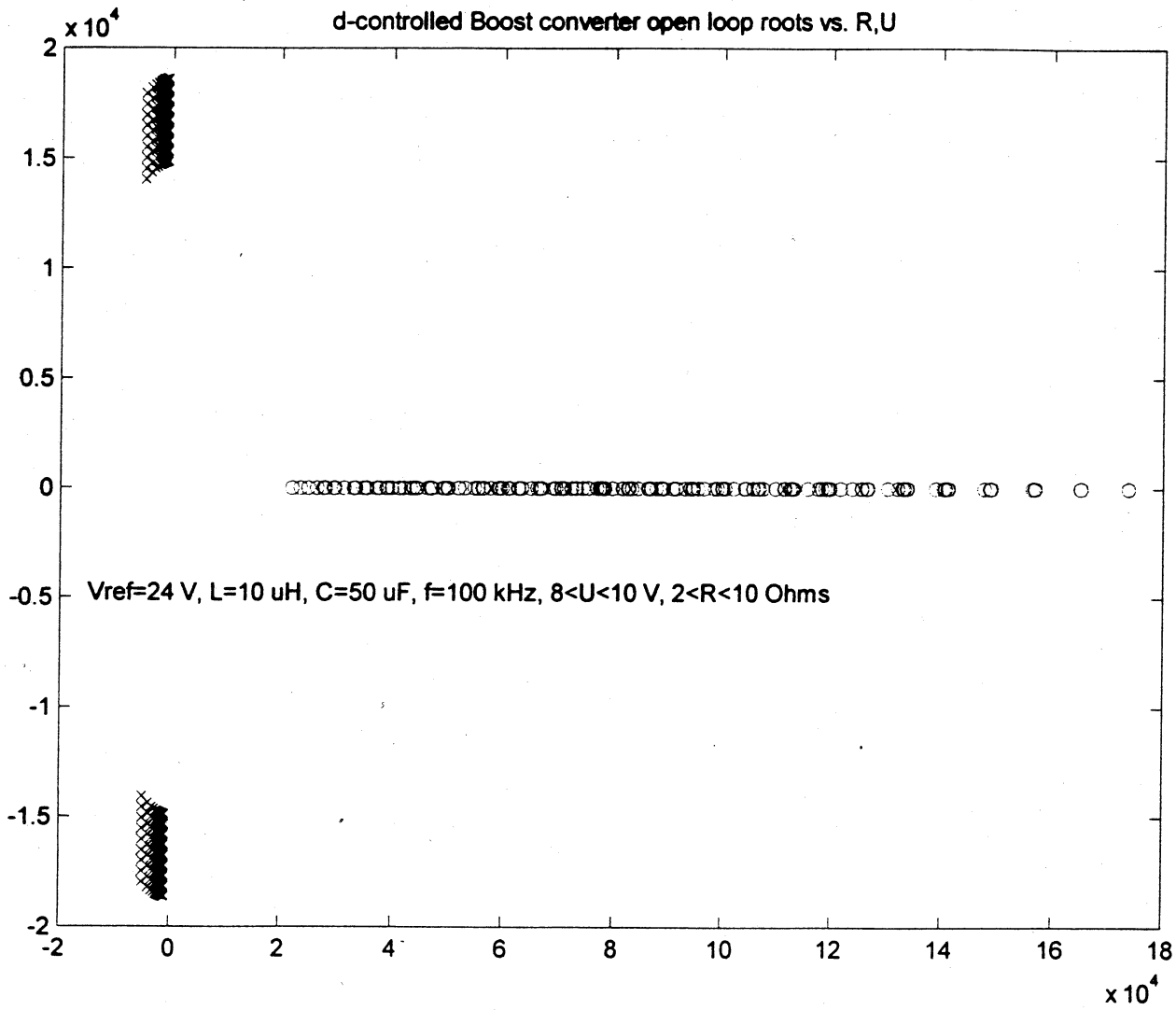
must design controller valid over all operating points

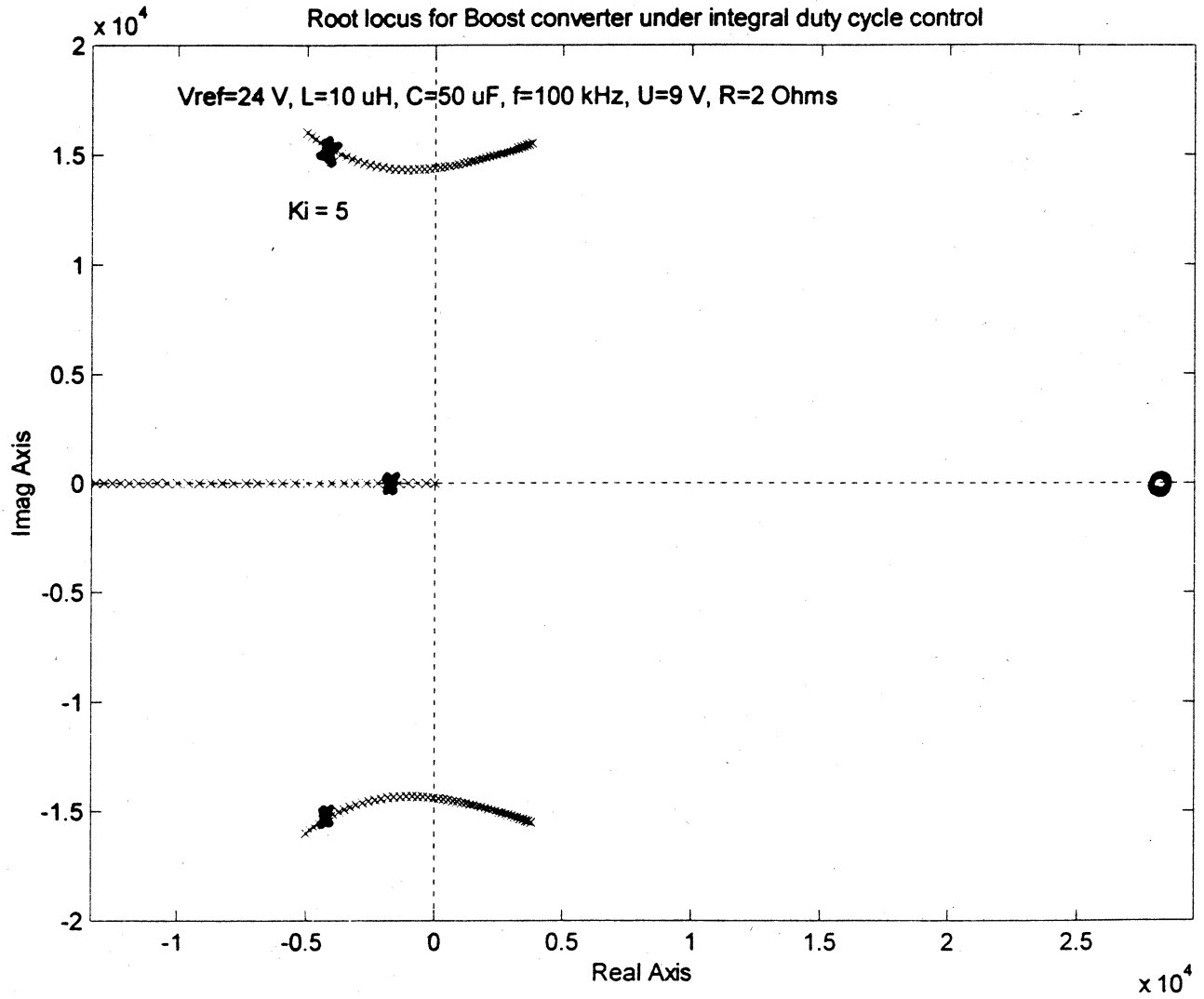
- look at simple integral controller design
- note: technically only small signal dynamics are determined, but power converters are forgiving in this respect.

Note: This controller may not be ok in practice due to lightly-damped poles (noise sensitive, transient over etc.)

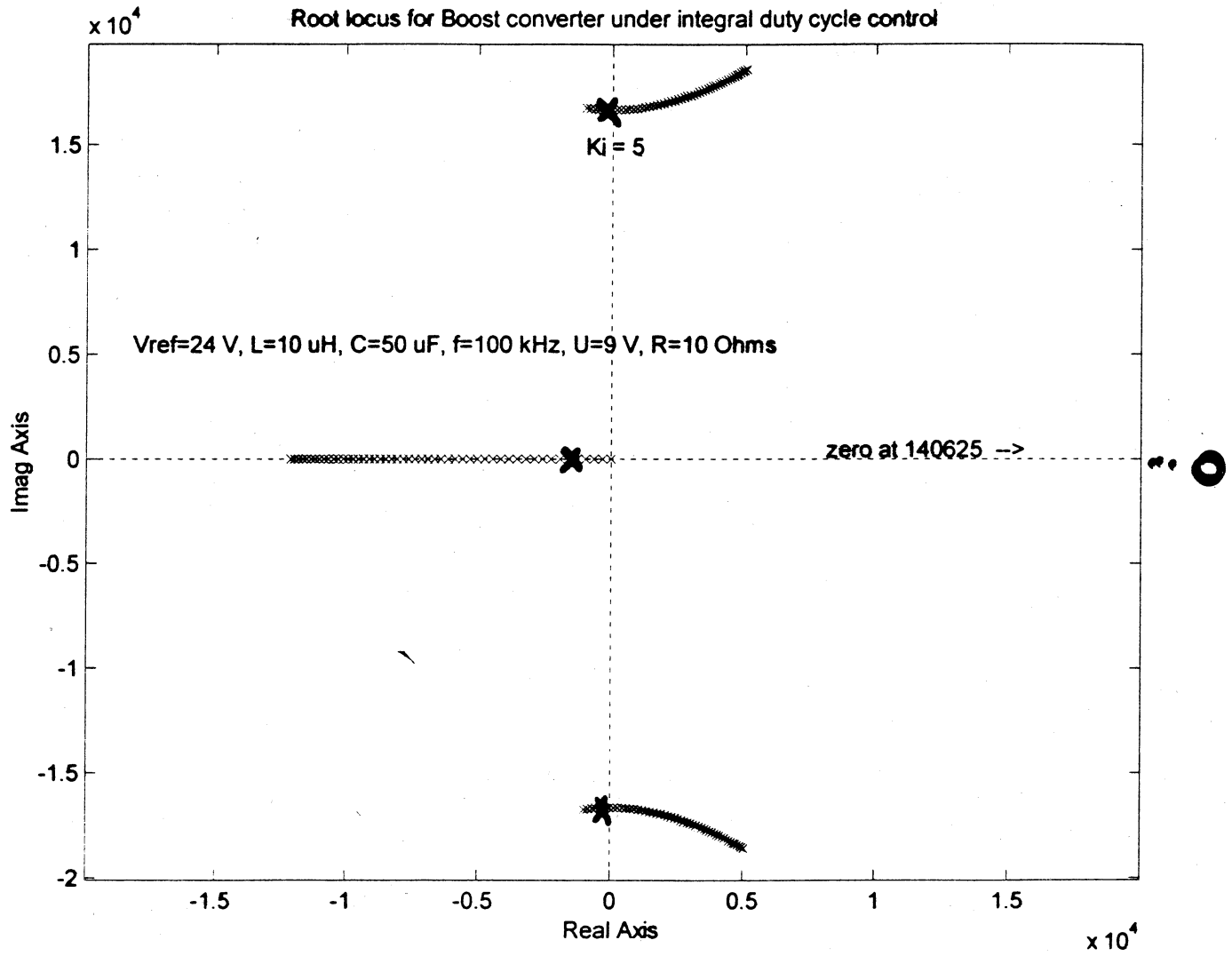
Main prob is RHP zero!! → go to current mode control!

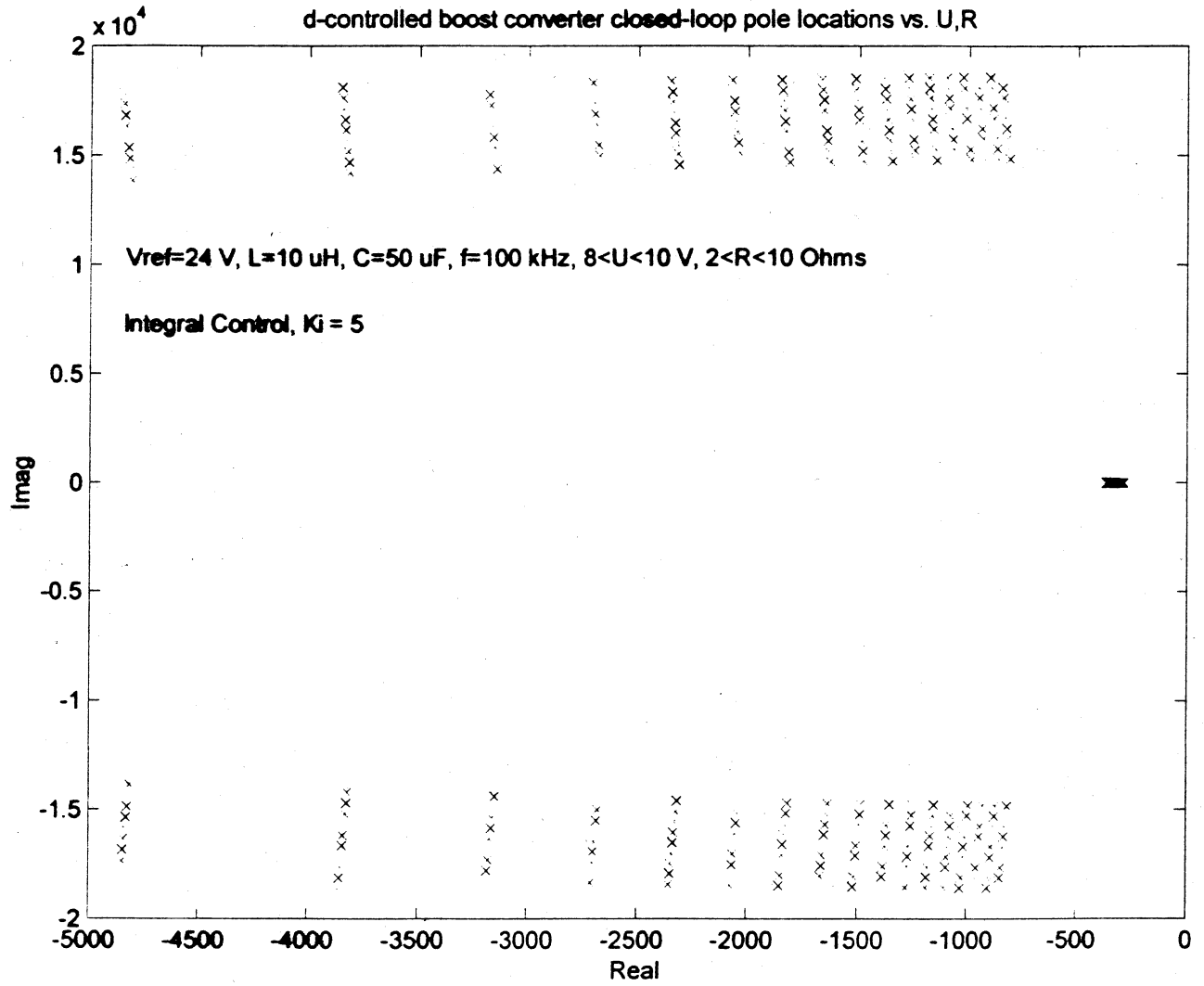








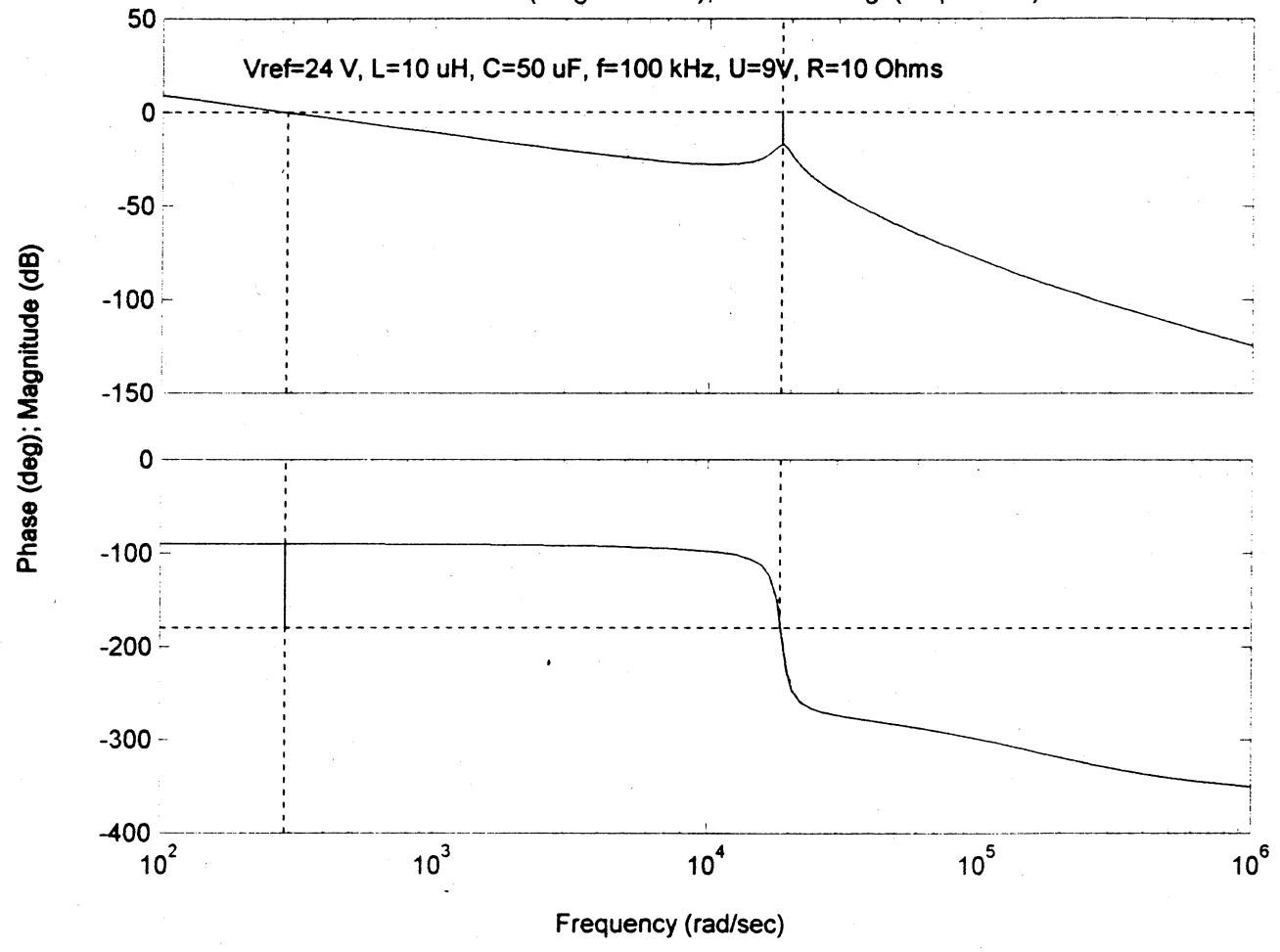




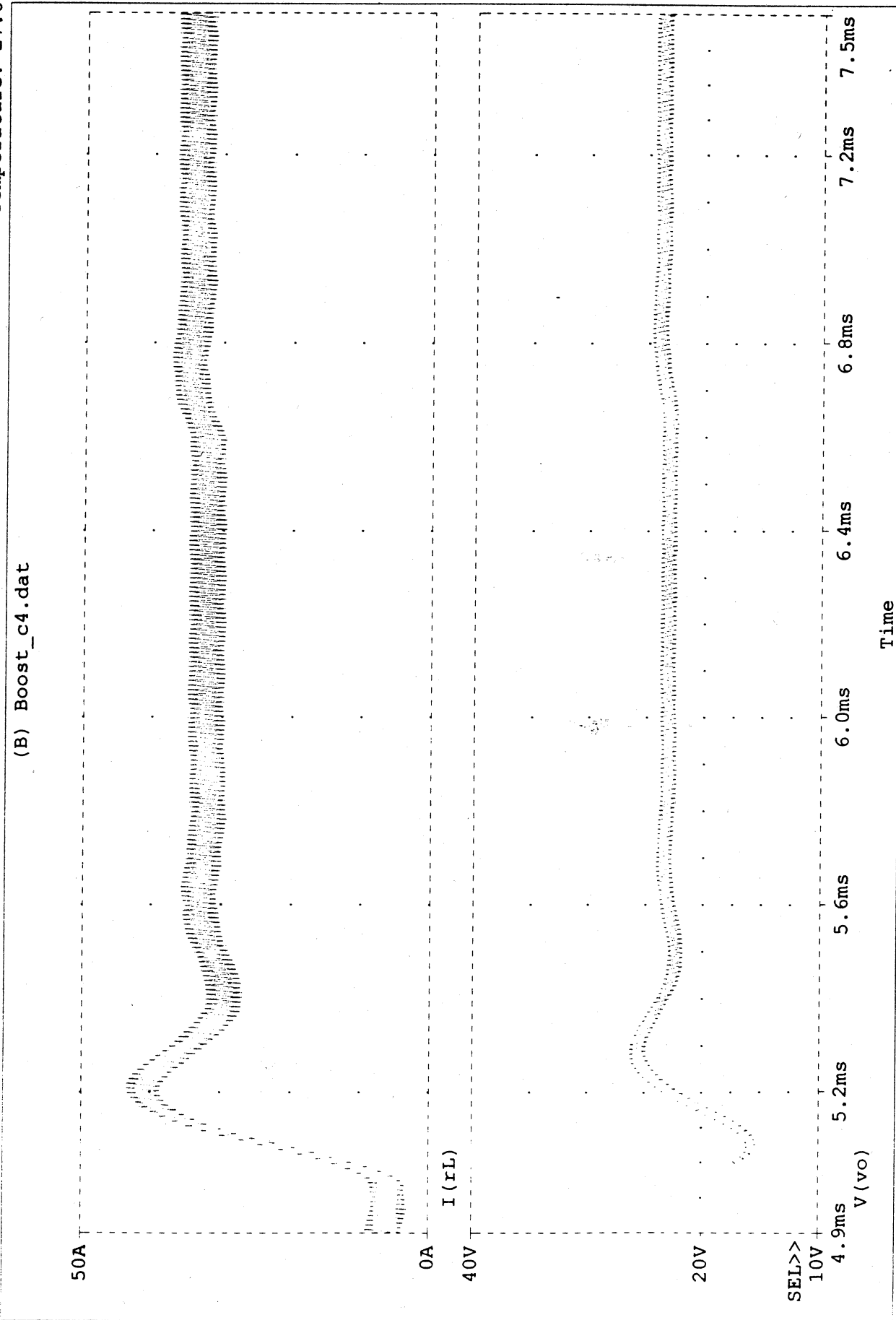
### Bode Diagrams

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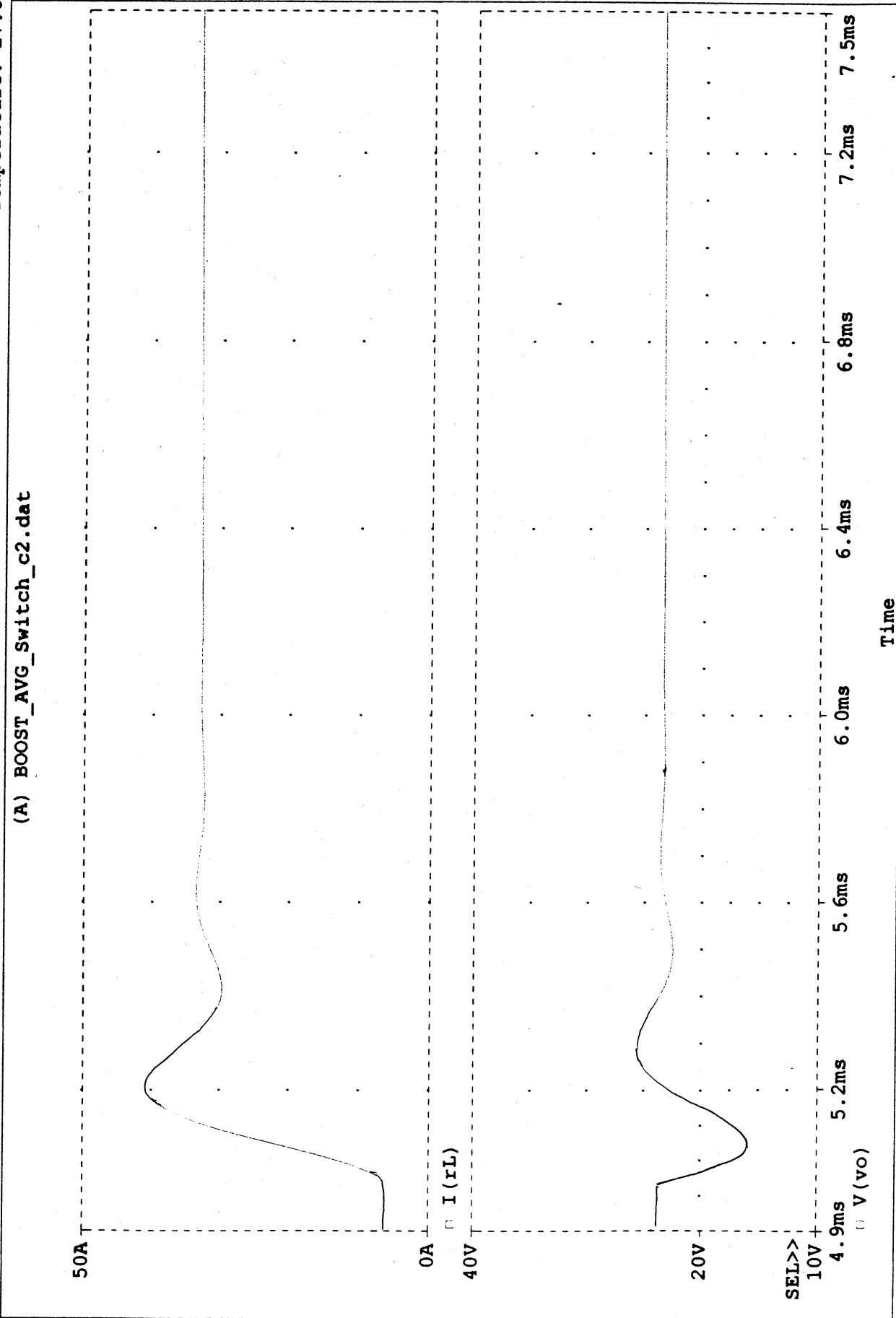
Vref=24 V, L=10 uH, C=50 uF, f=100 kHz, U=9V, R=10 Ohms

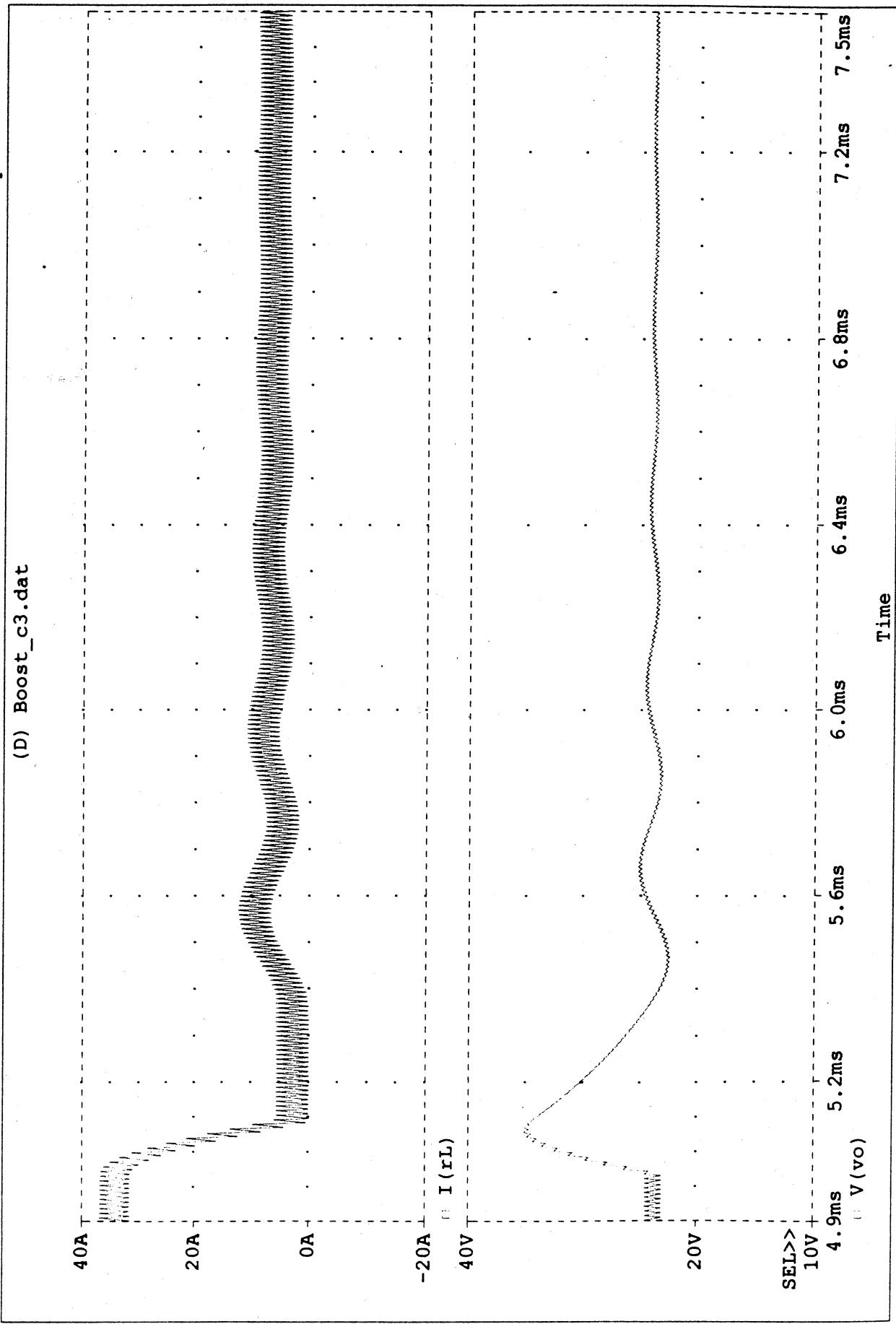


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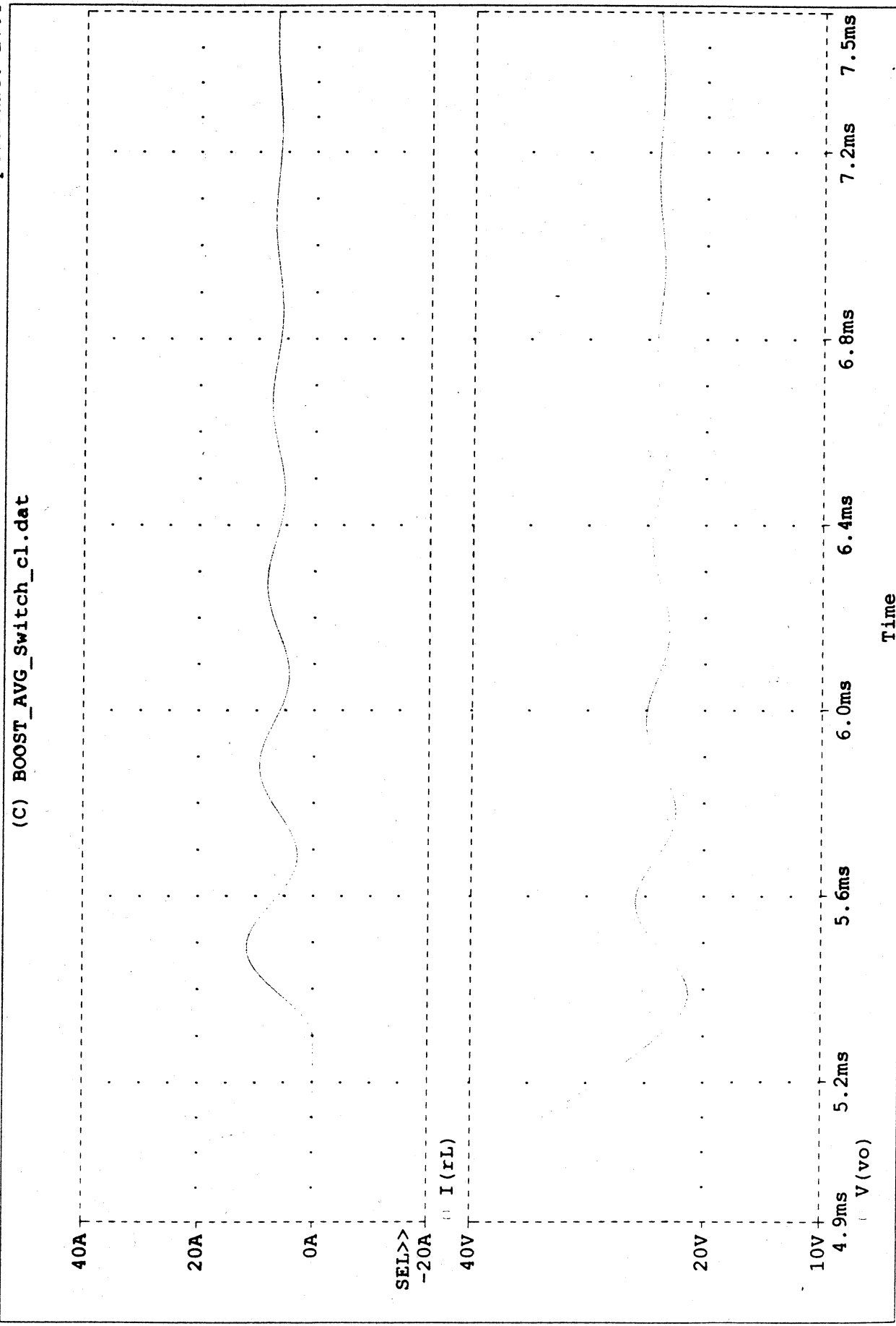
(A) BOOST\_AVG\_Switch\_c2.dat





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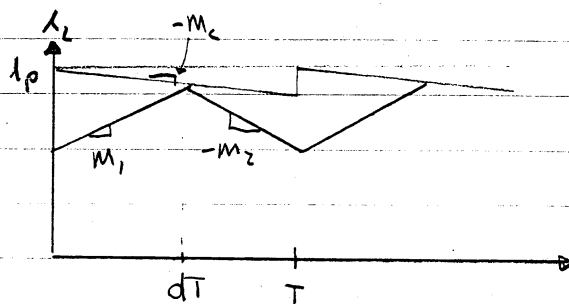
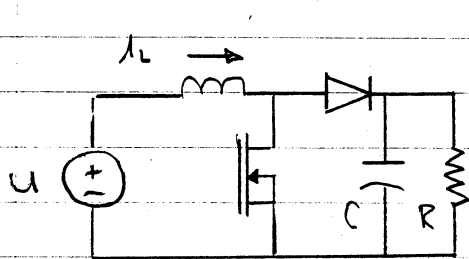
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★ Current-mode control

Review: Duty-ratio control of boost converter (or buck-boost) is problematic because of RHP zero + lightly-damped poles in averaged, linearized model.

Solution: Current-mode control! (add inner feedback loop which controls current.)

- concept: Control inductor current in inner feedback loop, + set duty ratio implicitly



In Boost:

$$m_1 = \frac{u}{L}$$

$$m_2 = \frac{v-u}{L}$$

1. → switch turns on at beginning of each cycle
2. → switch turns off when  $i_L$  reaches  $i_p - M_c(t - nT)$   
(will see why  $M_c$  is used shortly)
3. → control output voltage by controlling  $i_p$ .

## Advantages:

1. → direct current control in system (input current for boost)
2. → better dynamics (will see shortly)

## Problems:

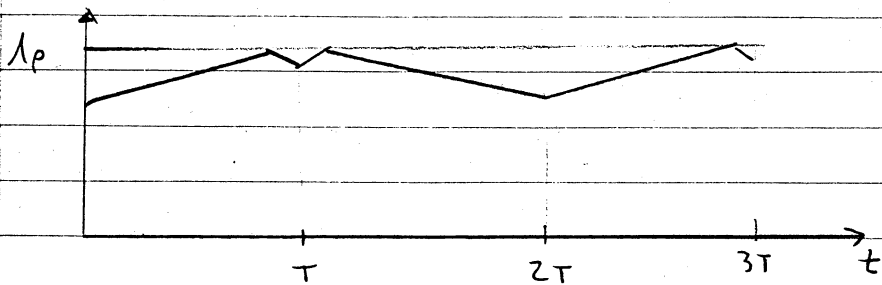
1. Need to measure current (but typically do anyways)
2. Ripple instability!

under some conditions, the system will not settle to a single duty ratio, but may oscillate subharmonically or chaotically!



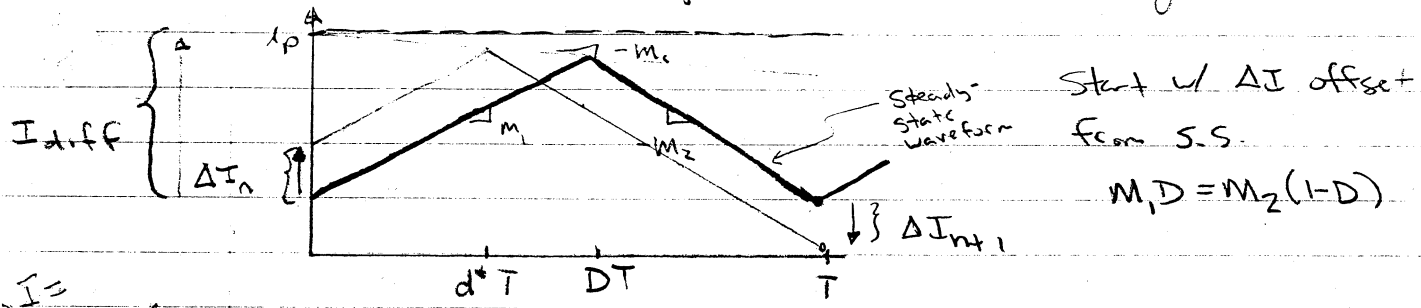
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## Ex/ Ripple Instability (no compensating ramp)



- this is bad because:
1. Subharmonics (low-frequency) ripple (below \$f\_{sw}\$)
  2. larger ripple than necessary
  3. Control is "jittery"

Solution: Compensating ramp. (Properly chosen compensating ramp stabilizes ripple instability)  
 ⇒ Lets analyze ripple dynamics (can't use averaged model)



\$\Rightarrow I \approx\$  
 Adynamic

look at cycle-by-cycle deviation of current from S.S.:

\$\Rightarrow\$ ASS:

$$\begin{cases} I_{d,iff} = (m_1 + m_c) DT \\ I_{d,iff} = \Delta I_n + (m_1 + m_c) d^* T \end{cases} \Rightarrow \Delta I_n = (m_1 + m_c) (D - d^*) T$$

now  $\Delta I_{n+1} = m_c (D - d^*) T - m_2 (D - d^*) T$   
 $= (m_c - m_2) (D - d^*) T$

combining  $\Delta I_{n+1} = (m_c - m_2) T \cdot \frac{\Delta I_n}{(m_1 + m_c) T}$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta I_{n+1} = \left( - \frac{m_2 - m_c}{m_1 + m_c} \right) \Delta I_n$$

$$\rightarrow \Delta I_n = \left( - \frac{m_2 - m_c}{m_1 + m_c} \right)^n \Delta I_0$$

unstable if  $\left| \frac{m_2 - m_c}{m_1 + m_c} \right| \geq 1 !!$

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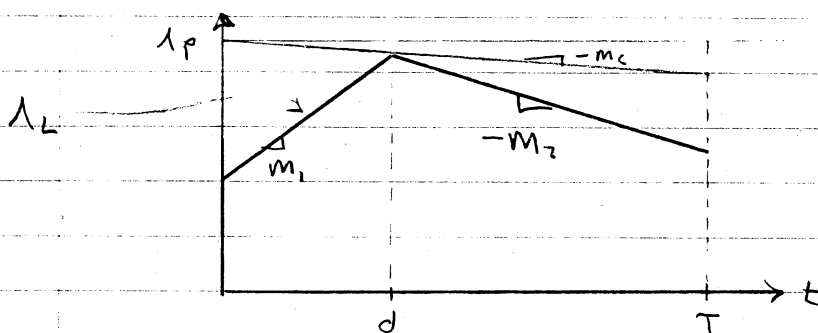
So: unstable if  $\left| \frac{m_2 - m_c}{m_1 + m_c} \right| > 1$

@  $m_c = 0 \rightarrow \left| \frac{M_2}{M_1} \right| > 1 \rightarrow \left| \frac{D}{1-D} \right| > 1 \therefore$  unstable for  $D \geq 0.5$   
 $M_2 D' = M_1 D$

So: choose  $M_c$  so that  $\left| \frac{m_2 - m_c}{m_1 + m_c} \right| < 1$  ( $m_2 = m_c \rightarrow$  deadbeat control.)  
 note:  $M_c$  choice affects converter dynamics!

Now that ripple instability is fixed, let's consider system dynamics.

Simplest method: Start with duty ratio - based equations, (from last time) find relation between  $d(t)$ ,  $i_p(t)$ ,  $\bar{i}_L$



look at 1-cycle window, and make geometric approximation:

$$\bar{i}_L \approx (i_p - m_c d T) - \frac{1}{T} \left[ \frac{1}{2} m_1 d^2 T^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (1-d)^2 T^2 \right]$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\bar{i}_L \approx i_p - m_c d T - \frac{1}{2} m_1 d^2 T - \frac{1}{2} m_2 (1-d)^2 T}$$

← general eqn for various converters.

for Boost  $M_1 = \frac{u}{L}, M_2 = \frac{v-u}{L}$

$$\bar{i}_L = i_p - m_c d T - \frac{1}{2L} \bar{u} d^2 T - \frac{1}{2L} (\bar{v} - \bar{u})(1-d)^2 T$$

linearize + solve for  $\tilde{d}$

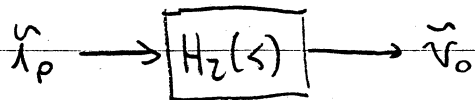
$$(*) \quad \boxed{\tilde{d} = \frac{1}{m_c T} (\tilde{i}_p - \tilde{i}_L) - \frac{D^2 - D'^2}{2LM_c} \tilde{u} - \frac{D'^2}{2LM_c} \tilde{v}}$$

← for Boost converter

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Substitute (\*) into linearized, state space averaged model of Boost converter from before, eliminate  $\tilde{d}$ , and have new control variable  $\tilde{i}_p$

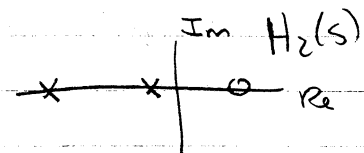
From new model, we can derive  $H_2(s)$



$H_2(s)$  has: 1.) RHP zero

2.) 2 real-axis poles

(1 low freq, 1 high-freq)



because the poles are overdamped (instead of lightly damped), we can achieve much better control dynamics!!