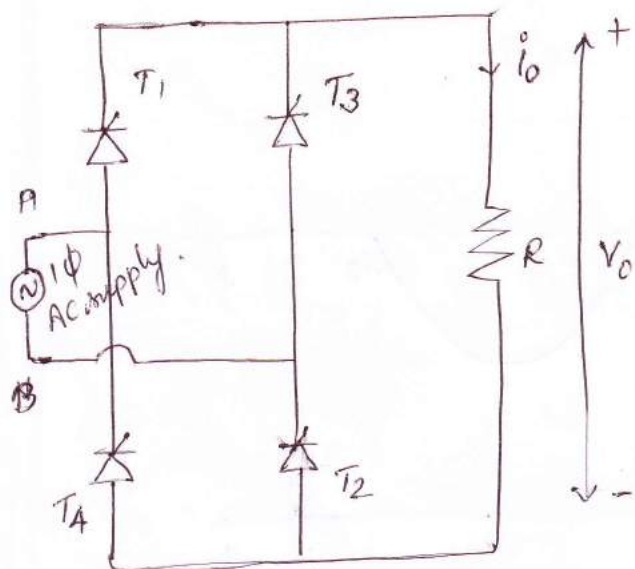


# Single phase Fully controlled bridge rectifier with R load.



1 $\phi$  Fully controlled bridge rectifier consists of 4 SCR's.

Mode 1: +ve half cycle ( $\alpha$  to  $\pi$ )

At  $\omega t = \alpha$

$T_1, T_2$  - Forward biased.

Both triggered simultaneously.

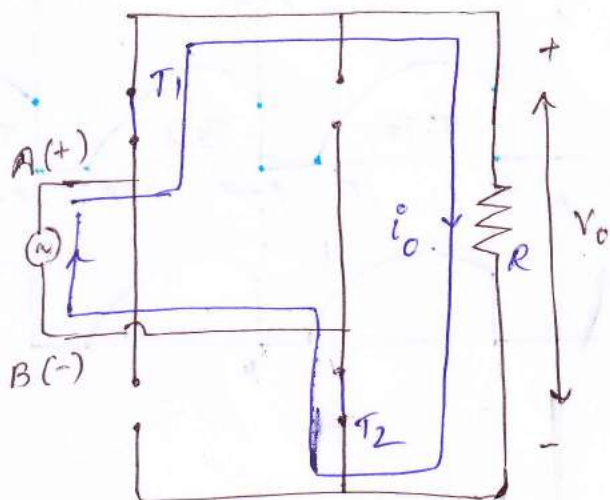
Current flow path

$A^{(+)} \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow R_{load} \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow B^{(-)}$

At  $\omega t = \pi$

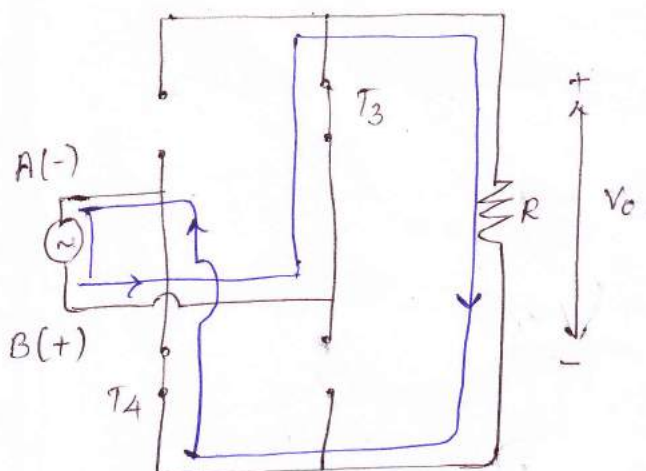
supply voltage falls to zero & the current also goes to zero.

Mode 2: -ve half cycle ( $\pi$  to  $2\pi$ )



$V_o$  - +ve

$i_o$  - +ve



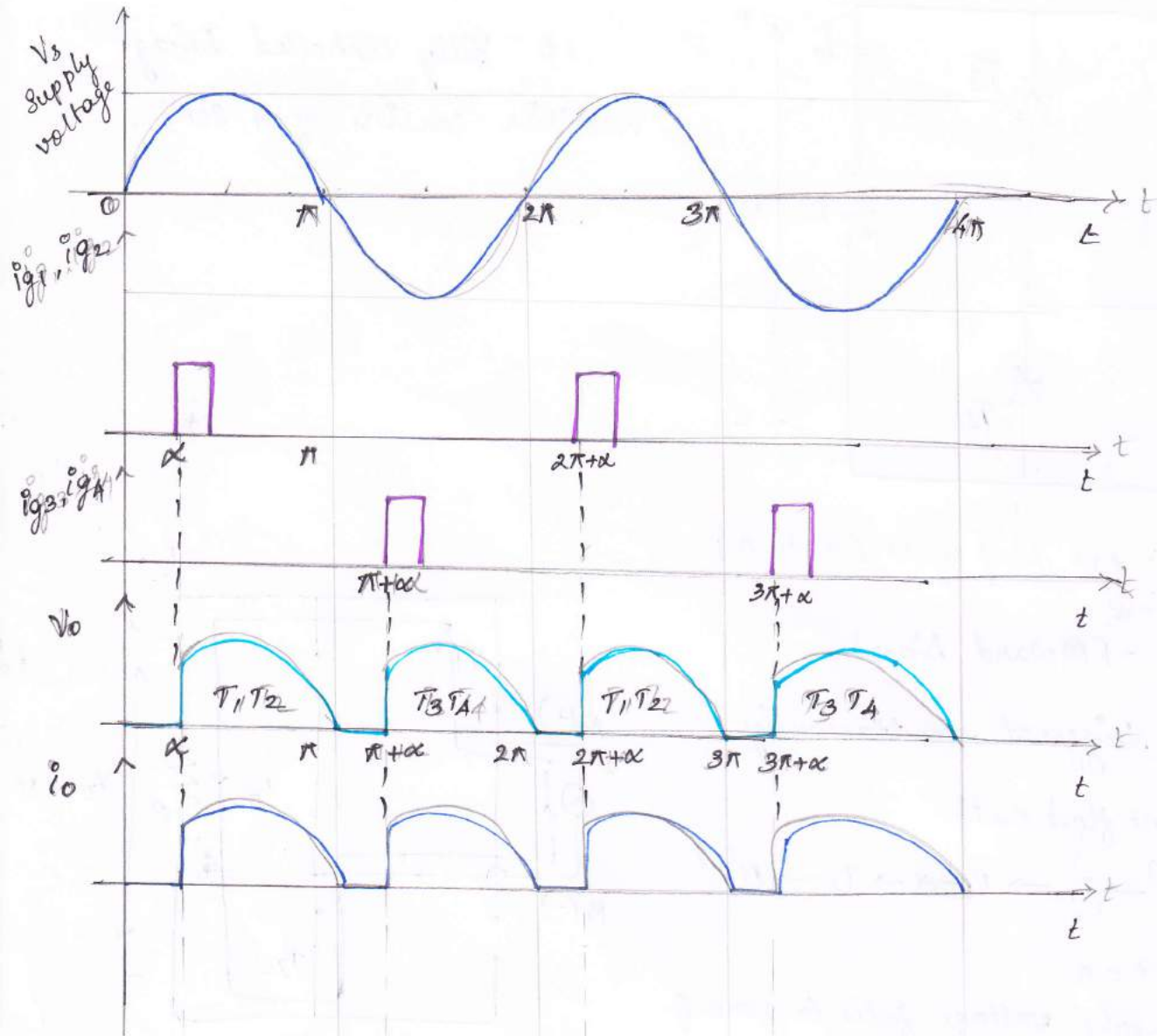
$T_3, T_4$  - FB.

Current flow path

$B^{(+)} \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow R \rightarrow T_4 \rightarrow A^{(-)}$

The o/p voltage can be varied by varying the firing angle  $\alpha$ .

As this is purely resistive load, the load current is always discontinuous.



Average o/p voltage ( $V_o$ )

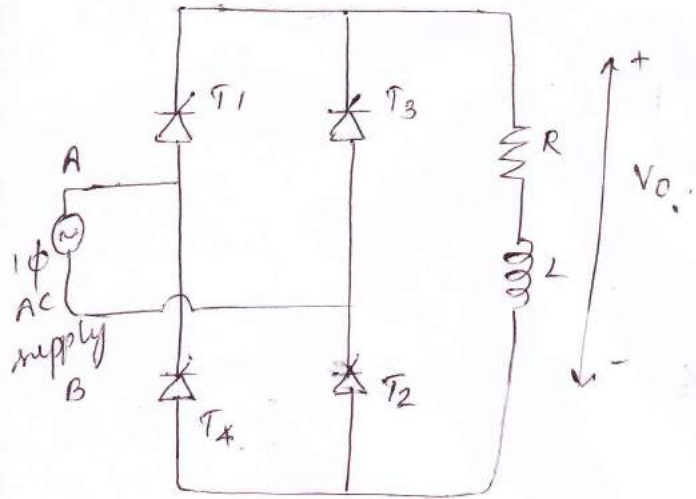
$$V_o = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi} V_m \sin \omega t \, d\omega t$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{\pi} (-\cos \omega t) \Big|_{\alpha}^{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{-V_m}{\pi} [\cos \pi - \cos \alpha]$$

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

# Single phase fully controlled bridge rectifier with RL Load.



Conduction does not take place until the thyristors are triggered & in order for current to flow, thyristor  $T_1$  &  $T_2$  must be fired together, as must  $T_3$  &  $T_4$  in the next half cycle from the same firing angle.

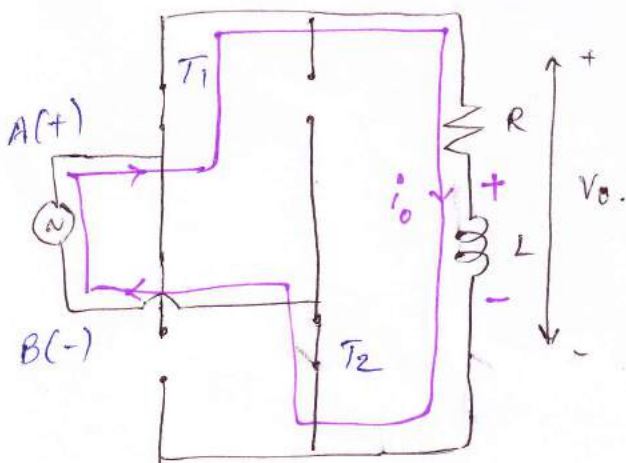
Inductance  $L$  is used to reduce the ripple.

A large value of  $L$  is used for continuous steady current in the load.

A small value of  $L$  will produce a discontinuous load current for large-firing angles.

Mode 1:  $\alpha$  to  $\pi$

$T_1$   $T_2$  - F.B. (Forward Biased)



Current flow path

$A^+ \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow R \text{ load} \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow B^-$

The Inductor ( $L$ ) charges with the polarity shown in fig.

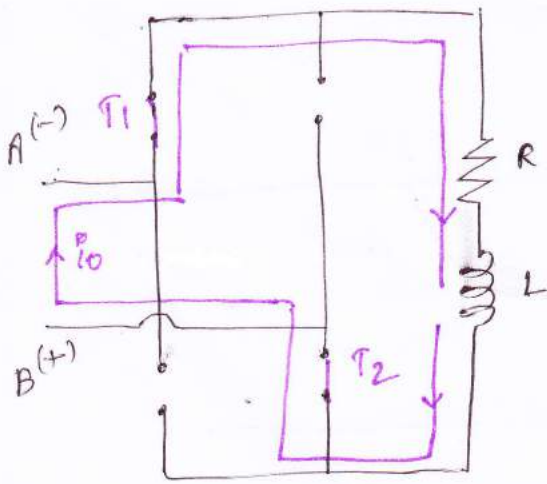
$V_o \rightarrow +ve$

$i_o \rightarrow +ve$

Mode 2:  $\pi$  to  $\pi + \alpha$   
Supply voltage reverses  
 $L$  discharges.

Current flow path  $\div L \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow B^{(+)} \rightarrow A^{(-)} \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow RL$

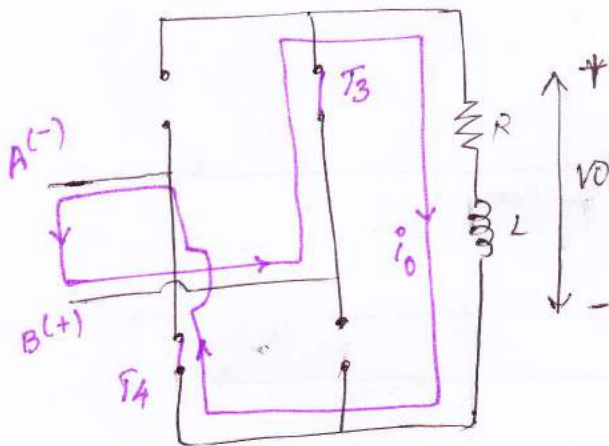




As the value of  $L$  is taken as so large, it dissipates its energy upto the time when  $T_3$  &  $T_4$  are triggered.

Thus  $V_o = -ve$   
 $i_o = +ve$ .

Mode 3:  $\pi + \alpha$  to  $2\pi$



$T_3 T_4$  - F.B

Current flow path

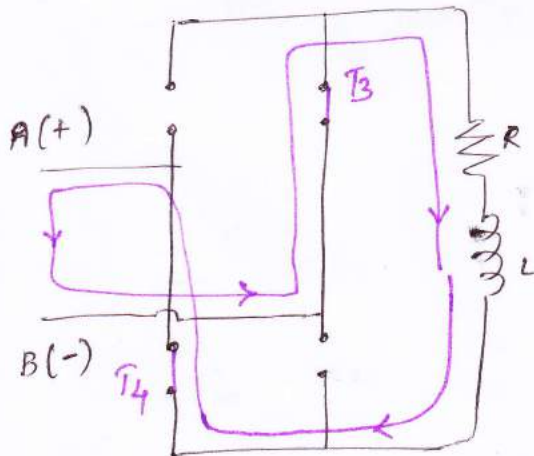
$B^{(+)} \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow RL \rightarrow T_4 \rightarrow A^{(-)}$

$L$  - charges

$V_o = +ve$

$i_o = +ve$ .

Mode 4:  $2\pi$  to  $2\pi + \alpha$



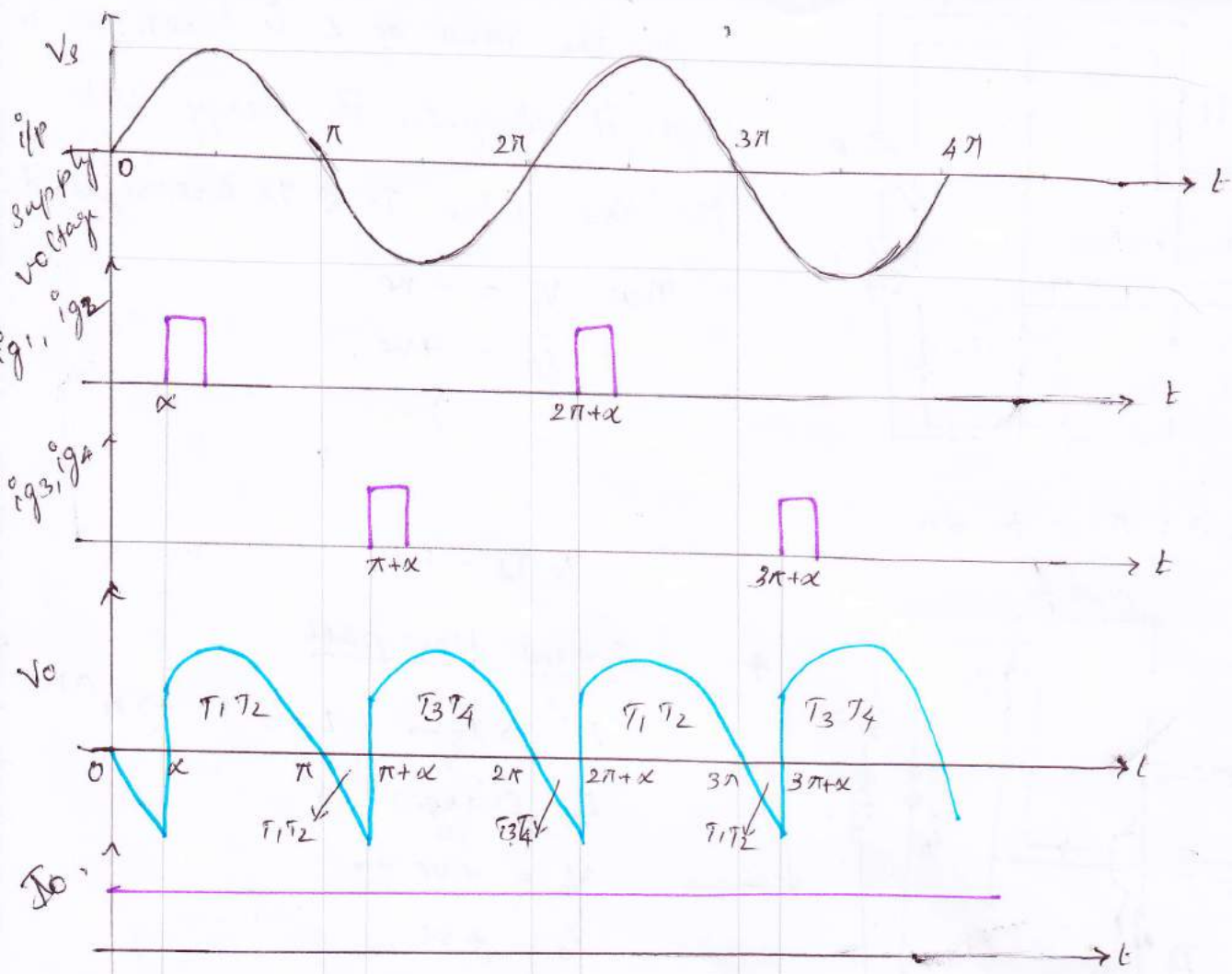
$L$  discharges upto  $T_1, T_2$  are fired.

Current flow path:

$RL \rightarrow T_4 \rightarrow A^{(+)} \rightarrow B^{(-)} \rightarrow T_3 \rightarrow RL$

$V_o = -ve$

$i_o = +ve$ .



Average o/p voltage ( $V_o$ ) (or) ( $V_{dc}$ )

$$V_o = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi+\alpha} V_m \sin \omega t \, d\omega t$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi+\alpha} -\cos \omega t \, d\omega t$$

$$= -\frac{V_m}{\pi} \left[ \cos(\pi+\alpha) - \cos \alpha \right]$$

$$= -\frac{V_m}{\pi} \left[ -\cos \alpha - \cos \alpha \right]$$

$$V_o = \frac{2V_m \cos \alpha}{\pi} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Ans avg load voltage ( $V_{rms}$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{rms} &= \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi+\alpha} (V_m \sin \omega t)^2 d\omega t \right]^{1/2} \\
 &= \left[ \frac{V_m^2}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi+\alpha} \frac{1 - \cos 2\omega t}{2} d\omega t \right]^{1/2} \\
 &= \left[ \frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[ \omega t - \frac{\sin 2\omega t}{2} \right]_{\alpha}^{\pi+\alpha} \right]^{1/2} \\
 &= \left[ \frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[ (\pi+\alpha) - \frac{\sin 2(\pi+\alpha)}{2} - \alpha + \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2} \right] \right]^{1/2} \\
 &= \left[ \frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[ \pi + \cancel{\alpha} - \frac{\sin \cancel{2\alpha}}{2} - \cancel{\alpha} + \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2} \right] \right]^{1/2} \\
 &= \left[ \frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} (\pi) \right]^{1/2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{V_{rms} = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

As  $V_{dc}$  (or)  $V_o = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} \cos \alpha$ , by varying the firing angle ( $0^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$ ), the avg load voltage can be varied.

Here two modes of operation are possible in fully controlled bridge rectifier as the power flow in the converter can be in either direction.



### Conversion mode.

During the interval  $\alpha$  to  $\pi$ ,

Both supply voltage  $V_s$  & supply current  $I_s$  are +ve.

$\therefore$  Power flows from ac source to load.

During the interval  $\pi$  to  $\pi + \alpha$

$V_s = -ve$  but  $I_s = +ve$ .

The load therefore returns some of its energy to the supply system.

But the net power flows from ac source to dc load.

Thus from equation (1), for  $\alpha < 90^\circ$ , the voltage at the load terminals is +ve.

$\therefore$  Power flows from ac side to dc side & the converter operates as a rectifier.

### Inversion mode.

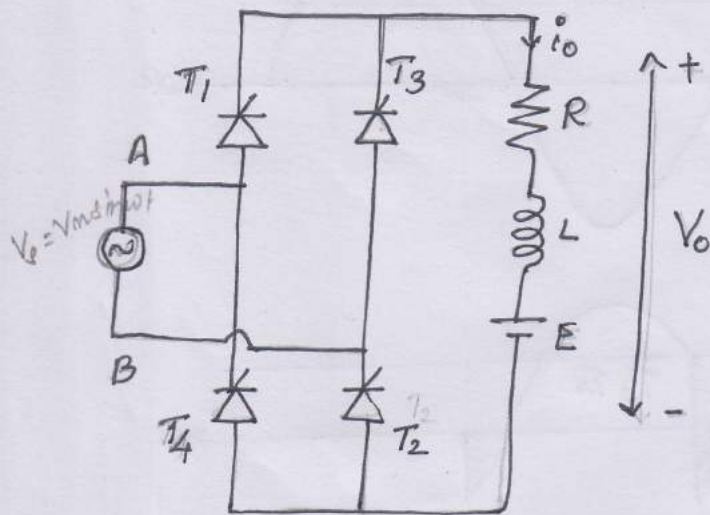
If  $\alpha > 90^\circ$ , the voltage at the load terminals is -ve.

Therefore, the power flows from dc side to ac side &

hence the converter operates as a line commutated inverter.

In this mode power flows from load to source.

# Fully Controlled Bridge Rectifier [RLE Load]



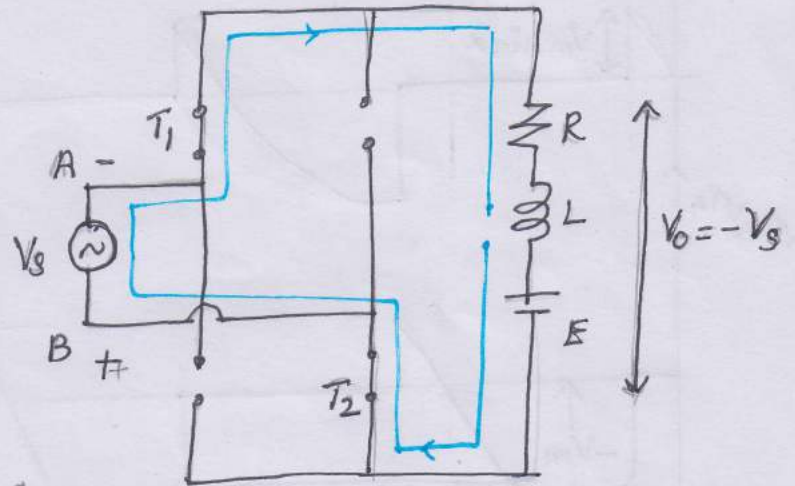
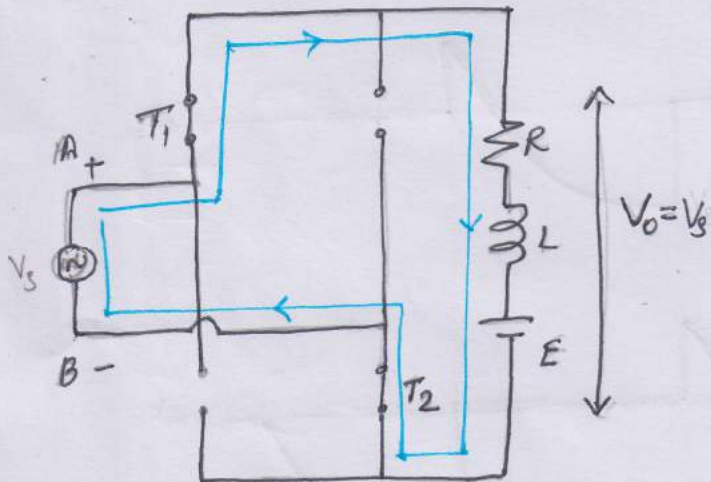
Assume load inductance is high.  
Due to this, load current is continuous and ripple free.

The load is assumed to be of RLE type, where  $E$  is the load circuit emf.

Voltage  $E$  may be due to a battery in the load circuit (or) may be generated emf of a dc motor.

Mode 1: ( $\alpha$  to  $\pi$ ) +ve half cycle  
 $T_1, T_2$  will turn on only if  $V_s > E$

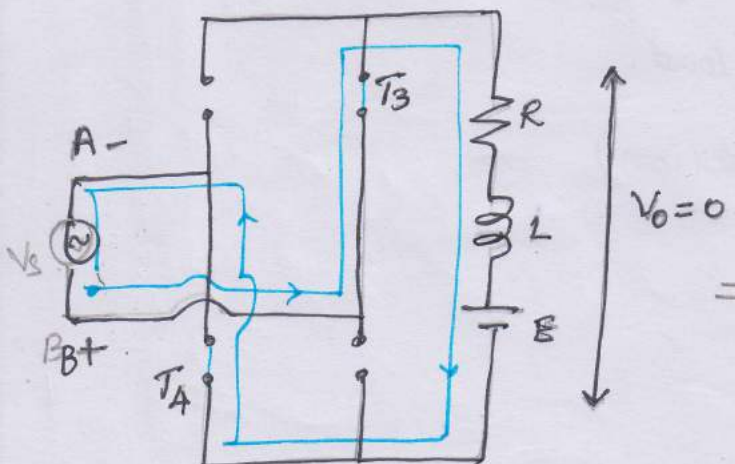
Mode 2: ( $\pi$  to  $\pi + \alpha$ )



$A \to T_1 \to RLE \to T_2 \to B$ ,  $V_s$  - +ve  $i_o$  - +ve  
Power  $\to$  source to load  
Mode 3: ( $\pi + \alpha$ ) to  $2\pi$

$RLE \to T_2 \to B \to A \to T_1 \to RLE$   
 $V_s$  - -ve  $i_o$  - +ve

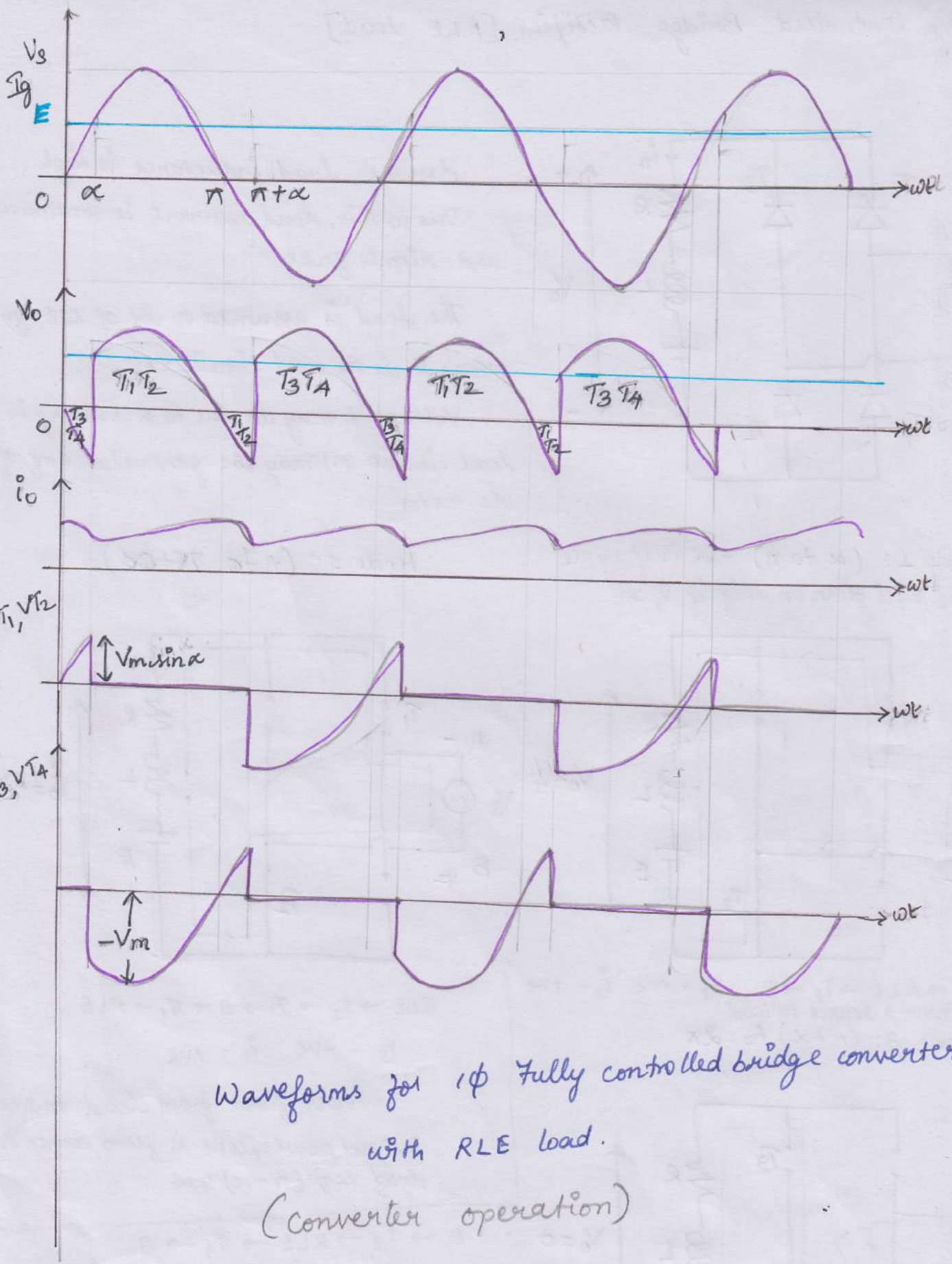
Power flows from load to source  
But net power flow is from source to load because  $(\pi - \alpha) > \alpha$ .



$B \to T_3 \to RLE \to T_4 \to A$ .

Power  $\to$  source to load.





Waveforms for  $1\phi$  Fully controlled bridge converter  
with RLE load.  
(converter operation)

Average dc output voltage.

$$\begin{aligned}V_{dc} &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi+\alpha} V_m \sin \omega t \, d\omega t \\&= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \left[ -\cos \omega t \right]_{\alpha}^{\pi+\alpha} \\&= -\frac{V_m}{\pi} \left[ \cos(\pi+\alpha) - \cos \alpha \right] \\&= -\frac{V_m}{\pi} \left[ -\cos \alpha - \cos \alpha \right]\end{aligned}$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} \cos \alpha$$

Average load current

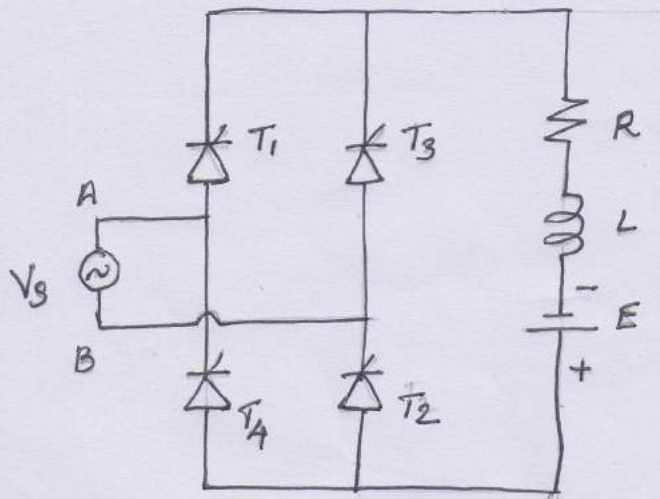
$$I_{dc} = \frac{V_{dc} - E}{R}$$

RMS o/p voltage  $V_{rms}$

$$\begin{aligned}V_{rms} &= \left[ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi+\alpha} V_m^2 \sin^2 \omega t \, d\omega t \right]^{1/2} \\&= \left[ \frac{V_m^2}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi+\alpha} \frac{1 - \cos 2\omega t}{2} \, d\omega t \right]^{1/2} \\&= \left[ \frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[ \omega t - \frac{\sin 2\omega t}{2} \right]_{\alpha}^{\pi+\alpha} \right]^{1/2} \\&= \left\{ \frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[ \pi + \alpha - \frac{\sin 2(\pi+\alpha)}{2} - \alpha + \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2} \right] \right\}^{1/2} \\&= \left\{ \frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[ \pi - \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2} + \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2} \right] \right\}^{1/2} = \left( \frac{V_m^2}{2} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}}\end{aligned}$$



# Inverter mode of operation of 1 $\phi$ fully controlled bridge conv (RL $\bar{E}$ load)



For  $\alpha > 90^\circ$ , o/p vol  $V_o$  is negative.

If the load circuit emf  $E$  is reversed & with  $\alpha > 90^\circ$ , then this dc source  $E$  will feed power back to ac source.

This operation of full converter with  $\alpha > 90^\circ$  is known as inverter operation.

The full conv with firing angle delay greater than  $90^\circ$  is called line-commutated inverter.

~~Notes~~

Mode 1:  $\alpha$  to  $\pi$

$V_s$  - +ve

$i_s$  - +ve

Power  $\rightarrow$  ac source to dc source.

\* but net power flow is from dc to ac.

Mode 2:  $\pi$  to  $\pi + \alpha$

$V_s$  - +ve

$i_s$  - -ve

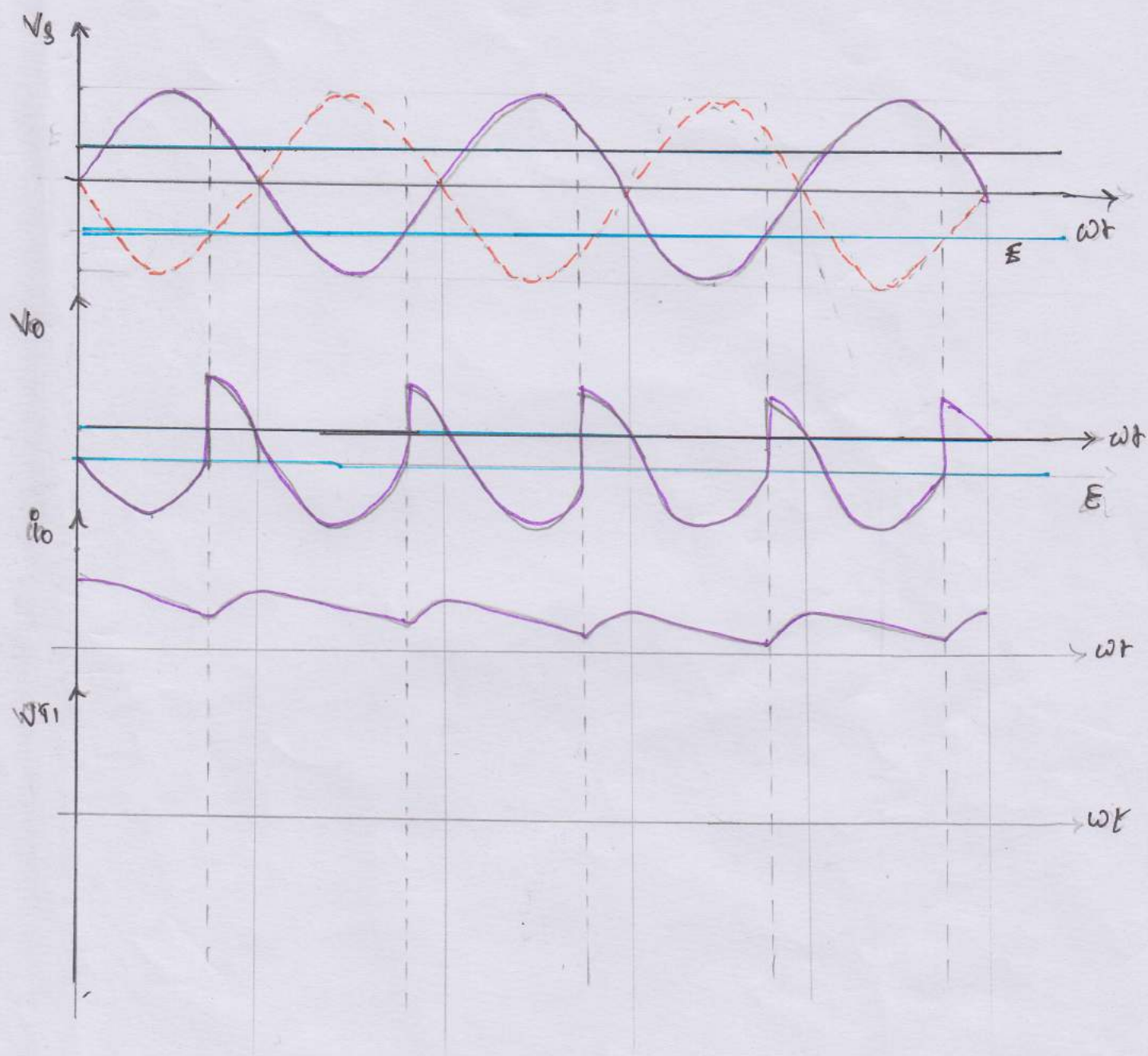
Power  $\rightarrow$  dc to ac source.

\* In converter operation,  $V_o$  should be greater than  $E$ .

\* For inverter "  $E > V_o$ , then only the power would flow from dc source to ac supply system.



Waveform for  $1\phi$  fully controlled bridge converter  
with RLE load (Inverter operation)

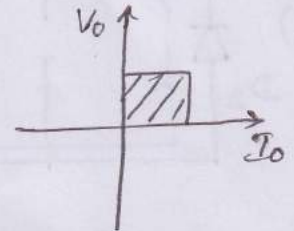


# Single phase semiconverter (Half Controlled bridge Rectifier) 1 Quad Converter.

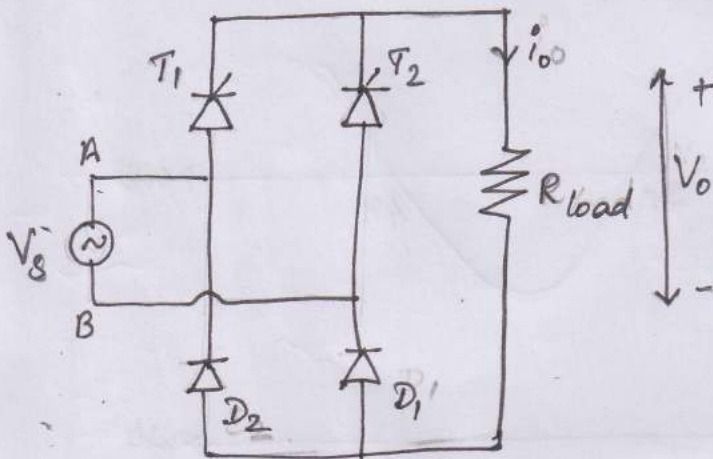
Semiconverter uses a mixture of diodes & thyristors. Hence there will be a limited control over the level of dc o/p voltage.

The o/p voltage and current is always positive. Thus it is called as 1 quadrant converter.

Semiconverter  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Symmetrical Configuration} \\ \text{Asymmetrical} \end{array} \right.$



1 $\phi$  Half controlled bridge rectifier with R load (Symmetrical Configuration)



$$V_s = V_m \sin \omega t$$

Mode 1: +ve half cycle ( $\alpha$  to  $\pi$ )

Circuit consists of the combinations of thyristors & diodes.

Single gate pulse is enough to trigger the SCR's, since the cathodes of 2 SCRs are at the same potential.

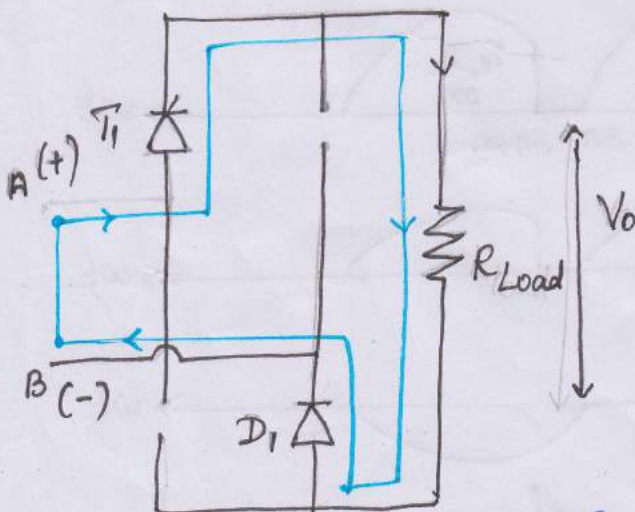
$T_1, D_1 - FB$

$(A^+) \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow R \rightarrow D_1 \rightarrow (B^-)$

↓  
Path of current flow.

$V_o - +ve$

$i_o - +ve$



At  $\omega t = \pi$ , load voltage  $V_o$  &  $i_o$  reaches to zero, then  $T_1$  &  $D_1$  comes to off state due to natural commutation.



Mode 2:  $(\pi + \alpha)$  to  $2\pi$

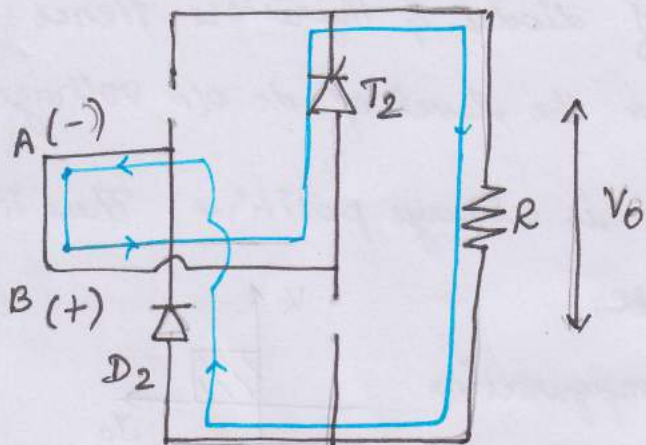
$T_2 D_2$  - conducts

Path of load current

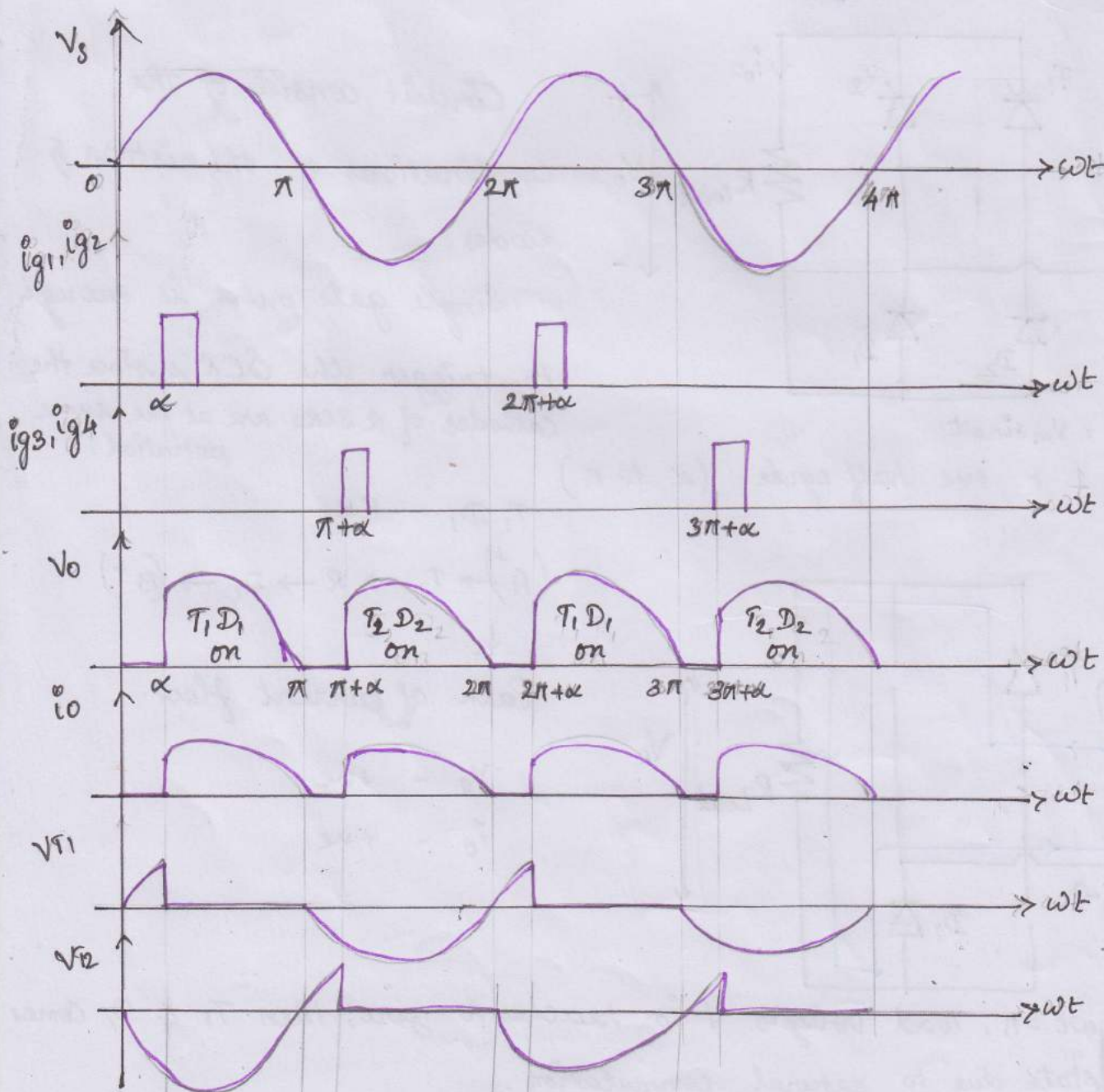
$B \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow R \rightarrow D_2 \rightarrow A$

$V_o$  - +ve

$i_o$  - +ve



At  $2\pi$ ,  $T_2$  &  $D_2$  comes to off state due to natural commutation.





Average DC voltage: ( $V_{dc}$ )

$$V_{dc} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi} V_m \sin \omega t \, d\omega t$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{\pi} \left[ -\cos \omega t \right]_{\alpha}^{\pi}$$

$$= -\frac{V_m}{\pi} \left[ \cos \pi - \cos \alpha \right]$$

$$= -\frac{V_m}{\pi} \left[ -1 - \cos \alpha \right]$$

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

Average load current ( $I_{dc}$ )

$$I_{dc} = \frac{V_{dc}}{R}$$

$$I_{dc} = \frac{V_m}{\pi R} (1 + \cos \alpha)$$

RMS load voltage

$$V_{rms} = \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi} V_s^2 \, d\omega t \right)^{1/2}$$

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

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

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

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

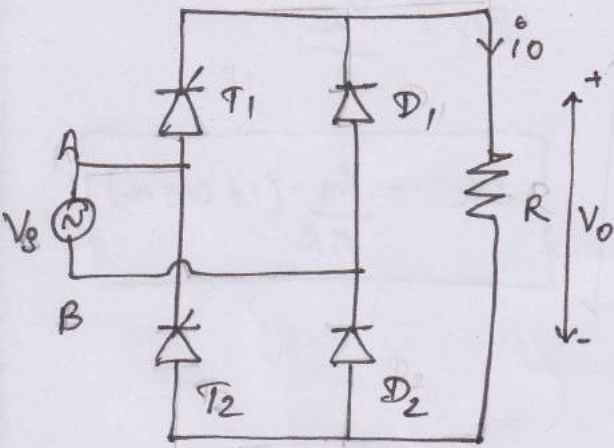
$$= \left( \frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[ \pi - \frac{\sin 2\pi}{2} - \alpha + \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2} \right] \right)^{1/2}$$

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

$$V_s = V_m \sin \omega t$$

$$I_{rms} = \frac{V_{rms}}{R}$$

# Half Controlled bridge rectifier with R load (Asymmetrical configuration)



In Asymmetrical configuration, separate-triggering circuits are to be used.

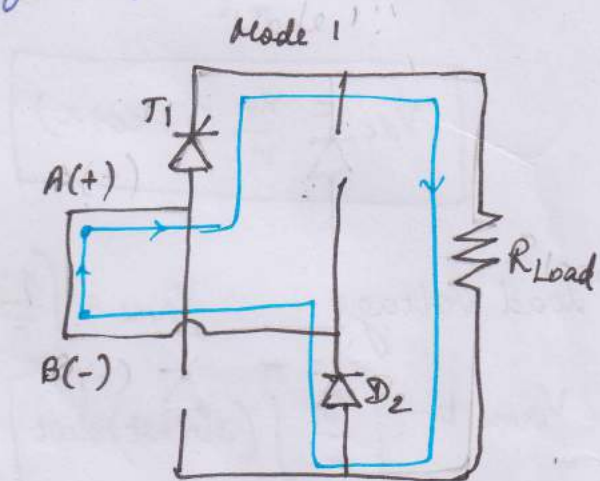
So that the conduction period of the thyristors will be different from diode conduction period.

Mode 1:  $\alpha$  to  $\pi$

$T_1, D_2$  conducts

$A(+) \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow R \rightarrow D_2 \rightarrow B(-)$

$V_o - \text{tve}$   $i_o - \text{-ve}$



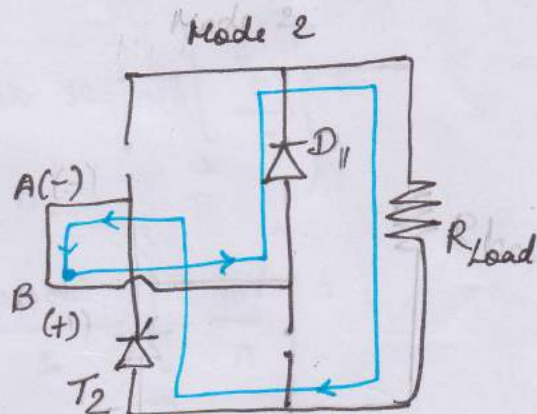
Mode 2:  $\pi + \alpha$  to  $2\pi$

$T_2, D_1$  conducts

$B(+) \rightarrow D_1 \rightarrow R \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow A(-)$

$V_o - \text{tve}$

$i_o - \text{tve}$

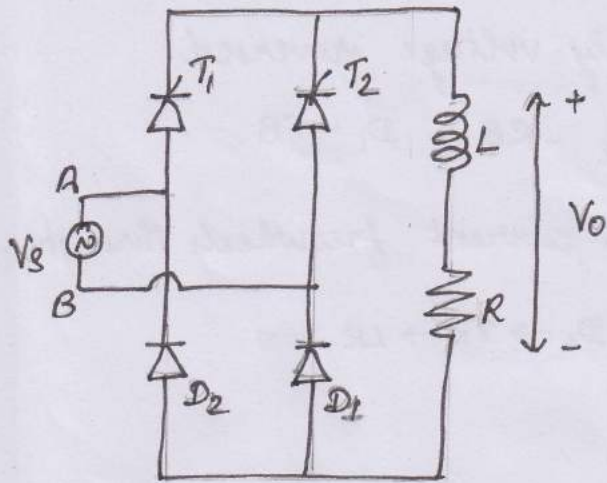


Average d.c load voltage, Average load current, RMS voltage is similar to symmetrical configuration of semi-converter.

Waveform also like, but the conducting devices during mode 1 ( $T_1, D_2$ ) & mode 2 ( $T_2, D_1$ ) only changes.



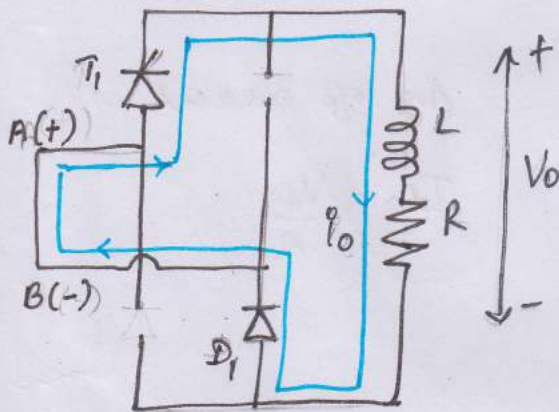
1 $\phi$  Half controlled bridge converter with RL Load (Symmetrical Configuration)



The value of inductance  $L$  is assumed to be large so that the current waveform of load will be continuous.

Hence load current  $I_o$  is taken to be constant.

Mode 1:  $\alpha$  to  $\pi$



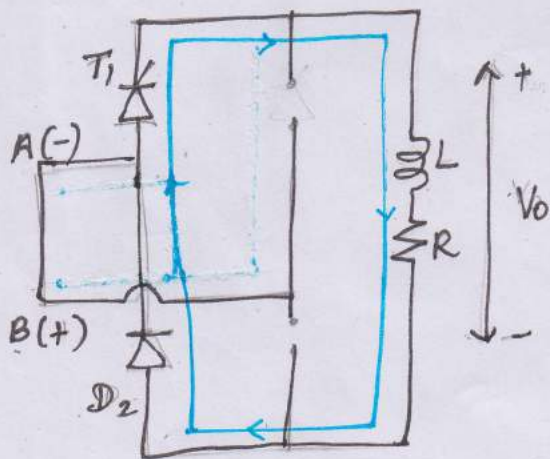
$T_1, D_1 - FB$

$A(+) \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow LR \rightarrow D_1 \rightarrow B(-)$

$V_o - +ve$

$i_o - +ve$

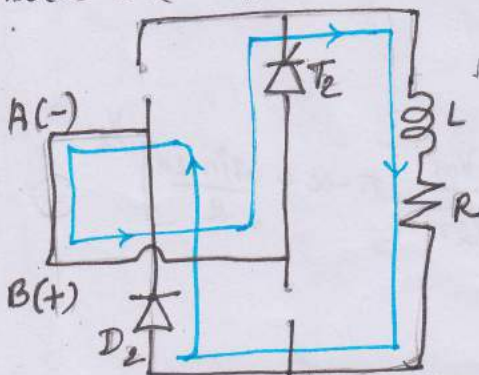
Mode 2:  $\pi$  to  $\pi + \alpha$



Supply voltage reverse biases  $D_1$  and turns it off.  $D_2 - FB$

Thus the load CT freewheels through  $LR \rightarrow D_2 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow LR$

mode 3:  $(\pi + \alpha)$  to  $2\pi$

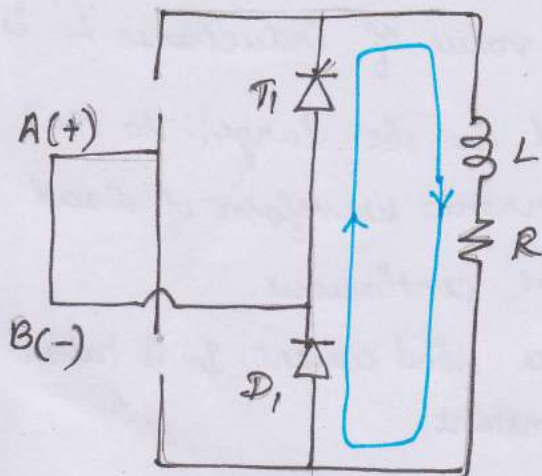


$T_2, D_2 - FB$

$B(+) \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow LR \rightarrow D_2 \rightarrow A(-)$



Mode A:  $2\pi$  to  $(2\pi + \alpha)$



Supply voltage reversed.

So  $D_2 - RB$  .  $D_1 - FB$  .

Load current freewheels through

$LR \rightarrow D_1 \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow LR$

Advantage : No need of additional Free Wheeling Diode .

Average dc o/p voltage

$$V_{dc} \text{ (or) } V_o = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi} V_m \sin \omega t \, d\omega t$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{\pi} [-\cos \omega t]_{\alpha}^{\pi}$$

$$= -\frac{V_m}{\pi} [\cos \pi - \cos \alpha]$$

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

Avg o/p current

$$I_{dc} = \frac{V_{dc}}{R}$$

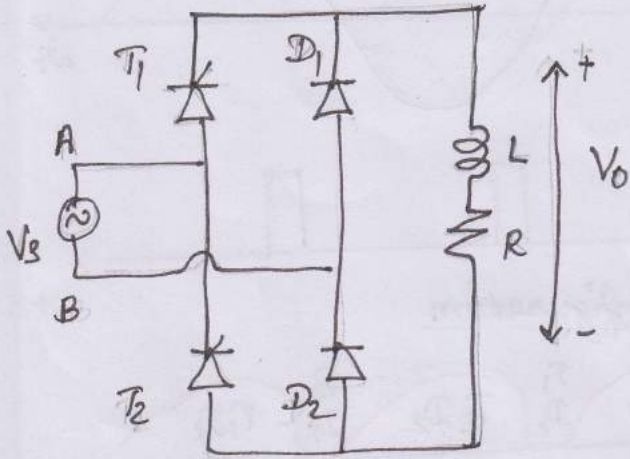
Average RMS o/p voltage ( $V_{rms}$ )

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

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

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

# 1 $\phi$ Half controlled bridge rectifier with RL Load (Asymmetrical Configuration)

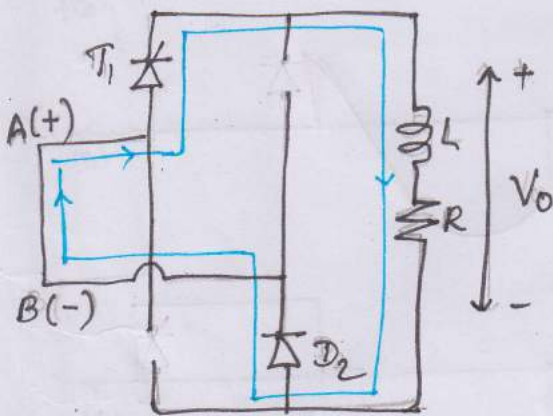


The conducting period of thyristors & diodes will be different.

$L$  value large.

So load current continuous & so it is taken to be constant.

Mode 1: ( $\alpha$  to  $\pi$ )

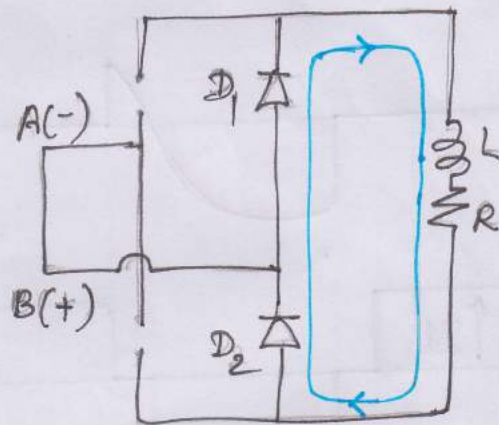


$T_1, D_2 - FB$

$A(+) \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow LR \rightarrow D_2 \rightarrow B(-)$

$V_0 - (+)ve \quad i_0 - (+)ve$

Mode 2:  $\pi$  to  $\pi + \alpha$

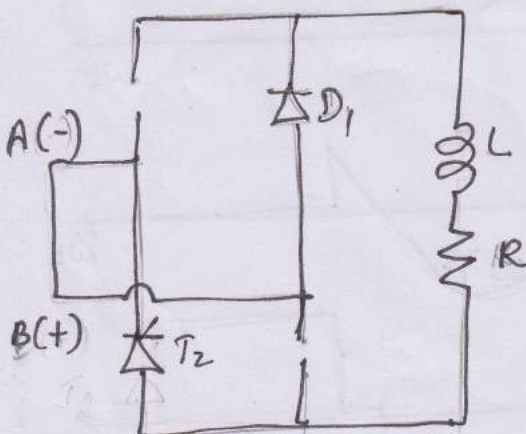


$D_1, T_2 - FB$

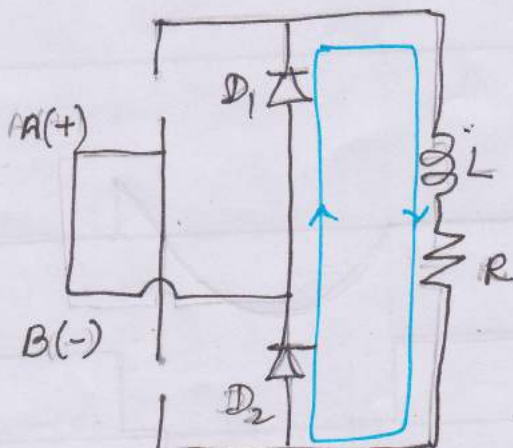
$LR \rightarrow D_1 \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow LR$

$V_0 - +ve \quad i_0 - +ve$

Mode 3: ( $\pi + \alpha$ ) to  $2\pi$

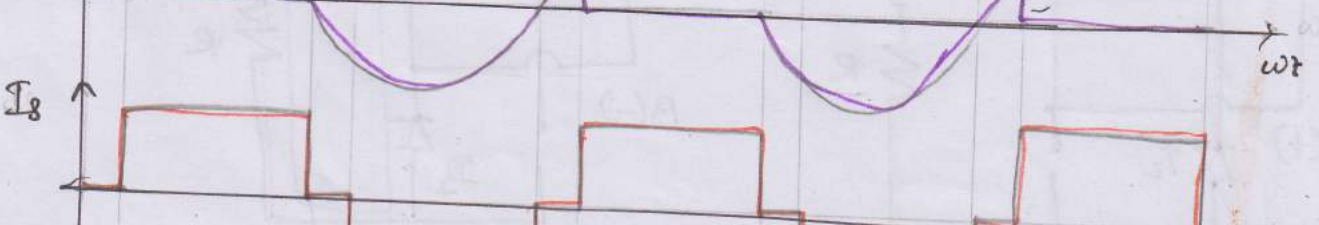
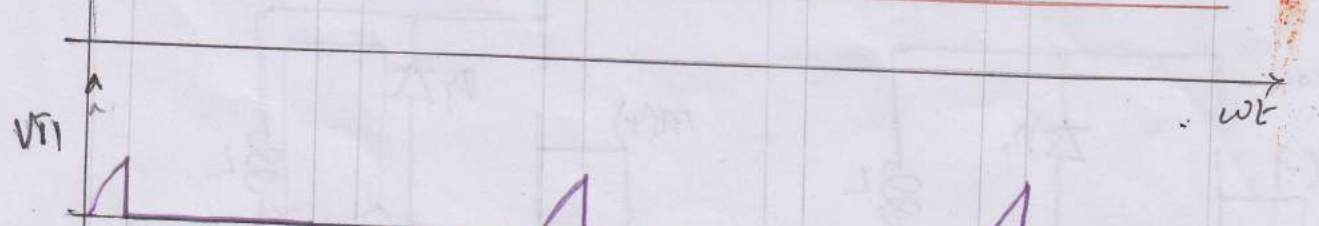
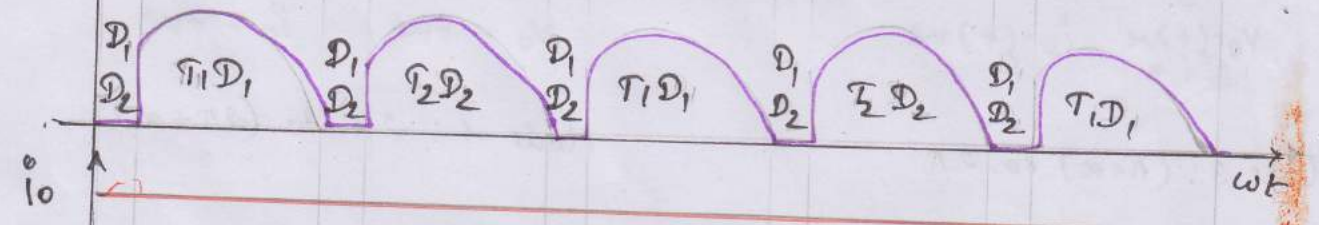
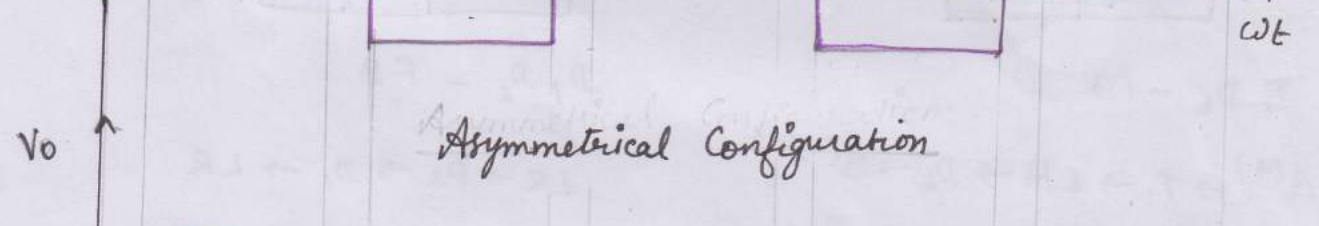
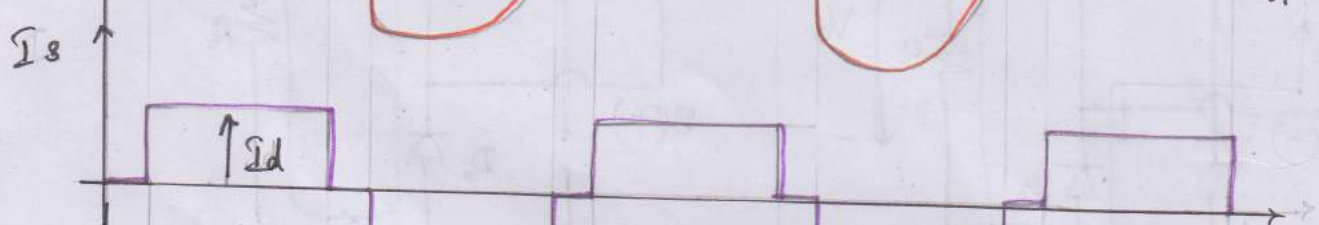
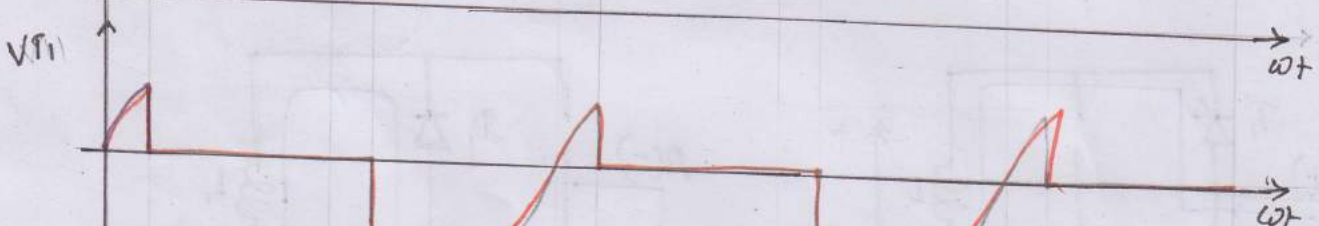
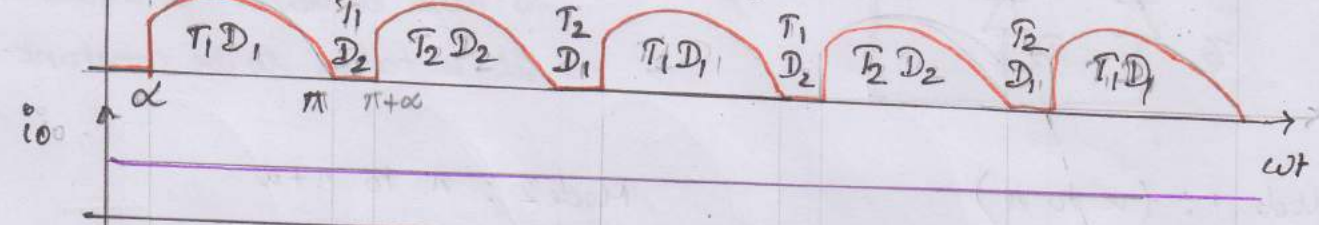
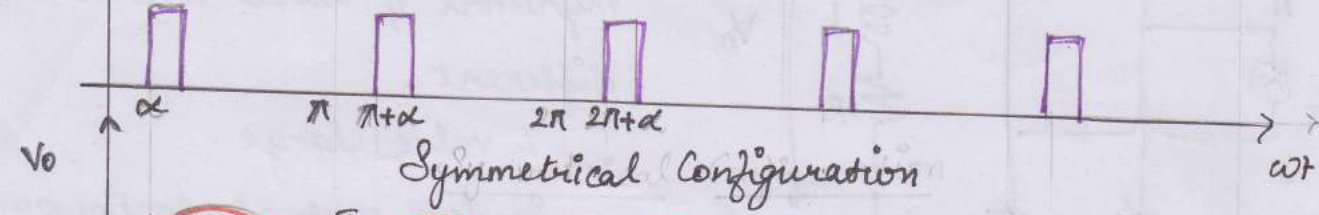
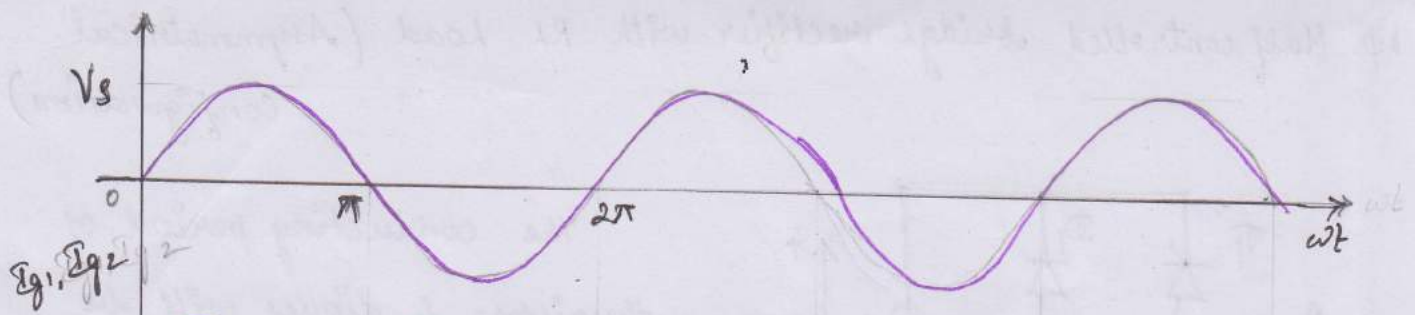


Mode 4:  $2\pi$  to  $(2\pi + \alpha)$

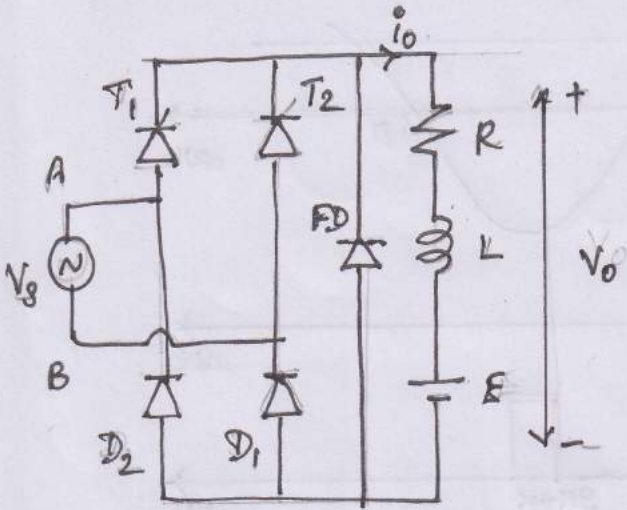


Avg o/p vol & RMS o/p vol is same like symmetrical configuration





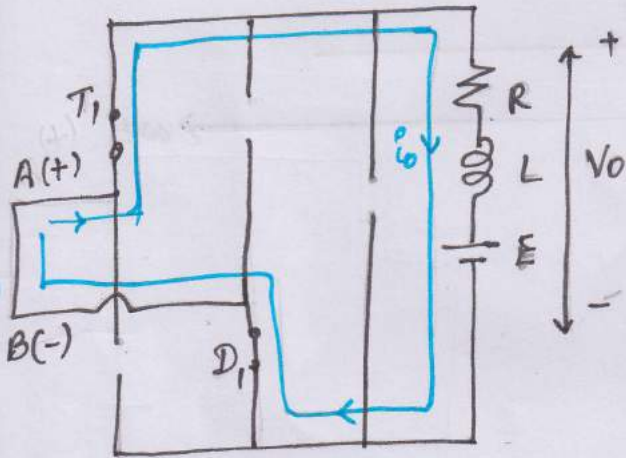
1 $\phi$  Half controlled rectifier with RLE load and free wheeling Diode (Symmetrical Configuration)



Load inductance is assumed to be continuous large and load current is assumed continuous.

The thyristors will get forward biased only when source voltage  $V_s$  exceeds  $E$ . i.e.,  $V_s > E$

mode 1:  $\alpha$  to  $\pi$



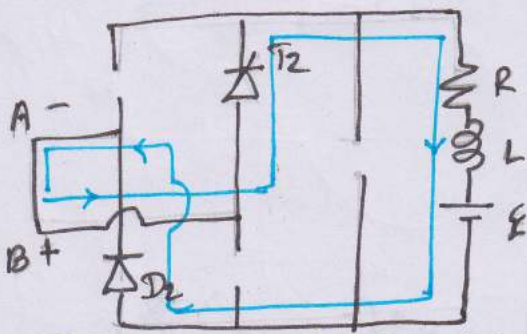
$T_1, D_1$  - FB.

$A^+ \rightarrow T_1 \rightarrow RLE \rightarrow D_1 \rightarrow B^-$

$V_o = +ve$

$i_o = +ve$

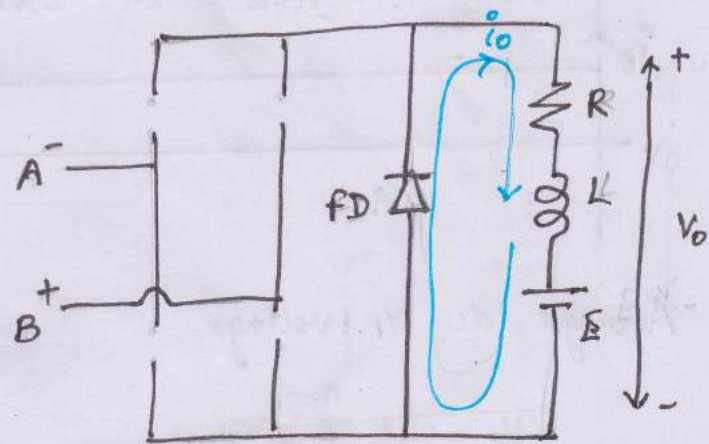
mode 3:  $\pi + \alpha$  to  $2\pi$



$T_2, D_2$  - FB  $B^+ \rightarrow T_2 \rightarrow RLE \rightarrow D_2 \rightarrow A^-$

$V_o = +ve$   $i_o = +ve$

mode 2:  $\pi$  to  $\pi + \alpha$



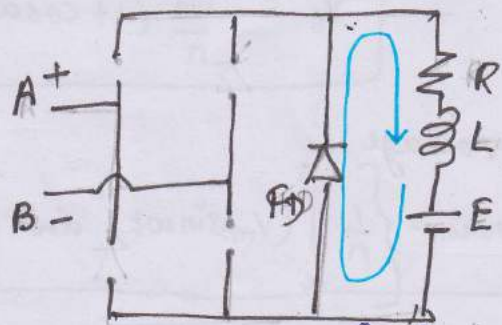
$T_1, D_1$  - off, FD - Forward biased

The free-wheeling diode conducts to provide the continuity of current in the inductive load.

$V_o = \ominus$   $i_o = +ve$

$RLE \rightarrow FD \rightarrow RLE$

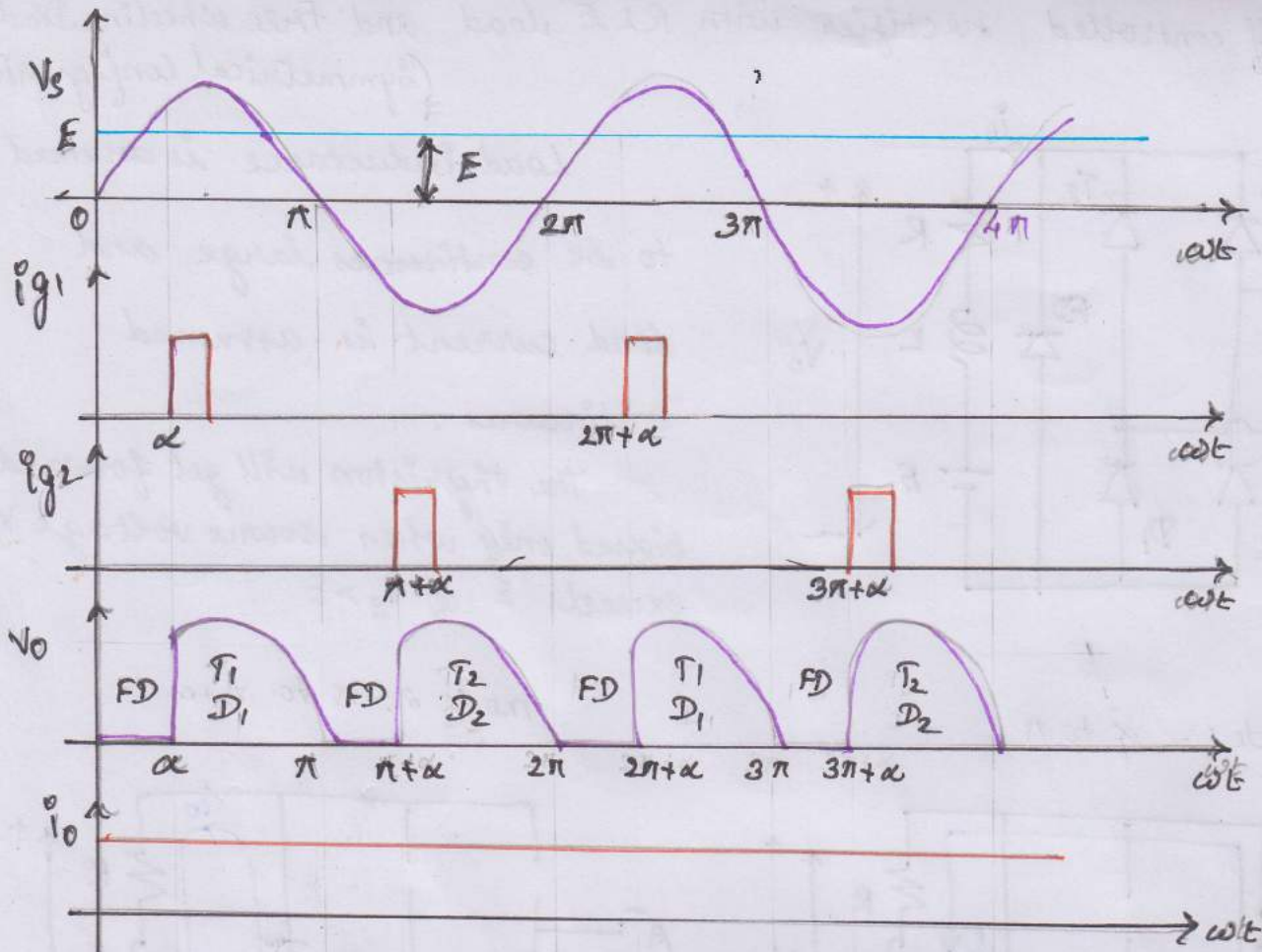
mode 4:  $2\pi$  to  $2\pi + \alpha$



$T_2, D_2$  - off FD is FB

$RLE \rightarrow FD \rightarrow RLE$





Average dc o/p voltage.

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_o &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi} V_s \, d\omega t \\
 &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi} V_m \sin \omega t \, d\omega t \\
 &= \frac{V_m}{\pi} [-\cos \omega t]_{\alpha}^{\pi} \\
 &= -\frac{V_m}{\pi} [\cos \pi - \cos \alpha]
 \end{aligned}$$

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

RMS voltage.

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{rms} &= \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\alpha}^{\pi} (V_m \sin \omega t)^2 \, d\omega t \right\}^{1/2} \\
 \boxed{V_{rms} = \left\{ \frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[ \omega t - \frac{\sin 2\omega t}{2} \right]_{\alpha}^{\pi} \right\}^{1/2}} &= \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \left\{ \pi - \alpha + \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2} \right\}^{1/2}
 \end{aligned}$$

## 3 $\phi$ Controlled converters.

1 $\phi$  supply  $\rightarrow$  produces a relatively high proportion of a-c ripple-voltage at its d-c terminals which is an undesirable one.

Therefore, a smoothing reactor is necessary to smoothen the o/p voltage.

The need of smoothing can be minimised by increasing the number of pulses.

When the no. of pulses of the converter is  $\uparrow$ ed, the no. of segments that fabricate the o/p voltage also  $\uparrow$ s & consequently the ripple content  $\downarrow$ es.

3 $\phi$  rectifier ckt's are used for larger power applications.

### Classification of 3 $\phi$ controlled converters

- 1) 3-pulse converters
- 2) 6-pulse converters
- 3) 12-pulse converters.

3-pulse converters are also known as 3 $\phi$  half-wave controlled rectifier.

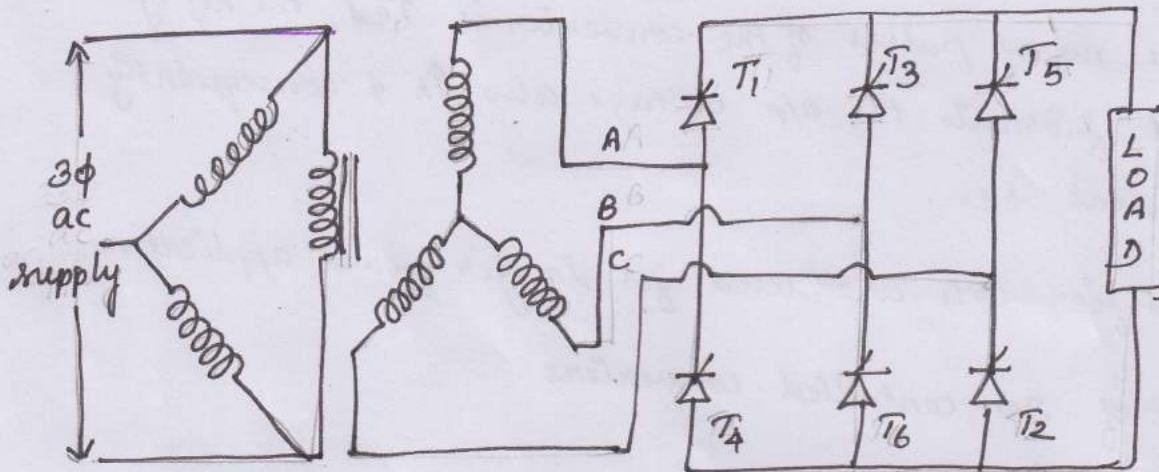
But the 3-pulse converters have not become very popular because of the fact that they require special types of converter transformers to prevent d-c magnetisation.



Six-pulse Converters have the following advantages compared to three-pulse converters

- 1) Commutation is made very easier.
- 2) Distortion on the a.c. side is reduced due to the reduction in lower-order harmonics.
- 3) Inductance required in series is considerably reduced

### 3 $\phi$ Fully controlled bridge converter



The load is fed via a 3 $\phi$  half-wave connection to one of the 3 supply lines, no neutral being required.

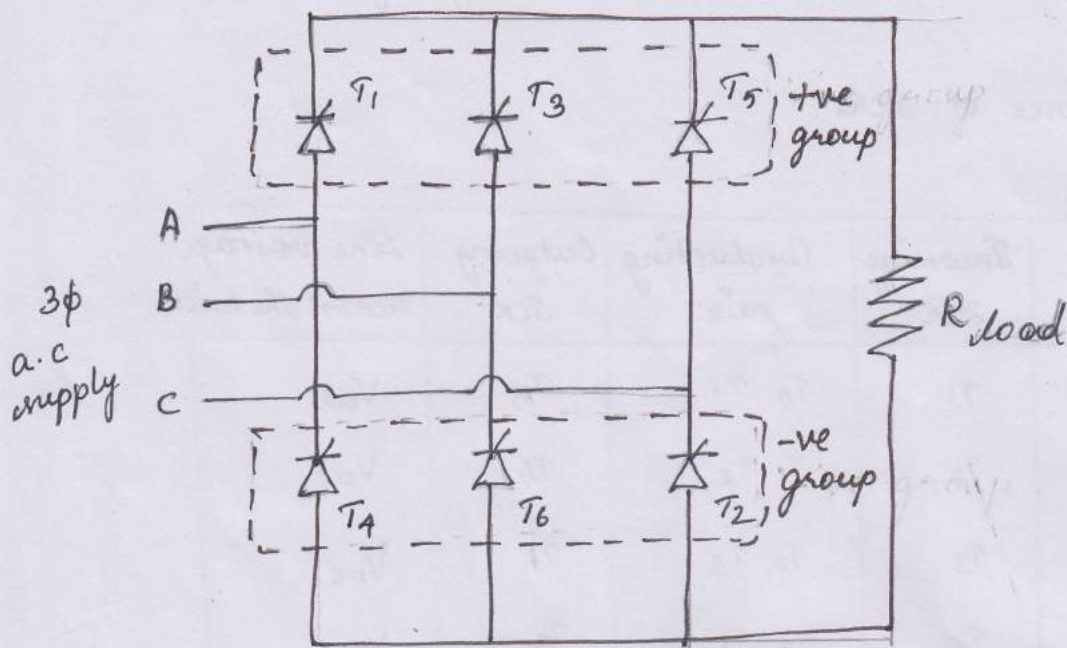
Hence transformer connection is optional.

However, for isolation of o/p from supply source, or for higher o/p requirements transformer is to be connected.

If it is ~~used~~ <sup>used</sup>, one winding <sup>is</sup> connected in delta by the delta connection gives the circulating path for 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic current.

$\therefore$  The 3<sup>rd</sup> order harmonic current does not appear in line which is an advantage.

## 3 $\phi$ Fully controlled bridge rectifier with R-load.



- \* The ckt consists of 2 groups of SCRs, +ve group & -ve group.
- \* +ve group is formed by T<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>3</sub> & T<sub>5</sub>.
- \* -ve group is " " T<sub>4</sub>, T<sub>6</sub> & T<sub>2</sub>.
- ✓ The +ve group devices are turned-on when the supply voltages are +ve.
- ✓ The -ve group devices are turned-on when the supply voltages are -ve.
- ✓ To start the ckt functioning, 2 thyristors must be fired at the same time in order to commence current-flow, one of the upper arm and one of the lower arm.
- \* Each device should be triggered at a desired firing angle ' $\alpha$ '.
- \* Each SCR can conduct for 120°.
- \* SCRs must be triggered in the sequence T<sub>1</sub>, T<sub>2</sub>, T<sub>3</sub>, T<sub>4</sub>, T<sub>5</sub> & T<sub>6</sub>.
- \* The phase shift between the triggering of two adjacent SCRs is 60°.
- \* At any instant, two SCRs can conduct and there are such 6 pairs.  
(T<sub>6</sub> T<sub>1</sub>), (T<sub>1</sub> T<sub>2</sub>), (T<sub>2</sub> T<sub>3</sub>), (T<sub>3</sub> T<sub>4</sub>), (T<sub>4</sub> T<sub>5</sub>) & (T<sub>5</sub> T<sub>6</sub>)



\* Each SCR conducts in 2 pairs  $\uparrow$ , each pair conducts for  $60^\circ$ .

\* The incoming SCR commutates the outgoing SCR.

Firing sequence of SCRs.

S. No	$\omega t$	Incoming SCR	Conducting pair	Outgoing SCR	Line voltage across the load
1.	$30^\circ + \alpha$	$T_1$	$T_6 T_1$	$T_5$	$V_{ab}$
2	$90^\circ + \alpha$	$T_2$	$T_1 T_2$	$T_6$	$V_{ac}$
3	$150^\circ + \alpha$	$T_3$	$T_2 T_3$	$T_4$	$V_{bc}$
4	$210^\circ + \alpha$	$T_4$	$T_3 T_4$	$T_2$	$V_{ba}$
5	$270^\circ + \alpha$	$T_5$	$T_4 T_5$	$T_3$	$V_{ca}$
6	$330^\circ + \alpha$	$T_6$	$T_5 T_6$	$T_4$	$V_{cb}$

\* When two SCRs are conducting, i.e., one from +ve group & one from -ve group, the corresponding line voltage ~~is~~ is applied across the load.

For 6-pulse operation, each SCR has to be fired twice in its conduction cycle, that is firing intervals should be  $60^\circ$ .

The  $\omega t$  voltage waveform for any value of  $\alpha$  is a 6 pulse wave with a ripple frequency of 300 Hz.

Continuous conduction mode ( $0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$ )

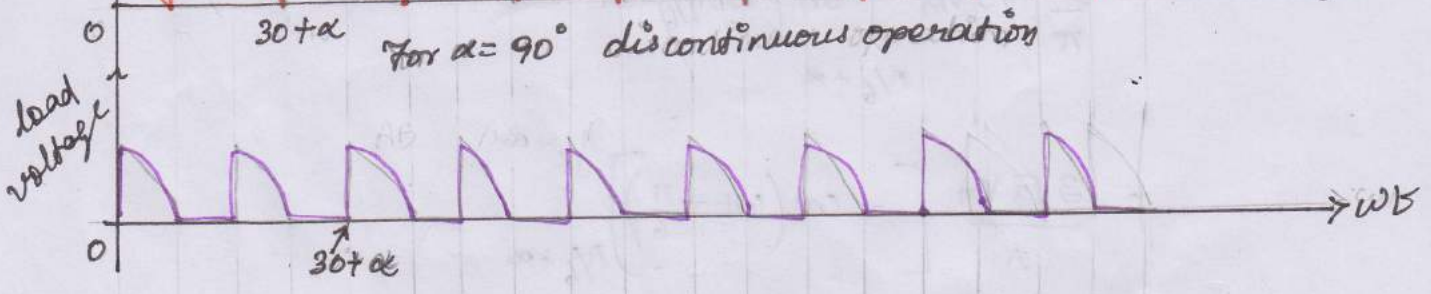
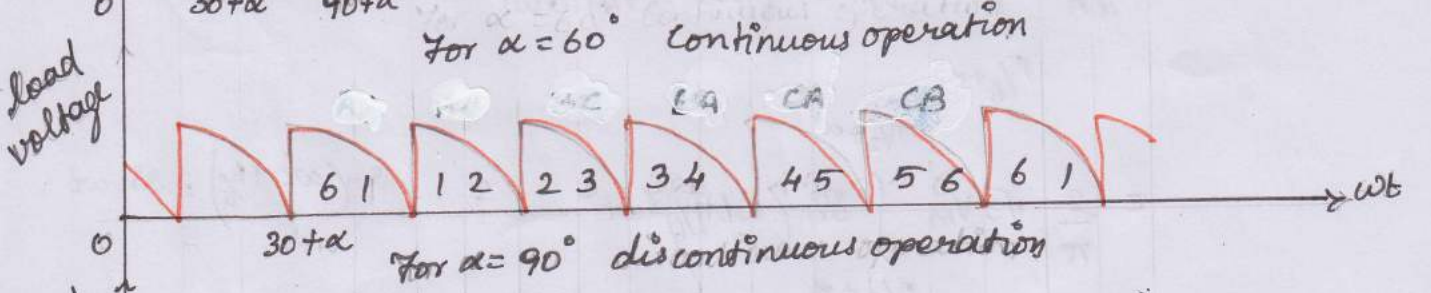
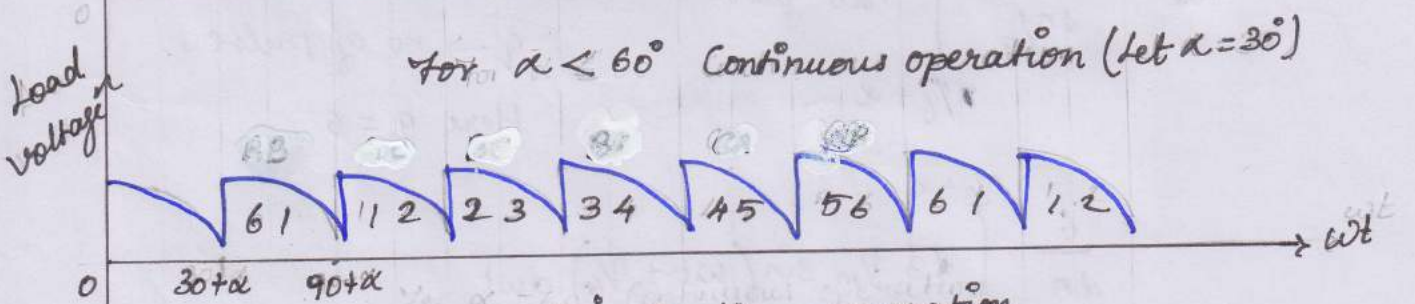
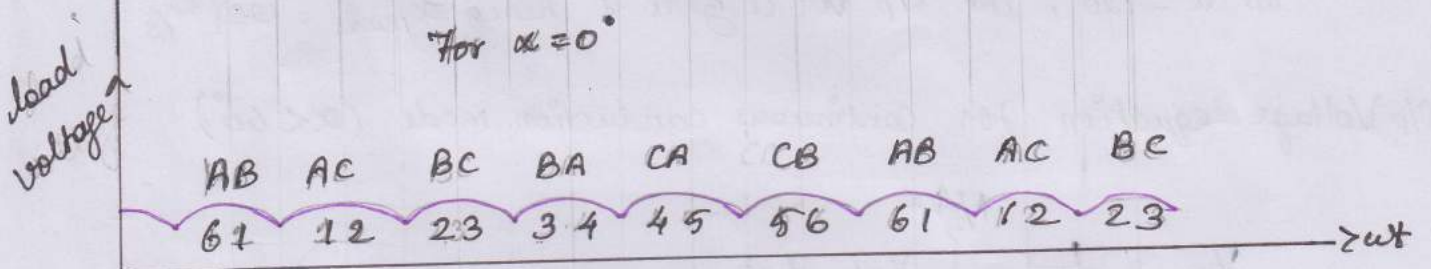
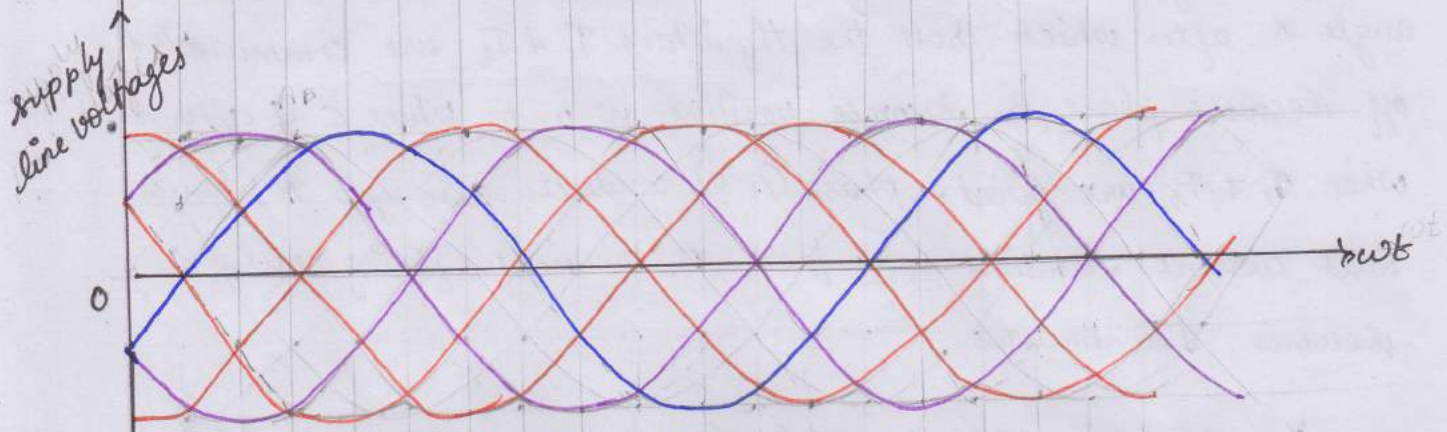
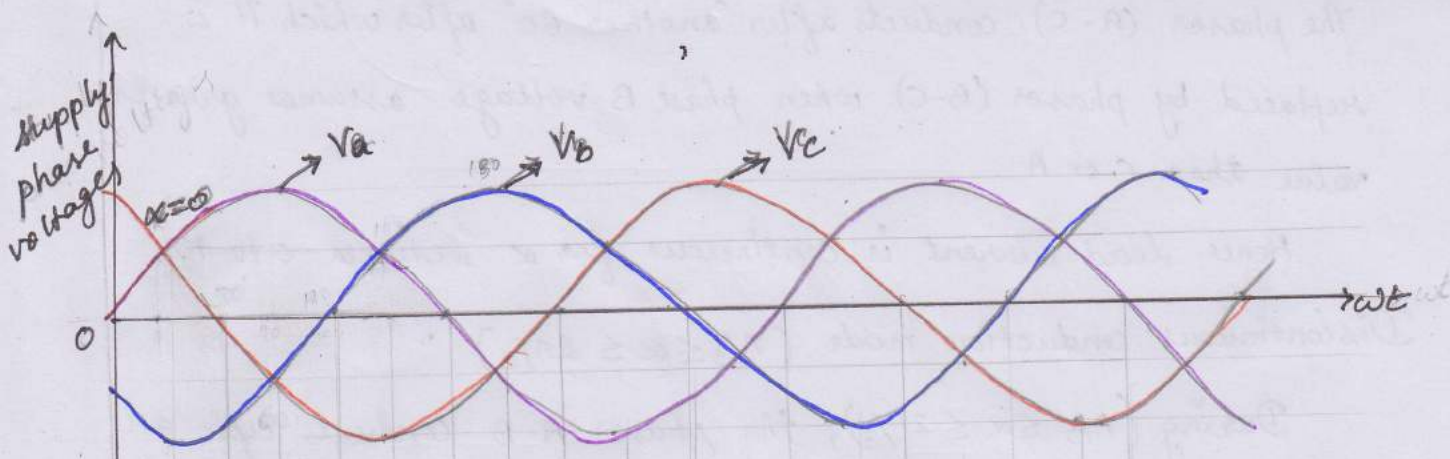
$$\alpha = 30^\circ$$

When the phasor (A-B) is allowed to conduct at  $\alpha$  between 0 to  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ , it continues to conduct by  $60^\circ$  when the phasor (A-C) is fired.

The conduction is shifted from SCR  $T_6$  to  $T_2$ .

$T_6$  is commutated by the reverse-voltage of phase C & B across it.







The phasor (A-C) conducts after another  $60^\circ$  after which it is replaced by phasor (B-C) when phase B voltage assumes greater value than C or A.

Hence load current is continuous for  $\alpha$  between 0 to  $\pi/3$ .

Discontinuous conduction mode ( $\pi/3 \leq \alpha \leq 2\pi/3$ )

During ( $\pi/3 \leq \alpha \leq 2\pi/3$ ), the phasor A-B conducts upto an angle  $\pi$  after which both the thyristors  $T_1$  &  $T_6$  are commutated off because phase B becomes positive w.r. to phase C & after  $60^\circ$ , when  $T_2$  &  $T_1$  are fired, phase (A-C) conducts also upto  $\pi$ , hence load current remains zero from  $\pi$  to next firing pulse & becomes discontinuous.

For  $\alpha = 120^\circ$ , the o/p vol is zero & hence  $\alpha_{max} = 120^\circ$  ( $2\pi/3$ )

O/p Voltage equation for continuous conduction mode ( $\alpha < 60^\circ$ )

$$V_{dc} = \frac{1}{2\pi/q} \int_{\pi/6+\alpha}^{\pi/2+\alpha} V_{ab} \, d\omega t$$

$q \rightarrow$  no of pulses.

Here  $q = 6$

$$= \frac{6}{2\pi} \int_{\pi/6+\alpha}^{\pi/2+\alpha} \sqrt{3} V_m \sin(\omega t + \pi/6) \, d\omega t$$

$$= \frac{3}{\pi} \sqrt{3} V_m \int_{\pi/6+\alpha}^{\pi/2+\alpha} \sin(\omega t + \pi/6) \, d\omega t$$

$$\sin(\omega t + \pi/6) = \sin \omega t$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{\pi} \left[ -\cos\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right]_{\pi/6+\alpha}^{\pi/2+\alpha}$$

$$= \frac{-3\sqrt{3} V_m}{\pi} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + \alpha + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \alpha\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3} + \alpha\right) \right] \\
&= -\frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \left[ \left( \cos\frac{2\pi}{3} \cos\alpha - \sin\frac{2\pi}{3} \sin\alpha \right) - \left( \frac{1}{2} \cos\alpha - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin\alpha \right) \right] \\
&= -\frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \left[ \left( -\frac{1}{2} \cos\alpha - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin\alpha \right) - \left( \frac{1}{2} \cos\alpha - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin\alpha \right) \right] \\
&= -\frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \cos\alpha - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin\alpha - \frac{1}{2} \cos\alpha + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin\alpha \right] \\
&= -\frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \left( -\frac{2\cos\alpha}{2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \cos\alpha$$

✓ For R + RL

Average load current ( $I_{dc}$ )

$$I_{dc} = \frac{V_{dc}}{R} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi R} \cos\alpha$$

O/p voltage equation for discontinuous conduction mode ( $\alpha > 60^\circ$ )

$$V_{dc} = \frac{6}{2\pi} \int_{\pi/6 + \alpha}^{5\pi/6} \sqrt{3} V_m \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) d\omega t$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \int_{\pi/6 + \alpha}^{5\pi/6} \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) d\omega t$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \left[ -\cos\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right]_{\pi/6 + \alpha}^{5\pi/6}$$

$$= -\frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{5\pi}{6} + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + \alpha + \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \right]$$



$$= \frac{-3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \left[ \cos \frac{\theta\pi}{\beta} - \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{3} + \alpha \right) \right]$$

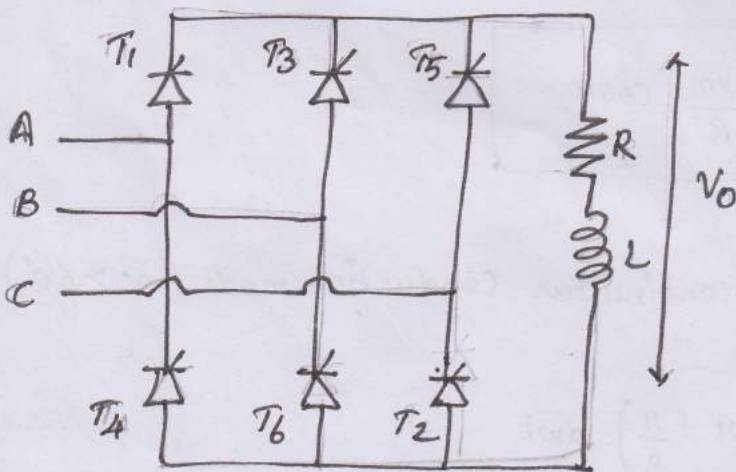
$$= \frac{-3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \left[ -1 - \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{3} + \alpha \right) \right]$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}V_m}{\pi} \left[ 1 + \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{3} + \alpha \right) \right]$$

Avg load current

$$I_{dc} = \frac{V_{dc}}{R} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\pi R} \left[ 1 + \cos \left( \frac{\pi}{3} + \alpha \right) \right]$$

3 $\phi$  Fully controlled bridge rectifier with RL Load



The load inductance is assumed <sup>to</sup> be very large so as to produce a constant load current.

Operation & Conduction sequence same like R load, Waveforms are similar with R-load for  $\alpha = 0^\circ, 30^\circ + 60^\circ$

✓ For  $\alpha > 60^\circ$ , the waveforms are different.

✓ Because of inductive nature of load, the voltage goes -ve.

✓ The previous thyristor pair continues to conduct till the next SCR is triggered.

For eg:  $T_6$  &  $T_1$  continuous to conduct upto  $(90 + \alpha)$  till thyristor  $T_2$  is triggered and when  $T_2$  is triggered it commutates the SCR  $T_6$  and so  $T_1$  &  $T_2$  starts conducting.

✓ For  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ , the area under the +ve & -ve cycle are equal & the average voltage is zero.

✓ For  $\alpha < 90^\circ$ , the average o/p voltage is positive

As the firing angle changes from 0 to  $90^\circ$ , the voltage also changes from maximum to zero & the converter is said to be in rectification mode.

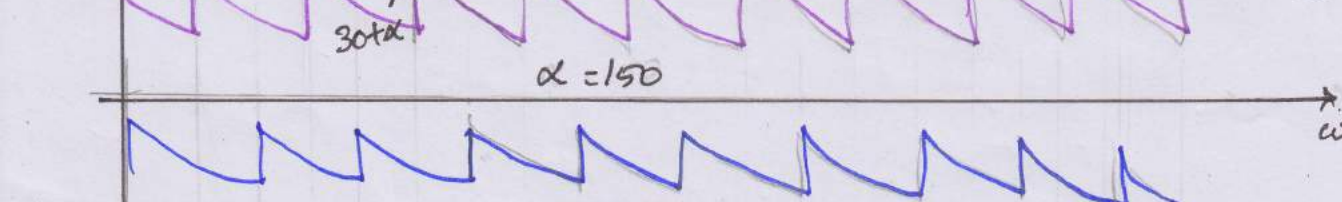
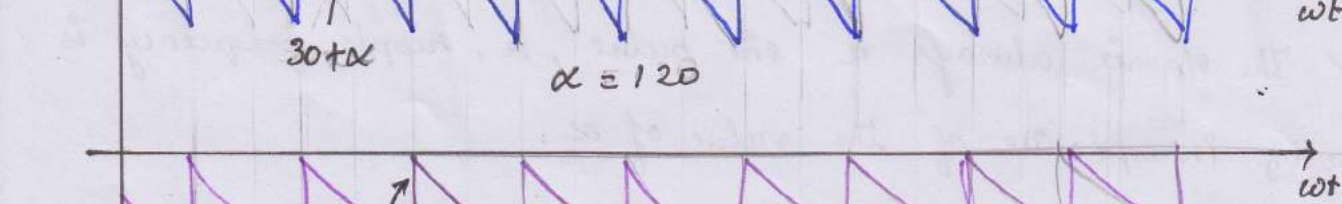
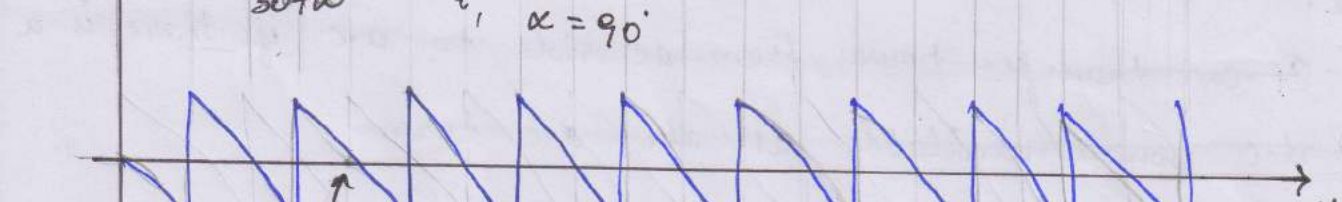
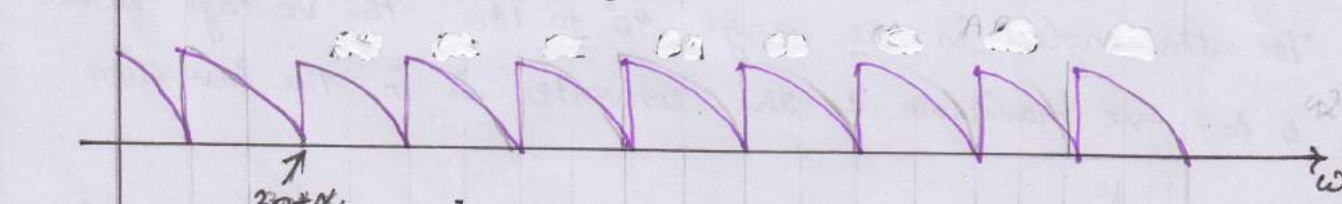
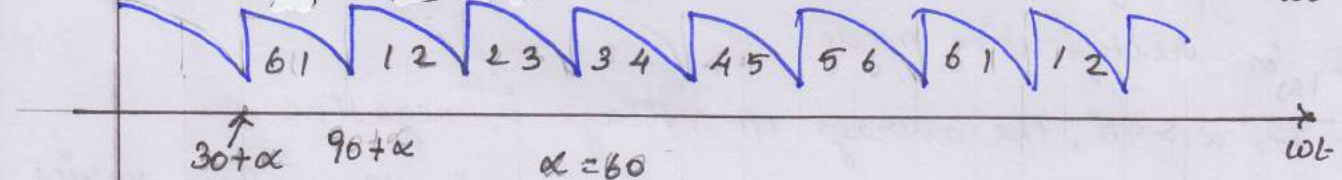
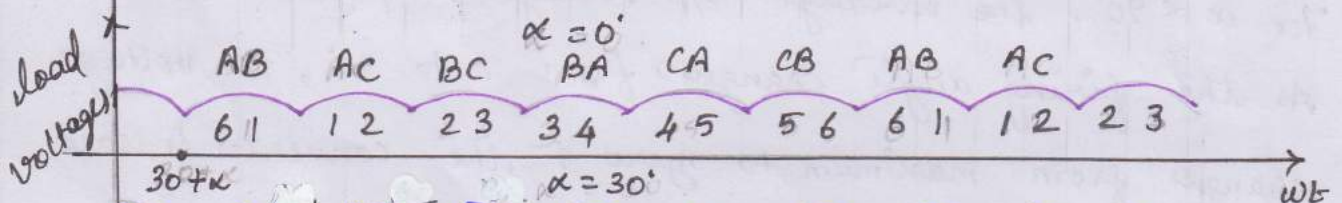
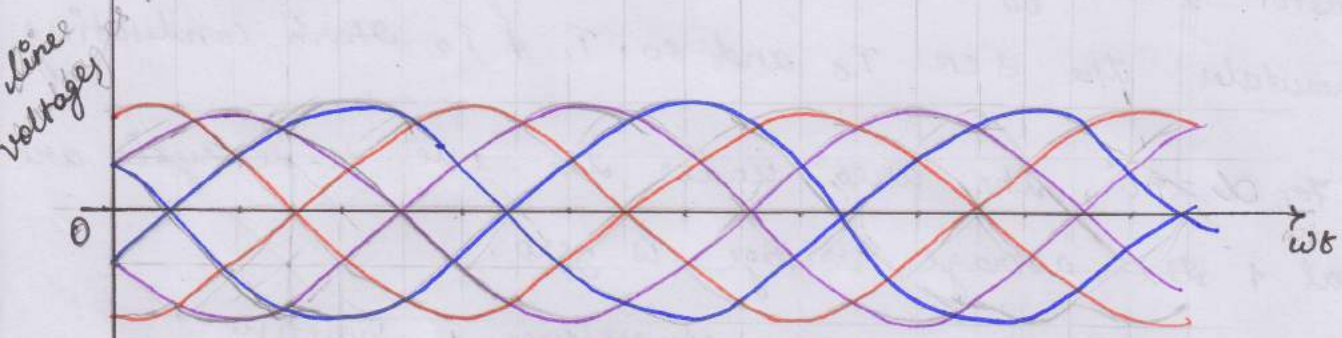
✓ For  $\alpha > 90^\circ$ , the average o/p voltage is negative.

For the angles in the range  $90^\circ$  to  $180^\circ$ , the voltage varies from 0 to -ve maximum & the converter is in the inversion mode.

~~It can transfer power from dc side to a.c if there is a -ve d.c source available at the d.c term.~~

✓ The o/p is always a six pulse, i.e., ripple frequency is  $300\text{Hz}$  irrespective of the value of  $\alpha$ .





Average of voltage and current similar to R load of continuous conduction

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m \cos \alpha}{\pi} \quad \text{for } (0 \leq \alpha \leq 180^\circ)$$

$\alpha < 90^\circ \rightarrow$  rectification mode.

$\alpha > 90^\circ \rightarrow$  inversion mode.

RMS of voltage.

$$V_{rms} = \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} V_{dc}^2(\omega t) d\omega t \right]^{1/2}$$

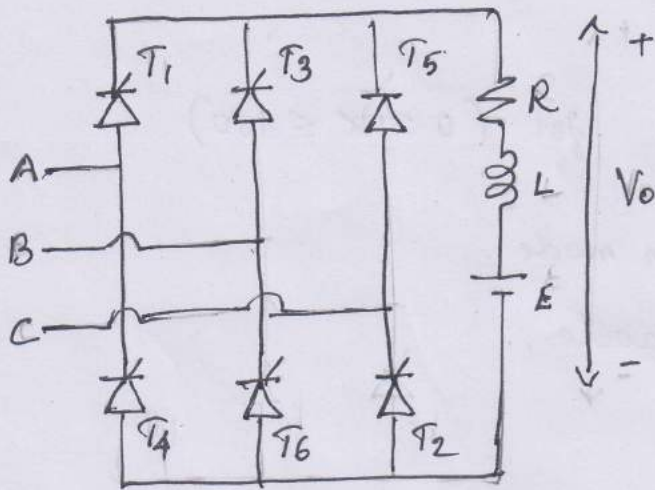
$$= \left[ \frac{6}{2\pi} \int_{\pi/6+\alpha}^{\pi/2+\alpha} [V_{ab}(\omega t)]^2 d\omega t \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{9V_m^2}{2\pi} \left( 60^\circ + \frac{1}{2} (\sqrt{3} \cos 2\alpha) \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= \frac{3V_m}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\pi} \cos 2\alpha \right]^{1/2}$$



# 3 $\phi$ ~~Full~~<sup>bridge</sup> converters with RLE Load



The 3 $\phi$  full bridge converter will work as a 3 $\phi$  ac to dc converter for firing angle delay  $0^\circ < \alpha \leq 90^\circ$  and as 3 $\phi$  line-commutated inverter for  $90^\circ < \alpha < 180^\circ$ .

Thus this 3 $\phi$  full converter is preferred where regeneration of power is required.

For  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ , T<sub>1</sub> to T<sub>6</sub> behave like diodes.

For  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ , T<sub>1</sub> is triggered at  $\omega t = 30^\circ + 60^\circ = 90^\circ$ .

Similarly T<sub>2</sub> triggered at  $\omega t = 90^\circ + 60^\circ = 150^\circ$  & so on.

Each SCR conducts for  $120^\circ$ .

Conduction sequence =

- T<sub>5</sub> T<sub>6</sub>
- T<sub>6</sub> T<sub>1</sub>
- T<sub>1</sub> T<sub>2</sub>
- T<sub>2</sub> T<sub>3</sub>
- T<sub>3</sub> T<sub>4</sub>
- T<sub>4</sub> T<sub>5</sub>
- T<sub>5</sub> T<sub>6</sub> & repeats.

The SCRs from both the groups (positive or negative) are fired at an interval of  $60^\circ$ .

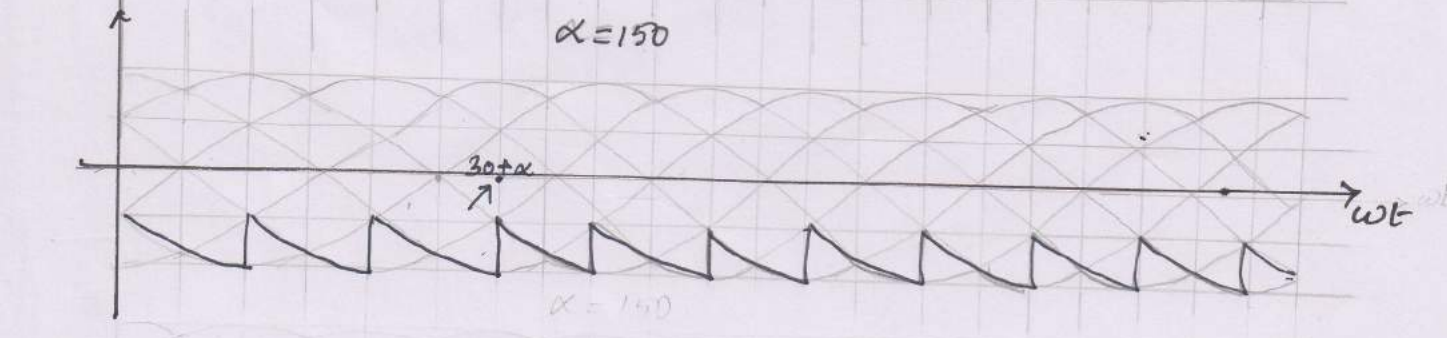
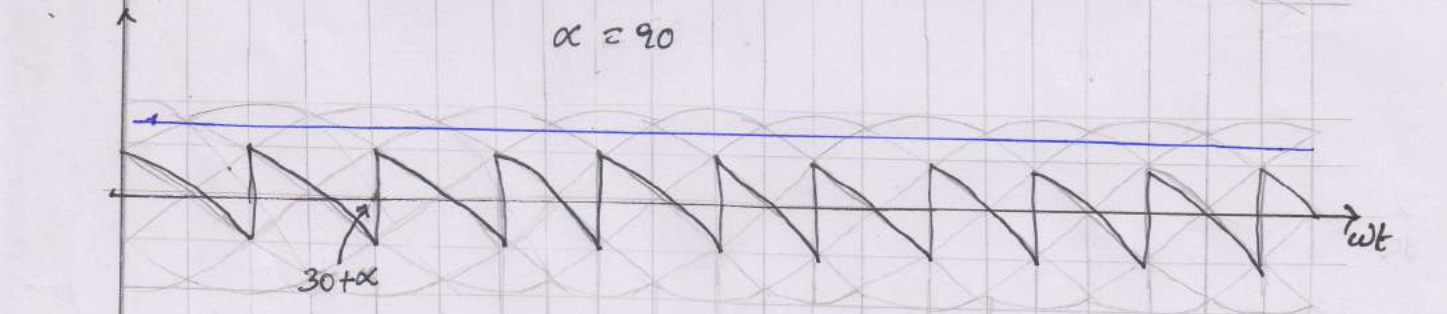
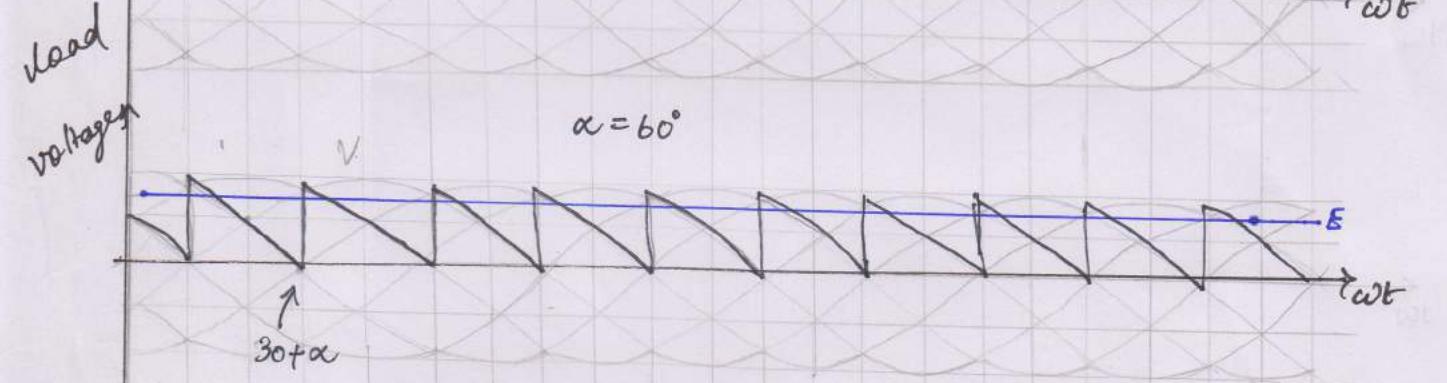
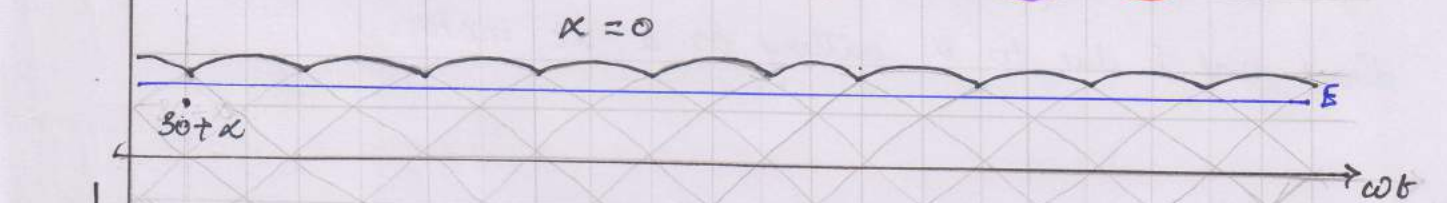
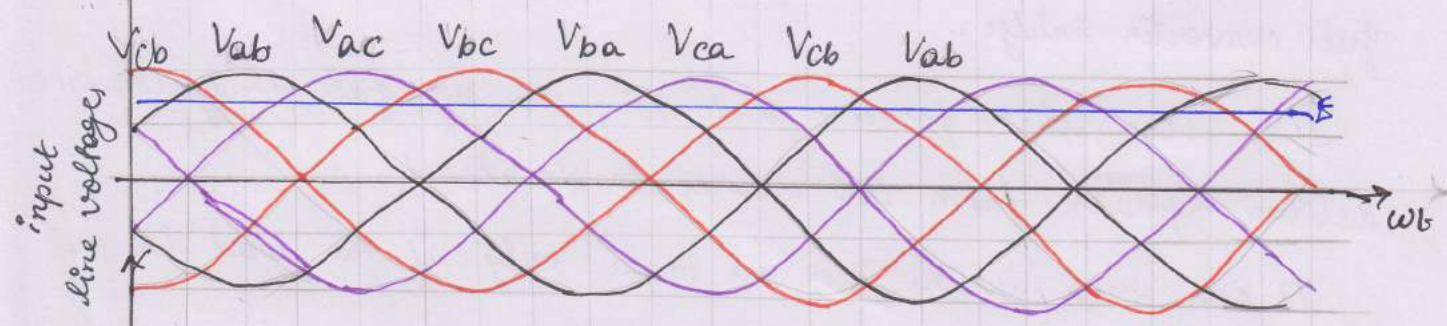
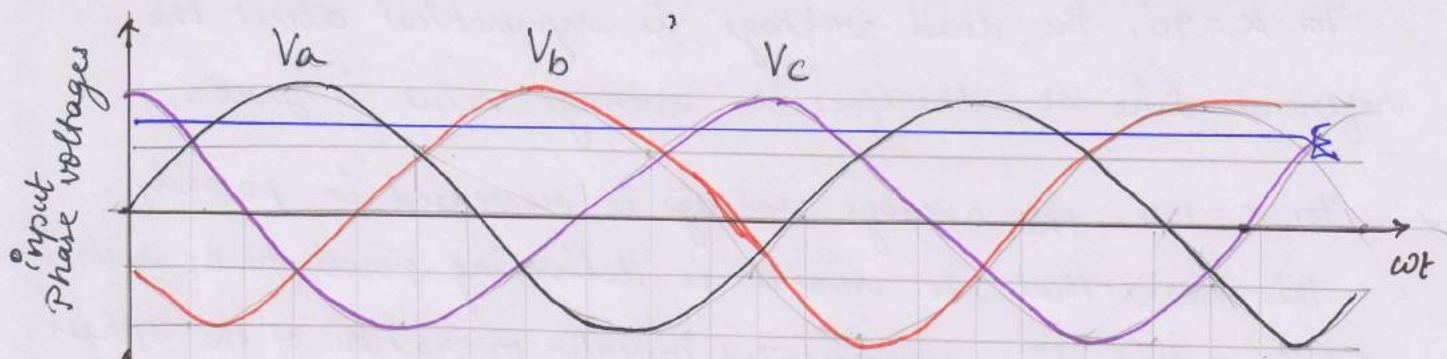
This means that commutation occurs every  $60^\circ$ .

When T<sub>1</sub> is turned on, T<sub>5</sub> is turned off. T<sub>6</sub> is already

conducting.

As T<sub>1</sub> & T<sub>6</sub> are connected to A & B, load voltage must be  $V_{ab}$ .

When T<sub>2</sub> is turned on, T<sub>6</sub> is commutated.





For  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ , the load voltage is symmetrical about the reference line  $\omega t$ , therefore its average value is zero.

For  $\alpha = 150^\circ$ , the average voltage is reversed in polarity.

This means that dc source is delivering power to ac source; this is called line-commutated inverter operation of the 3 phase full converter bridge.

It is seen that for  $\alpha = 0^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$ , the 3 $\phi$  full bridge converter delivers power from ac source to dc load.

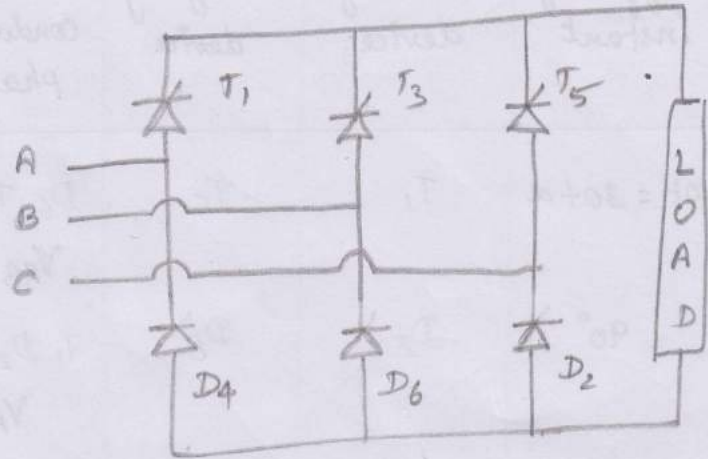
It can work in the inverter mode only if the load has a direct emf  $E$  due to a battery or a dc motor.



3 $\phi$  Half controlled bridge converter / (3 $\phi$  semi converter) (or) 3-pulse converter.

The circuit contains 3 SCRs & 3 diodes.

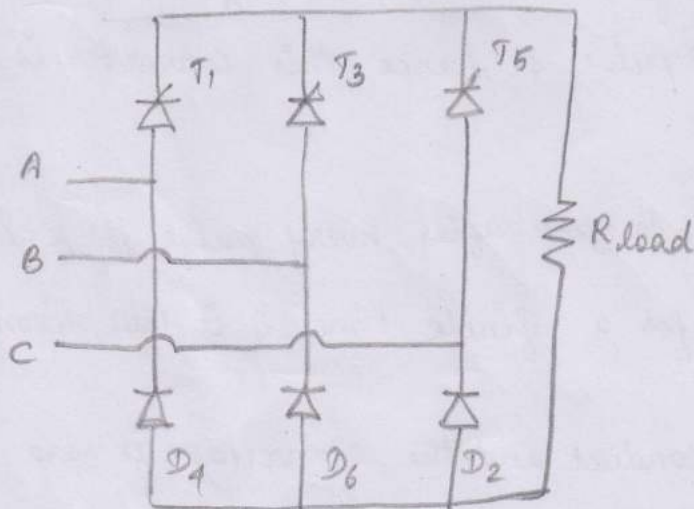
Here asymmetrical configuration is not used because it introduces imbalance in line-currents on the a.c side.



Operates in one quadrant only. Hence can be used for industrial applications upto 120 kW level.

If delay angle of this converter is  $\alpha$ , the P.F is  $\cos \alpha$ .

Operation with Resistive load.



\* Diode starts conducting as soon as they are forward-biased

\* Line voltages conducts in the sequence  $V_{AB}$ ,  $V_{AC}$ ,  $V_{BC}$ ,  $V_{BA}$ ,  $V_{CA}$  and  $V_{CB}$ .

\* A line voltage which has the highest value compared to others will conduct, i.e., when it makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with neutral.



## Incoming, Outgoing + conducting devices.

S. No	Triggering instant	Incoming device	Outgoing device	Pair conducting + phasor	Conducting period of each pair	conducting period of outgoing device
1.	$\omega t = 30 + \alpha$	$T_1$	$T_5$	$D_6 T_1$ $V_{AB}$	$60 - \alpha$	$120^\circ$
2.	$90^\circ$	$D_2$	$D_6$	$T_1 D_2$ $V_{AC}$	$60 + \alpha$	$120^\circ$
3.	$150 + \alpha$	$T_3$	$T_1$	$D_2 T_3$ $V_{BC}$	$60 - \alpha$	$120^\circ$
4.	$210$	$D_4$	$D_2$	$T_3 D_4$ $V_{BA}$	$60 + \alpha$	$120^\circ$
5.	$270 + \alpha$	$T_5$	$T_3$	$D_4 T_5$ $V_{CA}$	$60 - \alpha$	$120^\circ$
6.	$330$	$D_6$	$D_4$	$T_5 D_6$ $V_{CB}$	$60 + \alpha$	$120^\circ$

- ✓ For  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ , the o/p voltage waveform is a 6 pulse o/p.
- ✓ For  $\alpha \geq 30^\circ$ , the o/p is only a 3 pulse & hence this converter is known as 3-pulse converter.
- ✓ The o/p voltage waveforms goes to zero after every pulse for  $\alpha = 60^\circ$  & for  $\alpha > 60^\circ$ , it remains zero for a finite time & is thus discontinuous.
- ✓ For  $\alpha = 180^\circ$ , no phasor can conduct and the o/p voltage is zero.

For  $\alpha \leq 60^\circ$ , Average dc of voltage

$$V_{dc} = 3 \times \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[ \int_{30+\alpha}^{90} V_{ab} dt + \int_{90}^{150+\alpha} V_{ac} dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{3}{2\pi} \left[ \int_{30+\alpha}^{90} \sqrt{3} V_m \sin(\omega t + 30) dt + \int_{90}^{150+\alpha} \sqrt{3} V_m \sin(\omega t - 30) dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} \left[ \int_{30+\alpha}^{90} \sin(\omega t + 30) dt + \int_{90}^{150+\alpha} \sin(\omega t - 30) dt \right]$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} \left\{ \left[ -\cos(\omega t + 30) \right]_{30+\alpha}^{90} + \left[ -\cos(\omega t - 30) \right]_{90}^{150+\alpha} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} \left[ -\left[ \cos(90+30) - \cos(60+\alpha) \right] - \left[ \cos(120+\alpha) - \cos 60 \right] \right]$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} \left[ -(-\sin 30) + \cos(60+\alpha) - \cos(120+\alpha) + \cos 60 \right]$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} \left[ +\frac{1}{2} + \cos(60+\alpha) - \cos(120+\alpha) + \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} \left[ 1 + \cos(60+\alpha) - \cos(120+\alpha) \right]$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} \left[ 1 + (\cos 60 \cos \alpha - \sin 60 \sin \alpha) - (\cos 120 \cos \alpha - \sin 60 \sin \alpha) \right]$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cos \alpha - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \cos \alpha + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \sin \alpha \right]$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha)$$



For  $\alpha \geq 60^\circ$ ,

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3}{2\pi} \int_{30+\alpha}^{210} V_{ac} \, d\omega t$$

$$= \frac{3}{2\pi} \int_{30+\alpha}^{210} \sqrt{3} V_m \sin(\omega t - 30) \, d\omega t$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} \left[ -\cos(\omega t - 30) \right]_{30+\alpha}^{210}$$

$$= -\frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} \left[ \cos 180 - \cos(360 + \alpha - 360) \right]$$

$$= \frac{-3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} \left[ -1 - \cos \alpha \right]$$

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha)$$

RMS o/p voltage

$$V_{rms} = \left[ \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} V_{dc}^2 \, d\omega t \right]^{1/2}$$

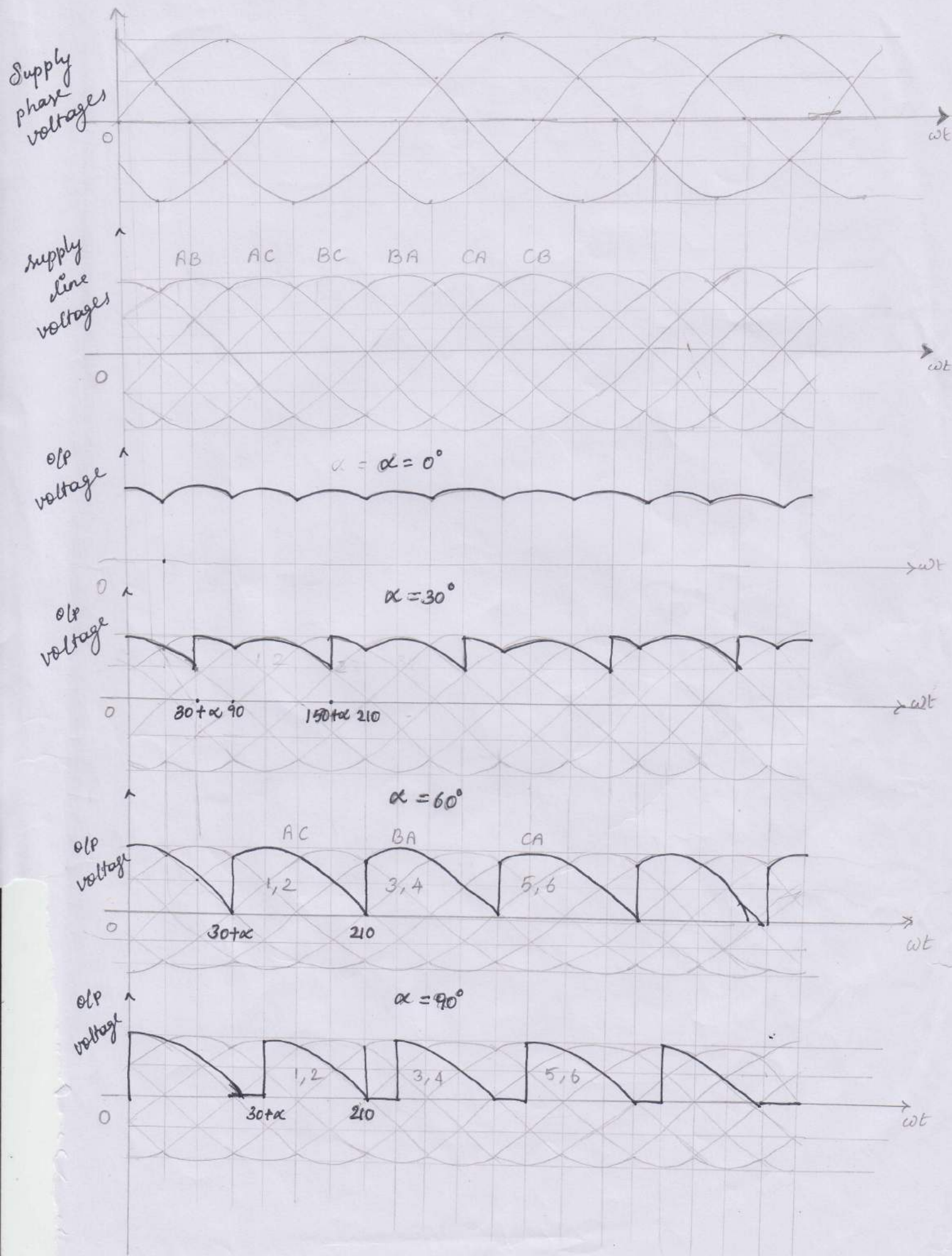
$$\text{For } \alpha \leq 60^\circ = \left\{ \frac{3}{2\pi} \left[ \int_{30+\alpha}^{90} V_{ab}^2(\omega t) \, d\omega t + \int_{90}^{150+\alpha} V_{ac}^2(\omega t) \, d\omega t \right] \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$V_{rms} = \frac{3}{2} V_m \left[ \frac{2}{3} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\pi} (1 + \cos 2\alpha) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\text{For } \alpha > 60^\circ = \left\{ \frac{3}{2\pi} \int_{30+\alpha}^{210} V_{ac}^2(\omega t) \, d\omega t \right\}^{1/2}$$

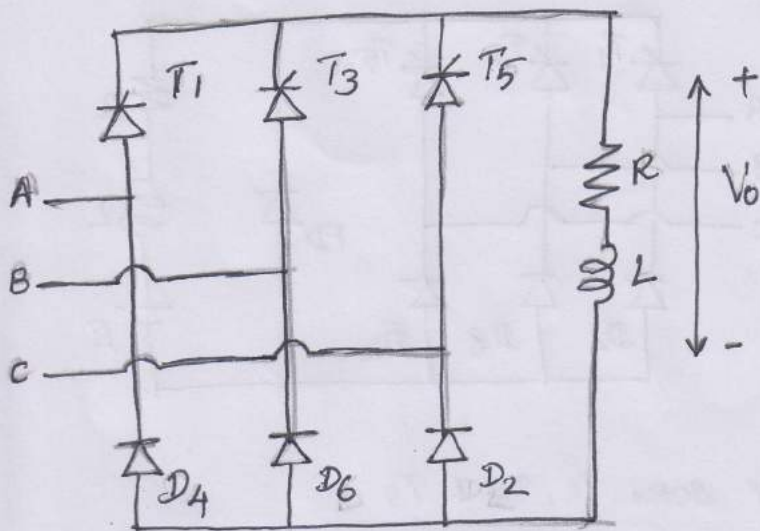
$$V_{rms} = \frac{3 V_m}{2} \left[ \frac{\pi - \alpha + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\alpha}{\pi} \right]^{1/2}$$

# 3 $\phi$ Half controlled bridge rectifier (R load) & RL load.





3 $\phi$  Half controlled converter with, RL Load.



The value of inductance ( $L$ ) is assumed to be so large.

Hence the o/p current is continuous waveform.

The voltage waveform is 111 $\pi$  to that of Resistive load.

Hence, the avg & RMS values of o/p voltage waveform are same.

continuous conduction mode.

The o/p ~~of~~ waveform is continuous for  $\alpha < 60^\circ$  & is ripple free as shown for  $\alpha = 30^\circ$ .

The Form Factor of current waveform is unity & the ripple factor is zero.

Discontinuous conduction mode.

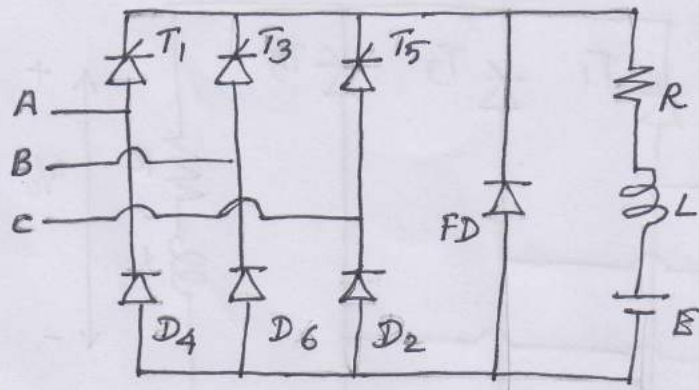
For  $\alpha > 60^\circ$ , the o/p voltage becomes zero during a part of the o/p voltage period because of freewheeling action.

Waveforms & avg o/p voltages are 111 $\pi$  to 3 $\phi$  semiconverter with R load.

$$i.e., V_0(\text{avg}) = \frac{3\sqrt{3} V_m}{2\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha)$$

## 3 $\phi$ Semiconverter with RLE load & FD

A free wheeling diode FD, is connected in parallel with RLE load, i.e. across the o/p terminals of the semiconverter.



The o/p voltage  $V_o$  across the load terminals is controlled

by varying the firing angles of SCRs  $T_1$ ,  $T_3$  &  $T_5$ .

The diodes  $D_4$ ,  $D_6$  &  $D_2$  provide merely a return path for the current to the most negative line terminal.

Each SCR & diode conduct for  $120^\circ$ .

For  $\alpha = 0^\circ$ , the thyristors  $T_1$ ,  $T_3$  &  $T_5$  would behave as diodes & the o/p voltage of semiconverter would be symmetrical 6-pulse per cycle.

A 3 $\phi$  semiconverter has the unique feature of working as a 6-pulse converter for  $\alpha < 60^\circ$  and as a 3-pulse converter for  $\alpha \geq 60^\circ$ .

For  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ , the thyristors are fired so that current returns through one diode during each  $120^\circ$  conduction period.

For voltage  $V_{ac}$ ,  $T_1$  and  $D_2$  conduct simultaneously for  $120^\circ$ .

Similarly other elements conduct.

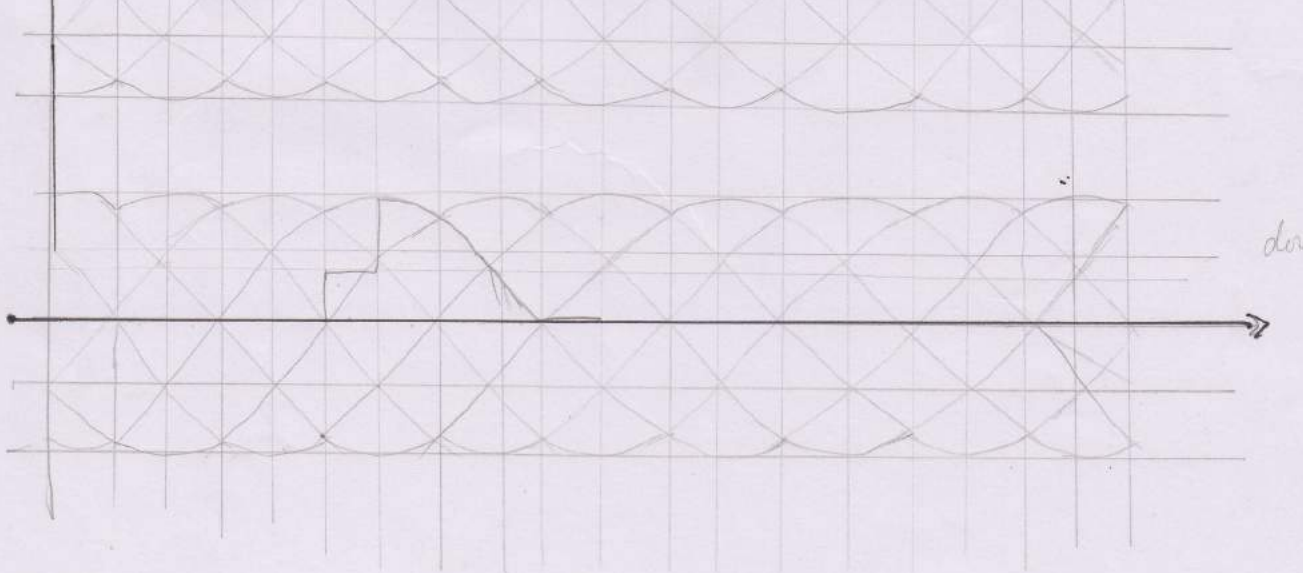
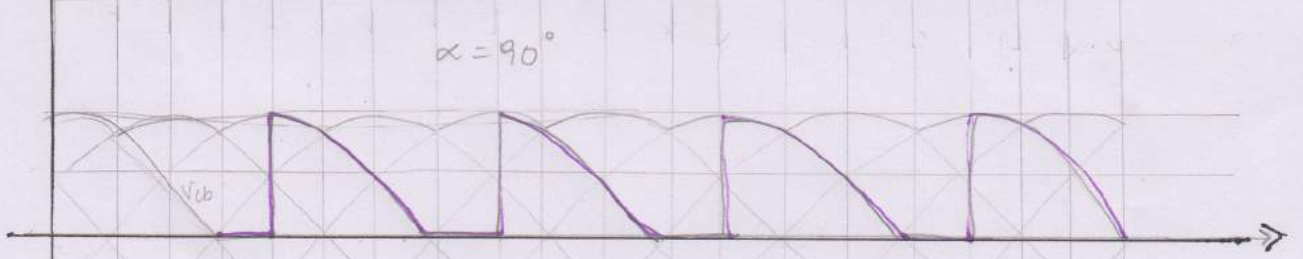
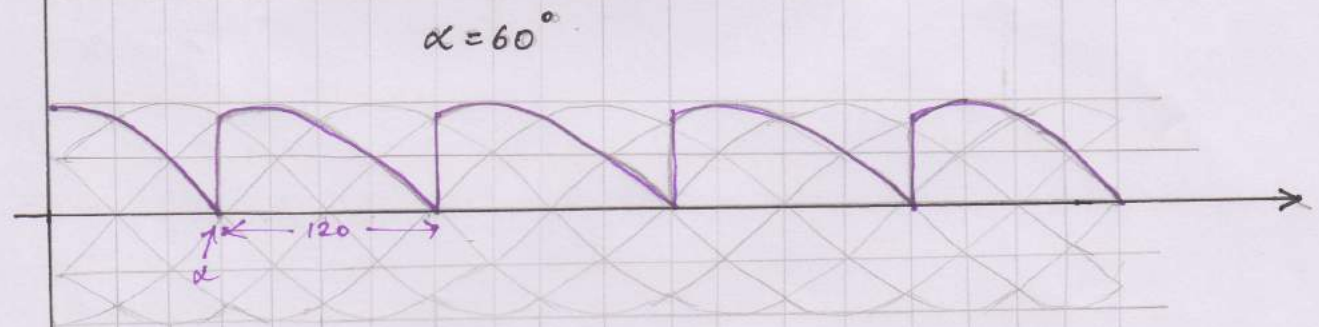
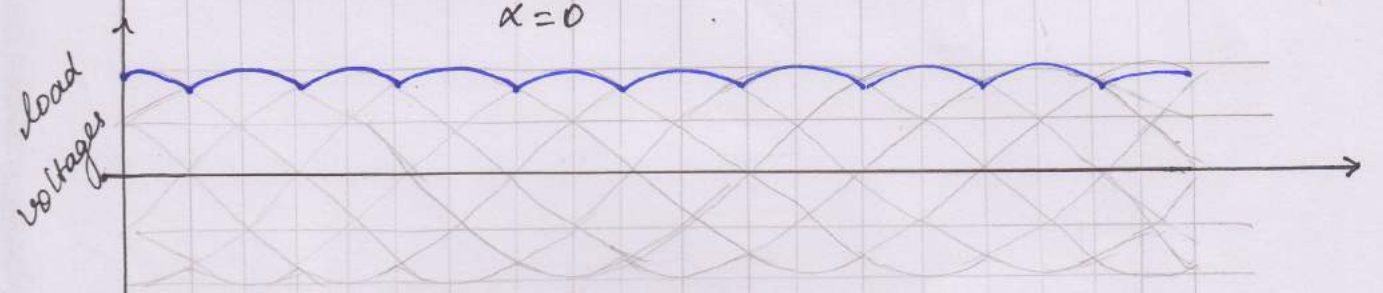
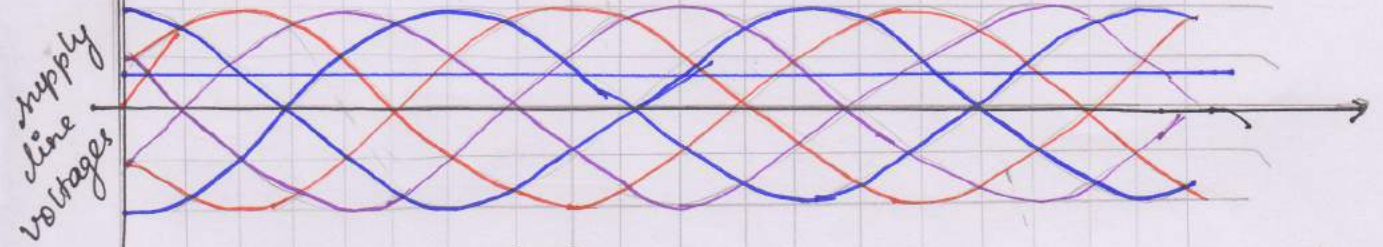
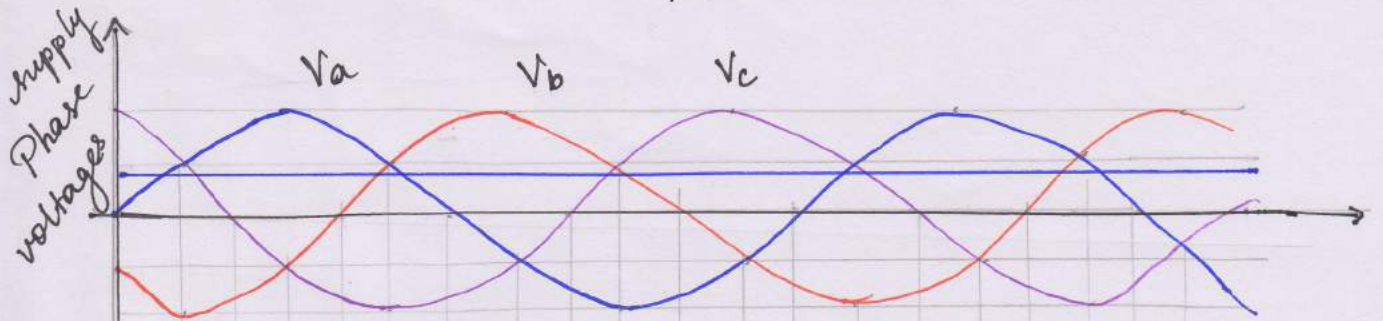
The free wheeling diode does not come into play even for  $\alpha = 60^\circ$ .

The voltage pulses  $V_{ab}$ ,  $V_{bc}$ ,  $V_{ca}$  do not appear in the o/p voltage waveform for  $\alpha \geq 60^\circ$ .

For firing angle delay of  $90^\circ$ , the o/p voltage  $V_o$  is discontinuous.

For  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ , the conduction angle of SCRs and diodes is seen to be less than  $120^\circ$  for every o/p pulse.





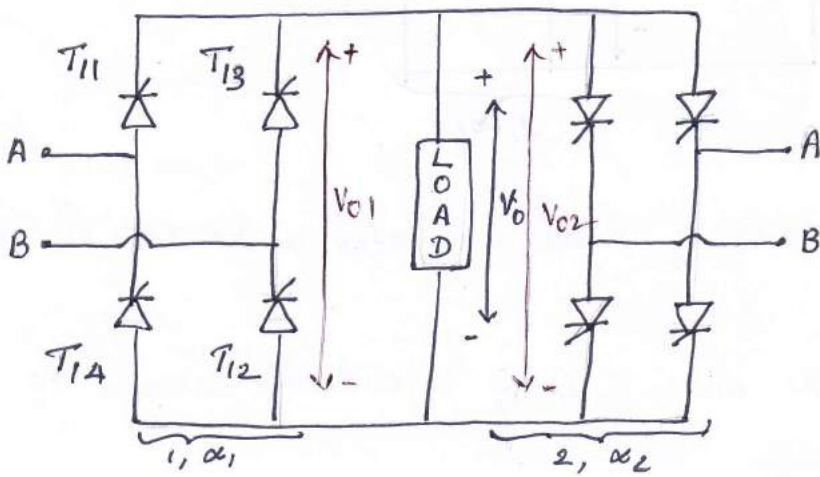
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## Dual converters

- ✓ Semi converters are single quadrant converters
- ✓ The avg tve voltage and current of the semi converter indicates rectification mode & the power flow from ac source to dc load.
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### Dual converter without circulating current

- \* With non-circulating current dual converter, only one converter is in operation at a time and it alone carries the entire load current.
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\* Suppose converter 1 is in operation & is supplying the load current.

\* For blocking converter 1 and switching on converter 2, first the firing pulses to converter 1 are immediately removed or the firing angle of converter 1 is increased to maximum value & then its firing pulses are blocked.

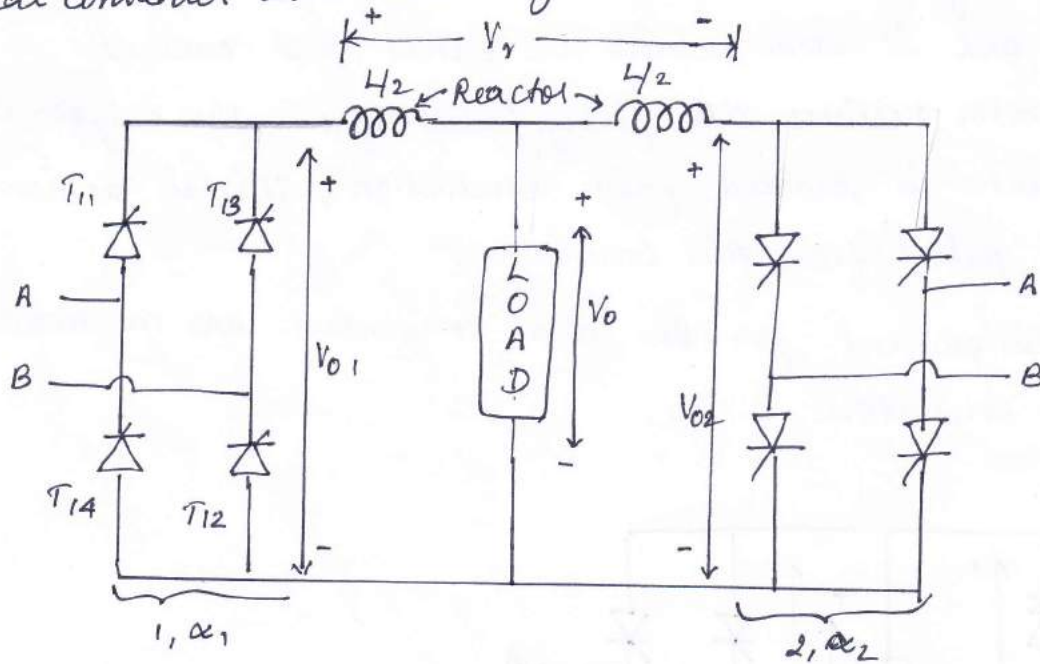
\* With this, load current would decay to zero & then only converter 2 is made to conduct by applying the firing pulses to it.

\* It should be ensured that during changeover from one converter to the other, the load current must decay to zero.

\* After the outgoing converter has stopped conducting, a delay time of 10 to 20 msec is introduced before the firing pulses are applied to switch on the incoming converter.

\* If the incoming converter is triggered before the outgoing converter has been completely turned-off a large circulating current would flow between the two converters.

Dual converter with circulating current.



• In the circulating mode of dual converter, a reactor is inserted in-between converters 1 & 2.

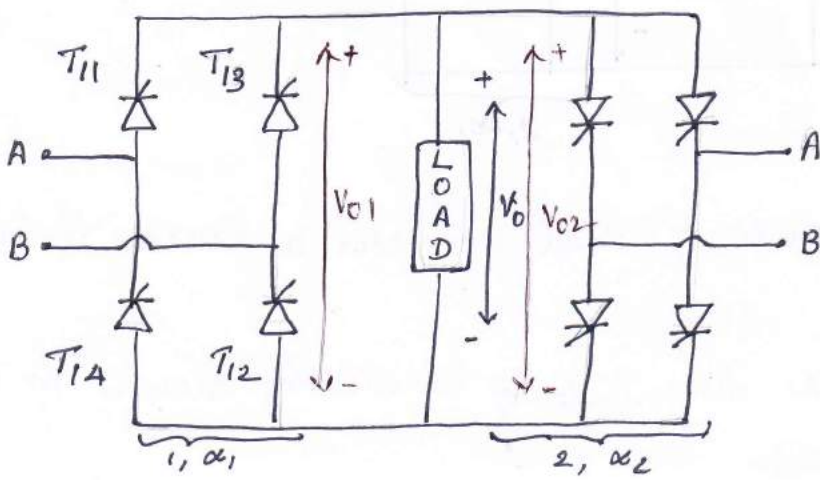
• This reactor limits the magnitude of circulating current to a reasonable value.

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The firing pulses of the two converters are so adjusted that  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = 180^\circ$ .

For eg, if firing angle of conv-1 is  $60^\circ$ , then firing angle of conv-2 must be  $120^\circ$ .

Therefore for these firing angles, conv-1 is working as a rectifier and conv-2 as an inverter.

Though the o/p vol at the terminals of both conv 1 & 2 has the same avg value & also has the same polarity, their instantaneous o/p vol waveforms, however are not similar as shown by  $v_{o1}$  &  $v_{o2}$ .

As a consequence of it, circulating current flows between the two converters.

This circulating current is limited by the reactor.

If the load current is to be reversed, the role of two converters is interchanged.

The normal delay period of 10 to 20 msec, as required in non-circulating operation, is not needed here.

This makes the dual converter with circulating current operation faster.

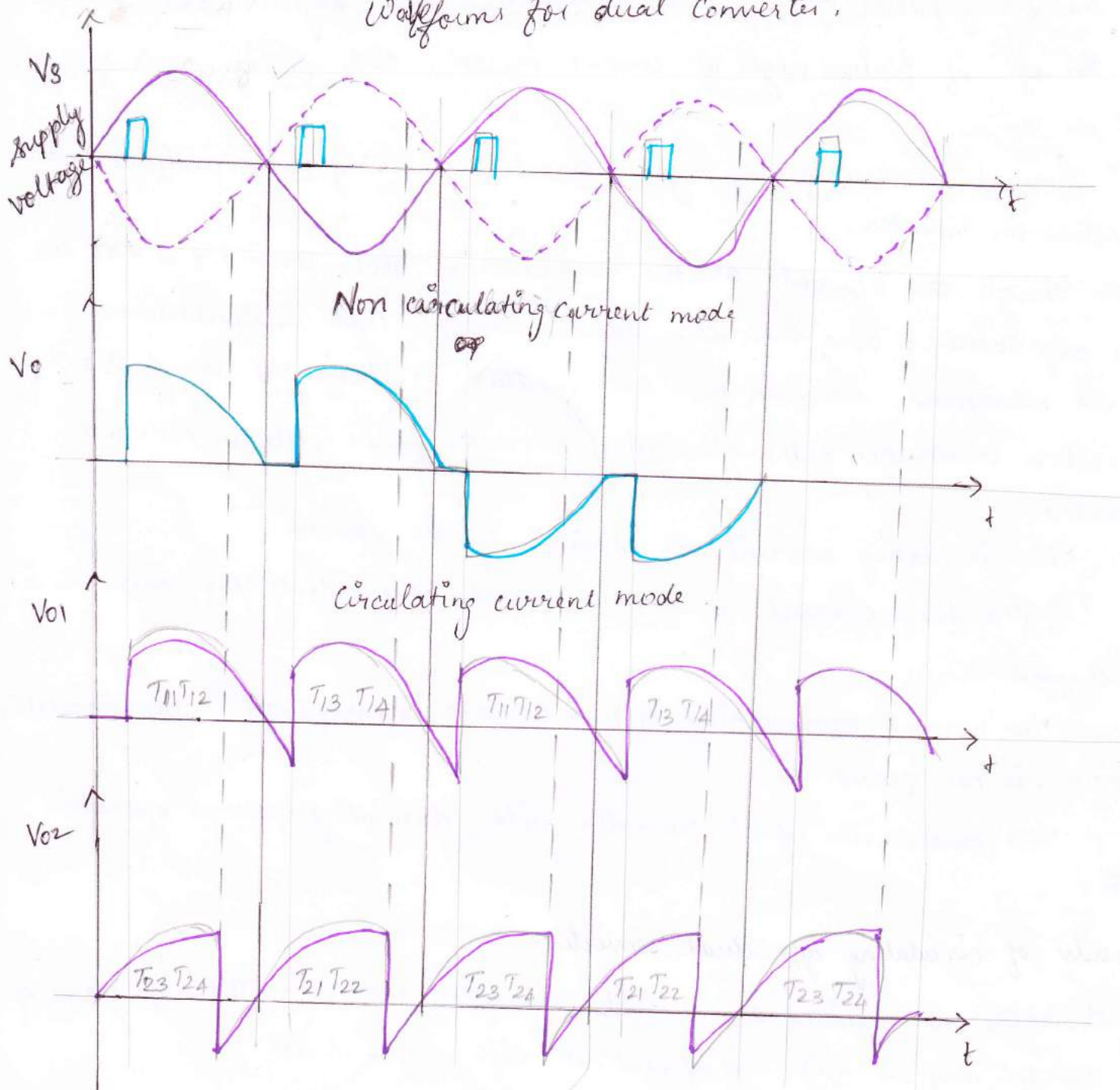
Disadv of circulating type dual converter.

i) A reactor is required to limit the circulating current. The size & cost of this reactor may be quite significant at high power levels.

ii) Circulating current gives rise to more losses in the converters, hence the efficiency & power factor are low.

iii) As the converters have to handle load as well as circulating currents, the thyristors for the two converters are rated for higher currents.

# Waveforms for dual Converter.





Average load current ( $I_o$ )

$$I_{dc} \text{ (or) } I_o = \frac{V_o}{R}$$

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

RMS load voltage ( $V_{rms}$ )

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

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

$$= \left[ \frac{V_m^2}{2\pi} \left[ \omega t - \frac{\sin 2\omega t}{2} \right]_{\alpha}^{\pi} \right]^{1/2}$$

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

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

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

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