

Fuzzy Logic Based Closed loop control scheme for Voltage doublers based DC – DC Converter

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Abstract: —

The paper proposes a high step up boost converter with coupled-inductor and voltage-doubler circuits is proposed. The proposed converter has used a coupled inductor with switched capacitors. The capacitors were made to get charged in parallel and were made to get discharged in series by the configuration to achieve high step up voltage gain. And the voltage across the load is maintained constant by using a closed loop control. Switch voltage stress and the circulating current are reduced by a clamp circuit which is composed of a diode followed by a capacitor. Thus the efficiency of the converter is improved. The operating principle and the steady state analysis are discussed in detail. A Fuzzy logic controller is designed such that it eliminates the Voltage Drift problem. Computer simulation by MATLAB/ SIMULINK has been used to support the developed concept.

Keywords: Coupled Inductor; FLC; Switched Capacitor circuit; Switched Capacitor; PI Controller; Fuzzy Logic Controller

I. INTRODUCTION

Boost converter is one of the most important and widely used devices of modern power applications. These converters are electronic devices used to change DC electrical power efficiently from one voltage level to another. They provide smooth acceleration control, high efficiency, and fast dynamic response. There are FOUR main types of converter usually called the buck, boost, buck-boost and Boost converters. The buck converter is used for voltage stepdown/reduction, while the boost converter is used for voltage step-up. The buck-boost and Cuk converters can be used for either step-down or step-up.

Basically, the DC-DC converter consists of the power semiconductor devices which are operated as electronic switches and classified as switched mode DC-DC converters. Operation of the switching devices causes the inherently nonlinear characteristic of the DC-DC converters. Due to this unwanted nonlinear

characteristics, the converters requires a controller with a high degree of dynamic response. Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) is the most frequently consider method among the various switching control method. In DC-DC voltage regulators, it is important to supply a constant output voltage, regardless of disturbances on the input voltage.

Nowadays, the control systems for many power electronic appliances have been increasing widely. Crucial with these demands, many researchers or designers have been struggling to find the most economic and reliable controller to meet these demands. The idea to have a control system in dc-dc converter is to ensure desired voltage output can be produced efficiently as compared to open loop system. Controller for the PWM switching control is done by Fuzzy Logic Controller.

Many different methods have been proposed to improve the efficiency of the converter and to achieve high voltage gain, which can be done by using a switched capacitor and a coupled inductor is used for high gain by adjusting its turns ratio. Voltage spikes may occur due to the coupled inductor. For which we have used an active clamp circuit with coupled inductor which avoids voltage spikes.

Here voltage stress of the active switch is reduced thereby the conversion efficiency is improved. This converter requires a multi winding transformer which makes the circuit design complex [9]. This converter avoids extremely narrow turn off period, ripples and switching losses are eliminated by ZVS technique. It uses two coupled inductors which makes the circuit complex [10]. In this converter no additional magnetic components used, switching losses are minimized by adopting a regenerative snubber circuit. As the circuit uses more switches controlling is complex [11]. In this converter high voltage gain is obtained but the circuit has more passive components [12]. It employees single

ended scheme cost is reduced. Galvanic isolation is needed, but suitable only for low power and frequency applications [13], [14]. In this converter no need of extreme duty ratio but if conduction losses or switching losses occurs the efficiency is reduced [11]. It is possible to generate the non-isolated dc-dc converters but the major drawback is that switching frequency must be maintained constant and the turn ratio of the auto transformer must be unity [11]. Some converters operate at very high frequency with fast transient response. The main switch is fabricated from an integrated power process, the layouts can be changed to vary the parasitic, however design of switch layout is complex, fixed frequency and constant duty ratio must be maintained [12]. This converter provides high voltage gain and can be employed for high power applications however the duty ratio is limited to 0.85 [8], [9]. In this, the energy of the leakage inductor is recycled to the output load directly, limiting the voltage spike on the main switch. To achieve a high step-up gain, it has been proposed that the secondary side of the coupled inductor can be used as flyback and forward converters [10], [10]. In some converters voltage gain is improved through output voltage stacking [12].

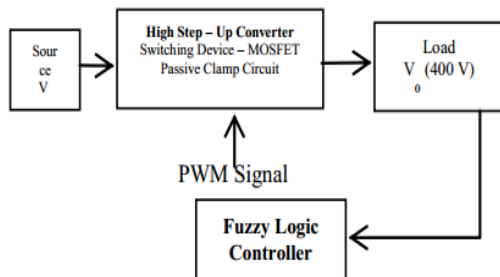


Fig. 1. Proposed Block Diagram.

The main objective is to improve the Voltage Gain of the Step-up Converter and also to reduce Voltage stress of the circuit. Further the Voltage Drift problem is reduced using closed loop control of the proposed converter with fuzzy logic controller. From Fig.1, The output voltage from the converter is fed as feed back to the FLC; there it compares the feedback voltage signal and the reference voltage signal to produce PWM pulse which triggers the main switch of the converter.

A conventional high step-up dc-dc converter with a coupled inductor technique is shown in Fig.1 [21]. The structure of this converter is very simple, and the leakage-inductor energy of the coupled inductor can be recycled to

the output. However, the voltage stresses on switch $S1$ and diode $D1$, which are equal to the output voltage, are high. This paper presents a novel high step-up dc-dc converter, as shown in Fig. 2. The coupled-inductor and voltage-doubler techniques are integrated in the proposed converter to achieve high step-up voltage gain. The features of this converter are as follows:

- 1) The leakage inductor energy of the coupled inductor can be recycled;
- 2) The voltage stresses on the switches are half the level of the output voltage; thus, the switches with low voltage rating and low ON-state resistance $R_{DS(ON)}$ can be selected;
- 3) The voltage gain achieved by the proposed converter is double that of the conventional high step-up converter; under the same voltage gain and duty ratio, the turns ratio of the coupled inductor for the proposed converter can be designed to be less than that of the conventional high step-up converter; and
- 4) The frequency of the magnetizing-inductor current for the proposed converter is double the switching frequency. Thus, the magnetizing inductance of the coupled inductor for the proposed converter can be designed to be less than that of the conventional high step-up converter under the same switching frequency

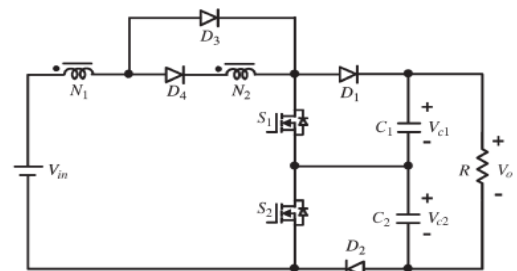


Fig. 2. Circuit configuration of the proposed converter
II. PROPOSED TOPOLOGY – STEP-UP DC-DC CONVERTER

Fig. 2 shows the circuit configuration of the proposed converter, which consists of two active switches $S1$ and $S2$, one coupled inductor, four diodes $D1 - D4$, and two output capacitors $C1$ and $C2$. The simplified circuit model of the proposed converter is shown in Fig. 3. The coupled inductor is modeled as a magnetizing inductor L_m , a primary leakage inductor L_{k1} , a secondary leakage inductor L_{k2} , and an ideal transformer. Capacitors C_{S1} and C_{S2} are the parasitic capacitors of $S1$ and $S2$, respectively. In order to simplify the circuit analysis of the proposed converter, some conditions are assumed as follows. First, all components are ideal. The ON-state resistance $R_{DS(ON)}$ of the active switches, the forward voltage drop of the diodes, and the ESR of the coupled inductor and output capacitors are ignored. Second, output capacitors $C1$ and $C2$ are sufficiently large, and the

voltages across $C1$ and $C2$ are considered to be constant during one switching period

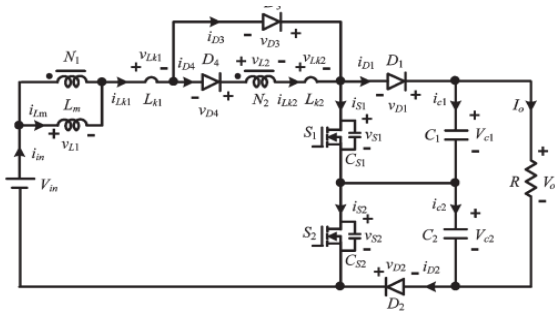


Fig.3. Simplified diagram of proposed diagram

Fig. 4 shows some typical waveforms during one switching period in continuous-conduction-mode (CCM) operation. The operating principle is described as follows.

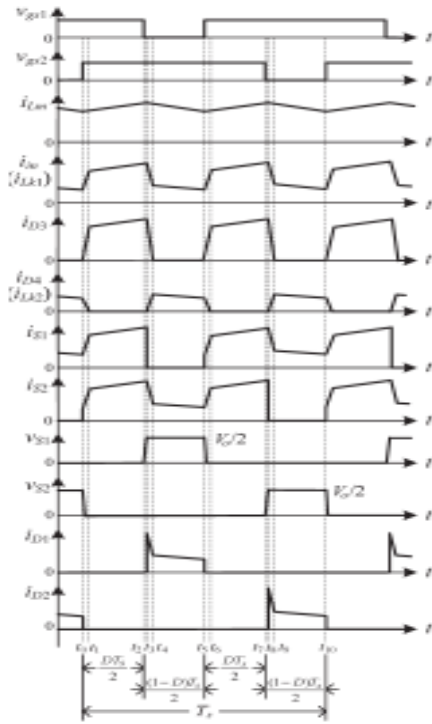


Fig.4. Some typical waveforms of the proposed converter at CCM operation.

1. Mode I $[t0, t1]$: At $t = t0$, $S1$ and $S2$ are turned on. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(a). The dc-source energy is transferred to Lm and $Lk1$ through $D3$, $S1$, and $S2$, so currents iLm , $iLk1$, and $iD3$ are increased. The energy stored in $Lk2$ is released to Lm and $Lk1$ through $D4$, $S1$, and $S2$. Thus, $iLk2$ is decreased. Meanwhile, the energy stored in $Lk2$ is recycled. The energy stored in $CS2$ is rapidly and completely discharged. The energies stored in $C1$ and $C2$ are discharged to the load. This mode ends when $iLk2$ is equal to zero at $t = t1$.
2. Mode II $[t1, t2]$: In this mode, $S1$ and $S2$ are still turned on. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(b). The

dcsource energy is still transferred to Lm and $Lk1$. Thus, iLm and $iLk1$ are still increased. The energies stored in $C1$ and $C2$ are still discharged to the load.

3. Mode III $[t2, t3]$: At $t = t2$, $S1$ is turned off, and $S2$ is still turned on. The current flow path is shown in Fig. 5(c). The dc source energy is still transferred to Lm , $Lk1$, and $CS1$. Meanwhile, the voltage across $S1$ is increased rapidly. The energies stored in $C1$ and $C2$ are still discharged to the load.

4. Mode IV $[t3, t4]$: During this time interval, $S1$ is still turned off, and $S2$ is still turned on. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(d). The dc source, Lm , and $Lk1$ are series connected to transfer their energies to $Lk2$, $C1$, and the load. Thus, iLm and $iLk1$ are decreased, and $iLk2$ is increased. Meanwhile, the energy stored in $Lk1$ is recycled to $C1$ and the load. The energy stored in $C2$ is still discharged to the load. This mode ends when $iLk1$ is equal to $iLk2$ at $t = t4$.

5. Mode V $[t4, t5]$: During this period, $S1$ is still turned off, and $S2$ is still turned on. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(e). The dc source, Lm , $Lk1$, and $Lk2$ are series connected to transfer their energies to $C1$ and the load. Thus, iLm , $iLk1$, and $iLk2$ are decreased. The energy stored in $C2$ is still discharged to the load.

6. Mode VI $[t5, t6]$: At $t = t5$, $S1$ and $S2$ are turned on. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(f). The dc-source energy is transferred to Lm and $Lk1$ through $D3$, $S1$, and $S2$. Therefore, currents iLm , $iLk1$, and $iD3$ are increased. The energy stored in $Lk2$ is released to Lm and $Lk1$ through $D4$, $S1$, and $S2$. Thus, $iLk2$ is decreased. Meanwhile, the energy stored in $Lk2$ is recycled. The energy stored in $CS1$ is rapidly and completely discharged. The energies stored in $C1$ and $C2$ are discharged to the load. This mode ends when $iLk2$ is equal to zero at $t = t6$.

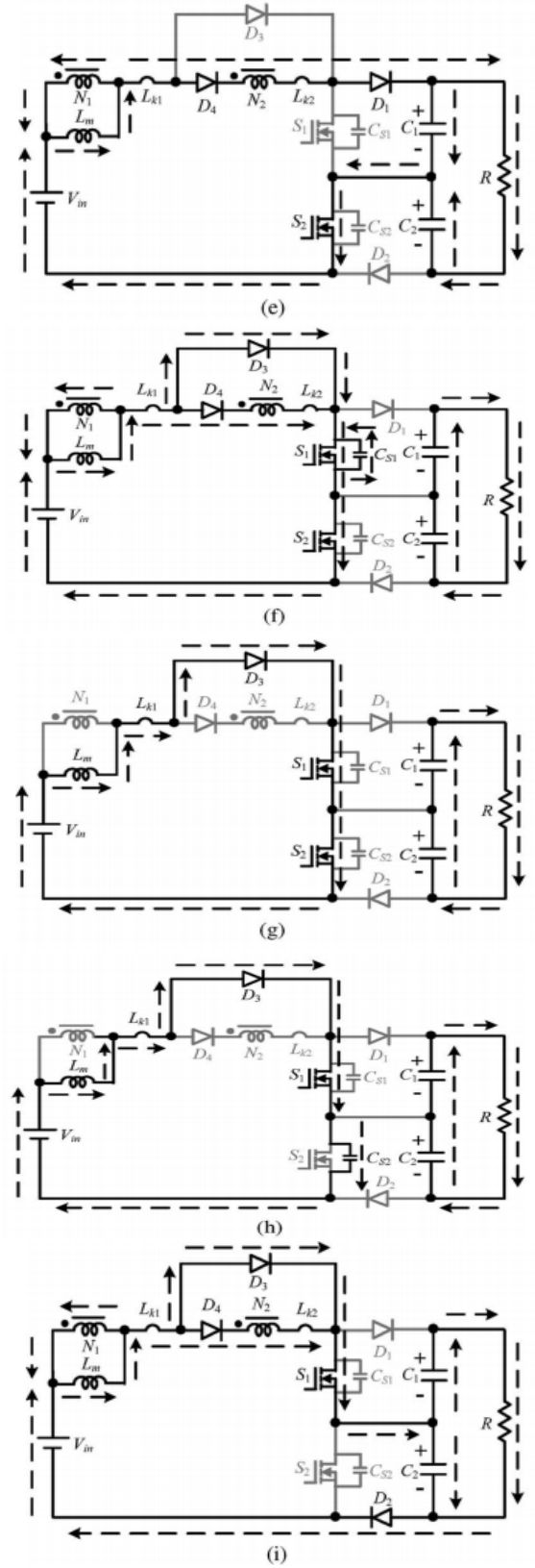
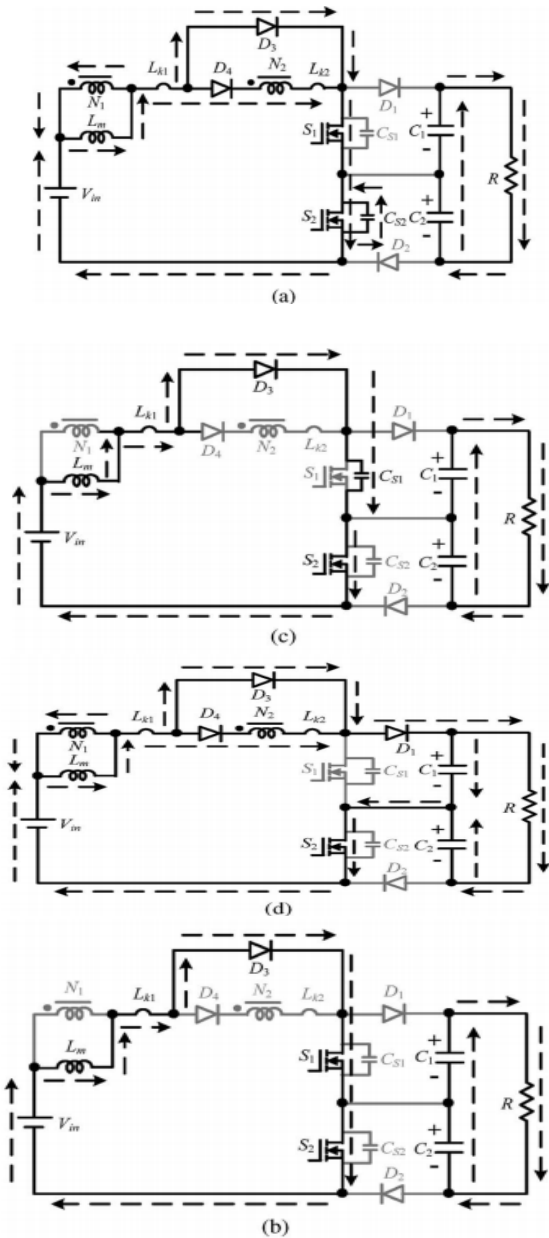
7. Mode VII $[t6, t7]$: During this time interval, $S1$ and $S2$ are still turned on. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(g). The dc-source energy is still transferred to Lm and $Lk1$. Thus, iLm and $iLk1$ are still increased. The energies stored in $C1$ and $C2$ are still discharged to the load.

8. Mode VIII $[t7, t8]$: At $t = t7$, $S1$ is still turned on, and $S2$ is turned off. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(h). The dc-source energy is still transferred to Lm , $Lk1$, and $CS2$. Meanwhile, the voltage across $S2$ is increased rapidly. The energies stored in $C1$ and $C2$ are still discharged to the load.

9. Mode IX $[t8, t9]$: During this period, $S1$ is still turned on, and $S2$ is still turned off. The current-flow path is shown in Fig.5(i). The dc source, Lm , and $Lk1$ are series connected to transfer their energies to $Lk2$, $C2$, and the load. Thus, iLm and $iLk1$ are decreased, and $iLk2$ is increased. Meanwhile, the energy stored in $Lk1$ is recycled

to C_2 and the load. The energy stored in C_1 is still discharged to the load. This mode ends when $iLk1$ is equal to $iLk2$ at $t = t_9$.

10. Mode X [t_9, t_{10}]: In this mode, S_1 is still turned on, and S_2 is still turned off. The current-flow path is shown in Fig. 5(j). The dc source, L_m , L_{k1} , and L_{k2} are series connected to transfer their energies to C_2 and the load. Thus, iL_m , iL_{k1} , and iL_{k2} are decreased. The energy stored in C_1 is still discharged to the load. This mode ends when S_1 and S_2 are turned on at the beginning of the next switching period.



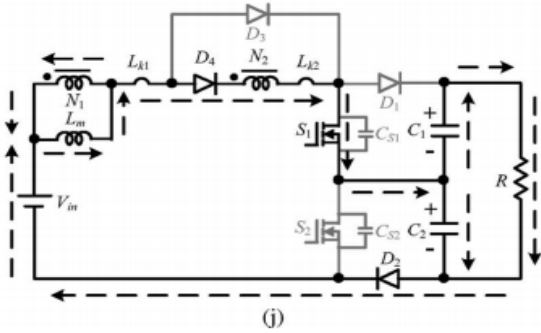


Fig. 5. Current-flow path of the operating modes during one switching period at CCM operation (a) Mode 1. (b) Mode 2. (c) Mode 3. (d) Mode 4. (e) Mode 5. (f) Mode 6. (g) Mode 7. (h) Mode 8. (i) Mode 9. (j) Mode 10.

Mathematical calculation of parameters, which are used in this paper is given in Appendix section.

Assumptions to simplify the circuit analysis,

1. Capacitors C1, C2, C3 and C0 are large enough. And so, VC1, VC2, VC3 and VC0 are considered as constants in one switching period.
2. The power devices are ideal.
3. The coupling coefficient of the coupled inductor k is equal to $L_m / (L_m + L_k)$, and the turn ratio of the coupled inductor n is equal to N_s / N_p .

III. FUZZY LOGIC CONTROLLER

The block diagram of fuzzy logic controller (FLC) is shown in fig.6. It consists of three main blocks: fuzzification, inference engine and defuzzification. The two FLC input variables are the error E and change in error E*. Depending on membership functions and the rules FLC operates.

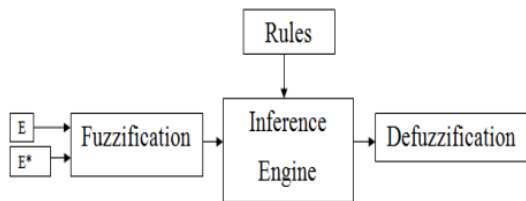


Fig.6. Block Diagram of FLC

Table.II. shows the representation of the typical Rule Surface of fuzzy logic controller.

RULE TABLE FOR FLC

E \ E*	N	Z	P
N8	N7	N8	N6
N7	N6	N7	N8
N6	N5	N6	N7
N5	N4	N5	N6
N4	N3	N4	N5
N3	N2	N3	N4
N2	N8	N2	N3
N1	N8	Z	P2
Z	P1	Z	N1
P1	P2	P1	Z
P2	P3	P2	P1
P3	P4	P3	P1
P4	P3	P4	P3
P5	P6	P5	P5
P6	P7	P6	P5
P7	P8	P7	P6
P8	P8	P8	P7

Table.II. Rule Surface of fuzzy logic controller

IV. MATLAB BASED SIMULATION & RESULTS

To verify the feasibility of the proposed system a simulink model is developed. Fig.6&Fig.7.shows the sub system in the simulink model.

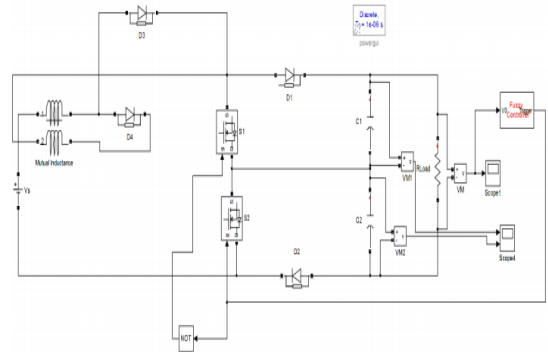


Fig.6.MATLAB based simulation diagram of proposed system with masked diagrams

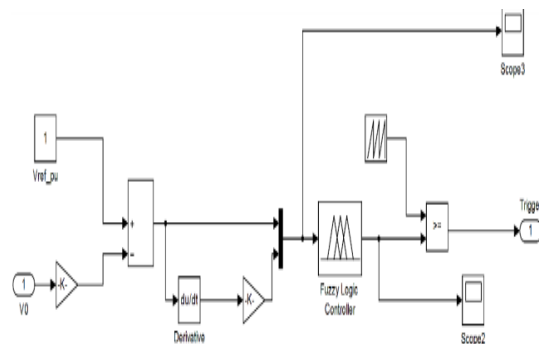


Fig.7.MATLAB based simulation diagram of proposed system with masked blocks of Fuzzy logic Controller

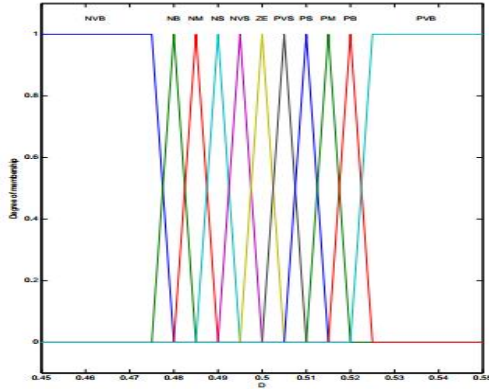


Fig.8.MATLAB based simulation diagram of membership function-1 of proposed system

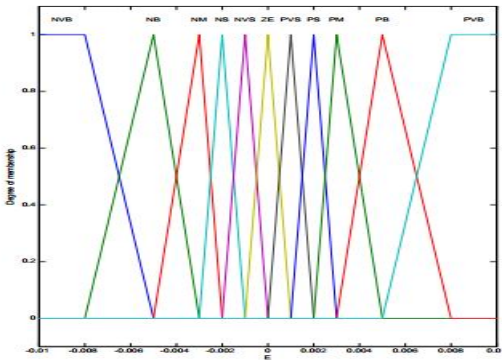


Fig.9.MATLAB based simulation diagram of membership function-2 of proposed system

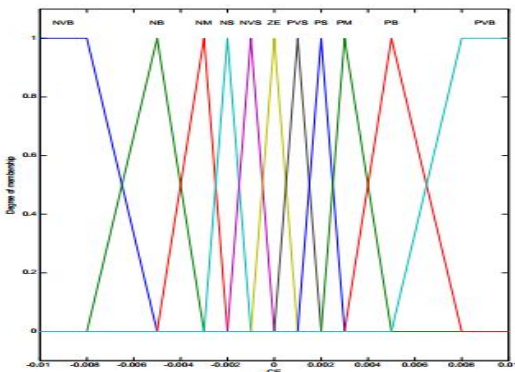


Fig.10.MATLAB based simulation diagram of membership function-3 of proposed system

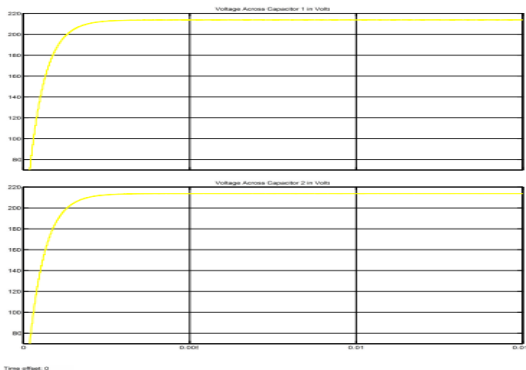


Fig.11.MATLAB based simulation diagram of proposed system-capacitors voltage

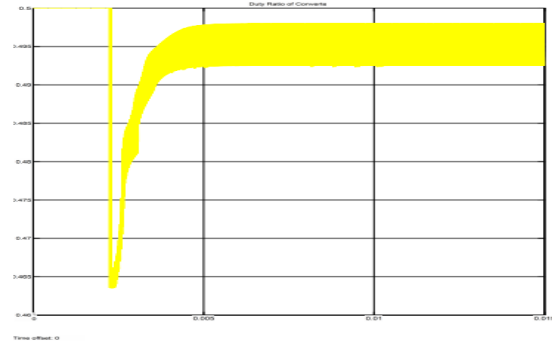


Fig.12.MATLAB based simulation diagram of proposed system-load current

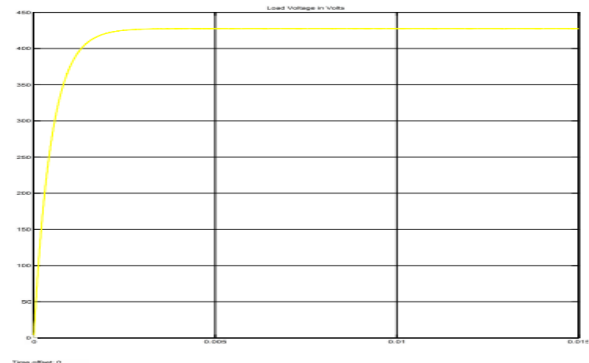


Fig.13.MATLAB based simulation diagram of proposed system-load voltage

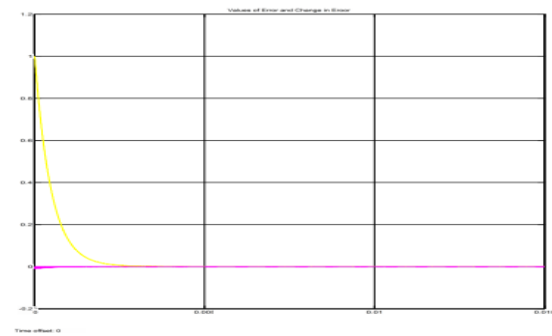


Fig.13. MATLAB based simulation diagram of proposed Fuzzy logic Controller system-error and change in error

TABLE.I: SIMULATION SPECIFICATIONS

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Rating</i>
Input dc voltage	24 V
Output dc voltage	200 V
Maximum output power	250 W
Switching frequency	25 kHz
Capacitors	C1 = 47 μ F



	$C2 = 47 \mu\text{F}$
Coupled inductors	$Lm = 48 \mu\text{H}$

CONCLUSION

Here a high step-up boost converter using coupled inductor with proportional integral control is simulated. In this paper a high step-up dc-dc converter for distributed power generation is discussed. By using the capacitor charged in parallel and discharged in series by the coupled inductor this converter provide high step-up voltage gains and high efficiency. It also has low input current ripple and low conduction losses, making it suitable for high power applications. The turn ratio of the coupled inductor is 1:4, but the output voltage of the converter is 16 times greater than the input voltage. The converter transfers the capacitive and inductive energy simultaneously to increase the total power delivery. By the capacitor charged in parallel and discharged in series by the coupled inductor, high step-up voltage gain is achieved. As the output voltage of the converter with FLC has minimum overshoot and produces a constant output current shows the better performance compared to the converter with PI controller. These studies could solve many types of problems regardless on stability because as we know that fuzzy logic controller is an intelligent controller to their appliances. Additionally, the switch voltage stress is reduced, thus a switch with low voltage ratings can be selected.

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