

Lecture 25

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I. Voltage Source Inverter (VSI)

A. Six-Step VSI (1)

➤ Six-Step three-phase Voltage Source Inverter

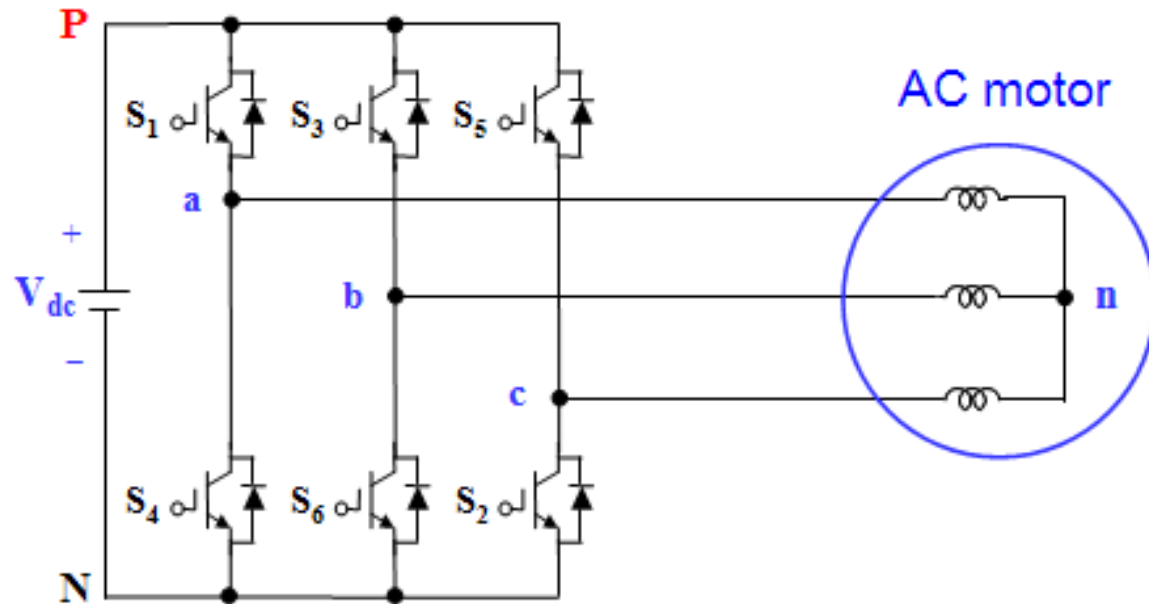


Fig. 1 Three-phase voltage source inverter.

I. Voltage Source Inverter (VSI)

A. Six-Step VSI (2)

➤ Gating signals, switching sequence and line to negative voltages

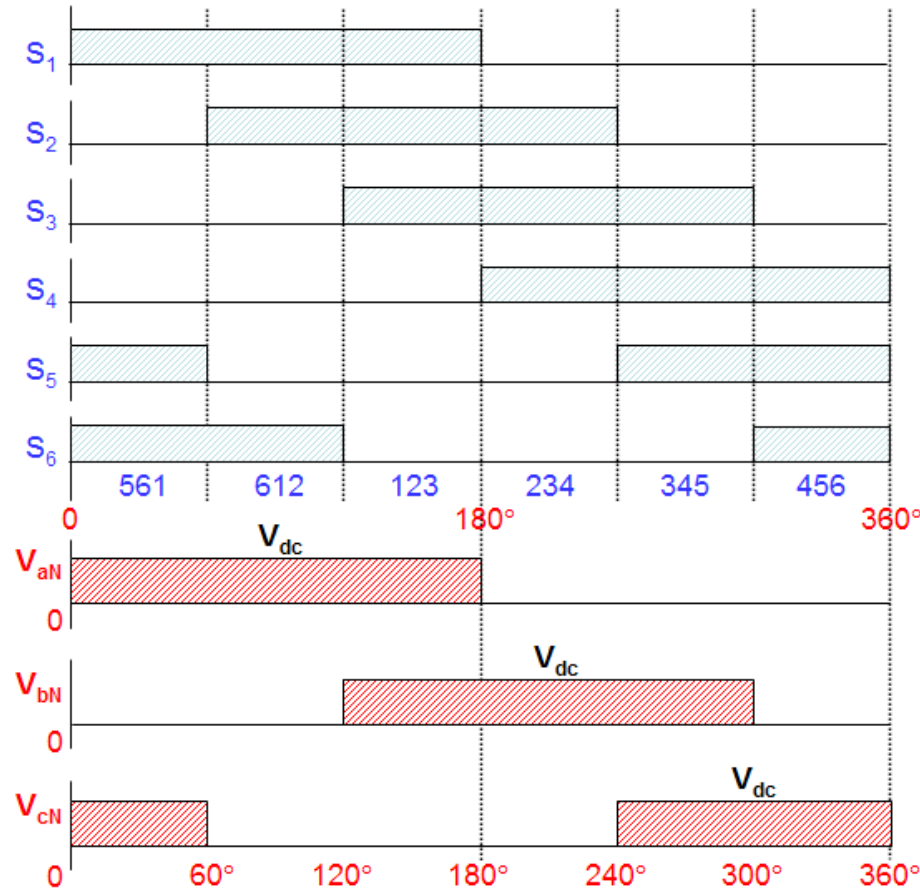


Fig. 2 Waveforms of gating signals, switching sequence, line to negative voltages for six-step voltage source inverter.

I. Voltage Source Inverter (VSI)

A. Six-Step VSI (3)

➤ Switching Sequence:

561 (V_1) → 612 (V_2) → 123 (V_3) → 234 (V_4) → 345 (V_5) → 456 (V_6) → 561 (V_1)

where, 561 means that S_5 , S_6 and S_1 are switched on

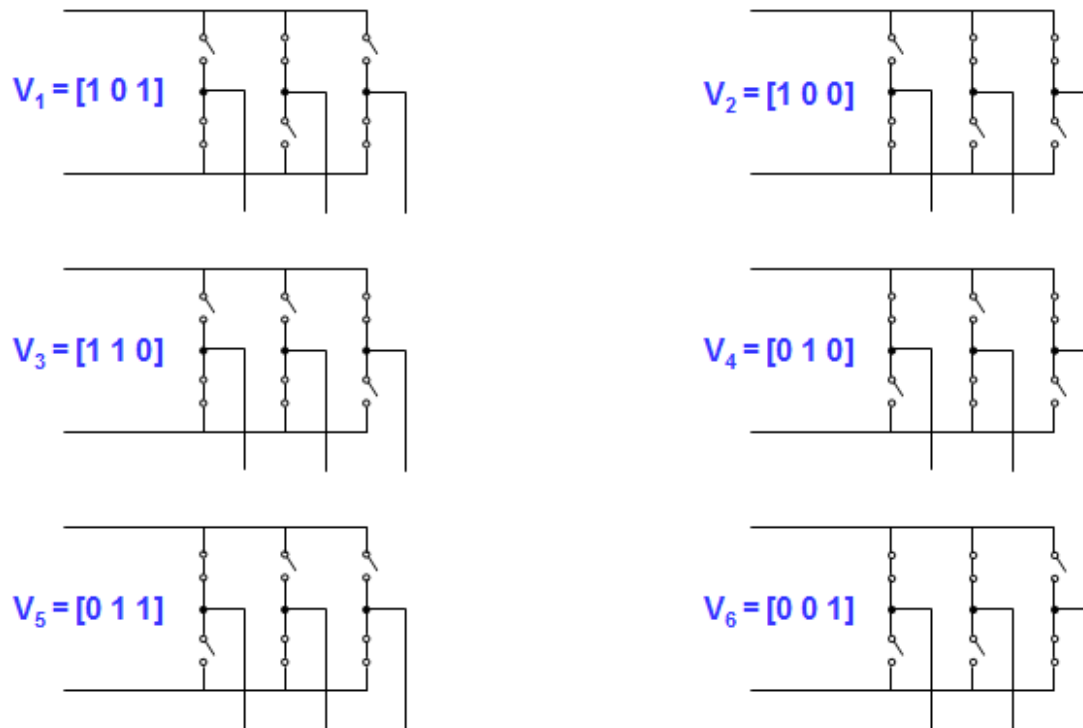


Fig. 3 Six inverter voltage vectors for six-step voltage source inverter.

I. Voltage Source Inverter (VSI)

A. Six-Step VSI (4)

➤ Line to line voltages (V_{ab} , V_{bc} , V_{ca}) and line to neutral voltages (V_{an} , V_{bn} , V_{cn})

♦ Line to line voltages

$$\Rightarrow V_{ab} = V_{aN} - V_{bN}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{bc} = V_{bN} - V_{cN}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{ca} = V_{cN} - V_{aN}$$

♦ Phase voltages

$$\Rightarrow V_{an} = \frac{2}{3}V_{aN} - \frac{1}{3}V_{bN} - \frac{1}{3}V_{cN}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{bn} = -\frac{1}{3}V_{aN} + \frac{2}{3}V_{bN} - \frac{1}{3}V_{cN}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_{cn} = -\frac{1}{3}V_{aN} - \frac{1}{3}V_{bN} + \frac{2}{3}V_{cN}$$

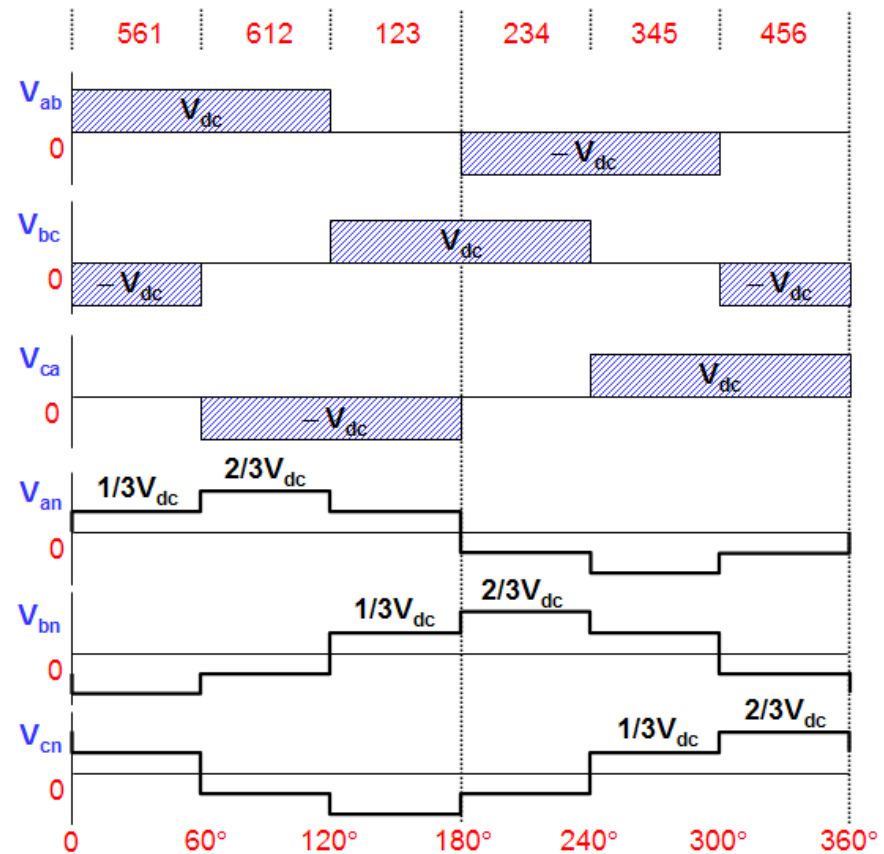


Fig. 4 Waveforms of line to neutral (phase) voltages and line to line voltages for six-step voltage source inverter.

I. Voltage Source Inverter (VSI)

A. Six-Step VSI (5)

➤ Amplitude of line to line voltages (V_{ab} , V_{bc} , V_{ca})

♦ Fundamental Frequency Component (V_{ab})₁

$$(V_{ab})_1(\text{rms}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{4}{\pi} \frac{V_{dc}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\pi} V_{dc} \approx 0.78 V_{dc}$$

♦ Harmonic Frequency Components (V_{ab})_h

: amplitudes of harmonics decrease inversely proportional to their harmonic order

$$(V_{ab})_h(\text{rms}) = \frac{0.78}{h} V_{dc}$$

where, $h = 6n \pm 1$ ($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$)

I. Voltage Source Inverter (VSI)

A. Six-Step VSI (6)

➤ Characteristics of Six-step VSI

- ♦ It is called “six-step inverter” because of the presence of six “steps” in the line to neutral (phase) voltage waveform
- ♦ Harmonics of order three and multiples of three are absent from both the line to line and the line to neutral voltages and consequently absent from the currents
- ♦ Output amplitude in a three-phase inverter can be controlled by only change of DC-link voltage (V_{dc})

I. Voltage Source Inverter (VSI)

B. Pulse-Width Modulated VSI (1)

➤ Objective of PWM

- ♦ Control of inverter output voltage
- ♦ Reduction of harmonics

➤ Disadvantages of PWM

- ♦ Increase of switching losses due to high PWM frequency
- ♦ Reduction of available voltage
- ♦ EMI problems due to high-order harmonics

I. Voltage Source Inverter (VSI)

B. Pulse-Width Modulated VSI (2)

➤ Pulse-Width Modulation (PWM)

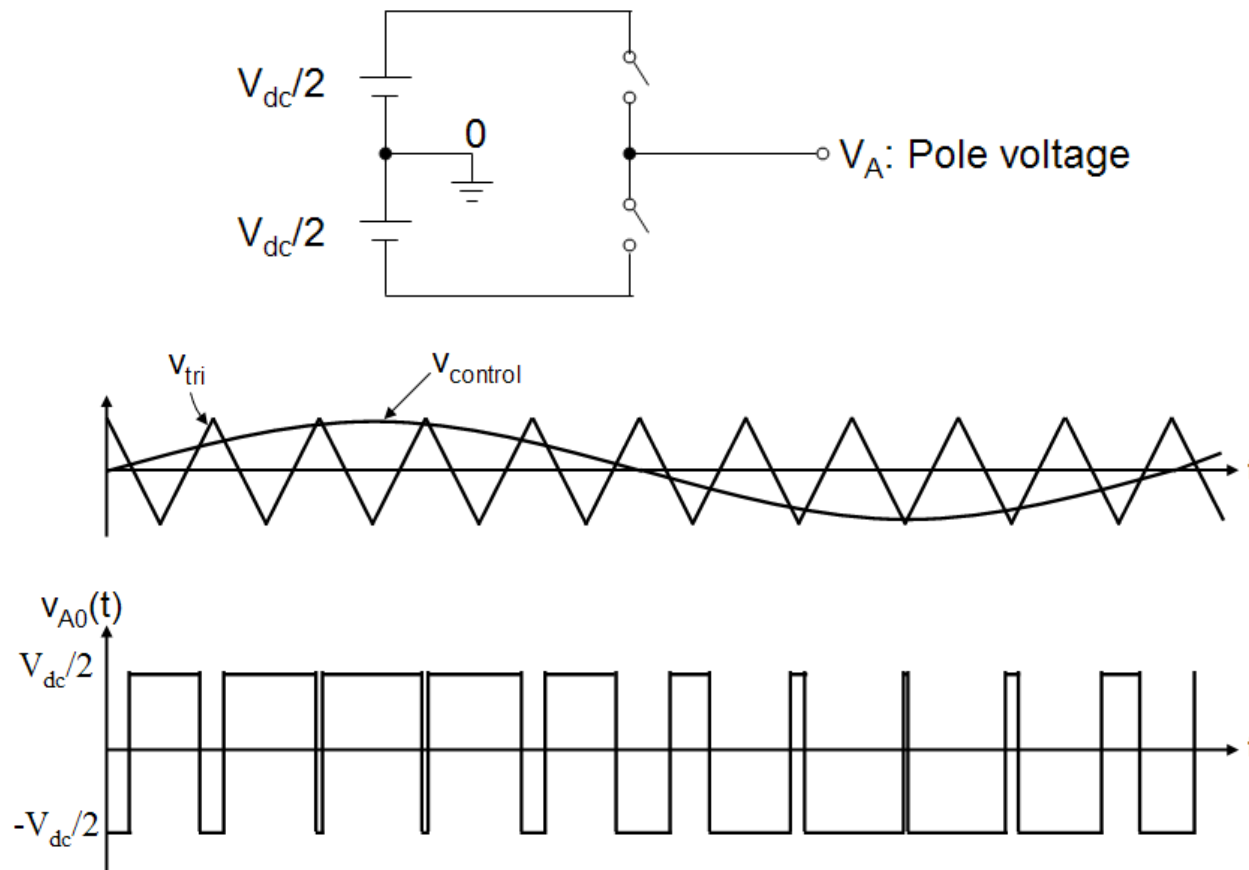


Fig. 5 Pulse-width modulation.

I. Voltage Source Inverter (VSI)

B. Pulse-Width Modulated VSI (3)

➤ Inverter output voltage

- ♦ When $v_{\text{control}} > v_{\text{tri}}$, $V_{A0} = V_{\text{dc}}/2$
- ♦ When $v_{\text{control}} < v_{\text{tri}}$, $V_{A0} = -V_{\text{dc}}/2$

➤ Control of inverter output voltage

- ♦ PWM frequency is the same as the frequency of v_{tri}
- ♦ Amplitude is controlled by the peak value of v_{control}
- ♦ Fundamental frequency is controlled by the frequency of v_{control}

➤ Modulation Index (m)

$$\therefore m = \frac{v_{\text{control}}}{v_{\text{tri}}} = \frac{\text{peak of } (V_{A0})_1}{V_{\text{dc}}/2},$$

where, $(V_{A0})_1$: fundamental frequency component of V_{A0}

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A. Sine PWM (1)

➤ Three-phase inverter

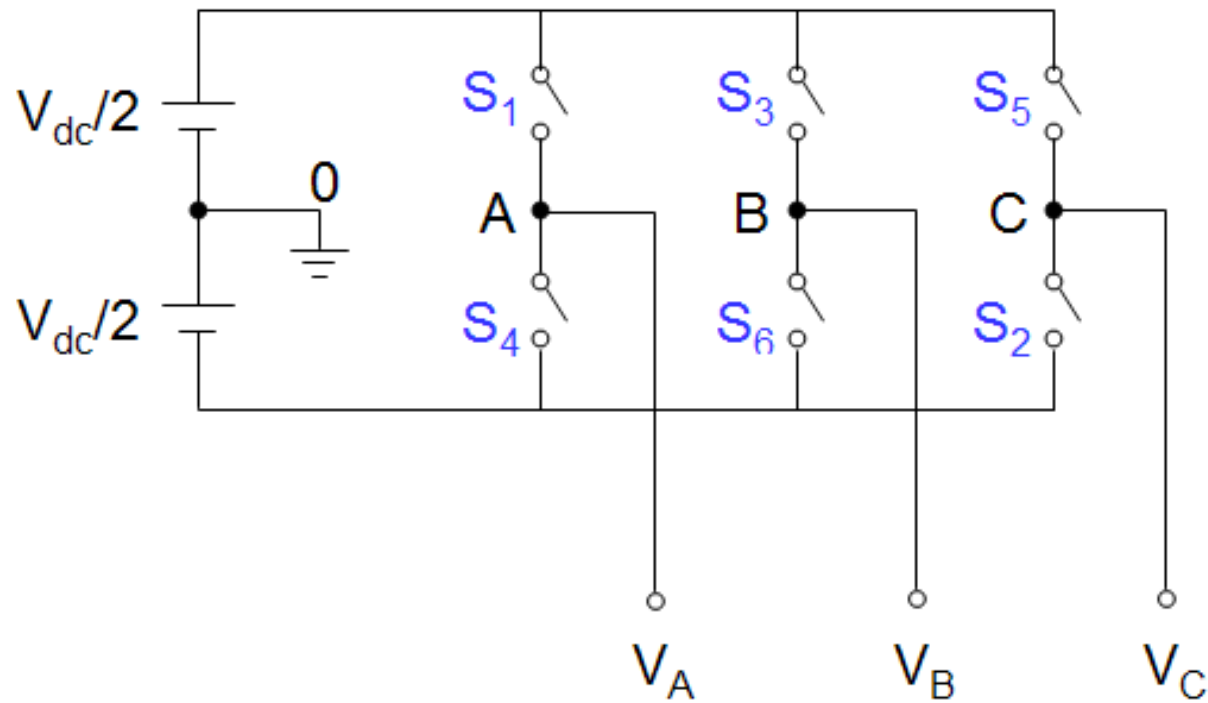


Fig. 6 Three-phase Sine PWM inverter.

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A. Sine PWM (2)

➤ Three-phase sine PWM waveforms

◆ Frequency of v_{tri} and $v_{control}$

⇒ Frequency of $v_{tri} = f_s$

⇒ Frequency of $v_{control} = f_1$

where, f_s = PWM frequency

f_1 = Fundamental frequency

◆ Inverter output voltage

⇒ When $v_{control} > v_{tri}$, $V_{A0} = V_{dc}/2$

⇒ When $v_{control} < v_{tri}$, $V_{A0} = -V_{dc}/2$

where, $V_{AB} = V_{A0} - V_{B0}$

$V_{BC} = V_{B0} - V_{C0}$

$V_{CA} = V_{C0} - V_{A0}$

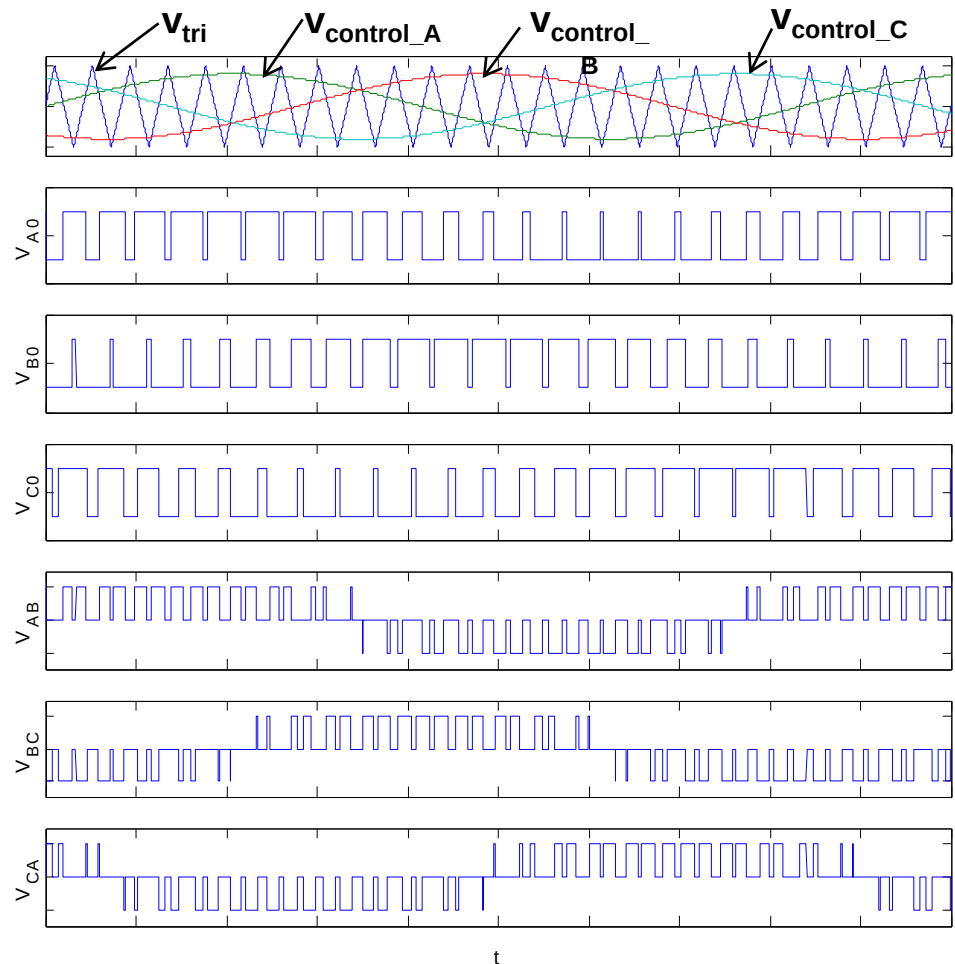


Fig. 7 Waveforms of three-phase sine PWM inverter.

II. PWM METHODS

A. Sine PWM (3)

➤ Amplitude modulation ratio (m_a)

$$\therefore m_a = \frac{\text{peak amplitude of } v_{\text{control}}}{\text{amplitude of } v_{\text{tri}}} = \frac{\text{peak value of } (V_{A0})_1}{V_{dc}/2},$$

where, $(V_{A0})_1$: fundamental frequency component of V_{A0}

➤ Frequency modulation ratio (m_f)

$$m_f = \frac{f_s}{f_1}, \quad \text{where, } f_s = \text{PWM frequency and } f_1 = \text{fundamental frequency}$$

♦ m_f should be an odd integer

⇒ if m_f is not an integer, there may exist subharmonics at output voltage

⇒ if m_f is not odd, DC component may exist and even harmonics are present at output voltage

♦ m_f should be a multiple of 3 for three-phase PWM inverter

⇒ An odd multiple of 3 and even harmonics are suppressed

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B. Hysteresis (Bang-bang) PWM (1)

➤ Three-phase inverter for hysteresis Current Control

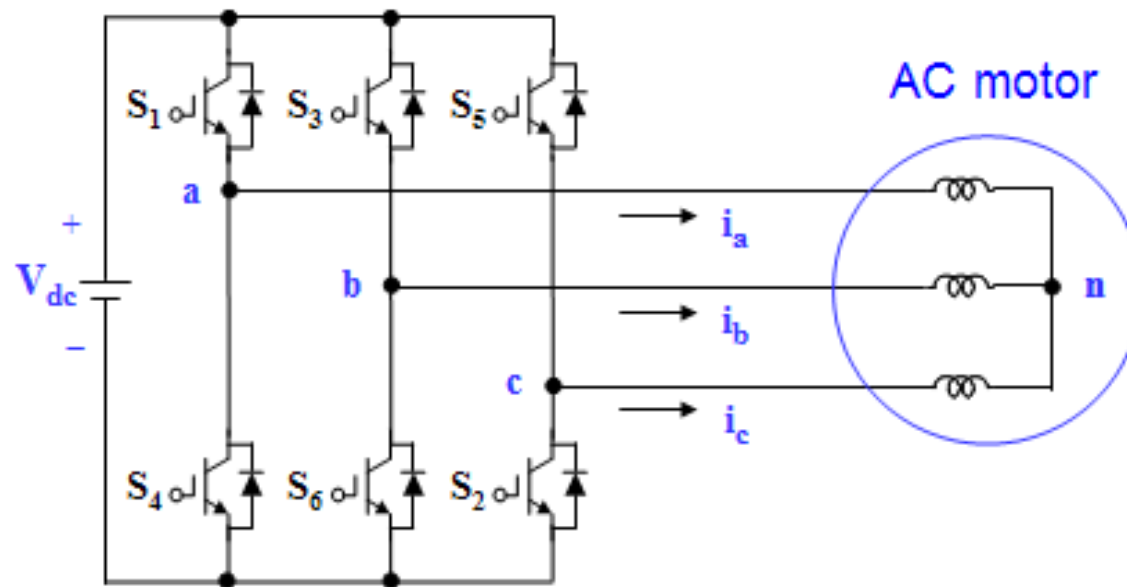


Fig. 8 Three-phase inverter for hysteresis current control.

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B. Hysteresis (Bang-bang) PWM (2)

➤ Hysteresis Current Controller

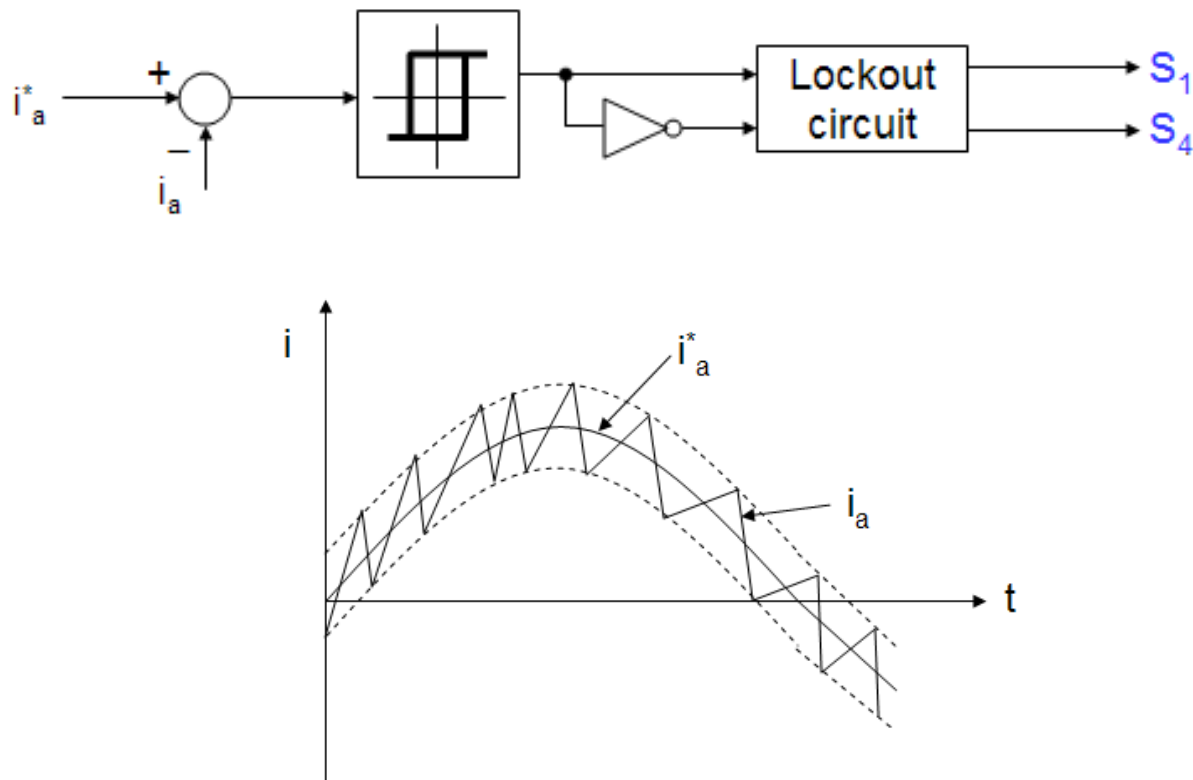


Fig. 9 Hysteresis current controller at Phase "a".

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B. Hysteresis (Bang-bang) PWM (3)

➤ Characteristics of hysteresis Current Control

♦ Advantages

- ⇒ Excellent dynamic response
- ⇒ Low cost and easy implementation

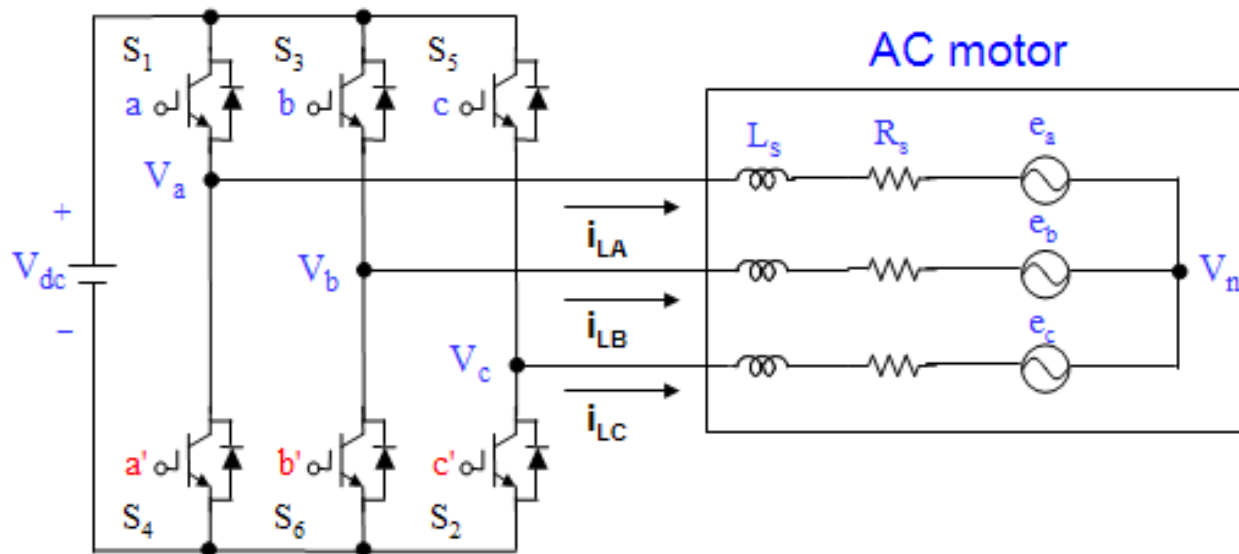
♦ Drawbacks

- ⇒ Large current ripple in steady-state
- ⇒ Variation of switching frequency
- ⇒ No intercommunication between each hysteresis controller of three phases and hence no strategy to generate zero-voltage vectors.
As a result, the switching frequency increases at lower modulation index and the signal will leave the hysteresis band whenever the zero vector is turned on.
- ⇒ The modulation process generates subharmonic components

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C. Space Vector PWM (1)

➤ Output voltages of three-phase inverter (1)



where, upper transistors: S_1, S_3, S_5
lower transistors: S_4, S_6, S_2
switching variable vector: a, b, c

Fig. 10 Three-phase power inverter.

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C. Space Vector PWM (2)

➤ Output voltages of three-phase inverter (2)

- ♦ S_1 through S_6 are the six power transistors that shape the output voltage
- ♦ When an upper switch is turned on (i.e., **a**, **b** or **c** is “1”), the corresponding lower switch is turned off (i.e., **a'**, **b'** or **c'** is “0”)
 - ⇒ Eight possible combinations of on and off patterns for the three upper transistors (S_1, S_3, S_5)

- ♦ Line to line voltage vector $[V_{ab} \ V_{bc} \ V_{ca}]^t$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{ab} \\ V_{bc} \\ V_{ca} \end{bmatrix} = V_{dc} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{where switching variable vector } [a \ b \ c]^t$$

- ♦ Line to neutral (phase) voltage vector $[V_{an} \ V_{bn} \ V_{cn}]^t$

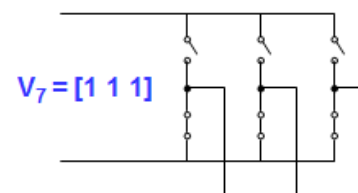
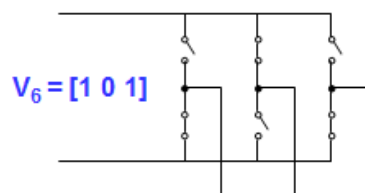
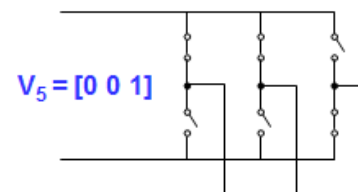
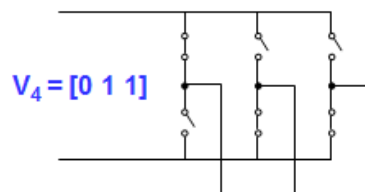
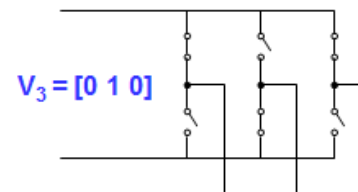
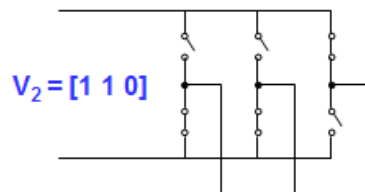
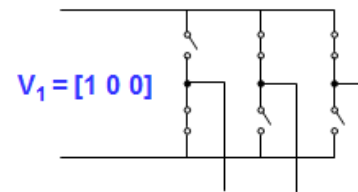
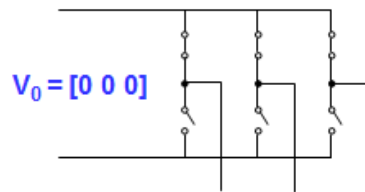
$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{an} \\ V_{bn} \\ V_{cn} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} V_{dc} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{bmatrix}$$

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C. Space Vector PWM (3)

➤ Output voltages of three-phase inverter (3)

- ♦ The eight inverter voltage vectors (V_0 to V_7)



II. PWM METHODS

C. Space Vector PWM (4)

➤ Output voltages of three-phase inverter (4)

- ♦ The eight combinations, phase voltages and output line to line voltages

Voltage Vectors	Switching Vectors			Line to neutral voltage			Line to line voltage		
	a	b	c	V_{an}	V_{bn}	V_{cn}	V_{ab}	V_{bc}	V_{ca}
V_0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
V_1	1	0	0	$2/3$	$-1/3$	$-1/3$	1	0	-1
V_2	1	1	0	$1/3$	$1/3$	$-2/3$	0	1	-1
V_3	0	1	0	$-1/3$	$2/3$	$-1/3$	-1	1	0
V_4	0	1	1	$-2/3$	$1/3$	$1/3$	-1	0	1
V_5	0	0	1	$-1/3$	$-1/3$	$2/3$	0	-1	1
V_6	1	0	1	$1/3$	$-2/3$	$1/3$	1	-1	0
V_7	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

(Note that the respective voltage should be multiplied by V_{dc})

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C. Space Vector PWM (5)

➤ Principle of Space Vector PWM

- ♦ Treats the sinusoidal voltage as a constant amplitude vector rotating at constant frequency
- ♦ This PWM technique approximates the reference voltage V_{ref} by a combination of the eight switching patterns (V_0 to V_7)
- ♦ Coordinate Transformation (abc reference frame to the stationary d-q frame)
 - : A three-phase voltage vector is transformed into a vector in the stationary d-q coordinate frame which represents the spatial vector sum of the three-phase voltage
- ♦ The vectors (V_1 to V_6) divide the plane into six sectors (each sector: 60 degrees)
- ♦ V_{ref} is generated by two adjacent non-zero vectors and two zero vectors

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C. Space Vector PWM (6)

➤ Basic switching vectors and Sectors

♦ 6 active vectors ($V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5, V_6$)

- ⇒ Axes of a hexagonal
- ⇒ DC link voltage is supplied to the load
- ⇒ Each sector (1 to 6): 60 degrees

♦ 2 zero vectors (V_0, V_7)

- ⇒ At origin
- ⇒ No voltage is supplied to the load

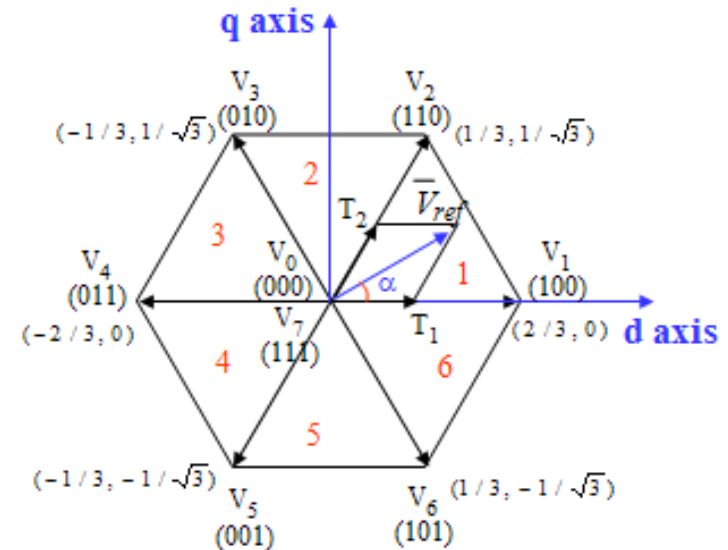


Fig. 11 Basic switching vectors and sectors.

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C. Space Vector PWM (7)

➤ Comparison of Sine PWM and Space Vector PWM (1)

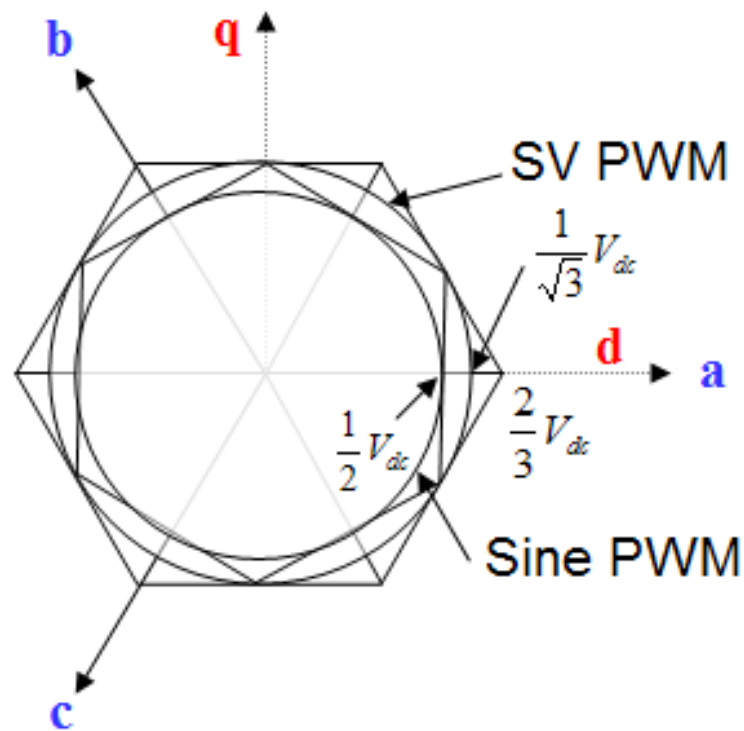


Fig. 12 Locus comparison of maximum linear control voltage in Sine PWM and SV PWM.

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C. Space Vector PWM (8)

➤ Comparison of Sine PWM and Space Vector PWM (2)

- ♦ Space Vector PWM generates less harmonic distortion in the output voltage or currents in comparison with sine PWM
- ♦ Space Vector PWM provides more efficient use of supply voltage in comparison with sine PWM

⇒ Sine PWM

: Locus of the reference vector is the inside of a circle with radius of $1/2 V_{dc}$

⇒ Space Vector PWM

: Locus of the reference vector is the inside of a circle with radius of $1/\sqrt{3} V_{dc}$

∴ Voltage Utilization: Space Vector PWM = $2/\sqrt{3}$ times of Sine PWM

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C. Space Vector PWM (9)

➤ Realization of Space Vector PWM

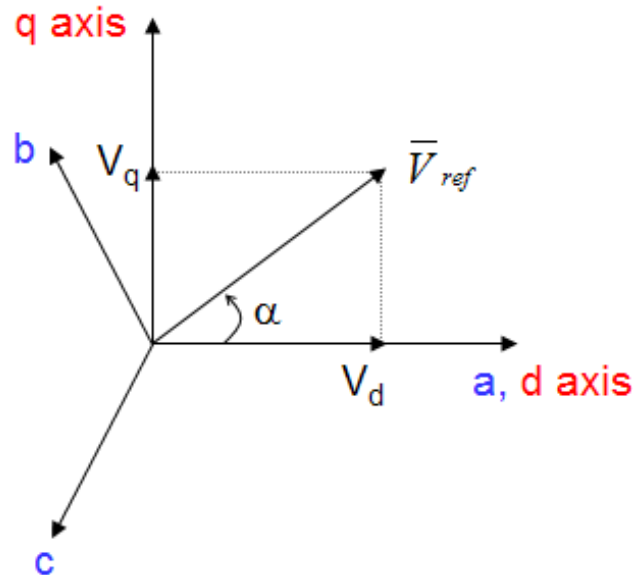
- ♦ **Step 1.** Determine V_d , V_q , V_{ref} , and angle (α)
- ♦ **Step 2.** Determine time duration T_1 , T_2 , T_0
- ♦ **Step 3.** Determine the switching time of each transistor (S_1 to S_6)

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C. Space Vector PWM (10)

➤ Step 1. Determine V_d , V_q , V_{ref} , and angle (α)

- ♦ Coordinate transformation
: abc to dq



$$\begin{aligned} V_d &= V_{an} - V_{bn} \cdot \cos 60 - V_{cn} \cdot \cos 60 \\ &= V_{an} - \frac{1}{2} V_{bn} - \frac{1}{2} V_{cn} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_q &= 0 + V_{bn} \cdot \cos 30 - V_{cn} \cdot \cos 30 \\ &= V_{an} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} V_{bn} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} V_{cn} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \begin{bmatrix} V_d \\ V_q \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{an} \\ V_{bn} \\ V_{cn} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\bar{V}_{ref}| = \sqrt{V_d^2 + V_q^2}$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{V_q}{V_d}\right) = \omega_s t = 2\pi f_s t$$

(where, f_s = fundamental frequency)

Fig. 13 Voltage Space Vector and its components in (d, q).

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C. Space Vector PWM (11)

➤ **Step 2.** Determine time duration T_1 , T_2 , T_0 (1)

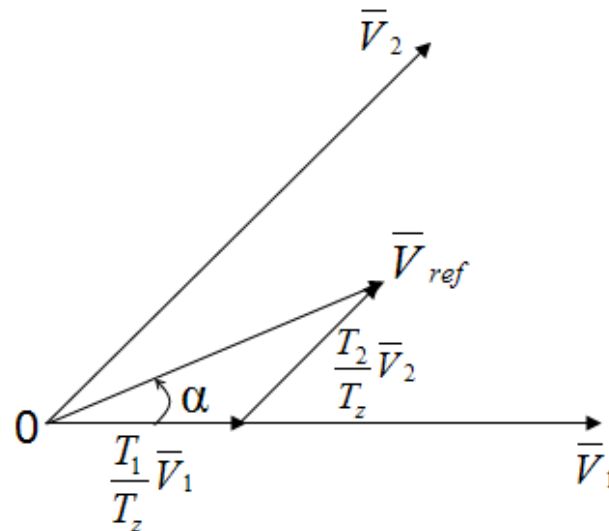


Fig. 14 Reference vector as a combination of adjacent vectors at sector 1.

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C. Space Vector PWM (12)

➤ Step 2. Determine time duration T_1, T_2, T_0 (2)

♦ Switching time duration at Sector 1

$$\int_0^{T_z} \bar{V}_{\text{ref}} dt = \int_0^{T_1} \bar{V}_1 dt + \int_{T_1}^{T_1+T_2} \bar{V}_2 dt + \int_{T_1+T_2}^{T_z} \bar{V}_0 dt$$

$$\therefore T_z \cdot \bar{V}_{\text{ref}} = (T_1 \cdot \bar{V}_1 + T_2 \cdot \bar{V}_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow T_z \cdot |\bar{V}_{\text{ref}}| \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\alpha) \\ \sin(\alpha) \end{bmatrix} = T_1 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot V_{\text{dc}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + T_2 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot V_{\text{dc}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\pi/3) \\ \sin(\pi/3) \end{bmatrix}$$

(where, $0 \leq \alpha \leq 60^\circ$)

$$\therefore T_1 = T_z \cdot a \cdot \frac{\sin(\pi/3 - \alpha)}{\sin(\pi/3)}$$

$$\therefore T_2 = T_z \cdot a \cdot \frac{\sin(\alpha)}{\sin(\pi/3)}$$

$$\therefore T_0 = T_z - (T_1 + T_2), \quad \left(\text{where, } T_z = \frac{1}{f_s} \text{ and } a = \frac{|\bar{V}_{\text{ref}}|}{\frac{2}{3} V_{\text{dc}}} \right)$$

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C. Space Vector PWM (13)

➤ Step 2. Determine time duration T_1, T_2, T_0 (3)

♦ Switching time duration at any Sector

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore T_1 &= \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot T_z \cdot |\bar{V}_{ref}|}{V_{dc}} \left(\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{3} - \alpha + \frac{n-1}{3} \pi \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot T_z \cdot |\bar{V}_{ref}|}{V_{dc}} \left(\sin \frac{n}{3} \pi - \alpha \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot T_z \cdot |\bar{V}_{ref}|}{V_{dc}} \left(\sin \frac{n}{3} \pi \cos \alpha - \cos \frac{n}{3} \pi \sin \alpha \right)\end{aligned}$$

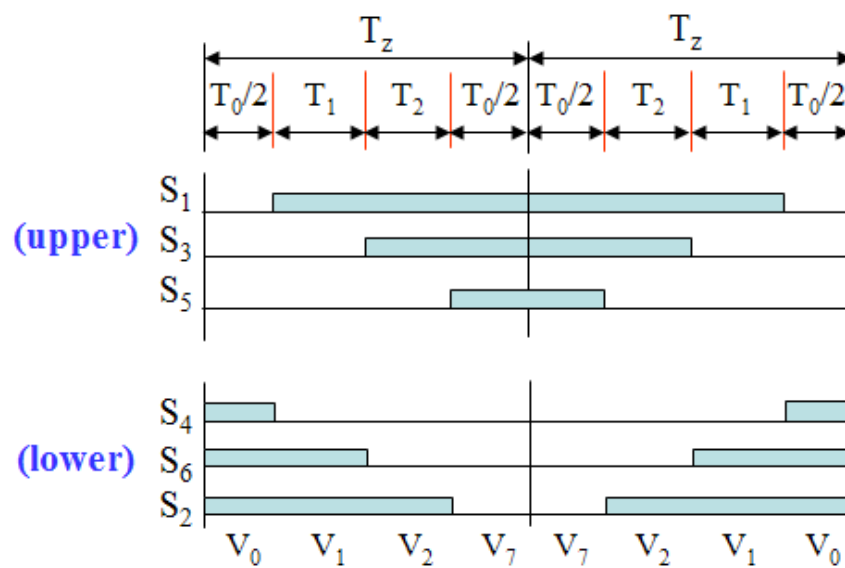
$$\begin{aligned}\therefore T_2 &= \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot T_z \cdot |\bar{V}_{ref}|}{V_{dc}} \left(\sin \left(\alpha - \frac{n-1}{3} \pi \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{3} \cdot T_z \cdot |\bar{V}_{ref}|}{V_{dc}} \left(-\cos \alpha \cdot \sin \frac{n-1}{3} \pi + \sin \alpha \cdot \cos \frac{n-1}{3} \pi \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore T_0 = T_z - T_1 - T_2, \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{where, } n = 1 \text{ through } 6 (\text{that is, Sector } 1 \text{ to } 6) \\ 0 \leq \alpha \leq 60^\circ \end{array} \right)$$

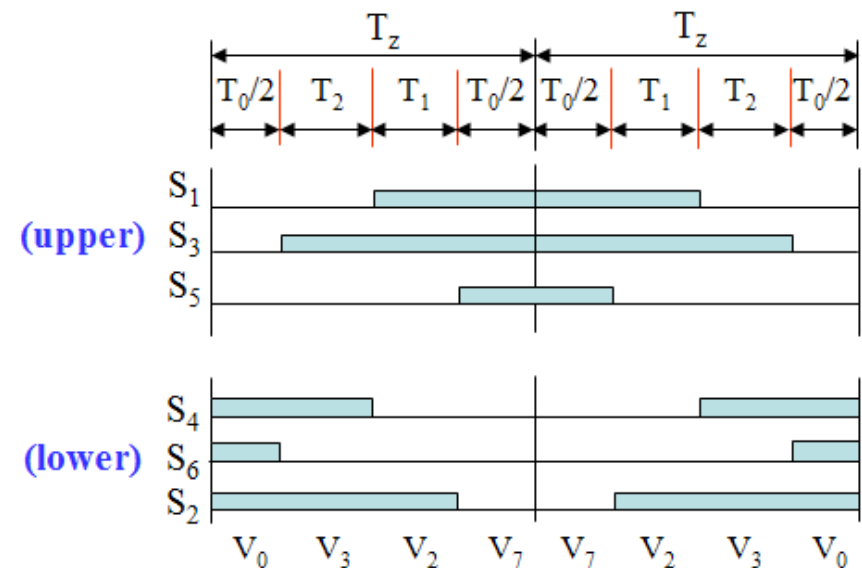
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C. Space Vector PWM (14)

➤ **Step 3.** Determine the switching time of each transistor (S_1 to S_6) (1)



(a) Sector 1.



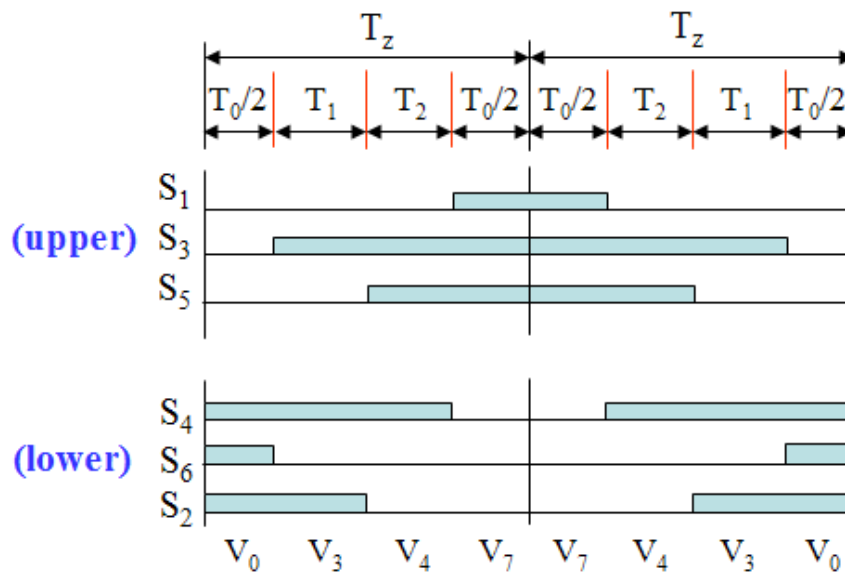
(b) Sector 2.

Fig. 15 Space Vector PWM switching patterns at each sector.

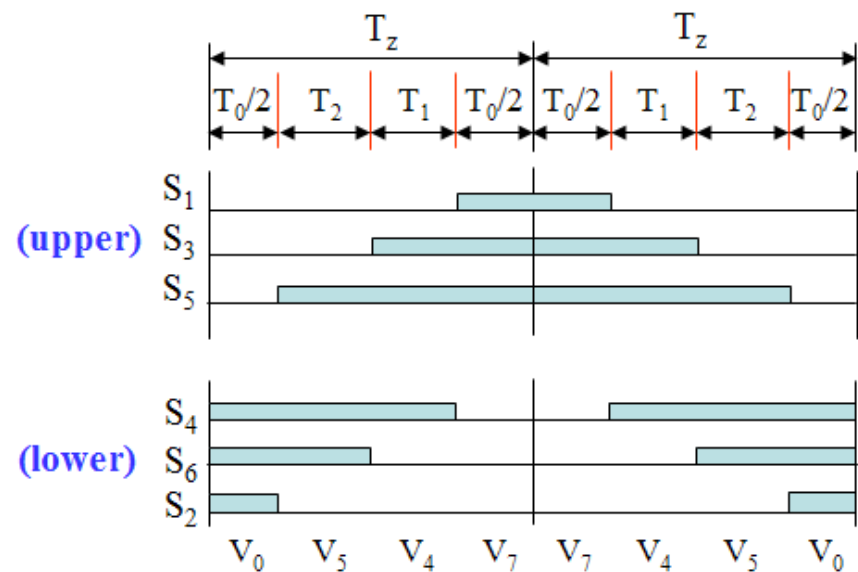
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C. Space Vector PWM (15)

➤ **Step 3.** Determine the switching time of each transistor (S_1 to S_6) (2)



(c) Sector 3.



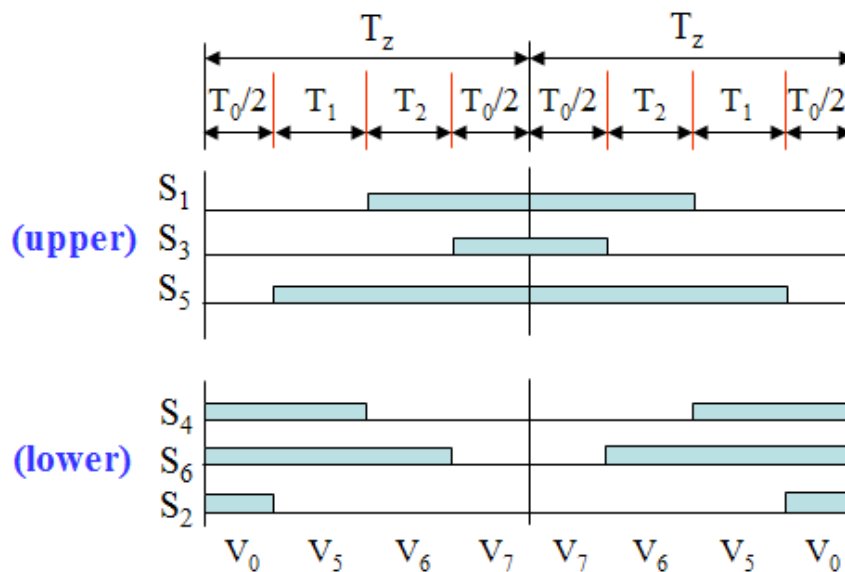
(d) Sector 4.

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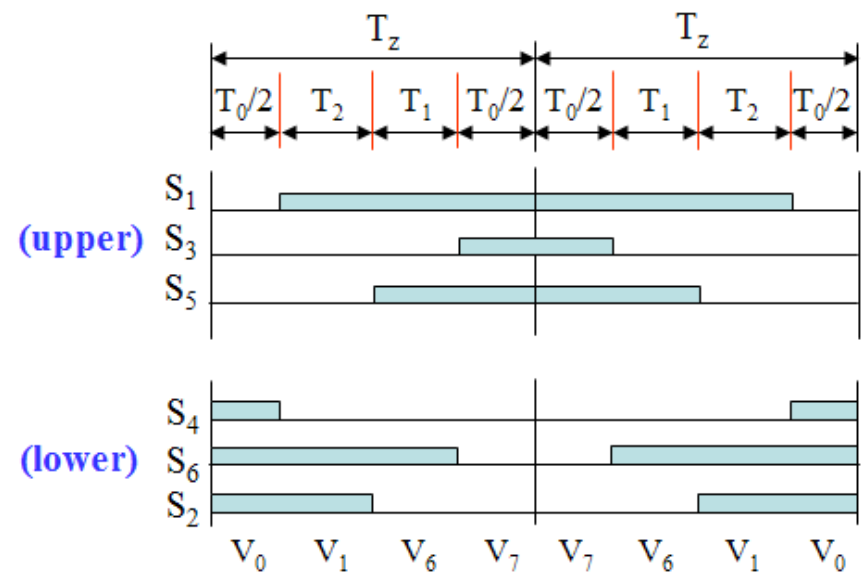
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C. Space Vector PWM (16)

➤ **Step 3.** Determine the switching time of each transistor (S_1 to S_6) (3)



(e) Sector 5.



(f) Sector 6.

Fig. 15 Space Vector PWM switching patterns at each sector.

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C. Space Vector PWM (17)

➤ **Step 3.** Determine the switching time of each transistor (S_1 to S_6) (4)

Table 1. Switching Time Table at Each Sector

Sector	Upper Switches (S_1, S_3, S_5)	Lower Switches (S_4, S_6, S_2)
1	$S_1 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_3 = T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_5 = T_0 / 2$	$S_4 = T_0 / 2$ $S_6 = T_1 + T_0 / 2$ $S_2 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$
2	$S_1 = T_1 + T_0 / 2$ $S_3 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_5 = T_0 / 2$	$S_4 = T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_6 = T_0 / 2$ $S_2 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$
3	$S_1 = T_0 / 2$ $S_3 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_5 = T_2 + T_0 / 2$	$S_4 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_6 = T_0 / 2$ $S_2 = T_1 + T_0 / 2$
4	$S_1 = T_0 / 2$ $S_3 = T_1 + T_0 / 2$ $S_5 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$	$S_4 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_6 = T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_2 = T_0 / 2$
5	$S_1 = T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_3 = T_0 / 2$ $S_5 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$	$S_4 = T_1 + T_0 / 2$ $S_6 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_2 = T_0 / 2$
6	$S_1 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_3 = T_0 / 2$ $S_5 = T_1 + T_0 / 2$	$S_4 = T_0 / 2$ $S_6 = T_1 + T_2 + T_0 / 2$ $S_2 = T_2 + T_0 / 2$

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