

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE****DRIVE APPARATUS OF ELEVATOR APPARATUS**

There has been a problem that despite the difference in  
5 charged/discharged electric energy between high and low loads  
on a hoisting motor, switching elements perform switching  
operations at all times without distinguishing between the high  
and low loads and the switching frequency is not controlled,  
so that the switching elements are operated more than necessary,  
10 which reduces the life of the switching elements. If it is  
determined that a load on the hoisting motor is smaller than  
a predetermined threshold, the switching frequency of an upper  
IGBT and a lower IGBT for switching in a charge/discharge device  
is decreased or the switching is stopped, thereby maintaining  
15 the longevity of the switching elements.

Fig. 1