

Description

This invention relates to switching power supplies, such as switching power supplies for a video display apparatus.

US-A-4335423 discloses a switching power supply comprising: a source of energy; a power transformer; output switching means coupled to a first winding of said transformer and to said source; first and second load circuits coupled to second and third windings of said transformer and taking energy from said source; a first feedback winding of said transformer for developing a first feedback voltage representative of variations in loading on said transformer; and a control circuit coupled to said first feedback winding and to said output switching means for controlling the switching thereof in accordance with said first feedback voltage to regulate the energy transfer between said source and said load circuit, a second feedback winding of said transformer for developing a second feedback voltage representative of variations in loading on said transformer, said control circuit coupled to said second feedback winding for controlling said output switching means also in accordance with said second feedback voltage.

In a switching power supply of the flyback converter type, for example, rectified mains supply voltage is applied to the primary winding of a power transformer. A chopper switch driven by a control circuit regulates the secondary winding voltages. The power transformer may serve as an electrical isolation barrier between the mains supply and the electrically isolated load circuits coupled to secondary windings of the transformer. To maintain electrical isolation, voltage feedback to the control circuit is provided via a feedback winding that is electrically isolated from the aforementioned secondary windings. Such a power supply is disclosed in DE-A-2807219.

When the switching power supply energizes a television receiver or video display apparatus, the voltage developed by one of the electrically isolated secondary windings may be rectified to generate a supply (B+) voltage for a line deflection circuit. The voltage developed by another electrically isolated secondary winding may be rectified to provide a DC supply voltage for another load that consumes high power and that varies in loading, such as a stereo audio circuit.

Because of the inherent leakage inductance that exists between the feedback winding and the secondary windings, the feedback winding voltage may not accurately represent the secondary winding output voltages during heavy load changes produced by, for example, the audio circuit. Poor regulation of the output voltages may result, and when one of the load circuits is the line deflection circuit, noticeable raster width modulation may occur.

According to one aspect of the invention, there is provided a switching power supply comprising: a source of energy; a power transformer; output switching means coupled to a first winding of said transformer and to said source; first and second load circuits coupled to second and third windings of said transformer and taking energy from said source; a first feedback winding of said transformer for developing a first feedback voltage representative of variations in loading on said transformer; and a control circuit coupled to said first feedback winding and to said output switching means for controlling the switching thereof in accordance with said first feedback voltage to regulate the energy transfer between said source and said load circuit, a second feedback winding of said transformer for developing a second feedback voltage representative of variations in loading on said transformer, said control circuit coupled to said second feedback winding for controlling said output switching means also in accordance with said second feedback voltage, characterized in that said first feedback winding is relatively tightly coupled magnetically with one of said second and third windings and said second feedback winding is relatively loosely coupled magnetically with said one winding.

According to another aspect of the invention, there is provided a method of adjusting a supply voltage developed by a first supply winding of a switching transformer in a switched mode power supply that is loaded by a variable load circuit coupled to a second supply winding of said transformer, wherein a feedback voltage developed by said transformer and adjusted in value by an adjustable impedance network is coupled to a control circuit of said switched mode power supply to control said supply voltage, said method characterized by the steps of: providing said feedback voltage as a combination, in proportions adjustable by said impedance network, of two feedback voltages, differently developed by said transformer with respect to said second supply winding; periodically loading and unloading said second supply winding; detecting modulation of said supply voltage produced by said loading and unloading; and adjusting said impedance network in accordance with the detected modulation of said supply voltage, thereby to vary the combined proportions of said two feedback voltages.

In the drawing:

FIGURE 1 illustrates a switching power supply for a video display apparatus embodying the invention; FIGURE 2A schematically illustrates the construction of a power transformer which might be used in

FIGURE 1 if only a single feedback winding were required;
 FIGURE 2B schematically illustrates a construction for the power transformer of FIGURE 1 that includes two feedback windings; and
 FIGURE 3 illustrates set-up circuitry that is used to properly adjust the potentiometer settings of the power supply of FIGURE 1.

A switching power supply 20 of FIGURE 1 provides power to various load circuits of a television receiver or video display apparatus. In power supply 20, a source 21 of AC mains supply voltage is coupled between input terminals 22 and 23 of a full-wave bridge rectifier 26 to develop an unregulated DC supply voltage, V_{in} , between an output terminal 24 and a current return terminal 25. A filter capacitor C7 is coupled between terminals 24 and 25. Current return terminal 25 serves as a ground terminal 60 that is electrically nonisolated from AC mains supply source 21 and is designated in FIGURE 1 as a "hot" ground.

Unregulated voltage V_{in} is applied to a primary winding P of a switching power transformer T1. A chopper switch Q1 is coupled to primary winding P and driven by a switching voltage V_G that is developed by a switched mode control circuit 29 and that is applied to the input gate electrode of transistor Q1 via a resistor R6. Overcurrent protection is provided by a sampling resistor R5 that samples the current in primary winding P and in transistor Q1. The voltage developed across sampling R5 is coupled to control circuit 29 via a signal line 36 to disable switching signal V_G under overload operating conditions.

The switching of chopper transistor Q1 produces an AC voltage across primary winding P for developing AC voltages across secondary windings S1, S2 and S3. The relative winding polarities of the primary and secondary windings produce a flyback converter mode of operation. Control circuit 29 may provide either pulse width modulation operation or variable frequency, constant on-time operation, or a combination of both types of operation.

The AC voltage across secondary winding S1 is half-wave rectified by a diode D1 during the flyback interval of each switching cycle and filtered by a capacitor C1 to develop a DC supply voltage V1 that provides power to a stereo audio circuit 30. The AC voltage across secondary winding S2 is rectified by a diode D2 during the flyback interval and filtered by a capacitor C2 to develop a DC supply voltage V2 that provides power to other load circuits 31 of the television receiver, such as the luma-chroma processing stages.

The AC voltage across secondary winding S3 is rectified by a diode D3 and filtered by a capacitor C3 to develop a B+ direct voltage for a horizontal (line) deflection circuit 40. Horizontal deflection circuit 40 generates a horizontal deflection current in a horizontal deflection winding L_H having an amplitude that is a function of the amplitude of the B+ voltage. A retrace pulse voltage developed by horizontal deflection circuit 40 is applied to a primary winding W1 of a horizontal flyback transformer T2 for developing retrace pulse voltages in secondary windings W2, W3 and W4.

The voltage across winding W2 is rectified by a diode D6 and filtered by a capacitor C6 to develop a DC supply voltage V4 for a vertical deflection circuit 32. The voltage across winding W4, a high voltage winding, is applied to a high voltage circuit 50 to generate at an ultor terminal U an ultor accelerating potential for the picture tube of the television receiver, not illustrated in FIGURE 1.

The retrace pulse voltage developed across winding W3 provides control and synchronization information for such purposes as video blanking and high voltage shutdown. For example, the retrace pulse voltage developed by winding W3 is applied to a high voltage shutdown circuit 33 for developing a shutdown signal SD on a signal line 35 in response to excessive retrace pulse amplitude. Signal SD is applied to switched mode control circuit 29 to stop chopper switch operation under shutdown conditions.

To provide normal on-off control capability in a remote control environment, a remote control receiver 28 is coupled to a transistor switch Q2 that controls the coil energization of an on-off relay RL. To switch the television receiver from standby-mode operation to normal, run-mode operation, the relay coil is energized by receiver 28 via transistor Q2, permitting the mechanical switch portion of relay RL to make contact with hot-ground terminal 60, thereby grounding a signal line 34. Grounding of signal line 34 enables switched mode control circuit 29 to begin normal operation for generating chopper signal V_G .

A standby power supply 27 develops a standby supply voltage V_{SB} for remote receiver 28 and the coil of relay RL. Voltage V_{SB} is derived from the AC mains supply voltage that is coupled to the standby power supply by a step-down mains transformer T3.

To provide electrical shock hazard isolation from AC mains source 21, most of the television receiver circuitry is ground referenced to an electrically isolated ground or current return terminal 70, designated in FIGURE 1 as a "cold" ground. Relatively few components and circuits are ground referenced to the nonisolated hot-ground terminal 60. As illustrated in FIGURE 1, an isolation barrier 80 is created wherein signal or power communication across the barrier occurs at relatively few points.

An electrical isolation barrier is provided between the primary and secondary winding of standby

transformer T3, between the coil and mechanical switch portion of relay RL, and between the input and output sections of high voltage shutdown circuit 33. An isolation barrier for high voltage shutdown circuit 33 may be provided by using, for example, an optocoupler.

Another electrical isolation barrier is provided by power switching transformer T1. Primary winding P and chopper switch Q1 are electrically nonisolated from AC mains source 21, whereas secondary windings S1-S3 are electrically isolated therefrom. Switched mode control circuit 29 is advantageously nonisolated from AC mains source 21, thereby permitting switching voltage V_G to be DC coupled to chopper transistor Q1. This arrangement avoids the need for another point of electrical isolation at the driver of the chopper switch or at the current overload sensing point.

Because switched mode control circuit 29 is referenced to hot-ground terminal 60, whereas the regulated output voltages B+, V1 and V2, are referenced to isolated ground terminal 70, output voltage feedback information must be transferred across isolation barrier 80. To provide an output voltage representative signal on the hot-side of isolation barrier 80, a feedback winding FB1 of power transformer T1 is hot-ground referenced. The voltage across feedback winding FB1 is rectified by a diode D4 during the flyback interval of each switching cycle to develop a direct voltage V_{FB1} that is filtered by a capacitor C4.88112418

Feedback voltage V_{FB1} is applied to an error input terminal E of switched mode control circuit 29 via the wiper of a potentiometer R1 and the wiper of a resistor R3 of voltage dividing resistors R2, R3 and R4 coupled between hot-ground terminal 60 and the wiper of potentiometer R1. Switching voltage V_G is varied by control circuit 29 in accordance with the variations in the secondary winding output voltages as represented in part by variations in feedback voltage V_{FB1} .

During normal, run-mode operation of the television receiver, voltage V_{FB1} also serves as the DC supply voltage V_{CC} for switched mode control circuit 29. During standby-mode operation, voltage V_{CC} is supplied from the unregulated input voltage V_{IN} via a dropping resistor R7 and a diode D7. A zener diode Z1 coupled to the junction of resistors R7 and diode D7 stabilizes voltage V_{CC} during standby. Diode D7 becomes reverse biased by voltage V_{FB1} during normal run-mode operation.

In many television receivers, the horizontal deflection circuit requires relatively exacting regulation of its B+ voltage supply. Even small variations in B+ voltage tend to cause objectionable raster size changes.

When the B+ voltage is not sensed directly, but is sensed by means of an isolated feedback winding, such as winding FB1 of FIGURE 1, good regulation of the B+ voltage may be difficult to achieve. A source of the regulation difficulties is the inability of the feedback winding to sense all secondary winding voltages accurately. As an example, consider the power supply arrangement of FIGURE 1. Power supply 20 produces three secondary supply voltages, a B+ deflection supply, a V1 audio supply to power, e.g., a five watt per channel stereo audio circuit 30, and a V2 supply to power various other television receiver loads, collectively illustrated in FIGURE 1 as other load circuits 31.

The dynamic load characteristics seen by these three supplies are quite different. The B+ deflection supply voltage serves as a supply for horizontal deflection circuit 40, and in addition supplies power to high voltage circuit 50 and vertical deflection circuit 32 via flyback transformer T2. Any significant variation in the B+ supply causes noticeable raster size modulation, both in the width and in the height. The V1 audio supply load has widely varying dynamic characteristics depending on audio program material and volume level setting. The V2 supply has a relatively constant load due to the fact that it supplies mainly low level signal circuits. Appreciable voltage changes in the V2 supply may be tolerated, since linear regulators may be used in series with the loads.

When the volume control of stereo audio circuit 30 is set to a high volume position, modulation of the B+ voltage may occur as a function of audio program material. Consequently, undesirable modulation of the raster size may occur as a function of audio program material.

A contributing factor to audio induced B+ voltage modulation is the presence and distribution of leakage inductance among the secondary windings S1-S3 of power switching transformer T1. FIGURE 2A illustrates schematically the construction of a power transformer T1' when only a single feedback winding is provided, the feedback winding being designated as a winding FB. When only a single feedback winding is provided, accurate B+ voltage regulation free of significant audio modulation is difficult to attain. FIGURE 2B illustrates, in accordance with an aspect of the invention, the construction of a power transformer that may be used as the transformer T1 of FIGURE 1, wherein two feedback windings FB1 and FB2 are provided for purposes to be later described.

Except for the feedback winding arrangement, power transformers T1' and T1 are similarly constructed. All the windings are layer wound on a plastic bobbin which is mounted on the center leg of an E-E configured ferrite core, only partly illustrated in FIGURES 2A and 2B. The cross-sectional area of the center leg is illustratively 0.29 square inch (1.9 cm²). The winding turns of each layer comprise, illustratively, seven

strands of 30 gauge (0.2546 mm) enameled copper wire, with the height of each layer being 30 mils (.76 mm). The winding traverse of each layer is approximately 0.70 inch (18 mm).

Primary winding P comprises two layers, P_A and P_B , with each layer containing 12 winding turns. The B+ secondary winding S3 also comprises two layers, $S3_A$ and $S3_B$, with each layer containing 14 winding turns. The audio supply secondary winding S1 comprises one layer containing six winding turns, while secondary winding S2 comprises one layer containing four winding turns.

Windings S1 and S2 occupy the same layer and are positioned side-by-side, with the center of the winding traverse of secondary winding S1 being located at position CLS1, and with the center of the winding traverse of secondary winding S2 being located at position CLS2. The layer containing windings S1 and S2 is placed between secondary winding layers $S3_A$ and $S3_B$. Layer $S3_A$ is wound over primary winding layer P_A , and primary winding layer P_B is wound over secondary winding layer $S3_B$. Thus, the three secondary winding layers are placed in-between the two primary winding layers.

Mylar insulating tape of proper thickness, e.g. 6 mils (0.15 mm), to insure electrical shock hazard isolation from mains supply 21 of FIGURE 1, is placed between each primary winding layer and each adjacent secondary winding layer. Mylar insulating tape of lesser thickness, e.g. 2 mils (0.05 mm), is placed between each adjacent secondary winding layer.

As mentioned previously, the B+ supply voltage requires accurate regulation, whereas the supply voltage with the greatest load fluctuation is the V1 audio supply voltage. Assume now, for purposes of this discussion, that flyback transformer T1' of FIGURE 2A is used as the power isolation transformer of FIGURE 1, wherein only one feedback winding, designated as a three-turn winding FB in FIGURE 2A, is used to generate the error voltage V_E for switched mode control circuit 29.

As a first alternative design, accurate B+ regulation may be achieved in an ideal situation where there exists extremely loose magnetic coupling between B+ supply winding S3 and audio supply winding S1. With loose coupling between B+ supply winding S3 and audio supply winding S1, large load fluctuations imposed on audio winding S1 will have a minimal effect on the voltage produced by winding S3.

As a second alternative design, accurate B+ regulation may be achieved in the ideal situation where tight coupling exists between B+ supply winding S3 and feedback winding FB of transformer T1'. Any voltage fluctuations in winding S3 will be accurately sensed by the tightly coupled feedback winding FB.

As a third alternative design, accurate B+ regulation may be achieved in the ideal situation where a critical value of magnetic coupling is maintained between feedback winding FB and B+ supply winding S3, and between feedback winding FB and audio supply winding S1. If the magnetic coupling between feedback winding FB and audio supply winding S1 is too tight relative to the coupling between winding FB and B+ supply winding S3, switched mode control circuit 29 will be overly responsive to audio load fluctuations. Large dynamic audio loading will tend to over-regulate the B+ voltage, causing the B+ voltage to increase under heavy audio loading conditions. The increased B+ voltage will produce a raster size expansion. If the magnetic coupling between feedback winding FB and audio supply winding S1 is too loose relative to the magnetic coupling between feedback winding FB and B+ supply winding S3, and the coupling between feedback winding FB and B+ supply winding S3 is not perfect, then the opposite effect occurs, producing raster size compression.

By providing a critical value of coupling between feedback winding FB and audio supply winding S1 and between feedback winding FB and B+ supply winding S3, the feedback voltage produced by feedback winding FB is maintained relatively insensitive to audio loading fluctuations, thereby avoiding audio loading induced raster size changes.

Since the overall transformer winding construction is largely determined by economic and manufacturing considerations, the first two alternative designs present, as a practical matter, construction and design difficulties that make them relatively undesirable choices for a power isolation transformer.

Although the third alternative design is a realizable arrangement, it creates a critical value of coupling between feedback winding FB and B+ supply winding S3 and between feedback FB and audio supply winding S1. Mass production of such a transformer may be difficult to accomplish. Small deviations in the transverse placement of winding FB on the plastic bobbin may produce a change in B+ voltage regulation of $\pm 1V$ or more. Objectionable raster size fluctuations may occur when the B+ voltage fluctuates by amounts greater than $\pm 0.4V$. Also, the separation between each turn of winding FB may be critical for accurate voltage regulation.

In an embodiment of the invention, a transformer winding arrangement is used wherein two feedback windings FB1 and FB2 of FIGURE 2B are provided. The voltages across the two feedback windings, V_{FB1} and V_{FB2} , are rectified and filtered, as illustrated in FIGURE 1 to produce the feedback voltages V_{FB1} and V_{FB2} . Rectification of the voltage provided by feedback winding FB2 is provided by a diode D5 during the flyback interval of chopper switching. Filtering is provided by a capacitor C5. Feedback voltages V_{FB1} and

V_{FB2} are proportionally summed in potentiometer R1, and the summed feedback voltage V_F developed at the wiper of potentiometer R1 is divided by resistors R2-R4 to develop error voltage V_E at the wiper of potentiometer R3 for controlling operation of switched mode control circuit 29.

FIGURE 2B illustrates the placement of the three-turn feedback windings FB1 and FB2 on the bobbin of transformer T1 in a preferred arrangement for the invention. Feedback winding FB1 is placed laterally or transversally on the bobbin at a location that provides a high degree of magnetic coupling to audio secondary winding S1. As illustrated in FIGURE 2B, the center, CLF1 of the winding traverse of feedback winding FB1 is located over the center CLS1 of the winding traverse of audio supply winding S1. Additionally, the end turns of feedback winding FB1 are laterally located within the end turns of audio secondary winding S1.

The second feedback winding, winding FB2, is located on the bobbin of transformer T1 to provide less coupling to audio supply winding S1 than the coupling of winding FB1 to winding S1. To this end, in the illustrated arrangement, the center CLF2 of the winding traverse of feedback winding FB2 is located over the center CLS2 of the winding traverse of the other secondary winding, winding S2. The end turns of feedback winding FB2 are laterally located within the end turns of secondary winding S2.

Placement of feedback windings FB1 and FB2 as described above advantageously allows large tolerance in the transformer construction.

Because of the difference in magnetic coupling between audio supply winding S1 and the two feedback windings FB1 and FB2, the two feedback windings respond differently to audio load changes. Because feedback winding FB1 is more tightly coupled to audio supply winding S1 than is feedback winding S2, heavy audio loading will tend to decrease feedback voltage V_{FB1} more than feedback voltage V_{FB2} that is derived from the more loosely coupled feedback winding FB2. Since the two feedback voltages are proportionally summed in potentiometer R1, the influence of feedback voltage V_{FB1} relative to feedback voltage V_{FB2} is controllable in accordance with the adjustment of the potentiometer.

Moving the wiper of potentiometer R1 in FIGURE 1 upwardly, weights the resultant feedback voltage V_F more heavily toward voltage V_{FB1} . Moving the wiper of potentiometer R1 downwardly, weights the resultant feedback voltage V_F more heavily toward voltage V_{FB2} . Thus, the tendency of the B+ voltage to be modulated by the effects of audio loading on the audio supply winding S1 may be adjusted to zero simply by adjusting potentiometer R1. The influence on the resultant feedback voltage V_F can now be readily proportioned between the two feedback voltage V_{FB1} and V_{FB2} . This proportioning relaxes the requirement for exacting winding tolerances on the transformer construction.

The following Table illustrates measured values of the B+ voltage, feedback voltages V_{FB1} and V_{FB2} , and of raster width changes for various positions of the wiper of potentiometer R1, under no audio loading and under full audio loading. The measurements were taken when a switched mode power supply, similar to switching power supply 20, was used in a color television receiver having a 110 degree, 26V diagonal, in-line picture tube. A 47 ohm resistor was placed across the V1 audio supply to simulate full audio loading. The resistor was decoupled from the V1 audio supply to simulate no audio loading. The Table illustrates the relative influence of feedback windings FB1 and FB2 on B+ voltage regulation as a function of audio loading.

SETTING OF WIPER R1	VOLTAGE MEASURED	VALUE AT NO AUDIO LOAD(VOLTS)	VALUE AT FULL AUDIO LOAD(VOLTS)	RASTER WIDTH CHANGE WHEN LOAD APPLIED
	B+	130.0	131.2	
NEAR TERM. E1	V_{FB1}	13.03	13.01	EXPAND
	V_{FB2}	12.86	13.18	1/2 INCH
	B+	130.0	128.2	
NEAR TERM. E2	V_{FB1}	13.03	12.67	CONTRACT
	V_{FB2}	12.83	12.80	1/2 INCH
AT BALANCE POINT I	B+	130.0	129.98	NO
	V_{FB1}	13.01	12.84	NOTICEABLE
	V_{FB2}	12.82	12.96	CHANGE

The wiper of potentiometer R1 is in the negative feedback regulation loop of switching power supply 20. Switched mode control circuit 29 varies switching voltage V_G applied to chopper transistor Q1 in such a way as to maintain feedback voltage V_F substantially unchanged.

When the wiper of potentiometer of R1 is moved upwardly to its extreme top position, the resistance between the wiper and terminal E1 is minimum; whereas the resistance between the wiper and terminal E2 is maximum. Feedback voltage V_F is therefore more responsive to audio load induced changes on feedback voltage V_{FB1} , derived from the tightly coupled winding FB1, than changes on voltage V_{FB2} , derived from loosely coupled feedback winding FB2.

In this situation, switched mode control circuit 29 provides regulation of the secondary winding output voltages in accordance with the sensing of variations of feedback voltage V_{FB1} . As illustrated in the table, when the wiper of potentiometer R1 is moved near to terminal E1, feedback voltage V_{FB1} is regulated by switched mode control circuit 29 to be remain relatively unchanged from no audio load to full audio load.

Under these circumstances, however, the B+ voltage becomes over-regulated increasing from a level of 130.0 volts for no audio loading to 131.2 volts for full audio loading. The result is an undesirable expansion in raster width of approximately 1/2 inch under full audio loading.

The over-regulation of the B+ voltage occurs due to the tighter magnetic coupling between feedback winding FB1 and audio supply winding S1. At full audio loading, the decrease in voltage across feedback winding FB1 during the chopper flyback interval is relatively greater than the decrease in voltage across the B+ supply winding S3. Switched mode control circuit 29, directly responsive to the decrease in voltage across feedback winding FB1, adjusts the switching of chopper transistor Q1 so as to restore the amplitude of the voltage across feedback winding FB1 to its previous level. The effect of the adjustment in chopper switching is to increase the amplitude of the voltage across B+ supply winding S3 above the amplitude required to maintain a constant B+ level, resulting in an increased B+ voltage at full audio loading and in a raster width expansion.

An analogous situation holds true when the wiper of potentiometer R1 is adjusted downwardly to its extreme bottom position that provides minimum resistance between the wiper and terminal E2 and maximum resistance between the wiper and terminal E1. Feedback voltage V_F is influenced more by feedback voltage V_{FB2} than by feedback voltage V_{FB1} .

As illustrated in the Table, when the wiper of potentiometer R1 is moved near to terminal E2, switched mode control circuit 29 responds to audio load changes by maintaining the voltage V_{FB2} relatively constant from no audio loading to full audio loading. The result is an under-regulation of the B+ voltage, with the B+ voltage decreasing at full audio loading from its no audio load level. This produces an undesirable raster

width contraction of approximately 1/2 inch.

Because feedback winding FB2 is more loosely coupled to audio supply winding S1, a decrease in the amplitude of the voltage developed across B+ supply winding S3 due to increased audio loading is not reflected as an adequate decrease in the amplitude of the voltage across feedback winding FB2. Switched mode control circuit 29 therefore does not fully restore the B+ voltage to the level required to maintain a constant B+ voltage at the increased audio load levels.

The relative contributions by feedback windings FB1 and FB2 to the development of feedback voltage V_F may be adjusted to produce relatively little B+ voltage change between no audio loading and full audio loading conditions. By adjusting the wiper of potentiometer R1 to an intermediate position at an intermediate terminal I of the potentiometer, feedback voltages V_{FB1} and V_{FB2} are proportionally summed at the wiper, such that the over-compensating effect during increased audio loading of feedback winding FB1 is balanced out by the under-compensating effect of feedback winding FB2.

As illustrated in the Table, with the wiper of potentiometer R1 located at intermediate terminal I, the B+ voltage remains relatively unchanged between no audio loading and full audio loading to produce no noticeable change in raster width between the two loading conditions.

The balancing effects of the two feedback winding voltages may also be noted from the values given in the last row of the Table. Due to the proportional summing of the two feedback winding voltages, switched mode regulator control circuit 29, in maintaining the resultant feedback voltage V_F relatively constant, under-responds to increased audio loading induced changes in feedback voltage V_{FB1} and over-responds to increased audio loading induced changes in feedback voltage V_{FB2} . The net effect is a balancing of the responses of the two feedback winding voltages in a manner that maintains the B+ voltage and raster width relatively unchanged.

The adjustment procedure of the wiper of potentiometer R1 for locating balance point terminal I of FIGURE 1 is as follows. First, measure the B+ voltage at no audio load. Adjust the wiper of voltage divider resistor R3 to provide an error voltage V_E that gives the specified B+ voltage level. Next, load audio supply winding S1 to its full audio loading level by, e.g., placing an equivalent resistance across the V1 voltage supply. Then, remeasure the B+ voltage and adjust the wiper of potentiometer R1 to a position that restores the B+ voltage to its specified level. The location of the wiper of potentiometer R1 after such adjustment is the intermediate balance point terminal I.

Voltages V_{FB1} and V_{FB2} will usually be unequal at the no audio loading level due to construction tolerances of transformer T1 and differences in the forward voltage drops between diodes D4 and D5. As a result, adjustment of the wiper of potentiometer R1 will affect the initial setting of the wiper of potentiometer R3. Therefore, several iterations of the adjustment procedure are usually required before both potentiometer settings are correct.

In accordance with an advantageous feature, a load resistor R_L is placed across filter capacitor C5 of FIGURE 1 to load feedback winding FB2 by substantially the same amount that feedback winding FB1 is loaded by supplying voltage V_{CC} to control circuit 29. The equalization or matching of loading on the two feedback windings is desirable because the rectified DC voltages V_{FB1} and V_{FB2} are then more nearly equal, resulting in less B+ change as R1 is adjusted.

FIGURE 3 illustrates circuitry that may be advantageously used in carrying out the procedure for B+ voltage adjustment described previously. In FIGURE 3, a load resistor 43, equivalent to the load resistance of audio circuit 30 of FIGURE 1 at full audio loading, is switched across the V1 supply by a transistor Q3. The switching rate of transistor Q3 is controlled by a 5 hertz square-wave generator 41 coupled to the base of transistor Q3 via a resistor 42. To measure any load induced modulation of the B+ voltage by switched load resistor 43, the B+ voltage is AC coupled via a capacitor 44, filtered by a third order, 10 hertz low-pass filter 45, and applied to an AC voltmeter 46.

The B+ voltage adjustment procedure of the impedance network that includes potentiometer R1 and R3, using the circuitry of FIGURE 3, is as follows. Adjust potentiometer R3 to obtain specified B+ voltage level at no load with generator 41 disabled. Energize generator 41 to alternately couple and decouple load resistor 43 to the V1 audio supply at the 5 hertz rate of square-wave generator 41. The switching of load resistor 43 produces a 5 hertz change in the loading of transformer T1 between no load on audio supply winding S1 and full load.

Assuming the wiper of potentiometer R1 is not located at balance point terminal I of FIGURE 1, the switching of load resistor 43 results in a 5 hertz modulation of the B+ supply voltage level. The amplitude of the B+ modulation is measured by AC voltmeter 46. The wiper of potentiometer R1 is then adjusted to produce an approximately zero-volt reading by voltmeter 46. When the zero-volt reading occurs, the wiper has been properly set at balance point terminal I, thereby eliminating or producing substantially zero B+ modulation with loading changes on audio supply winding S1.

A rate of 5 hertz was selected for the switching of load resistor 43 because the 5 hertz rate is significantly different than the vertical deflection frequency that also produces ripple on the B+ supply voltage. Lowpass filter 45 prevents the vertical rate ripple of the B+ supply voltage from being measured by AC voltmeter 46.

Claims

1. A switching power supply comprising:

a source (26) of energy;

a power transformer (T1);

output switching means (Q1) coupled to a first winding (P) of said transformer (T1) and to said source (26);

first and second load circuits (40 and 30) coupled to second (S3) and third (S1) windings of said transformer (T1) and taking energy from said source (26);

a first feedback winding (FB1) of said transformer (T1) for developing a first feedback voltage (V_{FB1}) representative of variations in loading on said transformer (T1); and

a control circuit (29) coupled to said first feedback winding (FB1) and to said output switching means (Q1) for controlling the switching thereof in accordance with said first feedback voltage to regulate the energy transfer between said source (26) and said load circuits (40 and 30),

a second feedback winding (FB2) of said transformer (T1) for developing a second feedback voltage (V_{FB2}) representative of variations in loading on said transformer, said control circuit (29) coupled to said second feedback winding (FB2) for controlling said output switching means (Q1) also in accordance with said second feedback voltage (V_{FB2}), characterized in that said first feedback winding (FB1) is relatively tightly coupled magnetically with one of said second (S3) and third (S1) windings and said second feedback winding (FB2) is relatively loosely coupled magnetically with said one winding.

2. A power supply according to Claim 1 characterized in that said first winding (P) and the two feedback windings (FB1, FB2) are electrically nonisolated from said source (26) and said second winding (S3) is electrically isolated therefrom.

3. A power supply according to Claim 1 or 2 characterized in that said first (V_{FB1}) and second (V_{FB2}) feedback voltages vary by differing amounts in accordance with said variations in loading.

4. A power supply according to any preceding claim including a second load circuit (30) coupled to a third winding (S1) of said transformer and taking a variable amount of energy from said source, characterized in that said feedback windings (FB1, FB2) provide feedback voltages that vary by differing amounts in accordance with the variable amount of energy taken by said second load circuit (30).

5. A power supply according to any of Claims 1 to 4 characterized in that said first winding (P) and the two feedback windings (FB1, FB2) are electrically nonisolated from said source (26), whereas said second (S3) and third (S1) windings are electrically isolated therefrom.

6. A power supply according to any preceding Claim, characterized by means (R1) for summing said first (V_{FB1}) and said second (V_{FB2}) feedback voltages to develop a third feedback voltage (V_F) that controls the switching of said output switching means (Q1).

7. A power supply according to any preceding Claim, characterized by load matching means (R_L) coupled to one (FB2) of said feedback windings for matching the loading occurring on the two feedback windings (FB1, FB2).

8. A method of adjusting a supply voltage developed by a first supply winding (S3) of a switching transformer (T1) in a switched mode power supply (20) that is loaded by a variable load circuit (30) coupled to a second supply winding (S1) of said transformer (T1), wherein a feedback voltage (V_F) developed by said transformer (T1) and adjusted in value by an adjustable impedance network ($R1, R2, R3, R4$) is coupled to a control circuit (29) of said switched mode power supply (20) to control said supply voltage, said method characterized by the steps of:

providing said feedback voltage as a combination, in proportions adjustable by said impedance network ($R1, R2, R3, R4$), of two feedback voltages (FB1, FB2) differently developed by said



A rate of 5 hertz was selected for the switching of load resistor 43 because the 5 hertz rate is significantly different than the vertical deflection frequency that also produces ripple on the B+ supply voltage. Lowpass filter 45 prevents the vertical rate ripple of the B+ supply voltage from being measured by AC voltmeter 46.

Claims

1. A switching power supply comprising:
 - a source (26) of energy;
 - a power transformer (T1);
 - output switching means (Q1) coupled to a first winding (P) of said transformer (T1) and to said source (26);
 - first and second load circuits (40 and 30) coupled to second (S3) and third (S1) windings of said transformer (T1) and taking energy from said source (26);
 - a first feedback winding (FB1) of said transformer (T1) for developing a first feedback voltage (V_{FB1}) representative of variations in loading on said transformer (T1); and
 - a control circuit (29) coupled to said first feedback winding (FB1) and to said output switching means (Q1) for controlling the switching thereof in accordance with said first feedback voltage to regulate the energy transfer between said source (26) and said load circuits (40 and 30),
 - a second feedback winding (FB2) of said transformer (T1) for developing a second feedback voltage (V_{FB2}) representative of variations in loading on said transformer, said control circuit (29) coupled to said second feedback winding (FB2) for controlling said output switching means (Q1) also in accordance with said second feedback voltage (V_{FB2}), characterized in that said first feedback winding (FB1) is relatively tightly coupled magnetically with one of said second (S3) and third (S1) windings and said second feedback winding (FB2) is relatively loosely coupled magnetically with said one winding.
2. A power supply according to Claim 1 characterized in that said first winding (P) and the two feedback windings (FB1, FB2) are electrically nonisolated from said source (26) and said second winding (S3) is electrically isolated therefrom.
3. A power supply according to Claim 1 or 2 characterized in that said first (V_{FB1}) and second (V_{FB2}) feedback voltages vary by differing amounts in accordance with said variations in loading.
4. A power supply according to any preceding claim including a second load circuit (30) coupled to a third winding (S1) of said transformer and taking a variable amount of energy from said source, characterized in that said feedback windings (FB1, FB2) provide feedback voltages that vary by differing amounts in accordance with the variable amount of energy taken by said second load circuit (30).
5. A power supply according to any of Claims 1 to 4 characterized in that said first winding (P) and the two feedback windings (FB1, FB2) are electrically nonisolated from said source (26), whereas said second (S3) and third (S1) windings are electrically isolated therefrom.
6. A power supply according to any preceding Claim, characterized by means (R1) for summing said first (V_{FB1}) and said second (V_{FB2}) feedback voltages to develop a third feedback voltage (V_F) that controls the switching of said output switching means (Q1).
7. A power supply according to any preceding Claim, characterized by load matching means (R_L) coupled to one (FB2) of said feedback windings for matching the loading occurring on the two feedback windings (FB1, FB2).
8. A method of adjusting a supply voltage developed by a first supply winding (S3) of a switching transformer (T1) in a switched mode power supply (20) that is loaded by a variable load circuit (30) coupled to a second supply winding (S1) of said transformer (T1); wherein a feedback voltage (V_F) developed by said transformer (T1) and adjusted in value by an adjustable impedance network ($R1, R2, R3, R4$) is coupled to a control circuit (29) of said switched mode power supply (20) to control said supply voltage, said method characterized by the steps of:
 - providing said feedback voltage as a combination, in proportions adjustable by said impedance network ($R1, R2, R3, R4$), of two feedback voltages (FB1, FB2) differently developed by said



transformer (T1) with respect to said second supply winding (S1);
 periodically loading and unloading (by Q3) said second supply winding (S1);
 detecting (by 46) modulation of said supply voltage produced by said loading and unloading; and
 adjusting (by R1) said impedance network (R1,R2,R3,R4) in accordance with the detected modulation of said supply voltage, thereby to vary the combined proportions of said two feedback voltages.

9. The method of claim 8 characterized in that said adjusting step comprises the step of adjusting said impedance network (R1,R2,R3,R4) to produce substantially zero modulation of said supply voltage.

10. The method of Claim 8 or 9 characterized in that said detecting step includes the step of filtering (by 45) said supply voltage to pass a modulation frequency associated with a frequency related to periodic loading and unloading of said second supply winding while filtering out other frequencies.

11. The method of Claim 10 used when said switched mode power supply is in a raster-scanning video display apparatus, characterized in that said filtering step comprises the step of filtering said B+ voltage to filter out a vertical scanning frequency.

Patentansprüche

1. Schaltnetzteil

- mit einer Energiequelle (26);
 - mit einem Leistungsübertrager (Transformator, T1);
 - mit Ausgangs-Schaltmitteln (Q1), die an eine erste Wicklung (P) des Übertragers (T1) und an die Quelle (26) gekoppelt sind;
 - erste und zweite Lastschaltungen (30, 40), die mit zweiten (S3) und dritten (S1) Wicklungen dem Übertragers (T1) gekoppelt sind und die von der Quelle (26) Energie erhalten;
 - mit einer ersten Rückkopplungs-Wicklung (FB1) des Übertragers (T1) zum Bilden einer ersten Rückkopplungsspannung (V_{FB1}), die repräsentativ für Änderungen in der Belastung des Übertragers (T1) ist;
 - mit einer Steuerschaltung (29), die mit der ersten Rückkopplungswicklung (FB1) und den Ausgangs-Schaltmitteln (Q1) zum Steuern ihres Schaltens in Übereinstimmung mit der ersten Rückkopplungsspannung gekoppelt ist, um die Energieübertragung zwischen der Quelle (26) und den Lastschaltungen (30, 40) zu regulieren;
 - mit einer zweiten Rückkopplungswicklung (FB2) des Übertragers (T1) zum Bilden einer zweiten Rückkopplungsspannung (V_{FB2}), die repräsentativ für Lastwechsel am Übertrager ist;
 - wobei die Steuerschaltung (29) mit der zweiten Rückkopplungswicklung (FB2) zum Steuern der Ausgangs-Schaltmittel (Q1) auch in Übereinstimmung mit der zweiten Rückkopplungsspannung (V_{FB2}) gekoppelt ist,
- dadurch gekennzeichnet,**
- daß die erste Rückkopplungswicklung (FB1) magnetisch relativ eng (tightly coupled) mit einer der zweiten (S3) und dritten (S1) Wicklungen gekoppelt ist und
 - daß die zweite Rückkopplungswicklung (FB2) magnetisch relativ schwach (loosely coupled) mit der einen Wicklung gekoppelt ist.

2. Netzteil nach Anspruch 1,

dadurch gekennzeichnet,

daß die erste Wicklung (P) und die zwei Rückkopplungswicklungen (FB1, FB2) elektrisch nicht von der Quelle (26) isoliert sind und daß die zweite Wicklung (S3) von ihnen elektrisch isoliert ist.

3. Netzteil nach Anspruch 1 oder 2,

dadurch gekennzeichnet,

daß die erste (V_{FB1}) und die zweite (V_{FB2}) Rückkopplungsspannungen sich um verschiedene Beträge entsprechend der Variationen der Belastungen (Lastwechsel) verändern.

4. Netzteil nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, bei welchem eine zweite Lastschaltung (30) mit einer dritten Wicklung (S1) des Transformators gekoppelt ist und sie eine veränderbare Energiemenge von der Quelle entnimmt,
dadurch gekennzeichnet,



daß die Rückkopplungswicklungen (FB1, FB2) Rückkopplungsspannungen bereitstellen, die sich um unterschiedliche Beträge - in Übereinstimmung mit der unterschiedlichen Energiemenge, die von der zweiten Lastschaltung (30) aufgenommen wird - verändern.

- 5 5. Netzteil nach einem der Ansprüche 1 bis 4,
dadurch gekennzeichnet,
daß die erste Wicklung (P) und die zwei Rückkopplungswicklungen (FB1, FB2) elektrisch nicht von der Quelle (26) isoliert sind, wohingegen die zweite (S3) und dritte (S1) Wicklung von ihnen elektrisch isoliert ist.
- 10 6. Netzteil nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche,
gekennzeichnet durch
Mittel (R1) zum Addieren der ersten (V_{FB1}) und der zweiten (V_{FB2}) Rückkopplungsspannungen, um eine dritte Rückkopplungsspannung (V_F) zu erzeugen, die das Schalten der Ausgangs-Schaltmittel (Q1) steuert.
- 15 7. Netzteil nach einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche,
gekennzeichnet durch
Last-Angleichungsmittel (R_L), die mit einer (FB2) der Rückkopplungswicklungen zum Abgleich der an den beiden Rückkopplungswicklungen (FB1, FB2) auftretenden Belastung gekoppelt sind.
- 20 8. Verfahren zum Abgleich einer Versorgungsspannung,
die von einer ersten Versorgungswicklung (S3) eines Schalt-Übertragers (T1) in einem Schaltnetzteil (20) gebildet wird, welches von einer variablen Lastschaltung (30) belastet wird, die mit einer zweiten Versorgungswicklung (S1) des Übertragers (T1) gekoppelt ist,
25 wobei eine Rückkopplungsspannung (V_F), die von dem Übertrager (T1) gebildet und ihrem Wert von einem abgleichbaren Impedanznetzwerk (R1, R2, R3, R4) abgeglichen wird, mit einem Steuer-Schaltkreis (29) des Schaltnetztes (20) gekoppelt ist, um die Versorgungsspannung zu steuern,
gekennzeichnet durch (folgende Verfahrensschritte):
30 - Bereitstellen der Rückkopplungsspannung als Kombination von - von dem Impedanznetzwerk (R1, R2, R3, R4) abgleichbaren - Anteilen (proportions) der zwei Rückkopplungsspannungen (FB1, FB2), die von dem Übertrager (T1) mit Bezug auf die zweite Versorgungswicklung (S1) unterschiedlich erzeugt wird;
- periodisches Be- und Entlasten (durch Q3) der zweiten Versorgungswicklung (S1);
35 - Erfassen (46) der Modulation der Versorgungsspannung, die durch das Be- und Entlasten erzeugt wird; und
- Abgleichen (R1) dem Impedanznetzwerk (R1, R2, R4, R3) in Übereinstimmung mit der erfaßten Modulation der Versorgungsspannung, wodurch die kombinierten Anteile der zwei Rückkopplungsspannungen verändert werden.
- 40 9. Verfahren nach Anspruch 8,
dadurch gekennzeichnet,
daß der Abgleich-Verfahrensschritt aufweist:
45 - Abgleichen des Impedanznetzwerkes (R1, R2, R3, R4), um im wesentlichen keine Modulation der Versorgungsspannung zu erzeugen.
10. Verfahren nach Anspruch 8 oder 9,
dadurch gekennzeichnet,
daß der Erfassungs-Verfahrensschritt aufweist:
50 - Filtern (45) der Versorgungsspannung, um eine Modulationsfrequenz, die zu der Frequenz des periodischen Be- und Entlastens der zweiten Versorgungswicklung Bezug hat durchzulassen (pass), während die anderen Frequenzen gesperrt werden (filtered out).
- 55 11. Verwendung des Verfahrens nach Anspruch 10, wenn das Schaltnetzteil in einem rasterabtastenden Video-Anzeigegerät (eingebaut) ist,
dadurch gekennzeichnet,
daß der Filter-Verfahrensschritt aufweist:
- Filtern der B+ Spannung, um eine Vertikal-Abtastfrequenz auszufiltern.



Revendications

1. Dispositif d'alimentation d'énergie de commutation comprenant :

- une source d'énergie (26)
- un transformateur de puissance (T1)
- des moyens de commutation de sortie (Q1) couplés à un premier enroulement (P) dudit transformateur (T1) et à ladite source (26) ;
- des premier et second circuits de charge (40 et 30) couplés au second (S3) et premier (S1) enroulements dudit transformateur (T1) et prélevant de l'énergie de ladite source (26) ;
- un premier enroulement de réaction (FB 1) dudit transformateur (T1) pour développer une première tension de réaction (V_{FB1}) représentant des variations de charge sur ledit transformateur (T1) et,
- un circuit de commande (29) couplé audit premier enroulement de réactions (FB1) et auxdits moyens de commutation de sortie (Q1) pour commander la commutation de ces moyens en fonction de ladite première tension de réaction pour réguler le transfert d'énergie entre ladite source (26) et lesdits circuits de charges (40 et 30),
- un second enroulement de réaction (FB2), dudit transformateur (T1) pour développer une seconde tension de réaction (V_{FB2}), représentant des variations de charge sur ledit transformateur, ledit circuit de commande (29) couplé audit second enroulement de réaction (FB2) pour commander lesdits seconds moyens de réaction (V_{FB2} , caractérisé en ce que ledit premier enroulement de réaction (FB1) est couplé magnétiquement de façon relativement étroite avec l'un desdits second (S3) et troisième (S1) enroulements et ledit second enroulement de réaction (FB2) est couplé magnétiquement de façon relativement lâche audit enroulement.

2. Dispositif d'alimentation selon la revendication 1, caractérisé en ce que ledit premier enroulement (P) et les deux enroulements de réaction (FB1, FB2) sont non-isolés électriquement de ladite source (26) et ledit second enroulement (S3) est isolé électriquement de celle-ci.

3. Dispositif d'alimentation selon la revendication 1 ou 2 caractérisé en ce que lesdites premières (V_{FB1}) et seconde (V_{FB2}) tensions de réaction varient selon des quantités différentes en fonction desdites variations de charge.

4. Dispositif d'alimentation selon l'une des revendications précédentes comportant un second circuit de charge (30) couplé à un troisième enroulement (S1) dudit transformateur et prélevant une quantité variable d'énergie de ladite source, caractérisé en ce que lesdits enroulements de réaction (FB1, FB2) fournissent des tensions de réaction qui varient selon des quantités différentes en fonction de la quantité variable d'énergie prélevée par ledit second circuit de charge (30).

5. Dispositif d'alimentation selon l'une des revendications 1 à 4 caractérisé en ce que ledit premier enroulement (P) et les deux enroulements de réaction (FB1, FB2) sont électriquement non isolés de ladite source (26) alors que lesdits second (S3) et troisième (S1) enroulement sont électriquement isolés de celle-ci.

6. Dispositif d'alimentation selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes caractérisé par des moyens (R1) pour additionner lesdites première (V_{FB1}) et seconde (V_{FB2}) tensions de réaction pour développer une troisième tension de réaction (V_F) qui commande la commutation desdits moyens de commutation de sortie (Q1).

7. Dispositif d'alimentation selon l'une quelconque des revendications précédentes, caractérisé par des moyens d'adaptation de charge (R_L) couplé à l'un (FB2) desdits enroulements de réactions pour adapter la charge survenant sur les deux enroulements de réaction (FB1, FB2).

8. Procédé pour ajuster une tension d'alimentation développée par un premier enroulement d'alimentation (S3) d'un transformateur de commutation (T1) selon une alimentation d'énergie en mode commuté (20) qui est chargé par un circuit à charge variable (30), couplé à un second enroulement d'alimentation (S1) dudit transformateur (T1), selon lequel une tension de réaction (V_F) développée par ledit transformateur (T1) et de valeur réglée par un réseau à impédance réglable (R1, R2, R3, R4) est couplée à un circuit de commande (29) de ladite alimentation de puissance en mode commuté (20)



pour commander ladite tension d'alimentation, ledit procédé étant caractérisé par les étapes consistant à

- 5 - délivrer ladite tension de réaction sous forme d'une combinaison, en proportions réglables par ledit réseau d'impédances (R1, R2, R3, R4), de deux tensions de réactions (FB1, FB2) développées différemment par ledit transformateur (T1), par rapport audit second enroulement d'alimentation (S1) ;
 - charger et décharger périodiquement (par Q3) ledit second enroulement d'alimentation (S1),
 - détecter (par 46) la modulation de ladite tension d'alimentation produite par ladite charge et par ladite décharge et,
 - 10 - régler (par R1) ledit réseau d'impédances (R1, R2, R3, R4) selon la modulation détectée de ladite tension d'alimentation, faisant ainsi varier les proportions combinées des deux tensions de réaction.
9. Procédé selon la revendication 8, caractérisé en ce que ladite étape de réglage comprend l'étape de réglage dudit réseau d'impédances (R1, R2, R3, R4) pour produire sensiblement une modulation zéro de ladite tension d'alimentation.
- 15 10. Procédé selon la revendication 8 ou 9, caractérisé en ce que l'étape de détection comporte l'étape de filtrage (par 45) de ladite tension d'alimentation pour laisser passer une fréquence de modulation associée à une fréquence concernant une charge et une décharge périodiques dudit second enroulement d'alimentation tout en filtrant d'autres fréquences.
- 20 11. Procédé selon la revendication 10 utilisé lorsque ladite alimentation d'énergie en mode commuté est effectuée dans un dispositif d'affichage vidéo à balayage de trames, caractérisé en ce que ladite étape de filtrage comporte l'étape consistant à filtrer ladite tension B+ pour filtrer une fréquence de balayage vertical.
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