

Detailed Oscillation Analysis and Parameter Selection Principle for Boost PFC Converter With RC Snubber Operated in DCM

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Abstract—The parasitic parameters of a boost power factor correction converter lead to input current distortion when the converter operates in discontinuous conduction mode, and using an RC snubber is a simple and effective way to suppress the parasitic oscillation. The effect of the RC snubber on the parasitic oscillation is analyzed in detail, and three different forms of the characteristic roots are obtained according to different RC values. The optimal RC values and their relationship between the inductance and parasitic capacitance are figured out, which can achieve a lowest total harmonic distortion. A 1-kW prototype has been built and tested at low power and the experimental waveforms and data are presented to validate the theoretical analysis.

Index Terms—Discontinuous conduction mode (DCM), parasitic oscillation suppression, power factor correction (PFC), RC snubber.

I. INTRODUCTION

BOOST power factor correction (PFC) converter has been widely used in power electronic devices because it exhibits several advantages [1]–[10]. Depending on whether the inductor current is continuous or not, a boost PFC converter can be designed to operate in three modes: continuous conduction mode (CCM), critical conduction mode, and discontinuous conduction mode (DCM) [11]–[18].

With the decrease of output power, the inductor current of a CCM boost PFC converter will fall into DCM around 0 and π , and remain in CCM around $\pi/2$ of a half line cycle. When the load lightens to a certain degree, the inductor current will be fully in DCM during $[0, \pi]$. Correspondingly, the control algorithms for CCM are not suitable anymore and a number of improved control strategies have been proposed [19]–[27]. On the other hand, because of the power components, which are originally adopted for CCM, the resultant rich parasitic parameters will cause serious input current distortion [28]–[36].

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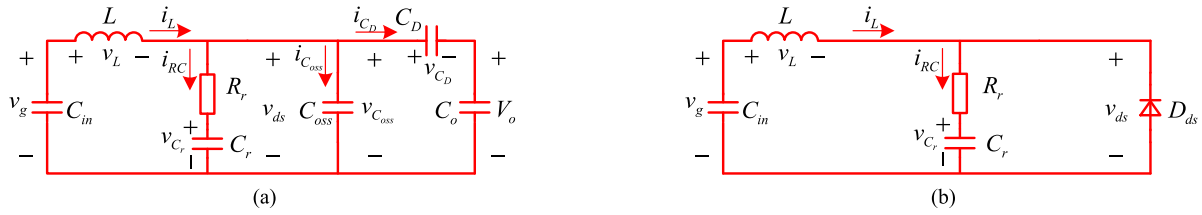


Fig. 3. Equivalent circuits in oscillation period. (a) Parasitic antiparallel diode turns off. (b) Parasitic antiparallel diode turns on.

The complex regime form of (6) can be written as

$$C_{eq} C_r R_r L s^3 + (C_{eq} + C_r) L s^2 + C_r R_r s + 1 = 0. \quad (12)$$

Taking the capacitance C_r of snubber as the variable parameter, we can rearrange (12) as

$$1 + C_r \frac{C_{eq} R_r L s^3 + L s^2 + R_r s}{C_{eq} L s^2 + 1} = 0. \quad (13)$$

In a root locus diagram, the intersection of root locus and the real axis is called the breakaway point. While the value of C_r increases from zero, the imaginary part of two conjugate complex roots decreases. When the imaginary part of two conjugate complex roots is equal to zero, the two complex conjugate roots coincide at the breakaway point, and (13) has two multiple roots γ less than zero. In addition, γ is also a root of (13)'s derivative being equal to zero [39]. Therefore, the following equations can be written:

$$1 + C_r \frac{C_{eq} R_r L \gamma^3 + L \gamma^2 + R_r \gamma}{C_{eq} L \gamma^2 + 1} = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{ds} \left(1 + C_r \frac{C_{eq} R_r L s^3 + L s^2 + R_r s}{C_{eq} L s^2 + 1} \right) \right|_{s=\gamma} = 0. \quad (15)$$

Through (14) and (15), the expression of R_r and C_r regarding γ is

$$R_r = -\frac{2L\gamma}{(C_{eq} L \gamma^2 + 1)^2} \quad (16)$$

$$C_r = -\frac{(C_{eq} L \gamma^2 + 1)^2}{C_{eq} L^2 \gamma^4 - L \gamma^2}. \quad (17)$$

In this paper, the inductance and parasitic capacitance are taken into account for the parasitic parameters, which determine the RC values. Therefore, in order to facilitate the analysis, we should establish the relationship between C_r and C_{eq} . See Appendix A, we can get the following expressions:

$$R_{r_critical1} = \frac{8(k+1)^2}{(3k - \sqrt{k(k-8)})^2} \sqrt{\frac{k-2 - \sqrt{k(k-8)}}{2(k+1)}} \quad (18)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{L}{C_{eq}}} = f_1(k) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{L}{C_{eq}}}$$

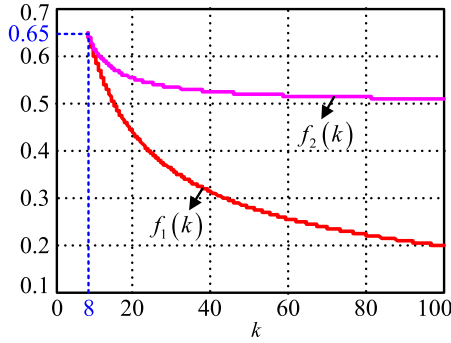
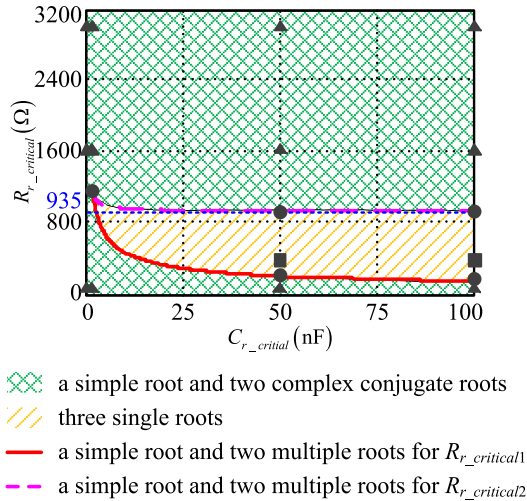
$$R_{r_critical2} = \frac{8(k+1)^2}{(3k + \sqrt{k(k-8)})^2} \sqrt{\frac{k-2 + \sqrt{k(k-8)}}{2(k+1)}} \quad (19)$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{L}{C_{eq}}} = f_2(k) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{L}{C_{eq}}}.$$

The curves of $f_1(k)$ and $f_2(k)$ are depicted in Fig. 4, which reveal that $k \geq 8$ should be satisfied in order to obtain real

$$\alpha = -\frac{b}{3a} + \frac{(-b^2 + 3ac)}{3 \times 2^{2/3} a \left(-27a^2 - 2b^3 + 9abc + \sqrt{4(-b^2 + 3ac)^3 + (-27a^2 - 2b^3 + 9abc)^2} \right)^{1/3}} - \frac{\left(-27a^2 - 2b^3 + 9abc + \sqrt{4(-b^2 + 3ac)^3 + (-27a^2 - 2b^3 + 9abc)^2} \right)^{1/3}}{6 \times 2^{1/3} a} \quad (10)$$

$$\beta = \frac{\sqrt{3}(-b^2 + 3ac)}{3 \times 2^{2/3} a \left(-27a^2 - 2b^3 + 9abc + \sqrt{4(-b^2 + 3ac)^3 + (-27a^2 - 2b^3 + 9abc)^2} \right)^{1/3}} + \frac{\sqrt{3} \left(-27a^2 - 2b^3 + 9abc + \sqrt{4(-b^2 + 3ac)^3 + (-27a^2 - 2b^3 + 9abc)^2} \right)^{1/3}}{6 \times 2^{1/3} a}. \quad (11)$$

Fig. 4. Curves of $f_1(k)$ and $f_2(k)$.Fig. 5. Distribution of characteristic roots for different RC values.

values for $R_{r_critical1}$ and $R_{r_critical2}$. Obviously, $k = 8$ yields the maximum value of $R_{r_critical1}$ and $R_{r_critical2}$ as

$$R_{r_critical1_max} = R_{r_critical2_max} = 0.65 \sqrt{\frac{L}{C_{eq}}} = 1215 \Omega. \quad (20)$$

When k tends to infinity, the limit value of $R_{r_critical1}$ and $R_{r_critical2}$ are

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} R_{r_critical1} = 0 \Omega \quad (21)$$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} R_{r_critical2} = 0.5 \sqrt{\frac{L}{C_{eq}}} = 935 \Omega. \quad (22)$$

Therefore, the cutoff points of the three root loci are $R_r = 935 \Omega$ and $R_r = 1215 \Omega$, respectively.

According to (18) and (19), the distribution of the characteristic roots for different RC values is plotted in Fig. 5. Fig. 6 exhibits the characteristic roots distribution in the root locus diagrams under different RC values. As shown in Fig. 6, when C_r changes from zero to infinity, the three characteristic roots move from infinity and “x” symbols to “o” symbols, respectively. There are three cases of root locus depending on the range

of R_r , i.e., $R_{r_small} \leq 935 \Omega$, $935 \Omega < R_{r_medium} \leq 1215 \Omega$, and $R_{r_large} > 1215 \Omega$. Here, a detailed description of the characteristic roots forms with $R_r = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ and different values of C_r is presented, as shown in the blue solid frame. When $C_r = 1 \text{ nF}$, the characteristic roots are in the form of “a simple root and two complex conjugate roots” marked by triangles in the root locus diagram. With the RC values on the curve of red solid line, the characteristic roots are in the form of “a simple root and two multiple roots,” and $C_r = 2.05 \text{ nF}$ can be obtained from $R_r = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$ through calculation. In this case, the two conjugate complex roots coincide at the breakaway point near the origin, and in other words, their imaginary part is zero. When $C_r = 3 \text{ nF}$, the characteristic roots are in the form of “three simple roots.” Finally, for the pink dotted line, $C_r = 4.8 \text{ nF}$ can be figured out with $R_r = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$, consequently, (6) has two multiple roots at the breakpoint far from the origin and the characteristic roots are in the form of “a simple root and two multiple roots.” Considering the length limit, the detailed introduction to the form of characteristic roots with other groups of R_r and C_r values are not given here. In general, when $R_{r_small} \leq 935 \Omega$ and $935 \Omega < R_{r_medium} \leq 1215 \Omega$, three different forms of characteristic roots will appear with different values of C_r . However, for $R_{r_large} > 1215 \Omega$, the characteristic roots have only one form of “a simple root and two complex conjugate roots,” regardless of the value of C_r .

It should be noted that, in [34], the optimum design of an RC snubber to suppress the surge voltage across the transistor in a switching regulator is presented. The surge voltage is analyzed by means of high-frequency equivalent circuits and the third-order characteristic equation about v_{ds} is obtained. Interestingly, (17) in [34] has the same form with (6), whereas the coefficients of the derivative item of each order are different. Therefore, from the viewpoint of control theory, their root locus diagrams are very similar. However, the physical significance of electricity, the objective of research, and the process of utilizing the root locus to analyze problems and achieve goals are different.

According to the derivations of the inductor current, the drain source voltage of the switch and so on in Appendix B, the waveforms of v_{Cr} , i_{RC} , i_L , and v_{ds} for different RC values can be drawn. In a half line cycle, depending on whether v_{ds} can oscillate to zero or not, there are two situations about the inductor current. The analysis reveals that the electric interval corresponding to $v_g(n) < V_b$ covers only a minor part of the whole line cycle. In addition, the waveforms of i_L are similar in the two situations. For simplicity, the waveforms at $\pi/4$ where $v_g(n) \geq V_b$ are plotted and presented here.

The waveforms for “a simple root and two complex conjugate roots” are shown in Fig. 7, where the RC values represented by the triangles in Fig. 5 are adopted, respectively. It can be seen that i_L oscillates during T_d , where the RC values determine the amplitude and frequency of the oscillating current as well as the speed of oscillation attenuation.

For the RC values on the curves of red solid line and pink dotted line, the characteristic roots are in the form of “a simple root and two multiple roots.” Here the RC values corresponding to

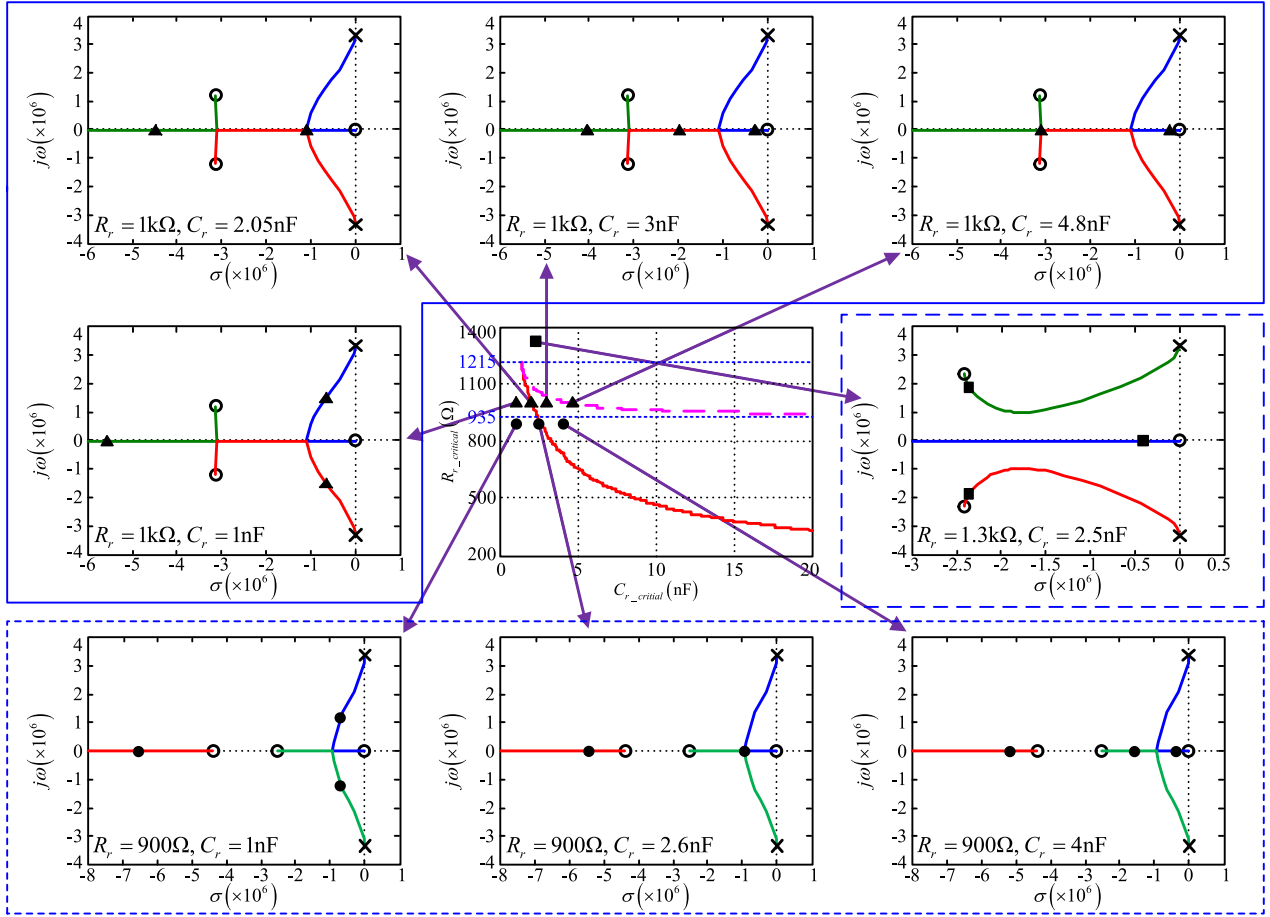


Fig. 6. Root locus diagrams for parameter C_r .

the circles in Fig. 5 are used for drawing Fig. 8. The waveforms indicate that i_L drops first, then it rises and remains stable, and the falling and rising speed lies on the RC values.

For the “three simple roots,” the waveforms can be considered as the transition between that for red solid line and pink dotted line. With the RC values marked by squares in Fig. 5, Fig. 9 is plotted.

If the average value in oscillation period and the initial value in a switching cycle are equal to zero, the inductor current will not be disturbed, and the distortion of input current can be

eliminated [36]. The average current in the oscillation period and the initial value of the inductor current at the n th number of switching cycle can be calculated as, (23) and (24) as shown at the bottom of this page.

Therefore, according to (23) and (24), the waveforms of $i_{L_initial}(n)$ and $i_{L_Td_ave}(n)$ in a half line cycle can be plotted in Figs. 10–15.

The aforementioned analysis explicitly shows that whatever the form of the characteristic roots is, for the inductor current, different RC values lead to different variation rules of average

$$i_{L_Td_ave}(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{T_s} \int_{(n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off}}^{nT_s} i_{L_Td}(t) dt, v_g(n) \geq V_b \\ \frac{1}{T_s} \left[\int_{(n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off}}^{nT_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1}} i_{L_Td1}(t) dt + \int_{nT_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1}}^{nT_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1} + T_{d2}} i_{L_Td2}(t) dt \right. \\ \left. + \int_{nT_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1} + T_{d2}}^{nT_s} i_{L_Td3}(t) dt \right], v_g(n) < V_b \end{cases} \quad (23)$$

$$i_{L_initial}(n) = \begin{cases} i_{L_Td1}((n-2)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_d), v_g(n-1) \geq V_b \\ i_{L_Td1}((n-2)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_d), v_g(n-1) < V_b \text{ \& } T_d \leq T_{d1} \\ i_{L_Td2}((n-2)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_d), v_g(n-1) < V_b \text{ \& } T_{d1} < T_d \leq T_{d1} + T_{d2} \\ i_{L_Td3}((n-2)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_d), v_g(n-1) < V_b \text{ \& } T_d > T_{d1} + T_{d2}. \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

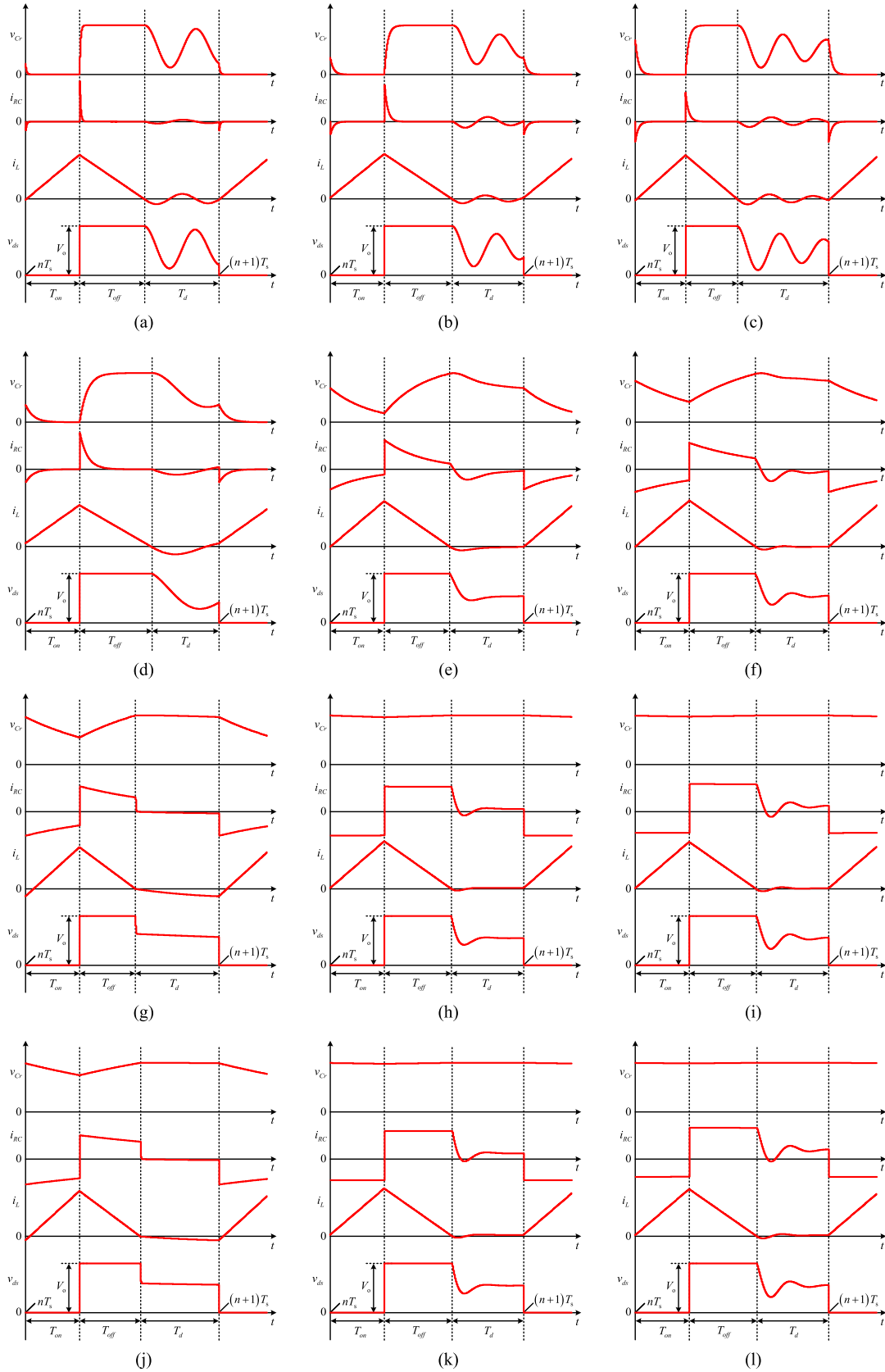


Fig. 7. Waveforms of v_{Cr} , i_{RC} , i_L , and v_{ds} for “a simple root and two complex conjugate roots.” (a) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ pF}$. (b) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ pF}$. (c) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ pF}$. (d) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (e) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (f) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (g) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (h) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (i) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (j) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$. (k) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$. (l) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$.

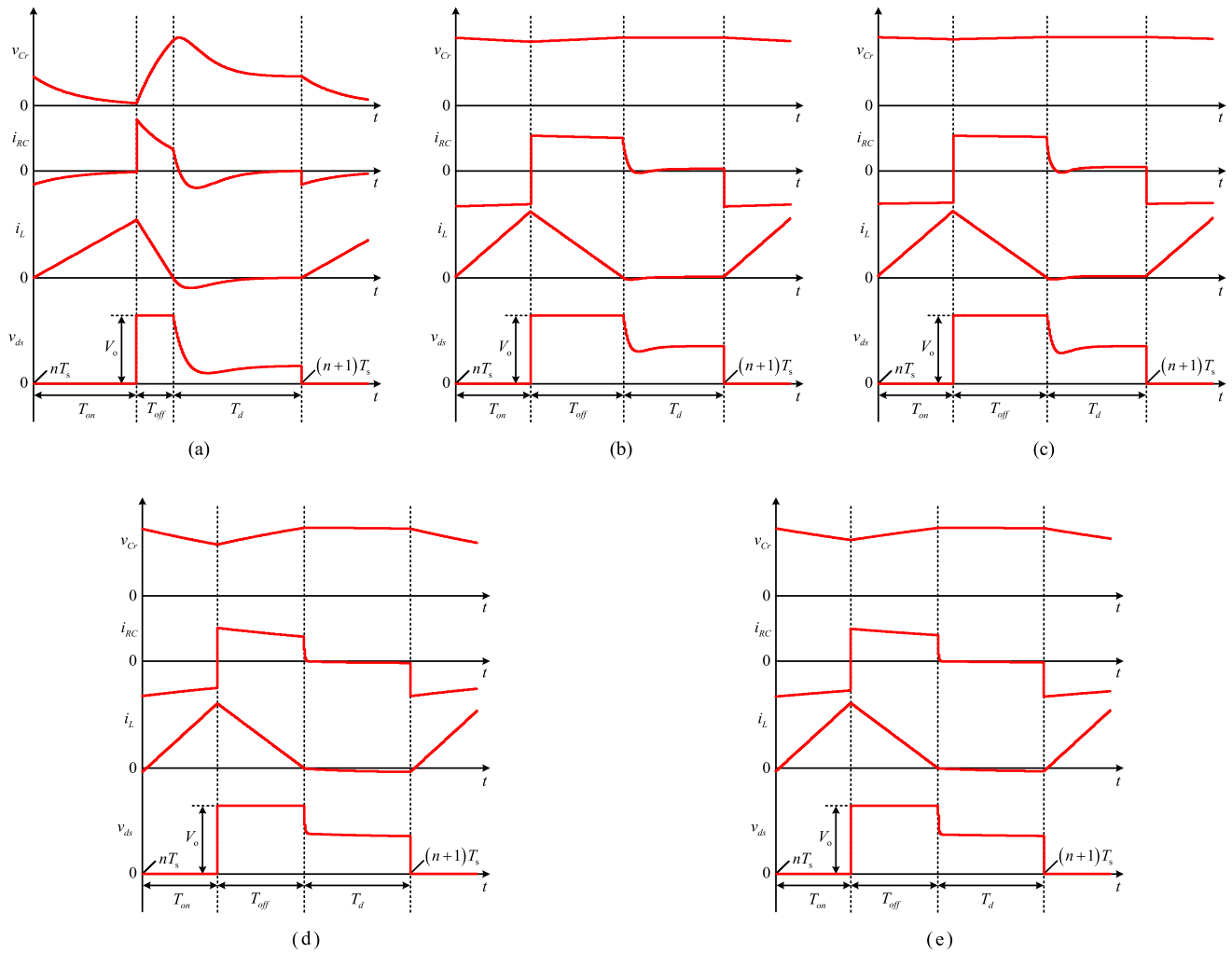


Fig. 8. Waveforms of v_{Cr} , i_{RC} , i_L , and v_{ds} for “a simple root and two multiple roots.” (a) $R_r = 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (b) $R_r = 941 \text{ }\Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (c) $R_r = 938 \text{ }\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$. (d) $R_r = 211 \text{ }\Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (e) $R_r = 149 \text{ }\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$.

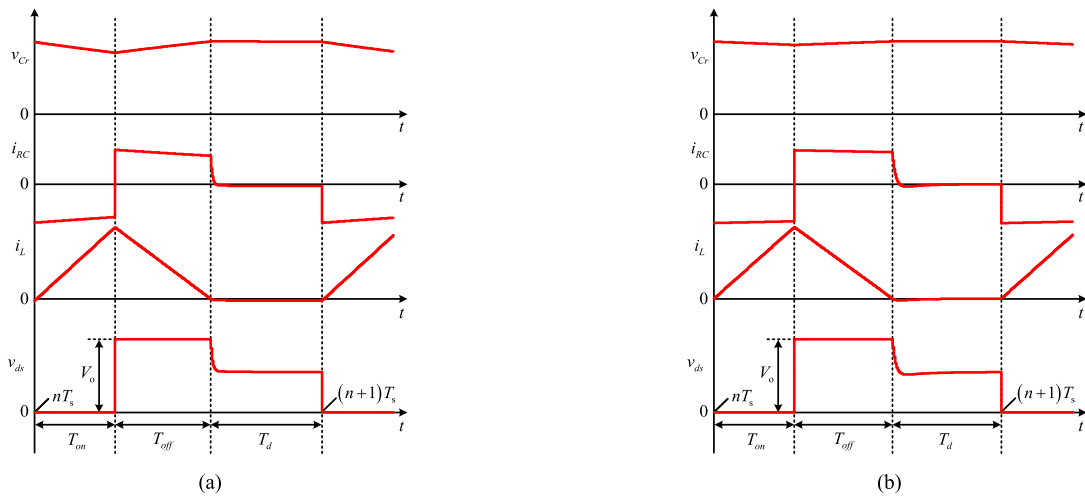


Fig. 9. Waveforms of v_{Cr} , i_{RC} , i_L , and v_{ds} for “three simple roots.” (a) $R_r = 350 \text{ }\Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (b) $R_r = 350 \text{ }\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$.

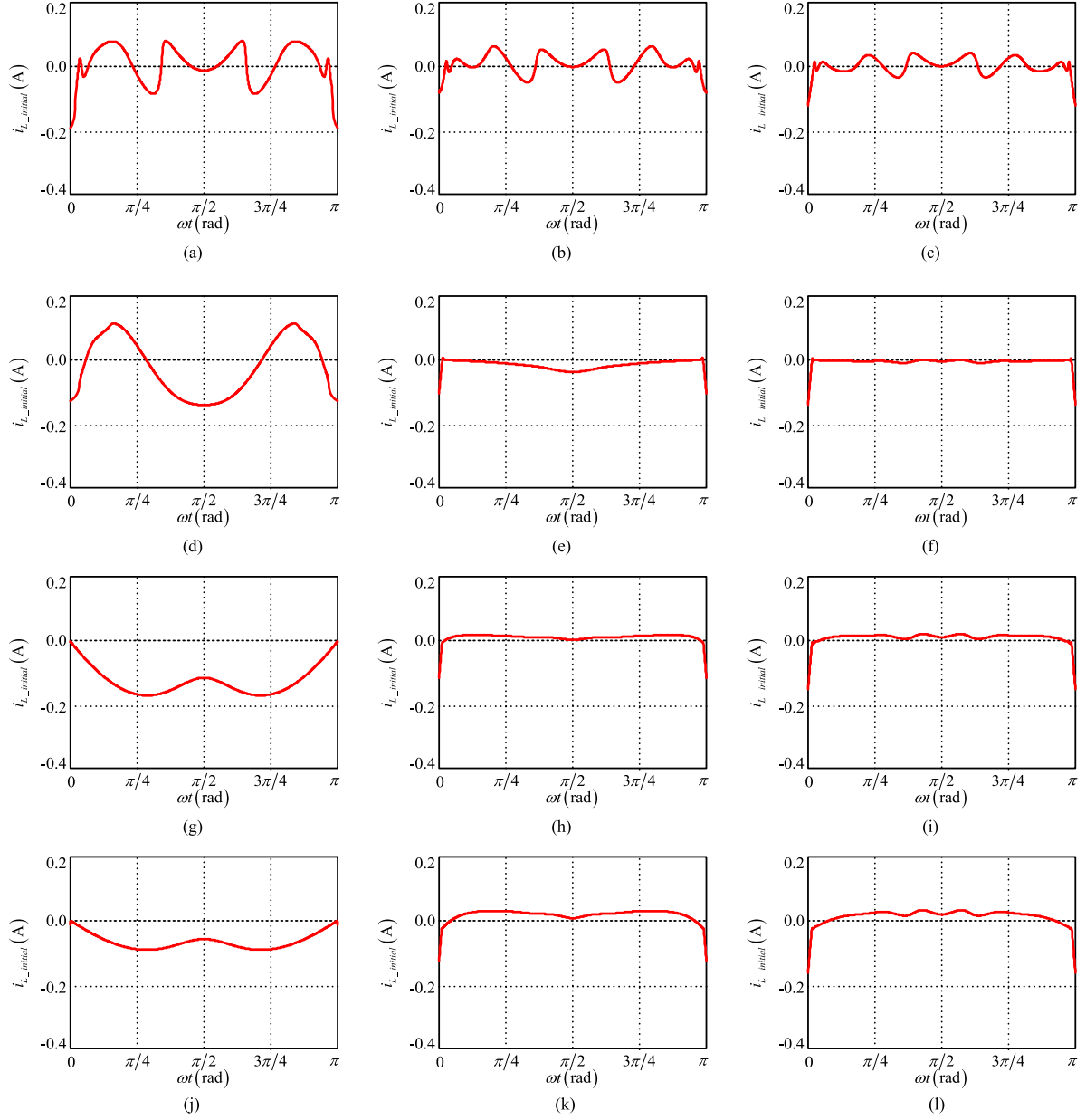


Fig. 10. Waveforms of $i_{L_initial}(n)$ for “a simple root and two complex conjugate roots.” (a) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ pF}$. (b) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ pF}$. (c) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ pF}$. (d) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (e) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (f) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (g) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (h) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (i) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (j) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$. (k) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$. (l) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$.

value in an oscillation period and initial value in a switching cycle. For a lowest THD, the optimal RC values as well as their relationship between the inductance and parasitic capacitance will be calculated in crystal detail in Section III.

III. PARAMETER SELECTION OF THE RC SNUBBER

When the switch turns ON, the inductor current increases linearly

$$i_{L_T_{\text{on}}}(t) = \frac{v_g(n)}{L} [t - (n-1)T_s] + i_{L_initial}(n) \quad (25)$$

where $(n-1)T_s \leq t \leq (n-1)T_s + T_{\text{on}}$.

When the switch turns OFF, the inductor current decreases linearly

$$i_{L_T_{\text{off}}}(t) = i_{L_T_{\text{on}}}((n-1)T_s + T_{\text{on}}) - \frac{V_o - v_g(n)}{L} [t - (n-1)T_s - T_{\text{on}}] \quad (26)$$

where $(n-1)T_s + T_{\text{on}} \leq t \leq (n-1)T_s + T_{\text{on}} + T_{\text{off}}$, and

$$T_{\text{off}} = \frac{L}{V_o - v_g(n)} i_{L_T_{\text{on}}}((n-1)T_s + T_{\text{on}}). \quad (27)$$

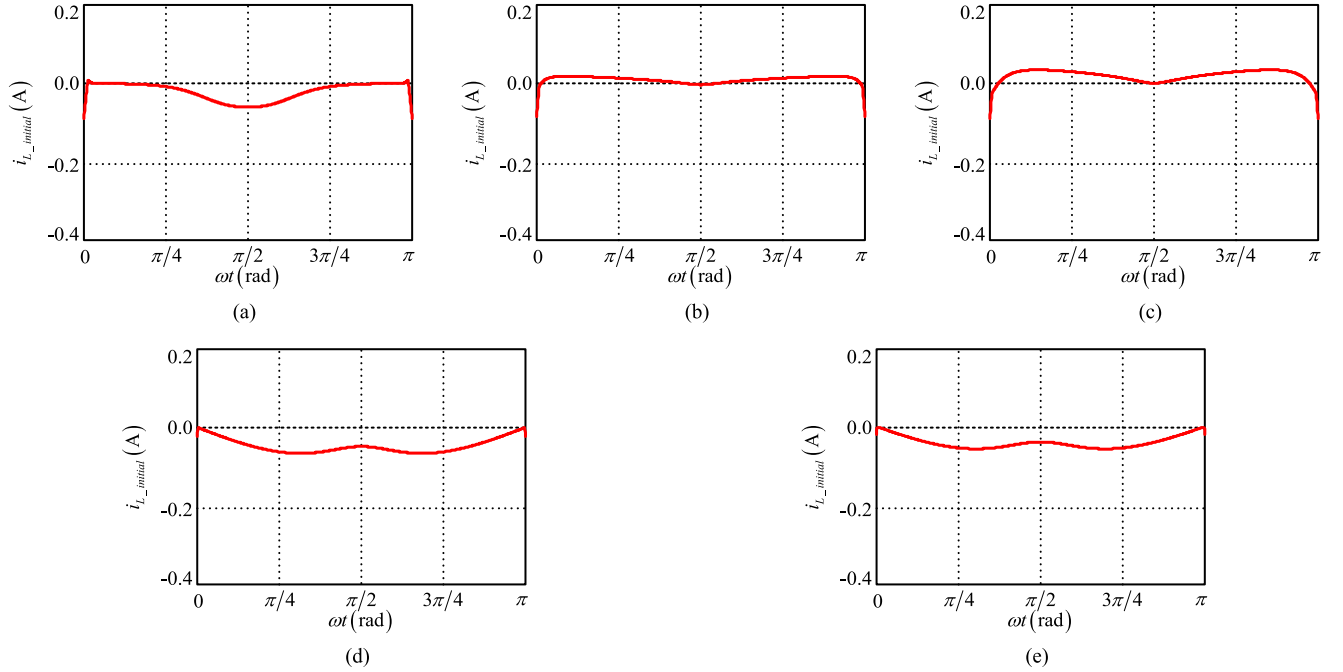


Fig. 11. Waveforms of $i_{L_initial}(n)$ for “a simple root and two multiple roots.” (a) $R_r = 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (b) $R_r = 941 \Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (c) $R_r = 938 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$. (d) $R_r = 211 \Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (e) $R_r = 149 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$.

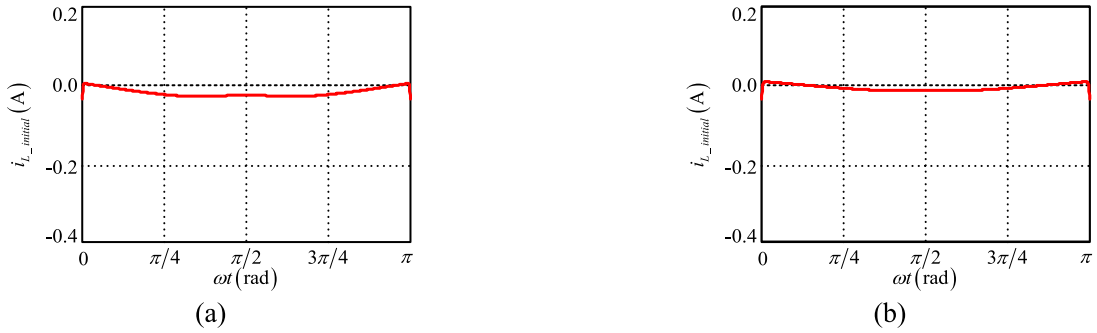


Fig. 12. Waveforms of $i_{L_initial}(n)$ for “three simple roots.” (a) $R_r = 350 \Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (b) $R_r = 350 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$.

Therefore, the average current in a switching cycle can be formulated as

$$i_{in}(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{T_s} \left[\int_{(n-1)T_s}^{(n-1)T_s+T_{on}} i_{L.T_{on}}(t) dt + \int_{(n-1)T_s+T_{on}}^{(n-1)T_s+T_{on}+T_{off}} i_{L.T_{off}}(t) dt + \int_{(n-1)T_s+T_{on}+T_{off}}^{nT_s} i_{L.T_d}(t) dt \right], & v_g(n) \geq V_b \\ \frac{1}{T_s} \left[\int_{(n-1)T_s}^{(n-1)T_s+T_{on}} i_{L.T_{on}}(t) dt + \int_{(n-1)T_s+T_{on}}^{(n-1)T_s+T_{on}+T_{off}} i_{L.T_{off}}(t) dt + \int_{(n-1)T_s+T_{on}+T_{off}}^{nT_s+T_{on}+T_{off}+T_{d1}} i_{L.T_{d1}}(t) dt + \int_{nT_s+T_{on}+T_{off}+T_{d1}}^{nT_s+T_{on}+T_{off}+T_{d1}+T_{d2}} i_{L.T_{d2}}(t) dt + \int_{nT_s+T_{on}+T_{off}+T_{d1}+T_{d2}}^{nT_s} i_{L.T_{d3}}(t) dt \right], & v_g(n) < V_b \end{cases} \quad (28)$$

The THD of the input current is expressed as

$$\text{THD} = \sqrt{\frac{I_{in,rms}^2 - I_1^2}{I_1^2}} \times 100\% \quad (29)$$

where $I_{in,rms}$ is the root mean square (rms) value of the input current, I_1 is the rms value of the fundamental component of the input current, which are formulated as

$$I_{in,rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T_l} \sum_{n=0}^{T_l/T_s} i_{in}^2(n) T_s} \quad (30)$$

$$I_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{T_l} \sum_{n=0}^{T_l/T_s} i_{in}(n) T_s \sin \frac{2\pi n T_s}{T_l} \quad (31)$$

where T_l is the line cycle.

Substituting the formulas (A5)–(A27) in Appendix B into (29)–(31), the THD can be obtained.

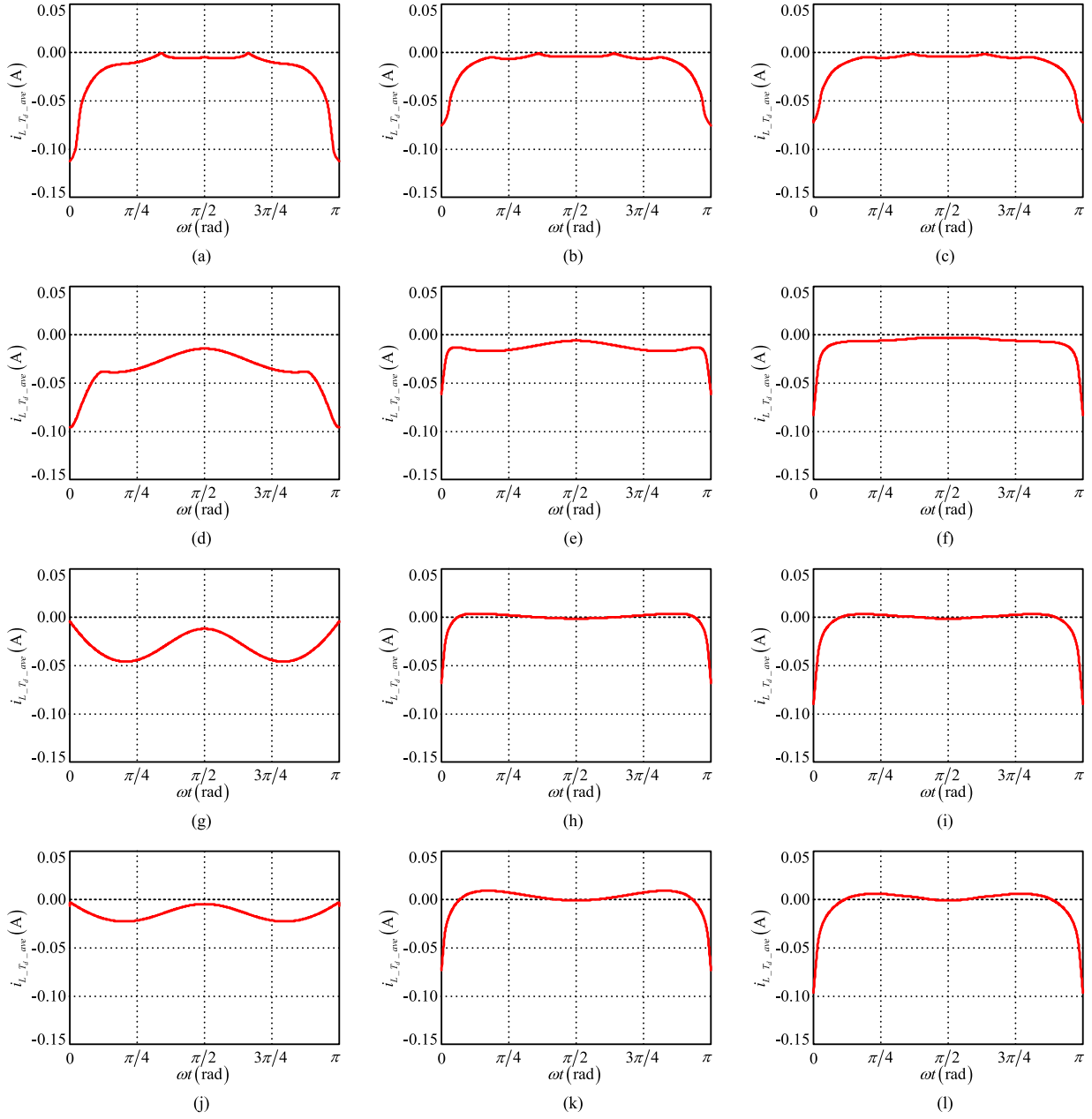


Fig. 13. Waveforms of $i_{L_r, T_r, ave}(n)$ for “a simple root and two complex conjugate roots.” (a) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ pF}$. (b) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ pF}$. (c) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ pF}$. (d) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (e) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (f) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (g) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (h) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (i) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (j) $R_r = 100 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$. (k) $R_r = 1.6 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$. (l) $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$.

IEC 61000-3-2 standards specify that the harmonic limit should be considered for the input power more than 75 W. Referring to the circuit parameters in Section IV, $V_{in, rms}$ and P_o are chosen as 220 V_{AC} and 88 W, respectively, for the analysis of the THD of input current.

Based on (29)–(31) and Fig. 5, for a given value of C_r , the curve diagrams about THD versus R_r are depicted in Fig. 16. Fig. 16 reveals that, when C_r is constant, with the increase of R_r , THD decreases first and then increases, hence there is a minimum value of THD_{\min, C_r} , resulting from a corresponding optimal $R_{r, \text{optimal}, C_r}$ with different val-

ues of C_r , for which the curves are plotted in the solid line in Fig. 17.

It should be noted that the discrete points in the solid curve about $R_{r, \text{optimal}, C_r}$ versus C_r are the one by one calculation results by the software Mathcad. In order to show the relationship clearly, the following fitting function of explicit expression is figured out, which is drawn in the dotted line in Fig. 17

$$R_{r, \text{optimal}, C_r, \text{fit}} = \sqrt{\frac{L(2.411C_r + 5.505C_{\text{eq}})}{C_{\text{eq}}(C_r + 0.518C_{\text{eq}})}}. \quad (32)$$

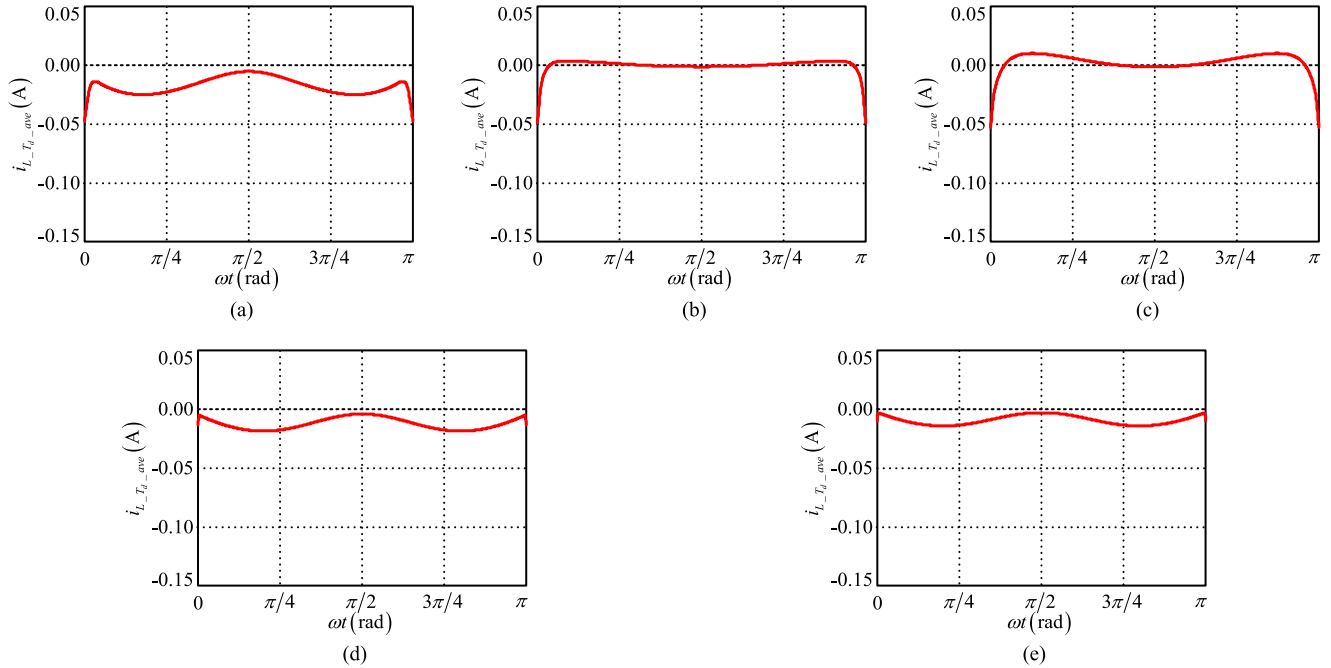


Fig. 14. Waveforms of $i_{L,Td_{ave}}(n)$ for “a simple root and two multiple roots.” (a) $R_r = 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 1.3 \text{ nF}$. (b) $R_r = 941 \Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (c) $R_r = 938 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$. (d) $R_r = 211 \Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (e) $R_r = 149 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$.

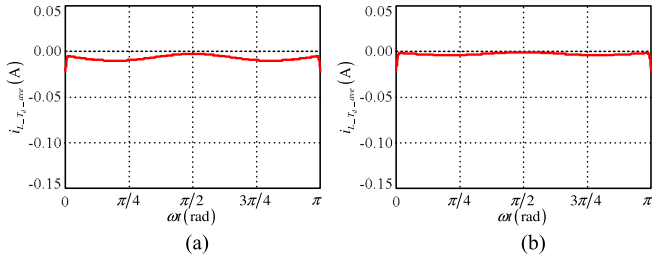


Fig. 15. Waveforms of $i_{L,Td_{ave}}(n)$ for “three simple roots.” (a) $R_r = 350 \Omega$, $C_r = 50 \text{ nF}$. (b) $R_r = 350 \Omega$, $C_r = 100 \text{ nF}$.

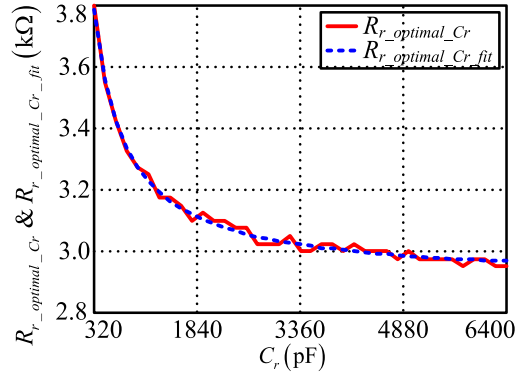


Fig. 17. Relationship between $R_{r_optimal_Cr}$ and C_r .

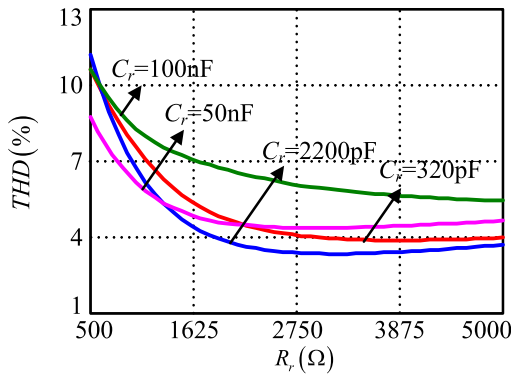


Fig. 16. Relationship between THD and R_r while C_r is constant.

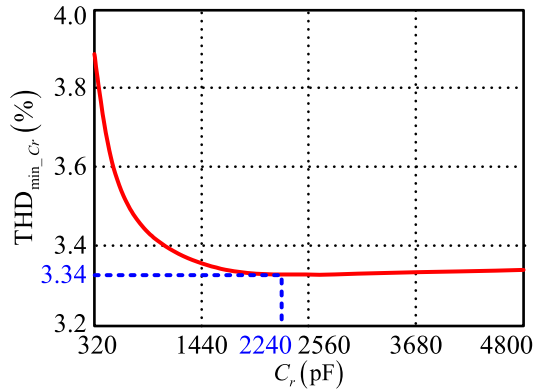
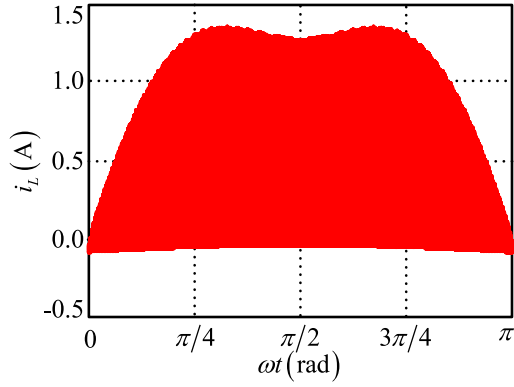
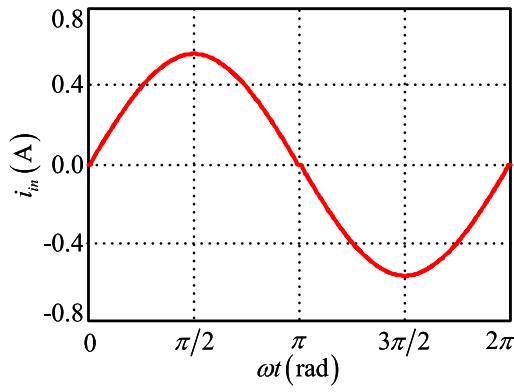


Fig. 18. Relationship between THD_{\min_Cr} and C_r .

Based on (29)–(32), the relationship between THD_{\min_Cr} and C_r is depicted in Fig. 18. Fig. 18 shows that, with the increase of C_r , THD_{\min_Cr} decreases first and then increases,


 Fig. 19. Theoretical waveform of inductor current with optimal RC values.

 Fig. 20. Theoretical waveforms of input current with optimal RC values.

and the minimum value is 3.34%, which is corresponding to $R_{r_optimal} = 3068 \Omega$ and $C_{r_optimal} = 2280 \text{ pF}$. Considering the analysis in Section II, we can notice that the optimal RC values are in the group of “a simple root and two complex conjugate roots.” Among all the drawings in Figs. 7, 10, and 13, Figs. 7(f), 10(f), and 13(f) are most close to that of the optimal values. Considering the parameter of the converter, the relationship between this value and the inductance as well as parasitic capacitance is obtained as

$$R_{r_optimal} = 1.64 \sqrt{\frac{L}{C_{eq}}} \quad (33)$$

$$C_{r_optimal} = 14.25 C_{eq}. \quad (34)$$

From (25)–(28), the waveforms of i_L and i_{in} with optimal RC values in a half line cycle can be drawn in Figs. 19 and 20.

In [36], the oscillation process of a boost PFC converter operated in DCM without RC snubber is analyzed in detail. Based on the mathematical expressions presented in [36], the waveforms of $i_{L_initial}(n)$, $i_{L_Td_ave}(n)$, i_L , and i_{in} in a half line cycle are presented in Figs. 21–24, respectively. Compared with that in Fig. 24, the theoretical input current in Fig. 20 with optimal RC values is greatly improved and nearly sinusoidal.

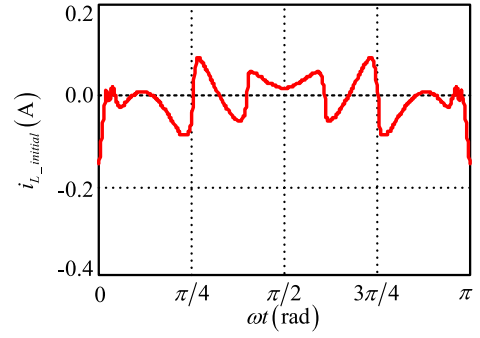
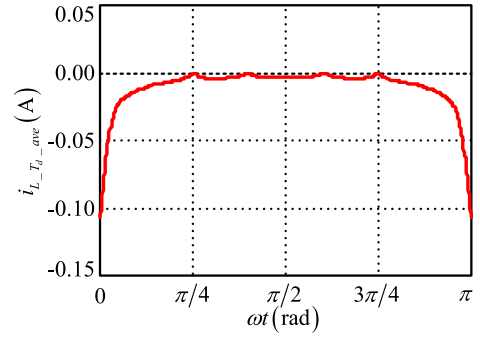
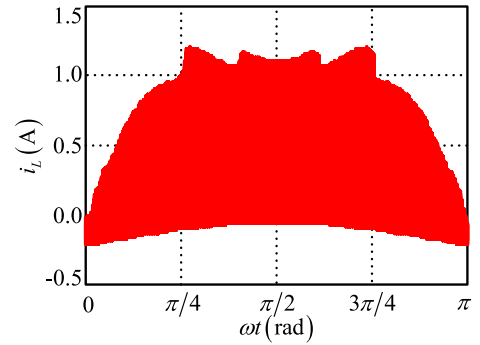
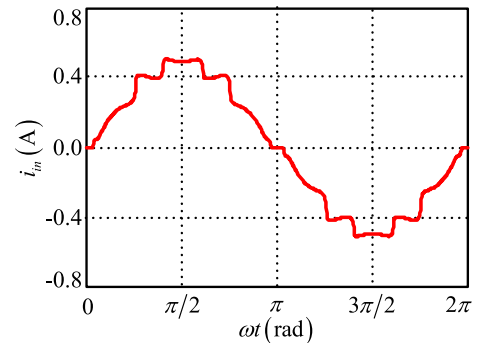

 Fig. 21. Waveform of initial value of inductor current without RC .

 Fig. 22. Waveform of average value of inductor current in oscillation period without RC .

 Fig. 23. Theoretical waveform of inductor current without RC .

 Fig. 24. Theoretical waveforms of input current without RC .

TABLE I
OPTIMAL RC VALUES FOR DIFFERENT RATED LOAD WITH THE SWITCHING DEVICES SELECTED FROM INFINEON

Rated load	L	Power switch	Power diode	C_{eq}	Z_n	$R_{r_optimal} / Z_n$	$C_{r_optimal} / Z_n$
500W	1120 μ H	IPP60R250CP $C_{oss}=54$ pF	IDH03SG60C $C_D=8$ pF	62pF	4250 Ω	1.68	14.4
1500W	374 μ H	IPP60R099C6 $C_{oss}=154$ pF	IDH06SG60C $C_D=20$ pF	174pF	1466 Ω	1.66	14.1
2500W	224 μ H	IPP60R074C6 $C_{oss}=170$ pF	IDH10SG60C $C_D=40$ pF	210pF	1033 Ω	1.73	15.2
3500W	160 μ H	IPW65R019C7 $C_{oss}=160$ pF	IDH16G65C6 $C_D=46$ pF	206pF	881 Ω	1.78	15.9

TABLE II
OPTIMAL RC VALUES FOR DIFFERENT RATED LOAD WITH THE SWITCHING DEVICES SELECTED FROM FAIRCHILD

Rated load	L	Power switch	Power diode	C_{eq}	Z_n	$R_{r_optimal} / Z_n$	$C_{r_optimal} / Z_n$
500W	1120 μ H	FCP260N60E $C_{oss}=32$ pF	FFSP0665A $C_D=32$ pF	64pF	4183 Ω	1.70	14.4
1500W	374 μ H	FCH104N60N $C_{oss}=75$ pF	FFSP0865A $C_D=38$ pF	113pF	1819 Ω	1.77	15.2
2500W	224 μ H	FCH072N60F $C_{oss}=110$ pF	FFSP1065A $C_D=47$ pF	157pF	1194 Ω	1.76	15.5
3500W	160 μ H	FCH041N60E $C_{oss}=187$ pF	FFSP1665A $C_D=72$ pF	259pF	786 Ω	1.74	15.3

TABLE III
OPTIMAL RC VALUES FOR DIFFERENT RATED LOAD WITH THE SWITCHING DEVICES SELECTED FROM ST

Rated load	L	Power switch	Power diode	C_{eq}	Z_n	$R_{r_optimal} / Z_n$	$C_{r_optimal} / Z_n$
500W	1120 μ H	STW18N65M5 $C_{oss}=32$ pF	STPSC6H065 $C_D=30$ pF	62pF	4250 Ω	1.68	14.4
1500W	374 μ H	STW45N65M5 $C_{oss}=82$ pF	STPSC8H065 $C_D=38$ pF	120pF	1765 Ω	1.76	15.1
2500W	224 μ H	STW69N65M5 $C_{oss}=170$ pF	STPSC10H065 $C_D=48$ pF	218pF	1014 Ω	1.72	15.4
3500W	160 μ H	STW88N65M5 $C_{oss}=223$ pF	STPSC16H065C $C_D=38$ pF	261pF	783 Ω	1.74	15.2

TABLE IV
OPTIMAL RC VALUES FOR DIFFERENT RATED LOAD WITH THE SWITCHING DEVICES SELECTED FROM TOSHIBA

Rated load	L	Power switch	Power diode	C_{eq}	Z_n	$R_{r_optimal} / Z_n$	$C_{r_optimal} / Z_n$
500W	1120 μ H	TK10E60W $C_{oss}=20$ pF	TRS6A65C $C_D=35$ pF	55pF	4513 Ω	1.74	14.9
1500W	374 μ H	TK31E60W $C_{oss}=70$ pF	TRS8A65C $C_D=44$ pF	114pF	1811 Ω	1.78	15.2
2500W	224 μ H	TK39N60X $C_{oss}=90$ pF	TRS10A65C $C_D=55$ pF	145pF	1243 Ω	1.79	15.7
3500W	160 μ H	TK62N60X $C_{oss}=140$ pF	TRS16A65C $C_D=88$ pF	228pF	838 Ω	1.76	15.5

It should be noted that for other boost PFC converters, the same method can be used for the analysis and calculation, and then the corresponding optimal RC parameter can be searched and selected. CCM boost PFC converters are usually designed in the range of hundreds of watts to several kilowatts, the converter parameters and optimal RC values can be calculated, as shown in Tables I–IV, where Z_n equals to $\sqrt{L/C_{eq}}$.

IV. EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATION

For the validity of the proposed method, a 1-kW boost PFC converter based on DSP MC56F8257 has been built and tested in DCM operation. The variable duty cycle strategy proposed

in [15] is adopted. The theoretical critical load power of the converter is 96 W at 220 V_{AC}. In the following experiments, 88 W is employed as the margin is considered. The specifications and components of the prototype are as follows: $V_{in,rms} = 176\text{--}264$ V, $f_1 = 50$ Hz, $f_s = 100$ kHz, $P_o = 24 \sim 88$ W, $V_o = 400$ V, $L = 560$ μ H, $C_{oss} = 130$ pF, $C_D = 30$ pF, $C_{DL} = 30$ pF, $C_{in} = 0.33$ μ F, and $C_o = 1000$ μ F. Power switch: IPP60R099CP, power diode: IDH05S60C, series diode: RURP8120. RC snubber: $R_r = 3$ k Ω , $C_r = 2.2$ nF (selection principle in this paper); $R_r = 2$ k Ω , $C_r = 470$ pF (selection principle in [35]).

The waveforms of the input voltage, input current, and inductor current are presented in Figs. 25 and 26 without

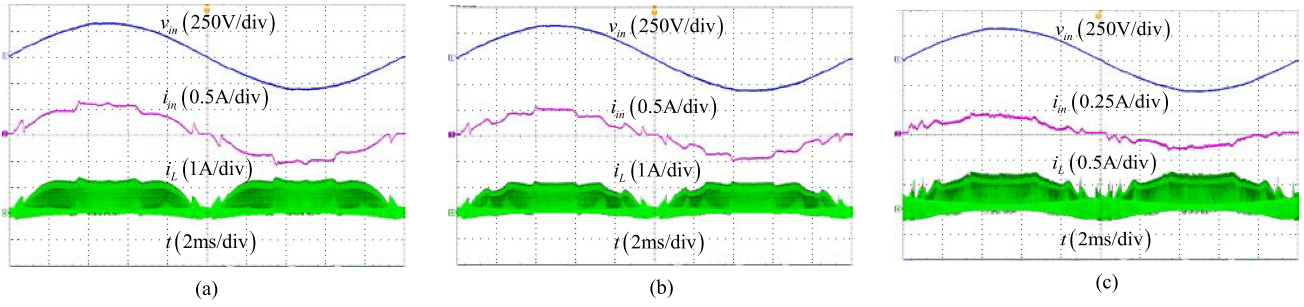


Fig. 25. Experimental waveforms without RC at 220 V_{AC}. (a) $P_o = 88$ W. (b) $P_o = 60$ W. (c) $P_o = 24$ W.

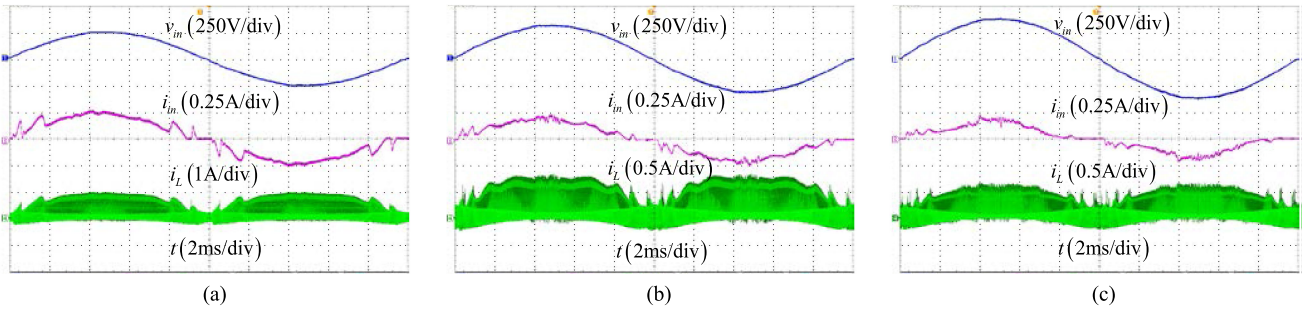


Fig. 26. Experimental waveforms without RC while $P_o = 30$ W. (a) 176 V. (b) 220 V. (c) 264 V.

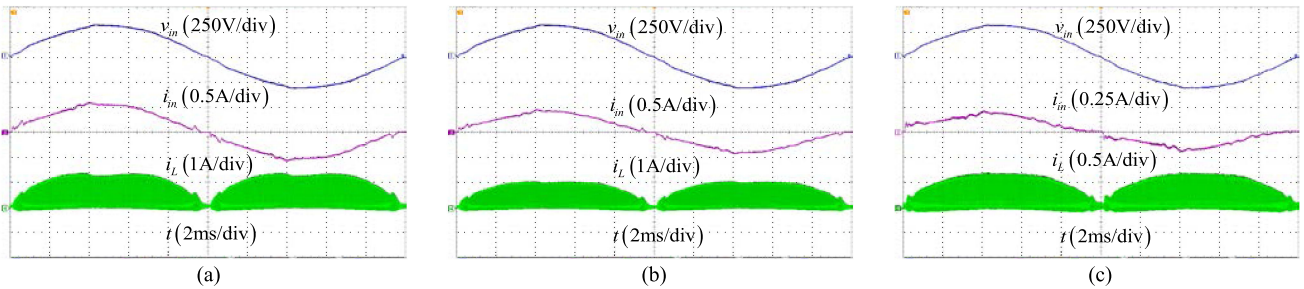


Fig. 27. Experimental waveforms with $R_r = 3$ k Ω , $C_r = 2.2$ nF at 220 V_{AC}. (a) $P_o = 88$ W. (b) $P_o = 60$ W. (c) $P_o = 24$ W.

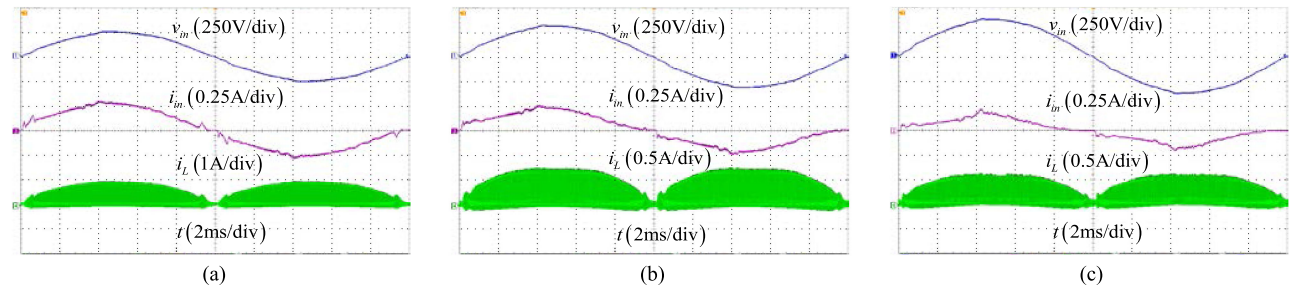


Fig. 28. Experimental waveforms with $R_r = 3$ k Ω , $C_r = 2.2$ nF, while $P_o = 30$ W. (a) 176 V. (b) 220 V. (c) 264 V.

any oscillation suppression circuit, and Figs. 27 and 28 with $R_r = 3$ k Ω , $C_r = 2.2$ nF, respectively. Figs. 25 and 26 show that when a CCM boost PFC converter operates in DCM, the input current is distorted seriously. It can be seen from Figs. 27 and 28 that the input current is improved effectively, especially when at a high power or at a low input voltage.

The waveforms of v_{Cr} , i_{RC} , i_L , and v_{ds} in a switching cycle with $R_r = 3$ k Ω , $C_r = 2.2$ nF are shown in Fig. 29 while $V_{in,rms} = 220$ V and $P_o = 60$ W. Fig. 29 illustrates that the waveforms of v_{Cr} , i_{RC} , i_L , and v_{ds} are the same as those of the theoretical analysis, and the inductor current is almost zero at the initial instant of the switching cycle.

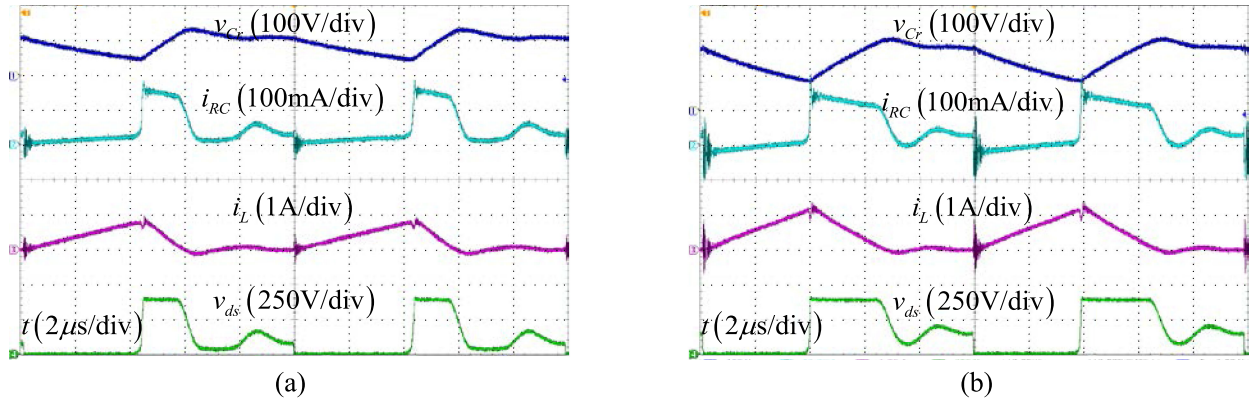


Fig. 29. Waveforms of v_{Cr} , i_{RC} , i_L , and v_{ds} with $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 2.2 \text{ nF}$. (a) $v_g(n) < V_b$. (b) $v_g(n) \geq V_b$.

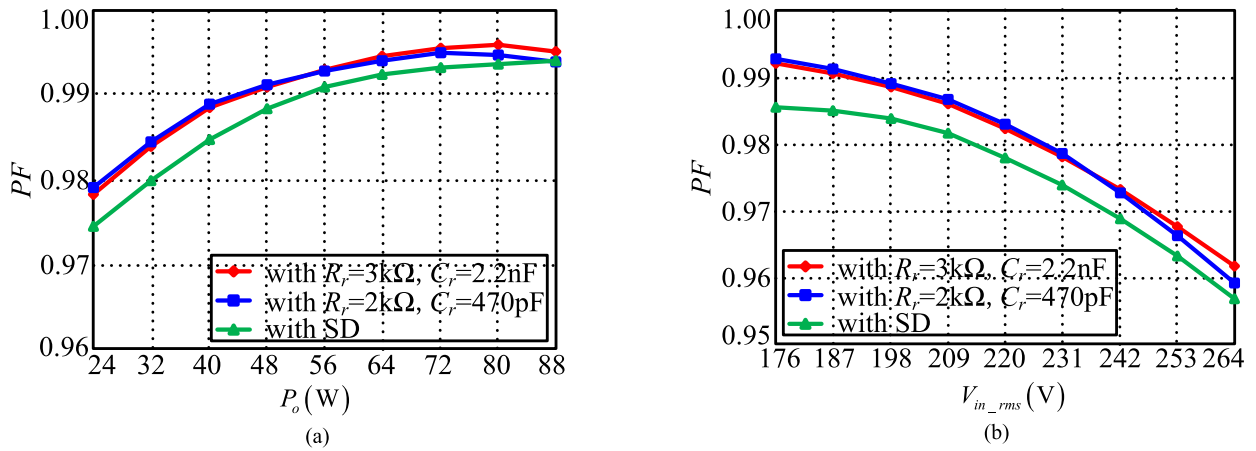


Fig. 30. Measured PF. (a) With different P_o at 220 V_{AC} . (b) With different V_{in_rms} while $P_o = 30 \text{ W}$.

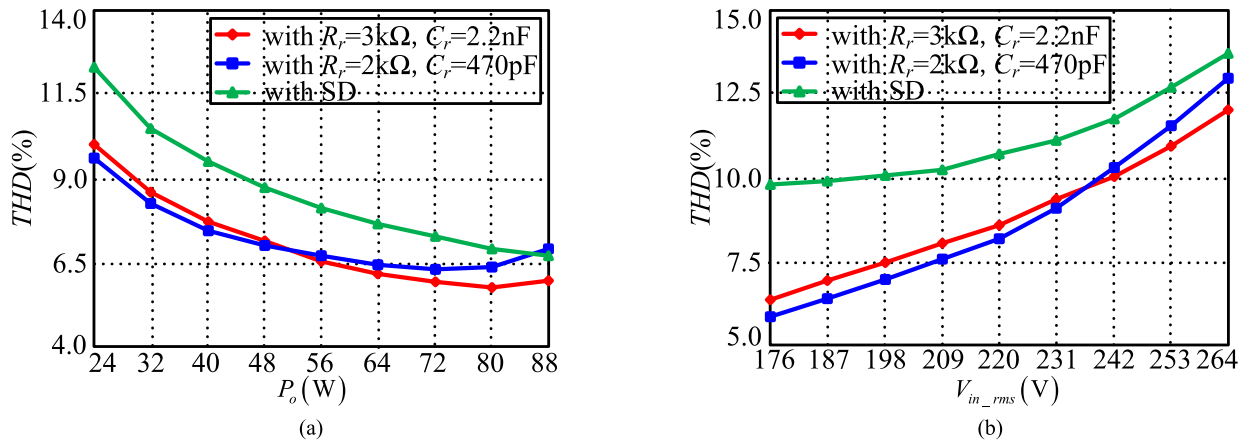


Fig. 31. Measured THD. (a) With different P_o at 220 V_{AC} . (b) With different V_{in_rms} while $P_o = 30 \text{ W}$.

The PF and THD curves from experimental results of the converter with $R_r = 3 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 2.2 \text{ nF}$, with $R_r = 2 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_r = 470 \text{ pF}$, and with series diode (SD) method proposed in [36] at different load power and input voltages are given in Figs. 30 and 31, respectively. The results demonstrate that RC snubber can

effectively decrease the input current distortion and improve the power factor, and the PF is higher than that with SD. The PF and THD of the converter with two different RC values are basically the same. At a certain input voltage, the THD decreases with the increment of the output power, while at a certain output power,

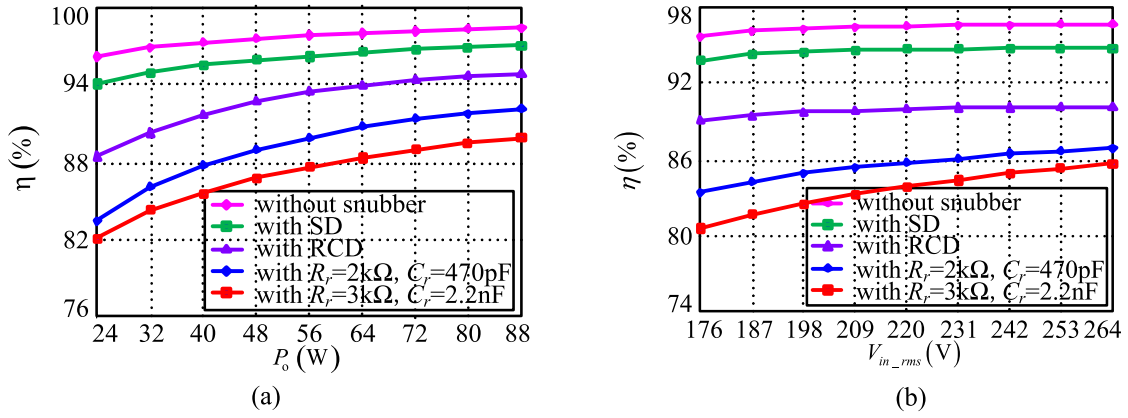


Fig. 32. Measured efficiency. (a) Efficiency curves with different P_o at 220 V_{AC}. (b) Efficiency curves with different V_{in_rms} while $P_o = 30$ W.

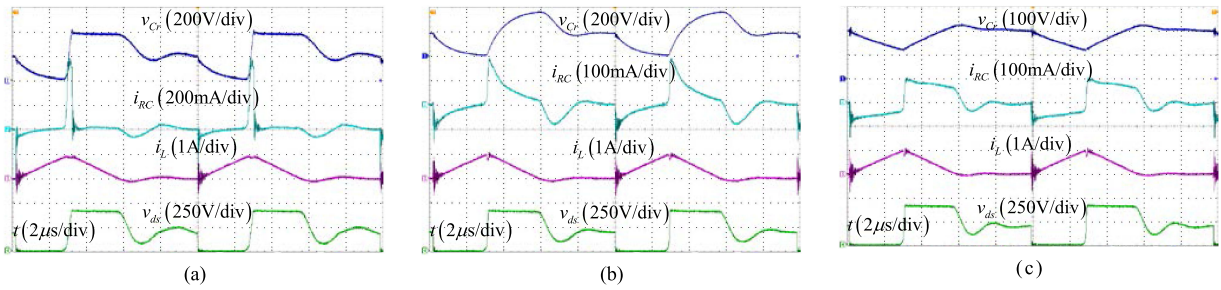


Fig. 33. Waveforms of v_{Cr} , i_{RC} , i_L , and v_{ds} at $\pi/4$ of a half line cycle. (a) With RCD. (b) With $R_r = 2$ k Ω , $C_r = 470$ pF. (c) With $R_r = 3$ k Ω , $C_r = 2.2$ nF.

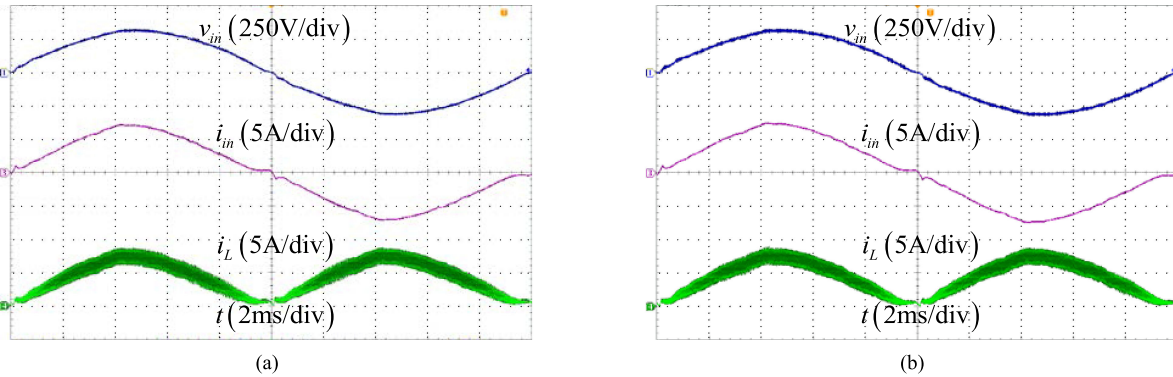


Fig. 34. Experimental waveforms while $V_{in_rms} = 220$ V and $P_o = 1$ kW. (a) Without RC. (b) With RC.

the THD increases with the increment of the input voltage, both for the converter with RC and with SD. The contrary is the case for PF.

Fig. 32 demonstrates the efficiency curves, where the efficiency of the converter with RCD is higher than that with RC. The reasons are explained as follows. The waveforms of v_{Cr} , i_{RC} , i_L , and v_{ds} at $\pi/4$ of a half line cycle with RC and RCD are shown in Fig. 33. It is clear to see that, when the switch turns OFF, an inrush current passes the diode of RCD and v_{Cr} increases to V_o immediately, then i_{RC} remains at zero till i_L drops to zero. Therefore, the loss of RCD is lower than that of RC. In addition, it can be seen from Fig. 33(b) and (c) that the rms values of i_{RC} in a switching cycle are nearly the

same, whereas R_r is 2 and 3 k Ω , respectively. The loss is different accordingly. Therefore, the RC values have a significant effect on the efficiency. However, it can be seen from Fig. 16 that when 320 pF $< C_r < 2.2$ nF and $R_r > 1.6$ k Ω , RC values have little influence on THD, with which the results in Fig. 31 are in accordance. Actually, this provides a proper range from which the RC values can be adjusted and selected according to the performance requirements of the converter in real applications.

For the boost PFC converter, it operates in CCM mode under heavy load, and the THD in this condition will be more important than that under light load. For $V_{in_rms} = 220$ V and $P_o = 1$ kW, the waveforms of v_{in} , i_{in} , and i_L in a line cycle and in switching cycles at $\pi/4$ of a half line cycle are presented in

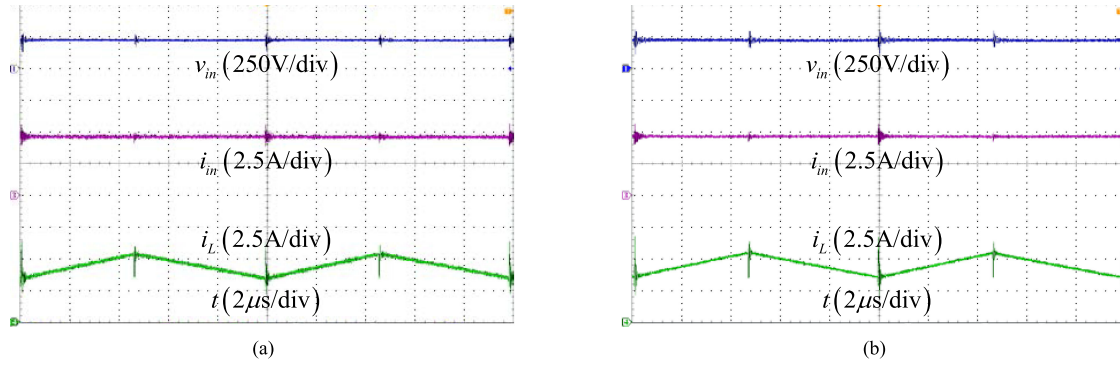


Fig. 35. Experimental waveforms in switching cycles at $\pi/4$ of a half line cycle. (a) Without RC . (b) With RC .

Figs. 34 and 35, respectively, from which it can be clearly noticed that the waveforms are very similar. Actually, under this condition, the measured PF of the converter without and with RC are both 0.994. In consequence, RC snubber has a very little influence on the THD of the converter operating in CCM under heavy load.

It should be noted that, when the converter operates in DCM with low power, the RC snubber brings about a lower THD and a lower efficiency, compared with SD. When the converter operates in CCM with high power, the efficiency reduction is nearly the same and the influence on THD is nearly zero for the two methods. However, the cost of SD is higher than that of RC , for the voltage rating of the diode is higher than 1000 V. Furthermore, for the converter designed in CCM, the DCM covers only a little portion and the CCM takes the most part of the whole operation time. Therefore, from our view point, the solution of RC snubber is better than that of SD.

V. CONCLUSION

The influence of RC snubber on the oscillation process of DCM boost PFC converter is analyzed, and the related mathematical expressions are derived and presented in detail for different kinds of RC values. The THD of the input current is figured out at different RC parameters, and the optimal RC values as well as their relationship between the inductance and parasitic capacitance is discovered. The analysis shows that, with the optimal RC snubber, the initial value of the inductor current in a switching cycle and the average value of the inductor current in an oscillation period is approximately zero. In consequence, the distortion of input current can be greatly reduced.

APPENDIX

A. Derivation of (18) and (19)

Defining $C_{r_critical} = kC_{eq}$ and substituting it into (17) leads to

$$(k+1)C_{eq}^2L^2\gamma^4 + (2-k)C_{eq}L\gamma^2 + 1 = 0. \quad (A1)$$

From (A1), the following equation can be obtained:

$$\gamma^2 = \frac{(k-2) \pm \sqrt{k(k-8)}}{2(k+1)C_{eq}L}. \quad (A2)$$

Substitution of (A2) into (16) results in

$$R_{r_critical} = \frac{2L\sqrt{\frac{(k-2) \pm \sqrt{k(k-8)}}{2(k+1)C_{eq}L}}}{\left(\frac{(k-2) \pm \sqrt{k(k-8)}}{2(k+1)} + 1\right)^2}. \quad (A3)$$

(A3) can be rearranged as

$$R_{r_critical} = \frac{8(k+1)^2}{\left(3k \pm \sqrt{k(k-8)}\right)^2} \sqrt{\frac{k-2 \pm \sqrt{k(k-8)}}{2(k+1)}} \sqrt{\frac{L}{C_{eq}}}. \quad (A4)$$

B. Derivation of Inductor Current Under Three Characteristic Roots

For “a simple root and two complex conjugate roots,” “a simple root and two multiple roots,” and “three simple roots,” the general solutions of (6) are, respectively, as

$$i_L(t) = j_1 e^{r_1 t} + e^{\alpha t} (j_2 \cos \beta t + j_3 \sin \beta t) \quad (A5(a))$$

$$i'_L(t) = j'_1 e^{r_1 t} + (j'_2 + j'_3 t) e^{\alpha t} \quad (A5(b))$$

$$i''_L(t) = j''_1 e^{r_1 t} + j''_2 e^{r_2 t} + j''_3 e^{r_3 t} \quad (A5(c))$$

where $j_1, j_2, j_3, j'_1, j'_2, j'_3$ and j''_1, j''_2, j''_3 are the coefficients, which will be determined afterwards.

For the three forms of characteristic roots, the final expression of v_{Cr}, i_{RC}, i_L , and v_{ds} are different. However, the detailed derivation processes are the similar. In this paper, the case of “a simple root and two complex conjugate roots” is given in detail.

It should be noted here that in a switching cycle, the RC snubber current i_{RC} is not zero at the initial stage of oscillation and the turning ON and OFF of switch will generates a sudden change of the current, while the voltage v_{Cr} of C_r is continuous. Therefore, at the n th number of switching cycle, when the switch is ON and OFF, v_{Cr} can be calculated as

$$v_{Cr_on}(t) = v_{Cr_on_initial}(n) \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{R_r C_r} [t - (n-1)T_s]} \quad (A6)$$

$$v_{Cr_off}(t) = V_o + [v_{Cr_on}(T_{on}) - V_o] e^{-\frac{1}{R_r C_r} [t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on}]} \quad (A7)$$

where $v_{C_r.on_initial}(n)$ is the initial value of v_{C_r} at the n th number of switching cycle, which can be calculated by (A27).

Based on (A7), the initial value of i_{RC} in the oscillation period at the n th number of switching cycle can be obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} i_{RC.Td_initial}(n) &= C_r \frac{d}{dt} v_{C_r.off}(n, t) \Big|_{t=T_{off}} \\ &= \frac{V_o - v_{C_r.on}(T_{on})}{R_r} e^{-\frac{1}{R_r C_r} T_{off}}. \end{aligned} \quad (A8)$$

Three initial conditions can be formulated as

$$\begin{cases} i_L|_{t=(n-1)T_s} = 0 \\ v_L|_{t=(n-1)T_s} = v_g(n) - V_o \\ i_{RC}|_{t=(n-1)T_s} = i_{RC.Td_initial}(n). \end{cases} \quad (A9)$$

According to (A9), the undetermined coefficients in A5(a) are calculated as, (A10) as shown at the bottom of this page.

Combining A5(a) with (A10), the inductor current i_L in the oscillation period at the n th number of switching cycle is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} i_{L.Td}(t) &= \frac{1}{LC_{eq}\beta(\beta^2 + (r_1 - \alpha)^2)} \\ &\times \left(\begin{aligned} &\left[\begin{aligned} &i_{RC.Td_initial}(n)(\alpha - r_1) \\ &+ C_{eq}(v_g(n) - V_o)(\beta^2 + r_1^2 - \alpha^2) \\ &\times \sin[\beta(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off})] \\ &+ [2\alpha\beta C_{eq}(v_g(n) - V_o) - \beta i_{RC.Td_initial}(n)] \\ &\times \cos[\beta(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off})] \\ &\times e^{\alpha \left[\begin{aligned} &t - (n-1)T_s \\ &- T_{on} - T_{off} \end{aligned} \right]} \end{aligned} \right] \\ &- \left[\begin{aligned} &2\alpha\beta C_{eq}(v_g(n) - V_o) \\ &-\beta i_{RC.Td_initial}(n) \end{aligned} \right] e^{r_1[t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off}]} \end{aligned} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (A11)$$

where $(n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} \leq t \leq nT_s$.

Substituting (A11) into (4)–(5), the drain source voltage v_{ds} at the n th number of switching cycle is given by

$$\begin{aligned} v_{ds.Td}(t) &= v_g(n) - L \frac{di_{L.Td}(t)}{dt} \\ &= v_g(n) - \frac{1}{\beta C_{eq}(\beta^2 + (r_1 - \alpha)^2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\times \left(\begin{aligned} &\left[\begin{aligned} &i_{RC.Td_initial}(n) [\alpha(\alpha - r_1) + \beta^2] \\ &- \alpha C_{eq}(v_g(n) - V_o)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - r_1^2) \\ &\times \sin[\beta(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off})] \\ &- \beta \left[\begin{aligned} &r_1 i_{RC.Td_initial}(n) \\ &- C_{eq}(v_g(n) - V_o)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + r_1^2) \end{aligned} \right] \\ &\times \cos[\beta(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off})] \\ &\times e^{\alpha \left[\begin{aligned} &t - (n-1)T_s \\ &- T_{on} - T_{off} \end{aligned} \right]} \end{aligned} \right] \\ &+ \beta \left[\begin{aligned} &i_{RC.Td_initial}(n) \\ &- 2\alpha C_{eq}(v_g(n) - V_o) \end{aligned} \right] e^{r_1[t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off}]} \end{aligned} \right) \quad (A12)$$

where $(n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} \leq t \leq nT_s$.

Similarly, the RC snubber current i_{RC} , the voltage v_{C_r} of C_r , and the drain source current i_{ds} at the n th number of switching cycle can be calculated, respectively, as

$$\begin{aligned} i_{RC.Td}(t) &= i_{L.Td}(t) + C_{eq} L \frac{d^2 i_{L.Td}(t)}{dt^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{LC_{eq}\beta(\beta^2 + (r_1 - \alpha)^2)} \\ &\times \left(\begin{aligned} &\left[\begin{aligned} &i_{RC.Td_initial}(n) \left[\begin{aligned} &LC_{eq} \left[\begin{aligned} &r_1(\beta^2 - \alpha^2) \\ &+ \alpha(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) \end{aligned} \right] \\ &+ \alpha - r_1 \end{aligned} \right] \\ &+ C_{eq} \left(\begin{aligned} &V_o \\ &- v_g(n) \end{aligned} \right) \left[\begin{aligned} &LC_{eq} \left[\begin{aligned} &(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 \\ &+ r_1^2(\beta^2 - \alpha^2) \end{aligned} \right] \\ &+ \alpha^2 - \beta^2 - r_1^2 \end{aligned} \right] \\ &\times \sin[\beta(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off})] \\ &+ \beta \left[\begin{aligned} &i_{RC.Td_initial}(n) \left[\begin{aligned} &LC_{eq} \left(\begin{aligned} &\alpha^2 + \beta^2 \\ &- 2\alpha r_1 \end{aligned} \right) - 1 \end{aligned} \right] \\ &+ 2\alpha C_{eq}(v_g(n) - V_o)(LC_{eq} r_1^2 + 1) \end{aligned} \right] \\ &\times \cos[\beta(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off})] \\ &\times e^{\alpha \left[\begin{aligned} &t - (n-1)T_s \\ &- T_{on} - T_{off} \end{aligned} \right]} \end{aligned} \right] \\ &+ \beta \left[\begin{aligned} &2\alpha C_{eq}(V_o - v_g(n)) \\ &+ i_{RC.Td_initial}(n) \end{aligned} \right] (LC_{eq} r_1^2 + 1) \\ &\times e^{r_1[t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off}]} \end{aligned} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (A13)$$

$$\begin{cases} j_1(n) = \frac{2\alpha C_{eq}(V_o - v_g(n)) + i_{RC.Td_initial}(n)}{LC_{eq}(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + r_1^2 - 2\alpha r_1)} \\ j_2(n) = \frac{2\alpha C_{eq}(v_g(n) - V_o) - i_{RC.Td_initial}(n)}{LC_{eq}(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + r_1^2 - 2\alpha r_1)} \\ j_3(n) = \frac{C_{eq}(\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - r_1^2)(V_o - v_g(n)) + (\alpha - r_1)i_{RC.Td_initial}(n)}{L\beta C_{eq}(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + r_1^2 - 2\alpha r_1)}. \end{cases} \quad (A10)$$

$$v_{Cr.T_d}(t) = v_{ds.T_d}(t) - R_r i_{RC.T_d}(t) = v_g(n) - \frac{1}{LC_{eq}\beta(\beta^2 + (r_1 - \alpha)^2)} \times \left(\left[\begin{array}{l} i_{RC.T_d.initial}(n) \left[\begin{array}{l} (\alpha L + R_r)(\alpha - r_1) \\ \beta^2 + C_{eq}R_r \\ \times [r_1(\beta^2 - \alpha^2) + \alpha(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)] \end{array} \right] \\ + C_{eq}(V_o - v_g(n)) \left[\begin{array}{l} LC_{eq}R_r \times \\ [(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 + r_1^2(\beta^2 - \alpha^2)] \\ + (\alpha L + R_r)(\alpha^2 - r_1^2) \\ + (\alpha L - R_r)\beta^2 \end{array} \right] \\ \times \sin[\beta(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off})] \end{array} \right] \right) e^{\alpha \left[\begin{array}{l} t - (n-1)T_s \\ -T_{on} - T_{off} \end{array} \right]} + \beta \left[\begin{array}{l} C_{eq}(v_g(n) - V_o) \left[\begin{array}{l} L(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + r_1^2) \\ + 2\alpha R_r(LC_{eq}r_1^2 + 1) \end{array} \right] \\ + i_{RC.T_d.initial}(n) \\ \times [R_r(LC_{eq}(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 2\alpha r_1) - 1) - Lr_1] \end{array} \right] \times \cos[\beta(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off})] + \beta \left[\begin{array}{l} i_{RC.T_d.initial}(n) [L + R_r(LC_{eq}r_1^2 + 1)] \\ + 2\alpha C_{eq}(v_g(n) - V_o) [R_r(LC_{eq}r_1^2 + 1) - L] \end{array} \right] e^{r_1[t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off}]} \right) \quad (A14)$$

$$i_{ds.T_d}(t) = -C_{oss}L \frac{d^2 i_{L.T_d}(t)}{dt^2} = -\frac{C_{oss}}{C_{eq}\beta(\beta^2 + (r_1 - \alpha)^2)} \times \left(\left[\begin{array}{l} i_{RC.T_d.initial}(n) \left[\begin{array}{l} r_1(\beta^2 - \alpha^2) \\ + \alpha(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) \end{array} \right] \\ + C_{eq}(V_o - v_g(n)) \left[\begin{array}{l} (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 \\ + r_1^2(\beta^2 - \alpha^2) \end{array} \right] \\ \times \sin[\beta(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off})] \end{array} \right] \right) e^{\alpha \left[\begin{array}{l} t - (n-1)T_s \\ -T_{on} - T_{off} \end{array} \right]} + \beta \left[\begin{array}{l} i_{RC.T_d.initial}(n)(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 2\alpha r_1) \\ + 2\alpha C_{eq}r_1^2(v_g(n) - V_o) \end{array} \right] \times \cos[\beta(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off})] + \beta r_1^2 \left[\begin{array}{l} 2\alpha C_{eq}(V_o - v_g(n)) \\ + i_{RC.T_d.initial}(n) \end{array} \right] e^{r_1[t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off}]} \quad (A15)$$

where $(n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} \leq t \leq nT_s$.

Due to the effect of parasitic antiparallel diode on the switch, v_{ds} will be clamped at zero while it oscillates to zero. In a half line cycle, depending on whether v_{ds} can oscillate to zero or not, there are two situations about the inductor current. The cutoff point is the corresponding instantaneous input voltage, which enables the minimum value of v_{ds} to be just zero.

Obviously, when i_{ds} decreases to zero, v_{ds} is the minimum, and this time instant t_0 is the root of $i_{ds}(t) = 0$. Then, V_b can be obtained by defining $v_{ds}(t_0) = 0$. However, because of the complexity, it should be noted that there is no analytical

expression of V_b . When $v_g(n) < V_b$, the oscillation current can be divided into three stages.

During the first stage T_{d1} , the inductor oscillates with the parasitic capacitor until v_{ds} decreases to zero, and the oscillation process is shown in Fig. 3(a). The expressions of $i_{L.T_d1}$, $v_{ds.T_d1}$, $i_{RC.T_d1}$, and $v_{Cr.T_d1}$ are the same as (A11)–(A14), where $(n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} \leq t \leq (n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1}$.

During the second stage T_{d2} , the body diode of the switch conducts. The inductor current and RC current decrease until the drain source current reaches zero. The oscillation process is

shown in Fig. 3(b), and the KVL equation is

$$\begin{cases} v_L(t) = v_g(n) \\ R_r \times i_{RC}(t) + v_{Cr}(t) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (\text{A16})$$

Two initial conditions of (A16) are expressed as

$$\begin{cases} i_L|_{t=(n-1)T_s+T_{on}+T_{off}+T_{d1}} \\ = i_{L.T_{d1}}((n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1}) \\ i_{RC}|_{t=(n-1)T_s+T_{on}+T_{off}+T_{d1}} \\ = i_{RC.T_{d1}}((n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1}). \end{cases} \quad (\text{A17})$$

Based on (5) and (A16)–(A17), $i_{L.T_{d2}}$, $v_{ds.T_{d2}}$, $i_{RC.T_{d2}}$, and $v_{Cr.T_{d2}}$ are derived as

$$i_{L.T_{d2}}(t) = \left(i_{L.T_d}((n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1}) + \frac{v_g(n)}{L} [t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off} - T_{d1}] \right) \quad (\text{A18})$$

$$v_{ds.T_{d2}}(t) = 0 \quad (\text{A19})$$

$$i_{RC.T_{d2}}(t) = \left(i_{RC.T_d}((n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1}) \times e^{-\frac{1}{R_r C_r} [t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off} - T_{d1}]} \right) \quad (\text{A20})$$

$$v_{Cr.T_{d2}}(n, t) = \left(v_{Cr.T_d}((n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1}) \times e^{-\frac{1}{R_r C_r} [t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off} - T_{d1}]} \right) \quad (\text{A21})$$

where $(n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1} \leq t \leq (n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1} + T_{d2}$.

During the third stage T_{d3} , the inductor and the equivalent parasitic capacitor oscillate until the time when the switch turns ON, and the oscillation process is plotted in Fig. 3(a).

Three initial conditions are formulated as

$$\begin{cases} i_L|_{t=(n-1)T_s+T_{on}+T_{off}+T_{d1}+T_{d2}} \\ = i_{L.T_{d2}} \left((n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1} + T_{d2} \right) \\ v_L|_{t=(n-1)T_s+T_{on}+T_{off}+T_{d1}+T_{d2}} = v_g(n) \\ i_{RC}|_{t=(n-1)T_s+T_{on}+T_{off}+T_{d1}+T_{d2}} \\ = i_{RC.T_{d2}} \left((n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1} + T_{d2} \right). \end{cases} \quad (\text{A22})$$

$i_{L.T_{d3}}$, $v_{ds.T_{d3}}$, $i_{RC.T_{d3}}$, and $v_{Cr.T_{d3}}$ can be obtained as

$$i_{L.T_{d3}}(t) = \frac{1}{L\beta(\beta^2 + (r_1 - \alpha)^2)} \times \left(\left[\begin{aligned} & \left[(\beta^2 + r_1^2 - \alpha^2) v_g(n) \right. \\ & \left. + (\alpha^2 - \beta^2 - \alpha r_1) L r_1 i_{L.T_{d3}.initial}(n) \right] \times \\ & \sin \left[\beta \left(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off} - T_{d1} - T_{d2} \right) \right] \\ & + \left[2\alpha\beta v_g(n) \right. \\ & \left. + (r_1 - 2\alpha) L \beta r_1 i_{L.T_{d3}.initial}(n) \right] \\ & \times \cos \left[\beta \left(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off} - T_{d1} - T_{d2} \right) \right] \\ & \times e^{\alpha \left[\begin{smallmatrix} t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} \\ -T_{off} - T_{d1} - T_{d2} \end{smallmatrix} \right]} \\ & - [(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) L i_{L.T_{d3}.initial}(n) - 2\alpha v_g(n)] \\ & \times e^{r_1 \left[\begin{smallmatrix} t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} \\ -T_{off} - T_{d1} - T_{d2} \end{smallmatrix} \right]} \end{aligned} \right] \quad (\text{A23})$$

$$v_{ds.T_{d3}}(t) = v_g(n) - \frac{1}{\beta(\beta^2 + (r_1 - \alpha)^2)} \times \left(\left[\begin{aligned} & \left[\alpha(r_1^2 - \alpha^2 - \beta^2) v_g(n) \right. \\ & \left. + L r_1(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)(\alpha - r_1) i_{L.T_{d3}.initial}(n) \right] \times \\ & \sin \left[\beta \left(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off} - T_{d1} - T_{d2} \right) \right] \\ & + \beta \left[(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + r_1^2) v_g(n) \right. \\ & \left. - L r_1(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) i_{L.T_{d3}.initial}(n) \right] \\ & \times \cos \left[\beta \left(t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} - T_{off} - T_{d1} - T_{d2} \right) \right] \\ & \times e^{\alpha \left[\begin{smallmatrix} t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} \\ -T_{off} - T_{d1} - T_{d2} \end{smallmatrix} \right]} \\ & + \beta r_1 \left[L(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) i_{L.T_{d3}.initial}(n) \right. \\ & \left. - 2\alpha v_g(n) \right] \\ & \times e^{r_1 \left[\begin{smallmatrix} t - (n-1)T_s - T_{on} \\ -T_{off} - T_{d1} - T_{d2} \end{smallmatrix} \right]} \end{aligned} \right] \quad (\text{A24})$$

$$i_{RC.T_{d3}}(t) = i_{L.T_{d3}}(t) + C_n L \frac{d^2 i_{L.T_{d3}}(t)}{dt^2} \quad (\text{A25})$$

$$v_{Cr.T_{d3}}(t) = v_{ds.T_{d3}}(t) + R_r i_{RC.T_{d3}}(t) \quad (\text{A26})$$

where $(n-1)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_{d1} + T_{d2} \leq t \leq nT_s$, $i_{L.T_{d3}.initial}(n)$ is the initial value of i_L in T_{d3} , which is given in (A22). Here it should be pointed out that the expressions of $i_{RC.T_{d3}}(t)$ and $v_{Cr.T_{d3}}(t)$ are too long to be completely demonstrated.

According to (A25)–(A26), $v_{Cr.on.initial}(n)$ can be figured out as, eq. (27) as shown at the top of next page.

$$v_{Cr_on_initial}(n) = \begin{cases} v_{Cr_T_{d1}}((n-2)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_d), v_g(n-1) \geq V_b \\ v_{Cr_T_{d1}}((n-2)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_d), v_g(n-1) < V_b \& T_d \leq T_{d1} \\ v_{Cr_T_{d2}}((n-2)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_d), v_g(n-1) < V_b \& T_{d1} < T_d \leq T_{d1} + T_{d2} \\ v_{Cr_T_{d3}}((n-2)T_s + T_{on} + T_{off} + T_d), v_g(n-1) < V_b \& T_d > T_{d1} + T_{d2}. \end{cases} \quad (A27)$$

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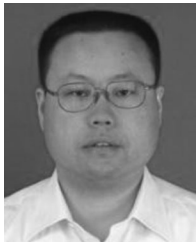
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