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# Analysis and Design of Generalized Class-E/F<sub>2</sub> and Class-E/F<sub>3</sub> Inverters

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**ABSTRACT** This paper presents analytical expressions of the class- $E/F_n$  inverter with generality. The characteristics of the class- $E/F_2$  and class- $E/F_3$  inverters can be comprehended in a theoretical manner by using the analytical expressions. In-depth investigations are provided in terms of the power output capability. By investigating the entire parameter spaces, the design strategy for achieving high power output capability is given. In addition, the characteristics of the class- $\Phi_2$  and class- $\Phi_3$  inverters, which are special modes of the class- $E/F_2$  and class- $E/F_3$  inverters, respectively, are shown. The experimental and PSpice-simulation results agreed with analytical predictions quantitatively, which showed the validities of the analytical expressions and characteristic investigations in this paper.

**INDEX TERMS** Class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter, class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter, class- $\Phi_2$  inverter, class- $\Phi_3$  inverter, power-output capability, output power.

# I. INTRODUCTION

With the requirement for the efficient operation of the power-supply circuit at high-frequency, The designs and constructions of high-frequency dc/ac inverters and amplifiers are increasing importance. The class-E inverter [1]–[7] is widely known as a high-frequency resonant inverter that can work at megahertz-order frequencies with high power-conversion efficiency. That is because the class-E inverter achieves the zero-voltage switching (ZVS) and zero-derivative voltage switching (ZDS). The main disadvantage of the class-E inverter is, however, its high peak of the switch voltage, which is approximately 3.6 times as high as the input voltage at a 50 % duty ratio. This switch stress is higher than those of the class-E inverters [1], [2], [8].

By adding a harmonic resonant filter to the output resonant filter of the class-E inverter, it is possible to reduce the switch voltage and current stresses [9]–[18]. The class-E/F<sub>n</sub> inverter has a n-th harmonic series resonant filter, which is connected to the switching device in parallel. Table 1 gives a survey of the previous papers, which describes the class-E/F<sub>n</sub> inverters. In [12], the characteristics of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter in terms

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of the power output capability were investigated. A global maximum power output capability was obtained in the parameter space of the quality factor of the harmonic-resonant filter  $Q_n$  and the switch duty ratio D. In [13], the characteristics between the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> and class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverters were compared at any duty ratio. Both [12] and [13] evaluated the inverter characteristics under the conditions of high input inductance  $L_I$  and high quality factor of the output-resonant filter  $Q_0$ . In [14], design equations were derived for the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter with the assumptions that  $Q_n$  and  $Q_0$  are high and the duty ratio is 0.5. However, this paper has not shown any circuit performance of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter.

The class- $E/F_n$  inverter can satisfy the class-E ZVS/ZDS conditions even if  $L_I$  is low [15]–[18]. The typical such type of inverter is the class- $\Phi_n$  inverter. The definition of the class- $\Phi_n$  inverter is the class- $E/F_n$  inverter with no reactance component in the output resonant filter. In this sense, the class- $\Phi_n$  inverter belongs to the class- $E/F_n$  inverter family. The class- $\Phi_n$  inverters have been designed by transforming the output resonant filter from the class- $E/F_n$  inverter with high  $Q_0$  and high  $L_I$ . Because of the transformation of the output filter inductance, the class- $E/F_n$  inverter with low  $L_I$  can be designed [18]. However, there is no analytical waveform equation of the generalized class- $E/F_n$  inverter, namely the class- $E/F_n$  inverter with consideration of any D,

 TABLE 1. Survey of the class-E inverter with harmonic resonance.

Reference	Inverter type	$L_I$	$Q_n$	$Q_0$	D	Analytical
12	Class-E/F <sub>2</sub>	High	Any	High	Any	Yes
13	Class-E/F <sub>2.3</sub>	High	High	High	Any	Yes
14	Class-E/F <sub>3</sub>	High	High	High	0.5	Yes
18	Class- $\Phi_2$	Low	Low	Low	0.5	No
This paper	Class-E/F <sub>2,3</sub> Class- $\Phi_{2,3}$	Any	Any	Any	Any	Yes

 $L_I$ ,  $Q_n$ , and  $Q_0$ . This is because much harmonic component is included in every inductance current, which increases analysis complexity and difficulty. It is necessary to have analytical waveform equations for obtaining the theoretical output power capability in the entire parameter spaces.

This paper proposes the analysis method for deriving the waveform-equation of the generalized class- $E/F_n$  inverters. In addition, the characteristics of the class- $E/F_2$  and  $E/F_3$  inverters are comprehended in a theoretical manner by using the analytical waveform equations. The presented analytical expressions are valid for any D,  $L_I$ ,  $Q_n$ , and  $Q_0$ . Therefore, it is possible to investigate the effects of these parameters on the circuit characteristics quickly with low computation cost. The design strategies of the inverters for achieving the highest power output capability and the highest output power are shown. Furthermore, the characteristics of the class- $\Phi_2$  and class- $\Phi_3$  inverters are also clarified. From the theoretical evaluations, we can show that:

- 1. The duty ratio for obtaining the maximum power output capability of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter is D = 0.375.
- 2. The class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter can achieve the highest power output capability  $c_p = 0.133$  even if the input inductance  $L_I$  is low.
- 3. The class- $\Phi_2$  inverter works with high output capability  $c_p = 0.132$  and the highest output power of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter.
- 4. In the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter, the duty ratio for obtaining the maximum power output capability is D = 0.575.
- 5. By investigating entire parameter ranges, this paper discovers a parameter set for obtaining the highest power output capability  $c_p = 0.144$ . This value is higher than the known maximum value of  $c_p = 0.135$ .
- 6. The class- $\Phi_3$  inverter is one of the best-performed class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter in the sense of high output capability  $c_p = 0.143$  and the highest output power.

The circuit experiments were carried out for four types of inverters. It was confirmed that all the experimental and PSpice-simulation waveforms agreed with the analytical predictions quantitatively, which showed the validities of the analytical expressions and the characteristics evaluations.

# **II. CIRCUIT TOPOLOGY AND THE OPERATION PRINCIPLE**

Figure 1 shows a circuit-topology of the class- $E/F_n$  inverter. The circuit topology of the class- $E/F_2$  inverter is the same as that of the class- $E/F_3$  inverter. The inverter consists of input direct-voltage source  $V_I$ , input inductance  $L_I$ , switch device



**FIGURE 1.** Circuit topology of the class-E/F<sub>n</sub> inverter.

*S* with a shunt capacitance  $C_S$ , and output-resonant filter  $L_0$ - $C_o$ -R, which are the same as the class-E inverter. The class-E/ $F_n$  inverter has a *n*-th harmonic series-resonant filter  $L_n$ - $C_n$ , which is connected to the switch device in parallel.



FIGURE 2. Example waveforms. (a) Class- $E/F_2$  inverter. (b) Class- $E/F_3$  inverter.

Figure 2 shows example waveforms of the class- $E/F_n$  inverters. The driving voltage  $v_{gs}$  drives the MOSFET with a switch-on duty ratio D. In the class- $E/F_n$  inverter, three inductances  $L_I$ ,  $L_n$ , and  $L_0$  in Fig. 1 have a role to determine the circuit characteristics individually. If the input inductance  $L_I$  is high, the input current  $i_I$  is regarded as the direct current as shown in Fig. 2. Conversely, a large current ripple appears in case of low  $L_I$ . When the quality factor of the harmonic filter  $Q_n$  and that of the output filter  $Q_0$  are high, the currents flowing through the harmonic filter and the output filter are purely sinusoid. Basically, high Q-value can be obtained when the resonant inductance is high and resonant capacitance is low.

The non-sinusoidal currents, however, occur in case of low Q as shown in Fig. 2.

The harmonic resonant filter  $L_n$ - $C_n$  resonates at n-th harmonic frequency [13], [17], [19], [20]. Generally, high  $L_l$  and the high  $Q_0$  network refuse the harmonic-resonant current to flow through their branches. Namely, most harmonic current flows into the switch or the shunt capacitance. When the switch is in the off-state, the current flowing through the shunt capacitance produces the switch voltage  $v_s$ . By adding the harmonic resonant filter, the peak value of the switch voltage can be reduced compared with the class-E inverter. Because of the harmonic current, the square wave-like switch voltage  $v_s$  can be obtained as shown in Fig. 2. The peak values of the switch voltage of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> and class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverters are typically 2.2 and 3.2 times as high as the input voltage, respectively, which are lower than that of the class-E inverter.

When the switch turns on at  $\omega t = 2\pi(1 - D)$ , the switch voltage  $v_S(\omega t)$  satisfies the class-E ZVS/ZDS conditions as shown in Fig. 2, which are expressed as

$$v_S(2\pi(1-D)) = 0,$$
 (1)

$$\left. \frac{dv_{\mathcal{S}}(\omega t)}{d\omega t} \right|_{\omega t = 2\pi (1-D)} = 0.$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

The class-E ZVS/ZDS minimizes the switching loss, which can provide the megahertz-order frequency operation with high efficiency.

In the fundamental designs of the class- $E/F_n$  inverters, namely at high  $L_I$ , the inductive output network is mandatory for achieving the class-E ZVS/ZDS conditions [12], [13], [17], [18]. For achieving the class-E ZVS/ZDS, it is necessary to adjust the phase shift between the switching timing and the output current. By decreasing the value of  $L_I$ , however, a non-negligible input-current ripple occurs as shown in Fig. 2. The ripple size can adjust the current waveform flowing through the shunt capacitance. Therefore, it is possible to satisfy the class-E ZVS/ZDS conditions even though the resonant frequency of the output filter is close to the operating frequency. When the resonant frequency is the same as the operating frequency, the class- $E/F_n$  inverter is specially called the class- $\Phi_n$  inverter [15]–[18].

# **III. ANALYTICAL WAVEFORM DERIVATION**

The main purpose of this paper is to investigate the circuit characteristics of the generalized class- $E/F_n$  inverters at any D,  $L_I$ ,  $Q_n$ , and  $Q_0$ . For evaluating the inverter characteristics theoretically, it is necessary to derive the waveform equations with generality.

# A. ASSUMPTION

The analytical waveforms and the inverter-characteristic evaluations are based on the following assumptions.

- 1. All the inductances and capacitances have no parasitic resistance.
- 2. The MOSFET works ideally. Therefore, zero-switching time, zero on-resistance, and infinite off-resistance

are assumed. From assumptions 1 and 2, no power loss occurs in the inverter.

- 3. The MOSFET turns off at  $\theta = 0$ . Namely, the MOSFET is in the off-state for  $0 < \omega t \le 2\pi (1 D)$ , and in on state for  $2\pi (1 D) < \omega t \le 2\pi$ .
- 4. The shunt capacitance  $C_S$  includes the MOSFET drainto-source capacitance.
- 5. All the passive components including the MOSFET drain-to-source capacitance work as linear elements.
- 6. The harmonic resonant frequency is the same as the harmonic operating frequency. Therefore, we have

$$n\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L_n C_n}}.$$
(3)

# **B. WAVEFORM EQUATIONS**

First, we express the normalized currents flowing through input inductance, harmonic resonant inductance, and output resonant inductance as

$$\frac{Ri_I}{V_I} = a_{i0} + \sum_{k=1}^{N} [a_{ik}\cos(k\omega t) + b_{ik}\sin(k\omega t)], \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{Ri_n}{V_I} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} [a_{nk} \cos(k\omega t) + b_{nk} \sin(k\omega t)],$$
(5)

$$\frac{Ri_o}{V_I} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} [a_{ok} \cos(k\omega t) + b_{ok} \sin(k\omega t)], \tag{6}$$

respectively, where N is the maximum value of the considered harmonic component number. We set N = 8 in this paper. From the KCL, we have a basic equation as

$$i_I = i_n + i_o + i_S + i_{CS}.$$
 (7)

In the switch-off state, namely  $0 \le \omega t < 2\pi(1 - D)$ , the normalized current flowing through the MOSFET and the shunt capacitance can be obtained as

$$\frac{Ri_S}{V_I} = 0, (8)$$

and

$$\frac{Ri_{CS}}{V_I} = \frac{R}{V_I}(i_I - i_n - i_o)$$
  
=  $a_{i0} + \sum_{k=1}^{N} [(a_{ik} - a_{nk} - a_{ok})\cos(k\omega t) + (b_{ik} - b_{nk} - b_{ok})\sin(k\omega t)],$  (9)

respectively. The current flowing throught the shunt capacitance produces the switch voltage  $v_S$ , namely

$$\frac{v_S}{V_I} = \frac{1}{\omega C_S R} \int_0^{\omega t} \frac{Ri_{CS}}{V_I} d(\omega t) = \frac{1}{\omega C_S R} \bigg\{ a_{i0} \omega t + \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} [(a_{ik} - a_{nk} - a_{ok}) \sin(k\omega t) - (b_{ik} - b_{nk} - b_{ok}) \cos(k\omega t) + (b_{ik} - b_{nk} - b_{ok})] \bigg\}.$$
(10)

When the switch is in the on-state, namely  $2\pi(1-D) \le \omega t < 2\pi$ , the normalized current flowing through the MOSFET and the shunt capacitance are expressed as

$$\frac{Ri_S}{V_I} = \frac{R}{V_I}(i_I - i_n - i_o) 
= a_{i0} + \sum_{k=1}^{N} [(a_{ik} - a_{nk} - a_{ok})\cos(k\omega t) 
+ (b_{ik} - b_{nk} - b_{ok})\sin(k\omega t)],$$
(11)

and

$$\frac{Ri_{CS}}{V_I} = 0, \tag{12}$$

respectively. The ZVS condition prevents the instant discharging at the shunt capacitance  $C_S$ . In addition, the normalized switch voltage during switch on-state is

$$\frac{v_S}{V_I} = 0. \tag{13}$$

From the above, the normalized switch voltage and current waveforms are

$$\frac{v_S}{V_I} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\omega C_s R} \left\{ a_{i0} \omega t + \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{1}{k} [(a_{ik} - a_{nk} - a_{ok}) \sin(k\omega t) - (b_{ik} - b_{nk} - b_{ok}) \cos(k\omega t) + (b_{ik} - b_{nk} - b_{ok})] \right\}, \\ for \ 0 < \omega t \le 2\pi (1 - D) \\ 0, \qquad \text{for } 2\pi (1 - D) < \omega t \le 2\pi \end{cases}$$

$$(14)$$

$$\frac{Ri_S}{V_I} = \begin{cases} a_{i0} + \sum_{k=1} [(a_{ik} - a_{nk} - a_{ok}) \cos(k\omega t)] \\ + (b_{ik} - b_{nk} - b_{ok}) \sin(k\omega t)]. \\ \text{for } 2\pi (1 - D) < \omega t \le 2\pi \end{cases}$$
(15)

# C. DERIVATIONS OF INDUCTANCE-CURRENT COEFFICIENTS

By applying the Fourier series expansion to Eq.(15), we have

$$\frac{v_S}{V_I} = c_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{N} [c_k \cos(k\omega t) + d_k \sin(k\omega t)].$$
  
for  $0 < \omega t \le 2\pi$  (16)

The resulting equations of  $c_0$ ,  $c_k$ , and  $d_k$  are the functions of the inductance-current coefficients as given in Appendix A.

Figure 3 shows the equivalent circuit of the inverter. The equivalent circuit has three loops as shown in Fig. 3. By considering the KVL of each loop, we obtain three types of the normalized switch voltage expressions as

$$\frac{v_S}{V_I} = 1 - \frac{\omega L_I}{R} \frac{d(Ri_I/V_i)}{d(\omega t)},$$
  
=  $1 + \frac{\omega L_I}{R} \sum_{k=1}^{N} k [a_{ik} \sin(k\omega t) - b_{ik} \cos(k\omega t)],$  (17)



FIGURE 3. Equivalent circuit model.

$$\frac{v_S}{V_I} = \frac{\omega L_n}{R} \frac{d(Ri_n/V_i)}{d(\omega t)} + \frac{1}{\omega C_n R} \int_0^{\omega t} \frac{Ri_n}{V_I} d(\omega t),$$

$$= \frac{\omega L_n}{R} \sum_{k=1}^N k[-a_{nk}\sin(k\omega t) + b_{nk}\cos(k\omega t)]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\omega C_n R} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} [a_{nk}\sin(k\omega t) - b_{nk}\cos(k\omega t)], \quad (18)$$

$$\frac{v_S}{V_I} = \frac{\omega L_0}{R} \frac{d(Ri_o/V_i)}{d(\omega t)} + \frac{1}{\omega C_o R} \int_0^{\omega t} \frac{Ri_o}{V_I} d(\omega t) - \frac{Ri_o}{V_I},$$

$$= \frac{\omega L_0}{R} \sum_{k=1}^N k[-a_{ok}\sin(k\omega t) + b_{ok}\cos(k\omega t)]$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\omega C_o R} \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{k} [a_{ok}\sin(k\omega t) - b_{ok}\cos(k\omega t)]$$

$$+ \sum_{k=1}^N [a_{ok}\cos(k\omega t) + b_{ok}\sin(k\omega t)]. \quad (19)$$

From the coefficient comparisons between (16) and (17)-(19), (6N + 1) algebraic equations can be obtained, namely

$$\begin{cases} c_0 - 1 = 0, \\ c_k + \frac{k\omega L_I}{R} b_{ik} = 0, \\ d_k - \frac{k\omega L_I}{R} a_{ik} = 0, \\ c_k - \frac{k\omega L_n}{R} b_{nk} + \frac{1}{k\omega C_n R} b_{nk} = 0, \\ d_k + \frac{k\omega L_n}{R} a_{nk} - \frac{1}{k\omega C_n R} a_{nk} = 0, \\ c_k - \frac{k\omega L_o}{R} b_{ok} + \frac{1}{k\omega C_o R} b_{ok} - a_{ok} = 0, \\ d_k + \frac{k\omega L_o}{R} a_{ok} - \frac{1}{k\omega C_o R} a_{ok} - b_{ok} = 0. \\ for k = 1, 2, \dots N \end{cases}$$

$$(20)$$

In this paper, we evaluate the inverter characteristics for satisfying the class-E ZVS/ZDS conditions in (1) and (2). Therefore, it is necessary to solve (6N + 3) algebraic equations simultaneously. There are (6N + 9) unknown parameters, which are  $a_{i0}$ ,  $a_{ik}$ ,  $b_{ik}$ ,  $a_{nk}$ ,  $b_{nk}$ ,  $a_{ok}$ ,  $b_{ok}$ ,  $\omega L_I/R$ ,  $\omega L_o/R$ ,  $\omega C_0R$ ,  $\omega C_0R$ ,  $\omega C_SR$ , D, and n, in the wave-form equations. The number of unknown inductance-current coefficients is the same as that of the equations in (20). The harmonic resonance number n is given according to

the operation mode. When  $L_n$  is given,  $C_n$  is determined from (3). Therefore, when we give D,  $\omega L_I/R$ ,  $\omega L_0/R$ , and  $\omega L_n/R$ , (1), (2), and (20) can be solved numerically and inductance-current coefficients,  $\omega C_S R$ , and  $\omega C_0 R$  are detrmined uniquely. The major challenge for the inverter design is how to give the parameters of D,  $\omega L_I/R$ ,  $\omega L_0/R$ , and  $\omega L_n/R$ .

# D. POWER OUTPUT CAPABILITY

In this paper, we adopt the power output capability for inverter characteristic evaluations. From the assumptions 1 and 2, the power output capability is expressed as

$$c_p = \frac{RP_o/V_I^2}{(v_{Smax}/V_I)(Ri_{Smax}/V_I)}$$
$$= \frac{RI_I/V_I}{(v_{Smax}/V_I)(Ri_{Smax}/V_I)}.$$
(21)

where  $RP_o/V_I^2$  is the normalized output power, which is expressed as

$$\frac{RP_o}{V_I^2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{Ri_o}{V_I}\right)^2 d(\omega t) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N (a_{ok}^2 + b_{ok}^2),$$
(22)

and  $I_I$  is the average value of the normalized input current, which is expressed as

$$\frac{RI_I}{V_I} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{Ri_I}{V_I} d\omega t = a_{i0}.$$
 (23)

In addition,  $v_{Smax}$  and  $i_{Smax}$  are the maximum value of the switch voltage and current, respectively. For deriving the output power capability, it is necessary to obtain  $v_{Smax}/V_I$  and  $Ri_{Smax}/V_I$  from the analytical waveforms. Both  $v_S(1 - 2\pi D)$  and  $v_S(2\pi)$  are zero when the class-E ZVS/ZDS conditions are satisfied. Therefore,  $v_{Smax}/V_I$  is the peak value of the normalized switch voltage during the off-state. The angular time for the peak switch-voltage appearance can be obtained by solving

$$\frac{1}{V_I}\frac{dv_S(\omega t)}{d\omega t} = 0, \text{ for } 0 < \omega t < 2\pi(1-D).$$
(24)

By substituting the obtained angular time into (10),  $v_{Smax}/V_I$  can be obtained.

Conversely,  $Ri_{Smax}/V_I$  appears during the on-state. Because of the class-E ZVS/ZDS, the switch current is zero at  $\omega t = 2\pi (1 - D)$ . Similar to (24), the angular time for peak switch-current appearance can be obtained by solving

$$\frac{R}{V_I}\frac{di_S(\omega t)}{d\omega t} = 0, \text{ for } 2\pi(1-D) < \omega t < 2\pi.$$
(25)

By substituting the angular time into (11), the peak value of the normalized switch current is obtained. For deriving  $Ri_{Smax}/V_I$ , this peak value should be compared with  $Ri_S/V_I$ at  $\omega t = 2\pi$ . If there is no solution of  $\omega t$  in (25),  $Ri_{Smax}/V_I$ becomes  $Ri_S/V_I$  at  $\omega t = 2\pi$ .



FIGURE 4. Power-loss model.

# E. POWER-LOSS ANALYSIS

Figure 4 shows the power-loss model. In this paper, the power losses at the equivalent series resistances (ESRs) of the input, harmonic-resonant, and output-filter inductances, namely  $r_{LI}$ ,  $r_{Ln}$ , and  $r_{L0}$ , respectively are considered. In addition, the conduction loss on the MOSFET on-resistance  $r_S$  is also taken into account. It is assumed in the power-loss analysis that the ESRs and switch on-resistance do not affect the inverter waveforms [4].

The total amount of the normalized power losses is

$$\frac{RP_{loss}}{V_I^2} = \frac{R}{V_I^2} \left( P_S + P_{LI} + P_{Ln} + P_{Lo} \right), \qquad (26)$$

where  $RP_S/V_I^2$  is the normalized conduction loss at  $r_S$ ,  $RP_{LI}/V_I^2$ ,  $RP_{Ln}/V_I^2$ , and  $RP_{Lo}/V_I^2$  are the normalized power losses at  $r_{LI}$ ,  $r_{Ln}$ , and  $r_{L0}$ , respectively. The concarete expressions of them are given in Appendix B. The power conversion efficiency is estimated from

$$\eta = \frac{RP_o/V_I^2}{RP_o/V_I^2 + RP_{loss}/V_I^2}.$$
(27)

# **IV. INVERTER CHARACTERISTIC INVESTIGATIONS**

There are many parameter sets of the class- $E/F_n$  inverters. The purposes of this section are to evaluate the parameter effects on the inverter characteristics, to derive the proper parameter set to obtain high power output capability, and to show a design strategy of the class- $\Phi_n$  inverters.



**FIGURE 5.** Maximum power output capability  $c_{pmax}$  of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter and  $\omega L_2/R$  to obtain  $c_{pmax}$  for fixed  $\omega L_1/R$  and  $\omega L_0/R$  as a function of duty ratio.

# A. CLASS-EF<sub>2</sub> INVERTER

Figure 5 shows the maximum value of the power output capability  $c_{pmax}$  and  $\omega L_2/R$  to obtain  $c_{pmax}$  for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$  and

 $\omega L_I/R$  as a function of *D*. For drawing this figure, the  $\omega L_0/R$ and the  $\omega L_I/R$  are given firstly. After that, the  $\omega L_2R$  to obtain  $c_{pmax}$  for the given parameters is searched. It is seen from Fig. 5 that the highest values of  $c_{pmax}$  of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter are obtained around D=0.375 regardless of  $\omega L_0/R$ and the  $\omega L_I/R$ . The value of D = 0.375 is also pointed out in [12] and [13]. In [12] and [13], however, the characteristics were evaluated under the conditions of high  $L_I$  and  $Q_0$ . It is a new knowledge that the value of D = 0.375, which is the duty ratio to obtain high power output capability, is independent of the  $\omega L_I/R$  and the  $\omega L_0/R$  even though these values are small. Because we would like to focus on how to design the inverter with high power output capability, the duty ratio is fixed as D = 0.375 in the following investigations.

# 1) MAXIMUM POWER OUTPUT CAPABILITY

For finding the parameter set to obtain the high power output capability, we investigated the effects of  $\omega L_I/R$ ,  $\omega L_2/R$ , and  $\omega L_0/R$ .



**FIGURE 6.** Characteristics of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter for fixed  $\omega L_I/R$  as a function of the  $\omega L_0/R$ . (a) Maximum power output capability  $c_{pmax}$  and  $\omega L_2/R$  to obtain  $c_{pmax}$ . (b) Total harmonic distortion of the output current.

Figure 6 shows the characteristics of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter for fixed  $\omega L_I/R$  as a function of  $\omega L_0/R$ . It is seen from Fig. 6(a) that  $c_{pmax}$  is almost constant in the range of  $\omega L_0/R > 3$ . Additionally, this characteristic is independent of the  $\omega L_I/R$ . Figure 6(b) shows the total harmonic

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distortion (THD) of the output current as a function of the  $\omega L_0/R$ , where the THD is defined as

$$THD = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{k=2}^{N} (a_{ok}^2 + b_{ok}^2)}{a_o^2 + b_o^2}}.$$
 (28)

When the THD is less than 0.1, the output current is regarded as a pure sinusoidal waveform in this paper. It is seen from Fig. 6(b) that the THD is less than 0.1 in the range of  $\omega L_0/R > 2$  regardless of  $\omega L_I/R$ . Namely, it can be stated that  $Q_0$ -value is sufficiently high in the range of  $\omega L_0/R > 3$ . From the above considerations, the output current is purely sinusoid when the highest value of  $c_p$  is obtained. In other words,  $c_p$  deteriorates drastically in case of low  $Q_0$ .



**FIGURE 7.** Characteristics of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$  as a function of the  $\omega L_1/R$ . (a) Maximum power output capability  $c_{pmax}$  and  $\omega L_2/R$  to obtain  $c_{pmax}$ . (b) Ripple ratio of the input current.

Figure 7 shows the characteristics of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$  as a function of  $\omega L_I/R$ . It is seen from Fig. 7(a) that the maximum value of the output power capability is almost constant in the range of  $\omega L_I/R > 0.6$ . This characteristic is independent of  $\omega L_0/R$ . Figure 7(b) shows the ripple ratio of the input current  $\gamma$  as a function of the  $\omega L_I/R$ . The ripple ratio is defined as  $\gamma = \Delta i_I/I_I$ , where  $\Delta i$ is the peak-to-peak value of the input current. In the case of  $\gamma < 0.1$ , the input current is regarded as direct current in the paper. It is seen from Fig. 7(b) that  $\gamma$  is less than 0.1 in the range of  $\omega L_I/R > 100$  regardless of the  $\omega L_0/R$ . Note that  $c_p = 0.133$  can be obtained even though  $\omega L_I/R$  is small.



**FIGURE 8.** Normalized output power of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter to obtain the  $c_{pmax}$  for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$  as a function of  $\omega L_I/R$ .

It is seen from Figs. 6(a) and 7(a) that the  $\omega L_2/R$  to obtain  $c_{pmax}$  is in the range of  $\omega L_2/R < 2$ , which is regarded as low  $Q_2$ . Namely, the harmonic resonant current  $i_2$  always includes other harmonic components when the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter achieves  $c_p = 0.133$ .

From the above results, it is clarified that there are many parameter sets to obtain  $c_p = 0.133$ . When the  $\omega L_0/R$  and the  $\omega L_I/R$  are sufficiently large,  $c_p = 0.133$  can be obtained. In this situation, we have  $\omega L_2/R = 1.67$ . This result is the same as the previous paper [12]. It is also clarified that we can have  $c_p = 0.133$  at low  $L_I$ .

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Figure 8 shows the normalized output power of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter to obtain  $c_{pmax}$  for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$  as a function of the  $\omega L_I/R$ . It is seen from Fig. 8 that the output power has a peak value against the  $\omega L_I/R$  variation. The largest power of  $P_o R/V_I^2 = 0.8$  appears at  $\omega L_I/R = 0.6$ . From Fig. 7(a), we see that the maximum power output capability is  $c_{pmax} = 0.132$  at  $\omega L_I/R = 0.6$  for  $\omega L_0/R > 3$ , which is almost the same as the highest value of  $c_p = 0.133$  in the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter.



**FIGURE 9.** Ratio of the normalized resonant frequency of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter to obtain the  $c_{pmax}$  for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$  as a function of  $\omega L_I/R$ .

Figure 9 shows the normalized resonant frequency  $\omega_0/\omega$  to obtain the highest power output capability for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$ 

as a function of  $\omega L_I/R$ , where

$$\frac{\omega_0}{\omega} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega L_0/R \cdot \omega C_0 R}}.$$
(29)

The conditions of  $\omega_0/\omega > 1$  and  $\omega_0/\omega < 1$  mean that the output resonant filter is capacitive and inductive, respectively. It is seen that  $\omega_0/\omega = 1$  is obtained at the point of  $\omega L_I/R = 0.6$  regardless of  $\omega L_0/R$ . From Figs. 8 and 9, it can be stated that  $\omega L_I/R = 0.6$  is a particular value of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter.

As the decrease in the input inductance, a non-negligible input-current ripple occurs. This means that the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter has another resonant topology with  $L_I$  and  $C_S$ . Therefore, the class-E ZVS/ZDS conditions can be achieved even though the reactance component of the output resonant filter is zero. The class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter, which operates at  $\omega_0/\omega = 1$ , is called the class- $\Phi_2$  inverter [17], [18]. From Fig. 6(a), it can be stated that the parameter set of the class- $\Phi_2$  inverter is one of the best parameter sets of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter in the sense of the largest output power and sufficiently high  $c_p$ .

# B. CLASS-E/F3 INVERTER

Figure 10 shows  $c_{pmax}$  of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter and  $\omega L_3/R$  to obtain  $c_{pmax}$  for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$  and  $\omega L_I/R$  as a function of the duty ratio. It is seen from Fig. 10 that there is a peak of  $c_{pmax}$  for all the combinations of  $\omega L_0/R$  and  $\omega L_I/R$ . The peaks appear at D = 0.575. The value of D = 0.575 was also pointed out in [13]. In [13], however, the power output capability was investigated under the conditions of high  $L_I$  and  $Q_0$ . It is clarified in this paper that the value of D = 0.575 is independent of  $\omega L_I/R$  and  $\omega L_0/R$ . In the following investigations, the duty ratio is fixed as D = 0.575.



**FIGURE 10.** Maximum power output capability  $c_{pmax}$  of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter and  $\omega L_3/R$  to obtain  $c_{pmax}$  for fixed  $\omega L_1/R$  and  $\omega L_0/R$  as a function of duty ratio.

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Figure 11 shows the characteristics of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter for fixed  $\omega L_I/R$  as a function of the  $\omega L_0/R$ . It is seen from Fig. 11(a) that the power output capability is  $c_p = 0.135$ when the  $\omega L_I/R$  and  $\omega L_0/R$  are sufficiently large. This result is the same as that in [13]. When we consider the effects of the  $\omega L_I/R$ , we see that the high  $c_{pmax}$  can be obtained



**FIGURE 11.** Characteristics of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter for fixed  $\omega L_I/R$  as a function of the  $\omega L_0/R$ . (a) Maximum power output capability  $c_{pmax}$  and  $\omega L_3/R$  to obtain  $c_{pmax}$ . (b) Total harmonic distortion of the output current.

at low  $\omega L_I/R$ . Namely,  $c_{pmax} = 0.144$  can be obtained at  $\omega L_I/R = 1.3$ . The value with  $c_p = 0.144$  is significantly higher than the previous-known highest value with  $c_p = 0.135$ , which is discovered by considering low  $L_I$ , low  $Q_3$ , and low  $Q_0$ . It is seen from Fig. 11(b) that the THD is independent of  $\omega L_0/R$  and it is less than 0.1 in the range of  $\omega L_0/R > 3$ . Namley,  $c_p = 0.144$  can be obtained at low  $Q_0$ .

Figure 12 shows the characteristic of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter for fixed  $\omega L_0 R$  as a function of the  $\omega L_I / R$ . It is seen from Fig. 12(a) that  $c_{pmax}$  increases as  $\omega L_I / R$  decreases. The highest values of  $c_{pmax}$  appears at  $\omega L_I / R = 1.25$ , which is the edge of the characteristic curve. When  $\omega L_I / R < 1.25$ , there is no solution for achieving the class-E ZVS/ZDS conditions. From Figs. 11(a) and 12(a), the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter with  $c_p = 0.144$  can be designed for D = 0.575,  $\omega L_I R = 0.125$ , and  $\omega L_3 R = 2.25$  in the range of  $\omega L_0 / R > 2$ . It is seen from Fig. 12(b) that the dc input current is provided in the range of  $\omega L_I / R > 30$ . Therefore, it can be stated that the input current should include large ripple for obtaining high  $c_p$  in the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter, which is different from the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter.

### 2) OUTPUT POWER AND CLASS- $\Phi_3$ INVERTER

Figure 13 shows the normalized output power of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter to obtain  $c_{pmax}$  as a function of the  $\omega L_I/R$  for the fixed  $\omega L_0/R$ . It is seen from Fig. 13 that there is a peak



**FIGURE 12.** Characteristics of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$  as a function of the  $\omega L_I/R$ . (a) Maximum power output capability  $c_{pmax}$  and  $\omega L_3/R$  to obtain  $c_{pmax}$ . (b) Ripple ratio of the input current.



**FIGURE 13.** Normalized output power of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$  as a function of  $\omega L_1/R$ .

of the normalized output power at  $\omega L_I/R = 2.15$ . The peak value of the normalized output power is  $P_o R/V_I^2 = 1.37$ . It is seen from Fig. 12(a) that  $c_p = 0.143$  can be obtained at  $\omega L_I/R = 2.15$ , which is almost the same as  $c_p = 0.144$ .

Figure 14 shows the normalized resonant frequency  $\omega_0/\omega$ for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$  as a function of  $\omega L_I/R$ . We have  $\omega_0/\omega = 1$ at  $\omega L_I/R = 2.15$  regardless of  $\omega L_0/R$ . Similar to the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter, the  $\omega L_I/R$  to obtain the highest output power is the same as that for  $\omega_0/\omega = 1$ . From the result, the



**FIGURE 14.** Ratio of the normalized resonant frequency of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter for fixed  $\omega L_0/R$  as a function of  $\omega L_1/R$ .

class- $\Phi_3$  inverter is one of the good-performed class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverters in the sense of the largest output power and the sufficiently high  $c_p$ .

# **V. EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATIONS**

For confirming the validity of the analysis, the circuit experiments of four inverters were carried out in this paper. The fundamental specifications of all the inverters were: operating frequency f = 1 MHz, input voltage  $V_I = 12$  V, and load resistance  $R = 15 \Omega$ . The duty ratio is D = 0.375for class-E/F<sub>2</sub> and class- $\Phi_2$  inverter, and is D = 0.575 for class-E/F<sub>3</sub> and class- $\Phi_3$  inverter. In addition, Vishay IRF510 MOSFET was chosen as the switching device. The MOSFET on-resistance was 0.54  $\Omega$ , and drain-to-source capacitance was 96 pF, which were obtained from the datasheet. Figure 15 shows the experimental prototype.



**FIGURE 15.** Experimental prototype of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter.

# A. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF CLASS-E/F<sub>2</sub> AND CLASS-Φ<sub>2</sub> INVERTERS

The class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter was designed with sufficiently large  $L_I$  and  $Q_0$  for achieving the highest value of  $c_p$ , which was the same specifications as the previous paper in [12]. From Figs. 6(a) and 7(a), we obtained  $\omega L_I/R = 100$ ,  $\omega L_0/R = 5$ , and  $\omega L_2/R = 1.79$ . The class- $\Phi_2$  inverter was designed for providing  $c_p = 0.132$ . Figs. 7(a) and 9, we could give

 $\omega L_0/R = 5$ ,  $\omega L_I/R = 0.6$ , and  $\omega L_2/R = 0.48$ . All the component values are given in Table 2. In the experiments, the component values were measured by Keysight E4990A.



**FIGURE 16.** Experimental (black line), PSpice-simulation (purple line) and analytical (green line) waveforms. (a) Class- $E/F_2$  inverter. (b) Class- $\Phi_2$  inverter.

Figure 16 shows experimental, PSpice simulation, and analytical waveforms of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> and class- $\Phi_2$  inverters. The experimental waveforms were measured by Tektronix MDO4043 oscilloscope. For current measurements, we used the Tektronix TCP2020 current probe. It is seen from Fig. 16(a) that the input and output currents of the class- $E/F_2$ inverter were direct current and pure sinusoidal one, respectively. Conversely, it is seen from Fig. 16(b) that the input current of the class- $\Phi_2$  inverter includes a large ripple because of low  $L_I$ . The amplitude of the output voltage of the class- $\Phi_2$ inverter was much larger than that of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter, which agreed with the theoretical prediction in Fig. 8. Both the switch-voltage waveforms satisfied the class-E ZVS /ZDS conditions. In the experimental measurements, the class-E/F2 inverter achieved 93.2 % power-conversion efficiency at 1.53 W and 1 MHz output. The class- $\Phi_2$  inverter achieved 92.2 % power-conversion efficiency at 7.08 W and 1 MHz output.

# B. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS OF CLASS-E/F<sub>3</sub> AND CLASS- $\Phi_3$ INVERTERS

For the design of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter, sufficiently high  $L_I$  and  $Q_0$  are specified, which was the same specifications as the previous paper in [13]. As stated in Section 4.2.1, we gave  $\omega L_I/R = 50$ ,  $\omega L_0/R = 10$ , and  $\omega L_3/R = 19.9$ . The class- $\Phi_3$  inverter was designed for achieving the  $c_p = 0.143$ . Therefore,  $\omega L_I/R = 2.15$ ,  $\omega L_0/R = 3$ , and  $\omega L_3/R = 3.11$  were given. Table 3 gives all the analytical and measured component values.

Figure 17 shows experimental, PSpice simulation, and analytical waveforms of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> and class- $\Phi_3$  inverters. It is seen from Fig. 17(a) that the input current was the direct current, and the currents flowing through the

TABLE 2.	Analytica	and m	easureme	ent value	es of the	e class-E/F <sub>2</sub>	and
class $\Phi_2$ i	nverters.						

	Cla	ss E/F <sub>2</sub>	Class $\Phi_2$		
Parameters	Analytical	Experimental	Analytical	Experimental	
$\overline{L_I(\mu \mathrm{H})}$	238	235	1.43	1.43	
$L_2$ ( $\mu$ H)	4.27	4.26	1.19	1.19	
$L_0$ ( $\mu$ H)	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	
$C_2$ (nF)	1.53	1.53	5.31	5.31	
$C_o$ (nF)	3.25	3.25	2.12	2.12	
$C_S$ (nF)	1.70	1.70	7.21	7.21	
f (MHz)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
D	0.375	_	0.375	_	
$V_I$ (V)	12	12	12	12	
$R(\Omega)$	15	15.0	15	15.0	
$r_{LI}(\Omega)$	0.02	0.02	0.20	0.18	
$r_{L2}(\Omega)$	0.20	0.26	0.20	0.15	
$r_{Lo}(\Omega)$	0.20	0.24	0.20	0.24	
$p_{out}$ (W)	1.59	1.53	7.17	7.08	
$c_p$	0.133	0.130	0.132	0.130	
$\eta'(\%)$	95.8	93.2	93.4	92.2	

TABLE 3. Analytical and measurement values of the class-E/F3 and class  $\Phi_3$  inverters.

	Cla	ss E/F <sub>3</sub>	Class $\Phi_3$		
Parameters	Analytical	Experimental	Analytical	Experimental	
$\overline{L_I (\mu H)}$	119	119	5.13	5.13	
$L_3$ ( $\mu$ H)	47.6	47.5	7.42	7.41	
$L_0(\mu H)$	23.9	23.8	7.16	7.16	
$C_3$ (pF)	59.0	58.9	379	379	
$C_o$ (nF)	1.11	1.11	3.54	3.54	
$C_{S}$ (nF)	1.08	1.07	1.76	1.76	
f(MHz)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
D	0.575	_	0.575	_	
$V_I$ (V)	12	12	12	12	
$\hat{R}(\Omega)$	15	15.0	15	15.0	
$r_{LI}(\Omega)$	0.02	0.02	0.20	0.21	
$r_{L3}(\Omega)$	0.20	0.42	0.20	0.30	
$r_{Lo}(\Omega)$	0.20	0.35	0.20	0.15	
$p_{out}(\mathbf{W})$	9.82	9.62	12.42	11.90	
$c_p$	0.135	0.133	0.143	0.141	
$\eta^{r}(\%)$	92.5	91.0	94.5	92.5	

harmonic- and output-resonant filters were pure sinusoidal waveforms.

Conversely, it is seen from Fig. 17(b) that all he currents included much harmonic components. Both the switch-voltage waveforms in Figs. 17(a) and (b) satisfied the class-E ZVS /ZDS conditions. The measured efficiency of the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter was 92.0 % with 9.62 W and 1 MHz output. That of the class- $\Phi_3$  inverter was 90.5 % with 11.9 W and 1 MHz output.

It is seen from Figs. 16 and 17 that the experimental and PSpice-simulation waveforms of all the inverters agreed with analytical waveforms perfectly. In addition, it can be also confirmed from Tables 2 and 3 that the measured values of the output power and the power output capability were also agreed with the analytical values. These results showed the validities of the analytical expressions and characteristic curves shown in this paper.



**FIGURE 17.** Experimental (black line), PSpice simulation (purple line) and analytical (green line) waveforms. (a) Class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter. (b) Class- $\Phi_3$  inverter.

# **VI. CONCLUSION**

This paper has presented the analytical expressions of the class-E/F<sub>n</sub> inverters. In-depth investigations of the class-E/F<sub>2</sub> and class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverters are carried out in terms of the power output capability. From the analytical investigations, many suggestions can be obtained. The class-E/F<sub>2</sub> inverter can achieve the highest power output capability  $c_p = 0.133$ . Additionally, a parameter set for obtaining the highest power output capability  $c_p = 0.144$  has been discovered for the class-E/F<sub>3</sub> inverter. The class- $\Phi_n$  inverter works with the highest output power of the class-E/F<sub>n</sub> inverter. Four design examples were given for the experimental verification in this paper. The experimental and PSpice-simulation results agreed with the analytical predictions quantitatively, which denoted the validities of the analytical expression and the characteristic investigations presented in this paper.

# APPENDIXES APPENDIX A

# **RESULTING EQUATIONS OF FOURIE SERIES EXPANSION**

The resulting equations of coefficients of the Fourie series expansion are expressed as

$$c_{0} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} v_{S} d(\omega t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi\omega C_{s}} \Big\{ 2I_{c}\pi^{2}D^{2} + \sum_{k=1}^{N} \Big[ \frac{A_{k}}{k^{2}} (\cos 2\pi D - 1) + \frac{B_{k}}{k^{2}} \sin 2\pi D - \frac{B_{n}}{n} 2\pi D \Big] \Big\}, \quad (30)$$

$$c_{k} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} v_{S} \cos k\omega d(\omega t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi\omega C_{s}} \Big\langle \frac{I_{c}}{k} [2\pi D \sin k 2\pi D + \frac{1}{k} (\cos k 2\pi D - 1)] + \sum_{m=1}^{N} (-\frac{B_{m}}{mk} \sin k 2\pi D)$$

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$$+ \sum_{\substack{m=1,\\m\neq k}}^{N} \left\{ -\frac{A_m}{2m} \left[ \frac{1}{m+k} [1 - \cos(m+k)2\pi D] \right] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{m-k} \left[ 1 - \cos(m-k)2\pi D] \right] \\ \left. + \frac{B_m}{2m} \left[ \frac{1}{m+k} \sin(m+k)2\pi D \right] \\ \left. + \frac{1}{m-k} \sin(m-k)2\pi D \right] \right\} \\ \left. + \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left\{ -\frac{A_k}{2k} \left[ -\frac{1}{2k} \cos 4\pi D + \frac{1}{2k} \right] \right] \\ \left. + \frac{B_k}{2k} \left[ \frac{1}{2k} \sin 4\pi D + 2\pi D \right] \right\} \right\},$$
(31)

and

$$d_{k} = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} v_{S} \sin k\omega \, d(\omega t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi \omega C_{s}} \left\langle -\frac{I_{c}}{k} [2\pi D \cos k 2\pi D - \frac{1}{k} \sin k 2\pi D] + \sum_{m=1}^{N} \left( \frac{B_{m}}{mk} \cos k 2\pi D - 1 \right) + \sum_{\substack{m=1, \ m \neq k}}^{N} \left\{ \frac{B_{m}}{2m} \left[ \frac{1}{m+k} [1 - \cos(m+k) 2\pi D] + \frac{1}{m-k} [\cos(m-k) 2\pi D - 1] \right] + \frac{A_{m}}{2m} \left[ \frac{1}{m+k} \sin(m+k) 2\pi D - \frac{1}{m-k} \sin(m-k) 2\pi D \right] \right\}$$

$$+ \sum_{k=1}^{N} \left\{ \frac{A_{k}}{2k} \left[ \frac{1}{2k} \cos 4\pi D - 2\pi D \right] + \frac{B_{k}}{2k} \left[ -\frac{1}{2k} \cos 4\pi D + \frac{1}{2k} \right] \right\} \right\rangle, \qquad (32)$$

respectively, where

$$A_k = a_{ik} - a_{nk} - a_{ok},$$
  

$$B_k = b_{ik} - b_{nk} - b_{ok},$$
  

$$A_m = a_{im} - a_{2m} - a_{om},$$
  

$$B_m = b_{im} - b_{2m} - b_{om}.$$

# **APPENDIX B**

# **EXPRESSION OF POWER LOSSES**

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The analytical expressions of the power losses are expressed follows.

$$\frac{RP_S}{V_I^2} = \frac{r_S}{2\pi R} \int_{2\pi(1-D)}^{2\pi} \left(\frac{Ri_S}{V_I}\right)^2 d(\omega t) = \frac{Dr_S a_{io}^2}{R} + \frac{r_S a_{io}}{\pi R} \left[-\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{A_k}{k} \sin(2\pi(1-D))\right]$$

$$+\sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{B_{k}}{k} \cos(2\pi(1-D)) - \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{B_{k}}{k}] \\+ \frac{r_{S}}{2\pi R} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{N} A_{k}^{2} \left[ -\frac{1}{4k} \sin(4k\pi(1-D)) + \pi D \right] \right. \\+ \sum_{k=1}^{N} B_{k}^{2} \left[ \frac{1}{4k} \sin(4k\pi(1-D)) + \pi D \right] \\+ 2\sum_{k=1}^{N} A_{k} B_{k} \left[ -\frac{1}{2k} \sin^{2}(2\pi k(1-D)) \right] \\+ 2\sum_{k=1}^{N} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{m=1, \\ m \neq k}}^{N} A_{k} B_{m} \left[ \frac{\cos(k+m)(2\pi(1-D)) - 1}{2(k+m)} \right] \right. \\+ \left[ \frac{\cos(k-m)(2\pi(1-D)) - 1}{2(k-m)} \right] \right\} \\+ 2\sum_{k=1}^{N} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{m=1, \\ m \neq k}}^{N} A_{k} A_{m} \left[ -\frac{\sin(k-m)(2\pi(1-D))}{2(k-m)} \right] \right. \\- \left[ \frac{\sin(k+m)(2\pi(1-D))}{2(k+m)} \right] \right\} \\+ 2\sum_{k=1}^{N} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{m=1, \\ m \neq k}}^{N} B_{k} B_{m} \left[ \frac{\sin(k+m)(2\pi(1-D))}{2(k+m)} \right] \\- \left[ \frac{\sin(k-m)(2\pi(1-D))}{2(k-m)} \right] \right\} \right\}.$$
(33)

$$\frac{RP_{LI}}{V_I^2} = \frac{r_{LI}}{2\pi R} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{Ri_I}{V_I}\right)^2 d(\omega t) = \frac{r_{LI}}{R} \left[a_{io}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N (a_{ik}^2 + b_{ik}^2)\right].$$
(34)

$$\frac{RP_{Ln}}{V_I^2} = \frac{r_{Ln}}{2\pi R} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{Ri_n}{V_I}\right)^2 d(\omega t)$$
$$= \frac{r_{Ln}}{2R} \sum_{k=1}^N (a_{nk}^2 + b_{nk}^2).$$
$$\frac{RP_{Lo}}{V_I^2} = \frac{r_{Lo}}{2\pi R} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{Ri_o}{V_I}\right)^2 d(\omega t)$$
(35)

$$= \frac{r_{Lo}}{2R} \sum_{k=1}^{N} (a_{ok}^2 + b_{ok}^2).$$
(36)

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