INDIRECT FIELD-ORIENTED CONTROL OF FIVE-PHASE INDUCTION MOTOR DRIVES

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ABSTRACT

This paper proposes an indirect field oriented controller for five-phase induction motor drives. The controller is based on indirect vector control technique. Simulation is carried out by using the Matlab/Simulink package. The performance of the proposed system is investigated at different operating conditions. The proposed controller is robust and suitable for high performance five-phase induction motor drives. Simulation results validate the proposed approaches.

1. INTRODUCTION

Over the years; induction motor (IM) has been utilized as a workhorse in the industry due to its easy build, high robustness, and generally satisfactory efficiency. Multi-phase machines have found wide applications in transport, textile manufacturing and aerospace since few years. In electrical drive applications, three-phase drives are widely used for their convenience. However, high-phase number drives possess several advantages over conventional three-phase drives such as: reducing the amplitude and increasing the frequency of torque pulsations, reducing the rotor harmonic currents, reducing the current per phase without increasing the voltage per phase, and lowering the dc-link current harmonics and higher reliability. By increasing the number of phases, it is also possible to increase the torque per rms amperes for the same machine volume [1-5].

Applications involving high power may require multiphase systems, in order to reduce stress on the switching devices. There are two approaches for supplying high power systems; one approach is the use of multilevel inverters supplying three-phase machines and the other approach is multi leg inverters supplying multiphase machines. Much more work has been done on multilevel inverters. It is interesting to note that the similarity in switching schemes between the two approaches: for the multilevel inverter the additional switching devices increase the number of voltage levels, while for the multi leg inverter, the additional number of switching devices increases the number of phases [6]. The recent research works on multiphase machines can be categorized into multi-phase pulse width modulation (PWM) techniques for multiphase machines, harmonic injection to produce more torque and to achieve better stability [5], fault tolerant issues of multi-phase motor drives, series/parallel connected multi-phase machines [6].

In Ref. [7], an n-phase space vector PWM (SVPWM) scheme can be described in terms of the applying times of available switching vectors on the basis of the space vector concept. However, the paper only focuses on how to realize a sinusoidal phase voltage. Much research on control method and running performance of five-phase drive with two-level inverter was made. Another research has been done on a multiphase two-level nonsinusoidal SVPWM [9].

The power rating of the converter should meet the required level for the machine and driven load. However, the converter ratings cannot be increased over a certain range due to the limitation of the power rating of semiconductor devices. One solution to this problem is using multi-level inverter, where switches of reduced rating are employed to develop high power level converters. The advent of inverter fed-motor drives also removed the limits of the number of motor phases. This fact made it possible to design machine with more than three phases and brought about the increasing investigation and applications of multi-phase motor drives [10, 14].
The five-phase induction motor drives have many more space voltage vectors than the three-phase induction motor drives. The increased number of vectors allows the generation of a more elaborate switching vector table, in which the selection of the voltage vectors is made based on the real-time values of the stator flux and torque variations.

In this paper, an indirect rotor field-oriented-based speed control of high performance induction motor drive is presented. The effectiveness of the proposed scheme is tested at different operating conditions. Simulation results are presented and discussed.

2. MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF FIVE-PHASESE INDUCTION MOTOR

Squirrel-cage five-phase induction motor is represented in its d-q synchronous reference frame. The winding axes of five-stator winding are displaced by 72 degrees. By increasing the number of phases, it is also possible to increase the torque per ampere for the same machine volume. In this analysis, the iron saturation is neglected.

The general equations of the five-phase induction motor can be introduced as follows:

The stator quadrature-axis voltage is given by:

\[ V_{qs} = R_s i_{qs} + \frac{d \lambda_{qs}}{dt} + \omega \lambda_{ds} \]  

(1)

The stator direct-axis voltage is given by:

\[ V_{ds} = R_s i_{ds} + \frac{d \lambda_{ds}}{dt} + \omega \lambda_{qs} \]  

(2)

For the stationary reference frame \( \omega = 0 \), substitute into Equations (1) and (2) yields:

\[ V_{qs} = R_s i_{qs} + \frac{d \lambda_{qs}}{dt} \]  

(3)

\[ V_{ds} = R_s i_{ds} + \frac{d \lambda_{ds}}{dt} \]  

(4)

The stator q-axis flux linkage is given by:

\[ \lambda_{qs} = L_s i_{qs} + L_m i_{qr} \]  

(5)

\[ \lambda_{qs} = (L_s + L_m) i_{qs} + L_m i_{qr} \]  

(6)

The stator d-axis flux linkage is given by:

\[ \lambda_{ds} = L_s i_{ds} + L_m i_{dr} \]  

(7)

\[ \lambda_{ds} = (L_s + L_m) i_{ds} + L_m i_{dr} \]  

(8)

The electromagnetic torque is given by:

\[ T_e = \frac{L_s}{2} (\lambda_{ds} i_{qs} - \lambda_{qs} i_{dr}) \]  

(9)

\[ T_e - T_i = j \frac{d \omega}{dt} + B \omega \]  

(10)

3. VECTOR CONTROL OF 5-PHASE IM

The theory of indirect field oriented control is applied for the Five-phase induction motor. The application of the vector control scheme to such arrangement is simple, and can provide fast-decoupled control of torque and flux. In Fig.1, the motor speed, \( \omega_m \) is compared to a command speed, \( \omega^* \), and the error signal is processed by the PI controller, to generate the torque-component current command \( i_d^* \). The flux-component current command \( i_q^* \) is calculated according to adopted control strategy. The two current command components are then transformed with the help of rotor position encoder (for angle \( \theta_e \)) to five current commands \( i_a, i_b, i_c, i_d, i_e \) in the stationary reference frame. These current commands are then compared to the actual motor currents by hysteresis current controller to generate the logic pulses for the inverter switches.

![Fig. 1 Block Diagram of the Proposed Speed Control System](image-url)
The torque producing current components are calculated from:
\[ I_{qs}^* = \frac{1}{k_f} \left( \omega_s^* - \omega_r^* \right) K_{ps} \left| 1 + \tau_{cs} S \right| \]
(9)
\[ I_{ds}^* = \frac{1}{L_m} \left( 1 + \tau_r^* p \right) \lambda_{dr}^* \]
(10)
The angular slip frequency command \( \omega_{sl}^* \) is:
\[ \omega_{sl}^* = \frac{L_m}{\tau_r} \cdot \frac{I_{qs}^*}{\lambda_{dr}^*} \]
(11)
Where, \( \tau_r \) is the rotor time constant and \( \lambda_{dr}^* \) is the direct-axis rotor flux.
The angular frequency is obtained as follows,
\[ \omega_e^* = \omega_{sl}^* + \omega_m \]
(12)
\[ \theta_e^* = \int \omega_e^* \cdot dt \]
(13)
\[ T_e = K_f \left| \lambda_{dr}^* \right| I_{qs}^* \]
(14)
Equation (14) is similar to that of the separately excited dc motor and denotes that the torque can initially proportional to the quadrature component of the stator current, \( I_{qs}^* \), if the ge-axis component of the flux becomes zero (de-axis is aligned with the rotor flux axis), and the de-axis component \( \lambda_{dr}^* \) is kept constant. This is the philosophy of the vector control technique.
The transformations used for the present system are expressed as follows;
\[ q' \rightarrow d' \rightarrow q' \rightarrow d' \]
\[ \begin{align*}
    i_{qs}^* &= i_{qs}^* \cos \theta + i_{qs}^* \sin \theta \\
    i_{ds}^* &= -i_{qs}^* \sin \theta + i_{qs}^* \cos \theta
\end{align*} \]
(15)
where \( \theta \) represents the sum of the slip and rotor angles.
\[ i_{qs}^* = i_{qs}^* \cos(\theta) + i_{qs}^* \sin(\theta) \]
\[ i_{ds}^* = i_{qs}^* \cos(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{5}) + i_{qs}^* \sin(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{5}) \]
(16)
\[ \begin{align*}
    i_{qs}^* &= i_{qs}^* \cos(\theta - \frac{4\pi}{5}) + i_{qs}^* \sin(\theta - \frac{4\pi}{5}) \\
    i_{ds}^* &= i_{qs}^* \cos(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{5}) + i_{qs}^* \sin(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{5})
\end{align*} \]
4. FIVE-PHASE INVERTER

The modulated phase voltages of five-phase inverter fed five-phase induction motor are introduced as a function of switching logic NA, NB, NC, ND and NE of power switches by the following relations:
\[ V_{na} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \]
(17)
\[ V_{nb} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \]
\[ V_{nc} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & 4 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \]
\[ V_{nd} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \]
\[ V_{ne} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \]

The per-phase switching state having a range of N = 0 or 1.

5. SIMULATION RESULTS

The proposed control system shown in Fig. 1 is designed for a simulation investigation. Simulation is carried out using the general purpose simulation package Matlab/Simulink [15]. Simulation results are presented to show the effectiveness of the proposed scheme at different operating conditions. These results are classified into two categories; the first represents startup and steady-state while the second represents the dynamic performance.

5.1. Starting and Steady-State Performance

The simulation results for start-up and steady-state performance are illustrated by Figs. 8 to 10. Figure 8.a shows the variation of motor speed from startup to the steady state speed (150 rad/sec), which is reached after about 200 m sec. The developed torque and phase current corresponding to same period are shown in Figs. 8.b and 8.c respectively. These current signals are of sine wave profiles on which controller transients are shown.

5.2. Dynamic Performance

For studying the dynamic performances of the proposed system, simulation has been carried out. In this respect, the dynamic response of the proposed algorithm is examined by step changes for both speed reference and load torque.

5.2.1. Speed step change

To study the dynamic response of the control system due to a step change in the speed command, the motor is subjected to a step increase and decrease in the speed command to evaluate its performance. Figure 9.a shows the variation of motor speed, which at t=1.0 second the motor speed command is changed from 100 rad/sec to 150 rad/sec. and return back again after one second. It can be seen that the motor speed is accelerated and decelerated smoothly to
follow its reference value with nearly zero steady state error. Figures 9.b and 9.c show the developed torque and phase current corresponding to this step changes respectively. These results ensure the effectiveness of the proposed controller and show good behavior of its dynamic response.

5.2.2. Load Step Change

The ability to withstand disturbances in IM control system is another important feature. A step change in the motor load is considered as a typical disturbance. A high performance control system has fast dynamic response in adjusting its control variables so that, the system outputs affected by the load impact will recover to the original status as soon as possible. The dropped aptitude of the system output such as rotor speed and its recovering time are the important performance specifications. Figure 10a shows the speed response when a full load impact is applied for one second. The motor started at no load and the full load, (3 N.m), is applied for one second. The corresponding developed torque is shown in Fig10b. Fig.10c show motor phase current, which increases with loading and decreases with load release.
6. CONCLUSIONS

This paper presents a speed control of five-phase induction motor. The control algorithm is based on indirect field oriented control. The effectiveness of the proposed speed control algorithm has been investigated under dynamic and steady-state operation. The results show that the effectiveness and robustness of the proposed speed control method.

7. REFERENCES


Nomenclature

Rs : stator phase resistance (ohm)
lsq : stator quadrature axis current (A)
lrd : stator direct axis current (A)
lqd : rotor direct axis current (A)
lqm : rotor equivalent inductance (H)
lld : stator direct axis current (A)
lld : stator quadrature axis current (A)
lm : magnetizing inductance (H)
T0 : load torque (N.m)
J : inertia of motor (Kg.m^2)
B : friction coefficient (N.m.s/rad)

Appendix

Motor Parameter

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<th>No. of poles</th>
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