AC MOTOR SPEED PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT USING FUZZY LOGIC CONTROL

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This project focuses on the fuzzy logic controller design to control single phase induction motor. The controller strategy is done through phase angle control method. The phase angle is controlled by controlling the firing angle delay of the triac. This controller system is implemented and simulated using MATLAB Simulink software. The performance of the single phase induction motor are investigated and compared with the PID controller. Based on the simulation, fuzzy logic controller is suitable to control single phase induction motor because it can reduce the rise time, settling time, peak time and overshoot to 0.10s, 0.17s, 0.29s and 0.09 % OS respectively. The comparison between fuzzy logic controller and PID controller shows that the fuzzy logic controller gives better performance response with the rise time \((Tr)\), the settling time \((Ts)\), peak time \((Tp)\) and overshoot \((% OS)\) are 0.08s, 0.08s, 0.05s and 0.004% smaller than PID controller.
Fokus projek ini adalah membina pengawal logik fuzzy untuk mengawal motor induksi satu fasa. Strategi pengawalan adalah menggunakan kaedah kawalan sudut fasa. Sudut fasa dikawal dengan mengawal masa tunda bagi triac. Sistem pengawal ini dilaksanakan dan disimulasi menggunakan perisian MATLAB Simulink. Prestasi motor induksi satu fasa dikaji dan dibandingkan dengan sistem pengawal PID. Berdasarkan kepada keputusan simulasi, pengawal logic fuzzy adalah sesuai digunakan untuk mengawal motor induksi satu fasa apabila ia dapat mengurangkan masa naik (Tr), masa puncak (Tp), masa menetap (Ts) dan peratus lonjakan (% OS) adalah 0.10s, 0.29s, 0.17s dan 0.09 %. Perbandingan antara pengawal logic fuzzy ini dengan pengawal PID menunjukkan bahawa pengawal logic fuzzy memberikan prestasi yang lebih baik dengan masa naik (Tr), masa puncak (Tp), masa menetap (Ts) dan peratus lonjakan (% OS) adalah 0.08s, 0.08s, 0.0.05s dan 0.09 % lebih kecil dari pengawal PID.
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AC  Alternating Current
AI  Artificial Intelligent
DC  Direct Current
FLC Fuzzy Logic Controller
FPGA Field Programmable Gate Array
MATLAB MATrix LABoratory
PIC Programmable Interface Controller
PID Proportional Integral Derivative
SPIM Single Phase Induction Motor
TRIAC TRIode for Alternating Current
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Single phase A.C supply plays important roles in electrical usage because it is commonly used for general purpose electrical purpose in domestic or commercial applications where three phase power supply is not available. Based on this supply, single phase induction motors become one of the most widely used for numerous domestic and industrial applications like home appliances, industrial control system, and automation because of their offer lower maintenance, reliable and smaller motor size. Single phase induction motor has been covered most servo application in robotics, machine tools and positioning devices.

Normally, it has two winding, main and auxiliary while auxiliary winding has more turns than winding has [1]. Traditional single phase induction motor run directly from AC voltage at one speed only. The improvement in ac motor control enable the speed of single phase induction motor to be run on variable speed, which can reduce power consumption, acoustic noise and mechanical vibration. The critical aspect in AC motor industry is the role of the researcher/ engineer to control the speed of an AC motor that being used. Traditionally, the AC motor is controlled by two classical strategies, vector control and torque control. Vector control and direct torque control are the two classical strategies to control synchronization and asynchronous of induction motor [2].

Basically, single phase induction motor is widely use in our daily application because of their ability to operate from a single phase power supply. Since it is impossible to reliably operate at unstable range, simple voltage control (open loop
control) is limited to controlling in a narrow range. The speed of the single phase AC induction motor can be adjusted either by applying the proper supply voltage amplitude and frequency (called volts per hertz) or by the changing of supply voltage amplitude with constant frequency (slip control) [3]. To make it is possible to operate reliably even in the unstable range, it is necessary to detect the rotational speed of the motor and use a voltage control mechanism (closed loop control) that reduces the speed error when compared to a set value [4].

The speed of induction motor can be control by controlling the voltage applied to the stator voltage. With the enhanced technology in power electronics, a number of semiconductor devices have been introduced in voltage control application. The use of solid state components like the triac for the control of ac drives have been widely used in recent years for several industrial and home applications [5]. The voltage applied to the stator winding of the single phase induction motor can be control to achieve the desired speed by controlling the firing angle of the triac that are used this project.

For efficient control strategies, the speed of the single phase induction motors need to be controlled properly. The control of the stator voltage is needed in order to control the speed. It is because the voltage is directly proportional to the motor speed. For this reason, the phase control technique can be applied for single phase induction motor control. In this technique, a power device known as triac can be used. Triac is a power electronics device which conduct based on the gate pulses it receive rather than the supply voltage [6]. Triac is connected in series with the motor, and hence by controlling the gate pulse of the Triac, speed of the induction motor is controlled smoothly and effectively with less power consumption [7].

Mostly, for closed loop system, conventional or intelligent control techniques were used to provide signal to the firing angle circuit [5]. As the advancement of the technology, the use of intelligent system to control the induction motor is required because of the traditional controllers does not give the satisfactory results when loading variation condition. In recent years, the artificial intelligent (AI) technique, such as fuzzy logic controller has shown high potential for induction motor application [8].
1.2 Problem Statement

Most of the application of control systems nowadays used the Proportional Integrated Derivative (PID) controller. Although the PID controller is simple and easy to practice, the linear PID control method is not working well in ac induction motor drive because of the nonlinearity properties of induction motor. The traditional controller such as PID controller does not give a satisfactory response when loading various conditions and different control parameters. In recent years, the artificial intelligent (AI) techniques such as fuzzy logic controller have shown high potential for induction motor application. The needs for an intelligent system controller that has the capability to control nonlinear, uncertain systems is important to improve the performance of induction motor speed controller. In fact, a new controller is need to be develop using intelligent system to guarantee the stable operation even there is a change in the parameter of the induction motor and sudden load variation.

1.3 Aim and Objectives

The aim of this project is to improve the performances of a speed control of AC motor. It will be done by developing a fuzzy logic controller (FLC). The controller has the ability to control the TRIAC phase angle delay using pulse fuzzy logic controller (FLC). The output of the controller is used to control the speed of a single phase induction motor (SPIM). In order to achieve this aim, the objectives of this project are describes as follows:

(i) To study the characteristic of single phase induction motor and the effect of triac firing angle delay on the single phase induction motor speed.
(ii) To design and develop closed loop simulation model of fuzzy logic controller using MATLAB-Simulink platform
(iii) To observe the performances of fuzzy logic controller by simulation
(iv) To analyze the results from the fuzzy logic controller and compare with the PID controller
1.4 Project Scopes

The scopes and limitation of this project are given below:

(i) The simulation model is based on the single phase induction motor running 240 V 50 Hz ac voltage supply.

(ii) The control system used in this project was fuzzy logic controller (intelligent control)

(iii) The control strategy is done through phase angle control method

(iv) Triac is used to control the voltage supplied to the single phase induction motor.

(v) The simulation model of the fuzzy logic controller is developed using Matlab-Simulink software.

(vi) The reference speed of motor is 1500 rpm

(vii) The range of time delay generation of the triac firing pulse is between 0 to 9 ms.

1.5 Report Outline

This report is divided to four chapters and the first chapter briefly describes the introduction of this project. This chapter represents the overview of the project includes the problem statement, the objectives of the project.

In chapter 2, the literature review of the previous projects that is related to this project is discussed. All these projects then are compared about the advantages and disadvantages.

The methodology of the proposed project explained in chapter 3. The methodology is divided into three parts. The first part is to study the single phase induction motor characteristics. The second part is to develop design and simulation model for the fuzzy logic controller using Matlab-Simulink.

Chapter 4 discusses the result and analysis of the fuzzy logic controller that included the dynamic response of the motor speed. This chapter highlights the overall of the project outcomes with the simulation result that is obtained using MATLAB Simulink.
Chapter 5 is the final chapter that entails the conclusion of the project design and the recommendations for the future project.
CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

The design and development of fuzzy logic controller (FLC) to improve the single phase induction motor performance need an extensive study and research of the previous papers and projects. In this chapter, the previous works that have been accomplished by other researchers will be discussed.

2.2 Related Work

Zeyad Assi Obayed, Nasri Sulaiman and M.N Hamidon [9] have developed a fuzzy logic controller using VHDL for implementation of field programmable logic array (FPGA) to control position in AC motor. The controller accepts two types of digital outputs, the first one is the plant (Yp) and the second one is the desired output (Yd) and deliver control action signal as a digital output. It also accept 8 bit digital signal that represent the gain parameter needed by the controller and the other two bits signal to select the type of the controller. Figure 2.1 shows the general layout of the controller in a unity feedback control system.
In this paper, Altera Quartus 2 version 9.0 software has been used to get the simulation and timing result as well as synthesized design. Besides that, ModelSim simulation program is used for the purpose of the simulation for all tests for the proposed design. The same design has been done in Matlab environment. For comparison purposes, ModelSim store the simulation data in text files, these file have been used in Matlab to convert it to decimal vectors, and the use vectors to plot the analog response. Figure 2.2 describes the coding and simulation environment for the design.

![Figure 2.1: Layout of the proposed controller in unity feedback control system](image)

The result of the second order linear plant of the developed PIDFLC is shown in Figure 2.3.
T.D Dongale, S.R Jadhav, S.V Kulkarni, T.G Kulkarni, R.R Mudholkar and M.D Uplane [10], have describe the implementation of the controller based on PID and Fuzzy Logic strategies. They have made the comparative performances analysis exploring of Fuzzy Logic control strategies and PID control strategies. In this project, a system to control speed of three phase motor have been developed using PIC16F877A microcontroller which includes with inverter design, gate drive circuit and isolation. Figure 2.4 shows the system block diagram for the system that have been developed.

![System Block Diagram](image)

**Figure 2.4: A system block diagram using PIC16F877A**
The model of for PID and Fuzzy Logic controller have been developed using MATLAB-SIMULINK for real time motor speed control. For the PID model, the actual speed of the motor is sensed by the speed sensor using PIC controller and it sent serially to Simulink. The transfer function of the system is the second order type the exhibit overshoot and large settling time which form the metrics of performance in the previous study. The real time PID response is illustrated in Figure 2.5.

For the fuzzy logic controller, the reference speed is set as a constant. Error block generate the output which is the error between actual speed and the set speed that is applied to one input of fuzzy controller and other to store the error in the memory to compute the change in error. Multiplexer combine both inputs and give it to Fuzzy logic controller. Real time scope is used observe the actual behavioral of the system. The instrument block is used to send the output of Fuzzy Logic Controller to PIC. The Fuzzy controller in this project is design using Mamdani method as a Fuzzy Inference Scheme (FIS). The real time Fuzzy logic controller response is shown in Figure 2.6.
Ebrahim Abd El Hamid Mohamed Ramaden et al [11], have proposed a fuzzy system that has been supplied to a permanent magnet DC motor via a configuration of H-Bridge. In this paper, a fuzzy logic control (FLC) system and a conventional proportional-integral (PI) controller for speed control of DC motor have been implemented using Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) circuit. The architecture of the fuzzy logic controller that has been developed is shown in Figure 2.7.

![FLC Architecture](image)

**Figure 2.7: FLC architecture**

In the proposed fuzzy system as in Figure 2.7, the fuzzification process is performed by reading out from the system’s memory the value of membership function of activated sets and also codes of these sets. The characteristic parameters of the fuzzy logic system are elaborated in Table 2.1.
### Table 2.1: The proposed fuzzy characteristics

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The DC motor response of the PI and FLC controller are described in Figure 2.8. From the results, the PI controller performances result in the lack of smooth transition between the required speed and the present of overshoot and higher rise time. For the FLC controller, less oscillation, zeros overshoot and less rise time. This project describes that the performances of FLC is better than PI controller. The detail information about the comparison is elaborated in Table 2.2.

![Figure 2.8: System response for PI and FLC for change in the operating point](image-url)
Table 2.2: Comparison of responses between PI and FLC controller

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<td>Overshoot (rpm)</td>
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<td>Peak time (s)</td>
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<td>Under – 25% load</td>
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Gaddam Mallesham [12] has explained the application of fuzzy logic in speed systems in electrical machine which is for DC motor and AC motor. In this work, a controller designed based on proportional, derivatives and integral fuzzy reasoning. The output quantity and fuzzy speed controller is employed to the outer loop used the speed error and rate of change as the inputs. The performance of the fuzzy logic controller evaluated by simulation the result for different operating conditions and the result then compared with the conventional controller using Integral of Time by Absolute Error criterion.

The dynamic model of the induction motor using fuzzy logic is developed in the MATLAB Simulink using the induction motor equation. Figure 2.9 shows the MATLAB-SIMULINK model of the induction motor using Fuzzy Logic controller.
The result from the simulation was tested for different reference input with load of 20Nm at 1 second and without load is described in Figure 2.10 and 2.11.

Figure 2.10: The dynamic response of the induction motor with PID and fuzzy logic controller starting under load with step as reference speed

Figure 2.11: The dynamic response of the induction motor with PID and fuzzy logic controller starting under load with trapezoidal as reference speed.

The overall investigation of the controller in this project has been concluded in the Table 2.3:
Table 2.3: The comparison table of induction motor specification using PID and fuzzy logic

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2.3 Research Comparison

From the previous subtopic, some related research topics have been discussed regarding to the application of fuzzy logic in the speed control of electrical motors that have been done previously. The comparison between the previous works is summarized in Table 2.4.

The related works that have been summarized in Table 2.4 focused on the improvement on the 3 phase ac induction motor and the DC motor. Most of the controllers in the previous works are complicated to design and involved higher cost motors. The improvement of single phase ac motor based on intelligent system need to be develop because there are probably more single phase induction motors in use today than the total of all the other types of motor.
Table 2.4: Comparison between each research

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2.4 Single Phase Induction Motor

Single phase induction motor characteristics is similar to 3-phase induction motor except single phase induction motor did not has starting torque and it required some extra arrangement for making it self starting. It must be converted to a type which is not a single phase induction motor in the sense as ordinary used and it will become to a single phase induction motor when it is running and after a point of speed.

Construction of a single phase induction motor similar to the construction of three phase induction motor having squirrel cage rotor, except that the stator is wound with single phase motor. When the stator winding is given a single phase supply, the magnetic field is produced and the motor rotates at a speed slightly less than synchronous speed $N_s$ [13]. Stator winding is also provided with a 'starting
winding’ which is used only for starting purpose. This can be understood from the schematic of single phase induction motor in Figure 2.12.

![Figure 2.12: Single phase induction motor structure](image)

The single phase induction motors are made self starting by providing an additional flux by some additional means. Single phase induction motors are classified as:

(i) Split-phase induction motor  
(ii) Capacitor start induction motor  
(iii) Capacitor start run induction motor  
(iv) Shaded pole induction motor

### 2.4.1 Principle Operation of Capacitor Start- Run Induction Motor

The working principle and construction of capacitor start inductor motors and capacitor start capacitor run induction motors are almost the same. The single phase induction motor is not self starting because the magnetic field produced is not rotating type. In order to produce rotating magnetic field there must be some phase difference. In case of split phase induction motor we use resistance for creating phase difference but here we use capacitor for this purpose. The current flowing through the capacitor leads the voltage.

Figure 2.13 illustrates schematic representation of capacitor start and capacitor start run induction motor. As shown in the Figure 2.13, capacitor start inductor motor and capacitor start capacitor run induction motor consist of two
winding, the main winding and the auxiliary winding. Auxiliary winding are connected to a capacitor so the current flowing in the capacitor i.e \( I_{st} \) leads the applied voltage by some angle, \( \phi_{st} \), as shown in Figure 2.14

![Schematic representation of Capacitor Start Run induction motor](image)

**Figure 2.13: Schematic representation of Capacitor Start Run induction motor**

The running winding is inductive in nature so, the current flowing in running winding lags behind applied voltage by an angle, \( \phi_m \). Large phase angle differences between these two currents which produce a resultant current, \( I \) and this will produce a rotating magnetic field. Since the torque produced by these motors depends upon the phase angle difference, which is almost 90°. So, these motors produce very high starting torque.

In case of capacitor start induction motor, the centrifugal switch is provided so as to disconnect the starting winding when the motor attains a speed up to 75 to 80% of the synchronous speed but in case of capacitor start capacitors run induction motor there is no centrifugal switch so, the capacitor remains in the circuit and helps to improve the power factor and the running conditions of single phase induction motor.
2.5 Triac Application

The triac is a power electronics device that are usually use for ac switching applications because it ability to control the current flow over both halves of an alternating cycle. Several schemes of motor control especially single phase motors are available however the triac control still remains a cheap and an easy method of implementing speed control for many applications where the low torque is required [14].

The main advantage of triac is the device can be used to control current switching on both halves of an alternating waveform allows much better power utilization. However the triac is not suitable for some high power applications where the switching is more difficult. Figure 2.15 shows the triac symbol for circuit diagram.

As illustrated in Figure 2.15, the triac symbol demonstrates the operation of the triac. It can be viewed as two back to back thyristors. It consists of 3 terminals which are the gate and two other terminals known as “Anode” or “Main Terminal
Most technique used to control the firing angle of triac for single phase induction motor under closed loop system use digital component such as timers, comparators, and passive components [14].

The triac is an electronic component that is widely used in many circuit applications, ranging from light dimmers through to various forms of AC control. It is generally only used for lower power applications, thyristors generally being used for the high power switching circuits. The triac is driven to change the trigger phase angle for ac voltage, reducing the speed by reducing RMS voltage [15].

2.6 PID Controller

The most commonly used algorithm for controller design is Proportional-Integral Derivative (PID) and it is most widely used controller in the industry. It is a closed loop controller. The working principle of PID controller is done by calculating the processed measured value and the desired reference point.

The objective of the controller is to minimize the error by changing the inputs of the system. Figure 2.16 describes the block diagram of PID controller.

There are 3 parameters for the PID controller measurement which is called the proportional, integral and derivative. The control mechanism such as speed control of a motor is contributed by the summation of the three parts in which P value depend upon current error; I on the accumulation of the previous error and D predict the future error based on current rate change. The output of the system is given by the equation (2.1):
Based on the equation (2.1), the effect of increasing parameters $K_P$, $K_I$ and $K_D$ can be explained in Table 2.5.

\[
C(s) = K_p e(t) + K_i \int e(t) + K_d \frac{de(t)}{dt}
\]  

(2.1)

Table 2.5: The effect of PID controller parameter

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Rise Time, $T_r$</th>
<th>Overshoot, $% OS$</th>
<th>Settling Time, $T_s$</th>
<th>Steady State Error, $e_{ss}$</th>
<th>Stability</th>
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<td>$K_P$</td>
<td>Decrease</td>
<td>Increase</td>
<td>Small Change</td>
<td>Decrease</td>
<td>Degrade</td>
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<tr>
<td>$K_I$</td>
<td>Decrease</td>
<td>Increase</td>
<td>Increase</td>
<td>Decrease</td>
<td>Degrade</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>$K_D$</td>
<td>Minor Decrease</td>
<td>Minor Decrease</td>
<td>Minor Decrease</td>
<td>No Effect</td>
<td>Improved if $K_D$ small</td>
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PID controller has all the necessary dynamics: fast reaction on change of the controller input (D mode), increase in control signal to lead error towards zero (I mode) and suitable action inside control error area to eliminate oscillations (P mode) [16].

2.7 Fuzzy Logic Controller

Fuzzy Logic was proposed for the first time by Lotfi Zadeh in 1965. The fuzzy logic controller is the most efficient controller as it handles non linearity and it independent of plant model [17]. Currently, it has been applied in many control system such as to control digital camera, washing machine, aircraft engine and control surface and many industrial process.

The fuzzy logic controller has four main components: (1) The “rule base” holds the knowledge, in the form of a set rules, of how best to control the system. (2) The inference mechanism evaluates which control rules are relevant at the current time and then decides what the input to the plant should be. (3) The fuzzification interface simply modifies the inputs so that they can be interpreted and compared to the rules in the rules base. And (4) the defuzzification interface convert the conclusion reached by the inference mechanism into the inputs to the plant [18].
Fuzzy logic control are easily designed and developed by combining the theoretical infrastructure of the fuzzy logic and real world based control problems. This type of intelligent control systems allow solving control problems via more accurate, effective and efficient logical and mathematical approaches [19]. Figure 2.17 shows a typical fuzzy control system schema [20].

![Figure 2.17: A typical fuzzy control system schema [20].](image)

Generating the rules for fuzzy control system is often the most difficult step in the design process. It usually requires some expert knowledge of the plant dynamics. This knowledge could be in the form of an intuitive understanding gained from experimenting, or it could come from a plant model which is then used in a computer simulation [21].
CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

The idea of this project is to design a fuzzy logic controller (FLC) that is used to improve the performance of single phase induction motor (SPIM). In this project, a triac is used to control the voltage and power output to the single phase induction motor. A triac is basically a bidirectional electronic switch, which can conduct current in both positive and negative direction when it is triggered. The firing pulse delay triggered is generated by the fuzzy logic controller. This chapter explained detail the design of fuzzy logic controller (FLC) to generate differences value firing pulse delay ($\alpha$) using fuzzy logic controller in MATLAB Simulink platform.

The overall development of this project is illustrated in the flowchart in Figure 3.1. The fundamental process of designing fuzzy logic controller is to develop the membership function (MF) of the system. Once the fuzzy logic controller achieved the best performance, it will be test to make sure it can produce the optimum results. When the optimum results are achieved, fuzzy logic controller is successfully created. The fuzzy logic controller then will be used to control the ac induction motor speed. The test will be done via simulation using MATLAB Simulink.
Figure 3.1: Flowchart for overall project activity
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