Improved Fuzzy Logic Control Strategy of Induction Machine based on Direct Torque Control

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Abstract

This paper presents an improved direct torque controlled (DTC) induction motor drive based on fuzzy logic strategy. The goal of this study is to reduce ripples for both electromagnetic torque and stator flux caused by hysteresis comparators and sector changes in conventional DTC. In the proposed control scheme two fuzzy logic controllers are designed to replace the hysteresis comparators and generate the right module and angle of reference voltage vector, then a PWM strategy is used to deliver the inverter switching states. Simulation results show the compared performances of fuzzy logic and classical DTC control.

Keywords: Induction motor (IM), direct torque control (DTC), direct torque fuzzy control (DTFC), space vector modulation (SVM), fuzzy inference system (FIS).

1. Introduction

The development of power electronics made induction machines the major candidate of high performances motion and speed control applications. In recent years many control strategies have been developed to achieve the features of precise and quick torque response. The direct torque control technique (DTC) proposed by I. Takahashi [11] and M. Depenbrock [5] in the mid eighties has been recognised to be a practical solution to achieve these requirements [1]–[3], [5], [8]. However the main disadvantage of DTC controlled induction machine drives is the ripples of electromagnetic torque and stator flux. This is mainly caused by the use of hysteresis comparators, and switching table limitation that uses only eight combinations of the voltage vector. This problem led to the research of improved strategies based on artificial intelligent controllers designed to replace the hysteresis comparators and the selection table in conventional DTC. The proposed direct torque fuzzy strategy suggests to replace the hysteresis comparators and the switching table with two fuzzy logic controllers that generates the module and the angle of the reference voltage vector in order to bring the flux stator and the torque electromagnetic to their references in an optimal way. The output variables thus obtained are used by a PWM vector to control the inverter switches. The most variable speed drives based on DTC schemes are controlled by a closed loop speed control, where the difference between desired and real speed values is introduced to a speed controller designed to generate the appropriate reference value of electromagnetic torque, then the stator flux reference is fixed to their nominal value.
2. Direct torque control DTC principle

In the DTC scheme [1] (Figure 1), the electromagnetic torque and flux signals are delivered to two hysteresis comparators. The corresponding output variables and the stator flux position sector are used to select the right voltage vector from a switching table which generates pulses to control the power switches in the inverter [1].

2.1. Inverter voltage vector

The voltage vector $V_s$ is delivered by a three-phase inverter controlled with six power switches. Its can be expressed by three Boolean states $S_j (j=a, b, c)$. Where: $S_1 = 1$: top switch is closed and down switch down is opened, then $S_0 = 0$: top switch is opened and down switch is closed. Using this three Boolean variables and dc voltage $E$, the output voltage vector can be calculated as follows:

$$
V_s = \sqrt{2} E [S_a + S_b e^{j2\pi/3} + S_c e^{j4\pi/3}] 
$$

The combinations of the three variables ($S_a, S_b, S_c$) can generate eight possible positions of voltage vector $V_s$ (figure 2) [4], [6].

2.2. Stator flux control

From the model of the induction machine in a stator reference frame, the stator flux is estimated from the relationship:

$$
\phi_s = \int (V_s - R_s i_s) \, dt
$$
On a short time interval \([T_k, T_{k-1}]\), corresponding to a sampling period \(T_e\), \((S_a S_b S_c)\) are fixed, and if we consider the term of the ohmic voltage drop \(R_s i\) to be negligible relative to the voltage \(V_s\), we can write:

\[
\emptyset_s(T_{k+1}) = \emptyset_s(T_k) + V_s T_e \tag{3}
\]

\[
\Delta \emptyset_s = \emptyset_s(T_{k+1}) - \emptyset_s(T_k) = V_s T_e \tag{4}
\]

\[\text{Figure 3: Stator flux evolution example}\]

2.2. Electromagnetic torque flux control

The principle of the conventional DTC is to control directly the electromagnetic torque while maintaining constant stator flux amplitude. The command value of the torque will be directly controlled by the angle between both stator and rotor fluxes vectors as shown by equation (5)[6].

\[
C_{em} = p \frac{M}{\sigma_L L_r} \varphi_s \cdot \varphi_r \cdot \sin(\theta_{sr}) \tag{5}
\]

Where \(\theta_{sr}\) is the angle between the stator and rotor fluxes vectors. In order to keep the electromagnetic torque constant, the decrease of the rotor flux \(\varphi_r\) caused by the increase of the load must be compensated for by increasing the angle \(\theta_{sr}\).

2.3. Switching table elaboration

Through two hysteresis comparators, the differences between estimated and reference values of stator flux and electromagnetic torque results two Boolean output values which are used with flux position vector to choose the proper voltage vector and consequently the inverter power switch states, that's indicated in a look-up table proposed by Takahashi.[6].

\[\text{Table 1: DTC switching table.}\]

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3. Direct torque Fuzzy control DTFC principle and modeling

Based on fuzzy logic theory the proposed DTFC (Figure 4) use fuzzy inference system controllers together with a space voltage modulator to replace both the hysteresis comparators and the switching table in conventional DTC.
The FIS controller is designed to evaluate the reference voltage required to drive the flux and torque to the demanded values within a fixed time period. This evaluation is performed using the electromagnetic torque and stator flux magnitude errors together with the stator flux angle. This calculated voltage is then synthesised using Space Vector Modulation (SVM) [1]-[6].

In order to generate the desired reference voltage using the DTFC scheme, two FIS controllers acts on both amplitude and angle of the reference voltage components. The voltage increment angle is delivered by a Sugeno FIS controller, then the module is selected by a Mamdani one, the follows figures shows controllers structures and inputs outputs surface, then the matrix decision are defined in table 2 and table 3. The components of the desired reference voltage vector are added to each other and the result, is delivered to the space vector modulator which calculates the switching states Sa, Sb and Sc according to the well known algorithm [10], [7], [9].

![Diagram of Direct Torque fuzzy Control Scheme](image1)

**Figure 4:** Direct Torque fuzzy Control Scheme

![Diagram of Voltage Increment Angle Sugeno FIS Controller](image2)

**Figure 5:** Structure of voltage increment angle Sugeno FIS controller

**Table 2:** Angle increment matrix decision.

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4. Simulation results

By using the block diagram in figure 4, a simulink model has been designed in MATLAB Simulink environment to show the performance of the proposed strategy. The simulation was performed under the same conditions and using the same settings for DTC and DTFC.

Figures 7 and 8 shows the simulation results of the DTFC compared to those obtained by the conventional DTC. For the DTFC, the rotation speed has achieve the reference value with a small overshoot. It stabilizes at a constant value equal to that of the reference (1000 rpm) with a response time relatively small. An expansion in the current during the established regime makes it possible to show an improvement in the stator current form. In fact, the current distortion is strongly reduced. It is one of the major factors that distinguishes the DTFC of the DTC. For the electromagnetic torque, an increase in oscillatory up to a maximum value of 38.3 N. m, then it descends almost instantly to its reference value of 10 N. m with a ripple of 0.3 N.m. We can observe a considerable reduction in the torque ripple. The stator flux immediately reached its reference value of 1.2 Wb with a slight ripple of 0.008 Wb around the reference value. One can see a very significant reduction in the ripple stator flux. The trajectory of the stator flux takes on a circular shape with a radius equal to 1.2 Wb. We can observe a form perfectly circular in the path of the stator flux. Comparing the two methods (DTFC, classical DTC), the DTFC is characterized by:

- A considerable reduction of the torque ripple
- A considerable reduction of the stator flux ripple.
- A reduction of the current distortion by the use of the SVM-PWM inverter.
Figure 7: Simulation compared performances of conventional DTC and proposed DTFC.
CONCLUSION

In this paper a direct torque fuzzy controlled induction motor drive is presented. This control scheme uses artificial intelligent controllers based on fuzzy inference systems in order to eliminate the hysteresis comparators and the selection table (used in conventional DTC). The two proposed controllers uses the electromagnetic torque and stator flux errors to act on both the amplitude and the angle of the desired reference voltage. This vector is used by a space vector modulator to generate the inverter switching states. The simulation shows that the proposed direct torque fuzzy control has better performances than those obtained by the DTC. We note a significant reduction of the overshoot at startup, as well as a significant attenuation of the ripples of both torque and flux, the current seems to be sinusoidal without the slightest ripple in permanent regime. In conclusion, it has justified by simulation the improvement of closed loop speed control based on DTC and fuzzy logic systems.

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