

An Adaptive Sliding Surface Slope Adjustment in Sliding Mode Fuzzy Control Techniques for Brushless DC Motor Drives

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the development and performance analysis of intelligent control techniques such as Sliding Mode controller and Fuzzy logic Controller for Brushless DC (BLDC) motor drives. Today, strong mathematical tools used in new control methodologies to design adaptive nonlinear robust controller with acceptable performance. One of the best nonlinear robust controller which can be used in uncertainty nonlinear systems, are sliding mode controller but pure sliding mode controller has some disadvantages such as nonlinear dynamic uncertainties therefore to design model free sliding mode controller this research focuses on applied fuzzy logic controller in sliding mode controller. One of the most important challenging in pure sliding mode controller and sliding mode fuzzy controller is sliding surface slope coefficient therefore the second target in this research is design a supervisory controller to adjusting the sliding surface slope in sliding mode fuzzy controller.

General Terms

Intelligent Control, Mathematical Model, IGBT power inverter, voltage and speed sensing circuits, and digital signal processor, sliding surface slope.

Keywords

Brushless DC motor, Sliding mode control (SMC), Fuzzy Logic (FL), Slope Adjustment, Matlab/Simulink.

1. INTRODUCTION

The industrial world of today is fast growing and so is the demand for precision. There are several applications today that demand high performance BLDC motor drives. Among the various motors, brushless dc motors are gaining widespread popularity in electric vehicles, aerospace, military equipments, hard disk drives, HVAC industry, medical equipments etc., due to their well-known advantages like high efficiency, low maintenance and excellent speed-torque characteristics.

The conventional controllers used in high performance drives are proportional integral (PI) or proportional integral derivative (PID) controllers. These are constant gain controllers and require accurate mathematical models or system response for their design. The BLDC motor drive system is highly non-linear. It is often very difficult to obtain an accurate mathematical model for BLDC motor drive systems when the motor and load parameters are unknown and time-varying. The conventional controllers fail to give

optimal performance during change in operating conditions like variations in parameters, saturation and noise propagations. This has resulted in an increased interest in intelligent and adaptive controllers.

Sliding mode control (SMC) is one of the popular strategies to deal with uncertain control systems. Sliding mode control can offer a number of attractive properties for industrial applications such as insensitivity to the parameter variations and external disturbances. The system dynamics are determined by the choice of sliding hyper-planes and are independent of uncertainties and external disturbances.

To eliminate the chattering, a boundary layer can be introduced around the sliding surface and the tracking performance is compromised. Within the boundary layer, the control command is a linear function of the distance between the actual system state and the sliding surface. The distance is represented by a function called sliding function. The main feature of SMC is the robustness against parameter variations and external disturbances. Various applications of SMC have been conducted, such as robotic manipulators, aircrafts, DC motors, chaotic systems, and so on.

Reduced chattering may be achieved without sacrificing robust performance by combining the attractive features of fuzzy control with SMC.

There has been a significant and growing interest in the application of fuzzy logic to control the complex, nonlinear systems. The design of fuzzy logic controller doesn't require mathematical model of the system, but rules describing the behavior of the system have to be framed based on the knowledge of the system. It is possible to quickly develop and implement a fuzzy controller for non-linear systems such as BLDC motor drives.

In the proposed work, Classical Sliding Mode controller and fuzzy controller are developed and implemented using TMS320LF2407A digital signal processor to achieve better performance of BLDC motor drive operating under unavoidable conditions such as parameter variations, saturation, disturbances, noise, and load is uncertain with nonlinear mechanical characteristics. The performance of the Sliding Mode Fuzzy Controller (SMFC) based BLDC drive system is compared with PI controller based BLDC drive under different operating conditions, such as sudden load impact, parameter variations, change in reference speed etc.

The information referred from various literatures for carrying out this work is as follows. The modelling of brushless dc motor, estimation of parameters and control schemes are

discussed in [1]-[3]. The effect of change in motor parameters, load disturbances on the performance of the brushless dc drive system is discussed in [4]-[6]. Several tuning methods for the PI and PID controllers are described in [7]-[9]. Design, implementation and performance analysis of sliding mode controllers for various applications such as AC motors, BLDC motor, etc., are presented in [10]-[14]. Design and implementation of fuzzy based controllers for improving the performance of demotors and brushless dc drives under different operating conditions are discussed in [15]-[19].

This paper is organized into six sections. Section I gives introduction to the proposed work, section II deals with modelling of BLDC motor drive, section III, IV describes the classical sliding mode, design and implementation of fuzzy controller based BLDC motor drives, section V describes the proposed method of sliding mode fuzzy controller (SMFC) based BLDC motor drive, section VI section discusses the experimental set-up and V finally conclusion is presented in section VII.

2. MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF THE BLDC MOTOR

It is assumed that the BLDC motor is connected to the output of the inverter, while the inverter input terminals are connected to a constant supply voltage, as shown in Figure 1. Another assumption is that there are no power losses in the inverter and the 3-phase motor winding is connected in star. Brushless DC motor considered in this paper is a surface mounted, non-salient pole, permanent magnet (PM) synchronous machine with trapezoidal flux distribution in the air gap. This kind motor is very attractive in servo and/or variable speed application since it can produce a torque characteristic similar to that of a permanent magnet DC motor while avoiding the problems of failure of brushes and mechanical commutation.

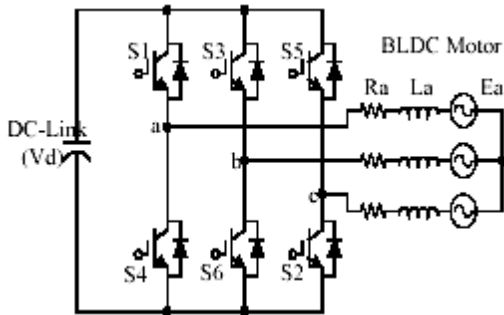


Figure 1: BLDC model.

For a symmetrical winding and balanced system, the voltage equation across the motor winding is as follows:

Applying Kirchhoff's voltage law for the three phase stator loop winding circuits' yields:

$$V_a = R_a i_a + L_a \frac{di_a}{dt} + M_{ab} \frac{di_b}{dt} + M_{ac} \frac{di_c}{dt} + e_a \quad (1)$$

$$V_b = R_b i_b + L_b \frac{di_b}{dt} + M_{ba} \frac{di_a}{dt} + M_{bc} \frac{di_c}{dt} + e_b \quad (2)$$

$$V_c = R_c i_c + L_c \frac{di_c}{dt} + M_{ca} \frac{di_a}{dt} + M_{cb} \frac{di_b}{dt} + e_c \quad (3)$$

Where

R Winding resistance per phase

L_a Self inductance per phase A

L_{ba} Mutual inductance between phases B and A

e_a Per phase A EMF

V_a Per phase A voltage

Where the back-EMF waveforms e_a , e_b and e_c are functions of angular velocity of the rotor shaft, so

$$e = k_e \omega_m \quad (4)$$

Where K_e is the back-emf constant. So the BLDC motor mathematical model can be represented by the following equation in matrix form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} L_a & M_{ab} & M_{ac} \\ M_{ba} & L_b & M_{bc} \\ M_{ca} & M_{cb} & L_c \end{bmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} i_a \\ i_b \\ i_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_a \\ v_b \\ v_c \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} R_a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & R_b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_a \\ i_b \\ i_c \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} e_a \\ e_b \\ e_c \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

If we assume that the rotor has a surface-mounted design, which is generally the case for today's BLDC motors, there is no saliency such that the stator self inductances are independent of the rotor position, hence:

$$L_a = L_b = L_c = L$$

And the mutual inductances will have the form:

$$M_{ab} = M_{ac} = M_{ba} = M_{bc} = M_{ca} = M_{cb} = M$$

Assuming three phase balanced system, all the phase resistances are equal:

$$R_a = R_b = R_c = R$$

Rearranging the equation (5) yields;

$$\begin{bmatrix} L & M & M \\ M & L & M \\ M & M & L \end{bmatrix} \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} i_a \\ i_b \\ i_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_a \\ v_b \\ v_c \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & R & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_a \\ i_b \\ i_c \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} e_a \\ e_b \\ e_c \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

The electromechanical torque is expressed as

$$T_{em} = J \frac{d\omega_r}{dt} + B\omega_r + T_L \quad (7)$$

But the electromagnetic torque for this 3-phase BLDC motor is dependent on the current, speed and back-EMF waveforms, so the instantaneous electromagnetic torque can be represented as:

$$T_{em} = \frac{1}{\omega_m} (e_a i_a + e_b i_b + e_c i_c) \quad (8)$$

3. CLASSICAL SLIDING MODE METHODOLOGY

SMC is a Variable Structure Controller (VSC). Basically, a VSC includes several different continuous functions that can map plant state to a control. Surface and the switching among different functions are determined by plant state that is

represented by a switching function. Without loss of generality, consider the design of a SMC for the following second order system: (here $u(t)$ is the input to the system) .

$$u = u_s + u_{eq} \quad (9)$$

Where $u_s = -k \cdot \text{sat}\left(\frac{s}{\Phi}\right)$ and constant factor Φ defines the thickness of the boundary layer. $\text{sat}(s / \Phi)$ is a saturation function that is defined as:

$$\text{sat}\left(\frac{s}{\Phi}\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{s}{\Phi} & \text{if } \left|\frac{s}{\Phi}\right| \leq 1 \\ \text{sgn}\left(\frac{s}{\Phi}\right) & \text{if } \left|\frac{s}{\Phi}\right| > 1 \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

The function between u_s and s / Φ is shown in the Figure2.

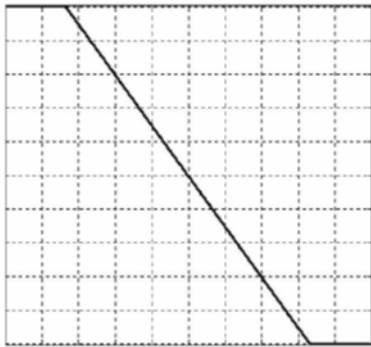


Figure 2: Switching surface in the phase plane.

The control strategy adopted will guarantee a trajectory for the system that move toward the sliding surface $S=0$ and stay on from any initial condition if the following condition meets:

$$S\dot{S} \leq -\eta|S| \quad (11)$$

Where η is a positive constant that guarantees the system trajectories hit the sliding surface in finite time .Using a sign function often causes chattering in practice. One solution is to introduce a boundary layer around the switch surface.

This controller is actually a continuous approximation of the ideal relay control. The consequence of this control scheme is that invariance of sliding mode control is lost. The system robustness is a function of the width of the boundary layer.

The principle of designing sliding mode control law for arbitrary-order plants is to make the error and derivative of variables those are forced to zero. Switching surface design consists of the construction of the switching function. The transient response of the system is determined by this switching surface if the sliding mode exists. First, the position error is introduced: error of a variable is forced to zero. In the DC motor system the position error and its derivative are the selected coordinate

$$e(k) = \theta_{ref}(k) - \theta(k) \quad (12)$$

Where $\theta_{ref}(k)$ and $\theta(k)$ are the respective responses of the desired reference track and actual rotor position, at the k the sampling interval and $e(k)$ is the position error. The sliding surface (s) is defined with the tracking error (e) and its integral ($\int e dt$) and rate of change (\dot{e}).

$$s = \dot{e} + \lambda_1 e + \lambda_2 \int e dt \quad (13)$$

Where $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$ are a strictly positive real constant. The basic control law of SMC is given by:

$$U = -k \cdot \text{sgn}(s) \quad (14)$$

Where k is a constant parameter, $\text{sign}(\cdot)$ is the sign function and S is the switching function.

Also, the rotational speed is given by,

$$T(t, t + T_s) = \begin{cases} T_{min}, & \Delta W(t) > 0 \\ T_{max}, & \Delta W(t) < 0 \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

4. DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FUZZY LOGIC CONTROLLER

There has been a significant and growing interest in the application of fuzzy logic control technique to control the complex, non-linear systems. Fuzzy logic is applied in applications like washing machines, subway systems, video cameras, sewing machines, biomedical and finance. Having understood the general behavior of the system, fuzzy logic enables the designer to describe the general behavior of the system in a linguistic manner by forming IFTHENrules which are in the form of statements.

The great challenge is to design and implement the fuzzy logic controller (FLC) quickly with minimum number of rules based on the knowledge of the system. The general fuzzy logic controller consists of four parts as illustrated in Figure 3 to Figure 6 respectively. They are fuzzification, fuzzy rule-base, fuzzy inference engine and defuzzification. The design steps are as follows.

Step 1: Define inputs, outputs and universe of discourse

The inputs are error (E) and change in error (CE) and the output is change in duty-cycle (ΔDC). The error is defined as the difference between the reference speed (N_{ref}) and actual speed (N_{act}) and the change in error is defined as the difference between the present error $e(k)$ and previous error $e(k-1)$. The output, change in duty-cycle (ΔDC) is the new duty-cycle (DC_{new}) which is used to control the voltage applied across the phase windings.

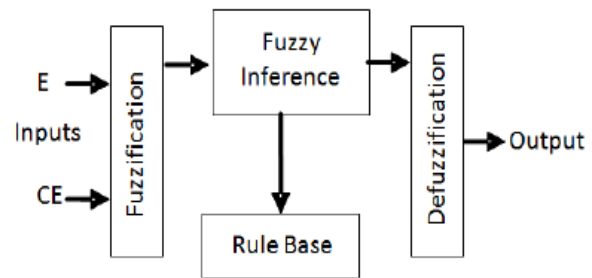


Figure 3: Block Diagram of Fuzzy Systems

The inputs and new duty-cycle are described by,

$$E = e(k) = N_{set} - N_{act} \quad (16)$$

$$CE = e(k) - e(k-1) \quad (17)$$

$$DC_{new} = \Delta DC \quad (18)$$

The speed range of the motor is taken as 0-4000 rpm based on the specifications of BLDC motor. The possible range of error is -4000 to +4000 rpm. Therefore, the universe of discourse

for error can be defined to span between -4000 rpm to +4000 rpm. Based on the study of BLDC motor drive system, the universe of discourse for change in error is chosen as +/-500 rpm. The maximum and minimum value for the change in duty cycle is defined as -100 % and +100 % respectively. To easily handle the large values for error and change in error and reduce the computation time to achieve faster control action, the inputs and output are normalized.

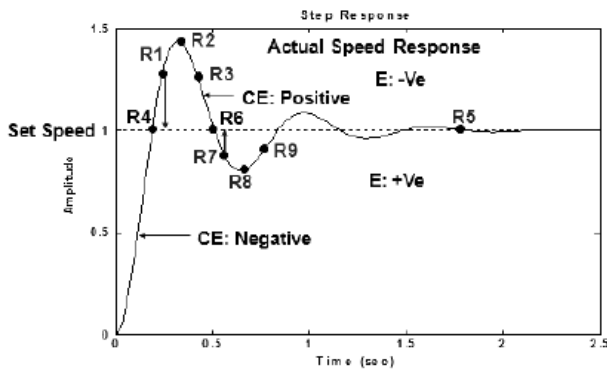


Figure 4: Illustration for the formation of Rules for a typical under-damped system

Step 2: Defining fuzzy membership functions and rules

To perform fuzzy computation, the inputs must be converted from numerical or crisp value into fuzzy values and finally output should be converted from fuzzy value to crisp value. The fuzzy input variables “error” and “change in error” are quantized using the following linguistic terms Negative (N), Zero (Z) and Positive (P). The fuzzy output variable change in duty-cycle is quantized using the following linguistic terms Decrease (D), No-change (NC) and Increase (I). Fuzzy membership functions are used as tools to convert crisp values to linguistic terms. A fuzzy variable can contain several fuzzy subsets within, depending on how many linguistic terms are used. Each fuzzy subset represents one linguistic term. Each fuzzy subset allows its members to have different grade of membership, usually the membership value lies in the interval [0, 1]. In order to define fuzzy membership function, the designer can choose many different shapes based on their preference and experience. The popular shapes are triangular and trapezoidal because these shapes are easy to represent designer’s ideas and requires less computation time. In order to fine tune the controller for improving the performance, the adjacent fuzzy subsets are overlapped by about 25% or less. The membership functions used for inputs and output are shown in Figure 5.

Instead of using mathematical formula, FLC uses fuzzy rules to make a decision and generate the control action. The rules are in the form of IF-THEN statements. There are nine rules framed for this system and they are illustrated in Figure 4. The number of rules to be used to describe the system behavior is entirely based on the designer’s experience and the previous knowledge of the system. The performance of the controller can be improved by adjusting the membership function and rules. Fuzzy associative memories (FAM) are transformations which map fuzzy sets to fuzzy sets. A FAM matrix maps antecedents to consequents and is a collection of IF-THEN rules. Each composition involves three fuzzy variables and each fuzzy variable is further quantized into three. This has resulted in nine possible two input and single output FAM

rules as illustrated in the Table 1. The nine rules formulated for the proposed fuzzy logic control system are listed below.

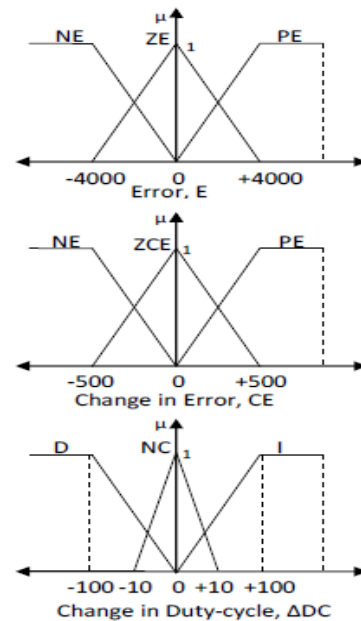


Figure 5: Membership functions for Error (E), Change in Error (CE) and Change in Duty-Cycle (ADC)

R1. IF Error (E) is Negative (NE) and Change in Error (CE) is Negative (NCE) THEN Change in duty-cycle (Δ DC) is Decrease (D).

This rule implies that when the system output is at R1, then the actual speed is greater than reference speed and the motor is accelerating, so the duty-cycle of the IGBT’s of the Inverter module should be decreased so as to reduce the average voltage applied across the phase windings and bring the actual speed of the system close to reference speed.

R2. IF E is Negative (NE) and CE is Zero (ZCE) THEN Δ DC is Decrease (D)

R3. IF E is Negative (NE) and CE is Positive (PCE) THEN Δ DC is Decrease (D)

R4. IF E is Zero (ZE) and CE is Negative (NCE) THEN Δ DC is Decrease (D)

R5. IF E is Zero (ZE) and CE is Zero (ZCE) THEN Δ DC is No-Change (NC).

This rule implies that when the system output is at R5, then there should be a no change in the duty-cycle as the actual speed has already reached steady-state.

R6. IF E is Zero (ZE) and CE is Positive (PCE) THEN Δ DC is Increase (I)

R7. IF E is Positive (PE) and CE is Positive (PCE) THEN Δ DC is Increase (I)

This rule implies that when the system output is at R7, then the actual speed is lesser than reference speed and the motor is decelerating, so the duty-cycle of the IGBT’s of the Inverter module should be increased so as to increase the average voltage applied across the phase windings and bring the actual speed of the system close to reference speed.

R8. IF E is Positive (PE) and CE is Zero (ZCE) THEN Δ DC is Increase (I)

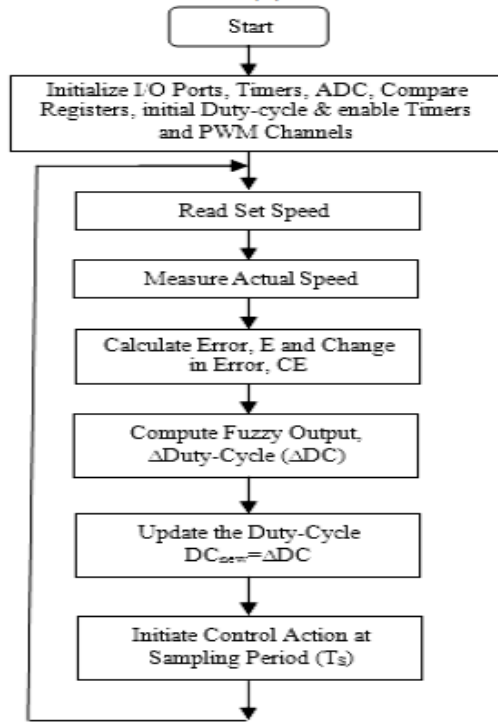


Figure 6: Flowchart for the fuzzy controller program

R9. IF E is Positive (PE) and CE is Negative (NCE) THEN ΔDC is Increase (I)

Finally the fuzzy output is converted into real value output i.e. crisp output by the process called defuzzification. Even though many defuzzification methods are available, the most preferred one is centroid method because this method can easily be implemented and requires less computation time when implemented in digital control systems using microcontrollers or digital signal processors (DSPs). The formula for this method is given by,

$$z = \frac{\sum_{x=1}^n \mu(x)x}{\sum_{x=1}^n \mu(x)} \quad (19)$$

Where z is the defuzzified value, $L(x)$ is the membership value of member x . This crisp value is used to control the duty-cycle of the switching devices in the power inverter module so as to control the average voltage applied across the phase windings, hence the speed of the motor.

Table 1. 3×3 FAM Matrix

CE \ E	NE	ZE	PE
CNE	D	D	I
CZE	D	NC	I
CPE	D	I	I

5. THE PROPOSED METHOD

Sliding mode controller has two main parts: equivalent controller, based on dynamics formulation and sliding surface saturation part based on saturation continuous function to reduce or eliminate the chattering. Reduce or eliminate the chattering regarding to reduce the error is play important role

in this research. The proposed method is illustrated in figure 7. SMFC is fuzzy controller based on sliding mode method to easy implementation, stability, and robustness.

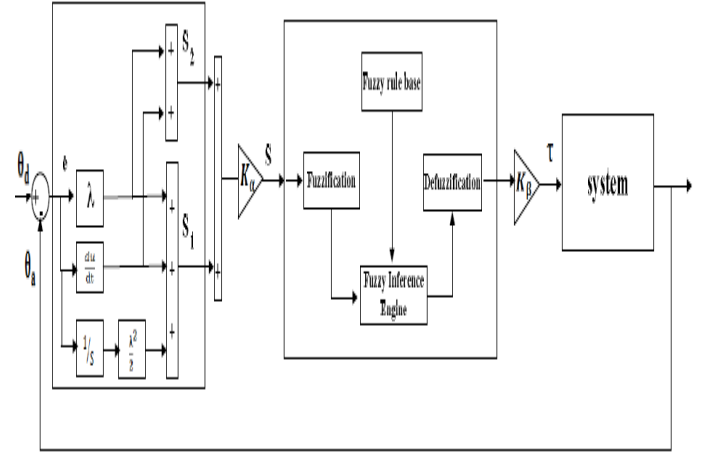


Figure7: Sliding Mode Fuzzy Control (SMFC).

The system performance in this research is sensitive to the sliding surface slope λ input and output gain updating factor K_α & K_β for sliding mode fuzzy controller. Sliding surface slope can change the response of the output if large value of λ is chosen the response is very fast but the system is very unstable and conversely, if small value of λ considered the response of system is very slow but the system is very stable. Determine the optimum value of λ for a system is one of the most important challenging works in SMFC. For nonlinear, uncertain, and time-variant plants on-line tuning method can be used to self-adjusting all coefficients. To keep the structure of the controller as simple as possible and to avoid heavy computation, a new supervisor tuner based on updated by a new coefficient factor K_n is presented. In this method the supervisor part tunes the output scaling factors using gain online updating factors. The inputs of the supervisor term are error and change of error (e, \dot{e}) and the output of this controller is U , which it can be used to tune sliding surface slope, λ .

$$K_n = e^2 - \frac{(r_v - r_{vmin})^5}{1 + |e|} + r_{vmin} \quad (20)$$

$$r_v = \frac{(de(k) - de(k-1))}{de(\cdot)} \quad (21)$$

$$de(\cdot) = \begin{cases} de(k) & \text{if } de(k) \geq de(k-1) \\ de(k-1) & \text{if } de(k) < de(k-1) \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

In this way, the performance of the system is improved with respect to the SMFC controller. So the new coefficient is calculated by;

$$\lambda_{new} = \lambda_{old} \times K_n \quad (23)$$

$$K_{\alpha_{new}} = K_{\alpha_{old}} \times K_n \quad (24)$$

6. EXPERIMENTAL SET-UP

The block diagram of the experimental set-up is shown in Figure 8. It consists of an IGBT power inverter, current, voltage and speed sensing circuits, BLDC motor and the TMS320LF2407A digital signal processor. The low cost IGBT Hybrid Power Module IC (IRMAY20UP60A) is used as the IGBT power inverter. This IC is designed for motor drive applications by International Rectifiers and

replaces the conventional bulky and expensive individual inverter switches and their associated driver and isolation circuits. The built-in hall sensors of the BLDC motor generate three hall sensor signals corresponding to rotor position. The duty-cycle of control signal is controlled based on the Fuzzy controller output so as to control the terminal voltage of BLDC motor, and hence the speed of BLDC motor. This PWM control signal is ANDed with the commutation signals to generate gating signals for the IGBT switches. The PWM signals are generated for the switching devices using Event Manager-A module components such as timers, PWM channels, etc and applied to IGBT switches through pins PWM1-PWM6.

The expression for the average voltage applied across the winding is given by (25). The dc signal output of F/V converter is given as one of the input to analog to digital (A/D) converter of the DSP processor to determine the actual speed of the motor. The reference speed is set through a potentiometer and voltage follower and it is given as another input to the A/D converter to determine the reference speed. There is also another provision to set the reference speed from watch window of code composer studio software. The function of the DSP processor is to compute the error and change in error, store these values, compute the Fuzzy controller output, determine the new duty-cycle for the switching devices and perform electronic commutation.

The high speed digital buffer IC 74HCT244 is used to interface the DSP with the IGBT hybrid power module IC and the hall sensor circuit. The flowchart for the fuzzy controller program implemented in DSP is shown in Fig 6.

The control action time is chosen such that it is greater than one time constant of the motor so as to allow sufficient current through the windings and to produce the required torque during normal operation. The control action is initiated at every 1.5ms using Timer1.

$$V_o(\text{avg}) = \text{Duty Cycle} \times V_{dc}(25)$$

$$\% \text{Duty Cycle} = \left(\frac{t_{\text{on}}}{T} \right) \times 100 \quad (26)$$

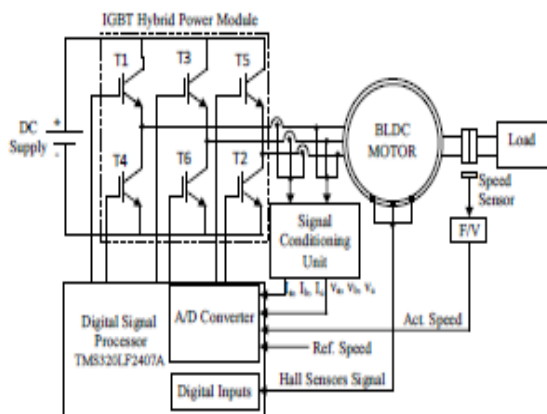


Figure 8: Experimental set-up of Fuzzy controller based BLDC motor drive

Where t_{on} is turn on time, T is total time period of PWM signal, V_{dc} is the dc input voltage applied to the inverter and $V_o(\text{avg})$ is the average dc voltage applied across the phase windings.

6.1. Results and Discussions

The simulation of the BLDC motor was done using the software package MATLAB/SIMULINK. After running the simulation, the speed, torque, current, waveforms were recorded and analyzed.

Figure 9 shows the simulation result of both PI controller and SMFC controller. In this output, for any external disturbances SMFC controller is well settled within one second as compared to PI controller.

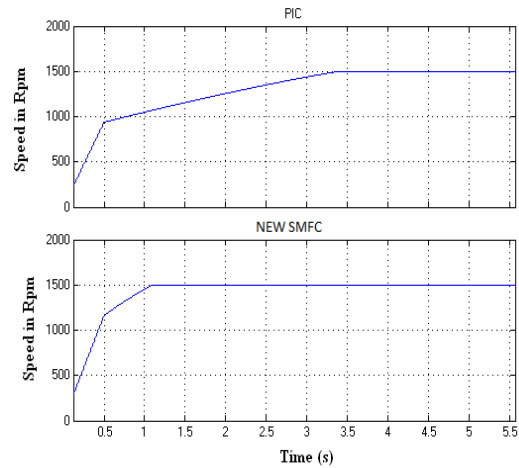
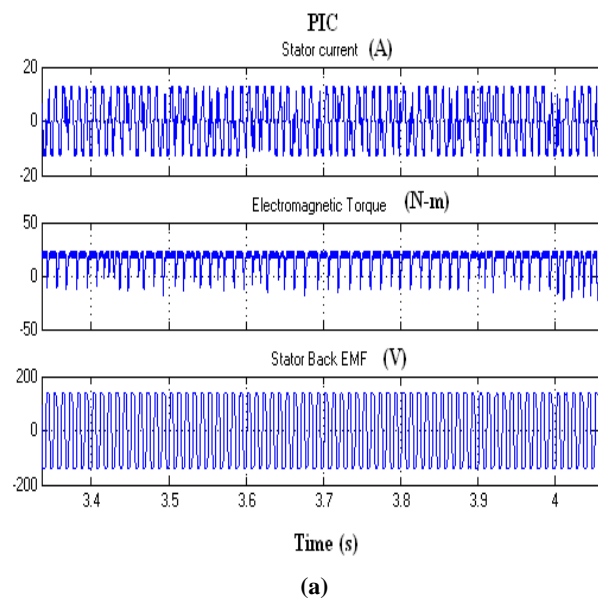


Figure 9: Simulated results comparison between the PIC and newSMFC of BLDC motor with external disturbances.

In Figure 10(a) and (b) presents the simulation results for the stator current, Electromagnetic Torque and Stator Back EMF under load and supply variations. From these results it is found that the simulated results of newSMFC shows better performance in comparison with a PI controller.



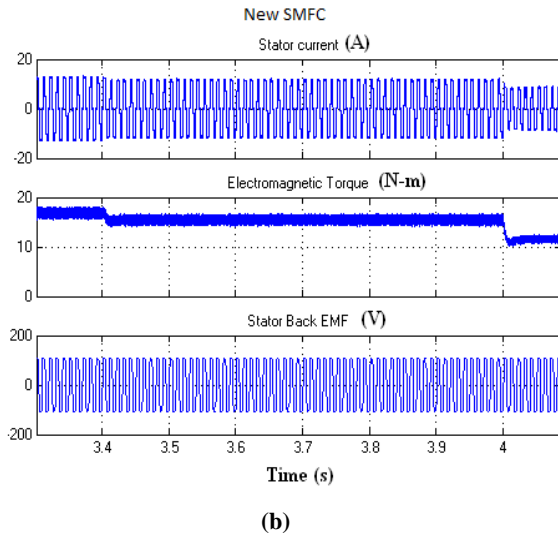


Figure 10(a) and (b): Simulated comparison results between the PIC and new SMFC controller of BLDC motor when varying the load.

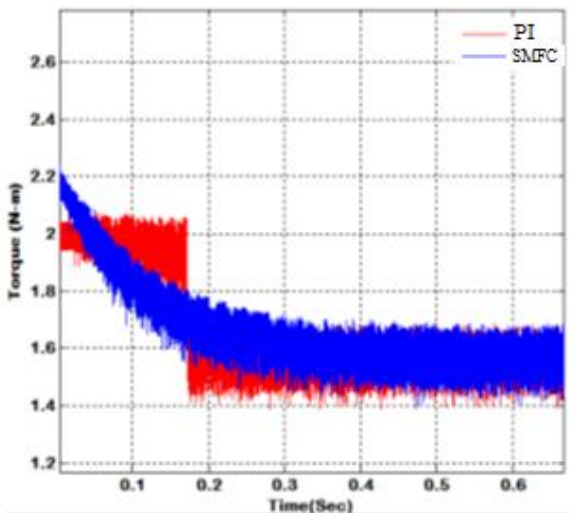


Figure 11: Simulated comparison results of torque between the PIC and SMFC controller of BLDC motor

Figure 11 shows the simulation results of PI controller and new SMFC controller when varying the input voltage. It demonstrates that satisfactory trajectory tracking is achieved effectively and the input chattering is eliminated completely by the method of slope adjusted SMFC controller. Finally, from the above simulated results of SMFC with BLDC drive has better performance over the PI controller.

7. CONCLUSIONS

The slope adjustments in sliding mode fuzzy controllers are successfully implemented for the BLDC motor drive system and their performance is investigated with experimental results. It is found that SMFC based controller can successfully map the inputs with the corresponding outputs of the nonlinear BLDC motor drive system without the knowledge of any predetermined model. Experimental results indicate that SMFC based BLDC motor drive system can track the error and makes the actual speed follow the reference speed when

the system is subjected to step change in reference speed, sudden load disturbance and parameter variations.

The design of fuzzy control technique does not require mathematical model of the system, but the rules have to be framed based on the knowledge of the system. It is possible to quickly and easily implement a fuzzy control technique even for complex non-linear systems without their mathematical models. Finally the membership functions have to be fine tuned to obtain better response. Even though, the fuzzy control technique works like an adaptive controller by adjusting its output according to the changing environment, its response becomes sluggish due to increase in inertia and phase resistance. The steady state error of the fuzzy control system can be reduced by choosing proper membership functions and fine tuning the membership functions. Since fuzzy control system is robust, easily designed and implemented, effective in dealing with the uncertainties and parameter variations, and has better overall performance, fuzzy control system may be preferred for automation, robotics, position and velocity control systems, and industrial control applications.

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APPENDIX

SPECIFICATIONS OF BLDC MOTOR

Rated Voltage	36V
Rated Current	5A
No. of Poles	4
No. of Phases	3
Rated Speed	4000 rpm
Rated Torque	0.42 N-m
Torque Constant	0.082 N-m/A
Mass	1.25 kg
Inertia of Motor	$23 \times 10^{-6} \text{ kg-m}^2$
Resistance per phase	0.57Ω
Inductance per phase	6.5 mH

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