GA based Optimized SHEPWM Technique with Odd and Even Values

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ABSTRACT

Selective Harmonic Elimination Pulse Width Modulation (SHEPWM) technique is one of the control techniques for inverters. It is mainly used for reducing the harmonic content in single phase and three phase inverters and to improve the power quality. The selection of switching angles for eliminating particular harmonic is difficult. The proposed method uses one of the soft computing techniques Genetic Algorithm (GA) to optimize the switching angle given to the single phase and three phase inverters. The bipolar waveform includes both odd and even number of switching angles to eliminate particular harmonics (5th, 7th, 11th and 13th) from inverter output. Elimination of selected harmonics is verified using MATLAB simulation for both single and three phase inverters. Optimized SHEPWM technique for three phase inverter is compared with standard PWM method using MATLAB simulation and results are presented.

Keywords

Odd switching angles, Even switching angles, Selective Harmonic Elimination Pulse Width Modulation.

1. INTRODUCTION

The improvement of power quality has been the major issue in power electronics. The elimination of specific lower order harmonics improves the performance of voltage source inverter. The main classification of PWM techniques are carrier modulated PWM and Selective Harmonic Elimination based PWM. In that SHE based PWM technique offers best solution. It has been dealt in enormous papers for single and three phase system. This method can provide the highest quality output and offers several advantages compared to many modulation methods including low switching frequency. It is generally accepted that the performance of an inverter with any switching strategies, can be related to the harmonic contents of its output voltage. Many novel techniques are implemented to reduce the harmonics in output voltage of the inverter.

In the past decade an improved injection current technique is introduced to reduce line current harmonics. The optimal amplitude and phase angle of the injection current for different loads and firing angles have been mathematically determined [2]. A direct minimization of the nonlinear transcendental trigonometric Fourier functions in combination with a random search was obtained [3]. Modified carrier wave is programmed and compared with modified sine wave corresponding to that switching signals are generated [4]. The algorithms for adaptive canceling of selected harmonic components have been well developed in digital signal processing and provide a novel and a systematic design approach for applying signal processing methods as an addition to conventional control [5]. Minimization approach was used to find the solution of generated waveform that takes into a simple harmonic distortion to eliminate first two significant harmonics [7]. The special cases of two and threelevel harmonic elimination are presented in detail along with representative solutions for each harmonic control problem. (Quasi square wave symmetry problem)[8]. A genetic algorithm is applied to optimize a carrier frequency of pulse width modulation (PWM) inverter and It is an economical approach to improve the power quality [9]. Some solutions are obtained to eliminate harmonics by using mathematical theory of resultant [10]. The nonlinear equations given by standard mathematical formulation of the problem can be reformulated. Polynomials P(x) associated with the optimal PWM problem can be obtained via simple recursions [12]. The multiple solution equations are Solved and analyzed sequentially by applying a homotopy method and mathematical induction algorithm [13].

So far no techniques are discussed with odd and even number of switching angles given to inverters. In the proposed method genetic algorithm is used to find the optimal solution for three phase inverter then it is compared with SPWM technique.

2. BIPOLAR SWITCHING PATTERN

The switching pattern is of unipolar and bipolar type and this includes one level, two levels and three level waveform. For single and three phase inverters bipolar switching pattern shown in fig 1 is used to find the appropriate switching angles that include both odd and even angles. To eliminate N-1 harmonics completely from the inverter output waveform N switching angles have to be calculated in quarter period of waveform.

In this paper optimized switching angles are produced to eliminate the lower order harmonics such as 5th, 7th, 11th and 13th. By including both even and odd values of switching angles the harmonic content are much reduced. The output voltage equation of the inverter is

$$V_o = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_o + (a_n \cos \omega t + b_n \sin \omega t)$$

Whereas a_o is the fundamental component and have to be improved and a_n is the even harmonics that are almost zero and b_n is the odd harmonics have to be eliminated. The range of switching angles should be between 0 to 90 degree.



Fig 1: Bipolar waveform

3. PROPOSED TECHNIQUE

The evolutionary computation technique is more suited from the optimization point of view and solves for non-linear problems defined on discrete or continues, constraint or nonconstraints. Genetic algorithm is a novel technique for SHEPWM inverter.

The main procedures in genetic algorithm are initialization of population, fitness calculation, reproduction, and cross over, mutation.

3.1 Initialization of Population

The population size represents the number of chromosomes. The number of population represents random number of switching angles from 0 to 90 degree. The nature of problem decides the population size. The GA converges faster for narrow range of values.

3.2 Fitness Calculation

The selected populations are used to calculate the objective function. The fit individuals should have minimum harmonic distortion. Fitness function is the kind of quality measurement for the degree of conformity.

3.3 Reproduction

In reproduction operation the parents are choose to create off springs. The objective function values are calculated for selected off springs. Each object is calculated and an individual is reformed under a flat rule depending on the degree of conformity.

3.4 Cross over

The most significant part of genetic algorithm is that it creates group of children by exchanging genes among them. So that the cross over operation not only provides new chromosomes but also introduces representation of new chromosomes into the population to allow further evaluation on optimization. cross over operators is of many techniques and they are selected based on the way of chromosomes encoded.

3.5 Mutation

Mutation works after crossover operation. It is nothing but a sudden change in the chromosome. In this operation, there is a probability that each gene may become mutated when the genes are being copied from the parents to the offspring. This process is repeated, until the optimum of the objective function is reached. The selected individuals should have minimum harmonic distortion. The number of switching angle should lie between 0 to 90 that is $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2 < \cdots \alpha_n < 90$.



Fig 2: Flowchart

GA is performed in mat lab software and optimized odd and even switching angles are found. For satisfactory results GA program parameters are

In this algorithm Initial population size=100 Maximum number of generation=50 Probability of cross over=0.91 Mutation probability=0.01 Performance measure=THD

4. RESULTS AND DISSCUSSION

The switching angles for three phase inverter and single phase inverter are obtained and simulated in MATLAB software. The fig 3 shows the three phase inverter circuit that includes voltage=100, frequency=50HZ, Resistive load=10k Ω . The objective function in GA is written in such a way that it reduces 5th, 7th, 11th and 13th harmonics. From the fig 6 it is clearly shown that the proposed technique offers less harmonic content compared to standard method.

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The selected harmonics such as 5th, 7th, 11th and 13th which are reduced completely for odd and even values of switching angles is shown in fig. 4 and fig. 5 respectively. The table 1 shows the harmonic content of odd and even values of switching angle for three phase inverter and single phase inverter



Fig 4: THD values for three phase inverter using odd values of switching angles

Three phase inverter with SPWM technique is simulated using matlab software. THD of this standard method is compared with proposed method and results are shown in figure in fig 6 GA based SHEPWM technique with odd and even values shows reduced THD compared to SPWM technique.



Fig 5: THD values for three phase inverter using even values of switching angles



Fig 6: comparision of THD values

The THD values of single and three phase inverter with odd and even values of switching angles are shown in fig 7 and fig 8 respectively. The selected harmonics such as 5th,7th,11th and 13th are reduced completely.



Fig 7: THD values of single phase inverters with odd number of switching angles.



Fig 8: THD values of single phase inverters with even number of switching angles. Table I Comparison of Harmonic content

Harmoni cs in output voltage	Harmonic content in %			
	Three phase inverters		Single phase inverters	
	Odd values of switching angle	Even values of switching angle	Odd values of switching angle	Even values of switching angle
5th	1.28	4.17	0.81	4.87
7th	8.99	1.37	9.41	1.97
11th	2.17	5.36	2.63	5.55
13th	0.12	3.33	0.35	3.36

The harmonics affect the performance of the power application. Due to 5th,11th,7th,13th harmonics attempt to drive the motor in reverse direction causing overheating, tripping of over current protection devices, skin effects, destructive heating leads to derating of machine occurs. The proposed method eliminates these particular harmonics by proper selection of odd and even values of switching angles.

5. CONCLUSION

A new approach to reduce the lower order harmonics in three phase SHEPWM inverter using GA has been presented. In the drive fields 5th and 11th harmonics create negative sequences and attempt to drive the motor in reverse direction causing overheating, tripping of over current protection devices. Odd numbers of switching angles are selected for eliminating 5th and 11th harmonics completely. The 7th harmonics causes destructive heating and leads to derating of machines like transformer and capacitor bank. Selection of even number of switching angles reduces the 7th harmonics completely. A simulated result has been presented for single phase inverter with odd and even values of switching angles. The THD for three phase inverter with odd and even values of switching angles is simulated and also compared with standard PWM method.

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