Optimization of I-PD Controller for a FOLIPD Model using Particle Swarm Intelligence

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, I-PD controller is designed and controller parameters are optimized using particle swarm intelligence for a First Order Lag Integrating plus Time Delayed model (FOLIPD). One of the modifications of PID controller is I-PD controller, which can be used for eliminating the proportional and derivative kick occurs during set point change. The controller parameters play the major role in obtaining the desired performance of a process and that urges the importance of selecting the most suitable parameters. The simulation results show that particle swarm optimized I-PD controller gives better performance compared to traditional Ziegler Nichols tuning technique and tuning method proposed by Arvanitis.

Keywords

I-PD controller, FOLIPD model, PSO (Particle Swarm Optimization), Settling time, Rise time, and Peak overshoot.

1. INTRODUCTION

PID controllers and its modified structures provide a generic and proficient solution to real world control problems. Despite of its popularity the tuning of its parameters remains as a challenge to scholars and researchers. Its unfussiness and toughness stimulates the continuous research, developments and modification of the PID structure in order to improve the performance [1]. The three controller parameters of the PID controller determine the desired output response.

In recent years many evolutionary optimization techniques like GA (Genetic Algorithm), PSO (Particle Swarm Optimization), BF (Bacterial Foraging), ACO (Ant Colony Optimization) are proposed for optimizing the controller parameters [2][3]. In this paper Particle Swarm Intelligence is used to optimize the I-PD controller parameters for a first order lag integrating plus time delayed model.

This paper is divided in to six sections. I-PD controller structure and its importance are explained in section 2. Section 3 follows with the model used in this paper and the conventional tuning method, and Section 4 describes the concept of particle swarm intelligence. Results are discussed in section 5 and section 6 concludes the paper.

2. STRUCTURE OF I-PD CONTROLLER

I-PD controller is one of the modified forms of PID controller. In I-PD controller, the integral term is acting on the error and proportional and derivative terms are acting on the process variable, y(t). The error e(t) is the difference between the set point, r(t) and the measured process variable y(t). Here the u(t)is the output of the controller and the input to the process.

The output of I-PD controller is given by

$$u(t) = K_p \left(\frac{1}{\tau_i} \int e(t) dt - (y(t) + \tau_d \frac{dy(t)}{dt}) \right)$$
⁽¹⁾

where, K_p-controller proportional gain

 τ_i -Integral time and

 τ_d -Derivative time.

In conventional PID controller, the changes in set point cause an impulse signal or sudden change in the controller output as well as in output response [4]. This spike in the controller output is called proportional or derivative kick. The controller output is given to the final control elements like control valve, motor or electronic circuit in which the spikes create serious problem.

But in I-PD controller the proportional and derivative terms are acting only to the change in process variable not on the error as these terms are given in the feedback path. This structure may eliminate the proportional and derivative kick during any set point change [5].

The Laplace transform of equation (1) is

$$U(s) = K_p \left[\left(\frac{1}{\tau_i s} \right) E(s) - [\tau_d s + 1] Y(s) \right]$$
⁽²⁾

Figure 1 shows the block diagram of the I-PD controller given to a process.



Fig 1: Block diagram of I-PD controller applied to the Process

3. FOLIPD MODEL AND TUNING 3.1 FOLIPD model

Most of the process may have time delay. First Order Lag Integrating plus Delayed model (FOLIPD) is one among them and is taken for the analysis [6].

A FOLIPD model can be represented in the following form

$$G_m(s) = \frac{K_m e^{-s\tau_m}}{S(1+T_m S)}$$
(3)

where K_m - gain of the process model τ_m - time delay of the process model and

T_m- time constant of the process model.

The FOLIPD system used in this paper is

$$G_m(s) = \frac{e^{-0.358s}}{s(1+1.33s)} = \frac{e^{-0.358s}}{1.33s^2 + s} \quad (4)$$

3.2 Ziegler-Nichols Tuning

ZN (Ziegler-Nichols Tuning) [7] method is commonly used for the tuning of PID controller because of its effectiveness, openness and applicability to wide range of processes. At the cross over frequency ω_c , the system will show sustained oscillations, M is the amplitude ratio of the system. The critical gain is Kcr=1/M; and the period of sustained oscillations is Pcr=2*pi/ ω_c . The PID controller parameters can be calculated by following formulas

$$K_p = 0.6 \text{Kcr},$$

 $\tau_i = 0.5 \text{Pcr} \text{ and}$
 $\tau_d = 0.125 \text{Pcr}.$

3.3 Arvanitis Tuning

For the tuning of I-PD controller, this rule uses model parameters like gain of the process, time constant, time delay constant and damping factor [6].

The controller parameters for FOLIPD model are calculated by tuning rule is given in Table 1

Table 1 Arvanitis Tuning Rule for FOLIPD Process Model

K _p	$ au_{i}$	$ au_{d}$
$\frac{\mathbf{\tau}_{\mathbf{i}}}{K_m \tau_m^2 [1+8\zeta^2]}$	$\tau_m + T_m + 4\tau_m \zeta^2$	$\frac{\tau_m T_m (1+4\zeta^2)}{\tau_{\mathbf{i}}}$

The values of controller parameters for the FOLIPD model using ZN method and Arvanitis tuning rule are obtained and given in Table 2

 Table 2 Controller Parameters from Ziegler-Nichols and Arvanitis Tuning Rule

	FOLIPD		
Controller Parameters	$G_{\rm m}(s) = \frac{e^{-0.358s}}{S(1+1.33S)}$		
	ZN	Arvanitis	
K _p	1.7469	5.5484	
$ au_{i}$	2.2645sec	1.7804sec	
$ au_{ m d}$	0.5661sec	0.4062sec	

4. PARTICLE SWARM OPTIMIZATION

This evolutionary optimization method is based on the social sharing of information by the birds or fishes during the search for their food. The whole population of the bird or fish is called the swarm and each member in a population is called a particle. Gradually the swarm will move to optimum place of the food [8] [9].

Current position and Velocity, Location of personal best fitness and Location of Global best fitness are the functions which determine the direction of swarm's movement. The swarm moves towards optimum solution of the multi dimensional problem plane. The major steps in PSO algorithm are initialization and updation of position and velocity. These steps can be represented by the following equations.

• Initialization

Position
$$x_0^i = x_{min} + rand *(x_{max} - x_{min})$$
 (6)
Velocity $v_0^i = 0.1 * randn (dim, n)$ (7)

where

 x_{max} & x_{min} - boundary of the position

dim - dimension of the design plane

n - no of particle

• Updation of Velocity

 $v_{k+1}^{i} = w^* v_k^{i} + c_1^* rand().^* (p_i - x_k^{i}) + c_2^* rand().^* (p_k^g - x_k^{i})$ (8) where

- w inertia factor (in between 0.4 & 1.4)
- c1 self confidence of the particle
- c₂ swarm confidence (in between 1 and 2)

 p_i , ${p_k}^g \quad$ - the personal best and global best

• Updation of Position

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$$x_{k+1}^{i} = x_{k}^{i} + v_{k+1}^{i}$$
(9)

For the optimizing the I-PD controller parameters, Position of each particle represents a set of $K_{p,} \tau_{i,} \tau_{d}$ values[10][11]. So the updation of particle's position causes the particle to move in the potential areas of the problem plane that will give minimum settling time.

PSO parameters used in this paper are given below

Size of the Swarm or no of particles	= 30
No of iterations	= 30
Dimension of the problem space	= 3
Velocity constants C ₁ and C ₂	= 1.5
Inertia factor	= 1

Figure 2 shows the flow chart PSO algorithm implementation. As a result of PSO algorithm optimized values of Proportional gain, Integral time and Derivative time are obtained in accordance with minimum setting time.





The minimizing function used for the optimization is the settling time with 2% tolerance. After 30 iterations the particles move to the optimum value of the controller parameters that will result in minimization of time required to reach the set point.

The Table 3 shows the results of Particle swarm optimization.

Table 3 Controller Parameters Obtained from PSO



5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



Fig 3. Output Response of the FOLIPD Model

The Figure 3 shows output response of PSO based I-PD controller for FOLIPD process model compared with ZN and Arvanitis tuning methods.

Table 4 shows the performance comparison of the response.

 Table 4 Performance Comparison of the Process Models

OBSERVATION FROM THE RESPONSE OF FOLIPD PROCESS MODEL					
PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION	ZN	Arvanitis	PSO		
Settling time, sec	12.5	15.65	2.78		
Rise time, sec	2.52	1.61	1.71		
Peak overshoot %	18.52	11.59	1.37		
IAE (Integral Absolute Error)	5.7612	6.5352	2.6144		
ISE (Integral Square Error)	0.0508	0.0553	0.0242		

Particle swarm optimized controller response of FOLIPD model gives 78% reduced settling time, 32% reduced rise time, 93% reduced peak overshoot, 55% reduced IAE, and 52% reduced ISE compared to ZN.

6. CONCLUSION

I-PD controller applied on a time delayed theoretical FOLIPD process model is optimized using Particle swarm intelligence. The settling time, rise time, peak overshoot, integral square error and integral absolute error in the PSO optimized process response is significantly reduced when compared to the process response using ZN and Arvanitis tuning method.

Particle Swarm Intelligence can be extended to multi objective optimization and also to optimize the parameters of I-PD controller for real time industrial systems

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