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An ANFIS based Global Maximum Power Point Tracking Approach for PV Modules under Partial Shading Condition

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Abstract: In This work proposes an ANFIS-based global maximum power point tracking (GMPPT) technique designed for photovoltaic (PV) systems which experience partial shading conditions (PSC). However, when photovoltaic (PV) array is subject to partial shading conditions (PSC), several local maxima appear on the P-V characteristics curve of the PV array which are due to the use of the bypass diodes to avoid hot spots effect. The appearance of these multiple peaks on the characteristics of PV array makes the tracking more difficult under these conditions and requires the integration of a more efficient power control system which is able to discriminate between local and global maxima to harvest the maximum possible energy and therefore increase the efficiency of overall system. In conventional method, the P&O method is utilized under uniform irradiation conditions, where it tracks the unique MPP. Whereas, when partial shading occurs, the FireWorks Algorithm is used to determine the GMPP, following which the P&O tracker compensating for varying environmental variations. In addition to implementing a global maximum power point tracking strategies, the mismatch losses associated to the shading effect can further be reduced by using alternative configuration such as FireWorks Algorithm. For this purpose, the main aim of this paper is to design an intelligent MPPT controller that allows predicting and extracting the global maximum power point (GMPP) from PV array under partial shading conditions (PSC) whatever is the used configuration or its size. This intelligent MPPT controller is based on adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system (ANFIS). Furthermore, the ANFIS network uses a hybrid learning algorithm that combines the least-squares estimator and the gradient method. Simulation and experimental results verify the effectiveness of the proposed GMPPT method.

Keywords: GMPPT, ANFIS, Photovoltaic systems

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