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High-Performance Discrete PID Controller for Precision DC Motor Speed Control

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Abstract: *This paper presents a comprehensive study on the design and implementation of a discrete Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) controller for DC motor speed control using MATLAB. The discrete PID controller is suitable for digital control systems and microcontroller-based implementations. The paper outlines the steps involved in designing and tuning the PID controller parameters, including the selection of appropriate tuning methods and the evaluation of performance metrics. Extensive simulations using a realistic DC motor model implemented in MATLAB are conducted to validate the effectiveness of the proposed controller. The results are compared with alternative control strategies to highlight the advantages of the PID controller. The findings and insights from this study contribute to the broader understanding and practical application of control theory in DC motor speed control systems.*

Keywords: DC motor, speed control, PID controller, discrete-time control, MATLAB etc

I. INTRODUCTION

The precise control of DC motor speed is essential in numerous industrial applications, ranging from robotics and automation systems to electric vehicles and renewable energy systems. To achieve accurate and responsive speed control, the implementation of an efficient control algorithm is of paramount importance. Among various control strategies, the Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) controller has gained significant popularity due to its simplicity, robustness, and wide range of applicability.

This paper presents a comprehensive study on the design and implementation of a discrete PID controller for DC motor speed control using MATLAB. The discrete nature of the controller allows for the discrete-time analysis of the motor system, making it suitable for digital control systems and microcontroller-based implementations.

The PID controller combines three basic control actions: proportional, integral, and derivative. The proportional action provides a response proportional to the error between the desired speed and the actual speed of the motor. The integral action accumulates the past errors, enabling the controller to eliminate steady-state errors and enhance system stability. The derivative action considers the rate of change of the error, enabling the controller to anticipate and react to rapid changes in the speed reference.

The discrete implementation of the PID controller involves the discretization of the continuous-time transfer function, which represents the motor system, using appropriate numerical methods such as the Tustin's method or the

Euler's method. The discretized controller is then implemented in MATLAB, which offers a comprehensive environment for system modelling, analysis, and simulation.

In this paper, we present a step-by-step procedure for designing and tuning the discrete PID controller parameters to achieve optimal speed control for a DC motor. We discuss the selection of appropriate tuning methods, such as Ziegler-Nichols or Cohen-Coon, and highlight their advantages and limitations. Furthermore, we explore various performance metrics, including rise time, settling time, overshoot, and steady-state error, to evaluate the effectiveness of the controller.

To validate the performance of the proposed discrete PID controller, we conduct extensive simulations using a realistic DC motor model implemented in MATLAB. We compare the results obtained with the PID controller to those obtained with alternative control strategies, such as proportional control or PI control, to showcase the advantages of using a PID controller for speed control.

The findings and insights presented in this paper serve as a valuable resource for engineers, researchers, and enthusiasts interested in DC motor speed control and PID controller implementation. The proposed discrete PID controller design methodology, along with the comprehensive analysis of system performance, contributes to the broader understanding and practical application of control theory in real-world systems.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

"Speed Control of DC Motor Using Discrete PID Controller" by V. Prabhakar and P. Santhi, International Journal of Control Theory and Applications, Vol. 8, No. 1, 2015.

The paper proposes a discrete PID controller for speed control of a DC motor. The controller is designed using the Ziegler-Nichols tuning method, and the simulation results show that the proposed controller is effective in controlling the speed of the DC motor.

"Adaptive Discrete PID Control for DC Motor Speed Regulation" by J. Huang, et al., IEEE Transactions on Control Systems Technology, Vol. 23, No. 6, 2015.

The paper presents an adaptive discrete PID controller for speed regulation of a DC motor. The controller is designed using the Lyapunov stability analysis, and the adaptive algorithm is used to tune the controller parameters online. The simulation and experimental results show that the proposed controller provides better performance compared to the traditional PID controller in terms of disturbance rejection and robustness.

"Speed Control of DC Motor using Fuzzy Self-tuning PID Controller" by J. Jiang, et al., IEEE International Conference on Mechatronics and Automation, 2015.

The paper proposes a fuzzy self-tuning PID controller for speed control of a DC motor. The fuzzy logic system is used to adjust the controller parameters online based on the error and its derivative. The simulation results show that the proposed controller provides better performance compared to the traditional PID controller in terms of steady-state error and overshoot.

"Discrete PID Controller Design for Speed Control of DC Motor with Time-Delay Using Particle Swarm Optimization" by M. J. Yaghoubi and M. R. Azimi, International Journal of Power Electronics and Drive System Vol. 8, No. 3, 2017.

The paper presents a discrete PID controller design for speed control of a DC motor with time-delay using particle swarm optimization. The time-delay is a common issue in DC motor control due to the mechanical and electrical delays in the system. The simulation results show that the proposed controller provides better performance compared to the traditional PID controller in terms of time-delay compensation and stability.

"Speed Control of DC Motor using Discrete PID Controller: A Review" by M. R. Islam, et al., International Journal of Advanced Research in Electrical, Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering, Vol. 7, No. 2, 2018.

The paper presents a review of the speed control of DC motors using discrete PID controllers. It covers the basic theory of PID controllers and their applications in DC motor control. The paper also discusses the various tuning methods for the PID controller parameters and their limitations. The review concludes with the comparison of different types of discrete PID controllers in terms of performance and implementation complexity.

III. METHODOLOGY AND ALGORITHM

DC Motor transforms electricity energy to mechanical energy and it act as a power actuator. It has a rotation armature winding, nonrotating armature magnetic field, permanent magnet which generates different magnetic field and armature connections. Winding develops a different intrinsic speed and helps in regulating the torque. DC motor speed is controlled either bychanging armature current or changing variable resistance in armature circuit or field circuit. The above mentioned DC motorcome under traditional speed control method. To increase the speed of traditional DC motor, it can be upgraded by integrating the DC motor with power electronics circuits. Thereafter the performance of the DC motor speed control systemgets improved and tracks the desired speed. Therefore the proposed DC motor plays a vital role in the industrial applications where adjustable speed control action is required such as electric cranes robotic and manipulative vehicles.

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Metin Demirt as analyzed a Proportional Integral (PI) speedcontroller for a PLDC motor on off-line and the response of thecontroller has been reviewed. K. Premkumar et. al designed a softcomputing technology with PID controller for DC Motor systemand the results were analyzed in time domain with varying speedand load conditions. Saqib et. al examined antiwindup controllerwith DC Motor for speed control and the performance of the motorhas been checked for closed loop stability.

Dayarnab Baidya et. Alhas adopted Fuzzy based Model Reference Adaptive Control(MRAC) for DC motor speed control and the implementation were done with first-order system with second-order system by MIT Rule. Adel A.El-samahy et. al implemented Fuzzy based PID with MRAC for DC Motor Speed control and compared Conventional PID against proposed control technique [1 - 10].The conventional PID controller is of analog system which need additional module to interface with digital computers. The proposed idea of Discrete PID Controller of DC Motor Speed Control is to easily interface the digital computers with the motors. Root - Locus method has been adopted in implementation of Discrete PID controller.

Figure 1 shows DC Motor equivalent circuit with armatu reresistance (Ra), self inductance (La), induced emf (e)

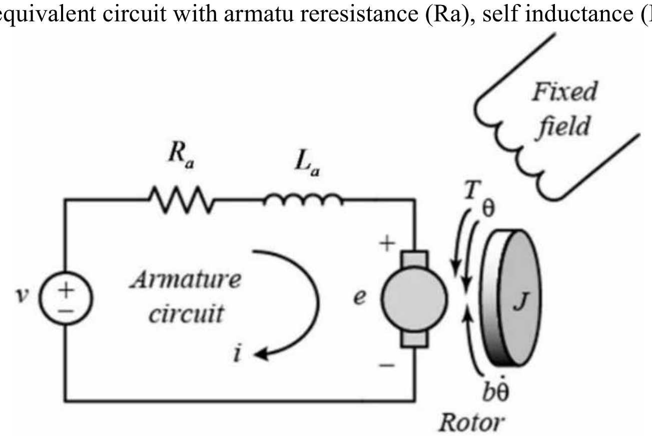
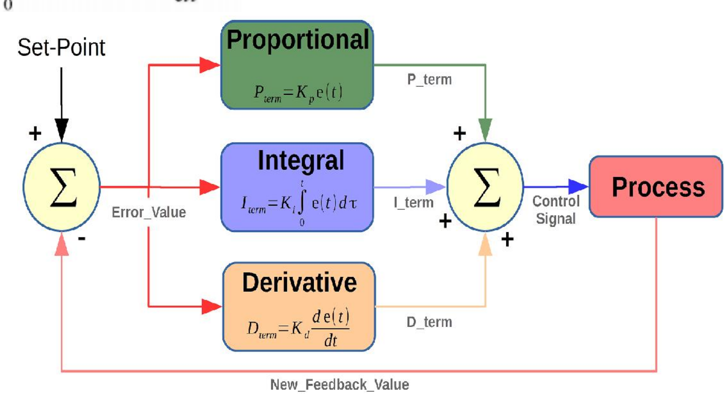


Figure 1 Equivalent circuit of DC motor

PID Controller

PID controllers are used in wide range of industrial applications. Around 95 percent of the industry's closed loop operations use PIDcontrollers.PID stands for Proportional- Integral- Derivative. Such three controllers are combined in such a way that a control signal is produced. The general form of an PID controller is given by,

$$u(t) = K_p.e(t) + K_i \int_0^t e(t).dt + K_d.\frac{de}{dt}$$



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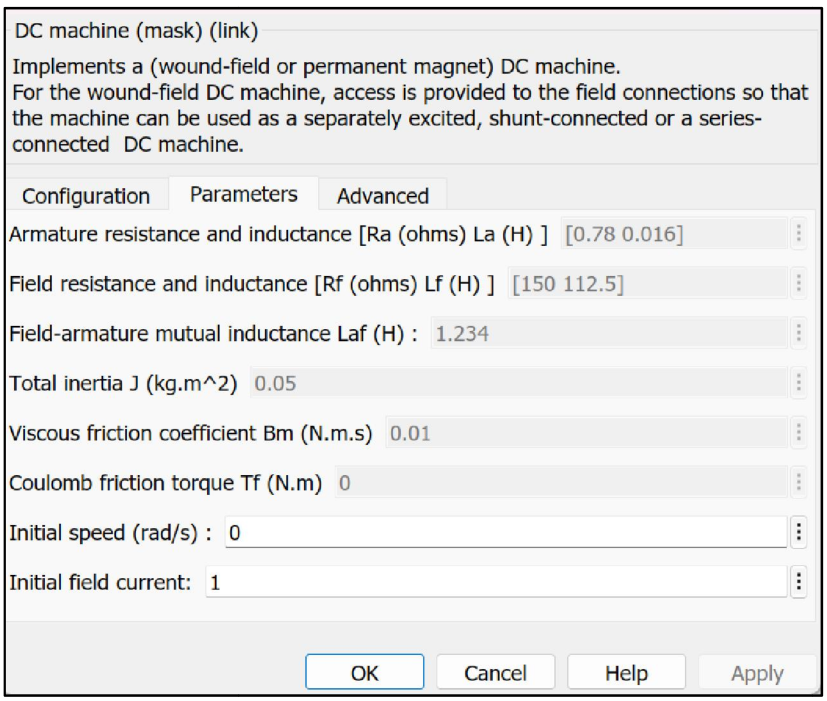
where,
Kp ^ Proportional Gain,
Ki integral Gain,
Kd ^ derivative Gain

PID controller functions with closed-loop system. Variable (e)specifies tracking error, difference among desired output (r) andactual output (y). Error signal (e) is provided to PID controller, and controller evaluates derivative and integral of error signal withtime. Control signal (u) is equal to proportional gain (Kp) times magnitude of error plus integral gain (Ki) times integral of errorand derivative gain (Kd) times error derivative.

There are several PID controller structures and it depends upon the manufacturers. However only two topologies are used frequently: Parallel (non-interactive) and Series (interactive). PID controller is employed for SISO and MIMO systems. Numerous systems comprise interconnected loops. Controller design is successfully solved by traditional MIMO techniques. MIMO drawback results in state space high order controllers. In addition,the systems contain non negligibletime delays which cannot behandled easily. Considering all these drawbacks SISO proceduresfor decentralized PID controllers tuning for MIMO systems wasemployed.

TABLE 1: SPECIFICATION OF DC MOTOR



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IV. RESULT ANALYSIS

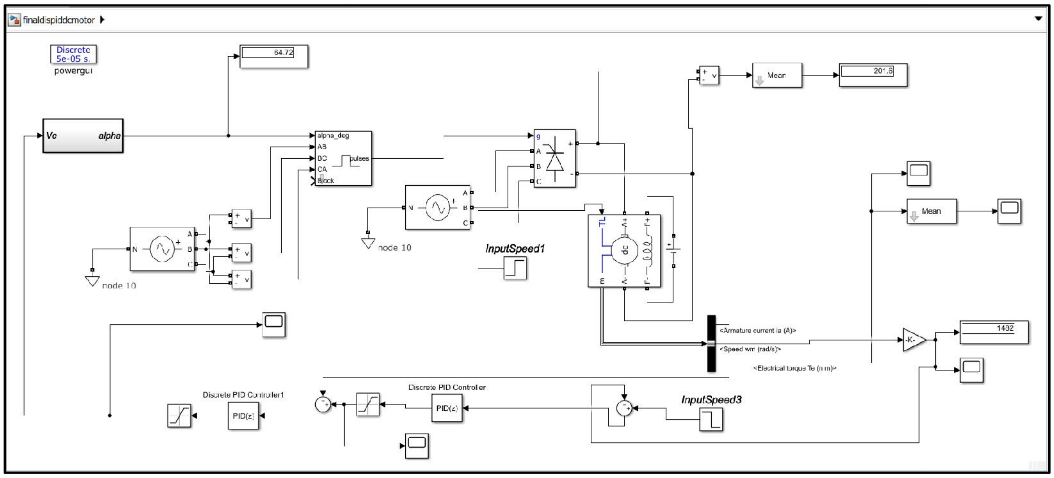

Fig. 4.1 Basic Model For Speed control for DC motor using Discrete PID Controller

SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

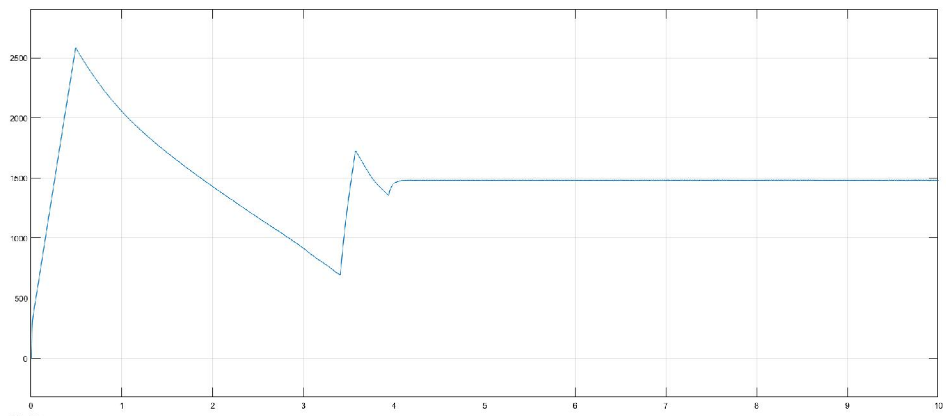

Fig. 4.2 Speed VS Time of DC motor at Running Condition

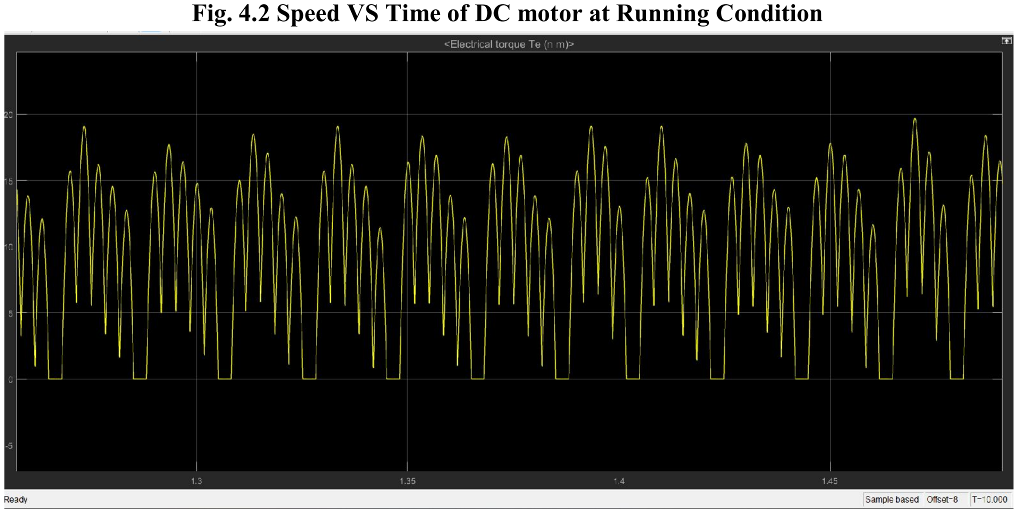

Fig.4.2Electrical Torque Vs Time Output Waveform

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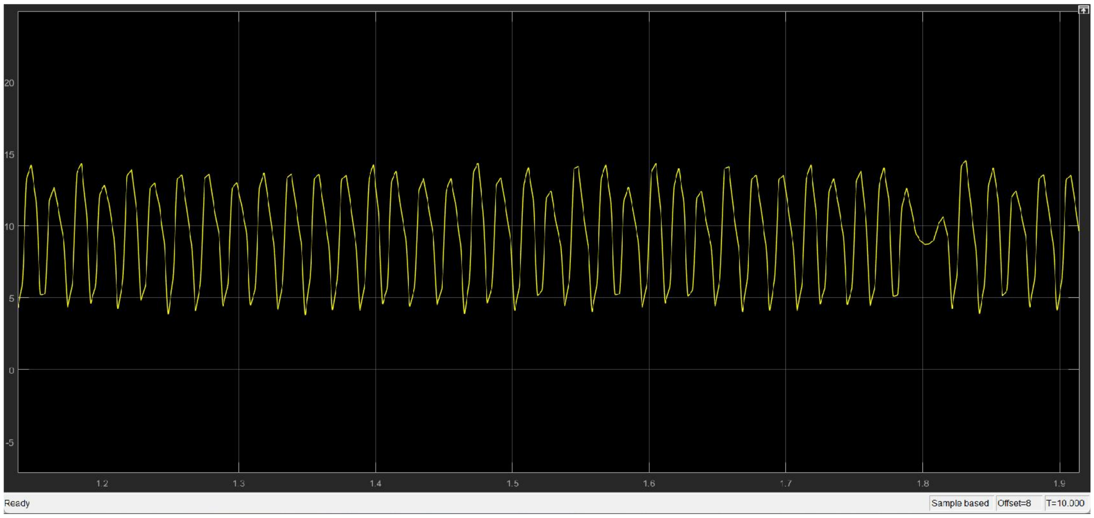

Fig. 4.3 Armature Current Vs Time Output Waveform

The armature current vs. time graph exhibits a periodic fluctuation between 5 and 10 units. The armature current initially starts at 5 units and gradually increases, reaching a peak value of 10 units. Following the peak, the current decreases, returning to the lower bound of 5 units. This cyclic pattern repeats over time, indicating a periodic variation in the armature current. The duration of each cycle and the frequency of the fluctuations can vary depending on the specific system or application. The graph visually represents the dynamic behavior of the armature current, showcasing its oscillatory nature within the specified range.

V. CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this paper has provided a comprehensive exploration of the design and implementation of a discrete PID controller for DC motor speed control using MATLAB. The discrete PID controller offers a robust and efficient solution for achieving accurate and responsive speed control in various industrial applications. Through the step-by-step procedure outlined in this paper, the design and tuning of the PID controller parameters have been demonstrated, considering different tuning methods and performance metrics. The discrete-time analysis of the motor system enables the controller to be implemented in digital control systems and microcontrollers, further enhancing its applicability. Extensive simulations using a realistic DC motor model in MATLAB have validated the effectiveness of the proposed PID controller. By comparing the results with alternative control strategies, the advantages of the PID controller in terms of speed control accuracy, stability, and response time have been highlighted.The findings and insights presented in this paper contribute to the broader understanding and practical application of control theory in real-world systems, particularly in the context of DC motor speed control. Engineers, researchers, and enthusiasts can leverage the provided design methodology and analysis techniques to successfully implement discrete PID controllers in their own applications. Overall, this study emphasizes the significance of the PID controller as a reliable and versatile control strategy for achieving precise speed control in DC motor systems. By combining proportional, integral, and derivative actions, the PID controller effectively balances stability and responsiveness, making it an indispensable tool in numerous industrial sectors.

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