

Adaptive Fuzzy Control for Uninterruptible Power Supply with Three-Phase PWM Inverter

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Abstract

The major problems of uninterruptible power supply (UPS) with three phase PWM inverter arise from unknown nonlinear loading to and phase couplings of the inverters. In this paper, an adaptive fuzzy control is proposed to solve the problems. The control objective is to track the desired sine waveform regardless of the versatile nonlinear loading, whose bound can be represented by a fuzzy rule-based model. The algorithm embedded in the proposed architecture can automatically update the fuzzy control rules and, consequently, drive the tracking errors to a designated neighborhood of zero.

I Introduction

To provide the reliable uninterruptible power supply (UPS) for the use of computers or factory automation systems has become more and more important. The most common configuration of a UPS system consists of a dc source, a dc-ac inverter and an inductance-capacitance (L-C) filter. To establish a clean and reliable UPS, the waveform of the output voltage of the UPS system can only contain low total harmonic distortion (THD) and can only have little variation even in the face of a varied nonlinear load. To achieve the above characteristics, a well designed controller is needed in a UPS system to compensate for the different system characteristics resulting from the various (nonlinear) loads to and phase couplings of the inverter. A straightforward approach to improve the performance is to use a feedforward compensator to cancel the dynamics of the unknown load. Dead beat control has been proposed for the simple linear system load [1]-[4]. For a complex or ill-defined load model, repetitive control can assure high performance in the steady-state condition but results in poor transient response because of the long period to learn the proper control law [5]. On the other hand, the conventional control in an analog UPS is to raise the control gain properly to robustify the stability as well as the performance for unknown load [6]. An alternative, however, exists which is to use an intelligent control methodology to suitably adjust the control gain in a responsive

y so as to compensate for the variation of characteristics due to load change. Following this stream of thought, in this paper, an adaptive fuzzy control for a UPS system is proposed to achieve the aforementioned control goal.

Problem Formulation

A UPS system equipped with a three-phase PWM inverter is depicted in Figure 1 which consists of an L-C filter at the inverter output, IGBT's to play as switching devices, a dc capacitor filter at the inverter input, and an unknown load at the L-C filter output. The variables v_{r1} , v_{r2} and v_{r3} , are the PWM modulation signals which are the inputs to the PWM modulator in the figure, whereas the variables v_{i1} , v_{i2} and v_{i3} , are the inverter outputs satisfying the following equality:

$$v_i = \frac{E_d}{2} v_r - v_h, \quad (1)$$

where $v_i = [v_{i1}, v_{i2}, v_{i3}]^T$, $v_r = [v_{r1}, v_{r2}, v_{r3}]^T$, $v_h = [v_{h1}, v_{h2}, v_{h3}]^T$ which denotes the voltage-drop vector at the on-state of IGBT, and E_d is the dc voltage of the inverter. From Fig. 1, the mathematic model of the UPS system can be formulated as follows:

$$C_p \dot{v}_c = i_c = i_i - i_L \quad (2)$$

$$L_s \dot{i}_i = v_i - v_c - v_N \quad (3)$$

where $v_c = [v_{c1}, v_{c2}, v_{c3}]^T$ is the vector of output voltages, $v_N = [v_n, v_n, v_n]^T$ with $v_n = \frac{1}{3}(v_{i1} + v_{i2} + v_{i3})$ being the neutral voltage, $i_c = [i_{c1}, i_{c2}, i_{c3}]^T$ is the vector of the capacitor currents, $i_i = [i_{i1}, i_{i2}, i_{i3}]^T$ is the vector of the inverter currents, and $i_L = [i_{L1}, i_{L2}, i_{L3}]^T$ is the vector of the load currents. By differentiating equation (3), we can get the following equation:

$$\dot{v}_c = \frac{1}{C_p} \dot{i}_c = \frac{1}{C_p} (i_i - \dot{i}_L) = \frac{1}{C_p L_s} (v_i - v_c - v_N) - \frac{1}{C_p} \dot{i}_L \quad (4)$$

so substitute equation (1) into equation (4), we can then obtain the dynamic equation of the UPS system as follows:

$$\dot{v}_c = \frac{1}{C_p L_s} \left(\frac{E_d}{2} v_r - v_h - v_c - v_N - L_s \dot{i}_L \right) \quad (5)$$

The control goal is to let the output-voltage vector v_c track the desired sine-wave vector $v_c^* = [v_{c1}^*, v_{c2}^*, v_{c3}^*]^T = [v_{c1}^*(2\pi f_\omega t), v_{c1}^*(\frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi f_\omega t), v_{c1}^*(\frac{4\pi}{3} + 2\pi f_\omega t)]^T$, where f_ω is the frequency of the desired sine-wave voltage. Let the tracking error vector be denoted as $e_{v_c} = v_c^* - v_c = [e_{v_{c1}}, e_{v_{c2}}, e_{v_{c3}}]^T$ and its time derivative as $\dot{e}_{v_c} = \dot{v}_c^* - \dot{v}_c = \dot{v}_c^* - \frac{1}{C_p} i_c$. Then, the error dynamics of the system can be derived as follows:

$$\ddot{e}_{v_c} = \ddot{v}_c^* + \frac{1}{C_p L_s} (v_c - \frac{E_d}{2} v_r + v_N + v_h + L_s \dot{i}_L) \quad (6)$$

Define the desired capacitor current vector $i_c^* = C_p \dot{v}_c^* = [i_{c1}^*, i_{c2}^*, i_{c3}^*]^T$, and define a new vector, q , as $q = e_{i_c} + \lambda e_{v_c} = [q_1, q_2, q_3]^T$, where $e_{i_c} = i_c^* - i_c$ is the current tracking error and λ is a positive constant. Then, a different error dynamic model with respect to q can be derived as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= \dot{i}_c^* + \frac{\lambda}{C_p} e_{i_c} + \frac{1}{L_s} (v_c - \frac{E_d}{2} v_r + v_N + v_h) + \dot{i}_L \\ &= \dot{i}_c^* + \frac{\lambda}{C_p} q - (\frac{\lambda^2}{C_p} - \frac{1}{L_s}) v_c - \frac{1}{L_s} (\frac{E_d}{2} v_r - v_N - v_h) + \dot{i}_L \end{aligned}$$

Generally, the load is passive and the load current i_L will vary with respect to different loads. Hence, the j -th element of i_L here is assumed, without loss of generality, as a time-varying nonlinear function, $i_{Lj} = g_j(v_{cj}, t)$. In turn, this leads to an explicit expression of the time derivative of the load current, i_L , as:

$$\frac{di_{Lj}}{dt} = \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial v_{cj}} \dot{v}_{cj} + \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{C_p} \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial v_{cj}} i_{cj}^* + \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial t} = g_{fj} i_{cj}^* + g_{tj},$$

where $g_{fj} = \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial v_{cj}}$ and $g_{tj} = \frac{\partial g_j}{\partial t}$, respectively.

Assume that $|g_{tj}| \leq \epsilon_t$, $|v_{hj}| \leq \epsilon_h$, and $|g_{fj}| \leq M_v \leq \overline{M}_v$, for $j = 1, 2, 3$, where $\overline{M}_v \gg \epsilon_t + \frac{4\epsilon_h}{3L_s}$, ϵ_h and ϵ_t are some positive constants.

To remove the effect of v_n , let $v_{r1} + v_{r2} + v_{r3} = 0$ so that we can derive $v_n = \frac{v_{i1} + v_{i2} + v_{i3}}{3} = \frac{-(v_{h1} + v_{h2} + v_{h3})}{3}$. Now, let the control law be designed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{r1} &= \frac{2L_s}{E_d} \left[\dot{i}_{c1}^* - (\frac{\lambda^2}{C_p} - \frac{1}{L_s}) v_{c1} + f(v_{c1}, q_1) \right] \\ &= \frac{2L_s}{E_d} [i_{c1}^* - K_v v_{c1} + f(v_{c1}, q_1)] \\ v_{r2} &= \frac{2L_s}{E_d} [i_{c2}^* - K_v v_{c2} + f(v_{c2}, q_2)] \quad (1) \\ v_{r3} &= -(v_{r1} + v_{r2}), \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

where $K_v = \frac{\lambda^2}{C_p} - \frac{1}{L_s}$ is a constant gain, f is the proposed adaptive fuzzy controller

III Adaptive Fuzzy Control

Let $f(v_{ck}, q_k)$ be rewritten as follows:

$$f(v_{ck}, q_k) = K_q q_k + (|i_{ck}| + \epsilon) \tau_f(v_{ck}, q_k), \quad (3)$$

where ϵ is a small constant satisfying $\epsilon \geq \frac{(\epsilon_t + \frac{4\epsilon_h}{3L_s})}{M_v(v_{ck})}$ for $k = 1, 2$ and $\tau_f(v_{ck}, q_k)$ is the key adaptive fuzzy function. To simplify the notations, let $u = [u_1, u_2]^T$ with $u_1 = v_{ck}$, $u_2 = q_k$, and $w = \tau_f(v_{ck}, q_k)$, where v_{ck} and q_k are the k -th elements of v_c and q , respectively.

s a general description of the fuzzy knowledge representation [10], a fuzzy rule consists of a collection of fuzzy *If-then* rules. Let u denote as an input fuzzy or in the discourse universe U_u and $L = \{L_j^1, \dots, L_j^{\alpha_j}, \dots, L_j^l\}$ as a family of fuzzy sets associated with the membership functions $\mu_{L_j^{\alpha_j}}$ (see Fig. 2) corresponding to the variable u , $j = 1, 2$, where $L_j^{\alpha_j}$ is obviously a fuzzy set in L_j . In addition, the centers of the family of fuzzy sets, L_j , are grouped into a set as $\bar{u}_j = \{\dots, \bar{u}_j^{\alpha_j}, \dots, \bar{u}_j^l\}$, where $\bar{u}_j^{\alpha_j}$ is a center satisfying $\bar{u}_j^1 < \dots < \bar{u}_j^{\alpha_j} < \dots < \bar{u}_j^l$ (see Fig. 2). Let L and \bar{u} be both defined as product sets, $L = \prod_{j=1}^2 L_j$ and of $\prod_{j=1}^2 \bar{u}_j$, respectively, consisting of the families of fuzzy sets L_j and the sets of centers \bar{u}_j , $j = 1, 2$. Then, an example of the i -th fuzzy rule is expressed as follows:

$$R[i]: \text{If } u \text{ is } L^{\alpha(i)}, \text{ then } w \text{ is } Q^{\beta(i)}, \quad (13)$$

where $L^{\alpha(i)} \in L$, $\alpha(i) = \alpha_{1(i)} \times \alpha_{2(i)}$ is a product index associated with the i -th rule, $\tau_f(u)$ is denoted as an output fuzzy variable. Let $Q = \{Q^1, \dots, Q^\beta, \dots, Q^r\}$ denoted as a family of fuzzy sets associated with the membership functions corresponding to the output variable w , with Q^β being a fuzzy set in the family Q and $Q^{\beta(i)} \in Q$ with $\beta(i)$ being an integer index associated with the i -rule. Furthermore, let the sets of centers of the family of fuzzy sets, Q , be denoted as $\bar{w} = \{\bar{w}^1, \dots, \bar{w}^\beta, \dots, \bar{w}^r\}$, where \bar{w}^β is a center of the fuzzy set satisfying $\bar{w}^1 < \dots < \bar{w}^\beta < \dots < \bar{w}^r$. Generally speaking, w can be expressed as follows: be written as:

$$w = \tau_f = \sum_{i=1}^r \bar{w}^{\beta(i)} \xi_i(u) = \Theta^T \xi(u), \quad (14)$$

where $\Theta = [\bar{w}^{\beta(1)}, \dots, \bar{w}^{\beta(r)}]^T$ is regarded as a parameter vector and $\xi = [\xi_1, \dots, \xi_r]^T$ as a regressive vector.

Though w has been defined previously, there still exists the problem is how to determine the optimal w in terms of appropriate choice of the parameters of Θ . To overcome this difficulty, for a neighborhood of $u_2 = 0$ we define a new variable

$$u_{2\Delta} = q_{k\Delta} = \begin{cases} u_2 - \bar{a}, & \text{as } u_2 < \bar{a}; \\ u_2 - \bar{b}, & \text{as } u_2 > \bar{b}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

that $u_{2\Delta} = u_2$, as $u_{2\Delta} \neq 0$ where \bar{a}, \bar{b} are some constant satisfying $\bar{a} \leq \bar{u}_2^{\alpha_2^0} < \bar{u}_2^{\alpha_2^0+1} \leq \bar{b}$, where the index α_2^0 indicates that two contiguous center points, $\bar{u}_2^{\alpha_2^0}$ and $\bar{u}_2^{\alpha_2^0+1}$, are in the neighborhood of zero. Let ϕ represent the deadzone range, $\phi = [\bar{a} \bar{b}]$. Based on this new variable definition, we can define the optimal parameter vector as follows:

$$\Theta^* = \arg \min[\sup_{u \in U_\Delta} \Theta^T \xi(u) \text{sgn}(u_2) \geq M_v(u_1)] \quad (16)$$

where $U_\Delta = U_u \setminus \phi$. After the optimal vector Θ_k^* is sought, we thus redesign τ_{ck}, q_k as

$$f_k(u) = (|i_{ck}| + \epsilon) \left\{ d_k(u) \tau_f(u) + [1 - d_k(u)] \bar{M}_v \text{sgn}(q_k) \right\} + K_q q_k, k = 1, 2 \quad (17)$$

where $u = [v_{ck}, q_k]^T$, $d = [d_1, d_2]^T$ and its k -th element d_k is expressed as

$$d_k(u) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{as } u \in U_\Delta; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Besides, the update laws are given as follows :

$$\dot{\Theta} = r|i_{ck}|q_{k\Delta}\xi(u) \quad \text{as } u \in U_\Delta \quad ($$

for some $r > 0$. The following theorem states the condition under which the above mentioned adaptive fuzzy control law will yield satisfactory result.

Theorem 1 *If the control law and the update law are given as in equations (9), (11), (14), (17) and (18), then the tracking errors will asymptotically converge to neighborhood of zero.*

IV Simulation Results

Consider a nonlinear load as a triac-connected resistor, whose resistor is given 50Ω and with firing angles α as 36° and 72° . Various coefficients of the UPS model are $C_p = 75\mu F$, $L_s = 0.5mH$, $v_h = [2, 2, 2]$, $E_d = 400$, and the desired sine-wave output voltage is given as $v_{cd}^* = [156\sin(120\pi t), 156\sin(\frac{2\pi}{3} + 120\pi t), 156\sin(\frac{4\pi}{3} + 120\pi t)]^T$. The triangular form and sup-min operator are selected as membership functions and compositional operators, respectively. The total number of the rule of the fuzzy controller, $\Upsilon = l_1 \times l_2 = 5 \times 5 = 25$, and the initial parameter vector of fuzzy-rule base, Θ , is set to zero. The sampling time of control servo is given $50\mu s$ in the outer loop, and the inner loop is to simulate the dynamic equation with fixed step size $0.1\mu sec$. Fig. 3 shows the results of simulation for firing angle 36° . At the beginning, since initial parameter vector is set to zero, which appears to use only the PD controller to compensate for the uncertainties in the first period of sine wave, the tracking error is quickly driven toward zero after the first period.

V Conclusions

In the paper, we had proposed a novel fuzzy controller for a UPS system with three-phase PWM inverter. It can update fuzzy control rules to compensate for unknown nonlinear load and drive the tracking error of the output voltages to a designated neighborhood of zero. The simulation results showed that the proposed fuzzy control scheme possesses a rapid converging feature. Besides, a dexterous use of fuzzy mathematics made the seeming complicated control be a scheme with appealing computing efficiency.

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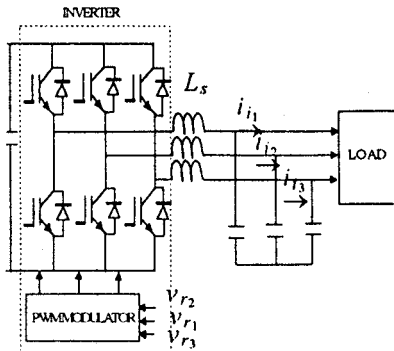
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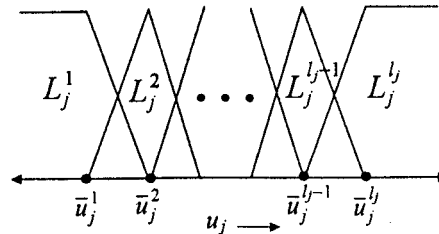


Figure 2. The environment of fuzzy variable u_j

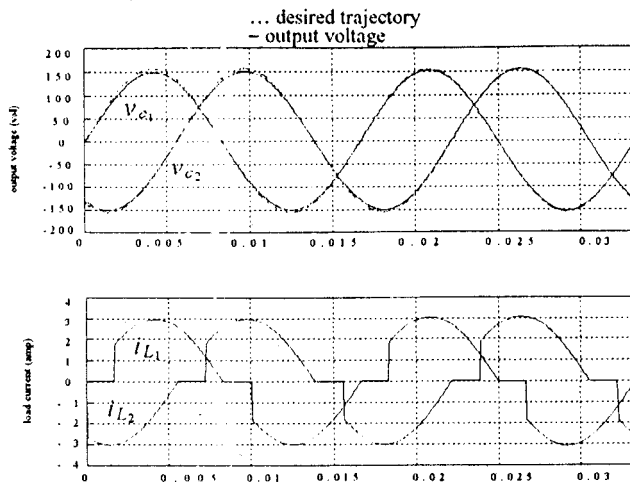


Figure 3. The simulation results