

Pulse-width modulation direct torque control induction motor drive with Kalman filter

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ABSTRACT

The paper deals with application of Kalman filter in induction motor drive using pulse-width modulation direct torque control (PWM-DTC). In the first part, the conventional PWM-DTC drive is described and Kalman filter is utilized to filter components of stator current vector those are assumed to be disturbed by white noise. The second part contains simulation results that are obtained in different cases of load torque, process and measurement noise covariances. The integral time absolute error (ITAE) performance index, undershoot, ripple of important quantities are used to compare the conventional drive structure and proposed drive structure with Kalman filter. The simulation results confirm the expected dynamic response of the proposed structure.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Induction motors (IMs) are used in many industrial applications with wide power range from several hundreds to multi-megawatts drives because they are robust and own low cost/power and high power/weight ratios [1]. Two strategies of electromagnetic torque control: vector control (VC) and direct torque control (DTC) can be used in high precision adjustable-speed IM drives. These strategies give comparable properties. Direct torque-controlled drives were introduced more than 10 years later than vector-controlled drives [2]. The advantage of the DTC methods is their simple control structures that directly control the torque without many frame transformations [3], and therefore, they are simple to simulate on computers and easy to implement on practical control systems. DTC strategy brings desired electromagnetic torque control and robustness for controlled systems [2]. There are many versions of DTC such as Takahashi's DTC method (T-DTC) [4-6], method with dividing locus of stator flux phasor into twelve sectors (TS-DTC) [7], method that voltage vector components are proportional to deviations of flux and torque (DVC-DTC) [8], pulse-width modulation direct torque control (PWM-DTC) [2].

The switching frequency is always constant with PWM-DTC. Besides that, the PWM technique also ensures the reliable IM excitation and limitation of the stator current vector, reduces switching losses, ripple of flux and torque [9]. Current sensors are important parts of DTC drive structures, and processed by suitable algorithms. In the paper, components of stator current vector are assumed to be distorted by white noises, and in such cases, Kalman filters seem to be the most effective tools.

Kalman filter (KF) which was invented 60 years ago [10, 11], was applied to smooth noised quantities in various fields [12] for example charging state estimation of large-scale battery energy storage systems [13], mobile robot navigation [14], impedance parameters estimation for medium transmission line [15], estimation of the angle between receiver orientation and receiver-transmitter line in LED communication system [16], wildfire progress estimation [17], dimension reduction in X-ray reconstructions of undersampled dynamic X-ray tomography system [18]. The Kalman filter brings the optimal estimators for linear systems with additive independent Gaussian process and measurement noises. In practice, most control systems are nonlinear, extended Kalman filter (EKF) which utilizes Taylor series expansions to linearize a nonlinear dynamical model about a working point was made [19]. For highly nonlinear systems, unscented Kalman filter (UKF) uses the principle that a set of discretely sampled points can be utilized to parameterize mean and covariance without linearization steps [20]. In case of unknown or highly non-Gaussian inputs for linear systems, Kitanidis Kalman filter (KKF) was developed [21]. Extended version of Kitanidis Kalman filter (EKKF) for nonlinear systems has been also used for state and parameter estimation [22]. State and noise covariance matrices in EKF were selected by differential evolution algorithms [23]. In design of stator current Kalman filters, discrete-time models of induction generator were obtained by utilizing Euler difference method [24, 25]. Flux and speed are estimated using flux models-based EKF [26]. Faults detection are implemented by an IM model-based EKF [27]. Genetic algorithm is combined with an IM model-based EKF to tune noise matrices [28]. Cubature Kalman Filter estimates load torque using IM state space model [29]. An IM model-based adaptive algorithm is added to update system noise covariance matrix in EKF [30]. Speed, load torque, and efficiency are estimated by an IM model-based EKF [31]. Stator currents, rotor fluxes, load including viscous friction are estimated using EKF and UKF algorithms [32]. In the paper, primitive KF is utilized for the filtration of stator current vector components in case of unknown IM model. The paper is organized in the section structure: introduction-control structure of induction motor drive using Kalman filter-simulation results-conclusions.

2. CONTROL STRUCTURE OF INDUCTION MOTOR DRIVE USING KALMAN FILTER

Figure 1 shows the proposed IM drive structure using Kalman Filter. This structure is modified from one in [2]: with insertion of KF block between T3/2 block and signal calculation block. The block computes orienting angle γ , magnitude of stator flux vector ψ_s , and electromagnetic torque T_e according to (1-5):

$$\psi_{s\alpha} = \int (u_{s\alpha} - R_s i_{s\alpha_F}) dt \quad (1)$$

$$\psi_{s\beta} = \int (u_{s\beta} - R_s i_{s\beta_F}) dt \quad (2)$$

$$\gamma = \tan^{-1}(\psi_{s\alpha}/\psi_{s\beta}) \quad (3)$$

$$\psi_s = \sqrt{\psi_{s\alpha}^2 + \psi_{s\beta}^2} \quad (4)$$

$$T_e = 1.5p(\psi_{s\alpha} i_{s\beta_F} - \psi_{s\beta} i_{s\alpha_F}) \quad (5)$$

In Figure 1, Kalman filter is used to estimate stator current vector components, and other blocks were described in [2]. Because of unknown IM mathematical model, the evolution of these components from time $k-1$ to time k is simplified according to (6):

$$x_k = Fx_{k-1} + w_{k-1} \quad (6)$$

where $x = [i_{s\alpha} \ i_{s\beta}]^T$: state vector, F is the state transition matrix applied to the previous state vector x_{k-1} , w_{k-1} is the noise vector that is assumed to be zero-mean Gaussian with the covariance $Q = \sigma_p^2 I$. The relationship between the state vector and its measurement y at the current time step k is expressed by:

$$y_k = Hx_k + v_k \quad (7)$$

is larger than 75% of that for NF, they all are with small values of σ_p^2 and σ_M^2 . There are 120 cases that ITAE for KF is smaller than a half of that for NF, especially in Table 8, ITAE for KF is only 5.3% of that for NF in case of $\sigma_p^2 = \sigma_M^2 = 2$. Courses of speed and torque, stator current, and stator flux in the case are shown in Figures 3-5.

Table 2. ITAE in case of $J_{TL} = 0$ Nm

	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ KF
$\sigma_M^2 = 0$	0.0349	0.0346	0.0725	0.0377	0.1239	0.0455	0.2322	0.0636	0.4565	0.1069
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.25$	0.0741	0.0436	0.1253	0.0506	0.1778	0.0592	0.2896	0.0771	0.5115	0.1190
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.5$	0.1280	0.0585	0.1795	0.0659	0.2344	0.0725	0.3463	0.0916	0.5647	0.1333
$\sigma_M^2 = 1.0$	0.2386	0.0886	0.2945	0.0962	0.3488	0.1048	0.4606	0.1242	0.6700	0.1618
$\sigma_M^2 = 2.0$	0.4685	0.1550	0.5210	0.1614	0.5723	0.1698	0.6752	0.1861	0.8781	0.2246

Table 3. ITAE in case of $J_{TL} = 1$ Nm

	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ KF
$\sigma_M^2 = 0$	0.0475	0.0474	0.0863	0.0513	0.1383	0.0588	0.2501	0.0770	0.4737	0.1201
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.25$	0.0879	0.0568	0.1396	0.0639	0.1946	0.0726	0.3069	0.0902	0.5260	0.1323
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.5$	0.1423	0.0716	0.1966	0.0793	0.2524	0.0863	0.3644	0.1052	0.5823	0.1472
$\sigma_M^2 = 1.0$	0.2568	0.1022	0.3121	0.1099	0.3675	0.1187	0.4781	0.1384	0.6945	0.1761
$\sigma_M^2 = 2.0$	0.4863	0.1695	0.5366	0.1756	0.5900	0.1846	0.6984	0.2011	0.9088	0.2389

Table 4. ITAE in case of $J_{TL} = 3$ Nm

	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ KF
$\sigma_M^2 = 0$	0.0762	0.0762	0.1127	0.0786	0.1635	0.0860	0.2698	0.1035	0.4881	0.1455
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.25$	0.1151	0.0848	0.1654	0.0918	0.2163	0.1002	0.3260	0.1168	0.5437	0.1566
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.5$	0.1688	0.1006	0.2187	0.1080	0.2728	0.1139	0.3820	0.1314	0.5980	0.1706
$\sigma_M^2 = 1.0$	0.2780	0.1322	0.3324	0.1391	0.3861	0.1465	0.4934	0.1641	0.7090	0.1989
$\sigma_M^2 = 2.0$	0.5042	0.1997	0.5571	0.2051	0.6089	0.2127	0.7166	0.2273	0.9465	0.2623

Table 5. ITAE in case of $J_{TL} = 5$ Nm

	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ KF
$\sigma_M^2 = 0$	0.1014	0.1013	0.1410	0.1051	0.1959	0.1130	0.3077	0.1321	0.5333	0.1787
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.25$	0.1431	0.1122	0.1978	0.1192	0.2528	0.1278	0.3656	0.1474	0.5905	0.1922
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.5$	0.2010	0.1284	0.2551	0.1360	0.3108	0.1434	0.4223	0.1641	0.6494	0.2087
$\sigma_M^2 = 1.0$	0.3163	0.1624	0.3719	0.1712	0.4261	0.1803	0.5388	0.2001	0.7670	0.2420
$\sigma_M^2 = 2.0$	0.5496	0.2370	0.6058	0.2434	0.6631	0.2526	0.7749	0.2711	0.9962	0.3139

Table 6. ITAE in case of $J_{TL} = 7$ Nm

	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ KF
$\sigma_M^2 = 0$	0.1280	0.1279	0.1664	0.1327	0.2179	0.1405	0.3282	0.1601	0.5635	0.2063
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.25$	0.1688	0.1398	0.2196	0.1465	0.2719	0.1550	0.3886	0.1740	0.6170	0.2187
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.5$	0.2228	0.1567	0.2742	0.1638	0.3308	0.1708	0.4489	0.1898	0.6725	0.2336
$\sigma_M^2 = 1.0$	0.3365	0.1914	0.3944	0.1987	0.4520	0.2066	0.5671	0.2249	0.7812	0.2633
$\sigma_M^2 = 2.0$	0.5771	0.2646	0.6283	0.2706	0.6824	0.2781	0.7889	0.2928	1.0198	0.3313

Table 7. ITAE in case of $J_{TL} = 8$ Nm

	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ KF
$\sigma_M^2 = 0$	0.1413	0.1414	0.1801	0.1464	0.2311	0.1537	0.3424	0.1729	0.5704	0.2207
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.25$	0.1822	0.1543	0.2324	0.1607	0.2862	0.1688	0.4016	0.1879	0.6260	0.2344
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.5$	0.2360	0.1717	0.2885	0.1788	0.3454	0.1858	0.4604	0.2048	0.6905	0.2511
$\sigma_M^2 = 1.0$	0.3516	0.2085	0.4088	0.2161	0.4649	0.2241	0.5772	0.2437	0.8404	0.2845
$\sigma_M^2 = 2.0$	0.5926	0.2876	0.6521	0.2942	0.7154	0.3028	0.8690	0.3194	1.3613	0.3598

Table 8. ITAE in case of $J_{TL} = 9 \text{ Nm}$

	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.25,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 0.5,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 1.0,$ KF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ NF	$\sigma_p^2 = 2.0,$ KF
$\sigma_M^2 = 0$	0.1554	0.1557	0.1944	0.1614	0.2504	0.1692	0.3884	0.1899	0.9126	0.2430
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.25$	0.1983	0.1712	0.2533	0.1783	0.3166	0.1871	0.4811	0.2081	1.3394	0.2600
$\sigma_M^2 = 0.5$	0.2588	0.1918	0.3228	0.1995	0.4024	0.2072	0.5922	0.2296	1.9711	0.2807
$\sigma_M^2 = 1.0$	0.4231	0.2365	0.5152	0.2458	0.6301	0.2558	1.0771	0.2778	3.6842	0.3267
$\sigma_M^2 = 2.0$	1.4037	0.3420	1.9313	0.3513	2.5949	0.3629	4.2353	0.3873	8.4152	0.4448

In order to evaluate the performance of simulated IM drive structures, the ITAE criterion is utilized. The ITAE index has the advantages of producing smaller overshoots and oscillations than the integral of the absolute error (IAE) or the integral square error (ISE) indices [34]. In this situation, it is modified according to (14):

$$ITAE = \int_0^2 t|e_\omega(t)|dt \tag{14}$$

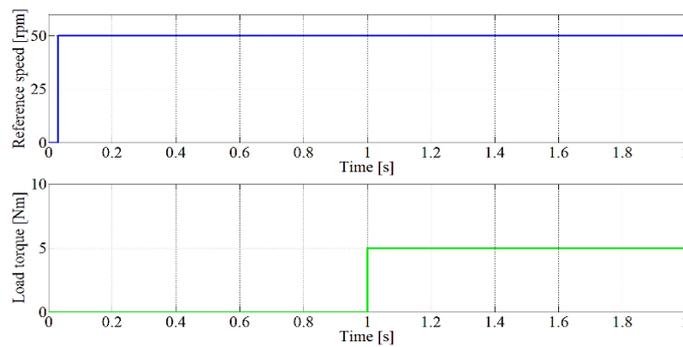


Figure 2. Reference speed (upper), and load torque with $J_{TL} = 5 \text{ Nm}$

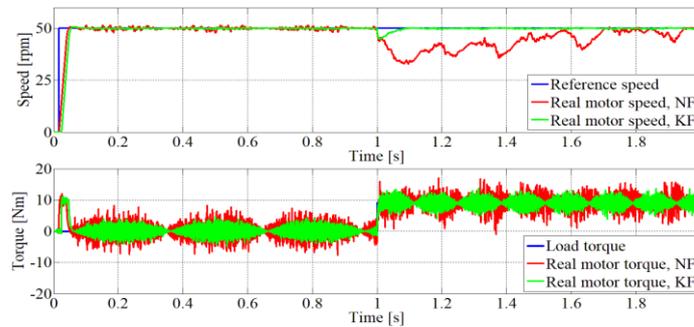


Figure 3. Speeds (upper), and torques with $J_{TL} = 9 \text{ Nm}, \sigma_p^2 = 2, \sigma_M^2 = 2$

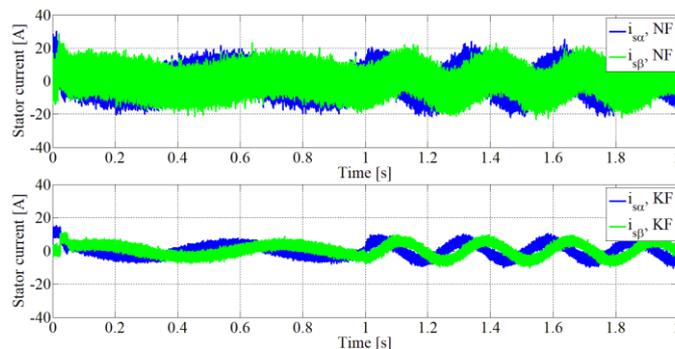


Figure 4. Stator currents with NF (upper) and KF with $J_{TL} = 9 \text{ Nm}, \sigma_p^2 = 2, \sigma_M^2 = 2$

It is easy to see that starting duration for NF is shorter than that for KF (see Figure 3). The reason for this problem is Kalman filter reduces ripple of stator current (see Figure 4) and even ripple of stator flux (see Figure 5), and therefore, it lengthens process of reaching rated value of stator flux and limit of stator current. In Figure 2, at time of load activation, large negative instantaneous deviation of motor torque and load torque makes motor speed decrease quickly for both NF and KF. After this time, for NF, unfiltered stator currents continue to give high ripple of motor torque which indirectly lengthens this decrement (see Figure 3). Undershoot after load activation of speed responses for NF and KF is 17.2 rpm and 5.1 rpm respectively. Ripples of stator flux magnitude in the first and second half of the course (FSHC) for KF are 6.0% and 8.8% smaller respectively than those for NF. Motor torque ripple in the FSHC for KF are reduced by 39.9% and 25.7% compared to those for NF. Especially, ripple of stator current magnitude in the FSHC for KF is 3.3 times and 2.6 times lower respectively than those for NF.

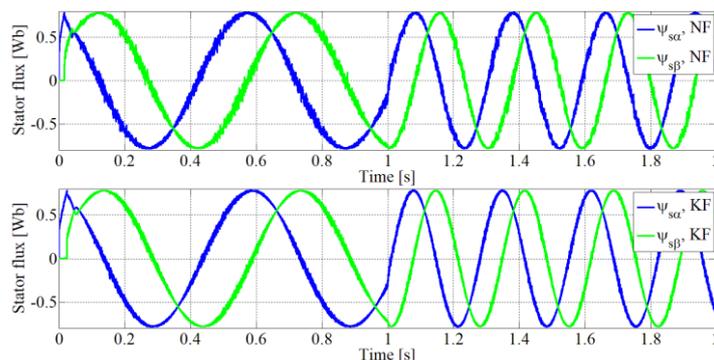


Figure 5. Stator fluxes with NF (upper) and KF with $J_{TL} = 9 \text{ Nm}$, $\sigma_p^2 = 2$, $\sigma_M^2 = 2$

4. CONCLUSIONS

The PWM-DTC IM drive structure using simplified Kalman filter for stator current filtration in case of unknown IM model was presented in the paper. Simulations were carried out with different values of load torque jump, noise covariances. The proposed drive structure gave significantly smaller ITAE performance index than the conventional drive structure, especially at high levels of noise covariances. The EKF or UKF with knowledge of IM mathematical model can be utilized to obtain higher filtration efficiency. Robust control, intelligent control or sensorless control techniques can be applied for IM drive with filtered stator current components.

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