Dual Motor Control using Double Zero Sequence Injection Method in Five Leg Voltage Source Inverter

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Abstract: This paper presents in to Dual Motor Control using double zero sequence injection method in 5- leg voltage source inverter. As industry looking for reducing the semiconductor switching devices, like IGBT/MOSFET’s in dual induction motor control. The main reason behind reducing the switching elements to reduce the weight, cost and size of the components. As conventional inverter require six inverter legs to control two induction motors. In this proposed work five inverter legs used instead of six legs in dual motor control. With this reduced one leg, two switching devices will be reduced and one phase of the inverter leg is common between the two motors, so called five leg inverter (FLI).

The main switching methodology used for inverter control is Carrier based Double Zero Sequence Injection Method (DZSM). This Double Zero Sequence Injection Method applied to FLI system is having the one common leg. One of the C Phase modulation signal added to other modulating signals of all phases of other motor respectively. A subsequent each phase degree of freedom is represented by the zero-sequence signal. This paper investigates the independent speed control of dual induction motors at different speeds connected to five leg voltage source inverter system, using MATLAB/SIMULINK Software.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Most of the industries are looking for multi motor control with single inverter system with precise speed control of operation. The main function of the Voltage Source Inverters (VSI) is to produce AC output voltage from DC Input voltage. The main advantage of PWM techniques are output voltage control of inverter without any additional components and lower order harmonics can be eliminated. The converters find increasing applications with high switching frequencies and which can eliminate the harmonics in the load current. In electrical machines the machine winding inductance itself acts as a filter behavior and other loads practically used to generate the harmonics. [1]- [5].

In this proposed work number of semiconductor switching elements reduced, thus reducing the complexity in the AC drive control. The 2-three phase induction motors are connected to FLI System. In this FLI system the one of the leg is shared between two motors that is common leg. [6]- [8]

From the analysis of dual voltage modulation (DVM) uses two consecutive switching periods, hence DC voltage restricted to half. In the modulation block method (MBM) a priori applied reference voltage knowledge of the motor to be known. In the inversion table method (IVM) requires a bigger look-up table. This makes very complicated method on implementing on digital signal process.[9]-[11] This generates side band harmonics and switching frequency increases. Hence the DZSM method seems to be good compared to other PWM methods in dual motor control. [4][7].

II. DOUBLE ZERO SEQUENCE INJECTION METHOD

Generally, three-phase AC induction motor requires a supply of variable voltage at variable frequency with fast controlling technique. The output of the inverter voltage is controlled through the modulation index of the PWM technique.

This DZSM switching technique uses the modulation signal of Phase C is added to the other modulation phase signals of the other motor. With this the six modulated signal output reduced to five modulation signal. These five modulation signal compared with the carrier based reference signal. The output of this method produces the switching pulses to five- leg VSI. [12].

The common mode voltage is computed and the common leg voltage \( V_c \) shares the voltage between two motors. The reference signal for the first and second machines are computed from the equation 1 and equation 2.

\[
V_c = \left( \frac{V_{dc}}{2} \ast m \right) \sin wt
\]

\[
V_3 = \left( \frac{V_{dc}}{2} \ast m \right) \sin(wt - \frac{2\pi}{3})
\]

\[
V_1 = \left( \frac{V_{dc}}{2} \ast m \right) \sin(wt + \frac{2\pi}{3})
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(1)

Similarly for the second machine the reference signal is computed by

\[
V_3 = \left( \frac{V_{dc}}{2} \ast m \right) \sin wt
\]

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The modulation signal \( m \) is given by,

\[
\begin{align*}
V_a &= \frac{V_{dc}}{2} \times m \\
V_f &= \frac{V_{dc}}{2} \times m \\
V_c &= \frac{V_{dc}}{2} \times m
\end{align*}
\]

Where, \( m \) known as modulation index.

\( V_{dc} \) is DC input voltage to inverter.

\( V'_a, V'_b, V'_c, V'_d, V'_e \) and \( V'_f \) are the reference input voltages.

Thus the signals have no effect on reference input voltages of the induction machine, as effects are cancelled in line to line voltages of modulating signal.

Where, \( m_{11}, m_{21}, m_{32}, m_{42}, m_{54} \) and \( m_{54} \) are the switching signals for the upper 5-leg of the inverter. The \( m_{12}, m_{22}, m_{32}, m_{42}, m_{52} \) are the switching signals for lower 5-leg of VSI.

The modulation signal \( m \) is given by,

\[
m = \frac{V_{c2}}{(1/2) \times V_{dc}}
\]

Where, \( V_a, V_b, V_c, V_d, V_e, V_f \) are the inverter output voltages.

**VIII. FIVE-LEG INVERTER TECHNIQUE**

A 5-leg VSI topology connected to a dual three phase induction motor is shown in Figure 2.

The switching pulses of carrier based DZSM fed to FLI. The output of 5-leg inverter connected to dual three phase induction motors. Input voltages as \( V'_a, V'_b, V'_c \) fed to the first motor. The input voltages \( V'_e, V'_d, V'_f \) fed to the second motor. In this input voltages \( V'_c \) is shared between both motors. This is the important leg as its been shared between both motors and where the controlling of voltages required between both the motors fed by their respective modulation strategies.

The switching elements are connected to \( +V_{dc} \) and \( -V_{dc} \) of DC bus point \( P \) and point \( n \) respectively, as shown in Figure 2. Switching elements \( S_{41}, S_{23}, S_{23}, S_{42}, S_{54} \) constitutes the upper leg’s of FLI. Similarly \( S_{13}, S_{23}, S_{34}, S_{42} \) constitutes the lower leg’s of the FLI.

The induction motors IM1 and IM2 are fed to 5-Leg Inverter System. The speed of the induction motors are controlled independently.

In the above figure 2, the challenge involved in this common leg is to maintain the current carrying capacity of the inverter within limits. The switching technique is designed in effective way on common leg that current limit is maintained and is also called common mode voltage (CMV). The detailed explanation of the above PWM results obtained are in the section IV.

**IV. SIMULATION RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

Simulation plays a very important role in the power electronic systems. Based on the simulation, the design and development of circuit configuration applied to drive control methods. The effectiveness of FLI techniques proved by running at various conditions. Simulation results computed using Matlab/Simulink. Simulated results are shown by controlling the dual induction motors as a load when applied to FLI system.

Induction Motors IM1 Ratings:
- 10HP (7.5KW), 400V, 50Hz, 1500rpm.

Induction Motors IM2 Ratings:
- 10HP (7.5KW), 400V, 50Hz, 1500rpm.
The results are proved from the carrier based double zero sequence injection method applied to FLI system and results found satisfactorily. Both the motors are controlled independently and verified at rated load torque and no load torque, at different motor speeds.

**No Load Torque Operation:**
Fig. 3 & Fig. 4 shows the IM1 and IM2 operating at No-Load operation at the rated speed.
Fig. 5 shows the steady state operation current for IM1.
Fig. 6 and Fig. 7 shows the FLI output phase voltage and line voltage at No-Load operation.

**Rated Load Torque Operation:**
Fig. 8 and Fig. 11 shows the IM1 and IM2 operating speed at Rated-Load torque operation respectively. Where IM2 commanded to run half of speed for some duration and back to full speed.
Fig. 9 and Fig. 12 shows 3-phase currents for IM1 and IM2 respectively
Fig. 10 and Fig. 13 shows 3-phase voltage and Line voltage of FLI.

### A. FL-VSI Induction Motor Output Waveforms at No Load Operation:

#### Fig. 3. IM1 Speed (rpm) and Torque (N-m) at No Load

#### Fig. 4. IM2 Speed (rpm) and Torque (N-m) at No Load

#### Fig. 5. IM1 Three Phase Currents (amp) at No Load

#### Fig. 6. Five Leg Inverter output Phase voltage (volt)

#### Fig. 7. Five Leg Inverter output Line voltage (volt)

### B. FL-VSI Induction Motor Output Waveforms at Rated Load Operation:
**IM1 Speed, Torque, Currents and Phase Voltage**
V. CONCLUSIONS

The switching technique of carrier based double zero sequence injection method is found to be the most effective technique in FLI system. This DZSM method is verified successfully on dual induction motor control, when connected to FLI-VSI system. Both dual motors are fed to common DC link voltage and independent speed control of both induction motors verified at different operating speeds with No load and rated torque values.
From this proposed technique it is found that the FLI system is found to be most cost effective, reduced complex control algorithm and used in precise speed control of dual three phase induction motors independently.

This work can be extended for AC motor drive control strategies using different PWM technique in direct and indirect torque control methods of induction motor.

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