

Research regarding the use of new systems to control fluid flow in pipelines

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Abstract: - In this paper a research is made on the design of a new fluid flow control system on transport pipelines. The flow control system is based on a sensorless speed control system of an induction motor with the squirrel – cage. The estimator component for rotor flux and speed from the induction motor speed control system is an Extended Gopinath Observer.

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1 Introduction

This paper presents a new flux and rotor speed observer [9] called an Extended Gopinath Observer (EGO). The design of the EGO observer is done based on an adaptive mechanism using the notion of Popov hyperstability [7].

Thus, this type of observer is included in the estimation methods based on an adaptation mechanism, along with the Extended Luenberger Observer (ELO) proposed by Kubota [4] and the Model Adaptive System (MRAS) observer proposed by Schauder [1].

This type of speed control system is used in the second part of the paper in the design of a pipe flow control system.

2 The Extended Gopinath Observer

The equations that define the rotor flux Gopinath observer are [9]:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} \hat{i}_s = a_a^* \cdot \hat{i}_s + a_b^* \cdot \hat{i}_s + a_{12}^* \cdot \hat{\psi}_r + b_{11}^* \cdot u_s \\ \frac{d}{dt} \hat{\psi}_r = a_{21}^* \cdot \hat{i}_s + a_{22}^* \cdot \hat{\psi}_r + g \cdot \left[\frac{d}{dt} i_s - \frac{d}{dt} \hat{i}_s \right] \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}^* &= a_a^* + a_b^*; \quad a_{12}^* = a_{13}^* - j \cdot a_{14}^* \cdot Z_p \cdot \hat{\omega}_r; \quad a_{21}^* = a_{31}^* \\ a_{13}^* &= \frac{L_m^*}{L_s^* \cdot L_r^* \cdot T_r^* \cdot \sigma^*}; \quad a_{14}^* = \frac{L_m^*}{L_s^* \cdot L_r^* \cdot \sigma^*}; \quad a_{31}^* = \frac{L_m^*}{T_r^*} \\ a_{22}^* &= a_{33}^* + j \cdot Z_p \cdot \hat{\omega}_r; \quad a_{33}^* = -\frac{1}{T_r^*}; \quad b_{11}^* = \frac{1}{L_s^* \cdot \sigma^*}; \\ T_s^* &= \frac{L_s^*}{R_s^*}; \quad T_r^* = \frac{L_r^*}{R_r^*}; \\ \sigma^* &= 1 - \frac{(L_m^*)^2}{L_s^* \cdot L_r^*}; \quad a_a^* = -\frac{1}{T_s^* \cdot \sigma^*}; \quad a_b^* = -\frac{1 - \sigma^*}{T_r^* \cdot \sigma^*}. \end{aligned}$$

In the relations above, are marked with “*” the identified electrical sizes of the induction motor.

The block diagram of the Extended Gopinath Observer (EGO) is presented in figure 1.

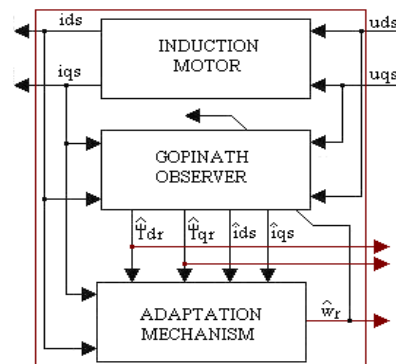


Fig. 1. The Principle Schematic of the EGO

The essential element in the stability of the Gopinath flux observer is the g gain, which is a complex number in the following form:

$$\underline{g} = g_a + j \cdot g_b \quad (2)$$

In order to design this type of estimator we need to position the estimator's poles in the left Nyquist plane so that the estimator's stability is assured.

The expressions g_a and g_b after the pole positioning are [9]:

$$\begin{cases} g_a = -\frac{a_{31}^* \cdot a_{33}^*}{(a_{33}^*)^2 + (z_p \cdot \omega_r)^2} \\ g_b = \frac{a_{31}^* \cdot z_p \cdot \omega_r}{(a_{33}^*)^2 + (z_p \cdot \omega_r)^2} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

In these conditions the Gopinath rotor flux observer is completely determined.

Next, in order to determine the adaptation mechanism used to estimate the rotor speed, we will consider as a reference model the „stator currents - rotor fluxes” model of the induction engine and as an adjustable model, the model of the Gopinath rotor flux observer. The equations mentioned above written under the input-state-output canonic form are:

- Reference model:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}x = A \cdot x + B \cdot u \\ y = C \cdot \frac{d}{dt}x \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

- Adjustable model:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt}\hat{x} = \tilde{A} \cdot \hat{x} + A_1 \cdot x + B \cdot u + \tilde{G} \cdot (y - \hat{y}) \\ \hat{y} = C \cdot \frac{d}{dt}\hat{x} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}; \tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_a^* & a_{12}^* \\ 0 & a_{22}^* \end{bmatrix}; A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} a_b^* & 0 \\ a_{21}^* & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \underline{g} \end{bmatrix}; x = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{i}_s \\ \underline{\psi}_r \end{bmatrix}; \hat{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\underline{i}}_s \\ \hat{\underline{\psi}}_r \end{bmatrix};$$

$$u = \underline{u}_s; B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; C = [1 \quad 0].$$

In the above relations we marked with „ \sim ” the Gopinath estimator's matrices which are dependent upon the rotor speed, which in turn needs to be estimated based on the adaptation mechanism.

Next, in order to determine the expression that defines the adaptation mechanism we will assume that the identified electric sizes are identical with the real electric sizes of the induction engine.

In other words:

$$a_{ij} = a_{ij}^*; i, j = 1, 2 \text{ and } b_{11} = b_{11}^*.$$

In order to build the adaptive mechanism, for start we will calculate the estimation error given by the difference:

$$e_x = x - \hat{x} \quad (6)$$

Derivation the relation (6) in relation with time and by using the relations (4) and (5) the relation (6) becomes:

$$\frac{d}{dt}e_x = (A - A_1) \cdot x - \tilde{A} \cdot \hat{x} - \tilde{G} \cdot C \cdot \frac{d}{dt}e_x \quad (7)$$

If the determinant, $\det(I_2 + \tilde{G} \cdot C) \neq 0$, then it exists a unique inverse matrix $M = (I_2 + \tilde{G} \cdot C)^{-1}$ so that the expression (7) can be written like this:

$$\frac{d}{dt}e_x = M \cdot (A - A_1) \cdot e_x + M \cdot (A - A_1 - \tilde{A}) \cdot \hat{x} \quad (8)$$

Equation (8) describes a linear system defined by the term $M \cdot (A - A_1) \cdot e_x$ in inverse connection with a non linear system defined by the term $\Phi(e_y)$ which receives at input the error $e_y = C \cdot e_x$ between the models and has at the output the term:

$$\rho = -M \cdot (A - A_1 - \tilde{A}) \cdot \hat{x} \quad (9)$$

The block diagram of the system that describes the dynamic evolution of the error between the state of the reference model and the state of the tuning model is presented in figure 2.

As one may notice, this problem is frequently treated in the literature of the non-linear systems, being exactly the configuration of the Lure problem, and of one of the problems treated by Popov.

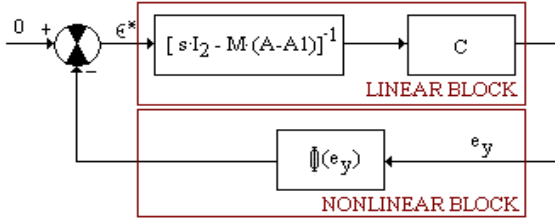


Fig. 2: The block diagram of the system that describes the dynamic evolution of the error between the state of the reference model and the state of the control model

Considering, according to the Popov terminology, the non-linear block described by $\Phi(e_y)$ the integral input- output index associated to it is:

$$\eta(t_0, t_1) = \text{Re} \left[\int_0^{t_1} e_y^T(t) \cdot \rho(t) dt \right] \quad (10)$$

In order for block to be hyper-stable a necessary condition is:

$$\eta(0, t_1) = \text{Re} \left[\int_0^{t_1} e_y^T(t) \cdot \rho(t) dt \right] \geq -\gamma^2(0) \quad (11)$$

for any input-output combination and where $\gamma(0)$ is a positive constant.

In the above relation we marked with e_y^T the following expression

$$e_y^T = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{e}_y & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

Obtained in order to keep the compatibility between the input and output dimensions, and \bar{e}_y represents the conjugate of the complex variable e_y .

Under these circumstances, using the relation (9) the expression (11) becomes:

$$\eta(0, t_1) = -\text{Re} \left[\int_0^{t_1} e_y^T(t) \cdot M \cdot (A - A_1 - \tilde{A}) \cdot \hat{x} dt \right] \geq -\gamma^2(0) \quad (13)$$

Next we assume that the error $M \cdot (A - A_1 - \tilde{A})$ is determined only by the rotor speed of the induction machine. In this case we may write:

$$M \cdot (A - A_1 - \tilde{A}) = (\omega_r - \hat{\omega}_r) \cdot A_{er} \quad (14)$$

where: $A_{er} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -j \cdot a_{14} \cdot z_p \\ 0 & j \cdot z_p \cdot (1 + a_{14} \cdot \underline{g}) \end{bmatrix}$.

For any positive derivable f function we can demonstrate the following inequality:

$$K_1 \cdot \int_0^{t_1} \left(\frac{df}{dt} \cdot f \right) dt \geq -\frac{K_1}{2} \cdot f^2(0) \quad (15)$$

On the other hand, using the relation (14), the expression (13) becomes:

$$\eta(0, t_1) = -\text{Re} \left\{ \int_0^{t_1} \left[e_y^T(t) \cdot A_{er} \cdot \hat{x} \cdot (\omega_r - \hat{\omega}_r) \right] dt \right\} \geq -\gamma^2(0) \quad (16)$$

By combining the relations (15) and (16) we can write the following relations:

$$\begin{cases} f = \omega_r - \hat{\omega}_r \\ -\text{Re} \left(e_y^T \cdot A_{er} \cdot \hat{x} \right) = K_1 \cdot \frac{df}{dt} \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

Because K_1 is a constant and then, in case of a slower ω_r parameter variation related to the adaptive law, we can write:

$$\hat{\omega}_r = k_1 \cdot \int \text{Re} \left(e_y^T \cdot A_{er} \cdot \hat{x} \right) dt \quad (18)$$

After replacing the variables that define the above expression (18) and taking into account the arbitrary nature of the K_1 positive constant we obtain:

$$\hat{\omega}_r = k_1 \cdot \int \left(e_{yd} \cdot \hat{\psi}_{qr} - e_{yq} \cdot \hat{\psi}_{dr} \right) dt \quad (19)$$

where $e_{yd} = i_{ds} - \hat{i}_{ds}$ and $e_{yq} = i_{qs} - \hat{i}_{qs}$.

Sometimes, instead of the adaptation law (19) we can use the following form:

$$\hat{\omega}_r = K_R \left(e_{yd} \cdot \hat{\psi}_{qr} - e_{yq} \cdot \hat{\psi}_{dr} \right) + k_1 \cdot \int \left(e_{yd} \cdot \hat{\psi}_{qr} - e_{yq} \cdot \hat{\psi}_{dr} \right) dt \quad (20)$$

From the above relation we can observe that a new proportional component appears from the desire to have 2 coefficients that can control the speed estimation dynamics. This fact isn't always necessary

$$\begin{cases} |\Psi_r| = \sqrt{\hat{\Psi}_{dr}^2 + \hat{\Psi}_{qr}^2} \\ \sin \lambda_r = \frac{\hat{\Psi}_{qr}}{|\Psi_r|}; \cos \lambda_r = \frac{\hat{\Psi}_{dr}}{|\Psi_r|} \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

- current PI controller (PI_I) defined by the K_i proportionality constant and the T_i integration time:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_9}{dt} = i_{ds\lambda_r}^* - \hat{i}_{ds\lambda_r} \\ v_{ds\lambda_r}^* = \frac{K_i}{T_i} \cdot x_9 + K_i \cdot (i_{ds\lambda_r}^* - \hat{i}_{ds\lambda_r}) \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx_{10}}{dt} = i_{qs\lambda_r}^* - \hat{i}_{qs\lambda_r} \\ v_{qs\lambda_r}^* = \frac{K_i}{T_i} \cdot x_{10} + K_i \cdot (i_{qs\lambda_r}^* - \hat{i}_{qs\lambda_r}) \end{cases} \quad (26)$$

- the calculate of the couple block (C_1M_e):

$$M_e = K_a \cdot |\Psi_r| \cdot \hat{i}_{qs\lambda_r} \quad (27)$$

where: $K_a = \frac{3}{2} \cdot z_p \cdot \frac{L_m^*}{L_r^*}$; z_p is the pole pairs number.

In these conditions the vector control system is completely defined.

4 Pipe flow control system design

The flow control system based on the modification of the speed of the centrifugal pump is presented in figure number 4.

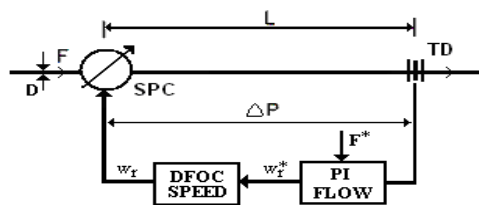


Fig. 4 Conventional representation o a flow control

The following notations were used in figure 3:

- TD - flow transducer
- SPC -centrifugal pump
- L - the length of the pipe, from the pump to the flow transducer
- D - the interior diameter of the pipe
- ΔP - the pressure drop on the length L of the pipe

- F - inlet flow of the oil
- F^* - prescribed flow for the control system
- PI FLOW - integral proportional type flow regulator
- DFOC SPEED - speed control system presented in figure 2.

One of the main problems in the practical implementation of a speed control system for an induction motor is the controller tuning.

In present, the controllers tuning of the induction motors speed control systems is made only through experimental methods, and the time allocated for this type of tests is a really long one.

The paper deals with the analytical tuning controllers through the method of repartition of zeros - poles and the symmetry criteria and module Kessler instance. [9]

Therefore, for the regulators composing block B2 of the speed control system the following analytical adjustment formulas are used.

- Current controller:

$$T_i = -\frac{1}{a_{11}^*}; K_i = \frac{1}{b_{11}^* \cdot T_{d1}^*} \quad (28)$$

- Flux controller:

$$T_\psi = T_r^*; K_\psi = \frac{T_r^*}{2 \cdot L_m^* \cdot T_{d1}^*} \quad (29)$$

- Couple controller:

$$T_M = T_{d1}^*; K_M = \frac{T_{d1}^*}{K_a \cdot |\Psi_r| \cdot T_{d2}^*} \quad (30)$$

- Speed controller:

$$K_\omega = \frac{T_4 \cdot (1 + \rho^2)}{2 \cdot K_4 \cdot T_{d2}^*}; T_\omega = 4 \cdot \frac{T_{d2}^* \cdot (1 + \rho^2)}{(1 + \rho)^3}; \rho = \frac{T_{d2}^*}{T_4} \quad (31)$$

where: $K_4 = \frac{1}{F}$ and $T_4 = \frac{J}{F}$.

In the above mentioned formulas, T_{d1}^* and T_{d2}^* are two time constancies imposed considering they need to respect the following conditions:

$$T_{d1}^* < T_r^*; T_{d2}^* \ll T_4 \text{ and } T_{d2}^* > T_{d1}^* \quad (32)$$

The proportion and integration coefficients of the PI controller of the adapting mechanism of the Extended Gopinath Observer are determined using the linear equation of the estimation error (8).

The linearization of the relation defining the estimation error is made using an orthogonal benchmark $d\lambda_r - q\lambda_r$ related to the rotor flux module. Therefore the linear relation of the estimation error is the following:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Delta e = M_a \cdot \Delta e + M_b \cdot \Delta u \quad (33)$$

where:

$$A_3 = \begin{bmatrix} a_a & \omega_{\lambda r0} & a_{13} \\ -\omega_{\lambda r0} & a_a & 0 \\ -g_b \cdot \omega_{\lambda r0} & g_a \cdot \omega_{\lambda r0} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix}; A_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -a_{14} \cdot z_p \cdot \psi_r^* \\ 0 \end{bmatrix};$$

$$A_5 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -g_a & g_b & 0 \end{bmatrix}; N = (I_3 - A_5)^{-1}; M_a = N \cdot A_3;$$

$$M_b = N \cdot A_4; \Delta u = \Delta \omega_r - \Delta \hat{\omega}_r; \Delta e = [\Delta e_1 \quad \Delta e_2 \quad \Delta e_3]^T.$$

Considering an identical method, the error:

$$\varepsilon(t) = e_1(t) \cdot \hat{\psi}_{qr}(t) - e_2(t) \cdot \hat{\psi}_{dr}(t) \quad (34)$$

Following the linearization in an orthogonal benchmark $d\lambda_r - q\lambda_r$ related to the rotor flux, it becomes:

$$\Delta \varepsilon = -\psi_r^* \cdot \Delta e_2 \quad (35)$$

The following equalities have been considered realised when obtaining the previously mentioned linear expressions:

$$\hat{i}_{ds0} = \hat{i}_{ds0}; \hat{i}_{qs0} = \hat{i}_{qs0}; \hat{\psi}_{dr0} = \hat{\psi}_{dr0} = \psi_r^*; \hat{\psi}_{qr0} = \hat{\psi}_{qr0};$$

$$\omega_{r0} = \hat{\omega}_{r0} \quad (36)$$

Relation (35) may be written:

$$\Delta \varepsilon = C_e \cdot \Delta e \quad (37)$$

where: $C_e = [0 \quad -\psi_r^* \quad 0]$.

Therefore, based on relations (33) and (37) after having applied the Laplace Transformer in initial null conditions, the following transfer function is obtained:

$$G_e(s) = \frac{\Delta \varepsilon(s)}{\Delta u(s)} = C_e \cdot (s \cdot I_3 - M_a)^{-1} \cdot M_b \quad (38)$$

Relation (38) may also be written:

$$G_e(s) = K_u \cdot \frac{s^2 + h_1 \cdot s + h_0}{s^3 + \alpha_2 \cdot s^2 + \alpha_1 \cdot s + \alpha_0} \quad (39)$$

where:

$$K_u = z_p \cdot a_{14} \cdot (\psi_r^*)^2; h_1 = -(a_{33} + a_a - g_a \cdot a_{13});$$

$$h_0 = a_a \cdot a_{33} - a_{13} \cdot g_b \cdot \omega_{\lambda r0}; \alpha_2 = g_a \cdot a_{13} - a_{33} - 2 \cdot a_a;$$

$$\alpha_1 = \omega_{\lambda r0}^2 + 2 \cdot a_a \cdot a_{33} + a_a^2 - a_a \cdot g_a \cdot a_{13};$$

$$\alpha_0 = \omega_{\lambda r0}^2 \cdot (g_a \cdot a_{13} - a_{33}) - a_a^2 \cdot a_{33} + \omega_{\lambda r0} \cdot a_{13} \cdot g_b \cdot a_a$$

Therefore, the block diagram of the estimated speed control system is presented in figure 5.

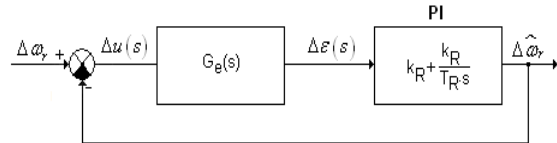


Fig. 5. Control system used for speed estimation

Considering the previously presented facts, the transfer function of the open system is:

$$G_d(s) = k_R \cdot K_u \cdot \frac{s^3 + m_2 \cdot s^2 + m_1 \cdot s + m_0}{s \cdot (s^3 + \alpha_2 \cdot s^2 + \alpha_1 \cdot s + \alpha_0)} \quad (40)$$

where:

$$m_2 = \frac{T_R \cdot h_1 + 1}{T_R}; m_1 = \frac{T_R \cdot h_0 + h_1}{T_R}; m_0 = \frac{h_0}{T_R}.$$

Considering the relation (40) the following expression will be imposed for the determination of the proportionality coefficient of PI regulator composing the adaption mechanism:

$$k_R = \frac{1}{K_u \cdot T_{d1}} \quad (41)$$

where: $K_u = z_p \cdot a_{14} \cdot (\psi_r^*)^2$.

On the other hand, for the selection of the time constant of the controller, the transfer function of the closed system will be presented considering relation (42) defining the transfer function of the open system.

$$G_0(s) = k_R \cdot K_u \cdot \frac{s^3 + m_2 \cdot s^2 + m_1 \cdot s + m_0}{s^4 + n_3 \cdot s^3 + n_2 \cdot s^2 + n_1 \cdot s + n_0} \quad (42)$$

where: $n_3 = \alpha_2 + k_R \cdot K_u$; $n_2 = \alpha_1 + k_R \cdot K_u \cdot m_2$;
 $n_1 = \alpha_0 + k_R \cdot K_u \cdot m_1$; $n_0 = k_R \cdot K_u \cdot m_0$.

It has been observed that for a time constancy:

$$T_R = \frac{T_r}{2} \quad (43)$$

considering the transfer function (42), the poles and zeros of the transfer function (42) are found in the left Nyquist plane.

In order to highlight the previously presented facts in figure 6 the graphic representation of the poles of the transfer function (42) will be made for an induction machine fitted with a centrifugal pump. The poles of the transfer function (42) are obtained both in a motor operation regime as well as in a recuperative break regime.

Another important and difficult problem in the design of a pipe flow control system is the tuning of the flow controller.

For the tuning of this type of controller, in the beginning, the transfer matrix of the speed control system presented in figure 3 will be determined. Therefore, all the equations defining the control system in an $d\lambda_r - q\lambda_r$ axis system related to the rotor flux module of the induction motor will be reported.

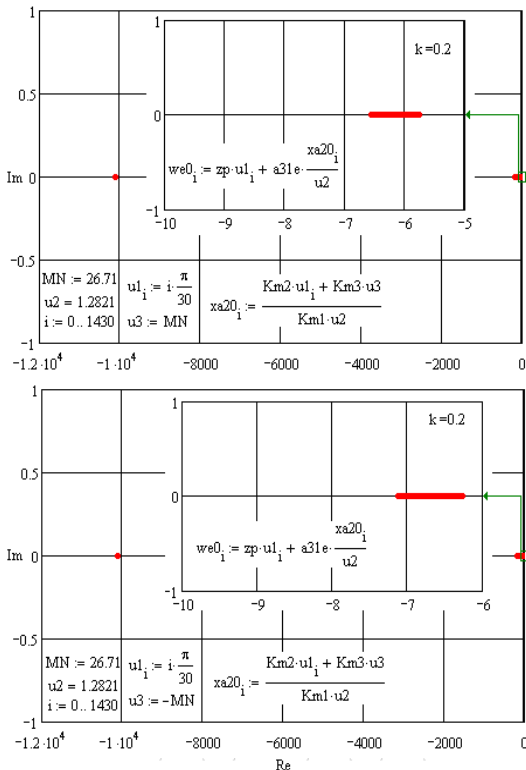


Fig.6. The transfer function poles (40) of Extended Gopinath Observer

Following the report of the applications defining the speed control system model, a system of differential equations is obtained:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, u) \quad (44)$$

In relation (18), the x vector will have 14 components. This vector is:

$$x = [x_i]_{i=1,14}^T \quad (45)$$

where: $x_1 = i_{ds\lambda_r}$; $x_2 = i_{qs\lambda_r}$; $x_3 = i_{dr\lambda_r}$; $x_4 = i_{qr\lambda_r}$;

$$x_5 = \omega_r$$
; $x_{11} = \hat{i}_{ds\lambda_r}$; $x_{12} = \hat{i}_{qs\lambda_r}$; $x_{13} = \hat{\psi}_{dr\lambda_r}$.

The first 5 components of the vector correspond to the model of stator currents-rotor currents of the induction motor. The other elements of vector (45) are given by the state variables of the automated controllers as well as by the state variables of EGO estimator composing the system presented in figure 2.

The input vector u of expression (44) is:

$$u = [u_1 \quad u_2 \quad u_3]^T \quad (46)$$

where: $u_1 = \omega_r^*$; $u_2 = \psi_r^*$; $u_3 = M_r$.

The expression of the vector function of the mathematical model (44) is:

$$f = [f_i]_{i=1,14}^T \quad (47)$$

where:

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 &= \alpha_{11} x_1 + (\omega_{\lambda_r} + \alpha_{12} Z_p x_5) x_2 \\ &+ \alpha_{13} x_3 + \alpha_{14} Z_p x_5 x_4 + \beta_{11} g_1 \\ f_2 &= -(\omega_{\lambda_r} + \alpha_{12} Z_p x_5) x_1 \\ &+ \alpha_{11} x_2 - \alpha_{14} Z_p x_5 x_3 + \alpha_{13} x_4 + \beta_{11} g_2 \\ f_3 &= \alpha_{31} x_1 - \alpha_{32} Z_p x_5 x_2 + \alpha_{33} x_3 \\ &+ (\omega_{\lambda_r} - \alpha_{34} Z_p x_5) x_4 + \beta_{31} g_1 \\ f_4 &= \alpha_{32} Z_p x_5 x_1 + \alpha_{31} x_2 \\ &- (\omega_{\lambda_r} - \alpha_{34} Z_p x_5) x_3 + \alpha_{33} x_4 + \beta_{31} g_2 \\ f_5 &= K_{m1} (x_3 x_2 - x_4 x_1) - K_{m2} x_5 - K_{m3} u_3 \\ f_6 &= u_2 - x_{13} \\ f_7 &= \frac{K_\omega}{T_\omega} x_8 + K_\omega (u_1 - g_3) - K_a x_{13} x_{12} \\ f_8 &= u_1 - g_3 \\ f_9 &= \frac{K_\psi}{T_\psi} x_6 + K_\psi (u_2 - x_{13}) - x_{11} \\ f_{10} &= \frac{K_M}{T_M} x_7 + K_M \cdot f_7 - x_{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{11} &= a_a^* x_{11} + \omega_{\lambda r} x_{12} + a_b^* x_1 + a_{13}^* x_{13} + b_{11}^* g_1 \\ f_{12} &= -\omega_{\lambda r} x_{11} + a_a^* x_{12} + a_b^* x_2 - a_{14}^* z_p g_3 x_{13} + b_{11}^* g_2 \\ f_{13} &= a_{31}^* x_1 + a_{33}^* x_{13} + g_a (f_1 - f_{11}) - g_b (f_2 - f_{12}) - \\ &\quad - g_b \omega_{\lambda r} (x_1 - x_{11}) - g_a \omega_{\lambda r} (x_2 - x_{12}) \\ f_{14} &= -x_{13} (x_2 - x_{12}) \end{aligned}$$

The following notations have been used in the above mentioned expressions:

$$g_1 = \frac{b_{11}^* v_{ds} - h_1}{b_{11}^*}; g_2 = \frac{b_{11}^* v_{qs} + h_2}{b_{11}^*} \quad (48)$$

$$g_3 = \frac{K_R}{T_R} \cdot x_{14} - K_R x_{13} (x_2 - x_{12}) \quad (49)$$

$$v_{ds} = \frac{K_i}{T_i} x_9 + K_i f_9; v_{qs} = \frac{K_i}{T_i} x_{10} + K_i f_{10} \quad (50)$$

$$h_1 = a_{13}^* \cdot x_{13} + a_{31}^* \cdot \frac{x_{12}^2}{x_{13}} + z_p \cdot g_3 \cdot x_{12} \quad (51)$$

$$h_2 = a_{14}^* \cdot z_p \cdot g_3 \cdot x_{13} + a_{31}^* \cdot \frac{x_{11} \cdot x_{12}}{x_{13}} + z_p \cdot g_3 \cdot x_{11} \quad (52)$$

$$\omega_{\lambda r} = z_p \cdot g_3 + a_{31}^* \cdot \frac{x_{12}}{x_{13}} \quad (53)$$

The coefficients defining the stator currents-rotor currents model of the induction motor are:

$$\alpha_{11} = -\frac{1}{T_s \cdot \sigma}; \alpha_{12} = \frac{1-\sigma}{\sigma}; \alpha_{13} = \frac{L_m}{L_s \cdot T_r \cdot \sigma}; \alpha_{14} = \frac{L_m}{L_s \cdot \sigma}$$

$$\alpha_{31} = \frac{L_m}{L_r \cdot T_s \cdot \sigma}; \alpha_{32} = \frac{L_m}{L_r \cdot \sigma}; \alpha_{33} = -\frac{1}{T_r \cdot \sigma}; \alpha_{34} = \frac{1}{\sigma}$$

$$\beta_{11} = \frac{1}{\sigma \cdot L_s}; \beta_{31} = -\frac{L_m}{L_s \cdot L_r \cdot \sigma}; T_s = \frac{L_s}{R_s};$$

$$T_r = \frac{L_r}{R_r}; \sigma = 1 - \frac{L_m^2}{L_s \cdot L_r}; K_{m1} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{z_p}{J} \cdot L_m;$$

$$K_{m2} = \frac{F}{J}; K_{m3} = \frac{1}{J}.$$

where: J – is the inertia moment of the rotor, F – is the friction coefficient; R_s - is the stator resistance; R_r - rotor resistance; L_s is the stator inductance; L_r is the rotor inductance; L_m is the mutual inductance; M_r is the resistant couple and z_p is the number of pole pairs of the induction machine.

Because the speed control system is nonlinear, for the determination of the transfer matrix the system will be linearized (44) around the balance point. [10] For the determination of the balance point the following nonlinear equation system will

be solved using Newton's method, for an imposed input vector and invariable in time.

$$f_i(x, u) = 0; i = 1 \dots 14 \quad (54)$$

The obtained balance point for the input vector u_N , formed from the nominal input values of the control system, will be marked with $b = [b_i]_{i=1,14}^T$.

Considering these conditions, the linearized system is:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d\Delta x}{dt} = A_L \cdot \Delta x + B_L \cdot \Delta u \\ \Delta y = C_L \cdot \Delta x \end{cases} \quad (55)$$

where:

$$A_L = \left[\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} (b, u_N) \right]_{i=1,14; j=1,14};$$

$$B_L = \left[\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_k} (b, u_N) \right]_{i=1,14; k=1,3};$$

$$C_L = [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

Going to Laplace transform in initial conditions null in expression (55) we may explain the transfer matrix of the control system in figure 3. [10]

$$G(s) = C_L \cdot [s \cdot I_{14} - A_L]^{-1} \cdot B_L \quad (56)$$

The transfer matrix (56) is composed of three transfer functions linking the output of the control system with the three inputs of the vector (46).

Within the design of the flow controller the used transfer function is the one that links the output of the system to the first element of the input vector. This transfer function will be noted as follows:

$$G_1(s) = \frac{\Delta \omega_r(s)}{\Delta \omega_r^*(s)} \quad (57)$$

The fixed part of the flow control system will be explained based on this transfer function. Therefore the transfer function of a small pipe ($L \cong D$) will be presented. [4]

$$G_2(s) = \frac{\Delta F(s)}{\Delta p(s)} = \frac{F_0}{T_p s + 1} = \frac{k_p}{T_p s + 1} \quad (58)$$

where: k_p is the amplification factor $k_p = 0.5$ and T_p is the delay constancy of the resistive tube:

$$T_p = \alpha \frac{AL}{F_0}; \quad A = \pi \left(\frac{D}{2} \right)^2; \quad \alpha = \frac{D}{f \cdot L} \quad (59)$$

In the last expression of relation (59), f is the coefficient of friction determined considering the Reynolds number.

Expression (58) is obtained following the linearization of the equation on a resistive tube based on Taylor's theory around the balance point $(F_0; \Delta P_0)$.

$$\begin{cases} \Delta P(t) = \Delta P_0 + \Delta(\Delta P(t)) = \Delta P_0 + \Delta p(t) \\ F(t) = F_0 + \Delta F(t) \end{cases} \quad (60)$$

As the flow transducers dynamically act as first order aperiodic systems we may say that the transfer function of the flow transducer is:

$$G_3(s) = \frac{F_r(s)}{F(s)} = \frac{k_T}{T_T s + 1} \quad (61)$$

where: k_T is the amplification factor and T_T is the delay constancy of the transducer. In the design of the flow controller, this constancy T_T is neglected because the it has a small value considering the time constancies dominated by the process.

Due to the fact that there is a difference between the flow and angular speed of the centrifugal pump actuating motor, there is a direct proportion, and we may say that the motor-pump ensemble is defined by the following transfer function:

$$G_{EE}(s) = \frac{F(s)}{\Delta \omega^*(s)} = K_{SP} \cdot G_1(s) \quad (62)$$

where: K_{SP} is the slope characteristic to flow-speed of the centrifugal pump.

In these conditions, the transfer function of the fix slope of the system is:

$$G_{PF}(s) = \frac{\Delta \omega^*(s)}{F_r(s)} = 2 \cdot K_{SP} \cdot G_1(s) \cdot G_2(s) \cdot G_3(s) \quad (63)$$

In the above mentioned relation the coefficient multiplying the slope of the flow-speed characteristic of the centrifugal pump appears due to

the equation defining the pressure drop on a resistive tube:

$$\Delta P = \frac{\rho F^2}{2\alpha A^2} \quad (64)$$

In these conditions the control system presented in figure 7 may have the following form:

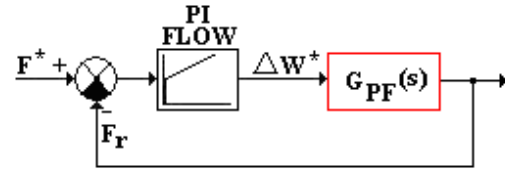


Fig. 7. Flow control system

In these conditions, based on the transfer function (63) and on the pole-zero repartition method the flow controller may be easily tuned.

5. Application

In order to give examples for what we have presented in the paper we will design an oil flow control system on a main pipe.

Thus, a main pipe will be considered with an internal diameter $D = 0.2 [m]$ and the flow transducer will be placed at a distance $L = 1 [m]$. A $20^\circ C$ oil operating temperature has been considered for the design. During the simulation, the technological pipeline is modelled on the basis of the notions presented in the papers [2], [8].

The centrifugal pump used is a LQRY 150-125-270 type pump manufactured by Shanghai Pate Pump MFG.CO. [12] with a maximum capacity of $400 [m^3/h]$.

The actuating motor used has the following electrical and mechanical parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} P_N &= 160 [kW]; \quad U_N = 400 [V]; \quad n_N = 1487 \left[\frac{\text{rot}}{\text{min}} \right]; \\ f_N &= 50 [Hz]; \quad z_p = 2; \quad R_s = 0.01379 [\Omega]; \\ R_r &= 0.007728 [\Omega]; \quad L_s = 0.007842 [H]; \\ L_r &= 0.007842 [H]; \quad L_m = 0.00769 [H]; \\ J &= 2.9 [Kg \cdot m^2]; \quad F = 0.05658 \left[\frac{N \cdot m \cdot s}{\text{rad}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

The length of the main pipe for the transport of petroleum product is equal to $1 [km]$.

For the design of the controllers from speed control systems the following values of the constants T_{d1}^* and T_{d2}^* have been used:

$$T_{d1}^* = 1[\text{msec}]; T_{d2}^* = 7.5[\text{msec}]. \quad (65)$$

Following the tuning of flow controller based on the described procedure in this paper the following values of the coefficients defining the controller have been obtained: $K_q = 5$; $T_q = 0.0005[\text{sec}]$.

For the simulation of flow control system with the modification of the speed of the centrifugal pump, for the flow F^* different values have been imposed, respectively 50, 80, 150 and 200 $[\text{m}^3/\text{h}]$. The simulation of the control system has used Matlab-Simulink software, and following the simulation the following graphs have been obtained:

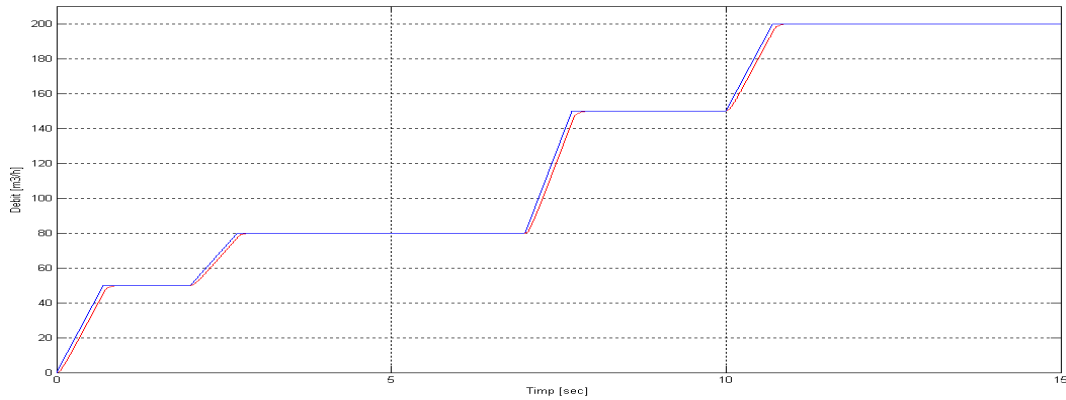


Fig. 8 Time proportioned flow variation

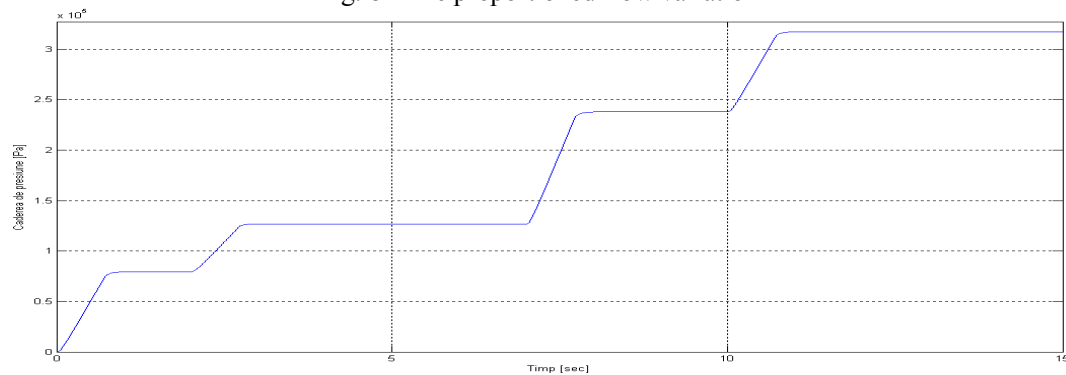


Fig. 9 Pressure drop variation on the pipe

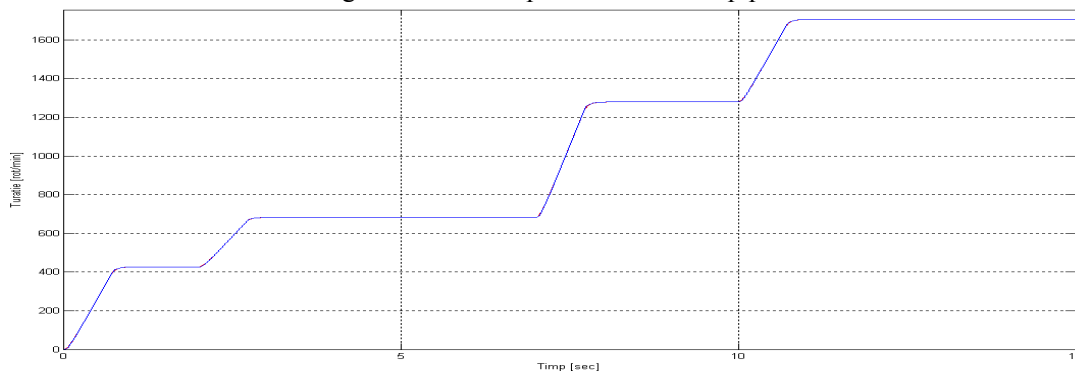


Fig. 10 Motor's speed time variation

Considering all the previously presented it is observed that the control system has a very good dynamics.

6 Conclusions

The used concepts and ideas in the design of the control system presented in the paper may be used and developed for other types of flow control systems as well.

Because of the real advantages of the sensorless control of speed and good dynamic control performances of the new control system we may say that implementing and using the system is a real advantage.

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