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- Closed loop control is when the firing angle is varied automatically by a controller to achieve a reference speed or torque
- This requires the use of sensors to feed back the actual motor speed and torque to be compared with the reference values



- Feedback loops may be provided to satisfy one or more of the following:
  - Protection
  - Enhancement of response fast response with small overshoot
  - Improve steady-state accuracy
- Variables to be controlled in drives:
  - Torque achieved by controlling current
  - Speed
  - Position

- Cascade control structure
  - Flexible outer loops can be added/removed depending on control requirements.
  - Control variable of inner loop (eg: speed, torque) can be limited by limiting its reference value
  - Torque loop is fastest, speed loop slower and position loop slowest



### • Cascade control structure:

- <u>Inner Torque (Current) Control Loop:</u>
  - Current control loop is used to control torque via armature current (*i<sub>a</sub>*) and maintains current within a safe limit



### Cascade control structure

- Speed Control Loop:
  - Ensures that the actual speed is always equal to reference speed  $\omega^{\ast}$
  - Provides fast response to changes in ω\*, T<sub>L</sub> and supply voltage (i.e. any transients are overcome within the shortest feasible time) without exceeding motor and converter capability



### Closed Loop Control with Controlled Rectifiers – Two-quadrant

Two-quadrant Three-phase Controlle
 Current
 Control Loop
 Rectifier



### Closed Loop Control with Controlled Rectifiers – Two-quadrant

- Actual motor speed  $\omega_m$  measured using the tachogenerator (Tach) is filtered to produce feedback signal  $\omega_{mr}$
- The reference speed  $\omega_r^*$  is compared to  $\omega_{mr}$  to obtain a speed error signal
- The <u>speed (PI) controller</u> processes the speed error and produces the torque command T<sub>e</sub>\*
- *T<sub>e</sub>*\* is limited by the limiter to keep within the safe current limits and the armature current command *i<sub>a</sub>*\* is produced
- $i_a^*$  is compared to actual current  $i_a$  to obtain a current error signal
- The <u>current (PI) controller</u> processes the error to alter the control signal v<sub>c</sub>
- $v_c$  modifies the firing angle  $\alpha$  to be sent to the converter to obtained the motor armature voltage for the desired motor operation speed

Closed Loop Control with Controlled Rectifiers – Two-quadrant

- Design of speed and current controller (gain and time constants) is <u>crucial</u> in meeting the dynamic specifications of the drive system
- Controller design procedure:
  - 1. Obtain the transfer function of all drive subsystems
    - a) DC Motor & Load
    - b) Current feedback loop sensor
    - c) Speed feedback loop sensor
  - 2. Design current (torque) control loop first
  - 3. Then design the speed control loop

# Transfer Function of Subsystems – DC Motor and Load

• Assume load is proportional to speed

$$T_L = B_L \omega_m$$

- DC motor has inner loop due to induced emf magnetic coupling, which is not physically seen
- This creates complexity in current control loop design



# Transfer Function of Subsystems – DC Motor and Load

• Need to split the DC motor transfer function between  $\omega_m$  and  $V_q$ 

$$\frac{\omega_{\rm m}(s)}{V_{\rm a}(s)} = \frac{\omega_{\rm m}(s)}{I_{\rm a}(s)} \cdot \frac{I_{\rm a}(s)}{V_{\rm a}(s)} \tag{1}$$

• where

$$\frac{\omega_{\rm m}(s)}{{\rm I}_{\rm a}(s)} = \frac{K_b}{B_t(1+sT_m)}$$

$$\frac{I_{a}(s)}{V_{a}(s)} = K_{1} \frac{(1 + sT_{m})}{(1 + sT_{1})(1 + sT_{2})}$$

• This is achieved through <u>redrawing of the DC motor and load block diagram</u>.

(2)

(3)

# Transfer Function of Subsystems – DC Motor and Load

• In (2),

- mechanical motor time constant:

$$T_m = \frac{J}{B_t} \tag{4}$$

- motor and load friction coefficient:  $B_t = B_1 + B_L$ 

• In (3),

$$K_1 = \frac{B_t}{K_b^2 + R_a B_t}$$
(6)

$$-\frac{1}{T_{1}}, -\frac{1}{T_{2}} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{R_{a}}{L_{a}} + \frac{B_{t}}{J} \right) \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{R_{a}}{L_{a}} + \frac{B_{t}}{J} \right)^{2} - \left( \frac{R_{a}B_{t}}{JL_{a}} + \frac{K_{b}^{2}}{JL_{a}} \right)}$$

Note:  $J = \text{motor inertia}, B_1 = \text{motor friction coefficient}, B_1 = \text{load friction coefficient}$ 

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### Transfer Function of Subsystems – Three-phase Converter

• Need to obtain linear relationship between control signal  $v_c$ and delay angle  $\alpha$  (i.e. using '<u>cosine wave crossing</u>' method)

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{v_c}{V_{cm}} \right) \tag{8}$$

where  $v_c$  = control signal (output of current controller)  $V_{cm}$  = maximum value of the control voltage

• Thus, dc output voltage of the three-phase converter

$$V_{dc} = \frac{3}{\pi} V_{\text{L-L},m} \cos \alpha = \frac{3}{\pi} V_{\text{L-L},m} \cos \left( \cos^{-1} \frac{v_c}{V_{cm}} \right) = \frac{3}{\pi} \frac{V_{\text{L-L},m}}{V_{cm}} v_c = K_r v_c$$
(9)

### Transfer Function of Subsystems – Three-phase Converter

Gain of the converter

$$K_{r} = \frac{3}{\pi} \frac{V_{\text{L-L},m}}{V_{cm}} = \frac{3}{\pi} \frac{\sqrt{2}V}{V_{cm}} = 1.35 \frac{V}{V_{cm}}$$
(10)

where V = rms line-to-line voltage <u>of 3-phase supply</u>

Converter also has a delay

$$T_r = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{60}{360} \times \frac{1}{f_s} = \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{1}{f_s}$$
(11)

where  $f_s$  = supply voltage frequency

Hence, the converter transfer function



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### Transfer Function of Subsystems – Current and Speed Feedback

#### • Current Feedback

- Transfer function:  $H_c$
- No filtering is required in most cases
- If filtering is required, a low pass-filter can be included (time constant < 1ms).

#### • Speed Feedback

• Transfer function:

$$G_{\omega}(s) = \frac{K_{\omega}}{(1 + sT_{\omega})}$$

(13)

where  $K_{\omega}$  = gain,  $T_{\omega}$  = time constant

- Most high performance systems use dc tacho generator and lowpass filter
- Filter time constant < 10 ms

### Design of Controllers – Block Diagram of Motor Drive



- Control loop design starts from inner (fastest) loop to outer(slowest) loop
  - Only have to solve for one controller at a time
  - Not all drive applications require speed control (outer loop)
  - Performance of outer loop depends on inner loop



 From the open loop gain, the system is of 4<sup>th</sup> order (due to 4 poles of system)

- If designing without computers, simplification is needed.
- Simplification 1:  $T_m$  is in order of 1 second. Hence,  $(1+sT_m) \cong sT_m$

Hence, the open loop gain function becomes:

$$GH_{o1}(s) = \left\{ \frac{K_{1}K_{c}K_{r}H_{c}}{T_{c}} \right\} \frac{(1+sT_{c})(1+sT_{m})}{s(1+sT_{1})(1+sT_{2})(1+sT_{r})}$$
$$\approx \left\{ \frac{K_{1}K_{c}K_{r}H_{c}}{T_{c}} \right\} \frac{(1+sT_{c})(sT_{m})}{s(1+sT_{1})(1+sT_{2})(1+sT_{r})}$$
$$GH_{o1}(s) \approx K \frac{(1+sT_{c})}{(1+sT_{1})(1+sT_{2})(1+sT_{r})} \text{ where } K = \frac{K_{1}K_{c}K_{r}H_{c}T_{m}}{T_{c}} (17)$$

i.e. system zero cancels the controller pole at origin.

(16)

• Relationship between the denominator time constants in (17):

$$T_r < T_2 < T_1$$

Simplification 2: Make controller time constant equal to T<sub>2</sub>

$$T_c = T_2 \tag{18}$$

Hence, the open loop gain function becomes:

$$GH_{ol}(s) \cong K \frac{(1+sT_c)}{(1+sT_1)(1+sT_2)(1+sT_r)}$$
$$\cong K \frac{(1+sT_2)}{(1+sT_1)(1+sT_2)(1+sT_r)}$$
$$GH_{ol}(s) \cong \frac{K}{(1+sT_1)(1+sT_r)} \text{ where } K = \frac{K_1K_cK_rH_cT_m}{T_c}$$
i.e. controller zero cancels one of the system poles.

 $T_{c}$ 

• After simplification, the final open loop gain function:

$$GH_{o1}(s) \cong \frac{K}{(1+sT_1)(1+sT_r)}$$
(19)  
$$\boxed{K = \frac{K_1 K_c K_r H_c T_m}{(20)}}$$

where

• From the closed loop transfer function:  $G_{cl}(s) = \frac{GH_{ol}(s)}{1+GH_{ol}(s)}$ , the closed loop characteristic equation is:

$$(1+sT_1)(1+sT_r)+K$$

or when expanded becomes:

$$\frac{1+ST_{r}+K}{T_{1}T_{r}\left\{s^{2}+s\left(\frac{T_{1}+T_{r}}{T_{1}T_{r}}\right)+\frac{K+1}{T_{1}T_{r}}\right\}}$$
 (21)

• Design the controller by comparing system characteristic equation (eq. 21) with the standard 2<sup>nd</sup> order system equation:  $s^2 + 2\zeta \omega_n s + \omega_n^2$ 



$$\zeta = \frac{\left(\frac{T_1 + T_r}{T_1 T_r}\right)}{2\sqrt{\frac{K+1}{T_1 T_r}}}$$
(23)

- So, for good dynamic performance ζ=0.707
  - Hence equating the damping ratio to 0.707 in (23) we get



#### Squaring the equation on both sides

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 $K + 1 = \frac{\left(\frac{T_1 + T_r}{T_1 T_r}\right)^2}{\frac{2}{T_1 T_r}} \Longrightarrow K + 1 = \left(\frac{T_1 + T_r}{T_1 T_r}\right)^2 X \frac{T_1 T_r}{2} \Longrightarrow K + 1 = \frac{\left(T_1 + T_r\right)^2}{2T_1 T_r}$ 

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An approximation K >> 1 &  $T_1 >> T_r$  Which leads to

$$K \cong \frac{T_1^2}{2T_1T_r} = \frac{T_1}{2T_r}$$

Equating above expression with (20) we get the gain of current controller

$$\frac{K_1 K_c K_r H_c T_m}{T_c} = \frac{T_1}{2T_r}$$

$$K_c = \frac{T_1 T_c}{2T_r} \left[ \frac{1}{K_1 K_r H_c T_m} \right]$$



### Design of Controllers-

### Current loop 1<sup>st</sup> order approximation

- To design the speed loop, the 2<sup>nd</sup> order model of current loop must be replaced with an approximate 1<sup>st</sup> order model
- Why?
- To reduce the order of the overall speed loop gain function



## Design of Controllers-Current loop 1<sup>st</sup> order approximation

Approximated by adding  $T_r$  to  $T_1 \Longrightarrow T_3 = \overline{T_1 + T_r}$ 





• After simplification, the final open loop gain function:

$$GH_{ol}(s) \cong \frac{K}{(1+sT_1)(1+sT_r)} = \frac{K}{1+s(T_1+T_r)+s^2T_1T_r} \quad \text{Where} \quad \left[ K = \frac{K_1K_cK_rT_m}{T_c} \right]$$
$$GH_{ol}(s) \cong \frac{K}{1+s(T_3)+s^2T_1T_r} \quad \text{Since} \quad \left[ T_1+T_r=T_3 \right]$$
$$\text{and since} \quad \left[ T_1 >> T_r \right] \quad \text{Therefore} \quad GH_{ol}(s) \cong \frac{K}{1+sT_3}$$

### Design of Controllers– Current loop 1<sup>st</sup> order approximation

where

$$T_{i} = \frac{T_{3}}{1 + K_{fi}}$$
(26)
$$K_{i} = \frac{K_{fi}}{H_{c}} \frac{1}{(1 + K_{fi})}$$
(27)
$$K_{fi} = \frac{K_{1}K_{c}K_{r}H_{c}T_{m}}{T_{c}}$$
(28)

- 1<sup>st</sup> order approximation of current loop used in speed loop design.
- If more accurate speed controller design is required, values of *K<sub>i</sub>* and *T<sub>i</sub>* should be obtained experimentally.



- PI type speed controller:  $G_s(s) = \frac{K_s(1 + sT_s)}{sT_s}$
- Assume there is <u>unity</u> speed feedback:

$$\mathbf{G}_{\omega}(\mathbf{s}) = \frac{H_{\omega}}{\left(1 + sT_{\omega}\right)} = 1$$

(30)



- Open loop gain function:  $GH(s) = \left\{ \frac{K_B K_s K_i}{B_t T_s} \right\} \frac{(1 + sT_s)}{s(1 + sT_i)(1 + sT_m)}$ (31)
- From the loop gain, the system is of 3<sup>rd</sup> order.
- If designing without computers, simplification is needed.

# Design of Controllers-

Speed Controller Relationship between the denominator time constants in (31): T < T

$$T_i < T_m \tag{32}$$

• Hence, design the speed controller such that:

$$T_s = T_m \tag{33}$$

The open loop gain function becomes:

•

$$GH(s) = \left\{ \frac{K_B K_s K_i}{B_t T_s} \right\} \frac{(1+sT_s)}{s(1+sT_i)(1+sT_m)}$$
$$\approx \left\{ \frac{K_B K_s K_i}{B_t T_s} \right\} \frac{(1+sT_m)}{s(1+sT_i)(1+sT_m)}$$
$$GH(s) \approx \frac{K_{\omega}}{s(1+sT_i)} \text{ where } K_{\omega} = \frac{K_B K_s K_i}{B_t T_s}$$

i.e. controller zero cancels one of the system poles. Solid State Drives

### **Design of Controllers**– **Speed Controller**

After simplification, loop gain function: 

$$GH(s) \cong \frac{K_{\omega}}{s(1+sT_i)}$$
(34)  
$$\overline{K_{\omega}} = \frac{K_B K_s K_i}{B_t T_s}$$
(35)

where

- The controller is now of 2<sup>nd</sup> order.
- From the closed loop transfer function:  $G_{cl}(s) = \frac{GH(s)}{1+GH(s)}$ , the closed loop characteristic equation is:

$$s(1+sT_i)+K_{\omega}$$

or when expanded becomes:

$$\frac{+K_{\omega}}{\left[T_{i}\left\{s^{2}+s\left(\frac{1}{T_{i}}\right)+\frac{K_{\omega}}{T_{i}}\right\}\right]}$$
 (36)

### Design of Controllers– Speed Controller

• Design the controller by comparing system characteristic equation with the standard equation:

 $s^2 + 2\zeta \omega_n s + \omega_n^2$ 

• Hence:

$$2\zeta\omega_n =$$

 $\omega_n$ 

(37)

(38)

- So, for a given value of *ζ*:
  - use (37) to calculate  $\omega_n$
  - Then use (38) to calculate the controller gain  $K_s$

- Motor operation above base speed requires field weakening
- Field weakening obtained by varying field winding voltage using controlled rectifier in:
  - single-phase or
  - three-phase
- Field current has no ripple due to large L<sub>f</sub>
- Converter time lag negligible compared to field time constant
- Consists of two additional control loops on field circuit:
  - Field current control loop (inner)
  - Induced emf control loop (outer)





• The estimated machine-induced emf is obtained from:

$$e = V_a - R_a i_a + L_a \frac{di_a}{dt}$$

(the estimated emf is machine-parameter sensitive and must be adaptive)

- The reference induced emf  $e^*$  is compared to e to obtain the induced emf error signal (for speed above base speed,  $e^*$  kept constant at rated emf value so that  $\phi \propto 1/\omega$ )
- The <u>induced emf (PI) controller</u> processes the error and produces the field current reference i<sub>f</sub>\*
- $i_f^*$  is limited by the limiter to keep within the safe field current limits
- $i_f^*$  is compared to actual field current  $i_f$  to obtain a current error signal
- The <u>field current (PI) controller</u> processes the error to alter the control signal v<sub>cf</sub> (similar to armature current i<sub>a</sub> control loop)
- $v_{cf}$  modifies the firing angle  $\alpha_f$  to be sent to the converter to obtained the motor field voltage for the desired motor field flux

### Closed Loop Control with Controlled Rectifiers – Four-quadrant

• Four-quadrant Three-phase Controlled Rectifier DC Motor Drives Converter-1



### Closed Loop Control with Controlled Rectifiers – Four-quadrant

- Control very similar to the two-quadrant dc motor drive.
- Each converter must be energized depending on quadrant of operation:
  - Converter 1 for forward direction / rotation
  - Converter 2 for reverse direction / rotation
- Changeover between Converters 1 & 2 handled by monitoring
  - Speed
  - Current-command
  - Zero-crossing current signals



- 'Selector' block determines which converter has to operate by assigning pulse-control signals
- Speed and current loops shared by both converters
- Converters switched only when current in outgoing converter is zero (i.e. does not allow circulating current. One converter is on at a time.)

### DC Motor and Load Transfer Function -Decoupling of Induced EMF Loop

• Step 1:





### DC Motor and Load Transfer Function -Decoupling of Induced EMF Loop







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### Design of Controllers– Current loop 1<sup>st</sup> order approximation



Design a speed-controlled dc motor drive maintaining the field flux constant. The motor parameters and ratings are as follows:

220 V, 8.3 A, 1470 rpm,  $R_a = 4 \Omega$ ,  $J = 0.0607 \text{ kg} - m_2$ ,  $L_a = 0.072 \text{ H}$ ,  $B_t = 0.0869 \text{ N} \cdot \text{m} / \text{rad/sec}$ ,  $K_b = 1.26 \text{ V/rad/sec}$ .

The converter is supplied from 230V, 3-phase ac at 60 Hz. The converter is linear, and its maximum control input voltage is  $\pm 10$  V. The tachogenerator has the transfer function  $G_{\omega}(s) = \frac{0.065}{(1 + 0.002s)}$ . The speed reference voltage has a maximum of 10V. The maximum current permitted in the motor is 20 A.

Solution (i) Converter transfer function:

Go to  

$$K_r = \frac{1.35 \text{ V}}{V_{cm}} = \frac{1.35 \times 230}{10} = 31.05 \text{ V/V}$$
 $\frac{220}{310.5} x 10 = 7.09$ 
 $V_{dc}(max) = 310.5 \text{ V}$ 

The rated dc voltage required is 220 V, which corresponds to a control voltage of 7.09 V. The transfer function of the converter is

$$G_t(s) = \frac{31.05}{(1 + 0.00138s)} V/V$$

(ii) Current transducer gain: The maximum safe control voltage is 7.09 V, and this has to correspond to the maximum current error:

$$i_{max} = 20 \text{ A}$$
  
 $H_c = \frac{7.09}{I_{max}} = \frac{7.09}{20} = 0.355 \text{ V/A}$ 

(iii) Motor transfer function:

$$K_{1} = \frac{B_{t}}{K_{b}^{2} + R_{a}B_{t}} = \frac{0.0869}{1.26^{2} + 4 \times 0.0869} = 0.0449$$

$$-\frac{1}{T_{1}}, -\frac{1}{T_{2}} = -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{B_{t}}{J} + \frac{R_{a}}{L_{a}} \right] \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{B_{t}}{J} + \frac{R_{a}}{L_{a}} \right)^{2} - \left( \frac{K_{b}^{2} + R_{a}B_{t}}{JL_{a}} \right)}$$

$$T_{1} = 0.1077 \text{ sec}$$

$$T_{2} = 0.0208 \text{ sec}$$

$$T_{m} = \frac{J}{B_{t}} = 0.7 \text{ sec}$$

The subsystem transfer functions are

$$\frac{I_{a}(s)}{V_{a}(s)} = K_{1} \frac{(1 + sT_{m})}{(1 + sT_{1})(1 + sT_{2})} = \frac{0.0449(1 + 0.7s)}{(1 + 0.0208s)(1 + 0.1077s)}$$
$$\frac{\omega_{m}(s)}{I_{a}(s)} = \frac{K_{b}/B_{t}}{(1 + sT_{m})} = \frac{14.5}{(1 + 0.7s)}$$

(iv) Design of current controller:

<u>Go</u>

T<sub>c</sub> = T<sub>2</sub> = 0.0208 sec  
K = 
$$\frac{T_1}{2T_r} = \frac{0.1077}{2 \times 0.001388} = 38.8$$
  
K<sub>c</sub> =  $\frac{KT_c}{K_1 H_c K_r T_m} = \frac{38.8 \times 0.0208}{0.0449 \times 0.355 \times 31.05 \times 0.7} = 2.33$ 

#### (v) Current-loop approximation:

$$\frac{I_a(s)}{I_a^*(s)} = \frac{K_i}{(1+sT_i)}$$

where

$$K_{i} = \frac{K_{fi}}{H_{c}} \cdot \frac{1}{(1 + K_{fi})}$$

$$K_{fi} = \frac{K_{c}K_{r}K_{1}T_{m}H_{c}}{T_{c}} = 38.8$$

$$\therefore K_{i} = \frac{27.15}{28.09} \cdot \frac{1}{0.355} = 2.75$$

$$T_{i} = \frac{T_{3}}{1 + K_{fi}} = \frac{0.109}{1 + 38.8} = 0.0027 \text{ sec}$$

(vi) Speed-controller design:

$$T_{4} = T_{i} + T_{\omega} = 0.0027 + 0.002 = 0.0047 \text{ sec}$$

$$K_{i2} = \frac{K_{i}K_{b}H_{\omega}}{B_{t}T_{m}} = \frac{2.75 \times 1.26 \times 0.065}{0.0869 \times 0.7} = 3.70$$

$$K_{s} = \frac{1}{2K_{2}T_{4}} = \frac{1}{2 \times 3.70 \times 0.0047} = 28.73$$

$$T_{s} = 4T_{4} = 4 \times 0.0047 = 0.0188 = \text{sec}$$