

Fuzzy and PI Controller based Load Frequency Control of Thermal -Hydro Power System

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Abstract: This paper deals with Load Frequency Control of two area thermal-hydro system with conventional PI Controller and Fuzzy Logic Controller. The simulation is realized by using Matlab/Simulink software. The investigation revealed that the Fuzzy Logic Controller performs better than the conventional PI Controller.

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1. Introduction

Automatic Generation Control (AGC) or Load Frequency Control (LFC) is a very important issue in power systems for supplying reliable electric power with good quality [1, 2]. For successful operation of interconnected power system total generation should be equal to the total load demand plus system losses. A sudden load change in any area of interconnected power system causes the deviation of frequencies of all the areas. The main objectives of AGC are to maintain the megawatt output and the nominal frequency in an interconnected power system [3, 4]. Different types of control techniques such as classical control, variable structure control and robust control have been applied to the LFC problem [5]. Conventional PI controller is simpler for implementation but its settling time is more and it produces large frequency deviation. As an alternative to conventional PI controller, Fuzzy Logic Controller has been widely used for nonlinear and complex systems. This paper presents the performance of two area interconnected thermal hydro system with conventional PI and FL Controllers. Simulation results show that the FLC greatly reduces the overshoot and settling time.

II. Two Areas Power System (Thermal-Hydro)

In a two area system, two single areas are connected through a tie line. Each area is represented by an equivalent set of turbine, generator and governor. Symbol used with suffix 1 refer to area 1 and those with suffix 2 to area 2. Each area feeds its user pool, and the tie line allows electric power to flow between the areas. In the primary LFC loop, a change in the system load will result in a steady state frequency deviation, depending on the governor speed regulation. In order to reduce the frequency deviation to zero, we must provide a reset action. The reset action can be achieved by introducing an integral controller to act on the load reference setting to change the speed set point. The integral controller increases the system type by 1 which forces frequency deviation to zero. The LFC system, with the addition of the secondary loop, is shown in figure (1). The integral controller gain K_i must be adjusted for a satisfactory transient response.

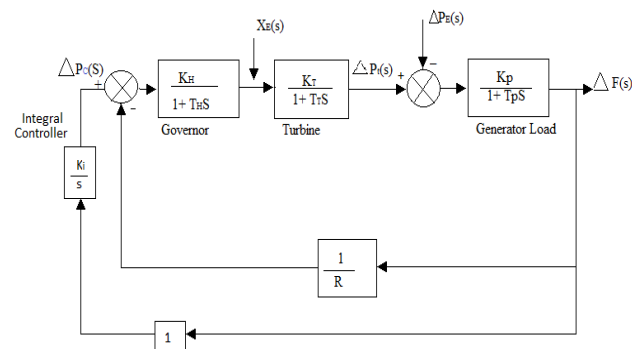


Fig.1 Block Diagram Model of Single Area Power System with PI Controller

$$\Delta F(s) = - \frac{Kp}{(1 + TpS) + \left(\frac{1}{R} + \frac{Ki}{S}\right) \times \frac{Kp}{(1 + TH)(1 + TtS)}} \times \frac{\Delta PD}{S}$$

$$= \frac{-RKpS(1 + THS)(1 + TtS)}{S(1 + THS)(1 + TtS)(1 + TpS)R + KP(KiR + S)} \times \frac{\Delta PD}{S} \dots\dots (1)$$

And we know that

$$\Delta f|_{steady\ state} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \Delta F(s) = 0 \dots\dots (2)$$

Hence by using the integral controller the steady state change in frequency has been reduced to zero. Δf reaches steady state only when ΔP_C = ΔP_E = constant.

In a given control area, the change in frequency is known as Area Control Error (ACE). Using above equations, the changes in the tie- line power and frequency of each area converge to zero under steady state condition.

III. Fuzzy Logic Controller

Conventional Proportional plus Integral Controller (PI) provides zero steady state frequency deviation, but it exhibits poor dynamic performance (such as more number of oscillation and more settling time), especially in the presence of parameters variation and non-linearity [7]. If the system robustness and reliability are more important, Fuzzy Logic Controllers can be more useful in solving a wide range of control problems since conventional controllers are slower and also less efficient in nonlinear system applications [6].

Fuzzy logic controller has following stages-

- (i) Fuzzification (ii) Knowledge base
- (iii) Decision making logic (iv) Defuzzification interface

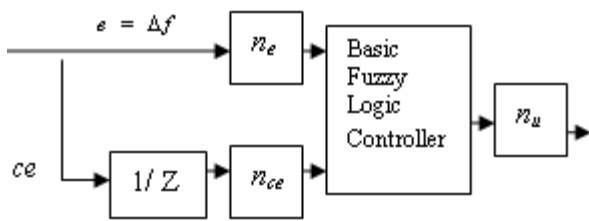


Fig.2 Block Diagram of Fuzzy Logic Controller

(i) Fuzzification

- (a) Measure the values of input variables

- (b) Performs the function of fuzzification that converts input into suitable linguistic values.

(ii) Knowledge Base

It consists of data base and linguistic control rule base.

- (a) The database provides necessary definitions, which are used to define linguistic control rules and fuzzy data, manipulation in an FLC.
- (b) The rule base characterizes the control goals and control policy of the domain experts by means of set of linguistic control rules.

(iii) Decision Making Logic

It is the kernel of an FLC; it has the capability of simulating human decision making based on fuzzy concepts and of inferring fuzzy control actions employing fuzzy implication and the rules of inference in fuzzy logic.

(iv) Defuzzification

Defuzzification yields a non-fuzzy control action from an inferred fuzzy control action.

The error 'e' and change in error 'ce' are inputs of FLC. Two input signals are converted to fuzzy number first using fuzzifier using five membership functions: Positive Big (PB), Positive Medium (PM), Zero (ZE), Negative Big (NB), Negative Medium (NM).

Fuzzy logic control utilizes the fuzzy set theory where infinite number of memberships is allowed. In this paper triangular membership functions are used. In this study, 25 rules are used. The fuzzy set rules are given in Table 1. For converting linguistic variables to crisp values, defuzzification process is used using normalized membership functions and output gains.

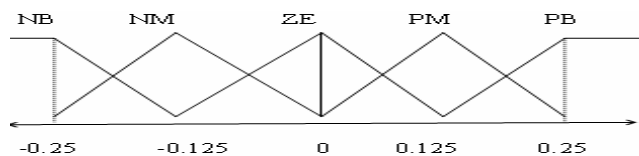


Fig.3 Membership Function for the Control Input Variables

Input	e(k)					
c _e (k)		NB	NM	ZE	PM	PB
	NB	NB	NB	NM	NM	ZE
	NM	NB	NB	ZM	ZE	ZE
	ZE	NM	NM	ZE	PM	PM
	PM	ZE	PM	PM	PB	PB
PB	ZE	ZE	PM	PB	PB	

Table 1 Fuzzy Logic Rules for Proposed Controller

IV. Simulation and Result

In this work, Thermal- Hydro interconnected power system is considered with PI controller and Fuzzy Logic Controller. The parameters are used for simulation are given in appendix. The simulink models developed are shown in the Figures (Figure-4 and Figure-6).

For model given in Figure-4, frequency deviation (Δf) plot of Thermal – Hydro system for 1% step load increase (Figures 5) indicates that the steady state error is zero and the settling time for Thermal and Hydro system are 23 sec and 17 sec respectively. The maximum peak overshoot for Thermal and Hydro system are 0.03pu and 0.02pu respectively.

With 1%(0.01pu) step load increase in Thermal-Hydro system with Fuzzy Logic Controller (Figure-6), the steady state error is minimized to zero with settling time nearly of 15 sec (Figure-7). The maximum peak overshoot for both Thermal and Hydro area reduced to zero.

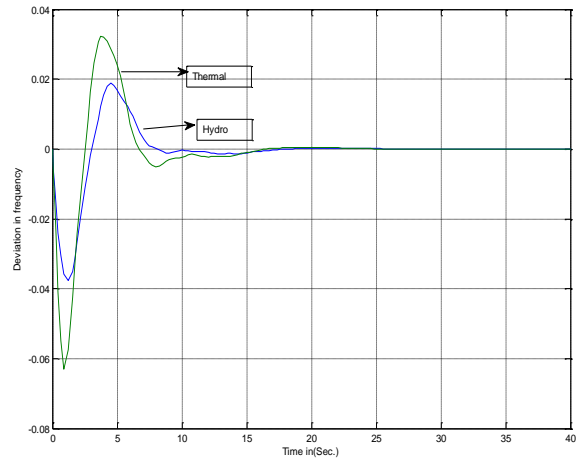


Fig.5 Frequency Deviation of Two Area Thermal- Hydro System with PI Controller

Frequency deviation of a two area Thermal – Hydro power system with PI controller is shown in Figure 7 and there is no steady state error in the response.

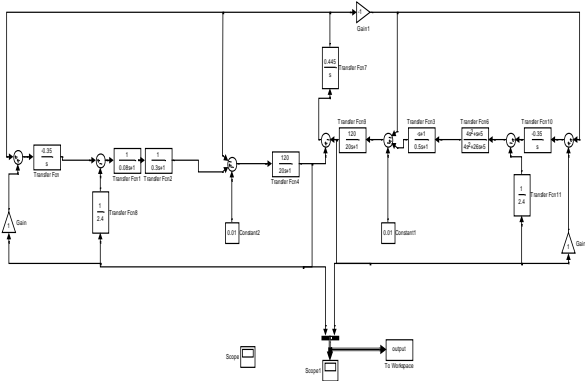


Fig.4 Simulink Model of Thermal Hydro Plant with PI Controller

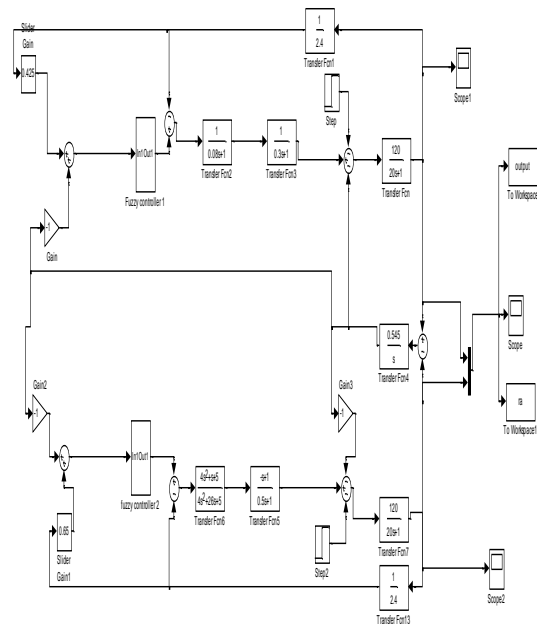


Fig.6 Simulink Model of Thermal-Hydro Fuzzy System

	Peak Overshoot (pu)		Settling Time(sec)	
	Thermal	Hydro	Thermal	Hydro
Two area				
Thermal – Hydro PI Controller	0.03	0.02	23	17
Thermal – Hydro Fuzzy Logic Controller	0	0	15	15

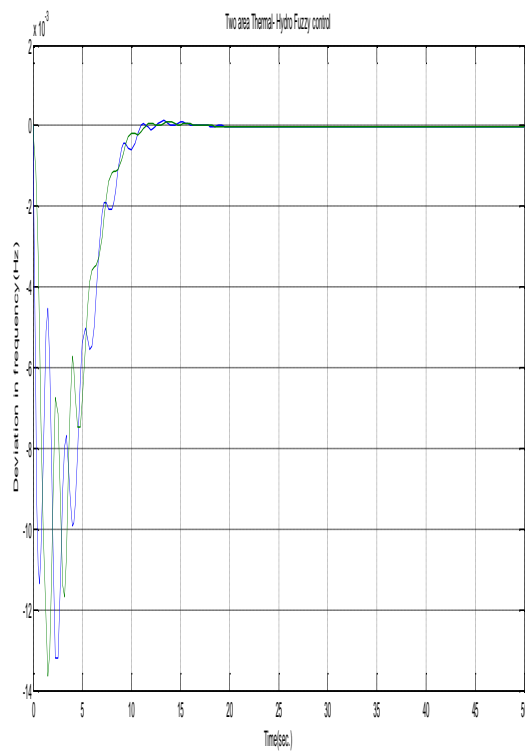


Fig.7 Frequency Deviation of Two Area Thermal-Hydro System with Fuzzy Controller

4. Conclusion

The implementation of the proposed Fuzzy Logic Controller provides better dynamic performance and reduces the oscillation of the frequency deviation as compared to the conventional PI controller, with 1% (0.01p.u) step load increment in power system.

Appendix

The various parameters used are as follows.

$f = 50$ Hz,
 $R_1 = R_2 = 2.4$ Hz/ per unit MW,
 $T_G = 0.08$ sec, $T_{p1} = T_{p2} = 20$ sec,
 $P_{tiemax} = 200$ MW,
 $T_r = 10$ sec, $kr = 0.5$,
 $T_t = 0.3$ sec, $K_{p1} = K_{p2} = 120$ Hz.p.u/MW,
 $K_d = 4.0$,
 $K_{i1} = K_{i2} = 0.35$,
 $T_w = 1.0$ sec,
 $T_{12} = 0.0867$ p.u.MW/Hz

Where, T_t : Turbine time constant, T_G : Governor Time constant, T_p : Power system time constant, R : Regulation parameter, K_p : Power system gain, T_{12} : Synchronizing coefficient, B : Frequency bias parameter, PD : load disturbance, K_i : Integration gain

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