A Novel Rotor and Stator Magnetic Fields Direct-Orthogonalized Vector Control Scheme for the PMSM Servo System

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Abstract: Permanent Magnet Synchronous motor (PMSM) has received widespread acceptance in recent years. In this paper, a new rotor and stator Magnetic Fields Direct-Orthogonalized Vector Control (MFDOVC) scheme is proposed for PMSM servo system. This method simplified the complex calculation of traditional vector control, a part of the system resource is economized. At the same time, through the simulation illustration validation, the performance of PMSM servo system with the proposed MFDOVC scheme can achieve the same with the complex traditional vector control method, but much simpler calculation is implemented using the proposed method. Copyright © 2014 IFSA Publishing, S. L.

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1. Introduction

Permanent magnet synchronous motor (PMSM) has received widespread acceptance in high performance industrial servo applications of accurate speed and position control due to some of its excellent features such as super power density, high torque to current ratio, fast response and better accuracy, high frequency and low noise [1-7]. For PMSM drives, in the mid-1980s, the direct torque control (DTC) was developed to control torque and flux by directly choosing the configuration of the inverter [8]. It requires flux and torque estimators, torque and flux errors are used as inputs to hysteresis controllers and a look-up table is used to determine the appropriate configuration to minimize torque and flux errors [9]. The advantages of DTC are low dependence to machine parameters and a faster dynamic torque response [10]. However, to keep the electromagnetic torque and the flux inside hysteresis bands, a very short run-time is required for computation (generally 10 μs). Furthermore, hysteresis controllers induce a variable switching frequency which can lead to acoustic noise and is generally not suitable for electromagnetic interference issues.

The classical control technique for PMSM is the Field-oriented vector control [11, 12], this traditional vector control does not take into account the inverter switching states because the outputs of the controller are the continuous voltages applied to the motor [13]. A pulse width modulation (PWM) technique can be used to translate these voltages into the switching states of the inverter.
In this paper, a new rotor and stator Magnetic Fields Direct-Orthogonalized Vector Control (MFDOVC) scheme is proposed for PMSM servo system. This method simplified the complex calculation of traditional vector control, a part of the system resource is economized. At the same time, through the simulation illustration validation, the performance of PMSM servo system with the proposed MFDOVC scheme can achieve the same with the complex traditional vector control method but with much simpler calculation.

The major contributions of this paper include:
1) A new rotor and stator magnetic fields direct-orthogonalized vector control scheme;
2) Calculation comparison between the traditional vector control and the proposed MFDOVC;
3) Simulation illustration of the MFDOVC scheme for the PMSM drive model;
4) Performance comparison between the traditional vector control and the proposed MFDOVC by performing the simulation experiment.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Sec. 2, the mathematic model of the PMSM is introduced briefly and in Sec. 3, the new orthogonal magnets vector control scheme is presented and compared with the traditional vector control method. Simulation and tests are implemented in Sec. 4, the performances using the proposed OMVC are compared with the traditional vector control for the PMSM servo system. Conclusion is given in Sec. 5.

2. PMSM Model and Schematic Diagram of the PMSM Drive

Under the assumption that the saturation, eddy currents and hysteresis losses are negligible in a permanent magnetic (PM) synchronous motor [14], the mechanical equations and electrical equations of a PMSM in the synchronous rotating reference frame are given by

\[
\frac{d\theta}{dt} = \omega, \quad \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \frac{1}{J}(T_m - T_l - B\omega),
\]

\[
\frac{di_d}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_d}(V_d + \omega L_q i_q - R i_d - \omega \psi_{qmu}),
\]

\[
\frac{di_q}{dt} = \frac{1}{L_q}(V_q - \omega L_d i_d - R i_q - \omega \psi_{dmu}),
\]

where (1) represents the mechanical subsystem, and equations (2) and (3) represent the electrical subsystem. \( \theta \) and \( \omega \) are motor rotor angular position and speed, respectively; \( B \) is the friction coefficient; \( J \) is the moment of inertia of the rotor; \( T_m \) is the motor electromagnetic torque generated, and \( T_l \) is the load torque applied; \( i_d \) and \( i_q \) are stator currents along the \( d \) and \( q \) axes, respectively; \( V_d \) and \( V_q \) are the voltages along \( d \) and \( q \) axes, respectively; \( R \) is the stator resistance; \( L_d \) and \( L_q \) are the stator self-inductances in the \( d \) and \( q \) axes, respectively.

The PMSM is modeled by continuous state equations written in a rotor flux reference frame. For these state equations, there are a finite number of control vectors, eight switching states of the inverter. The simplified schematic diagram of the PMSM drive is composed of a permanent magnet synchronous machine and a two-level voltage inverter as shown in Fig. 1.

3. Traditional Vector Control and the Rotor and Stator Magnetic Fields Direct-Orthogonalized Vector Control for the PMSM Servo System

3.1. Traditional Vector Control for PMSM Servo System

1) Speed Closed-Loop Control: Fig. 2 shows the control structure of system model with the speed and current closed loops. The speed reference is given, we can get the rotor angular information as the position feedback from the optical encoder of the PMSM module, and the derivative of the rotor angle is the speed feedback, then the speed closed-loop control can be performed. The speed and current (detailed current closed-loop control is introduced in 3.2 are both adjusted by PID control strategy. The setting of the controllers’ parameters is not the focus of this paper. The following procedures are followed during the initial controller parameter setting.

- Firstly, tune the current loop to make sure that \( I_{dcl} \) and \( I_{qcl} \) can follow \( I_{dref} \) and \( I_{qref} \) as quickly as possible.
- Secondly, tune the speed loop to achieve the tradeoff between the response time and the overshoot of speed step response.
2) Current Closed-Loop Control: In the inner current closed-loop, $i_{dref}$ is given as 0, $i_{qref}$ is obtained from the speed PID controller; then the stator line currents $i_s$ and $i_p$ are measured and the following coordinate transformations between stationary $A-B-C$ frame, stationary $\alpha-\beta$ frame and synchronously rotating $d-q$ frame [15] are performed.

- “Clark block”: Stationary $A-B-C$ frame to stationary $\alpha-\beta$ frame.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
i_{\alpha} \\
i_{\beta}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
\sqrt{3} \\ \sqrt{2} \\
0 \\ \sqrt{2}
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
i_A \\
i_B
\end{bmatrix}
\]

- “Park block”: Stationary $\alpha-\beta$ frame to rotating $d-q$ frame.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
i_d \\
i_q
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
\cos \theta_r & \sin \theta_r \\
-\sin \theta_r & \cos \theta_r
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
i_{\alpha} \\
i_{\beta}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

- “I-Park block”: Rotating $d-q$ frame to stationary $\alpha-\beta$ frame.

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
V_{\alpha} \\
V_{\beta}
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
\cos \theta_r & -\sin \theta_r \\
\sin \theta_r & \cos \theta_r
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
V_d \\
V_q
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Then the current closed-loop control can be performed, the current PID controller is introduced in III-A1. Clearly, referring to Fig. 2, the PMSM will be decoupled if the control $i_d = 0$ and we can control a PMSM as easily as a DC motor. The electrical and mechanical equations of PMSM are written as (1)-(3).

3) Space Vector Pulse Width Modulation (SVPWM): SVPWM is a special switching scheme of a 3-phase power converter with six power transistors. As shown in Fig. 3, the SVPWM technique is applied to approximate the reference voltage $U_o$, and it combines with the eight basic space vectors [15]. Therefore, the motor voltage vector $U_o$ will be located at one of the six sectors (S1, S2, S3, S4, S5 and S6) at any given time. Thus, for any PWM period, it can be approximated by the vector sum of two vector components lying on the two adjacent basic vectors [16].

3.2. The Rotor and Stator Magnetic Fields Direct-Orthogonalized Vector Control (MFDOVC) for PMSM Servo System

1) The Central Principle of the MFDOVC: For the proposed MFDOVC method for PMSM drive, the key idea is that, only if the magnetic fields of the stator and rotor can be ensured to orthogonalize each other directly, then the torque of the PMSM can be controlled by modulating the currents of the stator, just like controlling a DC motor. As shown the torque equation in (4),

\[
T = F_i F_r \sin \theta ,
\]
where \( F_s \) is the magnetometive force vector of the stator, and \( F_r \) is the magnetometive force vector of the rotor which is constant because the rotor is the permanent magnet, \( \theta \) is the angle between the two magnetometive force vectors.

In the stator frame, the space position of the vector \( F_r \) can be measured by the optical encoder of the PMSM, and the space position of the vector \( F_s \) can be calculated which will be introduced in the following sections. So, only need to keep these two magnetometive force vectors, namely the two synthetical current vectors of the stator and rotor, orthogonal directly, that is to say \( \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} \). Thus, the variables and parameters represented in the stator frame do not need to be transformed into those in the synchronous reference frame and transformed back to control the real stator currents, so the calculation is simplified and a part of the resource is saved for the PMSM servo system. For the calculation comparison with the proposed MFDOVC scheme, the previous work [16] can be referred for the traditional vector control calculation details.

As shown in Fig. 4, the three phase currents of the PMSM is synthesized into one synthetical current vector is, then the amplitude \( |s_i| \) of the vector is \( i_s \) compared with the reference current vector amplitude \( |r| \), which is calculated by the PI controller in the speed closed-loop. Referring to the tradition vector control, because the \( d \) axis reference current assigned as zero, so the \( q \) axis reference current vector stands for the synthetical reference current vector. Thus, the output of the speed closed-loop PI controller is used to be the reference current vector \( i^* \) in the proposed MFDOVC scheme.

Fig. 4. The synthetical current vector for three phase current vector in the stator A-B-C reference frame.

For the realization of the PMSM drive, we also use the space vector pulse width modulation (SVPWM) scheme as in the traditional vector control. But the inputs of the parameters calculation module for the SVPWM are not the \( d \) axis and the \( q \) axis voltage output references; instead, the amplitude and the phase of the voltage output vector are calculated for the SVPWM module, the amplitude \( U_o \) as shown in Fig. 4 can be obtained from the output of the PI controller in the current closed-loop, and the phase can be calculated from another PI controller which will be introduced in section 3.2.

2) Calculation for the Amplitude of the Output Voltage Vector: in Fig. 5, it can be seen that, only two phases currents of the stator are measured, the third phase current can be calculated, }

\[
|s_i| = -(|i_A| + |i_B|),
\]

so the three phase currents \( i_A, i_B \) and \( i_C \) can be fixed in the static stator A-B-C reference frame as shown in Fig. 4, and adding the three current vectors in the space,

\[
i_s = i_A + i_B + i_C = |i_A|e^{j\theta_A} + |i_B|e^{j\theta_B} + |i_C|e^{j\theta_C},
\]

where \( |i_A|, |i_B|, |i_C|, \theta_A, \theta_B \) and \( \theta_C \) are the amplitudes and phases of the three current vectors \( i_A, i_B \) and \( i_C \).

Fig. 5. The MFDOVC for PMSM Servo System.

The synthetical feedback current vector \( i_s \) can be obtained,

\[
i_s = |i_s|e^{j\theta_s},
\]

\[
|i_s| = \sqrt{|i_A|^2 + |i_B|^2},
\]

\[
\theta_s = \arccos\left(\frac{i_A}{\sqrt{|i_A|^2 + |i_B|^2}}\right),
\]

where \( |i_s| \) and \( \theta_s \) are the amplitudes and phases of the three current vectors \( i_A, i_B \) and \( i_C \) are the two current vector in static stator \( \alpha - \beta \) reference frame [16].

As \( \theta_A = 0^\circ, \theta_B = 120^\circ \) and \( \theta_C = 240^\circ \),
\[ |i_e| = |\dot{i}_e| - \frac{1}{2}(|i_{\phi}| + |\dot{i}_c|) \]  \hspace{1cm} (10)  

\[ |i_{\phi}| = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}(|i_{\phi}| - |\dot{i}_c|) \]  \hspace{1cm} (11)  

Submitting (10), (11) and (5) into (8), yield,

\[ |i_e| = \sqrt{|i_{\phi}|^2 + |\dot{i}_c|^2 + |i_{\phi}|^2} \]  \hspace{1cm} (12)  

\[ \theta_s = \arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}|i_{\phi}|}{|i_{\phi}| + 2|i_{\phi}|}\right) \]  \hspace{1cm} (13)  

The reference current vector amplitude \( |i^*| \) is calculated from the PI controller in the speed closed-loop, then the voltage output vector amplitude \( |U_o| \) can be obtained,

\[ |U_o| = K_{p2}|e_{i1}| + \int_0^t K_{i2}e_{i1}dt, \]  \hspace{1cm} (14)  

where \( K_{p2} \) and \( K_{i2} \) are the parameters of the first PI2 controller in the current closed-loop.

3) Calculation for the Phase of the Output Voltage Vector: As shown in Fig. 5, in state stator A-B-C reference frame, the position angle \( \theta_r \) of the rotor \( d \) axis can be measured by the optical encoder, and the position angle \( \theta_s \) of the synthetical current vector can be calculated in (13), the position angle of the reference current \( i^* \) is \( (\frac{\pi}{2} + \theta_s) \), thus the voltage output vector phase \( \theta_o \) can be obtained with the saturation \( \pm 0.035 \) rad,

\[ e_{\theta} = \frac{\pi}{2} + \theta_r - \theta_s, \]  \hspace{1cm} (16)  

\[ \theta_o = \theta_o + \frac{\pi}{2}, \]  \hspace{1cm} (18)  

where \( K_{p3} \) and \( K_{i3} \) are the parameters of the second PI3 controller in the current closed-loop.

4) Implementation of the Space Vector Pulse Width Modulation (SVPWM): As mentioned in the tradition vector control, SVPWM is a special switching scheme of a 3-phase power converter with six power transistors, which is shown in Fig. 1. The SVPWM implementation of the proposed MFDOVC is introduced as follow:

- Step-1: Determination of the sector by lookup in the Table 1.

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\[ \frac{T_x |U_x|}{\sin(60^\circ - \theta_o)} = \frac{U_o}{\sin 120^\circ} \]  \hspace{1cm} (20)  

\[ \frac{T_y |U_y|}{\sin \theta_o} = \frac{U_o}{\sin 120^\circ} \]  \hspace{1cm} (21)  

Meanwhile,

\[ |U_x| = |U_y| = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}U_D, \]  \hspace{1cm} (22)  

where \( U_D \) is the generatrix voltage DC+ and DC- in Fig. 1.

Submitting (22) into (20) and (21) yield,

\[ T_x = \frac{2\sqrt{2}T |U_o| \sin(60^\circ - \theta_o)}{3U_D}, \]  \hspace{1cm} (23)  

\[ T_y = \frac{2\sqrt{2} |U_o| \sin \theta_o}{3U_D} \]  \hspace{1cm} (24)
• Step-3: Determine the duty cycle $T_a$, $T_b$, $T_c$ as follows:

$$T_{aon} = \frac{T - T_x - T_y}{2}$$  \hspace{1cm} (25)
$$T_{bon} = T_{aon} + T_x$$  \hspace{1cm} (26)
$$T_{con} = T_{con} + T_y$$  \hspace{1cm} (27)

• Step-4: Assign the duty cycles $T_a$, $T_b$ and $T_c$ from Table 2, then compare with the given deltoid waveform, we can get the signals of PWM1, PWM3 and PWM5 as shown in Fig. 7, and PWM2, PWM4 and PWM5 are the complementary signals of PWM1, PWM3 and PWM5 respectively. PWM1 PWM6 are used to control the power transistor switching time in the 3-Phase inverter.

![PWM patterns and duty cycle](image)

Table 2. Assigning duty cycle in any sectors.

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Fig. 7. PWM patterns and duty cycle [17].

4. Simulation Illustrations

In this section, we present two simulation tests to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed MFDOVC scheme for the PMSM speed servo control system model, Fig. 4 shows the block diagram, and compare the performance with the traditional vector control method, the block diagram of which is shown in Fig. 2.

• Case-1: Simulation unit step speed response and electromagnetic torque comparison of the traditional vector control and the proposed MFDOVC schemes with idle load.

For this case simulation test, the following unit step velocity reference signal and load torque are used:

$$\omega_r = 500 \text{ rpm}, \quad T_l = 0 \text{ Nm}$$

Fig. 8 and Fig. 10 show the unit step speed responses of traditional vector control and the proposed MFDOVC schemes with idle load, we can see, the MFDOVC method performs as well as the traditional vector control method for the speed response. Meanwhile, the effectiveness of the MFDOVC also can be seen through the comparison of Fig. 9 and Fig. 11, which present the electromagnetic torque output of the unit step speed response in Fig. 8 and Fig. 10.

B. Case-2: Simulation unit step speed response and electromagnetic torque comparison of the traditional vector control and the proposed MFDOVC schemes with load $T=2 \text{ Nm}$.

In this case, the following unit step velocity reference signal and load torque are used:

$$\omega_r = 500 \text{ rpm}, \quad T_l = 2 \text{ Nm}$$

Fig. 12 - Fig. 15 show the unit step speed responses and electromagnetic torque comparison of traditional vector control and the proposed MFDOVC schemes with $T=2 \text{ Nm}$ load, it also can be seen that, the MFDOVC method performs as well as the traditional vector control method.

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Table 3.

A. Case-1: Simulation unit step speed response and electromagnetic torque comparison of the traditional vector control and the proposed MFDOVC schemes with idle load. For comparing fairly, the parameters of the PI1, PI2 and PI3 controllers in Fig. 2 for the traditional vector control are settled as the same ones of the PI1, PI2 and PI3 controllers in Fig. 4 for the MFDOVC respectively, which have been calculated following the procedures introduced in III-A1 and correspond to $K_{p1} = 1.52$, $K_{i1} = 0.11$, $K_{p2} = 12.51$, $K_{i2} = 2.20$, $K_{p3} = 16.72$ and $K_{i3} = 1.48$. The motor parameters are given in Table 3.

![Motor parameters](image)
Fig. 8. Simulation. Unit step speed response of the traditional vector control for the PMSM servo system with idle load.

Fig. 9. Simulation. Electromagnetic torque output of the unit step speed response in Fig. 9 with idle load.

Fig. 10. Simulation. Unit step speed response of the proposed MFDOVC for the PMSM servo system with idle load.

Fig. 11. Simulation. Electromagnetic torque output of the unit step speed response in Fig. 11 with idle load.

Fig. 12. Simulation. Unit step speed response of the traditional vector control.

Fig. 13. Simulation. Electromagnetic torque output of the unit step speed response in Fig. 13 with load $T = 2\text{Nm}$.

Fig. 14. Simulation. Unit step speed response of the proposed MFDOVC for the PMSM servo system with load $T = 2\text{Nm}$.

Fig. 15. Simulation. Electromagnetic torque output of the unit step speed response in Fig. 15 with load $T = 2\text{Nm}$.
Most important, comparing with the traditional vector control method, the proposed MFDOVC strategy simplified the calculation, it is easier to realize in the real-time PMSM servo drive system.

5. Conclusions

In this paper, a new stator and rotor magnetic fields direct-orthogonalized vector control scheme for the PMSM servo control system. In the MFDOVC, only need to orthogonalize the two magnetometive force vectors of the stator and rotor directly, then the variables and parameters represented in the stator frame do not need to be transformed into those in the synchronous reference frame and transformed back to control the real stator currents, so the calculation is simplified and a part of the resource is saved for the PMSM servo system. From the simulation and experimental results, we can conclude that, the proposed MFDOVC method performs as well as the traditional vector control method. In particularly, comparing with the traditional vector control method, the proposed MFDOVC strategy simplified the calculation, it is easier to realize in the real-time PMSM servo drive system.

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