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Load frequency control of three area interconnected hydro-thermal reheat power system using artificial intelligence and PI controllers

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Abstract

This paper present analysis on dynamic performance of Load Frequency Control (LFC) of three area interconnected hydrothermal reheat power system by the use of Artificial Intelligent and PI Controller. In the proposed scheme, control methodology developed using conventional PI controller, Artificial Neural Network (ANN) and Fuzzy Logic controller (FLC) for three area interconnected hydro-thermal reheat power system. In this paper area-1 and area-2 consists of thermal reheat power plant whereas area-3 consists of hydro power plant. In this proposed scheme, the combination of most complicated system like hydro plant and thermal plant with reheat turbine are interconnected which increases the nonlinearity of the system. The performances of the controllers are simulated using MATLAB/SIMULINK package. A comparison of PI controller, Fuzzy controller and ANN controller based approaches shows the superiority of proposed ANN based approach over Fuzzy and PI for same conditions. To enhance the performance of PI, Fuzzy and neural controller sliding surface is included. The simulation results also tabulated as a comparative performance in view of settling time and peak over shoot.

Keywords : Load Frequency Control (LFC), Fuzzy Logic Controller, ANN Controller, PI controller, Area Control Error (ACE), Tie-line, MATLAB / SIMULINK.

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1. Introduction

Automatic Generation Control (AGC) or Load Frequency Control is a very important issue in power system operation and control for supplying sufficient and reliable electric power with good quality. AGC is a feedback control system adjusting a generator output power to remain defined frequency. The interconnected power system is divided into three control areas, all generators are assumed to form a coherent group (Grass G et al, 2001). Load Frequency Control (LFC) is being used for several years as part of the Automatic Generation Control (AGC) scheme in electric power systems. One of the objectives of AGC is to maintain the system frequency at nominal value (50 hz). In the steady state operation of power system, the load demand is increased or decreased in the form of Kinetic Energy stored in generator prime mover set, which results the variation of speed and frequency accordingly. Therefore, the control of load frequency is essential to have safe operation of the power system (Kothari D.P et al, 2003), (Kundur P, 1994), (Wadhawa CL, 2007), (Elgerd O.I, 1971).

A control strategy is needed that not only maintains constancy of frequency and desired tie-power flow but also achieves zero steady state error and inadvertent interchange. Among the various types of load frequency controllers, the most widely employed is the conventional proportional integral (PI) controller. The PI controller is very simple for implementation and gives better dynamic response, but their performances deteriorate when the complexity in the system increases due to disturbances like load variation boiler dynamics (Talaq J et al, 1999) ,(Arvindan P et al, 2009). Therefore, there is need of a controller which can overcome this problem. The Artificial Intelligent controllers like Fuzzy and Neural control approaches are more suitable in this respect. Fuzzy

system has been applied to the load frequency control problems with rather promising results (Nanda J et al, 2003). The salient feature of these techniques is that they provide a model- free description of control systems and do not require model identification.

Literature survey shows that most of earlier work in the area of LFC pertains to interconnected thermal system and relatively lesser attention has been devoted to the LFC of three area interconnected hydro-thermal system (Arvindan P et al, 2009). The fuzzy controller offers better performance over the conventional controllers, especially, in complex and nonlinearities associated system. (Magla A et al, 2004) applied Fuzzy Controller to the two region interconnected reheat thermal and hydro power system. However, it is demonstrated good dynamics only when selecting the specific number of membership function, so that the method had limitation. To over come this Artificial Neural Network (ANN) controller, which is an advance adaptive control configuration, is used because the controller provides faster control than the others (Demiroren et al., 2001). In this paper, the performance evaluation based on PI controller, Fuzzy controller and Artificial Neural controller for three area interconnected thermal-hydro power plant is proposed. The sliding concept arises due to variable structure concept. The objective of VSC has been greatly extended from stabilization to other control functions. The most distinguished feature of VSC is its ability to result in very robust control system; in many cases invariant control system result. The term 'invariant' means that the system is completely insensitive to parametric uncertainty and external disturbances (John et al., 1993; Kumar et al., 1985).

2. The Power System Investigated

The detailed designed model of three area hydro-thermal power system for load frequency control investigated is shown in Figure 1. An extended power system can be divided into a number of load frequency control areas interconnected by means of tie lines. Without loss of generality one can consider a three- area case connected by tie lines (Prakash et al., 2009).



Fig. 1. MATLAB Model of three area hydro-thermal reheat power system.

The control objectives are as follows:

(i) Each control area as for as possible should supply its own load demand and power transfer through tie line should be on mutual agreement.

(ii) All control areas should controllable to the frequency control.

In an isolated control area case the incremental power ($\Delta P_G - \Delta P_D$) was accounted for by the rate of increase of stored kinetic energy and increase in area load caused by increase in frequency. The Transfer Functions of different blocks used in power system model are given below:

Transfer function (T/F) of hydraulic Turbine is $-\frac{Tw}{0.5 Tw} \cdot s + 1$ T/F of hydraulic Governor is $\frac{Kd \cdot s^2 + Kp \cdot s + Ki}{Kd \cdot s^2 + (Kp + f / R_2)s + Ki}$ T/F of governor (thermal plant) is $\frac{1}{Tg} \cdot s + 1$ T/F of steam turbine is $\frac{Kr \cdot Tr \cdot s + 1}{Tr \cdot s + 1}$ T/F of Re-heater is $\frac{1}{Tt}$ And transfer function of Generator is $\frac{Kp}{Tp} \cdot s + 1$

2.1. Modeling of Tie-Line

The power transfer equation through tie line is,

$$P_{12} = \frac{|V_1| |V_2|}{x} \sin(\delta_1 - \delta_2)$$
(1)

Considering area 1 has surplus power and transfers to area 2

 P_{12} = Power transferred from area 1 to 2 through tie line.

$$P_{12} = \frac{|V_1| \cdot |V_2|}{X_{12}} \cdot Sin(-\delta_1 - \delta_2)$$
(2)

Where

 δ_1 , δ_2 and δ_3 = Power angles of end voltages V₁, V₂ and V₃ of equivalent machine of the three areas respectively. X₁₂ = reactance of tie line.

The order of the subscripts indicates that the tie line power is define positive in direction 1 to 2. For small deviation in the angles and the tie line power changes with the amount i.e. small deviation in δ_1 , δ_2 and δ_3 changes by $\Delta\delta_1$, $\Delta\delta_2$, and $\Delta\delta_3$ respectively.

Power P_{12} changes to $P_{12} + \Delta P_{12}$

Therefore, Power transferred from Area 1 to Area 2 as given in [11] is

$$\Delta P_{12}(s) = \frac{2\pi T^{\circ}}{s} \left(\Delta f_1(s) - \Delta f_2(s) \right)$$
(3)

 $T^0 =$ Torque produced

The above equation can be represented as in Fig. 2



Fig. 2 : Block Diagram Representation of a Tie -Line

2.2 Tie Line Control

In normal operation the power on the tie-line follows from the equation i.e.

$$\left[\Delta P_{T1}(s) - \Delta P_{E1}(s) - \Delta P_{12}(s)\right] = \frac{2H_1}{f_o} s \Delta f_1(s) + B_1 \Delta f_1(s) \tag{4}$$

$$= \frac{2H_{1}}{f_{0}}\Delta f_{1}(s)B_{1}\left[\frac{1}{B_{1}}s+1\right]$$
(5)

If

$$\frac{2 H_{1}B_{1}}{f_{o}} = \frac{1}{K}$$

$$\frac{1}{B_{1}} = T_{P_{1}}$$

Equation (4) can be written as

$$\Delta f_{1}(s) = G_{P1}(s) \left[\Delta P_{P1}(s) - \Delta P_{E1}(s) - \Delta P_{12}(s) \right]$$
(6)

$$G_{-P-1}(s) = \frac{K_{-P-1}}{1 + s T_{-P-1}}$$
(7)

$$\Delta P_{12} = \Delta P_{21} = \Delta P_{31}$$

Where ΔP_E is the real load change

Due to the action of turbine controllers, the generator increases its output by the amount ΔP_T .

The net surplus power $\Delta P_T - \Delta P_E$ will be absorbed by the system.

Tie-line bias control is used to eliminate steady state error in frequency in tie-line power flow. This states that the each control area must contribute their share to frequency control in addition for taking care of their own net interchange.

Let $ACE_1 = area control error of area 1$ $ACE_2 = Area control error of area 2$ $ACE_3 = Area control error of area 3$

In this control, ACE₁, ACE₂ and ACE₃ are made linear combination of frequency and tie line power error (Prakash S et al, 2009).

$$ACE_1 = \Delta P_{12} + b_1 \Delta f_1 \tag{8}$$

$$ACE_2 = \Delta P_{21} + b_2 \Delta f_2$$
(9)

$$ACE_3 = \Delta P_{31} + b_3 \Delta f_3 \tag{10}$$

Where the constant b_1 , b_2 & b_2 are called area frequency bias of area 1, area 2 and area 3 respectively. Now ΔPR_1 , ΔPR_2 and ΔPR_3 are mode integral of ACE₁, ACE₂ and ACE₃ respectively.

$$\Delta PR_{1} = -K_{11} \int_{0}^{t} (\Delta P_{12} + b_{1}\Delta f_{1}) dt$$
⁽¹¹⁾

$$\Delta PR_{2} = -K_{12} \int_{0}^{t} (\Delta P_{21} + b_{2} \Delta f_{2}) dt$$
(12)

$$\Delta PR_{3} = -K_{13} \int_{0}^{t} (\Delta P_{13} + b_{3}\Delta f_{3}) dt$$

$$\Delta P_{12} = \Delta P_{tie,1}$$
, $\Delta P_{21} = \Delta P_{tie,2}$ and $\Delta P_{31} = \Delta P_{tie,3}$

Therefore
$$\frac{\Delta P_{iie,1}}{\Delta P_{iie,2}} = -\frac{T_{12}}{T_{21}} = -\frac{1}{a_2} = \text{constant}$$
 (13)
Hence $\Delta P_{tie,1} = \Delta P_{tie,2} = \Delta P_{tie,3} = 0$
 $\Delta PR_1 = \Delta PR_2 = \Delta PR_3$,
And $\Delta f_1 = \Delta f_2 = \Delta f_3 = 0$

Thus, under steady condition change in the tie- line power and frequency of each area is zero. This has been achieved by integration of ACEs in the feedback loops of each area (Kothari D P et al, 2003). Control methodology used (FLC, ANN and PI) is mentioned in the next preceeding sections.

3. Control Methodology

3.1 PI Controller

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One of the most widely used control laws in thermal and hydro power station governing systems is the PI type controller. Proportional controller is used to reach the steady state condition much quicker because of the faster transient response with proportional controller. The proportional term of the controller produces a control signal proportional to the error in the system, so that u (t) = Kp e (t). Typically, given a step change of load demand, low values of Kp give rise to stable responses with large steady-state errors. Higher values of Kp give better steady-state performance, but worse transient response. Therefore, the higher value of Kp is used to reduce the steady state error, although increasing the gain Kp decreases the system time constant and damping. Therefore it is evident to choose the optimum value of Kp. The proportional action can never eliminate the steady state error in the system because some (small) error must be present in order to produce a control output. A common way of reducing the steady state error is by incorporating integral action into the controller. Here, the control signal generated is proportional to the integral of the error signal, that is,

$$u(t) = \kappa_i \left[e(t) dt \right]$$

Where K_i is the integral gain. While an error exists, the integrator tends to increase control action, thus driving the plant output towards the demand output. Then, when the error disappears, the continuing integrator output can be used to maintain the control action necessary for steady-state conditions. But, if the gain of integrator K_i is sufficiently high, overshoot will occur increasing sharply as a function of the gain, this is highly undesirable. Lower value of K_i reduces overshoot but increases rise time of the system. Based upon discussion it is required to design both the K_p and K_i properly (Chatterjee K, 2010).

3.2 Fuzzy Logic Controller

Fuzzy logic is a thinking process or problem-solving control methodology incorporated in control system engineering, to control systems when inputs are either imprecise or the mathematical models are not present at all. Fuzzy logic can process a reasonable number of inputs but the system complexity increases with the increase in the number of inputs and outputs, therefore distributed processors would probably be easier to implement. Fuzzification is process of making a crisp quantity into the fuzzy (Ross T J, 1995). They carry considerable uncertainty. If the form of uncertainty happens to arise because of imprecision, ambiguity, or vagueness, then the variable is probably fuzzy and can be represented by a membership function.

Defuzzification is the conversion of a fuzzy quantity to a crisp quantity, just as fuzzification is the conversion of a precise quantity to a fuzzy quantity. There are many methods of defuzzification, out of which smallest of maximum method is applied in making fuzzy inference system (Prakash S et al, 2009). The Fuzzy logic control consists of three main stages, namely the fuzzification interface, the inference rules engine and the defuzzification interface (Ha Q P, 1998). For Load Frequency Control the process operator is assumed to respond to variables error (*e*) and change of error (*ce*). The fuzzy logic controller with error and change in error is shown in fig. 3.



Fig.3 Fuzzy Logic Controller

The variable error is equal to the real power system frequency deviation (Δf) . The frequency deviation Δf , is the difference between the nominal or scheduled power system frequency (f_N) and the real power system frequency (f). Taking the scaling gains into account, the global function of the FLC output signal can be written as.

$$\Delta Pc = F [n_c e(\mathbf{k}), \quad \mathbf{n}_{ce} ce(\mathbf{k})] \tag{14}$$

Where n_e and n_{ce} are the error and the change in error scaling gains, respectively, and F is a fuzzy nonlinear function. FLC is dependant to its inputs scaling gains (Ha Q P, 1998). A label set corresponding to linguistic variables of the input control signals, e(k) and ce(k), with a sampling time of 0.01 sec is given Attempt has been made to examine with Seven number of triangular membership function (MFs) namely Negative Big(NB), Negative Medium(NM), Negative Small(NS), Zero(ZO), Positive Small(PS), Positive Medium(PM) and Positive Big(PB) are used. The range on input (error in frequency deviation and change in frequency deviation) i.e universe of discourse is -0.25 to 0.25 and -0.01 to 0.01. The numbers of rules are 49. The membership functions (MFs) for the input variables are shown in Fig.4.



Fig.4. Membership Function for the control input variables

Input	<i>e(k)</i>							
		NB	NM	NS	ZO	PS	PM	PB
	NB	PB	PB	PB	PB	PM	PM	PS
ce(k)	NM	PB	PM	PM	PM	PS	PS	PS
	NS	PM	PM	PS	PS	PS	PS	ZO
	ZO	NS	NS	NS	ZO	PS	PS	PS
	PS	ZO	NS	NS	NS	NS	NM	NM
	PM	NS	NS	NM	NM	NM	NB	NB
	PB	NS	NM	NB	NB	NB	NB	NB

Table 1. Fuzzy Inference Rule for Fuzzy Logic Controller

3.3. Artificial Neural Network (ANN) Controller

ANN is information processing system, in this system the element called as neurons process the information. The signals are transmitted by means of connecting links. The links process an associated weight, which is multiplied along with the incoming signal (net input) for any typical neural net. The output signal is obtained by applying activations to the net input. The field of neural networks covers a very broad area (Hykin S, 1994) (Mines JN, 1997). A neuron has more than one input. A neuron with inputs is shown in Fig.5. The individual inputs $p_{I_1} p_{2,...} p_R$ are each weighted by corresponding elements $w_{1,1}$, $w_{1,2}$,... $w_{1,R}$ of the weight matrix W. The neuron has a bias b, which is summed with the weighted inputs to form the net input n.



Fig. 5 Multi input neuron model

$$n = w_{1,1}p_1 + w_{1,2}p_2 + \dots + w_{1,R}p_R + b .$$
⁽¹⁵⁾

This expression can be written in matrix form:

$$a = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{p} + b, \qquad (16)$$

Where the matrix W for the single neuron case has only one row.Now the neuron output can be written as

$$a = f(\mathbf{W}\mathbf{p} + b) \,. \tag{17}$$

The log-sigmoid transfer function is commonly used in multilayer networks that are trained using the back propagation algorithm, in part because this function is differentiable.

3.4 NARMA-L2 Controller

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The ANN controller architecture employed here is a Non linear Auto Regressive Model reference Adoptive Controller. This controller requires the least computation of the three architectures. This controller is simply a rearrangement of the neural network plant model, which is trained offline, in batch form. It consists of reference, plant out put and control signal. The controller is adaptively trained to force the plant output to track a reference model output. The model network is used to predict the effect of controller changes on plant output, which allows the updating of controller parameters. In the study, the frequency deviations, tie-line power deviation and load perturbation of the area are chosen as the neural network controller inputs (Hykin S, 1994).

The outputs of the neural network are the control signals, which are applied to the governors in the area. The data required for the ANN controller training is obtained from the designing the Reference Model Neural Network and applying to the power system with step response load disturbance. NARMA-L2 ANN controller is shown in fig. 6.



Fig. 6 NARMA-L2 Contoller

After a series of trial and error and modifications, the ANN architecture provides the best performance. It is a three-layer perceptron with five inputs, 13 neurons in the hidden layer, and one output in the ANN controller. Also, in the ANN plant model, it is a three-layer perceptron with four inputs, 10 neurons in the hidden layer, and one output. The activation function of the networks neurons is trainlm function.300 training sample has been taken to train 300 no of epochs. The proposed network has been trained by using the learning performance. Learning algorithms causes the adjustment of the weights so that the controlled system gives the desired response.

4. Simulation and Results

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In this presented work, three areas hydro-thermal reheat interconnected power system have been developed with PI, fuzzy logic and ANN controllers to illustrate the performance of load frequency control using MATLAB/SIMULINK package. The parameters used for simulation are given in appendix (Magla A et al, 2004). Three types of simulink models are developed with PI, fuzzy and ANN controllers to obtain better dynamic behavior.

Refer to Simulink models, frequency deviation plots for thermal, and hydro cases are obtained separately for 1% step load change in system frequency and tie-line power as shown in fig. 7-20 respectively.



Fig. 7 Change in frequency (thermal plant) – with fuzzy controller (Δf)





Fig. 10 Change in frequency (Hydro-thermal plant) with Fuzzy controller (Δf).



Fig.11. Change in frequency (Thermal plant) with ANN controller (Δf)...

0.0







Fig. 13. Change in frequency (hydro-thermal plant) with ANN controller (Δf).



Fig.14 Change in Tie-line power (hydro-thermal plant) with ANN controller (ΔP_{tie})



Fig.15 Change in Tie-line power (thermal plant) with ANN Controller (Δ P $_{tie})$



Fig.19. Change in Tie-line power (thermal plant) with PI controller (ΔP_{tie})



Fig.20. Change in frequency (hydro-thermal plant) with PI controller (Δf).

By varying the load 1% in Hydro-Thermal Reheat three areas with PI controller, fuzzy controller and ANN controller, the steady state error is minimized to zero. Settling time and maximum peak overshoot in transient condition for both change in system frequency and change in tie-line power are given in table 2 & 3 respectively.

5. Conclusions

With 1% load variation in power system the following results are obtained. The conventional(PI) and Intelligent control approach (Fuzzy Controller and ANN controller) with inclusion of slider gain provides better dynamic performance and reduces the oscillation of the frequency deviation and the tie line power flow in each area in hydro-thermal combination of three area interconnected power system.

Controllers	Δf Area 1 (sec)	Δf Area 2 (sec)	Δf Area 3 (sec)	$\begin{array}{c} \Delta P_{tie} \\ Thermal- \\ thermal \\ (sec) \end{array}$	ΔP tie Hydro- thermal (sec)
Fuzzy	50	50	50	50	50
ANN	35	35	45	45	45
PI	60	60	60	90	90

Table 2. Comparative Study of Settling Time

Table 3. Comparative Study of Peak Overshoot

Controllers	Δf Area 1 (pu)	Δf Area 2 (pu)	Δf Ar ea 3 (pu)	ΔP _{tie} Thermal- thermal (pu)	ΔP tie Hydro- thermal (pu)
Fuzzy	-0.071	-0.071	-0.080	0.033	-0.033
ANN	-0.037	-0.037	-0.055	0.0065	-0.0065
PI	-0.055	-0.055	-0.066	-0.005	0.005

Form the above table 2 and 3 it is clear that responses obtained, reveals that ANN controller with sliding gain provides better settling performance than Fuzzy and PI. Therefore, the intelligent control approach using ANN concept is more accurate and faster than the fuzzy control and conventional PI control scheme even for complex dynamical system.

Nomenclature

i :	Subscript referring to area (i=1,2,3)
F :	Nominal system frequency
$P_{\rm ri}$:	Area rated power, H_i : Inertia constant
ΔP Di :	Incremental load change
ΔPg_i :	Incremental generation change
$Di = \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta j}$	Di
T_{12} :	Synchronizing coefficient, T_{g} : Steam governor time constant
K_r :	Reheat constant, T_r : Reheat time constant
T_t :	Steam turbine time constant
R_i :	Governor speed regulation parameter
B_i :	Frequency bias constant
T _{pi} :	2 Hi / f * Di, K_{pi} : 1/ Di
<i>K</i> _j :	Integral gain
K_d, K_p, K_i :	Electric governor derivative, proportional and integral gains, respectively.
K_{t} :	Feedback gain of FLC
$T_{\rm w}$:	Water starting time, ACE : Area Control Error
<i>P</i> :	Power, <i>E</i> :Generated voltage
V:	Terminal voltage, δ Angle of the Voltage V
Δ δ :	Change in angle, ΔP : Change in power
Δf :	Change in supply frequency
Q :	Reactive Power, V_f : Field voltage of generator field winding, ΔPc : Speed changer position
R:	Speed regulation of the governor
$K_{\rm H}$:	Gain of speed governor
$T_{\rm H}$:	Time constant of speed governor
$K_{1}, K_{2}, K_{3}, K_{4},$	K_5 : Constants
$K_{\rm p}: 1/{\rm B}=$	Power system gain
$T_{\rm p}^{\rm r}: 2{\rm H} / {\rm B} {\rm f}_0 =$	Power system time constant

Appendix

Parameters are as follows: f = 50 Hz, $R_1 = R_2 = R_3 = 2.4 \text{ Hz/ per unit MW}$, $T_{g1} = T_{g2} = 0.08 \text{ sec}$, $T_{p1} = T_{p2} = T_{p3} = 20 \text{ sec}$; P tie, max = 200 MW ; Tr = 10 sec ; Kr = 0.5, $H_1 = H_2 = H_3 = 5 \text{ sec}$; $P_{r1} = P_{r2} = P_{r3} = 2000 \text{ MW}$ $T_{t1} = T_{t2} = 0.3 \text{ sec}$; $K_{p1} = K_{p2} = K_{p3} = 120 \text{ Hz.p.u}$ /MW ; $K_d = 4.0$; Ki = 5.0; Tw = 1.0 sec; $D_1 = D_2 = D_3 = 8.33 \times 10^{-3} \text{ p.u}$ MW/Hz.; $B_1 = B_2 = B_3 = 0.425 \text{ p.u. MW}/\text{Hz}$; $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 0.545$; $a = 2*pi*T_{12} = 2*pi*T_{23} = 2*pi*T_{31} = 0.545$ $delP_{d1} = delP_{d2} = delP_{d3} = 0.01$

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