

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS OF LOAD FREQUENCY CONTROL OF TWO AREA POWER SYSTEM USING PSO BASED PID CONTROLLER

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ABSTRACT

The main objective of load frequency control & automatic generation control is to maintain the proper balance between the system generations against load & losses, so that the desired frequency & power flow interchange with the neighboring system is maintained. If any mismatch occurs between generation & load, then it may result in deviation of the system frequency from its nominal frequency (50Hertz)[1]. Because of increasing & decreasing load, the real power & reactive power balance is harmed, thus frequency & voltage get deviated from nominal value[2]. Thus high frequency deviation may results in system collapse[1]. This necessitates proper designing of an controller in order to give an accurate & fast response to maintain the system parameters at nominal value[2]. A PID controller is used for the design & analysis of the proposed model [5]. In this paper the PSO algorithm used to determine the optimal PID controller parameters for LFC in a two area power system[3]. The PSO algorithm is developed to obtain suitable control parameters to achieve the optimum performance. A unique objective function is also formulated considering the transient specifications[5]. This method had superior features like, stable convergence characteristics, easy implementation & good computational efficiency. The simulation results demonstrate the effectiveness of the designed system in terms of reduced settling time, overshoot & oscillations[2].

Keywords: Load Frequency Control, Piratical Swarm Optimization, Proportional Integral Derivative Controller, Two Area Power System.

I. INTRODUCTION

Now a day's power system normally consists of complex multi-area power system with domestic, industrial & commercial loads. For proper operation & control of system these loads need to operate at constant frequency with reliable, sufficient & good power quality. As we know that the load demand never be constant, due to which frequency does not remain constant, it deviates from its nominal frequency. Thus load frequency control (LFC) is required. Load frequency control is very important in power system to keep the system frequency & the tie-line power interchange as near to the scheduled values. The tie-line power & frequency is commonly known as load frequency control. In general, LFC is accomplished by two different control actions: primary control & supplementary control. When load changes, the primary speed control perform the initial re-

adjustment of the frequency & tie-line power by the action of governor itself. The governor will try to minimize the frequency & tie-line power deviation to zero by manipulating input to the turbine. The supplementary control action is used to minimize the frequency deviation, if persist after primary control, to zero through integral control action. In literature, number of controllers is used with load frequency control such as proportional & integral (PI), proportional, integral & derivative (PID) and optimal controllers in order to improve performance [1-3]. The conventional method used relatively poor dynamic performance with large overshoot & oscillations [4]. The proportional integral derivative (PID) controller parameters are usually tuned & they are not able to obtain good dynamic performance for various load. In past years, some controllers have been used which are based on the conventional linear control theory [5], which are not suitable for some operating conditions due to the complexity of the power systems. According to [6] conventional PID controller will not reach a high degree of control performances. The PID controllers are very simple, reliable & robust. A PID controller improves the transient response of a system by reducing the overshoot, settling time & oscillations of the system [7]. The PID controllers must be properly tuned. Standard methods for tuning include Nichols ultimate-cycle tuning [8], Cohen-Loon's [9] & many other traditional techniques.

Several new optimization techniques like genetic algorithm (GA), particle swarm optimization (PSO), bacterial foraging (BF) has emerged in the past two decades [10]. In this research work, PSO is used. Particle swarm optimization (PSO) introduced by Kennedy & Eberhart, is one of the modern heuristics algorithms. PSO is an optimization method used to find out the best parameters for controller according to the system dynamics & it is an optimal controller, it has been used in almost all automatic industries & science. One of them is load frequency controller [11]. It was developed by the simulation of simplified social system & has been found to be robust in solving continuous non-linear optimization problems.

In order to improve the performance of the PID controller, You-Bo Wang et al use new PSO based auto tuning of PID controllers [11]. The contribution of You-Bo Wang includes selection of optimum parameter value for the integral gain & proper gain was made equal to the regulation K.

In this paper two objective/fitness functions of error & time are used. These errors are the integral of the square of the error (ISE) & the integral of time-multiplied absolute value of the error (ITAE).

This paper presents a realistic approach to optimize the proportional integral derivative gains of the load frequency control system. The PSO algorithm is developed to optimize the PID gains & a novel objective function is designed to calculate the optimal controller gains more accurately in least time. The transient performance shows the significant superiority of the proposed design approach. In brief, the main objective of this research paper is to design & implement PSO-PID controller to search the optimal parameter for efficient control of voltage & frequency. The LFC is able to provide satisfactory operation of the power system by maintaining system voltage & efficiency.

II. CONFIGURATION OF TWO-AREA POWER SYSTEM

In this configuration, area 1 & area 2 having generators G_1 & G_2 with different loads are interconnected with each other via a tie-line. In this we must have to control the frequency deviation & tie-line power interchange within its scheduled values.

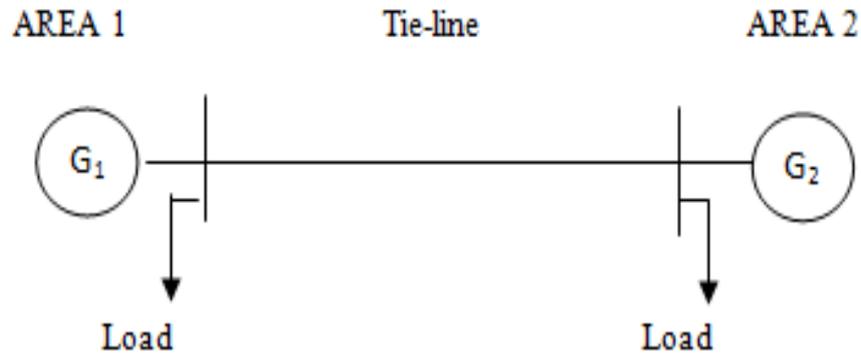


Fig. 1 Configuration of An Uncontrolled Two-Area Power System

III. PLANT MODEL DESCRIPTION

In this paper, two-area power system is considered as a test system, which consists of reheat turbine type thermal station in each area. The system model under consideration is shown in Fig. 2. The LFC has two control loops. The primary control loop is used to control the frequency by using self-regulating feature of the governor. But, frequency error is not completely eliminated & the supplementary control loop is used to eliminate the frequency error completely with the help of conventional integral control action. The main aim of the supplementary control loop is to restore balance between each control area load & generation after a load disturbance so that the system frequency & the tie-line power flows are maintained at their nominal values. Thus, in this paper main task is to minimize the system frequency deviation Δf_1 in area 1, Δf_2 in area 2 & deviation in the tie-line power flow ΔP_{tie} between the two areas under the load disturbances ΔP_{d1} & ΔP_{d2} in the two areas. This can be achieved by using integral control action.

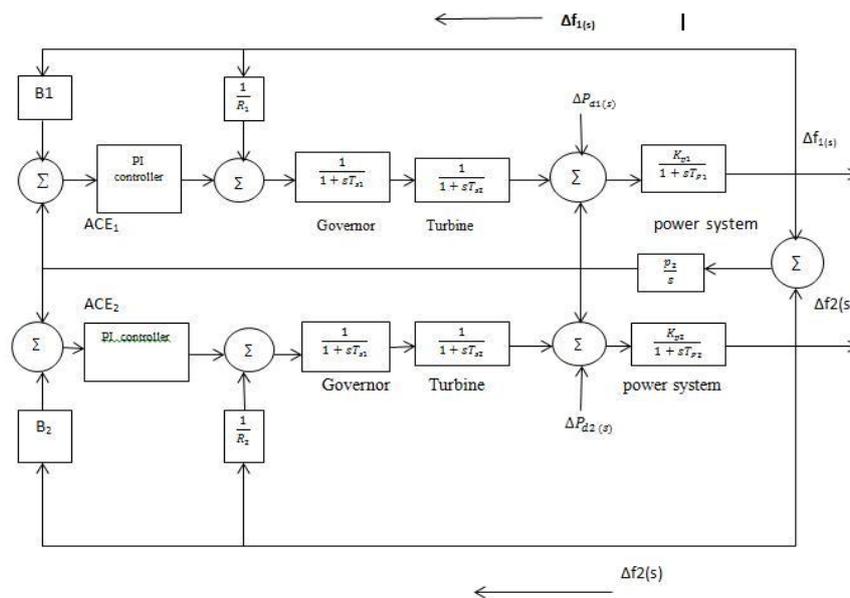


Fig 2 Transfer Function Model of Two-Area Reheat Power System

IV. LINEARIZED MODEL OF THE PLANT

5.1 Basic Generator Control Loops

In a two area power system, LFC is installed for each generator. The schematic diagram of frequency control loop is shown in fig. 3. The controllers are set at a particular operating condition & take care of small changes in load in order to maintain the frequency within the scheduled value [12]. If real power changes then rotor angle δ changes, & thus the frequency f will also change. Change in angle δ is due to the momentary change in generator speed. Thus, LFC is a non-interactive for small changes then it can be modeled & analyzed independently.

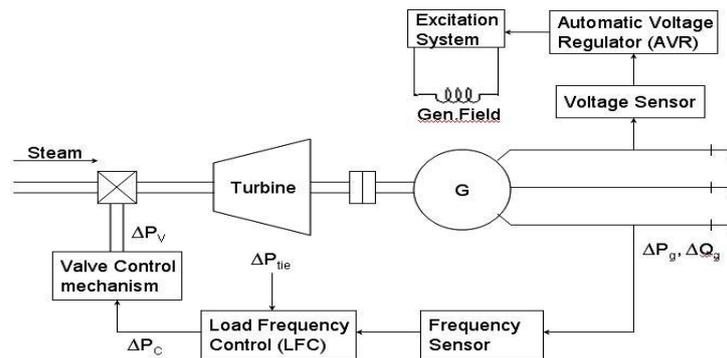


Fig 3 Schematic Diagram of LFC of a Generator

4.2 Load Frequency Control (LFC)

The main objective of LFC is to maintain real power flow in the system through control of system frequency. Thus we can say LFC is used to maintain the frequency, to divide the load between generators & to control the tie-line power interchange schedules. A power system consists of a governor, a turbine & a generator with feedback of regulation constant (R). In Power system, uncontrolled load change occurs to the input of the generator. Simple block diagram of a power system with the PID controller & PSO is shown in Fig. 4.

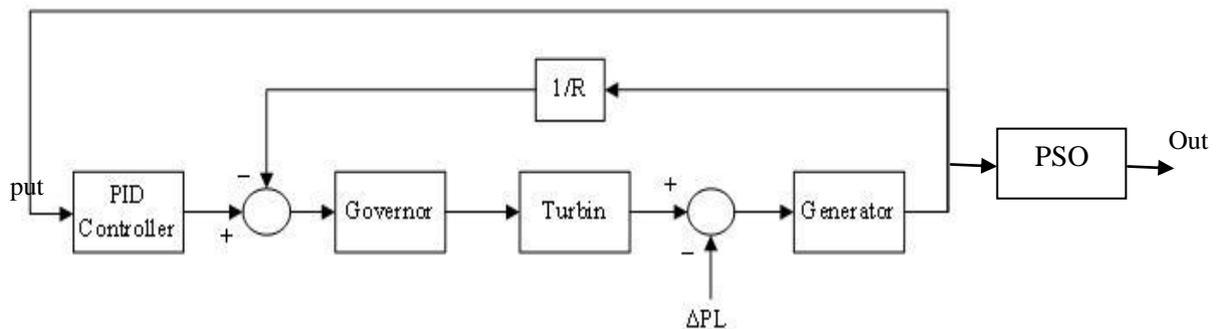


Fig. 4 A Power System with the PID Controller & PSO

4.3 Design of Evolutionary Controller

Evolutionary Computation (EC) is developed from the principle of the 'survival of the fitness' proposed by Charles Darwin in 1859. An EC technique is used to search the optimal solutions to a problem. In this algorithm, a number of possible solutions are available for particular problem & the task is to find the best solution. EC creates a search space which contains the randomly generated solutions & finds the optimum

solution from the search space. The PID controllers are simple in operation, easy in design, inexpensive maintenance, low cost, & effectiveness for most linear system. The main disadvantage of PID controllers that, they do not work properly for nonlinear systems, higher order & time-delayed linear systems, & particularly complex & vague systems that have no precise mathematical model [13, 14]. Hence, an evolutionary PSO-PID controller is used in this paper to control the voltage & frequency for different load conditions & regulation. In this research work, PSO-PID controller is designed & implemented to overcome the drawback of conventional fixed gain controllers.

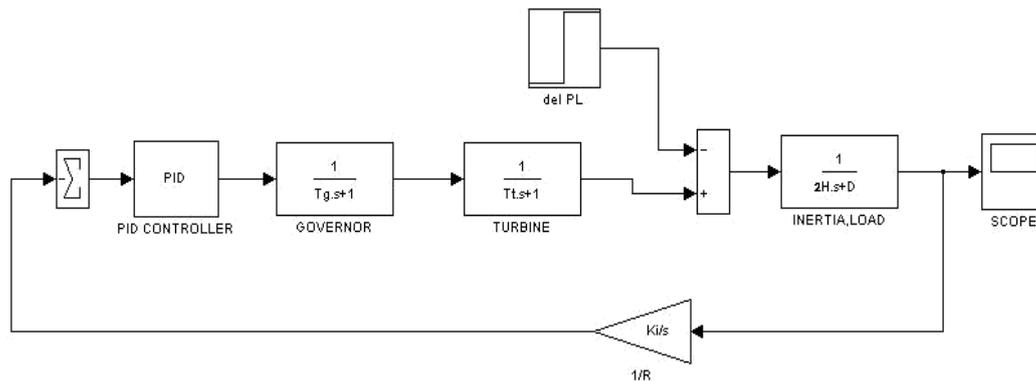


Fig 5 Simulink Model of LFC with PID Controller

4.4 Proportional Integral Derivative (PID) Controllers

PID controllers have widely been used in process control. Because of simple designing of PID controller, they can easily control various large industrial processes. The PID controllers are used to control the dynamic response & eliminate the steady-state error. The proportional term reduces the error response to disturbances. The integral term shows that a pole is added at the origin which results in increasing the system type & therefore reducing the steady-state error. The derivative term shows that a zero is added to the open loop plant transfer function & therefore it improve the transient responses & stability of the system. To obtain the optimum results from this system, the gain of PID controller must be tuned in such a way that the close loop system produces desires result. Thus, PID controller is considered as a simple, easy & robust controller. The transfer function of well-known PID controller is given by:

$$G_{PID}(s) = K_p + \frac{K_i}{s} + K_d s \quad (1)$$

The desired result should have minimum settling time, no overshoot & zero steady state error. The parameters of the PID controller have been designed by using PSO algorithm.

4.5 Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)

PSO is an evolutionary computation technique based on the movement & intelligence of swarms. The PSO algorithm is discovered by Eberhart & Kennedy in 1995, motivated by social behavior of bird flocking or fish schooling. PSO algorithm uses both cognitive (intellectual) behavior & social cooperation (group behavior) of the birds. The bird follows the shortest path for searching their food. PSO algorithm based on the concept of bird's behavior [15]. Basically PSO algorithm developed for nonlinear optimization problems with continuous & discrete variables. In the search space each particle acts individually & accelerates towards the best personal



location (p_{best}) while checking the fitness value of its current position. The fitness value of a position can be obtained by evaluating the fitness function at the location, if a particles current location has a better fitness value than that of its current P_{best} , then the P_{best} is replace by the current location [16-17].

Each particle in the swarm has knowledge of the location with best fitness value of the entire swarm which is called the global best (g_{best}). At each point along their path, each particle also compare the fitness value of their p_{best} to that of g_{best} . If any particle has a p_{best} with better fitness value than that of current g_{best} , then the current g_{best} is replace by that of p_{best} . The movement of particles is stopped ones all particle reached sufficiently closed to the position with best fitness value of the swarm.

The basic features of PSO includes, it is simple in design, very fast, it can be coded in few lines, it has a memory by which each particle remembers its best solution (global best), the initial population of the PSO is maintained thus, there is no need for applying operators to the population, & it is easy to implement & there is no need of gradient information.

4.6 Implementation of PSO-PID Controller

In this paper, a PSO-PID controller is used for searching the optimal parameters of LFC. In PSO algorithm, each particle in the swarm represents a solution to the problem & it can be defined with the help of its position & velocity [18-19]. Let us consider D-dimensional search space, the position of the i th particle can be represented by a D-dimensional vector, $X_i=(X_{i1}, \dots, X_{id}, \dots, X_{iD})$. The velocity of the particle V_i can be represented by another D-dimensional vector $V_i=(V_{i1}, \dots, V_{id}, \dots, V_{iD})$. The best position visited by the i th particle is represented by $P_i=(P_{i1}, \dots, P_{id}, \dots, P_{iD})$, & P_g as the index of the particle visited the best position in the swarm, then P_g becomes the best solution found so far, & the velocity of the particle & its new position will be determined according to the following equations.

$$V_{id} = W V_{id} + C1 R (P_{id} - X_{id}) + C2 R (P_{gd} - X_{id}) \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

$$X_{id} = X_{id} + V_{id} (3)$$

$C1$ & $C2$ are the cognitive & social coefficients. R is the random number generated between 0 & 1. W is the inertia weight that increases the overall performance of PSO. If W is larger, then it can favor higher ability for global search while if W is lower, it favor a higher ability for local search. In order to achieve a higher performance, W should be lower over the generations to favor global search in initial generations & local search in the later generations. The W can be linearly decreased by using this equation.

$$W = W_{max} - \frac{W_{max} - W_{min}}{Iter_{max}} X_{iter} (3)$$

Where W_{max} is the maximum value of inertia weight, W_{min} is the minimum value of inertia weight, $iter_{max}$ is the maximum of iteration in evolution process & $iter$ is current value of iteration.

The designing steps for PSO- PID controller is as follows.

- Initialize the algorithm parameters like number of generation, population, inertia weight & constants.
- Initialize the value of the parameters K_p , K_i & K_d randomly.
- Calculate the fitness function of each particle in each generation.
- Calculate the local best of each particle & the global best of the particles.

- Update the position, velocity, local best & global best in each generation.
- Repeat the steps 3 to 5 until the maximum iteration reached of the best solution is found.

The objective function represents the function that measures the performance of the system. The fitness function (objective) for PSO is defined as the integral of time multiplied by the absolute value of error (ITAE) of the corresponding system. Therefore, it becomes an unconstrained optimization problem to find a set of decision variables by minimizing the objective function [20].

V. SIMULATION RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

The Simulation has been performed by using Mat-lab Simulink for two area power system with PSO-PID controller. The Simu link model of a plant with PSO Algorithm based PID Controller is shown in Fig 6. System dynamic performances, in terms of the deviations of frequencies of each area & tie-line power flows, are shown in Fig.7. From these figures we can say that the PSO based PID controller is very effective in damping the frequency & tie-line power oscillations & reduces the settling time, overshoot & undershoot as compared to other controllers. The PSO algorithm is used to search an optimal parameter set containing K_p , K_i and K_d . The optimum values generated by the algorithm are stored in work space and shared with the LFC simulink model.

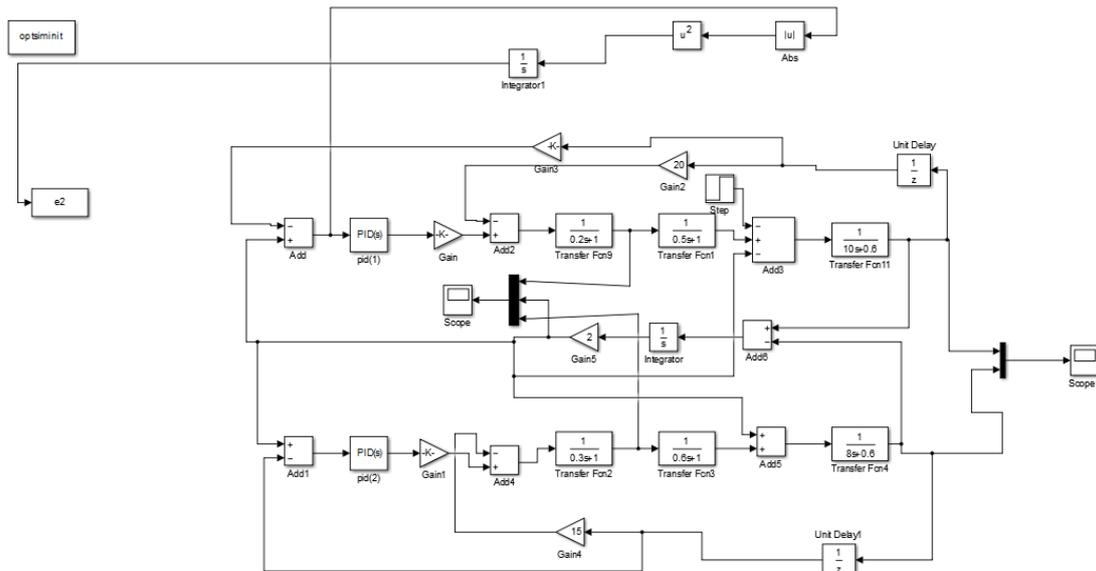


Fig.6 Simulink Model of A Plant With PSO Algorithm Based PID Controller

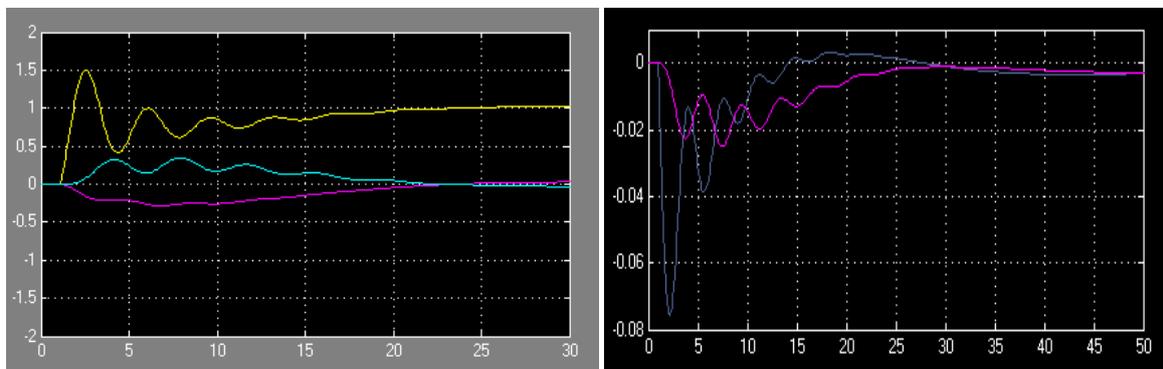


Fig. 7 DynamicResponse of LFC Two Area Power System using PSO-PID Controller



The power system simulation parameters consisting of the speed governor, turbine and generator is given in Table 1.

Table 1. LFC Simulation Parameters

Controller	Simulation Parameters
Load Frequency Controller	Governor $T_g = 0.2,$ Turbine $T_t = 0.5,$ Load $H = 10, D = 0.6,$ Regulation $R_1 = 20, R_2 = 15$ Load disturbance $\Delta P_L = 0.10, 0.20$

For two area LFC system, the population size is 50 & the maximum number of iterations for optimization is 50. Best value of cognitive & social coefficients C_1 & C_2 are taken as 0.12 & 1.2, and $W=0.9$. The simulation is realized in case of step load change. $\Delta P_L = 0.10, 0.20$ p.u. MW, & the frequency change in area 1, area 2 & tie-line power change is observed. Simulation results for the two area power system are shown in Table 2. The results of optimization, give almost same results but computational time by PSO was found much less. Therefore, the proposed PSO-PID controller provides better performance than PID controller for the two area power system.

Table 2. Controller Parameters and Transient Specifications of Two Area Power System by PSO-PID Method

		K_p	K_i	K_d	t_s	M_p
PSO-PID Controller	Area-1	0.094	0.61	0.49	10.2	0.03
	Area-2	0.924	0.6240	0.4806	8	

VI. CONCLUSION

In this research, a Particle swarm optimization tuned proportional integral derivative controller has been examined for load frequency control of two area power system. The simulink model for two area power system with PSO-PID controller is developed in MATLAB as in fig 6. The proposed PSO-PID controller used in this work provides a suitable stability between frequency overshoot and transient oscillations with zero steady state error. The simulation result shown that ,the evolutionary algorithm gives much better transient response than that of conventional PI controller & PSO works with much better efficiency as computational time minimizes, simple and has stable convergence characteristics. The work can be extended in future either by including non-linear parameters to the system modeled or three area power system operations will be investigated in next time in order to improve the performance characteristics.

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