

Parallel Computation For Optimizing The Controller Parameter For Hybrid System

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Abstract: The load frequency control becomes even more challenging when wind generators are integrated in the power system. The small capacity wind generators offer lesser inertia may cause the variations in system frequency. In this paper a linearized model of wind is developed and the kinetic energy of the wind turbine is utilized to provide the support to frequency deviation. The proportional-integral-derivative controller is tuned using particle swarm optimization algorithm to get the improvement in frequency response. The optimal values of speed control parameters of doubly fed induction generators and hydro turbine are presented using parallel processing. The performance of parallel processing also has been compared with the series processing to show the effectiveness of the proposed approach with respect to time consumption.

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1. Introduction

For the optimal design operation and placement of electrical power generation system in power system the load-frequency analysis becomes vital. The objective of this work is to maintain the power flow in specified limits under various system circumstances such as fluctuations in load demands, system parameters etc.

The wind energy conversion system integrated with the hydro power plant has several kinds of machines i.e. permanent magnet synchronous generators and variable speed generators such as doubly fed induction generator [1-4]. The primary frequency regulation is provided by the DFIG i.e. when the fraction of the kinetic energy stored in rotational masses is released the frequency can be regulated and further the control is taken over by conventional plant [5-7]. The active and reactive power flow must be limited with the support of PID controller.

Earlier the integral controllers were used in the system which is advantageous in reducing steady state error to zero but do not perform well under varying operating conditions. Thus a proportional-integral-derivative (PID) controller is applied to increase the dynamic performance of the whole system. Due to the nonlinearities in the system the controller parameters must be tuned to precise values so that to enhance its performance over the nonlinear operating range [4-8]. Therefore different optimization techniques such as artificial neural network (ANN), genetic algorithm (GA), fuzzy logic (FL), Particle swarm intelligence (PSO) can be implemented to get the optimized parameters of controller [7-9].

In this work the PSO algorithm is implemented for finding different set of possible solutions to get the optimized parameters. The optimized controller parameters adjust the inertia and partially use the stored kinetic energy of wind energy conversion system to reduce frequency deviation and by taking the range of different iteration sets the test data is collected and analyzed using parallel processing.

The organization of this paper is as follows. Section 2 addresses the problem formulation. The meta-heuristic PSO algorithm is explained in Section 3. Simulation result on the test systems are illustrated in Section 4 and the conclusion.

2. Problem Formation

The linearize model of conventional hydro power plant integrated with wind energy conversion system is represented in the block diagram form in figure 1. The transfer function of speed governor, turbine and the plant is presented in (1), (2) and (3) respectively.

$$G_g(s) = \frac{\Delta P_V}{\Delta P_G} = \frac{1}{1+sT_g} \tag{1}$$

$$G_t(s) = \frac{\Delta P_T}{\Delta P_V} = \frac{1}{1+sT_t} \tag{2}$$

$$G_p(s) = \frac{\Delta P_P}{\Delta P_T} = \frac{K_p}{1+sT_p} \tag{3}$$

Due to real power, control capability of DFIG frequency is regulated. In wind turbines substantial quantity of kinetic energy is stored in the rotating mass of the blades. When there is sudden change in the load, it impacts the inertia of the generator wind farm could be appropriately improved by taking step away from the steady state power setting and improving power[10-12]. The PID controllers installed in the interconnected power system effectively control the system frequency to maintain its stability and the proportional, integral and derivative gains of the controller are tuned in such a way to reduce error in the system and generate a suitable control signal. The generated error signal as an input to the system is given by

$$\Delta P_{ref} = K_p * CE + K_i \int CE dt + K_d \frac{dCE}{dt} \tag{4}$$

The constants K_p, K_i and K_d are the tuning parameters for the PID controller provides the frequency support to the integrated system. As the power demand decreases, the frequency deviation (Δf) violate the limits leads to triggering of the PID controller and as the power demand increases it reduced the Δf to provide the frequency support to the system[13-16]. The value of the inertia into a system can be established arbitrarily by varying K_d . When value of K_d is positive, original damping term is increased to reduce the frequency oscillation across the output.

$$J = \sum_{i=0}^t (|\Delta f_i|)^2 + \max(|\Delta f_i|) \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_{p_{min}} &\leq K_p \leq K_{p_{max}} \\ K_{i_{min}} &\leq K_i \leq K_{i_{max}} \\ K_{d_{min}} &\leq K_d \leq K_{d_{max}} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Sometimes a separate inertia controller is incorporated to increase the inertia of the system, but there is no direct frequency support and another control loop is required for retaining the speed of the generator [15-16]. Whereas, the PID controller helps in controlling as well as maintaining the system frequency of the system and the optimization of parameter i.e. K_p, K_i and K_d using PSO the objective function is to minimize the square of the error signal and maximum overshoot of error signal is given in equation (5) and the inequality constraints are defined in equation (6) based on the PSO algorithm.

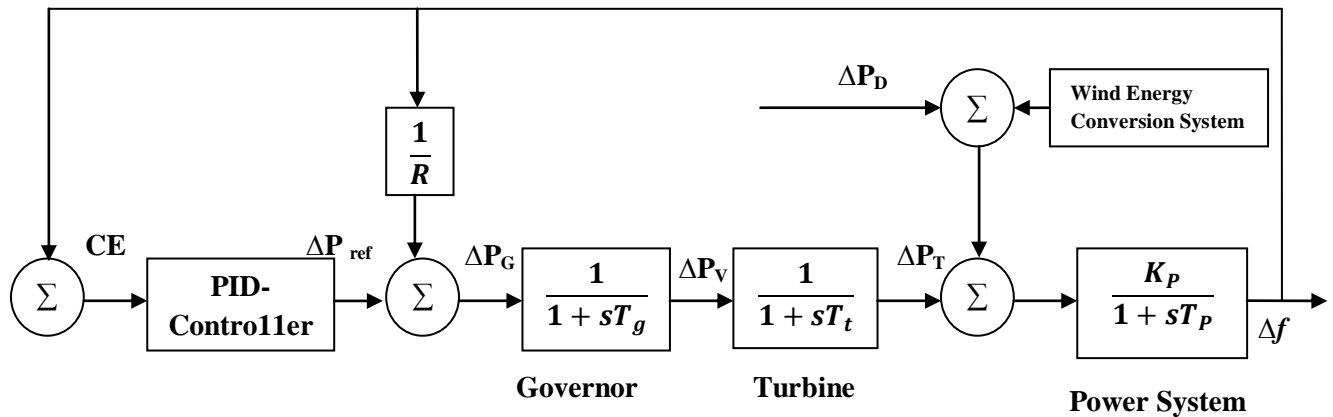


Figure 1: Block Diagram of Hydro and WECS connected System

3. Proposed Algorithm

Particle swarm optimization (PSO) is meta-heuristic population-based optimization method has advantages such as the search can be carried out with the speed of particles, no overlapping in the calculations, high calculation speed etc. Therefore during the development of the process only optimistic particles can transmit information onto the other particles [12]. The PSO adapts the real number code and the developed calculations occupy the biggest optimization. In this process the particles change their state with time and adjust their position according to its own experience i.e. local adjustment (P_{id}^k) and compare to the neighboring particles i.e. global adjustment (G_{id}^k) [13-15]. The algorithm initializes a random variable as particle (X_{id}^k) with velocity vector (V_{id}^k) applied to update the particle position locally and globally is given in equation (7)

$$V_{id}^{k+1} = \omega V_{id}^k + C_{1,random} (P_{id}^k - X_{id}^k) + C_{2,random} (G_{id}^k - X_{id}^k) \quad (7)$$

Where V_{id}^{k+1} is modified velocity, ω is the weight function and C_1, C_2 are the weight coefficients.

The current state of the particle can be modified by following equation

$$X_{id}^{k+1} = X_{id}^k + V_{id}^k \text{ where } i = 1, 2, \dots, n ; d = 1, 2, \dots, m(8)$$

The weight function can be calculated as

$$\omega_i = \omega_{max} - \frac{\omega_{max} - \omega_{min}}{k_{max}} \cdot k \tag{9}$$

Where ω_{max} and ω_{min} are the maximum and minimum weights and there appropriate range is between 0.9 to 0.4 respectively and k and k_{max} are the current and maximum iterations respectively. The detailed procedure to solve the problem using parallel processing PSO approach is elaborated below:

- Step 1: Input the system parameters and their limits.*
- Step 2: Calculate the power flow and the variations in frequency.*
- Step 3: Consider a random initial population (array) of particles with random positions and velocities. Set the iteration counter $k = 0$.*
- Step 4: For each particle if the parameters are within the limits, calculate the power flow and frequency. Otherwise, that particle is infeasible.*
- Step 5: For each particle, compare its objective value with the individual best. If the objective value is lower then P_{id}^k , then set this value as the current best and record the corresponding particle position.*
- Step 6: Choose the particle associated with the minimum individual best P_{id}^k of all particles, and set the value of this P_{id}^k as the current overall best G_{id}^k .*
- Step 7: Update the velocity and position of particle using equation and respectively.*
- Step 8: If the iteration number reaches the maximum limit, go to next Step. Otherwise, set iteration index $k = k + 1$, and go back to Step 4.*
- Step 9: The optimal solution to the target problem is achieved including the best states and frequency.*

The algorithm used for providing the auto tuning to controller parameter mostly written for the serial computation. The serial computation means that whole algorithm would be run on single processor. All the instruction given in the algorithm would be execute sequentially in series manner. Whereas, in parallel computing, there system would use more than one processor for the computation methods, which execute number of computation in parallel by dividing a large problem into the smaller parts and each part is execute by different processor simultaneously. So, for providing the parallel computation, multiple compute processors are required to solve a large set of computational problem. That problem would be run on multi core processor. Figure 2 shows how to divide the problem in sequential and parallel. The information exchange is between the two neighboring sub populations connected by arrowed lines. The sub population is allocated in each computer that involves parallel computing. With each processor that can communicate, the best solution of individual processor is transferred to the neighboring processor for searching the optimal solution. In the MATLAB

software, the Parallel Computing Toolbox is used for performing the parallel computation by taking the advantages of multi-core processor. The software creates a parallel pool depending upon the number of processor or worker available, and divide all the problem parallel to all worker. There are various function used in MATLAB to provide the parallel pool e.g. parfor – parallel for loop, parfeval – asynchronous function computation, parsim – asynchronous Simulink model simulation.

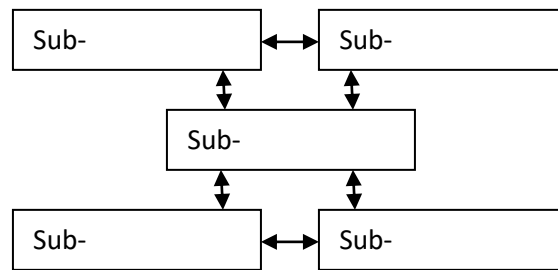


Figure 2: Parallel Processing

In the series processing, tuning process of ALFC controller takes few minutes. That time taken by the process mostly depend upon the total size of the population of proposed algorithm. In order to reduce computation time, the calculation made by each population has been divided into different processor with the help of parsim function as defined in Figure 3.

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model = 'abcde';
load_system(model)
in = Simulink.SimulationInput(model);
in = in.setModelParameter('SimulationMode', 'rapid-accelerator');
in = in.setModelParameter('RapidAcceleratorUpToDateCheck', 'off');
out = parsim(in)
    
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Figure 3: Syntax for Parallel Processing

Results Analysis

In the presented works, the PID parameters of AFLC controller has been optimized using Partial Swarm optimization (PSO). The performance of optimization algorithm has been improved by solving the problem with parallel computing. The total number of four workers has been used for parallel computing using the computer with intel core i5, 2.5GHz supported by 8 GB RAM. The operating system used on computer was Windows 10. The graphical representation of results of computation time reduction for presented optimization problem is shown in the Figure 4. The results confirm that parallel computing allows decreasing computation time of AFLC controller compared to the series computing. To show the effectiveness of the parallel processing, given problem has been run on the different set of

population varies from 10 to 100 and comparison for each set of population with series processing has been shown in Figure 4.

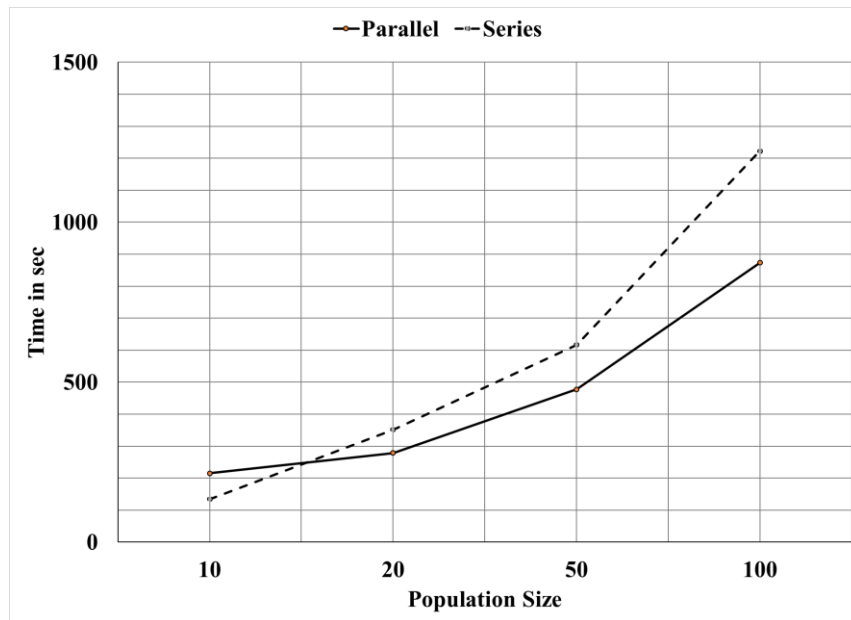


Figure 4: Computation time comparison

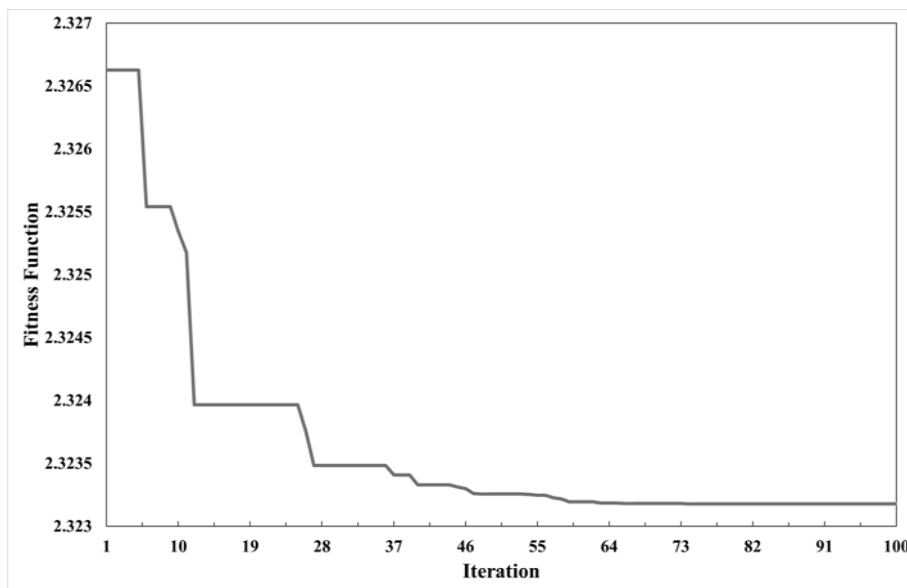


Figure 4: Computation time comparison

In the figure 4, the performance of PSO algorithm has been shown, which effectively minimize the objective function to optimized the PID parameter for the ALFC controller. The effect of the

optimized parameter on the single areas system consist of wind and hydro plant have been shown in the Figure5. It has been seen that the maximum frequency deviation of single areas system has been reduced by half with the PID controller, where stored energy of wind power efficiently utilized to reduce the effect of power and frequency imbalance

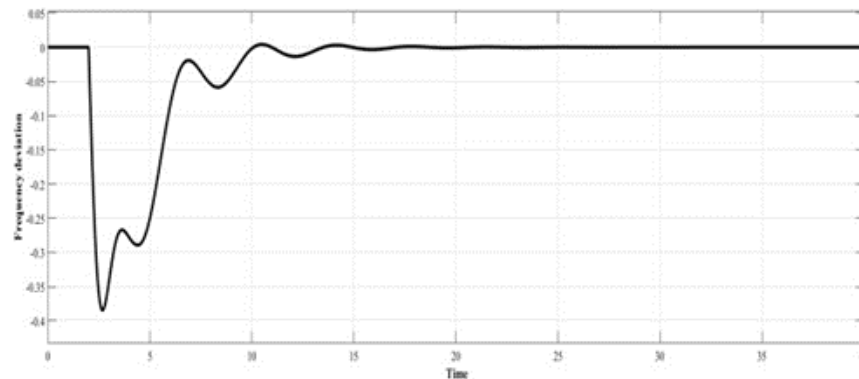


Figure 5: Frequency response of hybrid system

Conclusion

The integration of DFIG wind generators within the power system leads to the disturbance in fundamental frequency. The load frequency control becomes essential to limit the deviations as low as possible. The parameters of PID controller are tuned by using particle swarm optimization algorithm and controller coefficients are optimized. The frequency regulation in the load changing conditions has also been studied. The proposed algorithm also utilizing the advantages of parallel computation, that reduce the computation time required to auto tuned the controller parameter for a Simulink model.

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