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EEE6201 Advanced Control of Electric Drives

Answer **FOUR** questions. **No marks will be awarded for solutions to a fifth question.** Solutions will be considered in the order that they are presented in the answer book. Trial answers will be ignored if they are clearly crossed out. **The numbers given after each section of a question indicate the relative weighting of that section.**

1. a. Figure 1 illustrates a three-phase voltage source inverter with resistive shunt current sensing.

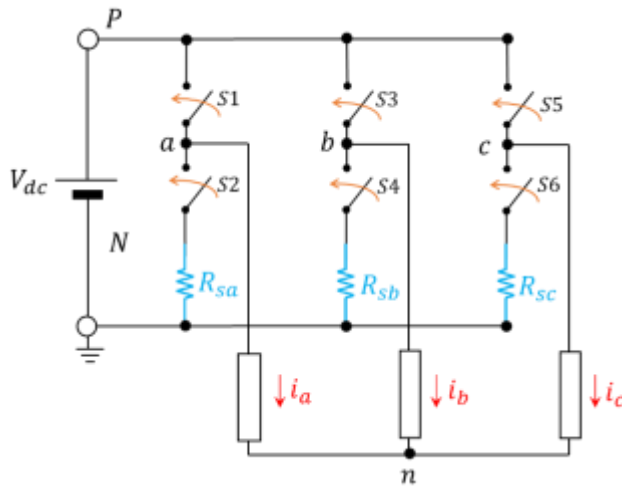


Figure 1

- i. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of this current measurement technique. Suggest an alternative technique which does not suffer from these disadvantages. (2)
 - ii. If the maximum load currents are $I_{rms} = 25A_{rms}$ and the sensing circuitry can measure voltages in the range $\pm 5V$, calculate the maximum value of the sensing resistors R_s . (1)
 - iii. At what point during the PWM switching cycle can the current measurements be taken? (1)
- b. A quadrature incremental encoder with 720 pulses per revolution has output signals **A**, **B** with **A** leading **B** for positive rotation. The signals shown in Figure 2 are measured.
- i. Assuming that both rising and falling edge transitions are counted, and that the initial position is 0° , what is the final measured position? (2)

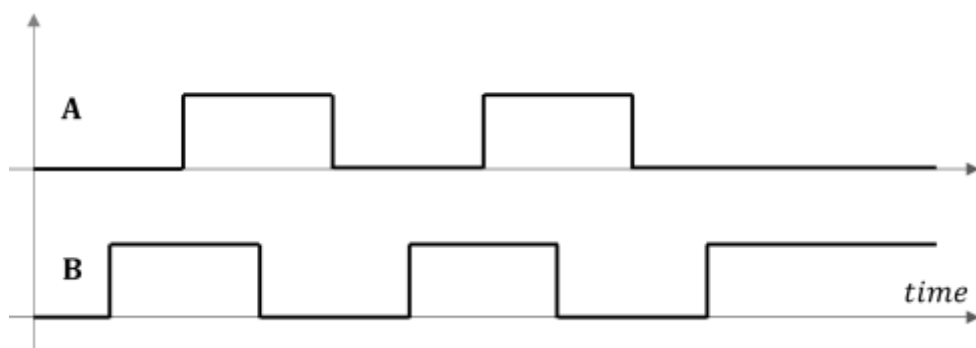


Figure 2

- ii. Describe the main differences between incremental and absolute encoders. (2)
- c.
- i. Calculate the angular resolution in rad that can be obtained with a 12-bit absolute encoder. (2)
 - ii. Calculate the minimum number of bits for an encoder in order to achieve a resolution of $\frac{1}{10} 1^\circ = 0.00174rad$. (2)

- d. Figure 3 illustrates the principle of operation of a resolver.

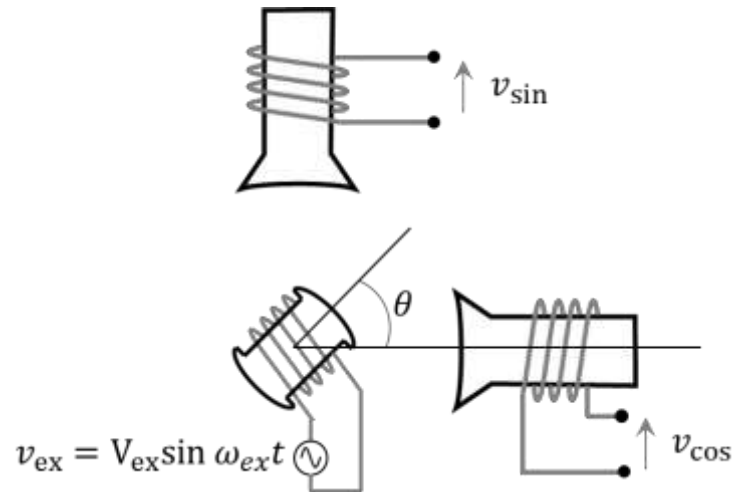


Figure 3

- i. Assuming a transformer ratio n between rotor and stator, what is the voltage measured at the stator sine and cosine windings v_{sin} , v_{cos} when $\theta = 30^\circ$ and $\theta = 90^\circ$? (2)
- ii. Illustrate, with the aid of a block diagram and describing relevant signals, a methodology for the extraction of the angle information θ from the measurements of v_{sin} , v_{cos} . (6)

4. A 6-poles three-phase surface mounted Permanent Magnet Synchronous Machine (PMSM) has negligible phase resistance, synchronous inductance $L = 800 \mu H$, and rotor flux $\psi_m = 0.08 Vs$. The motor is driven by an inverter having maximum current limited to $I_{max} = 75 A$.
- a. On the i_d, i_q plane sketch the operating region satisfying the current constraint and the maximum torque per unit current (MTPA) trajectory up to I_{max} . (2)
 - b. Calculate the maximum torque that the motor can produce at zero speed. (2)
 - c. The inverter driving the motor is operated with sine-triangle PWM and is supplied by a dc-link voltage $V_{dc} = 100 V$. Calculate the maximum mechanical speed ω_b in revolutions per minute $[rpm]$ at which the motor can produce the maximum torque (this is the base speed for constant torque operation). (5)
 - d. Verify that the drive has an absolute maximum speed limit beyond which positive torque production is not possible. Calculate the maximum mechanical speed ω_{max} in $[rpm]$. (5)
 - e. Sketch a block diagram of a controller suitable for closed-loop field weakening control and describe its principle of operation. (6)

6. A three-phase star-connected 4-poles induction motor (IM) has the following parameters referred to the stator:

Stator resistance: $R_s = 0.2\Omega$.

Rotor resistance: $R_r = 0.15\Omega$.

Stator inductance: $L_s = 20mH$.

Rotor inductance: $L_r = 25mH$.

Mutual inductance: $L_m = 15mH$.

The motor is in steady-state conditions and is operated under indirect Field Oriented Control (FOC) at 1500 [rpm]. The measured stator currents in the synchronous reference frame are:

$$i_d^s = 20 A$$

$$i_q^s = 100 A$$

- a. With the help of a block diagram, explain the operation of the IM synchronous current control using the indirect FOC. (5)
- b. Calculate the slip frequency ω_{slip} and the stator frequency ω_e . (4)
- c. Calculate the stator voltages v_d^s, v_q^s . (3)
- d. Assuming ideal cross-coupling compensation, calculate the proportional Kp_d, Kp_q and integral gains Ki_d, Ki_q for the d – and q –axis PI current controllers such that the closed loop step response to a current demand has a time constant $\tau = 5 ms$ (8)

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