

Hall Effect Sensor Analysis for Industrial Motor Speed Control System

Problem Statement:

An industrial conveyor system uses a Hall effect sensor for precise speed monitoring of a DC motor driving the belt. The maintenance team needs to calibrate the sensor system and analyze its performance characteristics for quality control applications.

System Configuration:

- **Motor shaft:** Contains 8 equally spaced permanent magnets around circumference
- **Hall effect sensor:** Linear type, positioned 3 mm from magnet surface
- **Magnet specifications:** Neodymium magnets, each producing 0.35 Tesla at sensor location
- **Sensor supply voltage:** $V_{\text{supply}} = 5.0 \text{ V}$
- **Sensor material:** Silicon with Hall coefficient $R_H = 3.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{C}$
- **Sensor thickness:** $t = 0.8 \text{ mm}$
- **Operating current through sensor:** $I_{\text{control}} = 10 \text{ mA}$
- **Target conveyor speed:** 2.5 m/s with 0.6 m diameter motor pulley

Given Parameters:

- **Magnetic flux density:** $B = 0.35 \text{ T}$ (when magnet passes sensor)
- **Background magnetic field:** $B_{\text{background}} = 0.02 \text{ T}$
- **Hall coefficient:** $R_H = 3.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{C}$
- **Control current:** $I = 0.010 \text{ A}$
- **Sensor thickness:** $t = 8.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$

- **Supply voltage:** $V_s = 5.0 \text{ V}$
- **Pulley diameter:** $D = 0.6 \text{ m}$
- **Number of magnets:** $N = 8$
- **Sensor resolution:** 12-bit ADC (4096 levels)

Hall Effect Equations

Fundamental Hall Effect Relations:

Hall voltage:

$$V_H = (R_H \times I \times B) / t$$

Hall coefficient:

$$R_H = 1 / (n \times e)$$

where n = charge carrier density, e = elementary charge ($1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$)

Hall electric field:

$$E_H = V_H / w$$

where w = width of the Hall element

Signal Processing Relations:

Output voltage (with amplification):

$$V_{out} = G \times V_H + V_{offset}$$

where G = amplifier gain, V_{offset} = offset voltage

Peak-to-peak voltage:

$$V_{\text{pp}} = V_{\text{H(max)}} - V_{\text{H(min)}}$$

Signal-to-noise ratio:

$$\text{SNR} = 20 \times \log_{10}(V_{\text{signal}} / V_{\text{noise}})$$

Speed and Frequency Relations:

Pulse frequency from sensor:

$$f_{\text{pulse}} = (N \times \text{RPM}) / 60$$

Motor angular velocity:

$$\omega = 2\pi \times \text{RPM} / 60$$

Linear belt speed:

$$v_{\text{belt}} = \omega \times (D/2)$$

Time between pulses:

$$T_{\text{pulse}} = 1 / f_{\text{pulse}}$$

Digital Signal Processing:

ADC resolution:

$$V_{\text{LSB}} = V_{\text{ref}} / (2^n - 1)$$

where V_{ref} = reference voltage, n = ADC bits

Digital count:

$$\text{Count} = V_{\text{out}} / V_{\text{LSB}}$$

Analysis Questions:**Question 1: Hall Voltage Characteristics**

- a) Calculate the Hall voltage generated when a magnet ($B = 0.35 \text{ T}$) passes directly over the sensor.
- b) Calculate the Hall voltage when only background magnetic field ($B = 0.02 \text{ T}$) is present.
- c) Determine the peak-to-peak Hall voltage variation as magnets pass the sensor.

Question 2: Speed and Frequency Analysis

- a) Calculate the required motor RPM to achieve the target conveyor belt speed of 2.5 m/s .
- b) Determine the pulse frequency generated by the Hall sensor at this target speed.
- c) Calculate the time interval between consecutive pulses at target operating speed.

Question 3: Signal Conditioning

- a) If the signal conditioning circuit has a gain of 50 and offset voltage of 2.5 V , calculate the conditioned output voltage range.
- b) Calculate the digital count range for the 12-bit ADC system (assuming 5V reference).

c) Determine the speed resolution of the system (minimum detectable speed change).

System Requirements:

- Minimum detectable speed: 0.1 m/s
- Speed accuracy: $\pm 2\%$
- Operating temperature range: -20°C to $+80^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Update rate: Minimum 10 Hz for control system