

## Direct power control of the three-phase AC-DC converter under conditions of unbalanced voltage

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**Abstract:** This paper presents the coordinated methodology for three-stage PWM AC-DC converter for acquiring the balanced parts under lopsided gracefully condition. In the instances of unequal three-stage framework, it causes the presence of uneven current and voltages in this way produce the negative parts on the network voltage. Something else, the unbalance voltage in a three-stage power framework causes extreme execution debasement of a matrix associated VSI. Subsequently, the information structures for traditional direct force control have been altered with a three easier grouping networks rather it coupled by a point by point three-stage framework strategy. Subsequently, the lopsidedness voltage can be settled by isolating from the individual components of voltage and current into even parts called as a succession organization. Thus, the info power is generally improved during lopsided condition nearly than 70%. It demonstrated through the estimation of Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) from the regular direct force control in singular components is a lot higher analyzed than it settled in isolated segments. In this way, three even parts are essential for awkwardness gracefully condition so as to getting the great nature of sinusoidal lattice flows

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### I. Introduction

Nowadays, almost every application in electric system that needs the power converter is necessary especially in dc motor control circuits and much more [1]. Power converter acts as the link or the transforming stage between the power source and the power supply output. However, based on [2] stated that a converter is relevant to one or more functions by delivering output differs which is from the input. It is used to increase or decrease the magnitude of input voltage, invert polarity, or to produce several output voltages of either the same polarity with the input, different polarity, or mixed polarities such in the computer power supply unit. Performance of power converters is greatly dependent on the quality of the control techniques that being applied to the converters. Therefore, the operating conditions affected by a variety of unbalance grid voltage supply or other kind of disturbance at grid side. The most usual grid faults are under amplitude variation which is the three-phase voltage differ in amplitude or are displaced from their normal 120o phase relationship or both. Indirectly, it implies for the appearance of negative sequence in voltage and current thus leads to the oscillation of system variable. Thus, to achieve a lower disturbances and enhanced power quality, a few solutions have been approach in these cases. Therefore, the solution should be based in controlling the positive sequence power to obtain symmetrical ac currents. There has also been direct power control (DPC) approaches in order to improve the whole performance in controller [3-5]. In this paper, DPC is modified to manage powerflow during unbalanced voltages supply so that sinusoidal balanced grid and can accomplish new regulation laws.

### II. Direct Power control

The direct power control (DPC) is based on the direct torque control concept in electrical machines. The intention for DPC is to control the instantaneous of active and reactive power control loops [6] as the same direction for DTC in controlling the torque and flux of induction machines. In this DPC scheme as shown in Figure 1, switching table plays a major part [7]. The input to the switching table will be the instantaneous error of the active power, reactive power and the voltage vector position. This switching table enables the converter to select the appropriate of switching states. In conventional DPC, a total of four voltage sensors are used to measure the three-phase ac input voltage and dc output voltage, while three current sensors are used to measure the three-phase input currents [8-10]. Then, the measured currents and voltages are fed into two “abc- $\alpha\beta$ ” blocks which utilize the Clarke Transformation. Both blocks transform the three-phase voltage and current into their corresponding  $\alpha\beta$ -reference frame. The transformation matrix to the stationary frame is utilized by referring the (1). The three-phase input components are represented by  $x_a$ ,  $x_b$  and  $x_c$  while  $x_\alpha$  and  $x_\beta$  indicate two-phase components in  $\alpha\beta$ -reference frame. The voltage and current in  $\alpha\beta$ -reference frame are then fed into another block to obtain the estimated instantaneous active power  $P_{inst}$ , and reactive power  $Q_{inst}$ , as indicated in (2) and (3), respectively. Then, the  $P_{inst}$  and  $Q_{inst}$  are fed into the hysteresis comparator to obtain active

and reactive power errors which is given by  $d_p$  and  $d_q$  respectively. Subsequently, the angle of input voltage vector  $\theta_n$ , is determined by the voltage vector angle converter block. The inputs to the switching table are  $\theta_n$ ,  $d_p$  and  $d_q$ . At that point, the suitable switching states of the converter will be generated by the switching table and the output voltage is kept close to the reference DC voltage by tuning the PI controller appropriately [11,12].

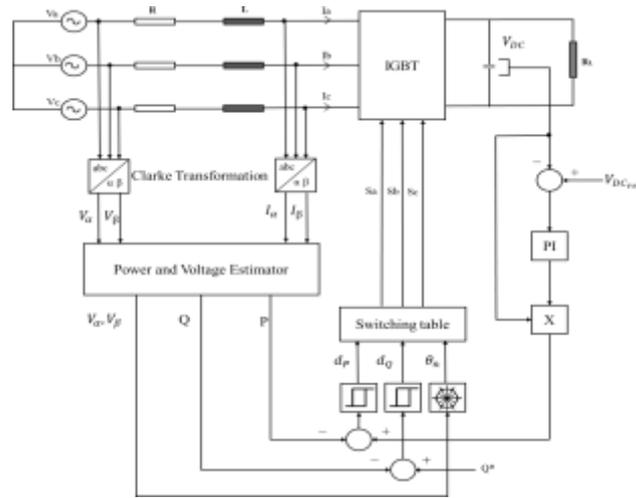


Figure 1. Control structure of direct power control

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{\alpha} \\ V_{\beta} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ V_b \\ V_c \end{bmatrix}$$

(1)

$$P_{inst} = \frac{3}{2} [V_{\alpha} I_{\alpha} + V_{\beta} I_{\beta}]$$

(2)

$$Q_{inst} = \frac{3}{2} [V_{\beta} I_{\alpha} - V_{\alpha} I_{\beta}]$$

(3)

### Development of switching table for DPC

In DPC, the digitized signal  $\theta_n$  is calculated from the phase of voltage vector, which is measured from the three-phase power source using

$$\theta_n = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{V_{\beta}}{V_{\alpha}} \right)$$

(4)

The switching table in the circuit simulation is created using “Matlab Function” block as shown in Table 1. The power errors are inputs to the hysteresis comparators and digitized to  $d_p$  and  $d_q$ . Figure 2 shows the sector selection for direct power control.

Table 1. Switching look-up table for direct power control

Power error	Sector position ( $\theta_n$ ) and converter voltage vector ( $V_n$ ) status
$d_p$ $d_q$	$\theta_1 \theta_2 \theta_3 \theta_4 \theta_5 \theta_6 \theta_7 \theta_8 \theta_9 \theta_{10} \theta_{11} \theta_{12}$
0 0	$V_1 V_1 V_2 V_2 V_3 V_3 V_4 V_4 V_5 V_5 V_6 V_6$
0 1	$V_2 V_2 V_3 V_3 V_4 V_4 V_5 V_5 V_6 V_6 V_1 V_1$
1 0	$V_6 V_6 V_1 V_1 V_2 V_2 V_3 V_3 V_4 V_4 V_5 V_5$
1 1	$V_3 V_3 V_4 V_4 V_5 V_5 V_6 V_6 V_1 V_1 V_2 V_2$

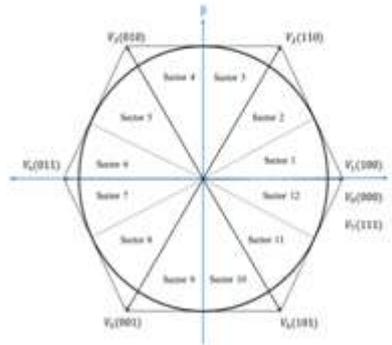


Figure 2. Sector selection for direct power control

**UNBALANCE GRIDVOLTAGE**

However, although DPC offer simple control structure and fast dynamic response, it generates high ripples and higher number of Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) during imbalance input voltage. In order to make the controller to be more robust in such cases, investigations of power converters under unbalanced input voltage conditions are presented in references [13]. The interaction between the harmonic components of the dc output voltage and the converter pole voltages creates odd harmonic components in the input AC current. Consequently, these harmonics components will increase the THD of the ac input current significantly [14]. In general, the nonideal conditions such as unbalanced and distorted three-phase grid voltage supply have negative impacts to the performance and filter size of AC-DC converter system [15]. Therefore, the control techniques of an AC-DC converter need additional investigation to mitigate those negative impacts during voltage unbalance and distorted conditions. For that, it is necessary to split the voltage vector into its sequence components as well as to compute the positive sequence voltage vector angle. Voltage angle calculation is done by means of a PLL while a very simple algorithm is used for sequence extraction.

**Sequence extractor**

The unbalanced grid voltage condition in DPC causing negative or zero components exist on the grid voltage vector. Thus, it indicates to be harmful to all polyphase loads, especially three phase induction machines. Otherwise, unbalance system produces excessive heat causing equipment failures. Therefore, positive and negative sequence equations shown in Table 2 will be applied in this research work in order to obtain a balanced and low total harmonic distortion of grid currents.

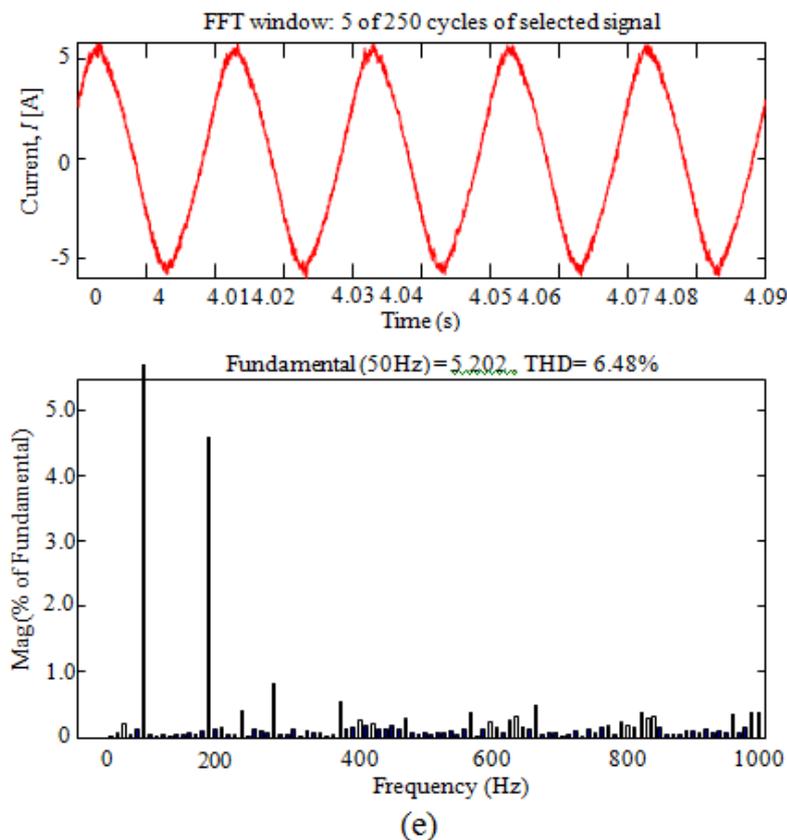
Phase	Component	Matrix	Equation
Zero Sequence		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$V^{(0)} = \frac{1}{3}(V_a + V_b + V_c)$
	$a$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$V_a^{(0)} = \frac{1}{3}(V_a + V_b + V_c)$
	$b$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$V_b^{(0)} = \frac{1}{3}(V_a + V_b + V_c)$
Positive Sequence		$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & a^2 & a \end{bmatrix}$	$V^{(1)} = \frac{1}{3}(V_a + aV_b + a^2V_c)$
	$a$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$V_a^{(1)} = \frac{1}{3}(V_a + aV_b + a^2V_c)$
	$b$	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$	$V_b^{(1)} = \frac{1}{3}(V_a + aV_b + a^2V_c)$



and performance of new DPC combining with sequence extractor compared to the conventional one during unbalanced conditions

Parameters	Value
Input phase voltage (peak), $E_g$	70.71 V
Source Voltage frequency, $f$	50 Hz
Dc-link voltage reference, $V_{dc,ref}$	200 V
Resistance of reactance, R	0.2 $\Omega$
Inductance of reactance, L	18 mH
Dc-link capacitor, C	10.8 mF
Load Resistance, $R_L$	140 $\Omega$
Sampling time, $t_s$	20 $\mu$ s

Simulation result of the three-phase PWM rectifier operation under unbalanced input voltage for the additional of sequence extractor into DPC and conventional one are presented in Figure 4 and Figure 5 respectively. In this test, the magnitude for  $V_a$  is differ from the nominal balanced conditioned as shown in (a) for both test. Thus, by reducing amount of voltage resulting the current to an excessive amount as shown in Figure 4 and Figure 5(b), which the current for  $I_a$  is higher than other phases. Therefore, the additional of sequence extractor into DPC has guarantee for almost or near sinusoidal input current waveform as shown in Figure 4(c) by correcting the unbalance of input voltage. Consequently, it resulting for a lower number of Total Harmonic Distortion (THD=6.48%). However, input current for conventional DPC are highly distorted due to higher number of Total Harmonic Distortion (THD=22.27%) as shown in current spectrum



**Figure 4.** Simulation result for additional of sequence extractor into DPC of PWM AC-DC converter under unbalanced input voltage

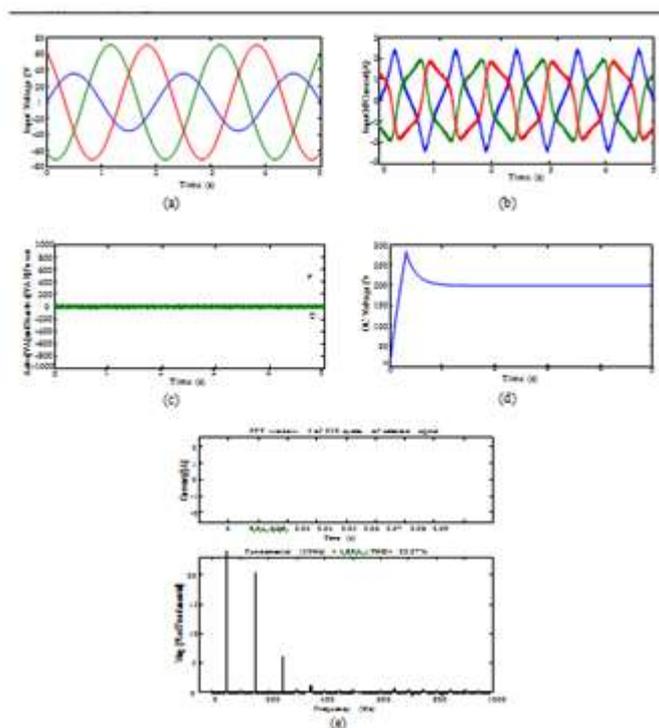


Figure 5. Simulation result for conventional DPC of PWM AC-DC converter under unbalanced input voltage

#### IV. Conclusion

This paper has presented the implementation of a sequence extractor into Direct Power Control scheme. The main goal for the additional strategy of sequence extractor is to achieve for near-sinusoidal input current waveform of the converter under different amplitude input voltage conditions. In-fact, instantaneous active and reactive powers provided by harmonic component of input current are directly controlled via a switching table. Simulation result has proven excellent performance of the proposed additional strategy of sequence extractor, which is much better than conventional DPC by reducing almost for 70% of Total Harmonic Distortion (THD), even in both transient and steady states conditions. Nearly sinusoidal waveform of input current is successfully achieved under unbalance input voltage conditions. The presented simulation results confirm that the additional of sequence extractor into DPC is capable to ensure the correcting unbalance of input voltage, unlike the conventional DPC is resulting for decreasing percentage of productive current, thus it providing for high number of THDcurrent.

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