DC MOTOR SPEED CONTROL USING FUZZY LOGIC CONTROLLER

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ABSTRACT

Fuzzy Logic Controller has gained wide popularity in the application of speed control for the DC motors. Their performance, with the auto tuning is desirable. In this project, the performance of a selected DC motor controlled by a Proportional Integral Derivative (PID) controller and Fuzzy Logic Controller are investigated. An overshoot speed is observed with an accompanied settling time thereby confirming the behavior of a PID controller and Fuzzy Logic Controller. It is therefore a matter of necessity to tune the Fuzzy Logic Controller in order to obtain the desired performance. On the other hand, a Fuzzy Logic Controller applied to the DC motor is investigated. With the application of appropriate expert rules, there is minimum overshoot and the settling time is within the desired value. With the Fuzzy Logic Controller, manual tuning is eliminated and intelligent tuning takes the centre stage with satisfactory performance. The speed control of the DC motor is performed using PID and FLC in MATLAB environment. The results show that the FLC approach has minimum overshoot, minimum transient and steady state error, which show more effectiveness and efficiency of FLC than conventional PID controller.

ABSTRAK

Pengawal Logik Kabur (FLC) telah digunakan secara meluas di dalam applikasi untuk mengawal kelajuan motor arus terus. Prestasinya dengan kebolehan untuk mengawal secara automatik adalah diperlukan. Di dalam projek ini, prestasi motor arus terus yang dipilih telah dikawal dengan menggunakan pengawal Proportional Integral Derivative (PID) dan Pengawal Logik Kabur (FLC) telah dikaji. Untuk tujuan itu, nilai lajakan kelajuan maksimum untuk mencapai nilai kelajuan yang telah ditetapkan dan juga masa yang diambil untuk mencapai nilai sasaran kelajuan yang stabil telah dikenal pasti dan dianalisis untuk mengesahkan kelakuan pengawal Proportional Integral Derivative (PID) dan juga Pengawal Logik Kabur (FLC). Dengan itu, pelarasan hendaklah di lakukan keatas Pengawal Logik Kabur (FLC) untuk memastikan prestasi yang dihasilkan adalah seperti yang dikehendaki. Dengan kata lain, perkara berkaitan dengan kelakuan Pengawal Logik Kabur (FLC) telah dikaji. Dengan menggunakan nilai yang sesuai, nilai lajakan kelajuan maksimum dan juga masa yang diperlukan untuk mencapai keadaan kelajuan stabil telah dapat dikurangkan. Dengan menggunakan Pengawal Logik Kabur (FLC), pelarasan secara manual telah di hapuskan dan pelarasan secara automatik telah mengambil tempat untuk memberikan prestasi seperti yang dikehendaki. Kawalan kelajuan motor arus terus yang dilakukan dengan menggunakan pengawal PID dan pengawal FLC adalah dengan menggunakan perisian MATLAB. Keputusannya menunjukkan bahawa dengan menggunakan Pengawal Logik Kabur, nilai lajakan kelajuan maksimum adalah minimum, gelombang peralihan yang minimum dan juga nilai ralat dalam keadaan kelajuan stabil yang minimum telah dapat dicapai berbanding daripada dengan menggunakan pengawal konvensional Proportional Integral Derivative (PID).

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Symbol

FLC Fuzzy Logic Controller

PWM Pulse Width Modulation

PID Proportional Integral Derivative

Kp Proportional gain

Ki Integral gain

Kd Derivative gain

FLC(7x3) Fuzzy Logic Controller with matrix (7x3)

FLC(5x5) Fuzzy Logic Controller with matrix (5x5)

FLC(7x7) Fuzzy Logic Controller with matrix (7x7)

AC Alternate current

DC Direct current

ENL Error negative large

ENM Error negative medium

ENS Error negative small

Ezz Error zero

EPS Error positive small

EPM Error positive medium

EPL Error positive large

CENL Change of error negative large

CENM Change of error negative medium

CENS Change of error negative small

CEZ Change of error zero

CEPS Change of error positive small

CEPM Change of error positive medium

CEPL Change of error positive large

NL Negative large

NM Negative medium

NS Negative small

Z Zero

PS Positive small

PM Positive medium

PL Positive large

Vb Back electromagnetic force (emf)

Ra Armature resistanceLa Armature inductance

Kb Damping friction of the mechanical system

Ka Back electromotive force constant

J Moment of inertia of the rotor

T Torque of motor ω Angular velocity

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

The speed of DC motors can be adjusted within wide boundaries so that this provides easy controllability and high performance. DC motors used in many applications such as still rolling mills, electric trains, electric vehicles, electric cranes and robotic manipulators require speed controller to perform their tasks. Speed controller of DC motors is carried out by means of voltage control in 1981 firstly by Ward Leonard [1]. The regulated voltage sources used for DC motor speed control have gained more importance after the introduction of thyristor as switching devices in power electronics. Then semiconductor components such as MOSFET, IGBT, and GTO have been used as electric switching devices [2].

DC motor systems are indispensable in modern industries. DC motors are used in a variety of applications in industrial electronics and robotics that includes precision positioning as well as speed control. DC motors use feedback controller to control the speed or the position, or both. Today most famous and most frequently used type of controller in industry is PID controller [3], but PID controllers don't offer satisfactory results when adaptive algorithm are required [4,5].

Fuzzy Logic Controller offers some solutions. Basic advantages of Fuzzy Logic Controller is that it does not require knowing complete mathematical model of system [6,7,8,9]. Popularity of FLC is explained with fact that it puts clear and simple implementation of human thinking into controlling algorithm [10]. Fuzzy

controllers are robust regarding dynamic changes and have wide stability range [11]. FLC only based on approximate and linguistic information [6,7,12].

The basic continuous feedback controller is PID controller which possesses good performance. However is adaptive enough only with flexible tuning. Although many advanced control techniques such as self-tuning control, model reference adaptive control, sliding mode control and fuzzy logic control have been proposed to improve system performances. In this project, Fuzzy Logic Controller has been proposed for improvement and analysis of the system performance.

1.2 Problem Statements

The nonlinear characteristics of a DC motor such as saturation and friction could degrade the performance of conventional controllers. Many advanced model based control methods such as variable structure control and model reference adaptive control have been developed to reduce these effects. However, the performance of these methods depends on the accuracy of the system models and parameters. Generally, an accurate non-linear model of an actual DC motor is difficult to find, and parameter values obtained from system identification may be only approximated values [6,7].

Control system that could be able to give a fast response in order to maintain the speed of the DC motor at the desired value with a minimum overshoot, minimum steady state error, minimum settling time and fast rising time are very important and crucial in industrial application.

Conventional control has proven for a long time to be good enough to handle control tasks on system control, however this implementation relies on an exact mathematical model of the plan to be control and not a simple mathematical operations. The fuzzy logic control, unlike conventional control system, is able to model inaccurate or imprecise models. The fuzzy logic approach offers a simpler, quicker and more reliable solution that is clear advantages over conventional techniques [10,12].

1.3 Project Objectives

The objectives of this project are as follows:

- i) To design a fuzzy logic controller as another type of controller that can be used on to control speed of the DC motor.
- ii) To analyze the performance comparison between PID and Fuzzy Logic Controller in order to control speed of the DC motor by simulation.
- iii) To evaluate and validate performance of the design FLC defuzzification output by using microcontroller.

1.4 Project Scopes

The scope of the project including of the following:

- i) Validate performance of the PID and Fuzzy Logic Controller by simulation.
- ii) The fine tuning for the each type of controller to optimize the result.
- iii) FLC hardware implementation using microcontroller for an open loop test for defuzzification output evaluation and validation.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

The concept of fuzzy logic was introduced by Lotfi Zadeh [13], as a formal methodology to represent heuristic knowledge [14]. Based on fuzzy logic, easily comprehensive rules can be used to implement controller for complex systems [14]. Fuzzy logic controller systems are a practical alternative for the development of a wide variety of control application, being able to control nonlinear systems using heuristic information supplied intuitively by the programmer. Beyond their more intuitive design, fuzzy controllers have robustness and low cost inherent characteristics [13]. FLC system can be implemented in hardware in several ways such as microprocessors or microcontrollers, but there are digital signal processor based implementations as well [15].

2.2 Fuzzy Logic Controller

Fuzzy Logic is a form of logical reasoning that can be incorporated into automation systems typically human reasoning schemes. Fuzzy theory was first proposed and investigated by Prof Zadeh in 1965 [16]. One of the main features of fuzzy logic is its ability to operate with vague or ambiguous concepts typical of qualitative reasoning, based on a mathematical support quantitative conclusion can be drawn from a set of observations and qualitative rules. Fuzzy logic control is the application of fuzzy inference process automation. A typical fuzzy controller infers the

consequent of more or less large simple rules, this process of reasoning can be performed in parallel, yielding the result with a simple logical sum. This parallel processing capability allows even relatively complex controllers to perform the fuzzy inference in a minimum computation time.

In a fuzzy logic system, the inference mechanism decides what rules to apply for the corresponding inputs by matching the fuzzified inputs to the premises of the rules in the rule base. The inference mechanism provides a fuzzy set that indicates the certainty that the plant input should take the various values. The defuzzification is used to convert the fuzzy set produced by the inference mechanism into a crisp output to be used by the plant [20].

The most important specifications of fuzzy logic control method are their fuzzy logical ability in the quality perception of system dynamics and the application of these quality ideas simultaneously for control system. A simple block diagram of a fuzzy logic system is shown in Figure 2-1.

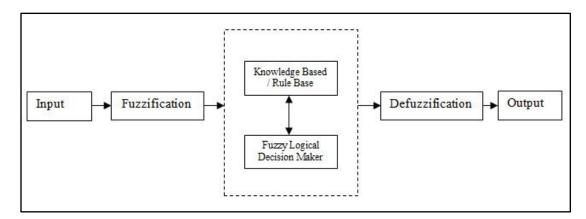


Figure 2-1: Structure of Fuzzy Logic Controller

2.2.1 Fuzzy Input

The inputs are most often hard or crisp measurement from some measuring equipment is converted into fuzzy values for each input fuzzy set with the fuzzification block.

2.2.2 Fuzzification

The fuzzification block performs the following tasks:

- i) Measures the value of input variables.
- ii) Performs a scale mapping that transfers the range of values of input variables into the corresponding universes of discourse.
- Performs the function of fuzzification, which converts input data into suitable linguistic values that may be viewed as labels of fuzzy sets.

2.2.3 Knowledge Based/Rule Based

The collection of rules is called a rule base. The rules are in "If Then" format and formally the If side is called the conditions and the Then side is called the conclusion. The computer is able to execute the rules and compute a control signal depending on the measured inputs error (e) and change in error (ce). In a rule based controller the control strategy is stored in a more or less natural language. A rule base controller is easy to understand and easy to maintain for a non-specialist end user and an equivalent controller could be implemented using conventional techniques.

2.2.4 Fuzzy Logical

The fuzzy engine is the kernel of a fuzzy logic controller, which has capability of simulating human decision making based on fuzzy concepts and of inferring fuzzy control actions using fuzzy implication (fuzzy relation) and the rules of inference in fuzzy logic. This means that the fuzzy inference engine handles rule inference where human experience can easily be injected through linguistic rules.

2.2.5 Defuzzification

Defuzzification is when all the actions that have been activated are combined and converted into a single non-fuzzy output signal which is the control signal of the system. The output levels are depending on the rules that the systems have and the positions depending on the non-linearities existing to the systems. To achieve the result, develop the control curve of the system representing the I/O relation of the

systems and based on the information, define the output degree of the membership function with the aim to minimize the effect of the non-linearity.

2.2.6 Fuzzy Output

The output is output gain that can be tuned and also become as an integrator. The output crisp value can be calculated by the centre of gravity or the weighted average.

2.3 PID Controller

Although the modern control technique have taken considerable attention during the last several years, PID controllers are still one of the best known controllers used in many industrial processes. Their important and impressive properties such as fast and efficient control action, simple but functional structure, ease of application and robust performance are among the reasons for their preferences [17,18].

During the design phase of a PID controllers, there is a crucial and challenging task, in that, three controller parameter K_p , K_i and K_d which have a significant controller success, should be determined properly. Practically, this determination or say 'tuning process' is performed by an experienced operator based on trial and error method through the some practical rules. It is apparent that this method is time consuming and accordingly needs for relatively more time. Besides, once tuned, the controller performance may later deteriorate because of nonlinear or time varying characteristics of the process under control [19]. In others word, a PID controller with fixed parameter set cannot provide a moderate performance over wide a range of operating condition.

A proportional- integral- derivative controller (PID Controller) widely used in industrial control system. A PID controller attempts to correct the error between a measured process variable and a desired set point. The response of PID controller and Fuzzy Logic controller will be compared on the chapter four.

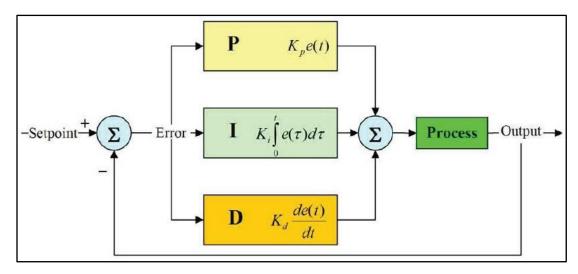


Figure 2-2: PID controller

The PID controller calculation (algorithm) involves three separate parameters; the proportional, the integral and the derivative values. The proportional, integral and derivative term is given by:

$$P = Kp. e(t) (2.1)$$

$$I = Ki \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau \tag{2.2}$$

$$D = Kd \frac{de(t)}{dt} \tag{2.3}$$

Therefore, PID =
$$Kp. e(t) + Ki \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau + Kd \frac{de(t)}{dt}$$
 (2.4)

2.3.1 Proportional Gain (K_P)

Larger values typically mean faster response since the larger the error, the larger the Proportional term compensation. An excessively large proportional gain will lead to process instability and oscillation.

2.3.2 Integral Gain (K_I)

Larger values imply steady state errors are eliminated more quickly. The trade-off is larger overshoot: any negative error integrated during transient response must be integrated away by positive error before we reach steady state.

2.3.3 Derivative Gain (K_D)

Larger values decrease overshoot, but slows down transient response and may lead to instability due to signal noise amplification in the differentiation of the error.

2.4 Introduction to Electrical Motor

There are two main types of electrical motors. There are direct current or DC and alternating current or AC motors. The reference of DC or AC refers to how the electrical current is transferred through and from the motor. Both types of motors have different functions and uses. DC motors come in two general types. They can have brushes or be brushless (synchronous motor). Then, AC motors come in two different types which are they can be single phase and three phases. This project will cover and design the controller for a DC motor only, the next subtopic will be discussed details on types on DC motor.

2.5 Type of DC Motor

There are several types of DC motor that commonly used in the industry such as brushed DC motor and the synchronous DC motor. This subtopic will elaborate detailed for each type of DC motors.

2.5.1 Brushed DC Motor

The brushed DC motor generates torque directly from DC power supplied to the motor by using internal commutation, stationary permanent magnets, and rotating electrical magnets. Advantages of a brushed DC motor include low initial cost, high

reliability, and simple control of motor speed. Although that, the brushed DC motor need maintenance regularly by replacing the brushes and springs which carry the electric current, as well as cleaning or replacing the commutated. These components are necessary for transferring electrical power from outside the motor to the spinning wire windings of the rotor inside the motor. The Figure 2-3 below shows the brushed DC motor.

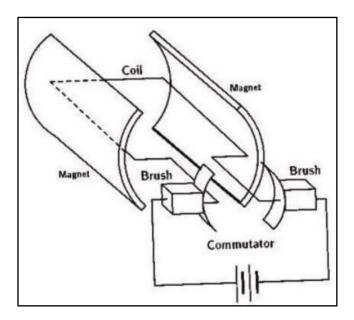


Figure 2-3: Brushed DC motor

2.5.2 Synchronous DC Motor

There are two types of synchronous DC motor which are the brushless DC motor and the stepper motor. Both require external commutation to generate torque. The motor is lock up if driven by DC power.

2.5.2.1 Brushless DC Motor

Brushless DC motor use a rotating permanent magnet in the rotor and stationary electrical magnets on the motor housing. Brushless motor consist a controller that used to converts from DC to AC. This design is simpler than brushed motor because it eliminates the complication of transferring power from outside the motor to the spinning rotor. This type of motor needs no maintenance and more efficient

compared to the brushed motor that discussed. Figure 2-4 shows that the brushless DC motor using three poles to operates.

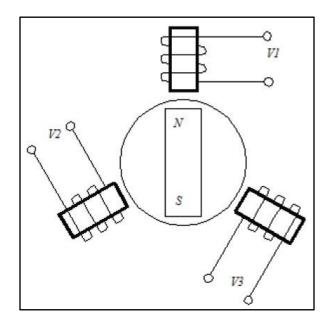


Figure 2-4: Brushless DC motor

2.5.2.2 Stepper Motor

A stepper motor is the electric motor that can divide a full rotation into a large number of steps. The motor's position can be controlled precisely without any feedback mechanism. Stepper motors are similar to switched reluctance motors which are very large stepping motors with a reduced pole count, and generally are closed loop commutated. Figure 2-5 shows the operation of the stepper motor.

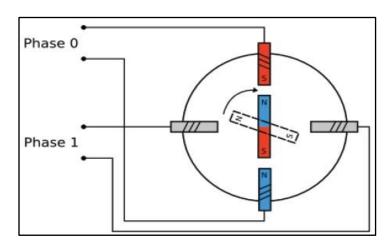


Figure 2-5: Stepper motor.

2.6 Speed Control Method of DC Motor

The speed of DC motor can be varied by controlling the field flux, the armature resistance or the terminal voltage that applied to the armature circuit (armature voltage). The three most common speed control methods are field resistance control, armature voltage control, and armature resistance control.

2.6.1 Field Resistance Control Method

In the field resistance control method, a series resistance is inserted in the shunt-field circuit of the motor in order to change the flux by controlling the field current. It is theoretically expected that an increase in the field resistance will result in an increase in the load speed of the motor and in the slope of torque speed curve.

2.6.2 Armature Voltage Control Method

In the armature voltage control method, the voltage applied to the armature circuit, is varied without changing the voltage applied to the field circuit of the motor. Therefore, the motor must be separately excited to use armature voltage control. When the armature voltage is increased, the no-load speed of the motor increases while the slope of torque speed curve remains unchanged since the flux is kept constant.

2.6.3 Armature Resistance Control Method

The armature resistance control is the less commonly used method for speed control in which an external resistance is inserted in series with the armature circuit. An increase in the armature resistance results in a significant increase in the slope of the torque speed characteristic of the motor while the no-load speed remains constant.

2.7 Pulse Width Modulation (PWM)

Pulse-width modulation (PWM), is a modulation technique that conforms the width of the pulse, formally the pulse duration, based on modulator signal information. Although this modulation technique can be used to encode information for transmission, its main use is to allow the control of the power supplied to electrical devices, especially to inertial loads such as motors.

The average value of voltage (and current) fed to the load is controlled by turning the switch between supply and load on and off at a fast pace. The longer the switch is on compared to the off periods, the higher the power supplied to the load is. The PWM switching frequency has to be much faster than what would affect the load, which is to say the device that uses the power. Typically switching have to be done several times a minute in an electric stove, 120 Hz in a lamp dimmer, from few kilohertz (kHz) to tens of kHz for a motor drive and well into the tens or hundreds of kHz in audio amplifiers and computer power supplies.

The term duty cycle describes the proportion of 'on' time to the regular interval or 'period' of time. A low duty cycle corresponds to low power, because the power is off for most of the time. Duty cycle is expressed in percent, 100% being fully on.

CHAPTER 3

METHODOLOGY

3.1 Chapter Overview

This chapter will start with the method and alternatives that have been used from the beginning until the end of this project. Beginning from mathematical modelling of DC motor until the controller has been designed. In the last part, hardware implementation using microcontroller to validate and evaluate defuzzification output from the design FLC controller by performing an open loop test for the system.

3.2 Research Methodology

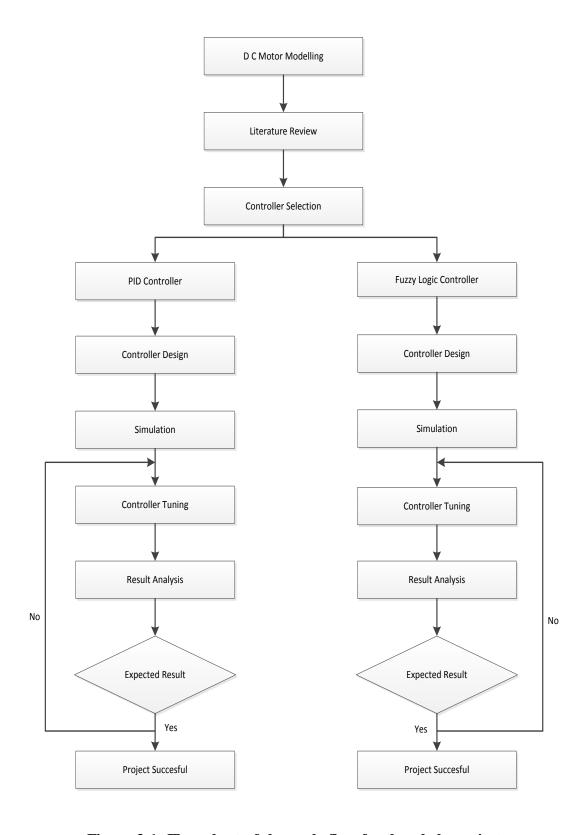


Figure 3-1: Flow chart of the work flow for the whole project

3.3 DC Motor Modelling

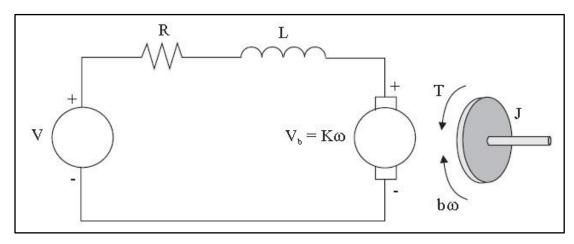


Figure 3-2: Schematic representation of the considered DC motor.

The rotor and the shaft are assumed to be rigid. The following values for the physical parameters of DC motor have been used in this project:

Armature resistance $(R_a) = 0.5 \Omega$

Armature inductance $(L_a) = 0.02 \text{ H}$

Damping friction of the mechanical system $(K_b) = 0 \text{ Nms}$

Back electromotive force constant $(K_e) = 1.25 \text{ Nm/A}$

Moment of inertia of the rotor (J) = 0.1 kg.m2

3.3.1 DC Motor System Equation

The motor torque, T, is related to the armature current, i, by a constant factor K:

$$T = Ki (3.1)$$

The back electromotive force (emf), Vb, is related to the angular velocity by:

$$Vb = K\omega = K\frac{d\theta}{dt}$$
 (3.2)

From Figure 3-2, the following equations based on the Newton's Law combined with the Kirchhoff's Law can be written as:

$$J \frac{d2\theta}{dt^2} + b \frac{d\theta}{dt} = Ki$$
 (3.3)

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri = V - K \frac{d\theta}{dt}$$
 (3.4)

Using the Laplace transform, equations (3.3) and (3.4) can be written as:

$$Js2 \theta(s) + bs \theta(s) = KI(s)$$
(3.5)

Ls
$$I(s) + RI(s) = V(s) - Ks \theta(s)$$
 (3.6)

where (s) denotes the Laplace operator. From (3.6) we can express I(s):

$$I(s) = \frac{V(s) - Ks \theta(s)}{R + Ls}$$
(3.7)

and substitute it in (3.5) to obtain:

$$J s2 \theta(s) + bs \theta(s) = K \frac{V(s) - Ks \theta(s)}{R + Ls}$$
(3.8)

This equation for the DC motor is shown in the block diagram in Figure 3-3.

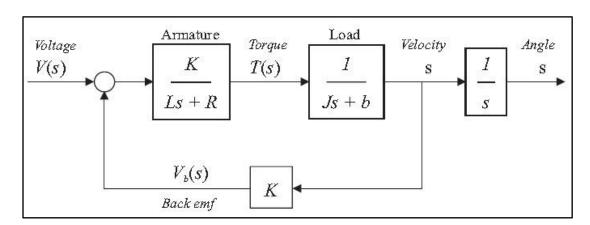


Figure 3-3: DC motor block diagram

From equation (3.8), the transfer function from the input voltage, V (s), to the output angle, θ , directly follows:

$$Ga(s) = \frac{\theta(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{K}{s[(R+Ls)(Js+b)+K2]}$$
 (3.9)

From the block diagram in Figure 3-3, it is easy to see that the transfer function from the input voltage, V(s), to the angular velocity, ω , is:

$$Gv(s) = \frac{\omega(s)}{V(s)} = \frac{K}{(R+Ls)(Js+b)+K2}$$
 (3.10)

Figure 3-4 below show the DC motor modeling system have been used in this project. It has been developed using MATLAB Simulink with parameter configuration show in Figure 3-5.

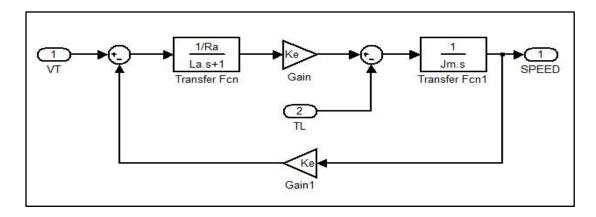


Figure 3-4: DC motor modelling

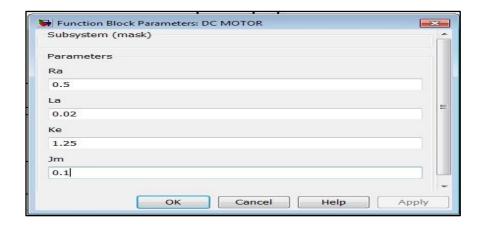


Figure 3-5: DC motor setting parameters

3.4 Open Loop Modelling System

At the first stage, open loop modelling systems have been designed to simulate the DC motor characteristic. This circuit consists of DC motor block diagram and buck converter block diagram. Several step input value have been injected into the buck converter block diagram.

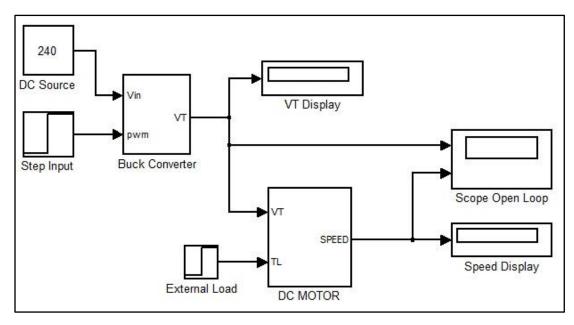


Figure 3-6: Open loop DC motor modelling system

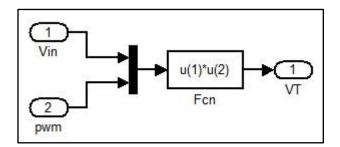


Figure 3-7: Buck converter

Table 3-1 below shows the data for the open loop test have been done. Step input injected to the buck converter will control the voltage terminal at the DC motor.

Table 3-1: Open loop test for DC motor block diagram

Step Input	Speed Output (rpm)
0.1	19.20
0.15	28.80
0.20	38.40
0.25	48.00

0.30	57.50
0.35	67.20
2.12	
0.40	76.75
0.45	86.40
51.15	561.16
0.50	96.00
0.55	105.70
0.60	115.20
0.00	113.20
0.65	124.80
0.70	134.40
0.75	144.00
0.75	144.00
0.80	153.60
0.85	163.20
0.90	172.80
0.50	172.00
0.95	182.40
1.00	192.00

3.5 PID Controller Modelling System

Figure 3-8 below show the overall simulation circuit for PID controller. PID controller will control input to the Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) terminal at buck converter. At several set points, output from PID controller will generate the different value of duty cycle for PWM. So that, average voltage supply to the voltage terminal of DC motor and speed of DC motor can be varied.

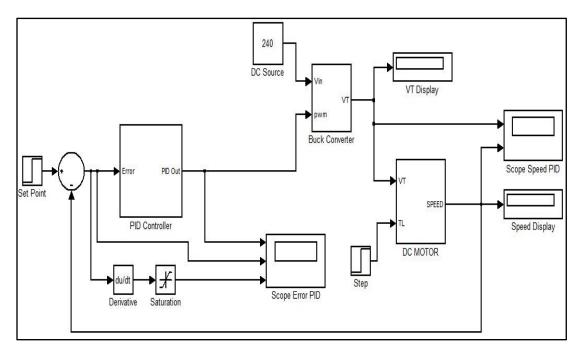


Figure 3-8: PID controller modelling system

3.5.1 PID Controller Design

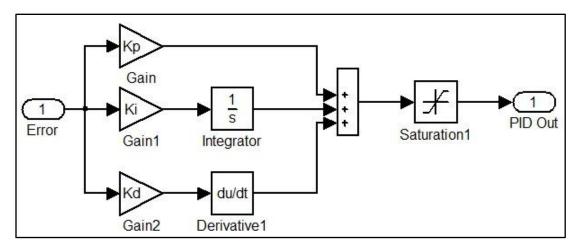


Figure 3-9: PID controller design

To obtain the optimum gain value for Kp, Ki and Kd, several gain value have been tested. The best combinations of gain value are when the system can run with the minimum overshoot, minimum steady state error and minimum steady state time.

3.6 Fuzzy Logic Controller Modelling System

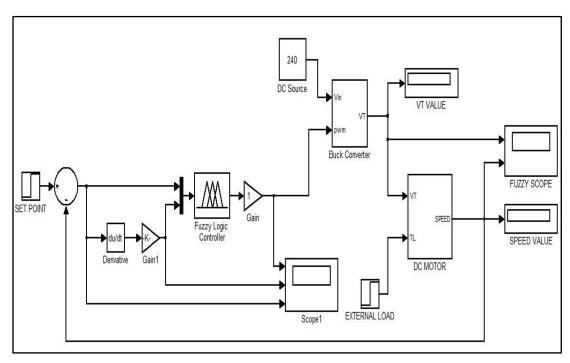


Figure 3-10: FLC controller modelling system

3.7 Fuzzy Logic Controller Design

In this project, 3 different design of Fuzzy Logic Controller have been tested. The design of FLC tested in this project stated as below:

- i) Fuzzy Logic Controller (7x3) matrix
- ii) Fuzzy Logic Controller (5x5) matrix
- iii) Fuzzy Logic Controller (7x7) matrix

For each type of FLC controller design, performance of the controller has been analyzed and evaluate in term of percentage of maximum overshoot (OS%), rising time, peak time, settling time and steady state error.

3.7.1 Fuzzy Logic Controller (7x3)

In order to develop the Fuzzy Logic Controller, FLC toolbox in Simulink has been used. Below are general setting parameter and method has been used for FLC controller (7x3).

Fuzzy Input:

- i) Error of speed (7 membership)
- ii) Change of speed error (3 membership)

Fuzzy Output:

i) Control output (7 membership)

Fuzzy Inference System: Mamdani Defuzzification Method: Centroid

Rules Base: 21 rules

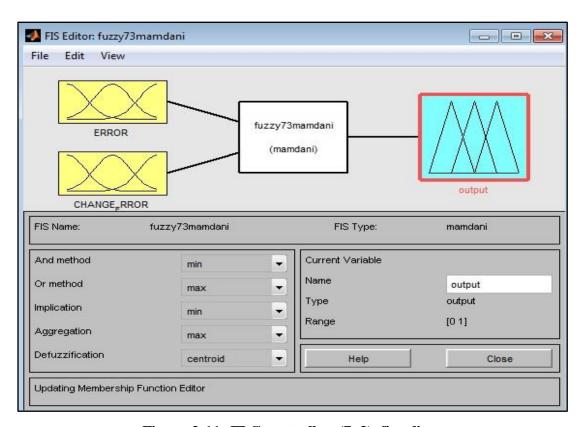


Figure 3-11: FLC controller (7x3) .fis editor

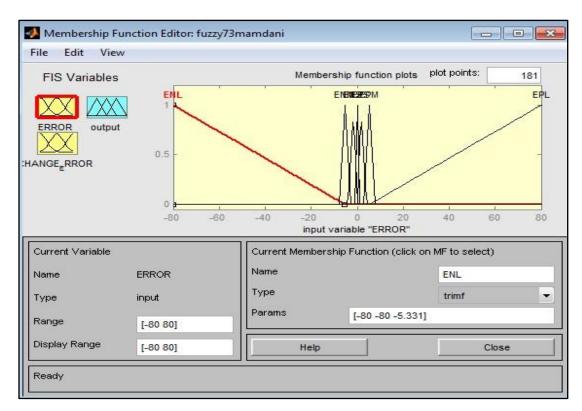


Figure 3-12: FLC controller (7x3) error input membership function.

Refer to Figure 3-12 above, Table 3-2 shows detail of setting parameter for input error membership function. Range of error: -80 to 80.

Table 3-2: FLC controller (7x3) error input membership function.

Error	Value
ENL	TRIM [-80, -80, -5.331]
ENM	TRIM [-8, -5.331, -2.667]
ENS	TRIM [-4, -1.333, -0.05333]
EZ	TRAP [-0.1333, -0.01333, 0.01333, 0.1333]
EPS	TRIM [0.05331, 1.333, 4]
EPM	TRIM [2.667, 5.331, 8]
EPL	TRIM [5.331, 80, 80]

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