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Predictive-TOPSIS based MPPT for PEMFC Featuring Switching Frequency Reduction

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Abstract

A maximum power point tracking (MPPT) for a proton exchange membrane fuel cell (PEMFC) using a combination of conventional field control and model predictive control (FC-MPC) and Technique for Order of Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution (TOPSIS) is proposed in this paper. The key idea is to maintain the power generation from a PEMFC while extending the switching frequency of the power converter. The FC-MPC technique is formulated to track the maximum power of PEMFC highly affected by ever-changing internal parameters. Meanwhile, the TOPSIS algorithm is applied to overcome the potential weaknesses of traditional genetic algorithm (GA), which can only withstand a lower switching frequency. In this project, all simulations were run using MATLAB software to display the output power of the PEMFC system. As a result, the proposed predictive-TOPSIS-based MPPT algorithm can track the MPPT for various PEMFC parameters within 0.010 s with an excellent accuracy up to 99.1%. The proposed MPPT technique has the advantage of the MPPT faster, excellent accuracy, and robustness to environmental changes.

Keywords

Fuel cells, Maximum power point tracker, Predictive control, Power electronics, TOPSIS

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