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NOVEL APPROACH OF GA BASED PID CONTROLLER DESIGN FOR SPEED AND DIRECTION CONTROL OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE

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Abstract **:** Electric Vehicles (EVs) are pivotal in addressing global challenges related to environmental sustainability and energy efficiency. Among various motor types, Brushless DC (BLDC) motors are favored in EV applications due to their high efficiency, reliability, and power density. Achieving precise speed and direction control of BLDC motors is crucial for the optimal performance of EVs. This control is typically managed by Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) controllers, which are renowned for their simplicity and effectiveness. However, the conventional methods of tuning PID parameters can be cumbersome and often result in suboptimal performance. This proposed work explores the application of Genetic Algorithms (GAs) for optimizing PID controller parameters to enhance the control performance of BLDC motors in EVs. The core of this study lies in integrating GA with PID controllers to achieve superior speed and direction control of BLDC motors. GAs, inspired by the principles of natural selection and genetics, are robust optimization techniques that can efficiently search for optimal solutions in complex spaces. They are particularly advantageous in PID tuning, as they can handle the non-linearities and dynamic characteristics of BLDC motors more effectively than traditional methods. The GA-based PID controller design involves several critical steps: initializing a population of potential PID parameter sets, evaluating their fitness based on the control performance of the BLDC motor, selecting the best-performing sets, applying crossover and mutation to generate new parameter sets, and iterating this process until an optimal set of parameters is found. The fitness function is formulated to minimize control performance indices such as Integral Absolute Error (IAE), Integral Squared Error (ISE), rise time, settling time, and overshoot, ensuring a well-rounded improvement in motor control. Extensive simulations are conducted to validate the proposed GA-based PID tuning method. The results demonstrate significant improvements in the speed and direction control of BLDC motors compared to conventional PID tuning methods such as Ziegler-Nichols and Cohen-Coon. The optimized PID controllers exhibit reduced overshoot, faster response times, and enhanced stability, making them ideal for the dynamic and varying load conditions typical in EV applications. The present work focusses on further refining the GA algorithm, exploring real-time implementation capabilities, and extending the approach to other types of electric motor control systems. The integration of advanced optimization techniques such as GA in PID controller design marks a significant step towards enhancing the performance and sustainability of electric transportation technologies.

***IndexTerms*- BLDC, Electric Vehicle, PID, Integral absolute error, rise time.**

I. INTRODUCTION

Electric Vehicles (EVs) have emerged as a vital component in the global effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reliance on fossil fuels. The transportation sector is a significant contributor to environmental pollution, and the shift towards EVs is seen as a crucial step in mitigating the adverse effects of conventional internal combustion engine vehicles. Central to the performance and efficiency of EVs is the type of motor used and the control strategies employed to manage their operation. Among the various types of motors, Brushless DC (BLDC) motors have gained widespread acceptance in EV applications due to their superior efficiency, higher torque-to-weight ratio, and better reliability compared to traditional brushed motors.

BLDC motors are preferred for EVs for several reasons. They possess a higher efficiency, which directly translates to longer driving ranges for EVs. Additionally, BLDC motors have lower maintenance requirements because they do not have brushes that wear out over time. Their ability to deliver high torque at low speeds makes them ideal for the stop-and-go nature of urban driving. However, the precise control of speed and direction in BLDC motors is a complex task due to their non-linear dynamics and the requirement for accurate commutation based on rotor position. The control of BLDC motors involves maintaining desired speed and direction under varying load conditions and disturbances. The primary challenge lies in designing a control system that can handle the motor's inherent non-linearities and deliver robust performance. Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) controllers are widely used in industrial control systems due to their simplicity and effectiveness. A PID controller adjusts the control input to the motor based on the error between the desired setpoint and the actual measured value, thus ensuring that the motor follows the desired speed and direction accurately.

However, Traditional tuning methods such as Ziegler-Nichols and Cohen-Coon provide a starting point for tuning but often result in suboptimal performance when dealing with the non-linear and dynamic nature of BLDC motors. These methods require manual adjustments and do not guarantee optimal performance across all operating conditions. Genetic Algorithms (GAs) offer a promising solution to the challenges of PID tuning. GAs are a class of optimization algorithms inspired by the process of natural selection and genetics. They are effective in searching for optimal solutions in complex, multi-dimensional spaces. The fundamental idea behind GAs is to evolve a population of candidate solutions towards better solutions over successive generations. This evolution involves processes analogous to natural selection, crossover, and mutation.

When applied to PID controller tuning, GAs can efficiently optimize the PID parameters to achieve the desired control performance. The GA-based tuning process involves initializing a population of potential PID parameter sets, evaluating their performance using a fitness function, selecting the best-performing sets, applying crossover and mutation to generate new sets, and iterating this process until an optimal set of parameters is found. The fitness function is designed to minimize control performance indices such as Integral Absolute Error (IAE), Integral Squared Error (ISE), rise time, settling time, and overshoot.

II. EXISTING METHOD

Numerous studies have explored the application of GAs in PID controller tuning for various types of motors and control systems. Below, we review some of the significant contributions in this field: Optimization of PID Controllers Using Genetic Algorithms: Researchers have demonstrated the effectiveness of GAs in optimizing PID controllers for different types of systems, including mechanical and electrical systems. These studies show that GAs can achieve better control performance compared to traditional tuning methods. GA-based PID Tuning for BLDC Motors: Several studies specifically focus on the application of GAs for tuning PID controllers in BLDC motor control. These studies highlight the advantages of GA-tuned PID controllers in terms of improved transient response, reduced steady-state error, and enhanced robustness against disturbances. Comparative Analysis of GA and Traditional Tuning Methods: Comparative studies between GA-based tuning and traditional methods like Ziegler-Nichols and Cohen-Coon provide valuable insights into the relative performance benefits of GA-tuned PID controllers. These studies typically involve simulation and experimental validation to demonstrate the superiority of GA-based tuning. Applications in Electric Vehicles: Research on the application of GA-tuned PID controllers in EVs focuses on the specific requirements of EV propulsion systems, such as rapid acceleration and deceleration, precise speed control, and efficient power management. These studies underscore the potential of GAs to enhance the performance and efficiency of EVs.

III PROPOSED METHOD

The block diagram presented outlines a control system designed for managing a brushless DC (BLDC) motor, a versatile type of motor known for its efficiency and precise control capabilities. At its core, the diagram incorporates several key elements essential for effective motor control and performance regulation. The reference signal serves as the target or desired value that the system aims to achieve. In the context of a BLDC motor, this could represent parameters such as desired speed, position, or torque. For instance, in an application where precise speed control is crucial, "s_ref" would dictate the ideal rotational speed of the motor shaft. The "w_apid" signal provides feedback on the actual angular velocity of the BLDC motor. This feedback is crucial as it reflects the current operational state of the motor. Continuous monitoring of "w_apid" allows the control system to dynamically adjust and maintain the motor's performance in line with the desired reference signal ("s_ref"). The "BLDC APID" block encapsulates the control algorithm responsible for governing the BLDC motor's operation. The acronym "APID" likely refers to a specific control strategy, potentially a variation or adaptation of a proportional-integral-derivative (PID) controller tailored for BLDC motor applications. PID controllers are renowned for their ability to regulate systems by continuously adjusting the control input based on the difference between the desired setpoint ("s_ref") and the actual feedback ("w_apid"). This adjustment process ensures that the motor operates with minimal error and achieves optimal performance.

The diagram features multiple feedback loops interconnected by summation points. These loops play a critical role in the closed-loop control system of the BLDC motor. Each feedback loop compares the reference signal ("s_ref") with the corresponding feedback signal ("w_apid"), generating an error signal that drives the "BLDC APID" block. The summation points aggregate these error signals, influencing the overall control action applied to the motor. By continuously adjusting the control input in response to these errors, the feedback loops ensure that the motor's actual performance aligns closely with the desired reference, thereby enhancing stability and precision. The presence of "Running RMS" blocks indicates a focus on assessing the root mean square (RMS) values within the control system. RMS analysis is instrumental in evaluating the amplitude variations of signals over time, providing insights into signal quality and system performance. In the context of motor control, RMS calculations can help monitor factors such as motor vibrations, electrical noise, or overall operational efficiency. By incorporating RMS measurements into the feedback loops or control algorithms, engineers can optimize control strategies and mitigate potential disturbances, thereby improving the reliability and longevity of the BLDC motor system.

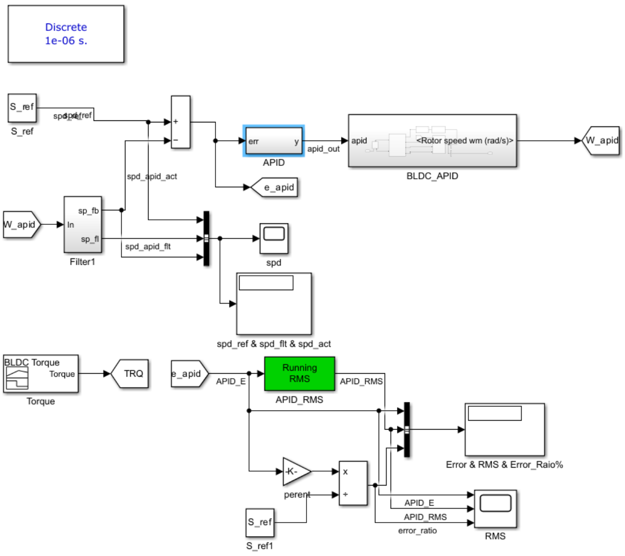

Fig.1 MATLAB Simulink Implementation

Beyond its fundamental components, the block diagram embodies broader implications and applications within the realm of industrial automation and robotics. BLDC motors are favored in various sectors ranging from automotive and aerospace to consumer electronics and renewable energy systems. Their efficient operation, coupled with precise control capabilities facilitated by advanced control algorithms like PID, enables them to drive innovations in electric vehicles, robotic manipulators, and industrial machinery. Moreover, the integration of sophisticated feedback mechanisms and signal processing techniques, such as RMS analysis, underscores a commitment to achieving robust performance and operational stability in complex environments. Engineers leverage these tools to fine-tune control parameters, optimize energy consumption, and enhance overall system reliability. This holistic approach not only meets stringent performance criteria but also supports sustainable practices by minimizing energy wastage and reducing environmental impact.

IV. DESIGN OF WORKING MODEL

In the context of a control system for a Brushless DC (BLDC) motor, several key components work together to achieve desired performance and stability. The system typically begins with an Input (ref), which serves as the reference signal, specifying the desired operational parameter such as speed or position. This reference signal is compared to the actual system output at the Summing Junction (comparator), where the error signal is computed by subtracting the reference signal from the measured output. This error signal is pivotal as it drives the subsequent control actions. The TH1 Block follows, often housing a controller such as a Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) controller, a lead-lag compensator, or another customized controller designed to process the error signal and generate an appropriate control output. This output adjusts the system behavior to minimize the error and track the reference signal effectively. The Tim Block introduces timing considerations into the control system, incorporating delays, time constants, or other temporal factors that influence how the control signals interact with the BLDC motor.

Central to the system is the BLDC1 Block, encapsulating the dynamics and electromechanical behavior of the Brushless DC motor itself. This block encompasses motor characteristics, such as torque-speed characteristics, rotor position sensing, and the response to control inputs. The ultimate Output (speed in rad/s) provides real-time feedback on the motor's rotational speed in radians per second. Monitoring this output is crucial for ensuring stability, responsiveness, and meeting performance requirements.

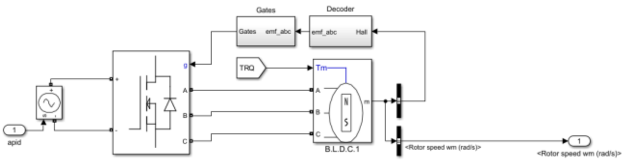

Fig.2 Results of GA-PID CONTROLLER

Together, these components form a closed-loop control system that regulates the BLDC motor's operation in accordance with the specified reference signal. By continuously adjusting the control inputs based on the error signal, the system maintains operational parameters within desired bounds, making it suitable for applications ranging from robotics and automation to electric vehicles and industrial machinery. Each block's function and interaction are crucial for achieving precise control and optimizing the motor's performance in various operational scenarios.

V. RESULT ANALYSIS

The Simulink diagram illustrates a comprehensive control system designed to regulate the operation of a Brushless DC (BLDC) motor efficiently. At its core, the system starts with the comparison of a reference signal, typically representing the desired motor speed or position, with the actual motor output. This comparison occurs at the Summing Junction, where an error signal is computed. This error signal drives the subsequent control actions, ensuring that the motor operates as closely as possible to the setpoint defined by the reference signal. The "TH1" block within the diagram likely houses a controller crucial for shaping the motor's response. A common example is the Proportional-Integral-Derivative (PID) controller, which adjusts the control output based on the error signal, its integral (accumulated error), and derivative (rate of change of error). PID controllers are popular due to their effectiveness in various control applications, providing a balance between stability and responsiveness. Alternatively, custom-designed controllers might be implemented, tailored to specific motor characteristics and operational requirements.

Timing considerations are introduced through the "Tim" block, which incorporates factors like time delays and time constants into the control system. Time delays can stabilize the system by preventing rapid fluctuations in control output, while time constants influence the system's response speed—longer constants result in slower adjustments, beneficial for smoothing out control actions, whereas shorter ones enable quicker responses to change in the reference signal. The "BLDC1" block represents the BLDC motor itself, encapsulating its electromechanical behavior and dynamics. This includes understanding the motor's generation of back EMF (Electromotive Force) as it rotates, which counteracts the applied voltage and affects speed control. Proper commutation timing is also managed within this block, crucial for the efficient operation of BLDC motors that rely on electronic commutation to achieve rotation.

Monitoring the motor speed, provided as the output in radians per second, serves as critical feedback for the control system. This real-time feedback enables adjustments to the motor input to maintain stable and accurate speed control. Such precise control is essential across diverse applications, from robotics and automation systems requiring precise positioning to electric vehicles needing efficient motor performance. In summary, the Simulink diagram integrates these components—reference signal comparison, controller behavior, timing considerations, motor dynamics, and speed monitoring—to form a robust control system tailored for optimal BLDC motor performance in varied operational environments. Each component's role ensures the system operates effectively, achieving desired performance metrics while adapting to dynamic changes in operational conditions.

1. GA-PID Algorithm

The proposed work integrates Genetic Algorithms (GAs) with PID controllers for optimizing the speed and direction control of Brushless DC (BLDC) motors in Electric Vehicles (EVs). GAs, inspired by natural selection, efficiently search for optimal PID parameters, handling the non-linear and dynamic characteristics of BLDC motors better than traditional tuning methods. The process involves initializing potential PID sets, evaluating their performance, and iteratively refining them through crossover and mutation. The fitness function minimizes control performance indices like Integral Absolute Error (IAE) and overshoot. Simulations show significant improvements over conventional tuning methods, demonstrating enhanced stability and faster response times.

2. Output Analysis

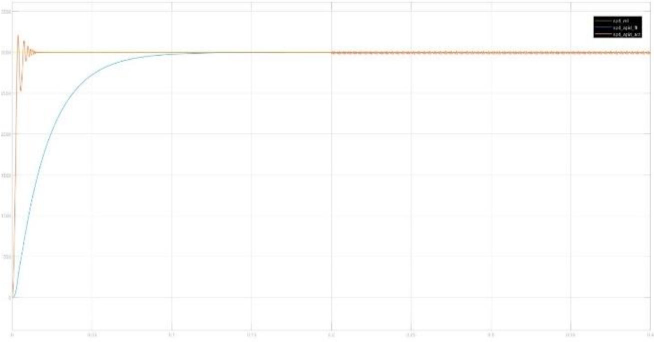

Fig 3. Comparison Response of PID and GA tuned adaptive PID

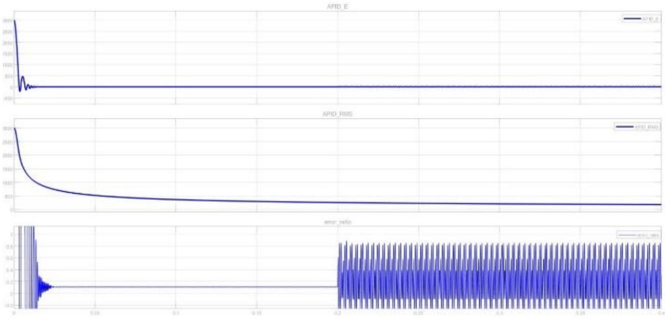

Fig 4. RMS and Error Ratio

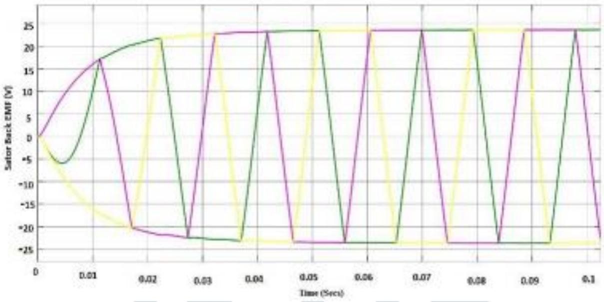

Fig 5 . Response of stator back EMF

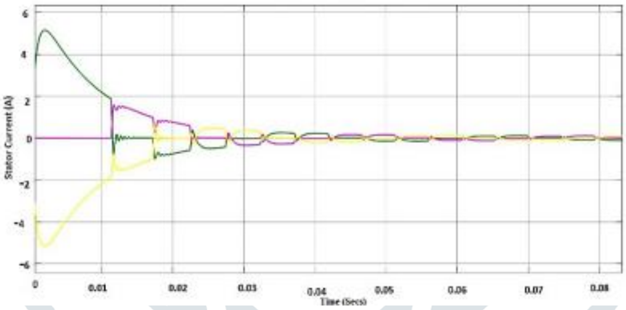

Fig 6. Response of Stator current

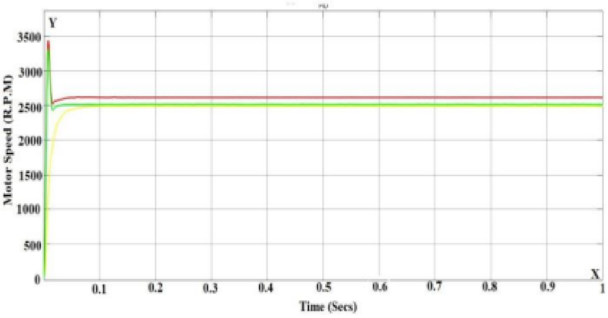

Fig 7. Output response of BLDC motor speed and direction control

VI. CONCLUSION

This proposed work demonstrated the successful application of Genetic Algorithms for optimizing PID controllers in electric vehicle speed and direction control. The GA based approach provides a systematic and efficient method for tuning PID parameters, resulting in superior control performance. Future work may involve real time implementation and further refinement of the algorithm for enhanced adaptability and robustness.

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