

1. What is meant by electrical drives?

Systems employed for motion control are called drives and they employ any of the prime movers such as diesel or petrol engines, gas or steam turbines, hydraulic motors and electric motors for supplying mechanical energy for motion control. Drives employing electric motion are called electric drives.

2. What are the requirements of an electric drive?

Stable operation should be assured.

The drive should have good transient response

3. Specify the functions of power modulator.

Power modulator performs one or more of the following four functions.

- a. Modulates flow of power from the source to the motor in such a manner that motor is imparted speed-torque characteristics required by the load.
- b. During transient operations, such as starting, braking and speed reversal, it restricts source and motor currents within permissible values; excessive current drawn from source may overload it or may cause a voltage dip.

4. Mention the different types of drives.

- 1) Group drive
- 2) Individual drive
- 3) Multi motor drive

5. List the different types of electrical drives.

- 1) dc drives
- 2) ac drives

6. What are the advantages of electric drives?

They have flexible control characteristics. the steady state and dynamic characteristics of electrical drives can be shaped to satisfy load requirements.

- 1) Drives can be provided with automatic fault detection systems, programmable logic controllers and computers can be employed to automatically ctrl the drive operations in a desired sequence.
- 2) They are available in which range of torque, speed and power.
- 3) It can operate in all the four quadrants of speed-torque plane. Electric braking gives smooth deceleration and increases life of the equipment compared to other forms of braking.
- 4) Control gear required for speed control, starting and braking is usually simple and easy to operate.

7. What are the functions performed by electric drives?

Various functions performed by electric drives include the following.

- a. Driving fans, ventilators, compressors and pumps etc.
- b. Lifting goods by hoists and cranes

- c. Imparting motion to conveyors in factories, mines and warehouses and
- d. Running excavators and escalators, electric locomotives, trains, cars, trolley buses, lifts and drums winders etc.

8. What are the disadvantages of electric drives?

The disadvantages of electric drives are

- a. Electric drives system is tied only up to the electrified area.
- b. The condition arising under the short circuits, leakage from conductors and breakdown of overhead conductor may lead to fatal accidents.
- c. Failure in supply for a few minutes may paralyse the whole system.

9. What are the advantages of group drive over individual drive?

The advantages of group drive over individual drive are

- a. Initial cost: Initial cost of group drive is less as compared to that of the individual drive.
- b. Sequence of operation: Group drive system is useful because all the operations are stopped simultaneously.
- c. Space requirement: Less space is required in group drive as compared to individual drive.
- d. Low maintenance cost: It requires little maintenance as compared to individual drive.

10. What the group drive is not used extensively.

Although the initial cost of group drive is less but yet this system is not used extensively because of following disadvantages.

- a. Power factor: Group drive has low power factor
- b. Efficiency: Group drive system when used and if all the machines are not working together the main motor shall work at very much reduced load.
- c. Reliability: In group drive if the main motor fails whole industry will come to stand still.
- d. Flexibility: Such arrangement is not possible in group drive i.e., this arrangement is not suitable for the place where flexibility is the prime factor.
- e. Speed: Group drive does not provide constant speed.
- f. Types of machines: Group drive is not suitable for driving heavy machines such as cranes, lifts and hoists etc.

11. Write short notes on individual electric drives.

In individual drive, each individual machine is driven by a separate motor. This motor also imparts motion to various other parts of the machine. Examples of such machines are single spindle drilling machines (Universal motor is used) and lathes. In a lathe, the motor rotates the spindle, moves the feed and also with the help of gears, transmits motion to lubricating and cooling pumps. A three phase squirrel cage induction motor is used as the drive. In many such applications the electric motor forms an integral part of the machine.

12. Mention the different factors for the selection of electric drives?

Steady state operation requirements.

- 1) Transient operation requirements.
- 2) Requirements related to the source.
- 3) Capital and running cost, maintenance needs life.
- 4) Space and weight restriction.
- 5) Environment and location.
- 6) Reliability.

13. Mention the parts of electrical drives.

- 1) Electrical motors and load.
- 2) Power modulator
- 3) Sources
- 4) Control unit
- 5) Sensing unit

14. Mention the applications of electrical drives

- Paper mills
- Electric traction Cement mills
- Steel mills

15. Mention the types of enclosures

- Screen projected type
- Drip proof type
- Totally enclosed type

16. Mention the different types of classes of duty

Continuous duty, Discontinuous duty, Short time duty, intermittent duty.

17. What is meant by regenerative braking?

Regenerative braking occurs when the motor speed exceeds the synchronous speed. In this case the IM runs as the induction m/c is converting the mechanical power into electrical power which is delivered back to the electrical system. This method of braking is known as regenerative braking.

18. What is meant by dynamic braking?

Dynamic braking of electric motors occurs when the energy stored in the rotating mass is dissipated in an electrical resistance. This requires a motor to operate as a gen. to convert the stored energy into electrical.

19. What is meant by plugging?

It is one method of braking of IM. When phase sequence of supply of the motor running at the speed is reversed by interchanging connections of any two phases of stator with respect to supply terminals, operation shifts from motoring to plugging region.

20. What is critical speed?

It is the speed that separates continuous conduction from discontinuous conduction mode.

21. Which braking is suitable for reversing the motor?

Plugging is suitable for reversing the motor.

22. Define equivalent current method

The motor selected should have a current rating more than or equal to the current. It is also necessary to check the overload of the motor. This method of determining the power rating of the motor is known as equivalent current method.

23. Define cooling time constant

It is defined as the ratio between C and A. Cooling time constant is denoted as Tau.

$$\text{Tau} = C/A$$

Where C=amount of heat required to raise the temp of the motor body by 1 degree Celsius

A=amount of heat dissipated by the motor per unit time per degree Celsius.

24. What are the methods of operation of electric drives?

- Steady state
- Acceleration including starting
- Deceleration including starting

25. Define four quadrant operations.

The motor operates in two mode: motoring and braking. In motoring, it converts electrical energy into mechanical energy which supports its motion. In braking, it works as a generator, converting mathematical energy into electrical energy and thus opposes the motion. Motor can provide motoring and braking operations for both forward and reverse directions.

26. What is meant by mechanical characteristics?

The curve is drawn between speed and torque. This characteristic is called mechanical characteristics.

27. Mention the types of braking

Regenerative braking ,Dynamic braking
Plugging

28. What are the advantage and disadvantages of D.C. drives?

The advantages of D.C. drives are,

- a. Adjustable speed
- b. Good speed regulation
- c. Frequent starting, braking and reversing.

The disadvantage of D.C. drives is the presence of a mechanical commutator which limits the maximum power rating and the speed.

29. Give some applications of D.C. drives.

The applications of D.C. drives are,

- a. Rolling mills
- b. Paper mills
- c. Mine winders
- d. Hoists
- e. Machine tools
- f. Traction
- g. Printing presses
- h. Excavators
- i. Textile mills
- j. Cranes

30. Why the variable speed applications are dominated by D.C. drives?

The variable speed applications are dominated by D.C. drives because of lower cost, reliability and simple control.

UNIT II – CONVERTER / CHOPPER FED DRIVES

1. What is the use of flywheel? Where it is used?

It is used for load equalization. It is mounted on the motor shaft in compound motor.

2. What are the advantages of series motor?

The advantages of series motors are,

- a. High starting torque
- b. Heavy torque overloads.

3. Define and mention different types of braking in a dc motor?

In braking the motor works as a generator developing a negative torque which opposes the motion.

Types are regenerative braking, dynamic or rheostat braking and plugging or reverse voltage braking.

4. How the D.C. motor is affected at the time of starting?

A D.C. motor is started with full supply voltage across its terminals, a very high current will flow, which may damage the motor due to heavy sparking at commutator and heating of the winding. Therefore, it is necessary to limit the current to a safe value during starting.

5. List the drawbacks of armature resistance control?

In armature resistance control speed is varied by wasting power in external resistors that are connected in series with the armature. since it is an inefficient method of speed control it was used in intermittent load applications where the duration of low speed operations forms only a small proportion of total running time.

6. What is static Ward-Leonard drive?

Controlled rectifiers are used to get variable d.c. voltage from an a.c. source of fixed voltage controlled rectifier fed dc drives are also known as static Ward-Leonard drive.

7. What is a line commutated inverter?

Full converter with firing angle delay greater than 90 deg. is called line commutated inverter. such an operation is used in regenerative braking mode of a dc motor in which case a back emf is greater than applied voltage.

8. Mention the methods of armature voltage controlled dc motor?

When the supplied voltage is ac,

Ward-Leonard schemes

Transformer with taps and un controlled rectifier bridge

Static Ward-Leonard scheme or controlled rectifiers

when the supply is dc:

Chopper control

9. How is the stator winding changed during constant torque and constant horsepower operations?

For constant torque operation, the change of stator winding is made from series - star to parallel - star, while for constant horsepower operation the change is made from series-delta to parallel-star. Regenerative braking takes place during changeover from higher to lower speeds.

10. Define positive and negative motor torque.

Positive motor torque is defined as the torque which produces acceleration or the positive rate of change of speed in forward direction. Positive load torque is negative if it produces deceleration.

11. Write the expression for average o/p voltage of full converter fed dc drives?

$V_m = (2V_m/\pi)\cos\alpha$ continuous conduction

$V_m = [V_m(\cos\alpha - \cos\beta) + (\pi + \alpha + \beta)]/\pi$ discontinuous conduction

12. What are the disadvantages of conventional Ward-Leonard schemes?

Higher initial cost due to use of two additional
m/cs. Heavy weight and size.

Needs more floor space and proper foundation. Required frequent maintenance

13. Mention the drawbacks of rectifier fed dc drives?

Distortion of supply. Low power factor. Ripple in motor current

14. What are the advantages in operating choppers at high frequency?

The operation at a high frequency improves motor performance by reducing current ripple and eliminating discontinuous conduction.

15. Why self commutated devices are preferred over thyristors for chopper circuits?

Self commutated devices such as power MOSFETs power transistors, IGBTs, GTOs and IGCTs are preferred over thyristors for building choppers because they can be commutated by a low power control signal and don't need commutation circuit.

16. State the advantages of dc chopper drives?

DC chopper device has the advantages of high efficiency, flexibility in control, light weight, small size, quick response and regeneration down to very low speed.

17. What are the advantages of closed loop c of dc drives?

Closed loop control system has the adv. of improved accuracy, fast dynamic response and reduced effects of disturbance and system non-linearities.

18. What are the types of control strategies in dc chopper?

- Time ratio control.
- Current limit control.

19. What are the adv. of using PI controller in closed loop ctrl. of dc drive?

- Stabilize the drive
- Adjust the damping ratio at the desired value
- Makes the steady state speed error close to zero by integral action and filters out noise again due to the integral action.

20. What are the different methods of braking applied to the induction motor?

Regenerative braking Plugging, Dynamic braking.

21. What are the different methods of speed control of IM?

Stator voltage control, Supply frequency control, Rotor resistance control, Slip power recovery control.

22. What is meant by stator voltage control.?

The speed of the IM can be changed by changing the stator voltage. Because the torque is proportional to the square of the voltage.

23. Mention the application of stator voltage control.

This method is suitable for applications where torque demand reduced with speed, which points towards its suitability for fan and pump drives.

24. Mention the applications of ac drives.

AC drives are used in a no. of applications such as fans, blowers, mill run-out tables, cranes, conveyors, traction etc.

25. What are the three regions in the speed-torque characteristics in the IM?

Motoring region ($0 \leq s \leq 1$)

Generating region ($s < 0$)

Plugging region ($1 \leq s \leq 2$) where s is the slip.

26. What are the advantages of stator voltage control method?

- The control circuitry is simple
- Compact size
- Quick response time
- There is considerable savings in energy and thus it is economical method as compared to other methods of speed ctrl.

27. What is meant by soft start?

The ac voltage controllers show a stepless control of supply voltage from zero to rated voltage they are used for soft start for motors.

28. List the adv of squirrel cage IM?

- Cheaper
- light in weight
- Rugged in construction
- More efficient
- Require less maintenance
- It can be operated in dirty and explosive environment

29. Define slip

The difference between the synchronous speed (N_s) and actual speed (N) of the rotor is known as slip speed. the % of slip is given by,

$$\% \text{ slip } s = \frac{(N_s - N)}{N_s} \times 100$$

30. Define base speed.

The synchronous speed corresponding to the rated frequency is called the base speed.

1. Give the four modes of operation of a Scherbius drive

The four modes of operation of static Scherbius drive are,

Sub synchronous motoring.

Sub synchronous regeneration

Super synchronous motoring

Super synchronous regeneration

2. Give the use of synchronous motors.

Synchronous motors were mainly used in constant speed applications. The development of semiconductor variable frequency sources, such as inverters and cycloconverters, has allowed their use in draft fan, main line traction, servo drives, etc.

3. How are the stator and rotor of the synchronous motor supplied?

The stator of the synchronous motor is supplied from a thyristor power converter capable of providing a variable frequency supply. The rotor, depending upon the situation, may be constructed with slip rings, where it conforms to a conventional rotor. It is supplied with D.C. through slip rings. Sometimes rotor may also be free from sliding contacts (slip rings), in which case the rotor is fed from a rectifier rotating with rotor.

4. What is the difference between an induction motor and synchronous motor?

An induction motor operates at lagging power factor and hence the converter supplying the same must invariable is a force commutated one. A synchronous motor, on the other hand, can be operated at any power factor by controlling the field current.

4. List out the commonly used synchronous motors.

Commonly used synchronous motors are,

a. Wound field synchronous motors.

b. Permanent magnet synchronous motors

c. Synchronous reluctance synchronous motors.

d. Hysterias motors.

6. Mention the main difference between the wound field and permanent magnet motors.

When a wound filed motor is started as an induction motor, D.C. field is kept off. In case of a permanent magnet motor, the field cannot be 'turned off'.

7. Give the advantages and applications of PMSM.

The advantages of PMSM are,

a. High efficiency

b. High power factor

c. Low sensitivity to supply voltage variations.

The application of PMSM is that it is preferred of industrial applications with large duty cycle such as pumps, fans and compressors.

8. Give the uses of a hysteresis synchronous motor.

Small hysteresis motors are extensively used in tape recorders, office equipment and fans. Because of the low starting current, it finds application in high inertia application such as gyrocompasses and small centrifuges.

9. Mention the two modes employed in variable frequency control

Variable frequency control may employ and of the two modes.

- a. True synchronous mode
- b. Self-controlled mode

10. Define load commutation

Commutation of thyristors by induced voltages pf load is known as load commutation.

11. List out the advantages of load commutation over forced commutation.

Load commutation has a number of advantages over forced commutation

It does not require commutation circuits

Frequency of operation can be higher

It can operate at power levels beyond the capability of forced commutation.

12. Give some application of load commutated inverter fed synchronous motor drive.

Some prominent applications of load commutated inverter fed synchronous motor drive are high speed and high power drives for compressors, blowers, conveyers, steel rolling mills, main-line traction and aircraft test facilities.

13. How the machine operation is performed in self-controlled mode?

For machine operation in the self-controlled mode, rotating filed speed should be the same as rotor speed. This condition is relaised by making frequency of voltage induced in the armature. Firning pulses are therefore generated either by comparison of motor terminal voltages or by rotor position sensors.

14. What is meant by margin angle of commutation?

The difference between the lead angle of firing and the overlap angle is called the margin angle of commutation. If this angle of the thyristor, commutation failure occurs. Safe commutation is assured if this angle has a minimum value equal to the turn off angle f the thyristor.

15. What are the disadvantages of VSI fed synchronous motor drive?

VSI synchronous motor drives might impose fewer problems both on machine as well as on the system design. A normal VSI with 180° conduction of thyristors required forced commutation and load commutation is not possible.

16. How is PNM inverter supplied in VSI fed synchronous motor?

When a PWM inverter is used, two cases may arise the inverter may be fed from a constant D.C. source in which case regeneration is straight forward. The D.C. supply to the inverter may be obtained from a diode rectifier. In this case an additional phase controlled converter is required on the line side.

17. What is D.C. link converter and cycloconverter?

D.C. link converter is a two stage conversion device which provides a variable voltage, variable frequency supply.

Cycloconverter is a single stage conversion device which provides a Variable voltage, variable frequency supply.

18. What are the disadvantages of cycloconverter?

A cycloconverter requires large number of thyristors and its control circuitry is complex. Converter grade thyristors are sufficient but the cost of the converter is high.

19. What are the applications of cycloconverter?

A cycloconverter drive is attractive for low speed operation and is frequently employed in large, low speed reversing mills requiring rapid acceleration and deceleration. Typical applications are large gearless drives, e.g. drives for reversing mills, mine hoists, etc.

20. Give the application of CSI fed synchronous motor.

Application of this type of drive is in gas turbine starting pumped hydro turbine starting, pump and blower drives, etc.

21. What are the disadvantages of machine commutation?

The disadvantages of machine commutation are,

- a. Limitation on the speed range.
- b. The machine size is large
- c. Due to overexciting it is underutilized.

22. What is the use of an auxiliary motor?

Sometimes when the power is small an auxiliary motor can be used to run up the synchronous motor to the desired speed.

23. What are the advantages of brushless D.C. motor?

The brushless D.C. motor is in fact an inverter-fed self controlled permanent synchronous motor drive. The advantages of brushless D.C. motor are low cost, simplicity reliability and good performance.

24. When can the synchronous motor be load commutated?

When the synchronous motor operates at a leading power factor thyristors of load side converter can be commutated by the motor induced voltages same way as the thyristors of a line commutated converter are commutated by line voltages.

25. What are the characteristics of self controlled mode operated synchronous motor?

- a) It operates at like dc motor also commutator less motor.
- b) These machines have better stability behavior.
- c) Do not have oscillatory behavior.

26. What are the characteristics of true synchronous mode operated synchronous motor?

The motor behaves like conventional synchronous motor i.e) hunting oscillations exists.
The change in frequency is slow enough for rotor to track the changes.
Multi motor operation is possible here.

27. What is meant by sub synchronous speed operation?

The sub synchronous speed operation means the SRIM speed can be controlled below the synchronous speed. i.e) the slip power is fed back to the supply.

28. What is meant by super synchronous speed operation?

The super synchronous speed operation means the SRIM speed can be controlled above the synchronous speed. i.e) the supply is fed back to the rotor side.

29. What are the two types of static scherbius system?

- a) DC link static scherbius system
- b) Cyclo converter scherbius system

1. What is meant by frequency control of IM?

The speed of IM can be controlled by changing the supply freq because the speed is directly proportional to supply frequency. This method of speed ctrl is called freq control.

2. What is meant by V/F control I?

When the freq is reduced the i/p voltage must be reduced proportionally so as to maintain constant flux otherwise the core will get saturated resulting in excessive iron loss and magnetizing current. This type of IM behavior is similar to the working of dc series motor.

3. What are the advantages of V/F control?

- Smooth speed ctrl
- Small i/p current and improved power factor at low freq. start
- Higher starting torque for low case resistance

4. What is meant by stator current control?

The 3 phase IM speed can be controlled by stator current control. The stator current can be varied by using current source inverter.

5. What are the 3 modes of region in the adjustable-freq IM drives characteristics?

- Constant torque region
- Constant power region
- High speed series motoring region

6. What are the two modes of operation in the motor?

The two modes of operation in the motor are, motoring and braking. In motoring, it converts electrical energy to mechanical energy, which supports its motion. In braking, it works as a generator converting mechanical energy to electrical energy and thus opposes the motion.

7. How will you select the motor rating for a specific application?

When operating for a specific application motor rating should be carefully chosen that the insulation temperature never exceed the prescribed limit. Otherwise either it will lead to its immediate thermal breakdown causing short circuit and damage to winding, or it will lead to deterioration of its quality resulting into thermal breakdown in near future.

8. What is braking? Mention its types.

The motor works as a generator developing a negative torque which opposes the motion is called braking.

It is of three types. They are,

- a. Regenerative braking.
- b. Dynamic or rheostat braking.
- c. Plugging or reverse voltage braking.

9. What are the three types of speed control?

The three types of speed control as,

- a. Armature voltage control
- b. Field flux control
- c. Armature resistance control.

10. What are the advantages of armature voltage control?

The advantages of armature voltage control are,

- a. High efficiency
- b. Good transient response
- c. Good speed regulation.

11. What are the methods involved in armature voltage control?

When the supply in A.C.

- a. Ward-Leonard schemes
- b. Transformer with taps and an uncontrolled rectifier bridge.
- c. Static ward Leonard scheme or controlled rectifiers when the supply in D.C.
- d. Chopper control.

12. Give some drawbacks and uses of Ward-Leonard drive.

The drawbacks of Ward . Leonard drive are.

- a. High initial cost
- b. Low efficiency

The Ward-Leonard drive is used in rolling mills, mine winders, paper mills, elevators, machine tools etc.

13. Give some advantages of Ward-Leonard drive.

The advantages of Ward-Leonard drive are,

- a. Inherent regenerative braking capability
- b. Power factor improvement.

14. What is the use of controlled rectifiers?

Controlled rectifiers are used to get variable D.C. Voltage form an A.C. Source of fixed voltage.

15. What is known as half-controlled rectifier and fully controlled rectifier?

The rectifiers provide control of D.C. voltage in either direction and therefore, allow motor control in quadrants I and IV. They are known as fully-controlled rectifiers.

The rectifiers allow D.C. Voltage control only in one direction and motor control in quadrant I only. They are known as half-controlled rectifiers.

16. What is called continuous and discontinuous conduction?

A D.C. motor is fed from a phase controlled converter the current in the armature may flow in discrete pulses in called continuous conduction.

A D.C. motor is fed from a phase controlled converter the current in the armature may flow continuously with an average value superimposed on by a ripple is called discontinuous conduction.

17. What are the three intervals present in discontinuous conduction mode of single phase half and fully controlled rectifier?

The three intervals present in half controlled rectifier are,

- a. Duty interval
- b. Free, wheeling interval
- c. Zero current intervals.

The two intervals present in fully controlled rectifier are

- a. Duty interval
- b. Zero current intervals.

18. What is called inversion?

Rectifier takes power from D.C. terminals and transfers it to A.C. mains is called inversion.

19. What are the limitations of series motor? Why series motor is not used in traction applications now a days?

1. The field of series cannot be easily controlled. If field control is not employed, the series motor must be designed with its base speed equal to the highest desired speed of the drive.
2. Further, there are a number of problems with regenerative braking of a series motor. Because of the limitations of series motors, separately excited motors are now preferred even for traction applications.

20. What are the advantages of induction motors over D.C. motors?

The main drawback of D.C. motors is the presence of commutate and brushes, which require frequent maintenance and make them unsuitable for explosive and dirty environments. On the other hand, induction

motors, particularly squirrel-cage are rugged, cheaper, lighter, smaller, more efficient, require lower maintenance and can operate in dirty and explosive environments.

21. Give the applications of induction motors drives.

Although variable speed induction motor drives are generally expensive than D.C. drives, they are used in a number of applications such as fans, blowers, mill run-out tables, cranes, conveyors, traction etc., because of the advantages of induction motors. Other applications involved are underground and underwater installations, and explosive and dirty environments.

22. How is the speed controlled in induction motor?

The induction motor speed can be controlled by supplying the stator a variable voltage, variable frequency supply using static frequency converters. Speed control is also possible by feeding the slip power to the supply system using converters in the rotor circuit, basically one distinguishes two different methods of speed control.

- a. Speed control by varying the slip frequency when the stator is fed from a constant voltage, constant frequency mains.
- b. Speed control of the motor using a variable frequency variable voltage motor operating a constant rotor frequency.

23. How is the speed control by variation of slip frequency obtained?

Speed control by variation of slip frequency is obtained by the following ways.

- a. Stator voltage control using a three-phase voltage controller.
- b. Rotor resistance control using a chopper controlled resistance in the rotor circuit.
- c. Using a converter cascade in the rotor circuit to recover slip energy.
- d. Using a cycloconverter in the rotor circuit.

24. Mention the effects of variable voltage supply in a cage induction motor.

When a cage induction motor is fed from a variable voltage for speed control the following observations may be made.

- a. The torque curve beyond the maximum torque point has a negative slope. A stable operating point in this region is not possible for constant torque load.
- b. The voltage controlled must be capable of withstanding high starting currents. The range of speed control is rather limited.
- c. The motor power factor is poor.

25. Classify the type of loads driven by the motor.

The type of load driven by the motor influences the current drawn and losses of the motor as the slip varies. The normally occurring loads are

- a. Constant torque loads.

- b. Torque varying proportional to speed.
- c. Torque varying preoperational to the square of the speed.

26. What are the disadvantages of constant torque loads?

The constant torque loads are not favored due to increase in the losses linearly with slip and becoming maximum at $s= 1.0$. This is obvious from the variation of flux as the voltage is varied for speed control. To maintain constant torque the motor draws heavy current resulting in poor torque/ampere, poor efficiency and poor power factor at low speeds.

27. In which cases, torque versus speed method is suitable.

Torque versus speed method is suitable only for the following cases.

- a. For short time operations where the duration of speed controls is defined.
- b. For speed control of blowers or pumps having parabolic or cubic variations of torque with speed. This is not suitable for constant torque loads due to increases and heating.

28. How is the speed of a squirrel cage induction motor controlled?

The speed of a squirrel cage induction motor can be controlled very effectively by varying the stator frequency. Further the operation of the motor is economical and efficient, if it operates at very small slips. The speed of the motor is therefore, varied by varying the supply frequency and maintaining the rotor frequency at the rated value or a value corresponding to the required torque on the linear portion of the torque-speed curve.

29. Why the control of a three-phase induction motor is more difficult than D.C. motors.

The control of a three-phase induction motor, particularly when the dynamic performance involved is more difficult than D.C. motors. This is due to a. Relatively large internal resistance of the converter causes voltage fluctuations following load fluctuations because the capacitor cannot be ideally large.

- b. In a D.C. motor there is a decoupling between the flux producing magnetizing current and torque producing armature current. They can be independently controlled. This is not the case with induction motors.
- c. An induction motor is very poorly damped compared to a D.C. motor.

30. Where is the V/f control used?

The V/f control would be sufficient in some applications requiring variable torque, such as centrifugal pumps, compressors and fans. In these, the torque varies as the square of the speed. Therefore at small speeds the required torque is also small and V/f control would be sufficient to drive these loads with no compensation required for resistance drop. This is true also for the case of the liquid being pumped with minimal solids.

1. What are the components of the applied voltage to the induction motor?

The applied voltage to the induction motor has two components at low frequencies. They are

- a. Proportional to stator frequency.
- b. To compensate for the resistance drop in the stator.

The second component deepens on the load on the motor and hence on rotor frequency.

2. What is indirect flux control?

The method of maintaining the flux constant by providing a voltage boost proportional to slip frequency is a kind of indirect flux control. This method of flux control is not desirable if very good dynamic behaviour is required.

3. What is voltage source inverter?

Voltage source inverter is a kind of D.C. link converter, which is a two stage conversion device.

4. What is the purpose of inductance and capacitance in the D.C. link circuit?

The inductance in the D.C. link circuit provides smoothing whereas the capacitance maintains the constancy of link voltage. The link voltage is a controlled quantity.

5. What are the disadvantages of square wave inverter in induction motor drive?

Square wave inverters have commutation problems at very low frequencies, as the D.C. link voltage available at these frequencies cannot charge the commutating capacitors sufficiently enough to commutate the thyristors. This puts a limit on the lower frequency of operation. To extend the frequency towards zero, special charging circuits must be used.

6. What is slip controlled drive?

When the slip is used as a controlled quantity to maintain the flux constant in the motor the drive is called slip controlled drive. By making the slip negative (i.e., decreasing the output frequency of the inverter) the machine may be made to operate as a generator and the energy of the rotating parts fed back to the mains by an additional line side converter or dissipated in a resistance for dynamic braking. By keeping the slip frequency constant, braking at constant torque and current can be achieved. Thus braking is also fast.

7. What are the effects of harmonics in VSI fed induction motor drive?

The motor receives square wave voltages. These voltages have harmonic components. The harmonics of the stator current cause additional losses and heating. These harmonics are also responsible for torque pulsations. The reaction of the fifth and seventh harmonics with the fundamental gives rise to the seventh harmonic pulsations in the torque developed. For a given induction motor fed from a square wave

inverter the harmonic content in the current tends to remain constant independent of input frequency, with the range of operating frequencies of the inverter.

8. What is a current source inverter?

In a D.C. link converter, if the D.C. link current is controlled, the inverter is called a current source inverter. The current in the D.C. link is kept constant by a high inductance and the capacitance of the filter is dispensed with. A current source inverter is suitable for loads which present a low impedance to harmonic currents and have unity p.f.

9. Explain about the commutation of the current source inverter.

The commutation of the inverter is load dependent. The load parameters form a part of the commutation circuit. A matching is therefore required between the inverter and the motor. Multimotor operation is not possible. The inverter must necessarily be a force commutated one as the induction motor cannot provide the reactive power for the inverter. The motor voltage is almost sinusoidal with superimposed spikes.

10. Give the features from which a slip controlled drive is developed.

The stator current of an induction motor operating on a variable frequency, variable voltage supply is independent of stator frequency if the air gap flux is maintained constant. However, it is a function of the rotor frequency. The torque developed is also a function of rotor frequency. The torque developed is also a function of rotor frequency only. Using these features a slip controlled drive can be developed employing a current source inverter to feed an induction motor.

11. How is the braking action produced in plugging?

In plugging, the braking torque is produced by interchange any two supply terminals, so that the direction of rotation of the rotating magnetic field is reversed with respect to the rotation of the motor. The electromagnetic torque developed provides the braking action and brings the rotor to a quick stop.

12. Where is rotor resistance control used?

Where the motors drive loads with intermittent type duty, such as cranes, ore or coal unloaders, skip hoists, mine hoists, lifts, etc. slip-ring induction motors with speed control by variation of resistance in the rotor circuit are frequently used. This method of speed control is employed for a motor generator set with a flywheel (Ilgner set) used as an automatic slip regulator under shock loading conditions.

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16. How is the resistance in the output terminals of a chopper varied?

The resistance connected across the output terminals of a chopper can be varied from 0 to R by varying the time ratio of the chopper. When the chopper is always OFF, the supply is always connected to the resistance R. The time ratio in this case is zero and the effective resistance connected is R. Similarly when the chopper is always ON, the resistance is short circuited. The time ratio in the case is unity and the effective resistance connected is 0. Hence by varying the time ratio from 0 to 1, the value of resistance can be varied from R to 0.

17. What is the function of inductance L and resistance R in the chopper resistance circuit?

A smoothing inductance L is used in the circuit to maintain the current at a constant value. Any short circuit in the chopper does not become effective due to L.

The value of R connected across the chopper is effective for all phases and its value can be related to the resistance to be connected in each phase if the conventional method has been used. The speed control range is limited by the resistance.

18. What are the disadvantages and advantages of chopper controlled resistance in the rotor circuit method?

The method is very inefficient because of losses in the resistance. It is suitable for intermittent loads such as elevators. At low speeds, in particular the motor has very poor efficiency. The rotor current is non-sinusoidal. The harmonics of the rotor current produce torque pulsations. These have a frequency which is six times the slip frequency.

Because of the increased rotor resistance, the power factor is better.

19. How is the range of speed control increased?

The range of speed control can be increased if a combination of stator voltage control and rotor resistance control is employed. Instead of using a high resistance rotor, a slip ring rotor with external rotor resistance can be used when stator voltage control is used for controlling the speed.

20. Why the static scherbius drive has a poor power factor?

Drive input power is difference between motor input power and the power fed back. Reactive input power is the sum of motor and inverter reactive power. Therefore, drive has a poor power factor throughout the range of its options.

21. How is super synchronous speed achieved?

Super synchronous speed can be achieved if the power is fed to the rotor from A.C. mains. This can be made possible by replacing the converter cascade by a cycloconverter. A cycloconverter allows power flow in either direction making the static scherbets drive operate at both sub and supper synchronous speeds.

22. Give the features of static scherbius drive

The torque pulsations and other reactions are minimal. The performance of the drive improves with respect to additional losses and torque pulsations. A smooth transition is possible from sub to super synchronous speeds without any commutation problems. Speed reversal is not possible. A step up transformer may be interposed between the lines and the converter, to reduce the voltage rating of the converter.

23. Where is Kramer electrical drive system used?

Some continuous rolling mills, large air blowers, mine ventilators, centrifugal pumps and any other mechanisms including pumps drives of hydraulic dredgers require speed adjustment in the range from 15 to 30% below or above normal. If the induction motor is of comparatively big size (100 to 200 KW) it becomes uneconomical to adjust speed by mean's pf external resistances due to copper losses as slip power is wasted as heat in the retort circuit resistance. In these case , the Kramer electrical drive system is used , where slip power recovery takes places.

24. What is the use of sub synchronous converter cascades?

Sub synchronous converter cascades have been used, till now, in applications requiring one quadrant operation. These can be employed for drives where at least one electrical barking

is required. A four quadrant operation can also be made possible in these cascades, using suitable switching.

25. How is the speed control obtained in static Kramer drive?

For speed control below synchronous speed, the slip power is pumped back to the supply, where as for the case of speed above synchronous speed, additional slip power is injected into the rotor circuit.

26. What is static Kramer drive?

Instead of wasting the slip power in the rotor circuit resistance, it can be converted to 60 Hz A.C. and pumped back to the line. The slip power controlled drive that permits only a sub synchronous range of speed control through a converter cascade is known as static Kramer drive.

27. What is the use and functions of step down transformer in static Kramer drive?

For a restricted speed range closer to synchronous speed, the system power factor can be further improved by using a step-down transformer.

The step-down transformer has essentially two functions: besides improving the line power factor, it also helps to reduce the converter power ratings.

28. What are the advantages of static Kramer drive?

The static Kramer drive has been very popular in large power pump and fan-type drives, where the range of speed control is limited near, but below the synchronous speed. The drive system is very efficient and the converted power rating is low because it has to handle only the slip power. In fact, the power rating becomes lower with a more restricted range of speed control. The additional advantages are that the drive system has D.C. machine like characteristics and the control is very simple.

29. What are the causes of harmonic currents in static Kramer drive?

The rectification of slip power causes harmonic currents in the rotor, and these harmonics are reflected to the stator by the transformer action of the machine. The harmonic currents are also injected into the A.C. line by the inverter. As a result, the machine losses are increased and some amount of harmonic torque is produced. Each harmonic current in the rotor will create a rotating magnetic field and its direction of rotation will depend on the order of the harmonic.

QUESTION BANK

UNIT I – DRIVE CHARACTERISTICS

PART-A

2 MARKS

1. What is meant by electrical drives?
2. What are the requirements of an electric drive?
3. Specify the functions of power modulator.
4. Mention the different types of drives.
5. List the different types of electrical drives.
6. What are the advantages of electric drives?
7. What are the functions performed by electric drives?
8. What are the disadvantages of electric drives?
9. What are the advantages of group drive over individual drive?
10. What the group drive is not used extensively.
11. Write short notes on individual electric drives.
12. Mention the different factors for the selection of electric drives?
13. Mention the parts of electrical drives.
14. Mention the applications of electrical drives
15. Mention the types of enclosures
16. Mention the different types of classes of duty
17. What is meant by regenerative braking?
18. What is meant by dynamic braking?
19. What is meant by plugging?
20. What is critical speed?
21. Which braking is suitable for reversing the motor?
22. Define equivalent current method
23. Define cooling time constant
24. What are the methods of operation of electric drives?
25. Define four quadrant operations.
26. What is meant by mechanical characteristics?
27. Mention the types of braking
28. What are the advantage and disadvantages of D.C. drives?
29. Give some applications of D.C. drives.
30. Why the variable speed applications are dominated by D.C. drives?

PART-B

1. State essential parts of electrical drive. What are the functions of power modulator?
2. Drive the equations governing motor load dynamics.
3. What are the main factors which decide the choice of electrical drive for a given application?
4. A motor of small rating can be selected for a short time duty why?
5. Drive the mathematical condition for steady state stability of equilibrium point.
6. Explain in detail the multi quadrant dynamics in the speed - torque plane.

UNIT II – CONVERTER / CHOPPER FED DRIVES

PART-A

1. What is the use of flywheel? Where it is used?
2. What are the advantages of series motor?
3. Define and mention different types of braking in a dc motor?
4. How the D.C. motor is affected at the time of starting?
5. List the drawbacks of armature resistance control?
6. What is static Ward-Leonard drive?
7. What is a line commutated inverter?
8. Mention the methods of armature voltage controlled dc motor?
9. How is the stator winding changed during constant torque and constant horsepower operations?
10. Define positive and negative motor torque.
11. Write the expression for average o/p voltage of full converter fed dc drives?
12. What are the disadvantages of conventional Ward-Leonard schemes?
13. Mention the drawbacks of rectifier fed dc drives?
14. What are the advantages in operating choppers at high frequency?
15. Why self commutated devices are preferred over thyristors for chopper circuits?
16. State the advantages of dc chopper drives?
17. What are the advantages of closed loop c of dc drives?
18. What are the types of control strategies in dc chopper?
19. What are the adv. of using PI controller in closed loop ctrl. of dc drive?
20. What are the different methods of braking applied to the induction motor?
21. What are the different methods of speed control of IM?
22. What is meant by stator voltage control.?
23. Mention the application of stator voltage control.
24. Mention the applications of ac drives.
25. What are the three regions in the speed-torque characteristics in the IM?
26. What are the advantages of stator voltage control method?
27. What is meant by soft start?
28. List the adv of squirrel cage IM?
29. Define slip
30. Define base speed.

PART-B

1. Explain the operation of a single phase fully controlled rectifier control of a dc separately excited motor.
2. Explain continuous and discontinuous operations.
3. A 200 V, 875 rpm, 150 A separately excited dc motor has an armature resistance of 0.06 ohms. It is fed from a single phase fully controlled rectifier with an ac source voltage of 220V, 50HZ assuming continuous conduction. Calculate
 - i) firing angle for rated motor torque and 750 rpm.
 - ii) firing angle for rated motor torque and (-500 rpm)

iii) motor speed for $\alpha = 100$ degree and rated torque.

4. A separately excited dc motor having an armature resistance of 3 ohms and the inductance of 25 mH is fed from a two pulse bridge rectifier. when the firing angle is 75 degree, the motor has a back emf of 55V. determine the power output, input VA, and power factor.
5. Explain the operation of a single phase fully controlled converter fed separately excited DC motor with neat wave forms and derive the speed torque characteristics.
6. Explain the operation of the two quadrant chopper fed dc drive system.
7. Explain the operation of the four quadrant chopper control in dc motor drive system.
8. Explain using a power circuit the working of a single phase semi converter fed separately excited motor drive.
9. A separately excited dc motor operating from a single phase half controlled bridge at a speed of 1450 rpm, has input voltage of $330 \sin 314t$ and a back emf of 75V. the SCRs are fixed symmetrically at $\alpha = \pi/4$ in every cycle and the armature has resistance of 5 ohms. neglecting armature inductance. Calculate the average armature current and the developed torque.
10. Describe the desirable modification to the speed torque curve of synchronous motor for speed control.

UNIT-III - DESIGN OF CONTROLLERS FOR DRIVES

PART-A

1. Give the four modes of operation of a Scherbius drive
2. Give the use of synchronous motors.
3. How are the stator and rotor of the synchronous motor supplied?
4. What is the difference between an induction motor and synchronous motor?
5. List out the commonly used synchronous motors.
6. Mention the main difference between the wound field and permanent magnet motors.
7. Give the advantages and applications of PMSM.
8. Give the uses of a hysteresis synchronous motor.
9. Mention the two modes employed in variable frequency control
10. Define load commutation.
11. List out the advantages of load commutation over forced commutation.
12. Give some application of load commutated inverter fed synchronous motor drive.
13. How the machine operation is performed in self-controlled mode?
14. What is meant by margin angle of commutation?
15. What are the disadvantages of VSI fed synchronous motor drive?
16. How is PNM inverter supplied in VSI fed synchronous motor?
17. What is D.C. link converter and cycloconverter?
18. What are the disadvantages of cycloconverter?
19. What are the applications of cycloconverter?
20. Give the application of CSI fed synchronous motor.

21. What are the disadvantages of machine commutation?
22. What is the use of an auxiliary motor?
23. What are the advantages of brushless D.C. motor?
24. When can the synchronous motor be load commutated?
25. What are the characteristics of self controlled mode operated synchronous motor?
26. What are the characteristics of true synchronus mode operated synchronous motor?
27. What is meant by sub synchronous speed operation?
28. What is meant by super synchronous speed operation?
29. What are the two types of static scherbius system?

PART-B

1. Discuss using a diagram the operation of closed loop scheme for speed control of a dc motor below and above the base speed.
2. Derive the transfer function of the speed controller.
3. Explain how the converter power output and the controller characteristics are related.
4. Derive the transfer function of dc motor load system.
5. Give the design procedure of current controller.
6. Explain the armature voltage control of dc motor with constant field and field weakening modes.
7. Discuss on armature voltage control.
8. Compare VSI fed drives with CSI fed drives.

UNIT-IV INDUCTION MOTOR DRIVES

PART-A

1. What is meant by frequency control of IM?
2. What is meant by V/F control?
3. What are the advantages of V/F control?
4. What is meant by stator current control?
5. What are the 3 modes of region in the adjustable-freq IM drives characteristics?
6. What are the two modes of operation in the motor?
7. How will you select the motor rating for a specific application?
8. What is braking? Mention its types.
9. What are the three types of speed control?
10. What are the advantages of armature voltage control?
11. What are the methods involved in armature voltage control?
12. Give some drawbacks and uses of Ward-Leonard drive.
13. Give some advantages of Ward-Leonard drive.
14. What is the use of controlled rectifiers?
15. What is known as half-controlled rectifier and fully controlled rectifier?
16. What is called continuous and discontinuous conduction?
17. What are the three intervals present in discontinuous conduction mode of single phase half and fully controlled rectifier?
18. What is called inversion?
19. What are the limitations of series motor? Why series motor is not used in traction applications now a days?
20. What are the advantages of induction motors over D.C. motors?
21. Give the applications of induction motors drives.
22. How is the speed controlled in induction motor?
23. How is the speed control by variation of slip frequency obtained?
24. Mention the effects of variable voltage supply in a cage induction motor.
25. Classify the type of loads driven by the motor.
26. What are the disadvantages of constant torque loads?
27. In which cases, torque versus speed method is suitable.
28. How is the speed of a squirrel cage induction motor controlled?
29. Why the control of a three-phase induction motor is more difficult than D.C. motors.
30. Where is the V/f control used?

PART-B

1. Mention effects of pulsating torque in induction motor and write down the draw backs of harmonics.
2. List out the different methods of speed control of 3 phase induction motors. Explain.
3. What is meant by stator voltage control? Explain in detail.
4. What is meant by V/F control? Explain with block diagram.
5. Describe the need of different kind of braking applied to the induction motor.
6. Describe the operation of closed loop control of stator voltage control.
7. Explain in detail the N-T characteristics of induction motor.
8. Explain the operation of the induction motor fed from non sinusoidal voltage source.

UNIT-V-SYNCHRONOUS MOTOR DRIVES

PART-A

1. What are the components of the applied voltage to the induction motor?
2. What is indirect flux control?
3. What is voltage source inverter?
4. What is the purpose of inductance and capacitance in the D.C. link circuit?
5. What are the disadvantages of square wave inverter in induction motor drive?
6. What is slip controlled drive?
7. What are the effects of harmonics in VSI fed induction motor drive?
8. What is a current source inverter?
9. Explain about the commutation of the current source inverter.
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11. How is the braking action produced in plugging?
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24. What is the use of sub synchronous converter cascades?
25. How is the speed control obtained in static Kramer drive?
26. What is static Kramer drive?
27. What is the use and functions of step down transformer is static Kramer drive?
28. What are the advantages of static Kramer drive?
29. What are the causes of harmonic currents in static Kramer drive?

PART-B

1. Explain in detail sub synchronous operation, slip power recovery scheme and rotor resistance control method.
2. Discuss on V/F control techniques in synchronous motor.
3. Explain the operation of synchronous motor while shifting from motoring to regenerative braking.
4. Discuss on permanent magnet synchronous motor.
5. Write notes on brushless excitation.
6. Explain open loop speed control control of synchronous motor with constant ratio.
7. Explain power factor control of synchronous motor with relevant vector diagram.
8. Explain self control of synchronous motor with relevant vector diagram.
9. Show that the torque of a synchronous motor is independent of speed when it operates in the controlled current mode.
10. Explain using a power circuit the working of a trapezoidally excited p.m synchronous motor, operating in the self controlled mode.