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Study of Design of MIMC-PID for Unstable First Order Time Delay Process

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ABSTRACT: The Internal Model Control based approach to design controller is used in control applications in industries. It is because, for actual process in industries PID controller algorithm is simple and robust to handle the model inaccuracies and hence using IMC-PID tuning method is a compromise between closed-loop performance and robustness to model inaccuracies is achieved with a single tuning parameter. The IMC-PID controller allows good set-point tracking for the process with a small time-delay/time-constant ratio. In this paper, modified internal model control (MIMC) will be realized by equivalent PID control for unstable first order plus time delay system. This controller will be designed for good dynamic performance and robustness. The controller performance will be achieved by analyzing integral absolute error (IAE) and maximum sensitivity (Ms). The cost function (J) will be optimized for different cases of damping ratio on Ms-IAE curve. This will be implementing for different transfer functions for the model of UFOPTD for robust performance.

KEYWORDS: MIMC, PID, UFOPDT, Maximum sensitivity.

I. INTRODUCTION

The mathematical model of real time system is classified as stable, unstable and integrating systems with time delay. The control of unstable systems is a tough challenge to improve its time domain specifications. As the dynamic behaviour of many industrial processes contains inherent time delays and they are difficult to control. The conventional controller is only capable of stabilizing the system for a nominal plant and it fails to maintain the stability of the system under any parameter variations of the plant. The goals for an unstable process control should include stabilizing unstable poles, good servo tracking, and eliminating unknown disturbance. Actually, there are two problems for achieving the target. First is the problem of servo tracking and disturbance rejection, the other is the dilemma between robustness and performance. This leads to the concept of robust controller design, so the robust stability as well as the robust performance needs to be ensured while designing a robust controller. The Internal Model Control (IMC) based approach to design controller is one of them using IMC and its equivalent IMC based PID to be used in control applications in industries. One good thing about the IMC procedure is that it results in a controller with a single tuning parameter λ .

The design methods based on the modified IMC employ the nominal process model in their control structures, which results for their good performance. This paper is based on a modified internal model control (MIMC) for unstable first order plus delay time process, and the MIMC was realized by an equivalent PID controller. A robust performance will be achieved by using IAE weighted by maximum sensitivity (Ms). The optimization is based on selection of adjustable parameter λ for different cases of damping ratio ξ . The Ms-IAE curve is divided into two parts, upper part and lower part. The lower part of curve is conformity for good robust performance and gives the proper tuning parameter based on damping ratio. The work is proposed for different transfer functions of model of unstable first order systems.

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II. IMC-PID DESIGN

Assume that the process is an unstable first-order plus time delay system. Thus, its model has the following general form:

$$P(s) = \frac{K \cdot e^{-\theta s}}{Ts - 1} \quad (1)$$

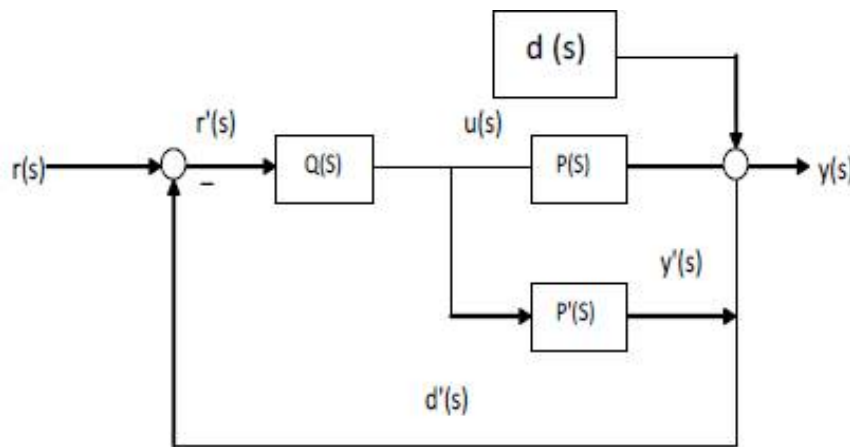


Fig.1 Basic IMC Model

For the IMC controller,

$$Q(s) = P_-^{-1}(s) \cdot f(s) \quad (2)$$

Now find the PID equivalent,

$$C(s) = \frac{Q(s)}{1 - P(s) \cdot Q(s)} \quad (3)$$

The PID parameters are,

$$K_c = \frac{T_i}{-K(2\lambda + \theta - \alpha)}$$

$$T_i = -T + \alpha - \frac{\lambda^2 + \alpha \cdot \theta - \theta^2/2}{2\lambda + \theta - \alpha}$$

$$T_d = \frac{-T\alpha - \frac{\theta^3/6 - \alpha\theta^2/2}{2\lambda + \theta - \alpha}}{T_i} - \frac{\lambda^2 + \alpha \cdot \theta - \theta^2/2}{2\lambda + \theta - \alpha} \quad (4)$$

III. MODIFIED INTERNAL MODEL CONTROL

This section describes the general idea about modification of Internal Model Control for unstable plants. Modification of Internal Model Control is considered from the parameterization of the stabilizing controller based on Internal Model Control structure for unstable plants.

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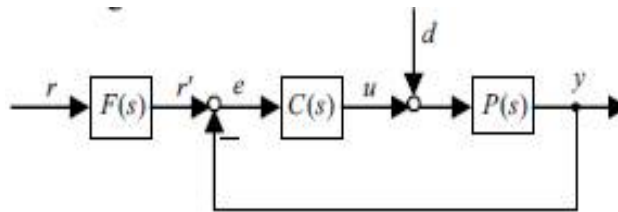


Fig.2 Modified IMC Structure

The control system in Fig.2 with the controller $C(s) = \frac{Q(s)}{1 - P(s)Q(s)}$ is stable if and only if following expressions satisfied.

1. $Q(s)$ is stable.
2. $P(s)Q(s)$ is stable $\rightarrow Q(s)$ has to cancel all RHP poles of $P(s)$: $Q(s)$ has to have zeros wherever $P(s)$ has unstable poles.
3. $\frac{Q(s)}{1 - P(s)Q(s)}$ is stable $\rightarrow [1 - P(s)Q(s)]$ has to cancel all RHP poles of $P(s)$: $[1 - P(s)Q(s)]$ has to have zeros wherever $P(s)$ has unstable poles.

The equivalent PID controller is,

$$C(s) = \frac{Q(s)}{1 - Q(s) \cdot P(s)} \quad (5)$$

Thus,

$$Q(s) = \frac{C(s)}{1 + C(s)P(s)} \quad (6)$$

From figure. 2 Output signal 'y' is,

$$y = (u + d) \times P(s) \quad (7)$$

Control signal 'u' is given by

$$u = e[C(s)] = (r^I - y)[C(s)] \quad (8)$$

$$y = P(s)Q(s) \times r^I + P(s)[1 - P(s)Q(s)] \times d \quad (9)$$

But by substitute the value of $Q(s)/C(s)$ from equation (6)

$$u = (r^I - y) \times C(s) \quad (10)$$

$$u = r^I \times C(s) - y \times C(s)$$

$$u = r^I \times Q(s) - P(s)Q(s) \times d$$

The output y and the control signal u according to the input r' and the disturbance (d) are

$$\begin{bmatrix} y \\ u \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P(s)Q(s) & P(s)[1 - P(s)Q(s)] \\ Q(s) & -P(s)Q(s) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r^I \\ d \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

According to internal stability of IMC,

$P(s)Q(s)$ should all be stable, For IMC to be stable

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow p_j} Q(s) = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\text{And } \lim_{s \rightarrow p_j} [1 - P(s)Q(s)] = 0 \quad (13)$$

Where P_i are unstable poles of process $P(s)$, $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, m$

For zero steady state error

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} [1 - P(s)Q(s)] = 0 \quad (14)$$



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The unstable first order plus time delay (UFOPTD) process is described as,

$$P(s) = \frac{Ke^{-sL}}{sT - 1} \quad (15)$$

Where, K= Static gain, T=Time constant of unstable pole and L=Time delay and $T_r=T/L$ is the ratio of unstable time to delay time constant.

The modified internal model control Q(s) is given by,

$$Q(s) = P^{-1}(s) \cdot \frac{f(s)}{F(s)} \quad (16)$$

Where, K= Static gain, T=Time constant of unstable pole and L=Time delay and $T_r= T/L$ is the ratio of unstable time to delay time constant.

Substituting Equation (15) & (16) in (14) i.e $S=1/T$. Then we get,

$$\frac{\alpha}{T} = \left(\frac{\lambda^2}{T^2} + \frac{2\zeta\lambda}{T} + 1 \right) e^{\frac{L}{T}} - 1 \quad (17)$$

For particular case,

$$K_c = \frac{-T_i}{k(2\zeta\lambda - \alpha + L)}$$

$$T_i = \alpha - T - \frac{\lambda^2 + \alpha L - \frac{L^2}{2}}{2\zeta\lambda - \alpha + L}$$

$$T_d = -T_i - \alpha + T - \frac{\alpha T}{T_i} + \frac{\alpha L^2 - L^3 / 3}{2T_i(2\zeta\lambda - \alpha + L)} \quad (18)$$

IV. PERFORMANCE AND ROBUSTNESS

The conventional IMC could not have the optimal robustness and the performance concluded by analysing the integral of absolute error (IAE) and the maximum sensitivity (M_s) of these control systems.

Here, the performance measure is evaluated with respect to an external input to the disturbance d.

$$IAE = \int_0^{\infty} |y - d| \cdot dt \quad (19)$$

$$IAE = \int_0^{\infty} |e(t)| \cdot e^{-st} \cdot dt \quad (20)$$

By putting values of Q(s) and C(s) from equation (1) & (2) respectively, we get

$$C(s) = \frac{1/s \times K}{K \times \frac{K_c}{T_i} (1 + sT_i + s^2T_iT_d)} \quad (21)$$



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Mathematical derivation for M_s is as,

$$M_s = \max_{\omega > 0} |s(j\omega)| = \frac{1}{\min_{\omega > 0} |1 + C(j\omega)P(j\omega)|} \quad (22)$$

The process transfer function taking in frequency domain,

$$P(j\omega) = \frac{Ke^{-j\omega L}}{j\omega T - 1} = \frac{Ke^{-j\omega L}}{1 + \omega^2 T^2} \times [1 - j\omega T] \quad (23)$$

To select the value of robust weighted factor,

$$\beta = \frac{1.5}{1 - e^{1.5 - T_r}} \quad (24)$$

The significance of weighted factor is that when the value of T_r is small, while when the T_r is large the optimization is to achieve the best compromise between robustness and integral performance.

$$J = IAE \cdot M_s^\beta \quad (25)$$

Where,

$e(t)$ = error function according to disturbance d ,

$s(j\omega)$ = sensitivity function of the PID control system,

J = Robust performance index

β = Robust weighting factor.

If the value β is large then the system becomes robust and small β will have performance better. when the T_r ratio is large the optimization is to achieve the best compromise between robustness and performance.

The adjustable time constant parameter λ to be optimized on PID control by formula,

$$\frac{\lambda}{L} = \sqrt{(4.16 - 4.95T_r)^2 + 8.32T_r} + 4.16 - 4.95T_r \quad \text{If } (T_r < 5)$$

Or

$$\lambda = L \quad \text{If } (T_r \geq 5) \quad (26)$$

V. SIMULATIONS RESULT

Consider an unstable first order plus time delay process with small $T_r = 2.5$ is expressed as

$$P(s) = \frac{e^{-0.4s}}{s - 1} \quad (27)$$

In this simulation study the MIMC-PID is compared with those of Liu et al. and Lee et al. For the set point response Liu uses IMC and Lee applied a set point filter. For the methods of both Liu and Lee $\lambda = 0.4$. The tuning parameters of MIMC-PID, Lee-IMC, and Liu-IMC for nominal model are as follows,

For $M_s = 3.15$, $\xi = 0.8$, $f = 1/1.95s + 1$

Figure 3 presents a comparison of the MIMC-PID with Liu and Lee methods by introducing a unit step change of load disturbance at $t = 10$ sec. for nominal model.

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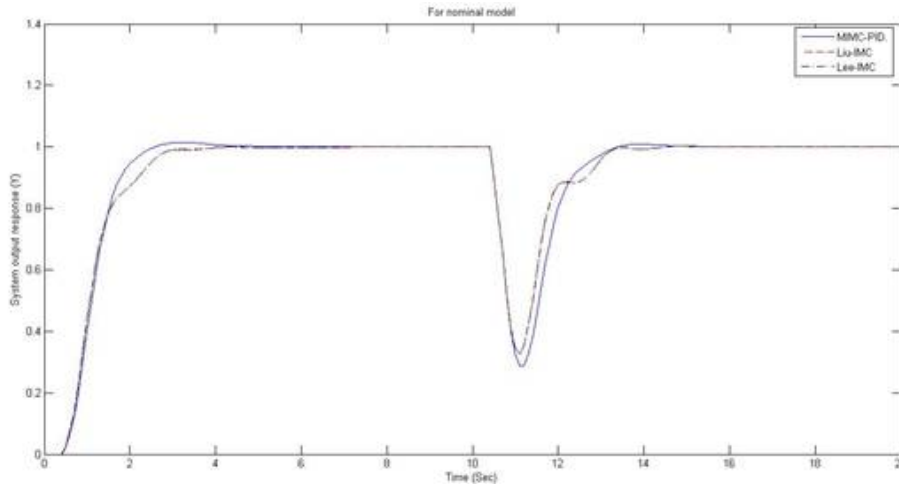


Fig.3 Step response of UFOPDT nominal model for set point tracking

The robustness of controller is evaluated by inserting uncertainty of 5 % in all three parameters to obtain model mismatch. Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 presents simulation study for +5% and -5% model mismatch respectively.

Table 4.1. Tuning parameters of Example 1

Tuning Methods	λ	K_C	T_I	T_D
MIMC-PID	0.47	2.65	2.113	0.149
Liu-IMC	0.4	2.897	2.097	0.161
Lee-IMC	0.4	2.894	2.101	0.161

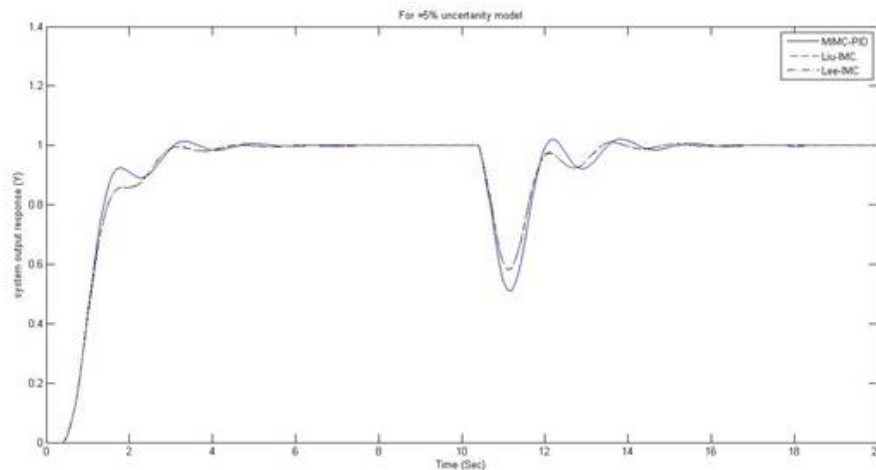


Fig.4 Step response of UFOPDT +5% model mismatch for set point tracking

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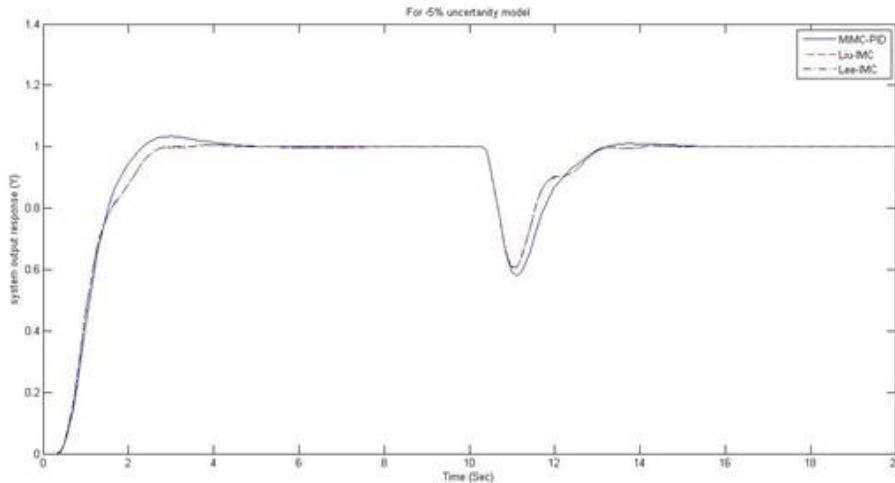
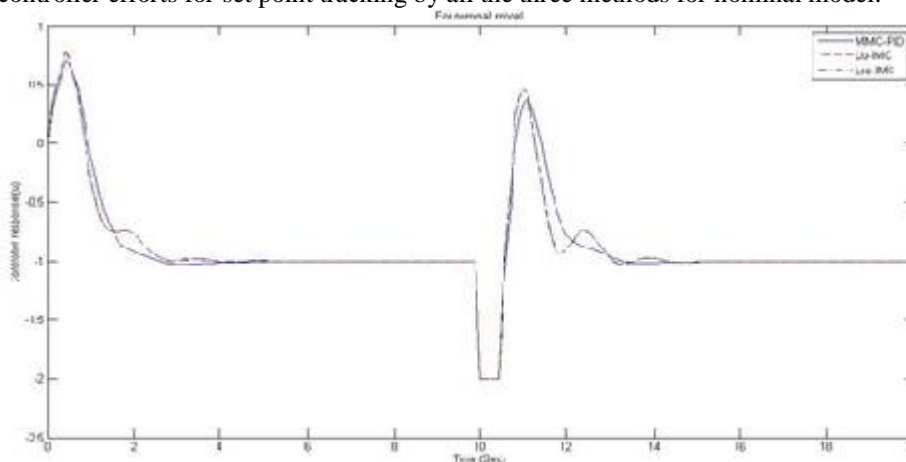


Fig.5 Step response of UFOPDT -5% model mismatch for set point tracking

Table 4.2 Comparison of Dynamic Performance Indices of nominal UFOPDT Model

Method	Performance Indices			
	ISE	IAE	ITSE	ITAE
MIMC-PID	12.78	20.09	511.63	97.62
Lee-IMC	12.73	20.03	398.34	92.13
Liu-IMC	12.72	20.03	396.79	91.95

Fig 6 shows the controller efforts for set point tracking by all the three methods for nominal model.



VI.CONCLUSION

The modified IMC is designed for unstable first order time delay process and compared with other two methods of Lee et al. and Liu et al. for observation of its performance. The analysis comprises robustness of controller against load disturbance for stability of process. Simulations shows this MIMC-PID can achieve the requirements of the system for UFOPDT process with different ratio of unstable time constant to time delay constant. This design shows the load disturbance rejection over other controllers. The robustness of the controller is also evaluated by inserting uncertainty of 5 percent in the gain and dead time simultaneously.



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