

The Effect of Motor Parameters on the Induction Motor Speed Sensorless Control System using Luenberger Observer

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Abstract

The sensorless control system is a control system without a controlled variable sensor. The controlled variable is estimated using an observer. In this investigation, the sensorless control system is used to control induction motor speed. The observer that is used is the Luenberger observer. One of the drawbacks of the sensorless control system is precision motor parameter values. In this research, the effect of induction motor parameters in a speed sensorless control system, i.e. resistance and inductance motor, will be investigated. The differences in induction motor parameters between the controller and the actual value affect the system response. The value differences of R_r and R_s that can be applied are a maximum of 50%. However, the small differences in the inductance value greatly affect the system response. To get a good response, the value differences of L_s and L_r are between -5% to +5%, while the difference in the value of L_m is between -3% to +3%.

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1 Introduction

A control system without a controlled variable sensor, often known as "sensorless control," is one controller that is still being researched. Sensorless control systems evolved to overcome the challenges of sensor installation that sensor-based control systems faced. Sensor-based control systems are widely used by researchers, such as those of Z. Alpholicy X., et al [1] and Y. E. Loho, et al [2]. Sensors will drive up prices and complicate installation [3]. The controlled variable in this system is approximated from the plant's current input using an observer rather than being measured directly by a sensor [4]. The stator current is used to estimate the motor speed using an observer. Sensorless control will be used to control the speed of the Induction Motor in this investigation.

The induction motor is one of the Alternating Current (AC) motors. The phase angle, as well as the modulo current (current vector), must be controlled while driving an AC motor [4]. It is not the same as a DC motor. The torque and flux that produce the AC motor current are decoupled in vector control so that they can be controlled independently.

Precision motor parameter values are one of the drawbacks of the sensorless control approach for controlling motor speed. For this sensorless speed control to work properly, parameter values must be clearly understood. As a result, a variety of approaches for determining induction motor parameter values have been offered by different researchers [5][6]. The importance of induction motor parameters is also underlined in the paper[7]. The disparity in parameter values causes inaccuracies in motor speed, according to this article. However, it is not indicated in these trials how much variances in motor parameter values will affect the speed controller. A motor speed error will occur if the motor parameters deviate from the real parameter [8]. In that research, it is used MRAS observer to estimate the Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor (PMSM).

In this research, the effect of induction motor parameters in a speed sensorless control system, i.e. resistance and inductance motor, will be investigated. To estimate the motor speed, it is used the Luenberger observer.

2 Research Methodology

This section provides the research methodology that we use in this work.

2.1. Induction Motor Sensorless Control System

The block diagram of the system is shown in Figure 1. Each part is explained below.

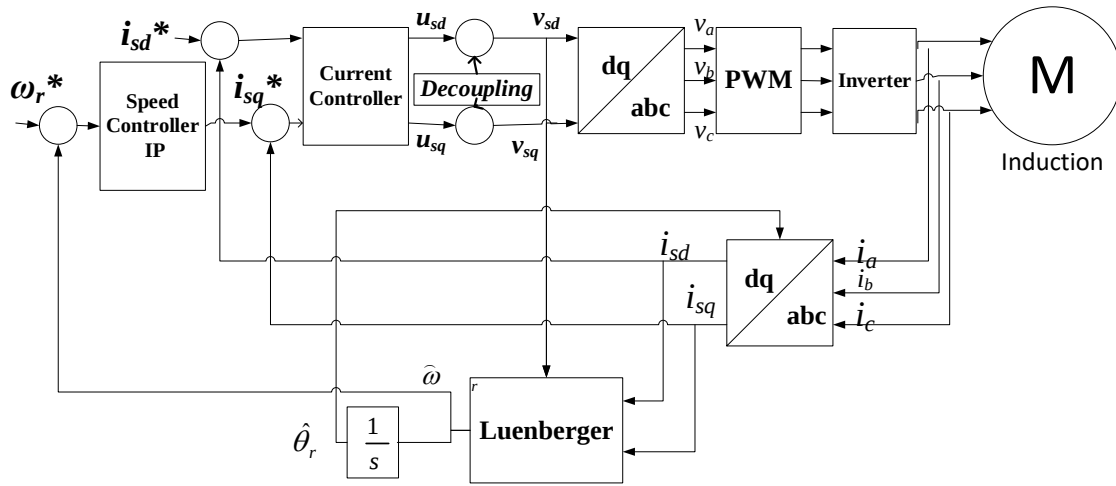


Figure 1. Block diagram of the system

2.1.1. Induction Motor Mathematic Model

Using Clarke and Park transforms, the three-phase mathematical model of the induction motor will be transformed into a two-phase mathematical model. The Clarke transformation converts balanced three-phase values ($V_{sa, sb, sc}$) into a two-phase stationary reference frame ($\alpha, \beta, 0$) using equation [9]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_{s\alpha} \\ v_{s\beta} \\ v_0 \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{sa} \\ v_{sb} \\ v_{sc} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where V_{sa} and $V_{s\beta}$ are the stator voltage in α, β reference frame.

The Park transformation transforms a stationary reference frame into a rotating reference ($d, q, 0$) frame using the equation

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{sd} \\ V_{sq} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_e & \sin \theta_e \\ -\sin \theta_e & \cos \theta_e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{s\alpha} \\ V_{s\beta} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

where θ_e is the electric angle of the motor, while V_{sd} and V_{sq} are the stator voltage in d - q reference frame.

The induction motor mathematical model in d - q frame [10] is

$$\frac{d}{dt} i_{sd} = \frac{1}{\sigma L_s} V_{sd} - \left(\frac{R_s}{\sigma L_s} + \frac{(1-\sigma)}{\sigma \tau_r} \right) i_{sd} + \frac{(1-\sigma)}{\sigma \tau_r} i_{rd} + \frac{(1-\sigma)N_p \omega_r}{\sigma} i_{rq} + \omega_e i_{sq} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} i_{sq} = \frac{1}{\sigma L_s} V_{sq} - \left(\frac{R_s}{\sigma L_s} + \frac{(1-\sigma)}{\sigma \tau_r} \right) i_{sq} + \frac{(1-\sigma)}{\sigma \tau_r} i_{rq} + \frac{(1-\sigma)N_p \omega_r}{\sigma} i_{rd} + \omega_e i_{sd} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} i_{rd} = -\frac{R_r}{L_r} i_{rd} + \frac{R_r}{L_r} i_{sd} + (\omega_e - N_p \omega_r) i_{rq} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} i_{rq} = -\frac{R_r}{L_r} i_{rq} + \frac{R_r}{L_r} i_{sq} - (\omega_e - N_p \omega_r) i_{rd} \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \theta_e = N_p \omega_r + \frac{i_{sq}}{\tau_r i_{mr}} \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \omega_r = \frac{1}{J} (T_e - T_L - B \cdot \omega_r) \quad (8)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \theta_r = \omega_r \quad (9)$$

Where i_{sd} is stator current in d -frame, i_{sq} is stator current in q -frame, i_{rd} is rotor current in d -frame, i_{rq} is rotor current in q -frame, θ_e is voltage vector angle, and ω_r is rotor speed.

Table 1 shows the parameter values of the induction motor that is used in this paper. The parameters are shown in Figure 2 [11].

Table 1. Parameter Values of Induction Motor

Symbol	Description	Values	Unit
Np	Pole pairs	2	pairs
R _r	Rotor resistance	2.9	Ω
R _s	Stator resistance	2.76	Ω
L _s	Stator inductance	0.2349	H
L _r	Rotor inductance	0.2349	H
L _m	Mutual inductance	0.2279	H

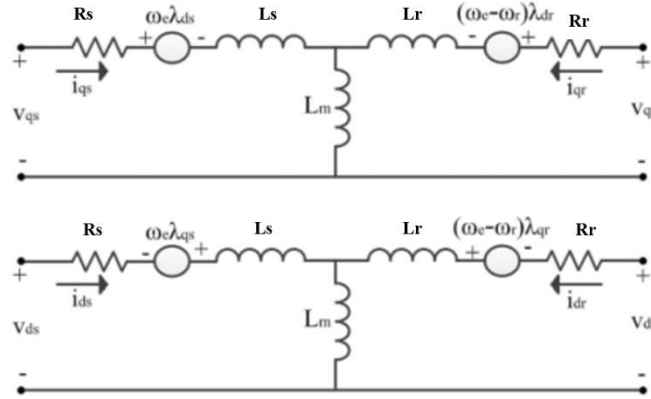


Figure 2. Equivalent Circuit in d - q frame

2.1.2. Observer Luenberger

Luenberger observer is one of observer that uses adaptive method to estimate the controlled variable [12]. The equations of the estimation [10] are

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{i}_{sd} = -\left(\frac{R_s}{\sigma L_s} + \frac{(1-\sigma)}{\sigma \tau_r}\right) \hat{i}_{sd} + \omega_e \hat{i}_{sq} + \frac{L_m}{\sigma L_s L_r \tau_r} \hat{\psi}_{rd} + \frac{L_m N_p \omega_r}{\sigma L_s L_r} \hat{\psi}_{rq} + \frac{1}{\sigma L_s} v_{sd} + g_1(i_{sd} - \hat{i}_{sd}) - g_2(i_{sq} - \hat{i}_{sq}) \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{i}_{sq} = -\omega_e \hat{i}_{sd} + \frac{1}{\sigma L_s} \left(-R_s - \frac{L_m^2}{\tau_r L_r}\right) \hat{i}_{sq} - \frac{L_m N_p \omega_r}{\sigma L_s L_r} \hat{\psi}_{rd} + \frac{L_m}{\sigma L_s L_r \tau_r} \hat{\psi}_{rq} + \frac{1}{\sigma L_s} v_{sq} + g_2(i_{sd} - \hat{i}_{sd}) + g_1(i_{sq} - \hat{i}_{sq}) \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{\psi}_{rd} = \frac{R_r}{L_r} L_m \hat{i}_{sd} - \frac{1}{\tau_r} \hat{\psi}_{rd} + (\omega_e - N_p \omega_r) \hat{\psi}_{rq} + g_3(i_{sd} - \hat{i}_{sd}) - g_4(i_{sq} - \hat{i}_{sq}) \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \hat{\psi}_{rq} = \frac{L_m}{\tau_r} \hat{i}_{sq} - (\omega_e - N_p \omega_r) \hat{\psi}_{rd} + \frac{1}{\tau_r} \hat{\psi}_{rq} + g_4(i_{sd} - \hat{i}_{sd}) + g_3(i_{sq} - \hat{i}_{sq}) \quad (13)$$

where

$$g_1 = \frac{(k-1)}{k} \left(-\frac{R_s}{\sigma L_s} - \frac{R_r}{\sigma L_r}\right) \quad (14)$$

$$g_2 = -\frac{(k-1)}{k} N_p \omega_r \quad (15)$$

$$g_3 = \frac{(k-1)}{k(\tau_r^2 N_p^2 \hat{\omega}_r^2 + 1)} \left(\frac{R_s R_r \tau_r + L_s R_r - \sigma \tau_r L_s L_r N_p^2 \hat{\omega}_r^2}{L_m}\right) \quad (16)$$

$$g_4 = \frac{(k-1)}{k(\tau_r^2 N_p^2 \hat{\omega}_r^2 + 1)} \left(\frac{(R_s L_r \tau_r + L_s R_r \tau_r - \sigma L_s L_r) N_p^2 \hat{\omega}_r}{L_m}\right) \quad (17)$$

The estimation speed ($\hat{\omega}_r$) is then calculated using equation

$$\hat{\omega}_r = K_p(\hat{\psi}_{rq}e_{isd} - \hat{\psi}_{rd}e_{isq}) + K_i \int (\hat{\psi}_{rq}e_{isd} - \hat{\psi}_{rd}e_{isq})dt \quad (18)$$

where

$$e_{isd} = i_{sd} - \hat{i}_{sd} \quad (19)$$

$$e_{isq} = i_{sq} - \hat{i}_{sq} \quad (20)$$

2.2. Decoupling and Current Sensor

The direct-axis stator current i_{sd} (the rotor flux-producing component) and the quadrature-axis stator current i_{sq} (the torque-producing component) must be controlled separately for rotor flux-oriented vector control. The equations for the stator voltage components, on the other hand, are linked. u_{sd} , the direct axis component, and u_{sq} , the quadrature axis component, are both dependent on i_{sd} . For the rotor flux and electromagnetic torque, the stator voltage components u_{sd} and u_{sq} cannot be regarded as disconnected control variables. If the stator voltage equations are decoupled and the stator current components i_{sd} and i_{sq} are indirectly controlled by manipulating the induction motor's terminal voltages, the stator currents i_{sd} and i_{sq} can only be adjusted individually (decoupled control) [13]. The currents i_{sd} and i_{sq} are then controlled by Proportional Integral (PI) current sensor. The output current sensors are determined using equation [14]

$$u_{sd} = \left(K_{idp} + \frac{K_{idi}}{s} \right) (i_{sd}^* - i_{sd}) \quad (21)$$

$$u_{sq} = \left(K_{iqp} + \frac{K_{iqi}}{s} \right) (i_{sq}^* - i_{sq}) \quad (22)$$

where

$$i_{sd} = \frac{1}{T_d s + 1} i_{sd}^* \quad (23)$$

$$i_{sq} = \frac{1}{T_d s + 1} i_{sq}^* \quad (24)$$

2.1.3. Speed Controller

The reference current in q -reference frame (i_{sq}^*) in (24) is controlled by the Integral Proportional (IP) speed controller. The equation of IP speed controller [15] is

$$i_{sq}^* = \int K_i(\omega_r^* - \omega_r)dt - K_p\omega_r \quad (25)$$

where K_p and K_i are the speed controller gain.

2.2. Testing Method

The system is tested using Matlab – Simulink – Cmx [16]. The simulation block diagram is shown in Figure 3.

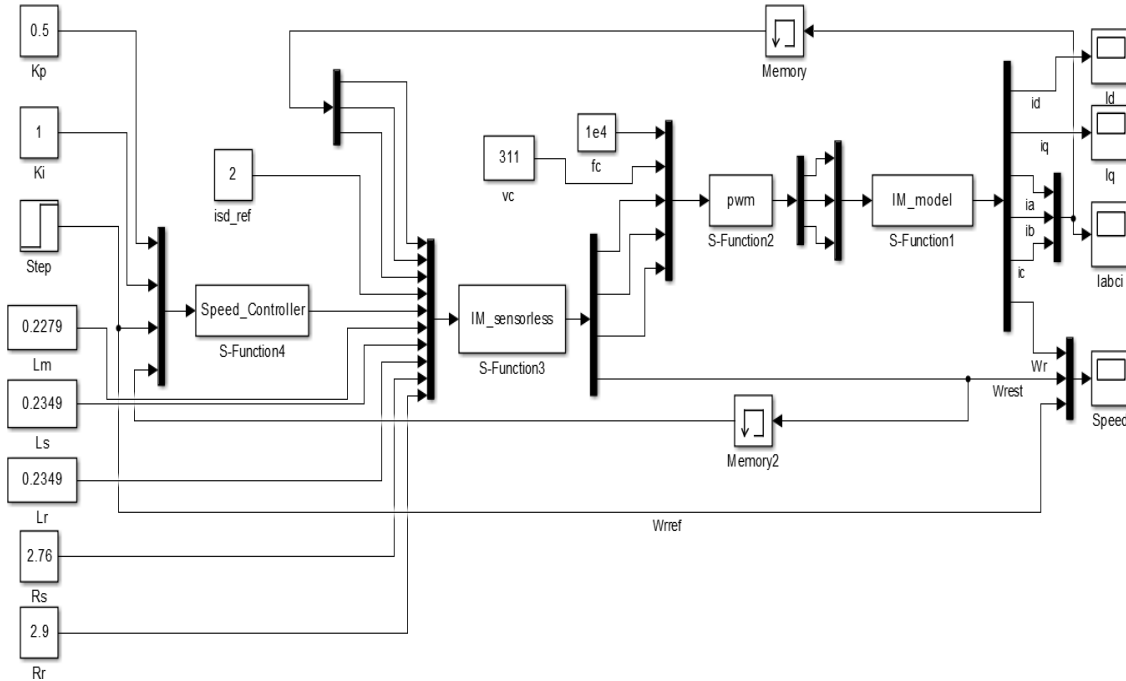


Figure 3. Simulation system

The values of the various parameters are inputted to the current controller using the input port in the figure. With the control parameters $K_p=0.5$ and $K_i=1$, the reference speed is 100 rad/s. The stator and rotor resistance, stator and rotor inductance, and mutual inductance characteristics are all employed. In this test, the values of motor parameters in the controller vary as shown in Table 2, so they are different from the actual motor parameters.

Table 2. Variation Parameter Values of Induction Motor

Parameter	Percentage change (%)	Values	Unit
R_s	-50	1.38	Ω
	-90	0.276	
	+50	4.14	
	+90	5.244	
R_r	-50	1.45	Ω
	-90	0.29	
	+50	4.35	
	+65	4.785	
L_s	-4	0.225504	H
	-5	0.223155	
	+5	0.246645	
	+10	0.25839	
L_r	-4	0.225504	H
	-5	0.223155	
	+5	0.246645	
	+10	0.25839	
L_m	-2	0.223342	H
	-3	0.221063	
	-5	0.216505	
	-10	0.20511	
	+2.5	0.233598	
	+3	0.234737	

3 Results and Discussion

The simulation result of the system using the right parameters is shown in Figure 4. It is shown that the actual speed (ω_r) can reach the reference speed (ω_r^*), i.e. 100 rad/s. Although the estimated speed at the transient is slightly different from the actual speed, the estimated speed has the same value as the actual and reference speed at a steady-state. This means that the sensorless control system is working well. The simulation result of the system using various parameters values are described in Figures 5 - 9.

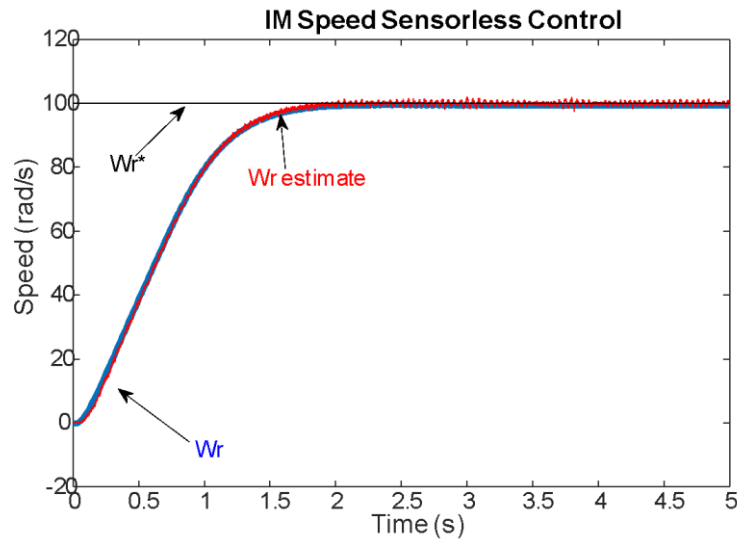


Figure 4. Simulation result with normal parameter values

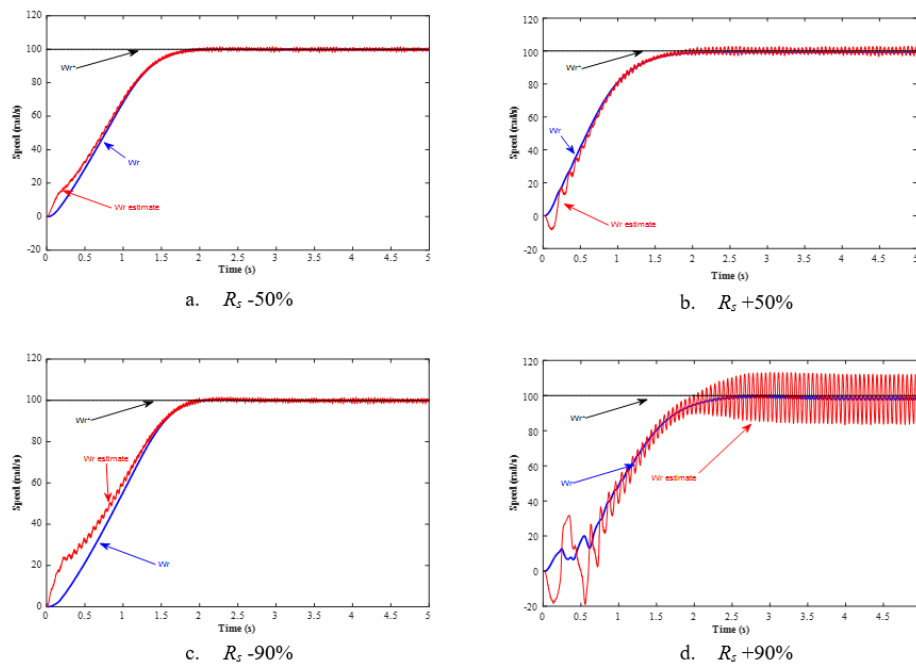


Figure 5. Simulation result with the variation of R_s parameter values

Figure 5 shows the value of R_s on the controller being varied. The figure shows that when the value of R_s in the controller is reduced to 90% (Figures 5.a and c), the actual speed can reach the reference speed, which is 100 rad/s, although there are differences in the transient conditions. When R_s is enlarged by 50% (Figure 5.b), the actual speed can

reach the reference speed, even though the estimated speed is oscillating. However, if the value of R_s is enlarged again, a steady state error occurs, where there is a difference between the actual and the reference speed, although only slightly (Figure 5.d). In this condition, the estimation speed oscillates with increasing amplitude. Thus, to get a good response, the difference in the value of R_s that can be applied is a maximum of +50%.

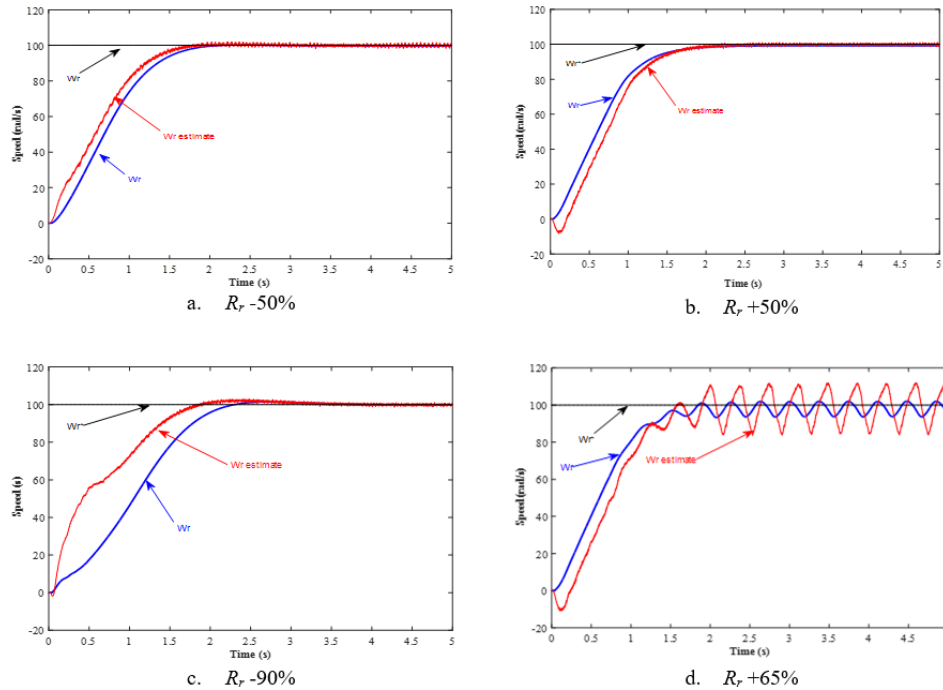


Figure 6. Simulation result with the variation of R_r parameter values

The condition for the change in the value of R_s is almost the same as the condition for the change in the value of R_r , as shown in Figure 6. The figure shows that when the value of R_r in the controller is reduced to 90% (Figures 6.a and c), the actual speed can reach the reference speed, namely 100 rad/s, although there is a difference in the transient conditions. In addition, when the R_r value is reduced, overshoot will occur (Figure 6.c), although the overshoot percentage is only slightly. When R_r is enlarged by 50% (Figure 5.b), the actual speed can reach the reference speed. However, if the value of R_r is enlarged again by 65%, the estimated speed and the actual speed oscillate (Figure 6.d). Thus, to get a good response, the difference in the value of R_r that can be applied is a maximum of 50%.

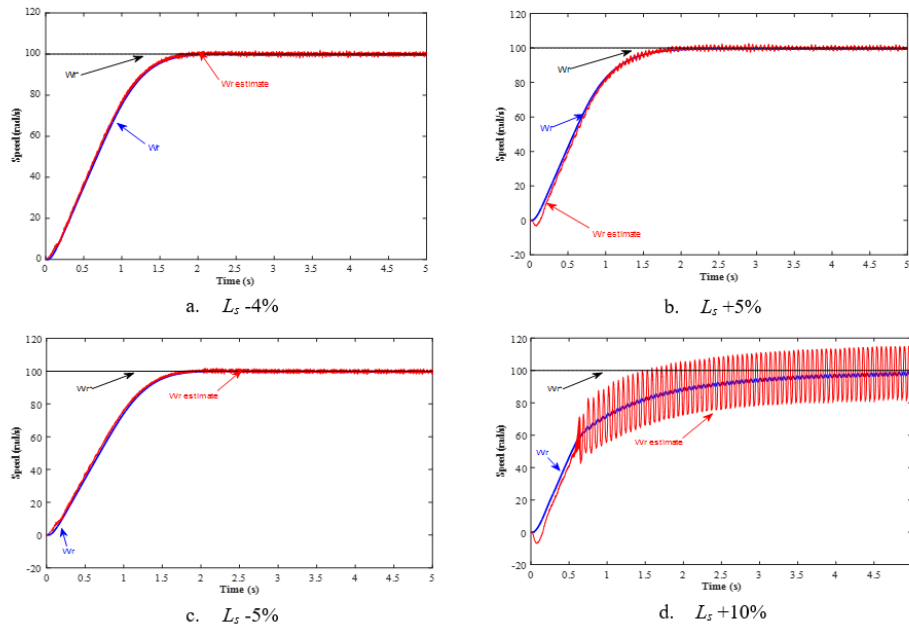


Figure 7. Simulation result with the variation of L_s parameter values

The effect of differences in resistance values is different from differences in inductance values, as illustrated in Figures 7 - 9. In the three figures, to get a good response, the difference in inductance values between the inductance values in the controller and the actual is very small. The difference in the values of L_s (Figure 7) and L_r (Figure 8) is between -5% to +5% (Figure 7.a - c and Figure 8.a -c). When the difference gets bigger, i.e. 10%, the estimation speed oscillates (Figs 7.d and 8.d). In the two figures, it appears that the actual speed time to achieve stability (settling time) is longer than before.

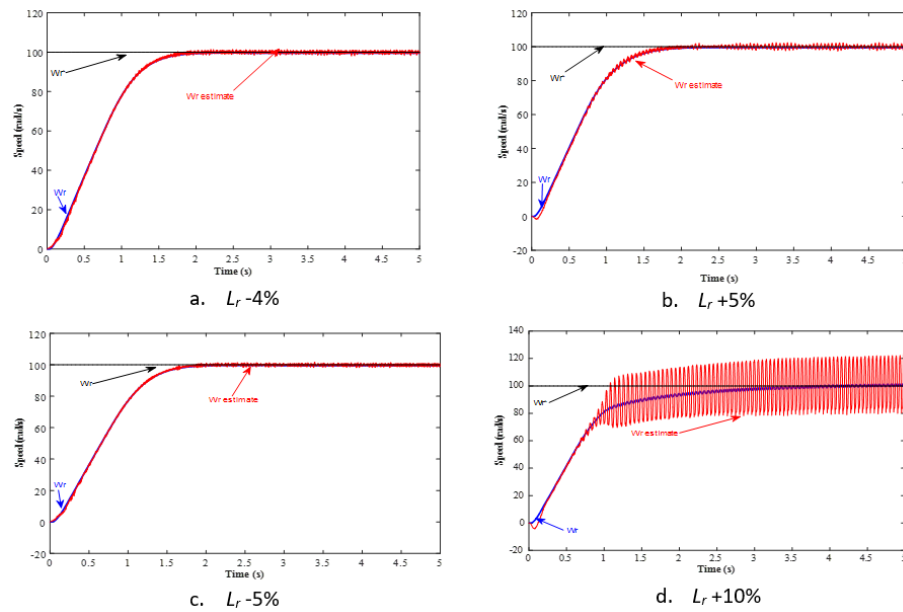


Figure 8. Simulation result with the variation of L_r parameter values

The small differences in the value of mutual inductance (L_m) between the controller and the actual value of the motor parameters have greatly affected the system response, as illustrated in Figure 9. It appears that to get a good response, the differences in the inductance value between the inductance value in the controller and the actual is smaller than L_s and L_r . The difference in L_m values that can be applied is between -3% to +3% (Figure 9.a, c, d, f). As the difference gets bigger, the estimation speed oscillates (Figs 9.b and d). In the two figures, it appears that the actual speed time to achieve stability (settling time) is longer than before. When the L_m value is enlarged (more than +3%) the system becomes an error. Therefore, the recommended L_m differences value is -3% to +3%.

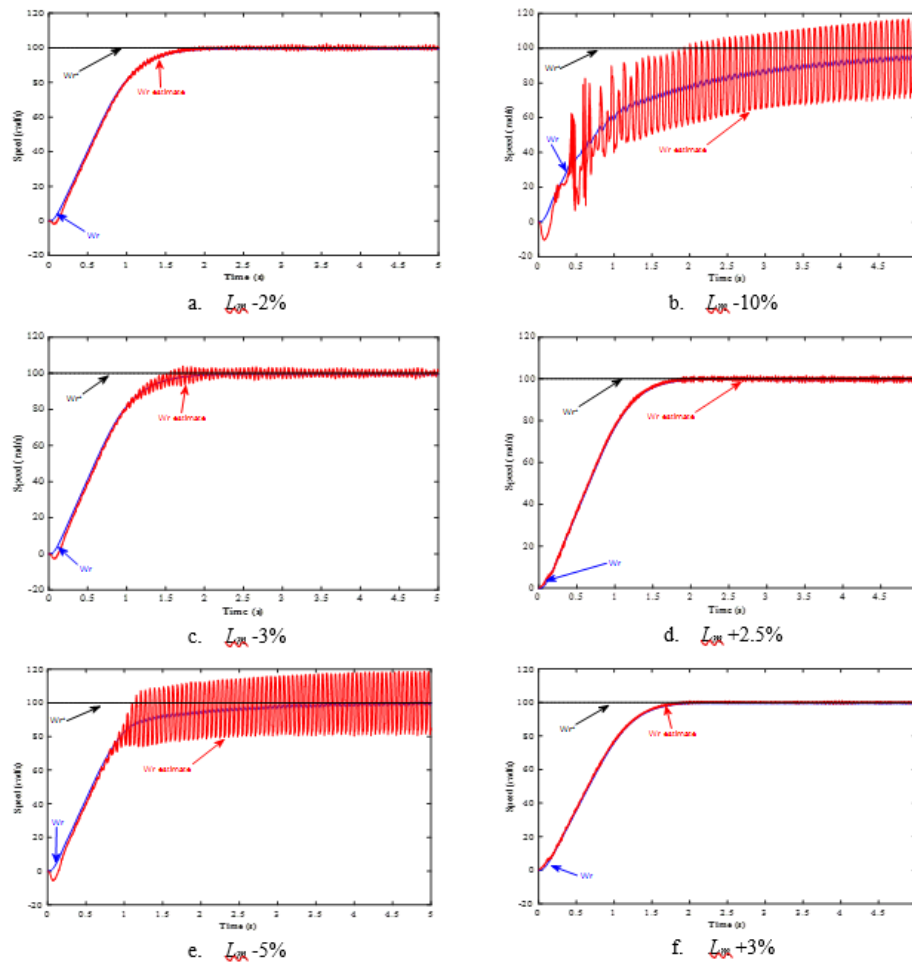


Figure 9. Simulation result with the variation of L_m parameter values

4 Conclusion

The differences in induction motor parameters between the controller and the actual value affect the system response. The value differences of R_r and R_s that can be applied are a maximum of 50%. However, the small differences in the inductance value greatly affect the system response. To get a good response, the value differences of L_s and L_r are between -5% to +5%, while the difference in the value of L_m is between -3% to +3%.

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