

PRINCIPLE OF FAST SELF-OPTIMIZING FUZZY CONTROL ON MICROCOMPUTER AND ITS APPLICATIONS^①

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the control principle and working features of Fast self-optimizing Fuzzy Control (FSFC) system, including structure, technological features, objection of control, algorithm, determination of parameters and control scheme.

Key word: Fuzzy control, PID, FSFC.

The Fuzzy control has following common features; the controll object cannot be described with exact mathematical model, and its structure parameters are generally not clear or difficult to obtain. Furthermore, the control rules can be expressed qualitatively only in linguistic form. The theory of FSFC and its application described in this paper can be applied to adjust the parameters on-line. The control parameters of FSFC can be automatically adjusted and optimized on-line, the strategy of adjustment can be automatically chosen, and many kinds of interferences can be corrected rapidly. Thus, it can substitute any kind of regular feed forward correctors and make the industrial control process run in the best state. It has been proved that the performance of FSFC is better than that of the conventional controller^[1-3].

1 THEORY OF FSFC IN SET-POINT CONTROL & ITS APPLICATIONS

The main parameters of the set-point adjustor are the response speed, peak overshoot, steady-state error, damping factor, adjusting time, etc.. The best state of controller is believed not only with the choice of the adjusting rules, but more importantly with the correction of the working parameters. For example, the correction of amplification K_p , integral factor K_i and differential factor K_d of PID controller have great effect on the quality of the controller. Taking K_p for example, we know that its value is often stable or stable for the different periods in conventional scaling controller. This is the main cause for the steady state error. Especially in temperature-controlling processes, increasing K_p will be helpful in reducing the steady state error and increasing the response speed. But excessive K_p will make the system oscillate aggravatingly, leading to badly divergent oscillation. It has already been recognized that the value of K_p should not be unchangeable in the

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adjusting process. At the beginning of the process, the K_p should be larger in order to overcome the delay of some adjusting link and increase the response speed; in the middle of the process, the K_p must be reduced according to the situation to prevent the excessive overshoot leading to fast oscillation; toward the end of the process, we must increase K_p to overcome the steady state error. In conventional control systems, it is difficult to

change the K_p automatically on-line. But by using the FSFC technology, it is much easier^[4,5].

For the same reason, we can use the FSFC technology to correct the working parameters in PI, PD and PID adjustors dynamically and automatically, thus attaining ideal indexes^[2,6]. The diagram of FSFC system in set-point control is shown in Fig.1.

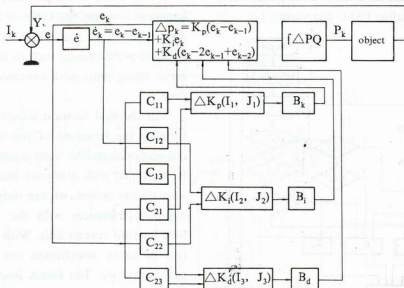


Fig.1 The diagram of FSFC system

Where: $\Delta K_p(I_1, J_1)$, $\Delta K_i(I_2, J_2)$, $\Delta K_d(I_3, J_3)$... the modifications of K_p , integral factor K_i and differential factor K_d are determined by the FSFC according to the output error and its change.

B_k , B_i , B_d ... scaling factors; C_{11} , C_{12} , C_{13} , C_{22} , C_{23} ... quantifying factors;

$$K_p(k) = K_p(k-1) + B_k \Delta K_p(I_1, J_1);$$

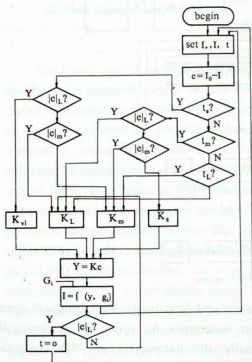
$$K_i(k) = K_i(k-1) + B_i \Delta K_i(I_2, J_2);$$

$$K_d(k) = K_d(k-1) + B_d \Delta K_d(I_3, J_3);$$

Corresponding control rules can be made by summing up the operating experience in the

process and describing it with groups of condition statements. In order to automatically modify the parameters of PID controller on-line, we use error e and its variation \dot{e} as the conditions making up the FSFC for the automatic correction of K_p , K_i and K_d . Then three control tables are compiled and the Fuzzy relation R is calculated according to the effects of e and \dot{e} on K_p , K_i and K_d respectively. On the basis of R , calculate each value of every grade of input e and \dot{e} to obtain the corresponding values of output respectively, make up the Fuzzy control table of $\Delta K_p(I_1, J_1)$,

Fig.2 is the diagram of a simple and easy Fuzzy logic scaling FSFC program.



* S—small, M—medium, L—large, VL—very large.

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10  t ← 0           "begin"
20  t ← t + 1       "sampling instance"
30  if t is small, then {if e is large, then K is
very large, else {if e is medium, then K is large,
else K is medium}}, else {if t is medium, then
[if e is large, then K is large, else (if e is me-

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50 if I_0 , then go to 10, else K is large. On running process, the parameter t is fuzzified to four grades (VL, L, M, S); the e is fuzzified to three grades (L, M, S); and k is fuzzified to four grades (VL, L, M, S).

In the feed forward adjutor, FSFC can simplify the structure of the system. In the conventional system, each interference should be equipped with a correct unit. In order to simplify the system, we can only choose some major interferences with the corresponding feed forward correct unit. With FSFC, the effect of many interferences can be corrected simultaneously. The Fuzzy feed forward correction with the 40th multi-condition clause can do this work successfully. For this, we should append Fuzzy logic judgement clause as following:

if $G_1 = FL_{11}$, then {if $G_2 = FL_{21}$, then {if \dots , then (if $G_n = FL_{nb}$, then $Y = FL_b$, else $Y = FL_{b+1}$), else [if $G_2 = FL_{22}$, then \dots]}, else {if $G_1 = FL_{12}$, then [if $G_2 = FL_{21}$, then \dots], else { \dots }}

Where, G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n are the factors of interference, arranged from left to right in the order of their influence. FL_{11}, FL_{12}, \dots are the Fuzzy language values of G_1 , $FL_{n1}, FL_{n2}, \dots, FL_{n(b+1)}$, are the Fuzzy language values of G_n 's. F_1, F_2, \dots, F_{b+1} are Fuzzy language values of $Y(\text{decision})$ ^(3, 6).

2 THE THEORY OF FUZZY OF MODEL-REFERRED FSFC AND ITS APPLICATION

In some industrial control (such as the nonferrous metal-smelting and industrial furnace system), it is difficult to establish precise mathematical models, because the process itself is characterized by non-linearity, variation-with-time and large time lag. But if the model is established according to technological requirements and the experience of the manual

operator, we can get satisfactory control by using model-referred FSFC.

Fig.3 is the diagram of the model-refered FSFC system. Here, A is the model consisting of technological requirements and manual control experience; B is the structure of FSFC, the inputs are error e and its variation rate \dot{e} , the output variables are the corrections ΔK_1 and ΔK_2 of the scaling coefficient K_1 and integral coefficient K_2 of PI respectively. The working principle is the same as that of Fig1.

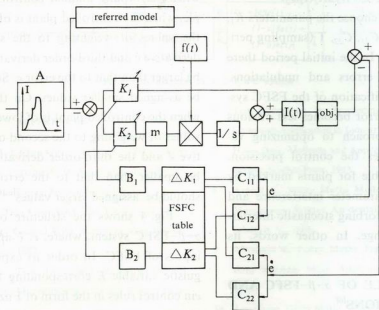


Fig.3 The Diagram of Model-referred FSFC system

There are two phases in the referred-model: a rising phase and a keeping phase. The setting point values are given by the time-array producer A. As the system is a model-followed process, the error is required to be within 0.1%. When calculating the Fuzzy table, we must carefully choose the quantifying coefficients C_{11} , C_{12} , C_{21} , C_{22} and scaling factors B_1 , B_2 .

The leading effect of coefficients K_1 and

K_2 varies during the control process. If the $\int K_2 \text{edt}$ is over integrated, it will influence the controlling effect of the scaling link and cause the change in the later process and the steady state error will be difficult to control. In order to solve this problem, we have introduced an uncoupling function to uncouple K_1 and K_2 . Thus, in the beginning of the process, the effect of the K_1 is enhanced, and the effect of K_2 is reduced; in the later process, it is reverse.

This uncoupling function $f(t)$ must be an increasing one and changes as the process changes. The output value of referred model is a known increasing function which reflects the change of the process. Let the $f(t) = mI_s$ be used in the integration, where m is an uncoupling coefficient, and I_s is the output value of the referred model. So we can write the regulator formula as follows:

$$I(nT) = I(nT-T) + K_1(nT)[e(nT) - e(nT-T)] + mI_s(nT)K_2(nT)e(nT)$$

$$K_1(nT) = K_1(nT-T) + B_1\Delta K_1(I_1, J_1)$$

$$K_2(nT) = K_2(nT-T) + B_2\Delta K_2(I_2, J_2)$$

At first, we can choose the parameters K_1 , K_2 , B_1 , B_2 , C_{11} , C_{12} , C_{21} , C_{22} , T (sampling period), and m roughly. In the initial period there may be significant errors and undulations. Along with the modification of the FSFC system of K_1 and K_2 , error becomes less obvious and K_1 and K_2 approach to optimizing values, which improves the control precision. This system is suitable for plants marked by non-linearity and parameter interference and has the ability of absorbing stochastic interference and step change. In other words, its robustness is good^[8,9].

3 THE PRINCIPLE OF α - β -FSFC AND ITS APPLICATIONS^[6]

Since the birth of Fuzzy controller, people have aimed at research on regulating Fuzzy control rules. In general situations, such as optimizing parameters of best control systems, adjusting the parameters of self-adapting control systems and identifying parameters of manual-operating Fuzzy control models, we always regulate the control rules. For this, we present the α - β -Fuzzy control rules as follows:

Two dimensional α -rule:

$$I(t) = [\alpha e(t) + (1-\alpha)\dot{e}(t)] \quad (1)$$

Three dimensional α - β -rule:

$$I(t) = [\alpha\beta e(t) + (1-\alpha)\beta\dot{e}(t) + (1-\beta)\ddot{e}(t)] \quad (2)$$

Where, $\alpha, \beta \in (0, 1)$. We can regulate the Fuzzy control rules by adjusting the coefficients α, β . Using α, β to adjust parameters is not only convenient, but also has several profound physical meanings. Different values of α and β express different degrees of weighting to the error e , second-order derivative \dot{e} and third-order derivative \ddot{e} respectively. This rightly reflects the thinking features of the operator when performing manual control. For example, when the controlled plant is of high-order, the values of weighting to the second-order derivative \dot{e} and third-order derivative \ddot{e} should be larger than that to the error e . So α, β should be assigned smaller values. On the contrary, when the controlled plant is of lower-order, the values of weighting to the second-order derivative \dot{e} and the third-order derivative \ddot{e} should be smaller than that to the error e . So α, β should be assigned larger values^[6,10].

Fig. 4 shows the structure of a general α - β -FSFC system, where, e , \dot{e} and \ddot{e} are the inputs of FSFC. In order to express the linguistic variable E corresponding to the error e in control rules in the form of Fuzzy set E , we always separate it into several grades; for the same reason, the linguistic variables \dot{E} , \ddot{E} corresponding to the second-order derivative \dot{e} and the third-order derivative \ddot{e} must also be separated into several grades. We call this step discretization and fuzzification. After the modification of α -FSFC algorithm, we get the Fuzzy set I of control linguistic variables. Then by using Fuzzy control decisions we get the exact control value $I(t)$ to control the plant. Using a three-dimensional modifying factor control has many advantages, such as one-

table for multi purpose, full use of the entire information, fast and optimizing operation, and overcoming the poor robustness of conventional Fuzzy control.

As α, β are the parameters which restrict and influence each other, according to the Fuzzy control rules, using the composing

method with Fuzzy relation R to compile the Fuzzy control table from which the values of α, β are determined by the changes of e, \dot{e} and \ddot{e} , we can realize the adjustment of α, β on-line and achieve the best control of the Fuzzy industrial plant (black-box or grey-box system)^[6,11].

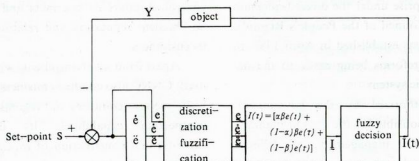


Fig.4 The diagram of α - β -FSFC system

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