

Design Of Controller Techniques And Optimization For Nonlinear Chemical Process

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ABSTRACT: The design of controllers in industries is a major task to control the process parameters. The main aim of the design is due to control the level of the nonlinear which is used for major chemical industrial applications. Nonlinear process considered for the study of control parameters is conical tank. To control the level in the tank conventional PI controllers are used in a closed loop system. The evolutionary algorithm is introduced in this paper for nonlinear optimization. To optimize the value of PI controller different optimization techniques are used such genetic algorithm, EBFO algorithm, PSO algorithm and CSO algorithm. Application of projected algorithms to for some standard functions and its real problem has confirmed by its capability to deal with difficult optimization problems. Simulation results can be evidence for the proposed PI controller outperforms with its optimization.

Keywords: Nonlinear Process, FOPDT, Controller Tuning, Genetic algorithm, EBFO algorithm, PSO algorithm and CSO algorithm

1.INTRODUCTION

In reason days control of level in the various process is an important factor which provides a major role in larger industries. The raw materials may vary due to the easy flow of raw materials the conical tank process are generally used. Owing its shape in conical tank the raw resources can be disposed easily and quickly The raw material may include solvents, slurries, viscous and solids. To avoid the overflow or spillage of important materials, control of level is a necessary factor. Not only to dispose the materials but also to provide a hygienic and fast cleaning is easy using a conical tank system, which will avoid the rusting of materials. The majority of the pollution happening occurs due to spillage, overcapacity of tanks, reduced practice and poor treatment facilities. In the highly industrialized countries, to improve the process safety and efficiently utilize resources can be made by controlling of level. In the developing countries, the main venture is the production of products should be fast for developing process automation. The furthest requirement in the process automation is used in many industries like the petrochemical industry, chemical industry, Pharmaceutical industry and power generating engineering. The significance of automation knowledge provides a tremendous to increase in the process industries. The level control in tanks is a vital issue in the development of process industries without providing wastage of the materials used. However the automation provides more difficulties due to the nonlinearity behavior of the conical tank system. The nonlinearity is due to its shape because the area of cross section is nonuniform. A controller can be designed for a nonlinear process, but it is difficult and terribly hard to realize it. The principal assignment of the controller design is to accomplish the ideal working conditions and to design the controller to attain its most favorable execution performance. A nonlinear process, whose process variable changes the parameters which are considered in the conical tank level process. The desired setpoint level is maintained with a fixed and controlled outlet flow rate. The process gain and time constant are the important precipitates which vary as a function of level in the chosen process. In 2011V.R.Ravi et al. determines that there is a need to control a Level for the reason that if the level becomes very high which may disturb the reaction stability of the total process in which it may spoil the apparatus, or cause in wastage of expensive or perilous substance from process. If the level is very low, it might provide dreadful consequences for the chronological function carried out by the process. In 2005. Anandanatarajan.R et al.

done work in a nonlinear conical system which find extensive application in a process industry. In 2010 S.Nithya et al did work on the nonlinearity which is due to its change in shape. Their shape assures optimal stirring and mixing of ingredients and provides a fast and hygienic cleaning.

2.EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

2.1 System Identification

The system identification is made by considering open loop response of the experimental setup consists of a conical tank, interfacing module and a personal computer whose specification is given below.

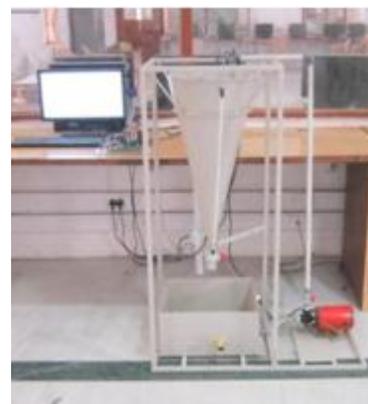


Figure 1. Laboratory setup for a conical tank system

Table 1: Specification of Experimental setup

Specification Details	
Reservoir Tank Capacity	35 litres
Conical Tank Capacity	22 litres
Conical Tank Height	700 mm
Conical Tank Top diameter	350mm
Conical Tank Bottom diameter	25mm
Level Transmitter Type	Piezoelectric type
Measuring range	700 mm

By considering the input variable and output responses of the process first order process with dead time (FOPDT) is calculated and its transfer function is given by

$$G(s) = \frac{1.23}{587.5s + 1} e^{-7.7s}$$

2.2 Controller Tuning Methods

Based on the open loop transfer function different tuning methods have been introduced. In general the PI controller is very commonly used for various engineering control applications. To determine the parameters proportional(P) and integral(I) of the process, various tuning benchmark rules are introduced in the nonlinear process. By tuning these two parameters in the PI control algorithm the controller can provide the desired action designed for specific process requirement. Tuning techniques are carried out for different methods like Internal model control (IMC) method, Ziegler Nichols(ZN) tuning Method, Fractional order PI(FOPI) tuning Technique, Tyreus Luyben(TY) Method and Shinsky Tuning Constant(STC) Method. The figure shows the general block diagram of a closed loop control system.

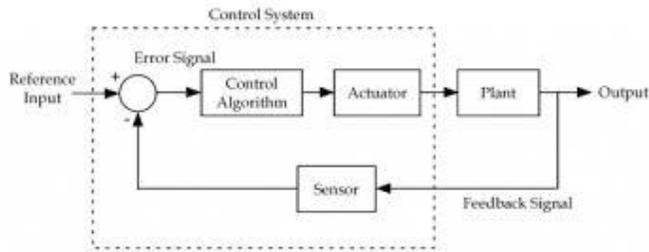


Figure 2. General Block Diagram of a Closed-loop Control System

Table 2: Controller Tuning Methods Formulae

Methods	K_p	T_i
IMC	$\frac{\tau_p}{k_p \tau}$	τ_p
ZN	$\frac{K_u}{2.2}$	$\frac{P_u}{1.2}$
FOPI	$\frac{0.2978}{k(\tau + 0.000307)}$	$\frac{k_p(\tau^2 - 3.402\tau + 2.405)}{0.8578T}$
TL	$\frac{K_u}{3.2}$	$2.2P_u$
STC	$\frac{K_u}{2}$	$\frac{P_u}{2.2}$

In this table 2 shows the formulae for various controller tuning methods and table3 represents the tuning values of various methods which has been calculated based on the transfer function obtained from the open loop response of the experimental setup

Table 3: Values of different Controller Tuning Methods

Methods	K_p	K_i
IMC	98.9	5.055
ZN	114.857	7.3206
FOPI	122.2	0.4821
TL	78.964	2.77297
STC	126.3421	13.421

2.3 Optimization Algorithms

Optimization techniques are the selection of a better value from the set of available alternatives. In simple it is used for maximizing or minimizing the real functions by choosing its input values within the allowed set of data's to obtain the best value. It has the characteristics of multimodal function which can able to produce multiple good solutions. It can able to mix the data's of both globally good, and locally good solutions, hence it is said as multimodal optimizer. For providing a multimodal approach than classical optimization techniques, evolutionary algorithms are used. In this paper, the algorithms are used to find out the best values of proportional and integral term to determine the control of a nonlinear conical tank system.

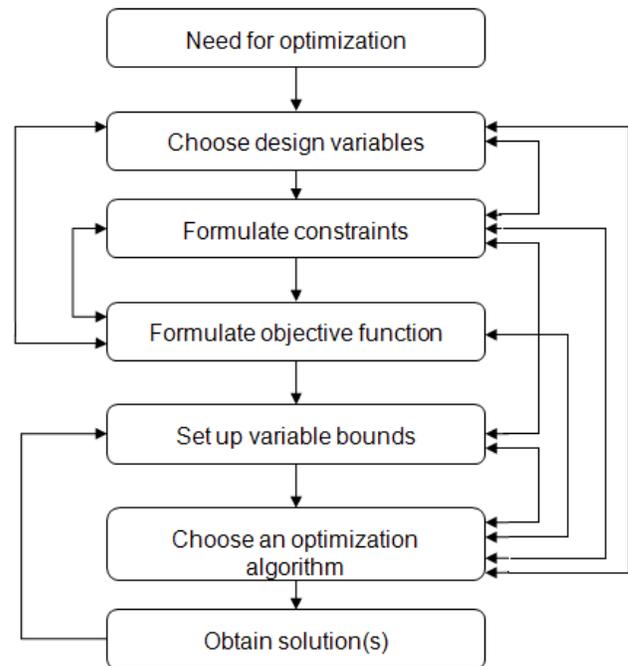


Figure 3. Flowchart of an Optimization Algorithm Design Procedure

2.3.1 Genetic Algorithm(GA)

It is search heuristic based on the field of artificial intelligence which mimics the process of natural selection. It is a larger class of evolutionary algorithm which provides the solution to the optimization problem based on the natural evolution, such as inheritance, mutation, selection and crossover. The algorithm is represented by a set of solutions named as

population. A new population is created from the solution to provide a better output.

2.3.2 Enhanced Bacteria Foraging optimization (EBFO) Algorithm

Enhanced Bacteria foraging optimization algorithm is a new dissection of metaheuristic algorithm. It is based on the optimization technique developed by inspiring the foraging manners of the population of E.coli bacteria. The basic operations of EBFO algorithm are based on chemotaxis, swarming, reproduction, elimination-dispersal of the Escherichia coli bacteria.

2.3.3 Particle Swarm optimization (PSO)Algorithm

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is an optimization technique to improve the quality of candidate solution by iteratively trying to use computational method. The problem can be solved using the swarm movement and its move around the search space by having a population of candidate solutions, based on simple mathematical formulae over the particle's position and velocity. Each particle's movement is subjective by their local best-known positions which are updated as better positions are found by other particles. This is expected that the swarm can move to better solutions.

2.3.2 Cuckoo Search optimization (CSO) Algorithm

Cuckoo search optimization algorithm is based on the breeding habits of the bird cuckoo which has the habit of laying eggs in the alien birds nest. The cuckoo female bird will mimicry the color and pattern eggs of another host in which they lay the eggs so that the host bird cannot able to identify their eggs. Cuckoo search idealized such breeding behavior, and thus can be applied to various optimization problems. It seems that it can outperform other metaheuristic algorithms in applications.

Table 4: Values of different optimization Techniques

Methods	K _p	K _i
GA	49.91	0.315
EBFO	61.74	0.62
PSO	64.806	0.23481
CSO	499.6433	102.0409

2.4 Performance Indices

The performance indices are to optimize the performances of a closed loop system by reducing the error and obtaining the best value. It can be used for controller tuning and also for different optimization techniques. Different performances indices are

- Integral of squared error

$$ISE = \int_0^{\infty} |e^2| dt$$

- Integral of Absolute value of error

$$IAE = \int_0^{\infty} |e| dt$$

- Integral of the time weighted absolute error

$$ITAE = \int_0^{\infty} t|e| dt$$

3.RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The response of a conical tank system is determined by comparing various controller tuning method with the different optimization techniques using MATLAB and tested for various nominal heights of the tank. The comparison is based on the servo and regulatory response of the different methods. Performance indices and time domain analysis are determined to find out the better performance of different methods which are implemented. The optimization results are determined by using various iterations, providing the values of the PI controller based on its own parameters required for each optimization method. Tuning methods are used based on the formulae provided.

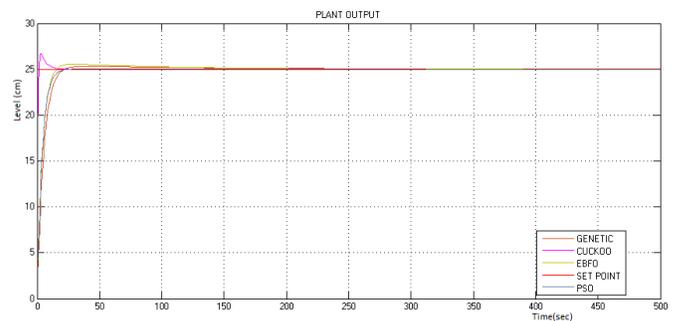


Figure 4. Output Response of optimization techniques

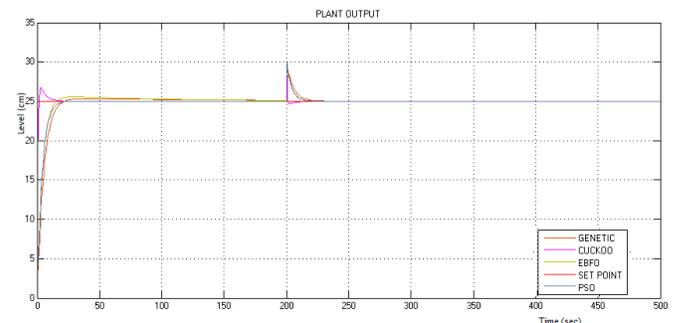


Figure 5.Regulatory Response of optimization techniques



Figure 6.Servo Response of optimization techniques

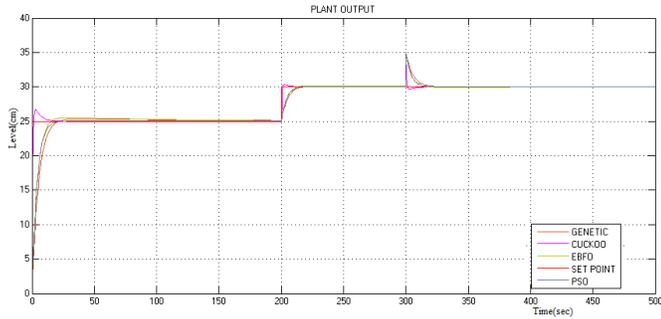


Figure 7. Servo and Regulatory Response of optimization techniques



Figure 11. Servo and Regulatory Response of Tuning techniques

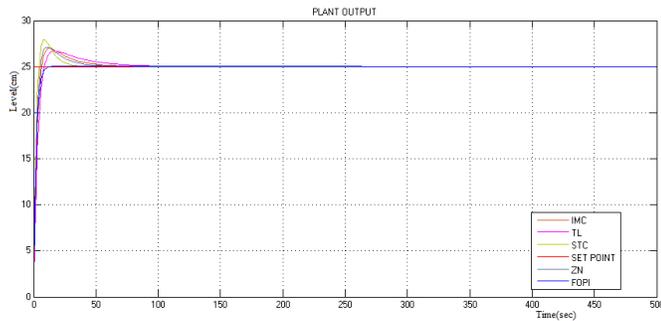


Figure 8. Output Response of Tuning techniques

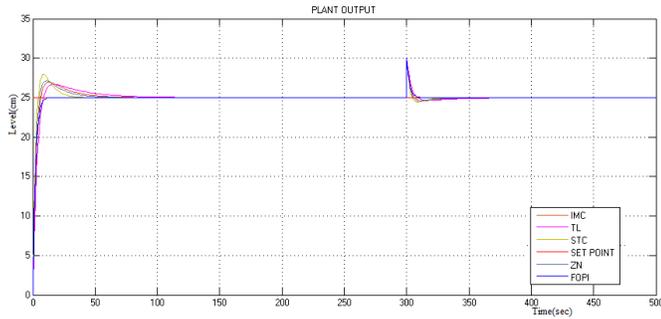


Figure 9. Regulatory Response of tuning techniques

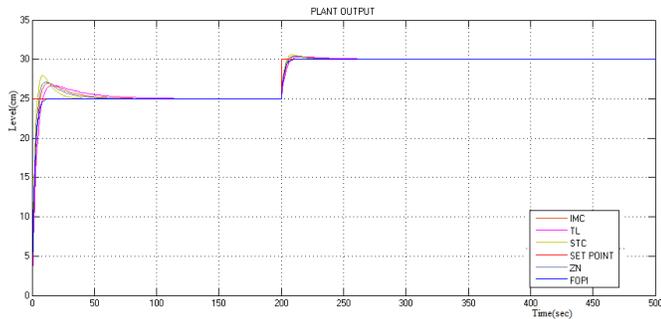


Figure 10. Servo Response of tuning techniques

Table 5 :Time domain analysis of Tuning methods and optimization Techniques

Methods	ISE	IAE	ITAE
IMC	798.4	100.9	1310
ZN	688.2	86.63	912.8
FOPI	651.3	59.9	1586
TL	998.3	127	2319
STC	625.8	74.92	521.8
GA	1582	175.1	902.2
EBFO	1277	157.5	727.1
PSO	1226	98.14	353.7
CSO	158.5	20.96	60.18

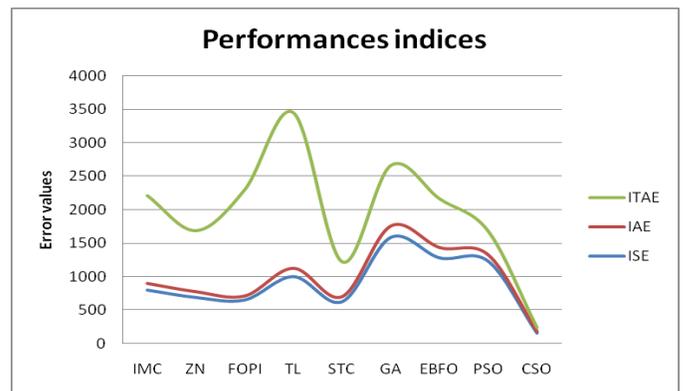


Figure 12. Graphical representation of the performance indices

Table 6 :Performance indices analysis of Tuning methods and optimization Techniques

Methods	Rise Time (sec)	Settling Time (sec)	Peak Overshoot %	Peak Time (sec)
IMC	10.6090	76.4821	7.7639	27
ZN	8.9280	65.7530	8.4481	22
FOPI	12.2688	17.2750	0.0278	48
TL	14.0677	90.0555	6.1705	35
STC	7.2736	48.6526	11.7131	18
GA	29.5687	39.3977	0	81
EBFO	23.0751	30.0746	0.8424	60
PSO	12.2688	17.2750	0.0278	48
CSO	2.2379	18.5454	6.9994	6

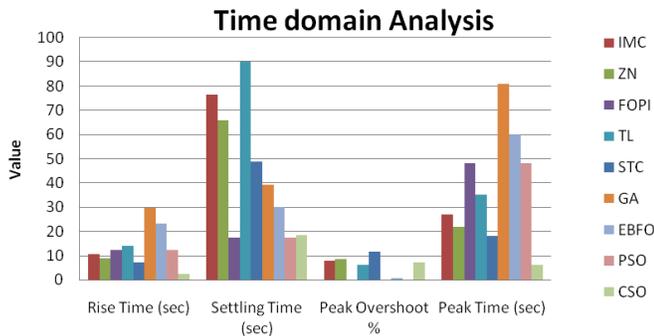


Figure 13. Graphical representation of the Time domain Analysis

4. CONCLUSION

In this paper, Tuning techniques and optimization techniques are implemented for level control of a conical tank system using PI controller. Its performance is measured to compare and analysis the best controller in a conical tank system. From the above results it is determined that the Cuckoo search algorithm can provide a better optimization value for the control of the level. In tuning of a controller, FOPI provides a better result with less settling time for the given process.

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