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Answer all five questions (in English, Finnish, or Swedish). Using a calculator is allowed, but all memory must be cleared! **Please return also this problem paper.** Remember to write your name and student number above.

1. Describe the field-oriented control system for permanent-magnet synchronous motors. Draw also the block diagram of the control system, label the signals in the diagram, and describe the tasks of the blocks.

Solution:

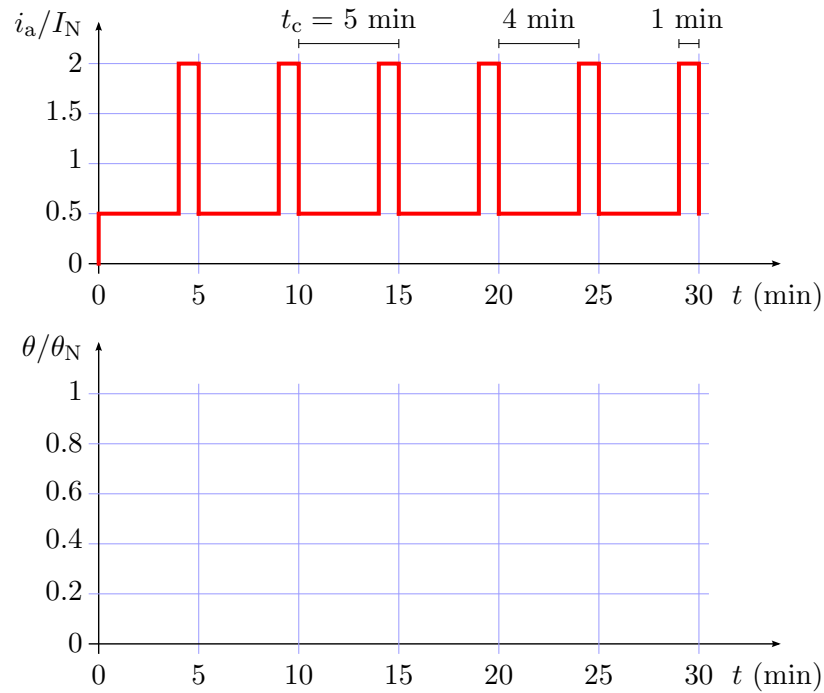
See lectures, exercises, and readings.

2. Answer briefly to the following questions:
 - (a) Why three-phase machines are preferred to single-phase AC machines?
 - (b) How the physical size of the motor approximately depends on the rated values of the motor?
 - (c) Why the antiwindup is used in PI controllers?

Solution:

See lectures, exercises, and readings.

3.
 - (a) A DC motor is used in a periodic duty, whose cycle length is $t_c = 5$ min. As shown in the figure below, the armature current is $0.5I_N$ for 4 min and $2I_N$ for 1 min during each cycle. Calculate the rms current $I_{a,rms}$.
 - (b) The thermal time constant of the motor is $\tau_{th} = 15$ min. The motor is cold in the beginning, i.e., the initial temperature rise $\theta = 0$ at $t = 0$. In the graph below, draw the waveform for the average temperature rise as a function of time corresponding to the rms current $I_{a,rms}$. What is the value of the average temperature rise at $t = 30$ min? Sketch also the waveform for the instantaneous temperature rise.

**Solution:**

- (a) Using the given current waveform, the rms current is

$$I_{a,\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{t_c} \int_0^{t_c} i_a^2 dt} = \sqrt{\frac{(0.5I_N)^2 \cdot 4 \text{ min} + (2I_N)^2 \cdot 1 \text{ min}}{5 \text{ min}}} = I_N$$

Therefore, the motor is dimensioned such that the steady-state average temperature rise matches the rated temperature rise of the motor.

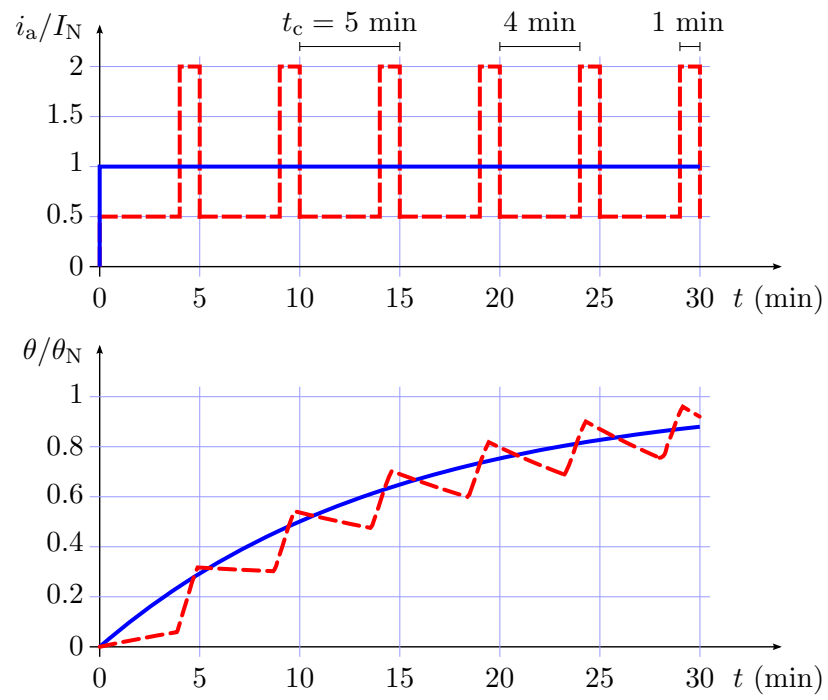
- (b) The thermal model can be assumed to be a first-order system. Therefore, the average temperature rise as a function of time corresponding to the rms current $I_{a,\text{rms}}$ is

$$\theta(t) = \theta_0 + (\theta_\infty - \theta_0) (1 - e^{-t/\tau_{\text{th}}}) = \theta_N (1 - e^{-t/\tau_{\text{th}}})$$

where $\theta_0 = 0$ and $\theta_\infty = \theta_N$ in this case. This waveform is drawn in the graph below using the blue solid curve.

The average temperature rise at $t = 30 \text{ min}$ is $\theta = (1 - e^{-30/15})\theta_N = 0.86\theta_N$.

The waveform for the instantaneous temperature rise is also sketched in the graph using the red dashed curve.



4. Consider a three-phase four-pole permanent-magnet synchronous motor. The stator inductance is $L_s = 0.035$ H and the stator resistance can be assumed to be zero. The permanent magnets induce the rated voltage of 400 V at the rotational speed of 1 500 r/min. The rated current is 7.3 A.
- The control principle $i_d = 0$ is used. The motor is operated at the rated voltage and current. Calculate the rotational speed, torque, and mechanical power.
 - The motor is driven in the field-weakening region at the rated voltage and current. The speed is increased until the absolute values of i_d and i_q are equal. Calculate the rotational speed, torque, and mechanical power.
 - Draw also the vector diagrams corresponding to Parts (a) and (b).

Solution:

The peak-valued quantities will be used. The rated current is $i_N = \sqrt{2} \cdot 7.3$ A = 10.3 A and the rated line-to-neutral voltage is $u_N = \sqrt{2/3} \cdot 400$ V = 326.6 V. It is known that the induced voltage is $|\underline{e}_s| = u_N$ at the electrical angular speed

$$\omega_m = 2\pi pn = 2\pi \cdot 2 \cdot \frac{1500 \text{ r/min}}{60 \text{ s/min}} = 2\pi \cdot 50 \text{ rad/s}$$

Hence, the permanent-magnet flux linkage can be solved as

$$\psi_f = \frac{|\underline{e}_s|}{\omega_m} = \frac{326.6 \text{ V}}{2\pi \cdot 50 \text{ rad/s}} = 1.040 \text{ Vs}$$

- (a) Since $i_d = 0$ and $i_q = i_N$, the current vector is

$$\underline{i}_s = i_d + ji_q = ji_N = j10.3 \text{ A}$$

The stator flux linkage is

$$\underline{\psi}_s = L_s \underline{i}_s + \psi_f = 0.035 \text{ H} \cdot j10.3 \text{ A} + 1.040 \text{ Vs} = 1.040 + j0.361 \text{ Vs}$$

and its magnitude is

$$|\underline{\psi}_s| = \sqrt{\psi_d^2 + \psi_q^2} = \sqrt{1.040^2 + 0.361^2} \text{ Vs} = 1.10 \text{ Vs}$$

Omitting the stator resistance, the steady-state voltage equation is

$$\underline{u}_s = j\omega_m \underline{\psi}_s$$

Hence, the electrical angular speed of the rotor becomes

$$\omega_m = \frac{|\underline{u}_s|}{|\underline{\psi}_s|} = \frac{326.6 \text{ V}}{1.10 \text{ Vs}} = 296.9 \text{ rad/s}$$

and the corresponding rotational speed is

$$n = \frac{\omega_m}{2\pi p} = \frac{296.9 \text{ rad/s}}{2\pi \cdot 2} \cdot 60 \text{ s/min} = 1418 \text{ r/min}$$

The torque is

$$T_M = \frac{3p}{2} \psi_f i_q = \frac{3 \cdot 2}{2} \cdot 1.040 \text{ Vs} \cdot 10.3 \text{ A} = 32.1 \text{ Nm}$$

and the mechanical power is

$$P_M = T_M \omega_M = T_M \frac{\omega_m}{p} = 32.1 \text{ Nm} \cdot \frac{296.9 \text{ rad/s}}{2} = 4.77 \text{ kW}$$

The vector diagram is shown at the end of the solution.

- (b) Now $|i_d| = |i_q|$ and $|\underline{i}_s| = \sqrt{i_d^2 + i_q^2} = i_N$. Hence, the absolute values of the current components are

$$|i_d| = |i_q| = i_N / \sqrt{2} = 7.3 \text{ A}$$

The component i_d is negative in the field-weakening region and the component i_q is positive at positive torque:

$$\underline{i}_s = i_d + j i_q = -7.3 + j7.3 \text{ A}$$

The stator flux linkage is

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\psi}_s &= L_s \underline{i}_s + \psi_f \\ &= 0.035 \text{ H} \cdot (-7.3 + j7.3) \text{ A} + 1.040 \text{ Vs} = 0.785 + j0.256 \text{ Vs} \end{aligned}$$

and its magnitude is

$$|\underline{\psi}_s| = \sqrt{\psi_d^2 + \psi_q^2} = \sqrt{0.785^2 + 0.256^2} \text{ Vs} = 0.825 \text{ Vs}$$

Hence, the electrical angular speed of the rotor becomes

$$\omega_m = \frac{|\underline{u}_s|}{|\underline{\psi}_s|} = \frac{326.6 \text{ V}}{0.825 \text{ Vs}} = 395.9 \text{ rad/s}$$

and the corresponding rotational speed is

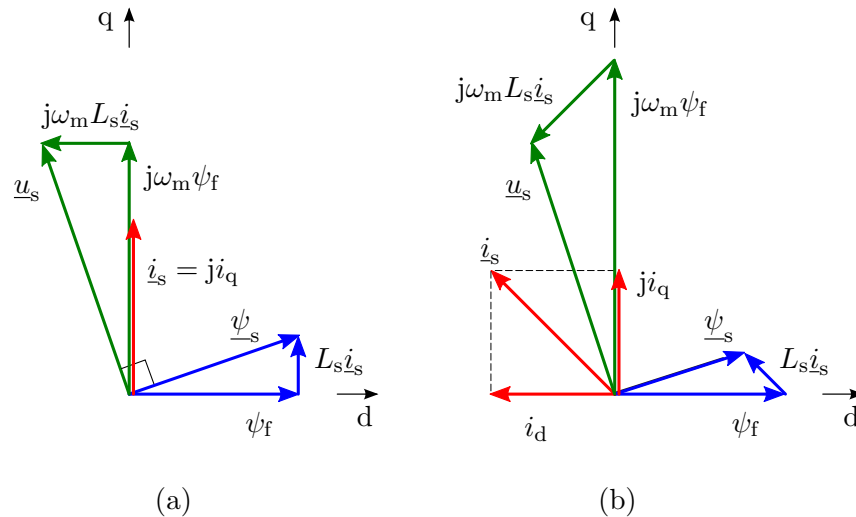
$$n = \frac{\omega_m}{2\pi p} = \frac{395.9 \text{ rad/s}}{2\pi \cdot 2} \cdot 60 \text{ s/min} = 1890 \text{ r/min}$$

The torque and mechanical power are

$$T_M = \frac{3p}{2} \psi_f i_q = \frac{3 \cdot 2}{2} \cdot 1.040 \text{ Vs} \cdot 7.3 \text{ A} = 22.8 \text{ Nm}$$

$$P_M = T_M \frac{\omega_m}{p} = 22.8 \text{ Nm} \cdot \frac{396 \text{ rad/s}}{2} = 4.5 \text{ kW}$$

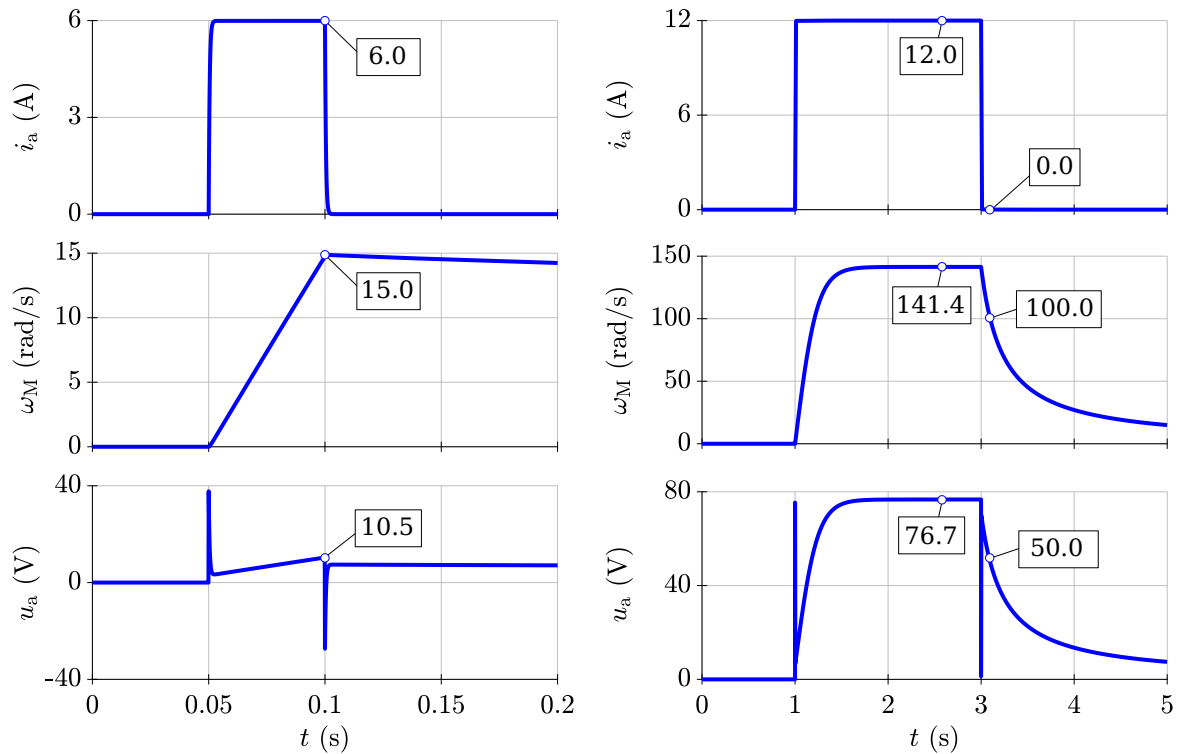
The vector diagrams are shown below.



Remark: It can be noticed that the torque decreases more than inversely proportionally to the speed in the field-weakening region and the mechanical power decreases. In surface-mounted permanent-magnet machines, the d component of the current produces no torque; it only magnetises against the permanent magnets in order to decrease the stator flux magnitude.

5. A DC motor is fed from a current-controlled converter. The shaft of the rotor is connected to a fan, whose load-torque profile $|T_L| = k\omega_M^2$ is quadratic. Two different armature current pulses are applied, as shown in the figures below. Based on the waveforms, determine the total inertia J and the load-torque coefficient k . You may use some assumptions, but justify them briefly.

[Hint: Determine first the flux factor k_f .]



Solution:

The armature voltage of the DC motor is

$$u_a = R_a i_a + L_a \frac{di_a}{dt} + k_f \omega_M$$

The flux factor k_f can be solved using the waveforms on the right-hand side. After $t = 3$ s, the armature current i_a is zero, and the armature voltage equals the back-emf, i.e., $u_a = k_f \omega_M$. Therefore, the flux factor is

$$k_f = u_a / \omega_M = 50.0 \text{ V} / 100 \text{ rad/s} = 0.5 \text{ Vs}$$

The equation of motion is

$$J \frac{d\omega_M}{dt} = T_M - T_L$$

where the electromagnetic torque is $T_M = k_f i_a$ and the load torque is $T_L = k \omega_M^2$. The load-torque coefficient k can be calculated using the waveforms on the right-hand side. Based on the waveforms, the motor operates at constant speed at $t = 2 \dots 3$ s, i.e., $T_L = T_M = k_f i_a = 0.5 \text{ Vs} \cdot 12 \text{ A} = 6 \text{ Nm}$. Therefore,

$$k = T_L / \omega_M^2 = 6 \text{ Nm} / (141.4 \text{ rad/s})^2 = 0.0003 \text{ Nm} \cdot \text{s}^2$$

The total inertia can be solved from the waveforms on the left-hand side. The load torque is very low at low speeds due to the quadratic load-torque profile (less than 0.07 Nm at 15 rad/s based on the previous result). Therefore, $T_L = 0$ can be assumed during the acceleration at $t = 0.05 \dots 0.1$ s, resulting in the total inertia

$$J = \frac{T_M}{\Delta\omega_M / \Delta t} = \frac{3 \text{ Nm}}{(15 \text{ rad/s}) / 0.05 \text{ s}} = 0.01 \text{ kgm}^2$$

Remark 1: The total inertia could also be solved from the test shown on the right-hand side, if the data at low speeds (zoom after $t = 1$ s) were given.

Remark 2: If the flux factor k_f were calculated using the data at $t = 2 \dots 3$, an (unnecessary) error of 8% would appear in k_f (since this approach assumes $R_a = 0$).

Remark 3: The armature resistance R_a could also be solved using the right-hand side waveforms. Since the current is constant at $t = 2 \dots 3$, the resistance is

$$R_a = \frac{u_a - k_f \omega_M}{i_a} = \frac{76.7 \text{ V} - 0.5 \cdot 141.4 \text{ V}}{12.0 \text{ A}} = 0.5 \Omega$$

This is not a practical test for determining the resistance, however.