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ABSTRACT

Control designs of wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) become significant nowadays. This is due to the changes in parameters and influent characteristics. WWTP involve a multivariable process which is highly complex and tuning of the control is not easy. In this work, proportional-integral-derivatives (PID) controllers is used. Through a proper tuning of PID controller will result in better closed loop performance of the system. The PID tuning parameters used in this work have been obtained by optimization technique. Two types of optimization method used; particle swarm optimization (PSO) and genetic algorithm (GA) techniques. The tuning parameters have been obtained and the multivariable PID control has been applied to WWTP. The simulation results show better improvement in closed loop performance.

ABSTRAK

Reka bentuk kawalan loji rawatan air menjadi penting pada masa kini. Ini adalah disebabkan oleh perubahan dalam parameter dan ciri-ciri aliran sungai. Loji rawatan air melibatkan proses pembolehubah yang sangat kompleks dan penalaan kawalan tidak mudah. Dalam kerja ini, *proportional-integral-derivatives* (PID) pengawal digunakan. Melalui penalaan yang betul pengawal PID akan mengakibatkan prestasi gelung tertutup sistem lebih baik. Parameter penalaan PID yang digunakan dalam kerja-kerja ini telah diperolehi oleh teknik pengoptimuman. Dua jenis kaedah pengoptimuman digunakan; *particle swarm optimization* (PSO) dan teknik *genetic algorithm* (GA). Parameter penalaan telah diperolehi dan kawalan PID pembolehubah telah digunakan untuk loji rawatan air Keputusan simulasi menunjukkan peningkatan yang lebih baik dalam prestasi gelung tertutup.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) is a process of treating the water by removing the organic waste and nutrients. It can be categorized into several stages which are primary, secondary, and tertiary treatment. Activated sludge process is one of the process that fall off under secondary treatment. It is a biological process which responsible in maintaining the pollutant substrate and dissolve oxygen within acceptable range. The process involves a number of interacting controls. After commisioning of the plant, the controller parameter are left unchanged. Hence. due to the environment conditions (e.g. rain and flood) poor plant performance observed. Effective and proper tuning of multivariable PID tuning will improves the performances of WWTP. Optimization technique will be used in this study to obtain the parameter tuning.

1.2 Problem Statement

Nowadays, most of the industrial processes are multivariable system. Due to complexity of the system, controlling multivariable system are more than Single-input Single-output system (SISO). PID control is one of the controller that can be apply for both multivariable and SISO system. Eventhought PID control can be consider as a conventional controller, it simplicity make it more favourable controller in industry. Either in SISO or multivariable obtaining a proper parameter tuning is crucial. Manual trial and error method still being used in determining the parameter tuning in PID. The method is consider to be tedious, time consuming and not guarantee to give the best performance. Hence, tuning parameters based on optimization technique were proposed in this study.

1.3 Objectives

The aim of this project is to obtain parameter tuning based on optimization technique. Therefore the objectives are:

- 1) To study the Multivariable PID (MPID) control tuning method
- 2) To use the optimization technique for MPID control tuning based on Wastewater Treatment Plant
- 3) To analyze the closed loop performance of system using Particle Swarm Optimization(PSO) and Genetic Algorithm (GA)

1.4 Project Scopes

This project use MPID controller design for wastewater process. Four types of MPID control tuning will be used which are Davison, Penttinen-Koivo, Maciejowski and Proposed Combined method. Scalar parameter of MPID will be tune using optimization technique. Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) and Genetic Algorithm (GA) are the two optimization technique that selected to be used in this study. Only basic PSO and GA algorithm are implement in the system. The result of are based on the performance of non-linear system. All simulation work will done by using MATLAB/SIMULINK software.

1.5 Report Outline

This thesis basically is divided into five chapters;

Chapter 1- Introduction

This chapter provides readers a first glimpse at the basic aspects of the research undertaken, such as overview wastewater treatment plan, problem statement, objectives, and scopes of this report.

Chapter 2- Review of literature studies

This chapter reviews the previous work of optimization technique, MPID tuning, and other reviews related to this project are presented.

Chapter 3- Methodology

This chapter presents the flow of the study and methodology being used in this study. Four types of MPID tuning which are Davison, Penttinen-Koivo, Maciejowski and Proposed Combined method will explain in this chapter. Implementation of optimization techniques in parameter tuning searching will also be included in this chapter.

Chapter 4- Results & Discussions

This chapter shows results of system performance by using MPID tuning of Davison, Penttinen-Koivo, Maciejowski and Proposed Combined method. It's also shows results of comparison and validation between two different optimization techniques. The results will be discussed thoroughly in this chapter.

Chapter 5- Conclusion & Future works

This chapter consists of conclusion based on the overall works and results. Included also some future works that can be done.

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