Tutorial Title

New Advances and Trends on Model Predictive Control for Power Electronics and Electrical Drives

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Abstract

In the last decades, the application of fast modern microcontrollers have been continuously growing, allowing the development and implementation of new and more intelligent control strategies as an alternative to conventional techniques for power converters. Model Predictive Control is one of these powerful and attractive alternatives that has received a lot of attention in recent years. The use of predictive control offers several interesting advantages: it is an intuitive control approach, it does not need linear controllers and modulators, and it is possible to easily include nonlinearities and restrictions in the control law. It is expected that the advantages of predictive control will lead to industrial applications in the very near future. In this tutorial new advances and trends in the application of model predictive control for power electronics and electrical drives will be presented.

Instructor Biography



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