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General Instructions

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. This paper consists of five (5) questions on five (5) pages.
3. The answer for each question should commence from a new page.
4. This is a Closed Book Test (CBT).
5. Answers should be in clear handwriting and do not use a red pen.
6. Clearly state your assumptions, if any.
7. Answer to all questions.

Q1

- a) Briefly explain DC shunt motors and derive the voltage equation using a suitable electrical circuit diagram. [06]
- b) Explain the purpose of using H-bridge circuits for DC motor control. Draw a H-bridge circuit and explain how it provides bi-directional control. [06]
- c) A mobile robot uses a 12V DC supply and a H-Bridge motor driver to control one wheel motor. The motor parameters are:

Armature resistance R_a	=	0.8Ω
Back EMF constant K_e	=	0.06V/rad
Torque constant K_t	=	0.06Nm/A
Wheel radius	=	0.5m
Robot mass	=	8kg
Rolling resistance force	=	6N

- i) If the duty cycle (D) is 70%, Calculate the following, [03]
- Average armature voltage.
 - If motor speed is 100 rad/s, determine the motor current.
 - Calculate the developed motor torque.
- ii) Determine whether the robot can overcome the rolling resistance at 70% duty cycle, Justify your answer. [02]
- iii) Calculate the minimum duty cycle required for the robot to just start moving from rest. [03]

Use the following hint for calculations:

$$V_{avg} = D \times V_{Supply}, \quad E_b = K_e \omega, \quad V_{avg} = E_b + IR_a, \quad \tau = K_t I, \quad \tau = F \times r$$

Q2

- a) The machine having the magnetization curve shown in Figure Q2 is operating as a motor at a speed of 900 rpm with $I_A = 30\text{ A}$ and $I_F = 2.5\text{ A}$. The armature resistance is 0.3Ω and the field resistance is $R_F = 50\Omega$. Find the following:
- i) Voltage V_F applied to the field circuit. [03]
- ii) Voltage V_T applied to the armature. [03]
- iii) Developed torque. [03]
- iv) Developed power. [03]

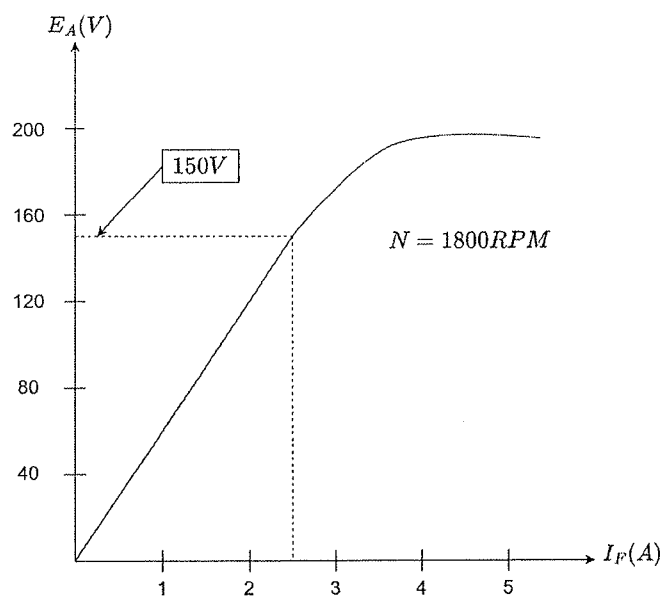


Figure Q02

- b) A 1ph transformer with a ratio of 440/110 V takes a no-load current of 5A at 0.2 power factor lagging. If the secondary supplies a current of 120 A at a p.f. of 0.8 lagging, estimate the current taken by the primary. [08]

Q3

- a) Compare the differences between lap windings and wave windings in generators. [04]
- b) Calculate the e.m.f. generated by a 6-pole DC Generator having 480 conductors and driven at a speed of 1200 RPM. The flux per pole is 0.012Wb.
- i) When the machine is lap wound [04]
 - ii) When the machine is wave wound [04]
- c) A three-phase induction motor is supplied with power from a 60-Hz source. At full load the motor speed is 1728 rpm, and at no load, the speed is nearly 1800 rpm. At full-load conditions, determine the following:
- i) Number of poles and Slip. [01]
 - ii) Frequency of the rotor voltages. [01]
 - iii) Speed of the rotor field with respect to the rotor. [02]

iv) Speed of the rotor field with respect to the stator. [02]

v) Speed of the rotor field with respect to the stator field. [02]

Q4

- a) List the three common types of stepper motors and briefly explain each type. [09]
- b) Calculate the rotational speed of a stepper motor with step angle of 1.8° , If stepping rate is 100 steps/sec. [03]
- c) Single stack three phase variable reluctance stepper motor is illustrated in Figure Q3. Number of rotor teeth $n_r = 8$ and number of stator teeth $n_s = 12$.

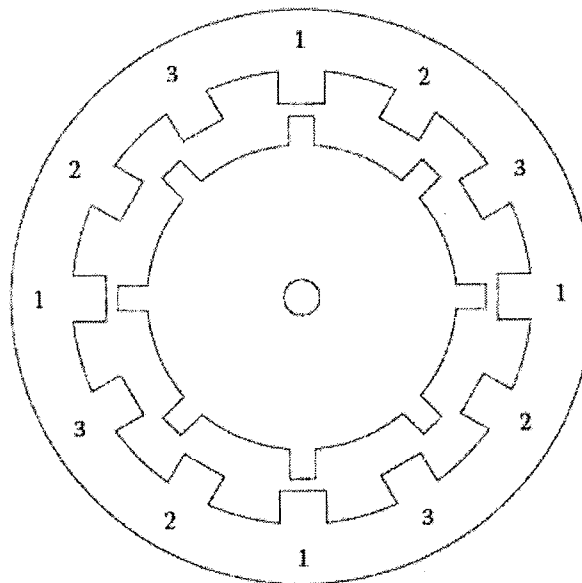


Figure Q3

If the switching sequence of the phase winding is 1-3-2-1 determines the direction of rotation and the step angle. [08]

Q5

- a) Explain the operating principle of a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) used for AC motor speed control. [05]
- d) Describe the armature voltage control mode used in servo drive applications. Explain its operating principle and discuss its advantages in precision motion control systems. [05]

- e) Explain how an H-bridge circuit can be modified to drive a stepper motor, including circuit configuration and switching sequence, with suitable diagrams. [05]
- f) A separately excited dc motor is supplied from 230V, 50Hz ($V_m = \sqrt{2} \times 230V$) source through a single-phase half-wave-controlled converter. Its field is fed through 1-phase semi converter with zero-degree firing-angle delay. Motor resistance is $R_a = 0.7\Omega$ and motor constant is $K_m = 0.5V - Sec/rad$. For rated load torque of $15Nm$ at $1000rpm$ and for continuous ripple free currents, determine the following:
- Find the armature current (I_a). [01]
 - Motor back emf (E_a). [02]
 - Firing-angle delay (α) of the armature converter. [02]

Use the following hint for calculations:

$$\text{Motor constant } K_m = 0.5V - Sec/rad = 0.5Nm/A$$

$$\tau_e = K_m \times I_a$$

$$E_a = K_m \times \omega_a$$

$$V_t = \frac{V_m}{2\pi} (1 + \cos \alpha_1) = E_a + I_a R_a$$

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