

SPECIFICATION

Motor Control Method and Apparatus Thereof

Technical Field

This invention relates to a motor control method and apparatus thereof for controlling voltages or currents applied to a motor from an inverter so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives a periodical load.

Background Art

As a compressor, there exist a 1-cylinder compressor and a 2-cylinders compressor. The 1-cylinder compressor among them has advantages such that a number of components of the compressor is small and that a cost of the compressor is cheap while the 1-cylinder compressor has disadvantage such that vibration of the compressor is greater so that stable operation of the compressor is difficult because the 1-cylinder compressor has greater load torque variation.

Therefore, it is desired that a 1-cylinder compressor is driven with vibration as small as possible, with efficiency as high as possible, and with stability. It is also desired that an arrangement is employed so as to realize performance of an inverter fully, and that the inverter is made with a cost as cheap as possible.

By taking them into consideration, it is proposed from the past that torque controlling is carried out so as to determine speed variation value as great as possible within an extent where decreasing amount in efficiency is suppressed to be equal or less than a predetermined value and vibration does not matter in practice (refer to Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No.Hei10-174488 gazette).

It is also proposed that torque ripple correction amount is decreased following becoming greater of the speed, and that torque ripple correction amount is adjusted corresponding to a peak value of a ripple of a current which flows an inverter (refer to Japanese Patent Laid-open Publication No.2001-119981 gazette).

Disclosure of the Invention

When the motor control method (hereinafter referred to as torque control) is carried out at high speed rotation so as to sufficiently suppress rotation speed variation, the method controlling voltages or currents applied to a motor from an inverter for changing motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, a disadvantage arises in that a command voltage becomes a command voltage which is equal to or greater than a voltage which can be output from an inverter and the output voltage becomes saturated, therefore the current control becomes unstable, the torque control diverges, consequently the current control becomes non-following condition so that the motor will stop.

When load is light and the rotation speed is a low speed, a voltage required for driving a motor is low, so that when PWM (pulse width modulation) driving of an inverter is carried out, a pulse width becomes shorter consequently the affection due to the dead time becomes greater. When the torque control is further carried out for this operation, a situation occurs where the pulse width becomes further shorter so that positional sensor-less control of a motor and current control may become unstable.

When load is light, sound, vibration do not matter, and the torque control is unnecessarily carried out for some cases. But, when the torque control is continuously carried out, the efficiency becomes worse instead.

When the torque control is sufficiently carried out, minus current flowing in

a direct current section of an inverter becomes greater. Therefore, when the current flowing in the direct current section of the inverter is detected and when detection extent of the minus current is insufficient, the current exceeds the detection extent in a negative side so that situation where the current cannot be detected. Consequently, disadvantages arises in that the current control becomes unstable, the torque control diverges, and the motor stops.

Example embodiments were made in view of the above problems.

Example embodiments may provide a motor control method and apparatus thereof which can adjust torque control output in correspondence with an output voltage of an inverter.

Example embodiments may provide a motor control method and apparatus thereof which can adjust torque control output so as not to exceed detection limit of a current sensor.

Example embodiments may provide a motor control method and apparatus thereof which can turn off torque control when load is light.

In a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of: detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

In a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of: detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value, taking precedence over suppression of rotation speed variation.

In a third aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of: decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of the motor, and controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

In a fourth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of: detecting a current of the inverter using current detection means, and controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent.

In a fifth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which

drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of: detecting a current of the inverter using current detection means for driving the motor, and controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent, for driving the motor.

In a sixth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of: decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of the motor, and controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so as not to exceed the current detection extent.

In a seventh aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of: detecting or estimating load, and not suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor in correspondence with the load being smaller than a predetermined value.

In an eighth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, wherein a converter is provided which can control a direct current voltage supplied to the inverter, the method comprising the steps of: detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and controlling the voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed the

predetermined value.

In a ninth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising: detection means for detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

In a tenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising: detection means for detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value, taking precedence over suppression of rotation speed variation.

In an eleventh aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising: means for decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of the motor, and inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so that the output voltage

value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

In a twelfth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising: current detection means for detecting a current of the inverter, and inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent.

In a thirteenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising: current detection means for detecting an input current or output current of the inverter, for driving the motor, and inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent, for driving the motor.

In a fourteenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising: means for decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of the motor, and inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so as not to exceed the current detection extent.

In a fifteenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising: load detection means for detecting or estimating load, and inverter control means for not suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor in correspondence with the load being smaller than a predetermined value.

In a sixteenth aspect of the present invention, there is provided a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, wherein a converter is provided which can control a direct current voltage supplied to the inverter, the apparatus comprising: detection means for detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

Also disclosed is a method for detecting an output voltage value or command value of an inverter, and for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value, when a voltage or current applied to a motor from the inverter is controlled so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Also disclosed is a method for detecting an output voltage value or command value of an inverter,
and for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon

the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value, taking precedence over suppression of rotation speed variation, when a voltage or current applied to a motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Also disclosed is a method for employing a peak value of the output voltage value of the inverter or the command value as the detection value.

Also disclosed is a method for decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of a motor, and for controlling a voltage or current of an inverter so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value, when a voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Also disclosed is a method for detecting a current of an inverter using a current detection section, and for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent, when a voltage or current applied to a motor from the inverter is controlled so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Wherein, the current of the inverter may be an output current or an input current.

Also disclosed is a method for detecting a current of an inverter using a current detection section, and for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent, for driving a

motor, when a voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Also disclosed is a method for decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of a motor, and for controlling a voltage or current of an inverter so as not to exceed the current detection extent, when a voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Also disclosed is a method for indirectly detecting the output current of the inverter by detecting the input current of the inverter using the current detection section, and for controlling the voltage or current of the inverter so that the peak value of the input current of the inverter in negative side does not exceed a predetermined value.

Also disclosed is a method for detecting or estimating load, and for not suppressing rotation speed variation of a motor in correspondence with the load being smaller than a predetermined value, when a voltage or current applied to the motor from an inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Also disclosed is a method for detecting or estimating load by means of an average current.

Also disclosed is a method for detecting an output voltage value or command value of an inverter, and for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value, when a converter is

provided which can control a direct current voltage which is supplied to the inverter, and when a voltage or current applied to a motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Also disclosed is a method for controlling the direct current voltage supplied to the inverter based upon the detection value.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, comprises a detection section for detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and an inverter control section for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, comprises a detection section for detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and an inverter control section for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value, taking precedence over suppression of rotation speed variation.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus that employs a peak value of the output voltage value of the inverter or the command value as the detection value.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus for

controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, comprises an inverter control section for decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of the motor, and for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter is controlled so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, comprises a current detection section for detecting a current of the inverter, and an inverter control section for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent. Wherein, the current of the inverter may be an output current or an input current.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, comprises a current detection section for detecting a current of the inverter, and an inverter control section for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent, for driving the motor.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, comprises an inverter control section for decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of the motor, and for

controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so as not to exceed the current detection extent.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus that employs a section for indirectly detecting the output current of the inverter by detecting the input current of the inverter as the current detection section, and employs a section for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so that the peak value of the input current of the inverter in negative side does not exceed a predetermined value as the inverter control section.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, comprises a load detection section for detecting or estimating load, and an inverter control section for not suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor in correspondence with the load being smaller than a predetermined value.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus that employs a section for detecting or estimating load by means of an average current as the load detection section.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus having a converter which can control a direct current voltage which is supplied to an inverter, and for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from the inverter so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, comprises a detection section for detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and an inverter control section for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

Also disclosed is a motor control apparatus that further comprises a direct current voltage control section for controlling the direct current voltage supplied to the inverter based upon the detection value.

In example embodiments a method detects the output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed the predetermined value, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the saturation of the voltage, and the torque control can be carried out up to the limit of the inverter even when the motor rotates at high speed.

In example embodiments a method detects the output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed the predetermined value, taking precedence over suppression of rotation speed variation, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the saturation of the voltage, and the torque control can be carried out up to the limit of the inverter even when the motor rotates at high speed.

In example embodiments a method employs the peak value of the output voltage value of the inverter or the command value as the detection value.

in example embodiments a method decreases the amplitude of the output torque variation of the motor, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed the predetermined value, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the saturation of the voltage, and the torque control can be carried out up to the limit of the inverter even when the motor rotates at high speed.

In example embodiments a method detects the current of the inverter using current detection means, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the current exceeding the detection extent of the current detection means.

In example embodiments a method detects the current of the inverter using current detection means, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter based

upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent, for driving the motor, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the current exceeding the detection extent of the current detection means.

In example embodiments a method decreases the amplitude of the output torque variation of the motor, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter so as not to exceed the current detection extent, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the current exceeding the detection extent of the current detection means.

In example embodiments a method indirectly detects the output current of the inverter by detecting the input current of the inverter using the current detection means, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter so that the peak value of the input current of the inverter in negative side does not exceed a predetermined value. Therefore, the detection accuracy of the current sensor can be minimized, the detection accuracy can be improved, and the capacity of the current sensor can be decreased and the cost of the current sensor can be decreased by narrowing the current detection extent.

In example embodiments a method detects or estimates load, and does not suppress rotation speed variation of the motor in correspondence with the load being smaller than the predetermined value, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Therefore, stability and efficiency when the load is light can be improved.

In example embodiments a method detects or estimates load by means of the average current.

In example embodiments a method detects the output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed the predetermined value, when the converter is provided which can control the direct current voltage which is supplied to the inverter, and when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Therefore, the direct current voltage of the inverter can be determined to be a minimum voltage, and consequently the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop even when the input voltage is lowered.

In example embodiments a method controls the direct current voltage supplied to the inverter based upon the detection value. Therefore, efficiency of the converter, inverter and motor can be improved, and affection due to the dead

time can be reduced.

In example embodiments an apparatus detects the output voltage value or command value of the inverter using the detection means, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed the predetermined value, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the saturation of the voltage, and the torque control can be carried out up to the limit of the inverter even when the motor rotates at high speed.

In example embodiments an apparatus detects the output voltage value or command value of the inverter using the detection means, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed the predetermined value using the inverter control means, taking precedence over suppression of rotation speed variation, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the saturation of the voltage, and the torque control can be carried out up to the limit of the inverter even when the motor rotates at high speed.

In example embodiments an apparatus employs the peak value of the output voltage value of the inverter or the command value as the detection value.

In example embodiments an apparatus decreases the amplitude of the output torque variation of the motor, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed the predetermined value, using the inverter control means, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the saturation of the voltage, and the torque control can be carried out up to the limit of the inverter even when the motor rotates at high speed.

In example embodiments an apparatus detects the current of the inverter using current detection means, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent using the inverter control means, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the saturation of the voltage.

In example embodiments an apparatus detects the current of the inverter

using current detection means, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent using the inverter control means, for driving the motor, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the current exceeding the detection extent of the current detection means.

In example embodiments an apparatus decreases the amplitude of the output torque variation of the motor, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter so as not to exceed the current detection extent using the inverter control means, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Therefore, the motor is prevented from occurrence of irregular stop by weakening the torque control prior to the current exceeding the detection extent of the current detection means.

In example embodiments an apparatus employs means for indirectly detecting the output current of the inverter by detecting the input current of the inverter as the current detection means, and employs means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so that the peak value of the input current of the inverter in negative side does not exceed the predetermined value as the inverter control means. Therefore, the detection accuracy of the current sensor can be minimized, the detection accuracy can be improved, and the capacity of the current sensor can be decreased and the cost of the current

sensor can be decreased by narrowing the current detection extent.

In example embodiments an apparatus detects or estimates load using the load detection means, and does not suppress rotation speed variation of the motor in correspondence with the load being smaller than the predetermined value using the inverter control means, when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter is controlled so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load. Therefore, stability and efficiency when the load is light can be improved.

In example embodiments an apparatus employs means for detecting or estimating load by means of the average current as the load detection means.

In example embodiments an apparatus detects the output voltage value or command value of the inverter using the detection means, and controls the voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed the predetermined value using the inverter control means, when the converter is provided which can control a direct current voltage which is supplied to the inverter, and when the voltage or current applied to the motor from the inverter so as to change motor output torque for suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load.

Therefore, the direct current voltage of the inverter can be determined to be a minimum voltage, and consequently the motor is prevented from

occurrence of irregular stop even when the input voltage is lowered. In example embodiments an apparatus further comprises direct current voltage control means for controlling the direct current voltage supplied to the inverter based upon the detection value. Therefore, efficiency of the converter, inverter and motor can be improved, and affection due to the dead time can be reduced.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a block diagram showing a motor control apparatus of an embodiment according to the present invention;

Figures 2(A)-2(D) are diagrams each showing a waveform of each section;

Figure 3 is a block diagram showing an example of a position detection section;

Figure 4 is a block diagram showing a motor control apparatus of another embodiment according to the present invention;

Figure 5 is a block diagram showing a motor control apparatus of a further embodiment according to the present invention; and

Figure 6 is a block diagram showing a motor control apparatus of a further embodiment according to the present invention.

Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention

Hereinafter, referring to the attached drawings, we explain embodiments of a motor control method and apparatus thereof according to the present invention, in detail.

Fig. 1 is a block diagram showing a motor control apparatus of an embodiment according to the present invention.

This motor control apparatus obtains a direct current power source by applying an alternate current power source 1 to a converter 2, smoothenes the obtained direct current power source using a smoothing condenser 3, converts the smoothened direct current power source into an alternating current power source using an inverter 4, and supplies the converted alternating current power source to a motor 5. And, this motor 5 drives a compressor 6.

A voltage and current supplied to the motor 5 are detected using a voltage detector 11a and current detector 11b, and the detected voltage and current are supplied to a position detection section 12. An angular speed output from this position detection section 12 is supplied to a differentiator 13 so as to output an angular acceleration. A fundamental wave component extraction section 14 extracts a fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration, and supplies the fundamental wave component to an amplitude adjustment section 15. A subtraction section 16 subtracts the output of the amplitude adjustment section 15 from an average current command. This subtraction result, current detection value, and the rotor position from the position detection section 12 are supplied to a current control section 17 so as to carry out the current control operation, and a voltage command is supplied to the inverter 4. This voltage command is supplied to a peak voltage control section 18, and the output from the peak voltage control section 18 is supplied to the amplitude adjustment section 15 as an adjustment command. The compressor 6 has periodic load variation of about once or twice per 1 rotation.

Motors of various configuration can be employed as the motor 5.

The position detection section 12 calculates a rotational position, and rotational angular speed of a rotor using the voltage, current, magnetic flux, and equipment constants such as d-axis and q-axis inductances (L_d , L_q) of

the motor 5.

The differentiator 13b differentiates the angular speed so as to calculate the angular acceleration.

The fundamental wave component extraction section 14 extracts the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration. Therefore, an angular acceleration variation having a frequency same to that of a motor rotation speed is extracted and output as the output of the fundamental wave component extraction section 14 when the load change of the compressor 6 is once per 1 rotation of the motor. While, an angular acceleration variation having a frequency twice to that of a motor rotation speed is extracted and output as the output of the fundamental wave component extraction section 14 when the load change of the compressor 6 is twice per 1 rotation of the motor.

The amplitude adjustment section 15 amplifies the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration and outputs the amplification result. In the amplitude adjustment section 15, a gain is determined to be infinite by typically integrating the amplitude of the fundamental wave component or the like. And, the gain is lowered by carrying out processing such that a constant proportional value is removed from the integration value, for example, in response to the supplying of the adjustment command.

The peak voltage control section 18 detects the peak voltage of the voltage command, and outputs the adjustment command instructing the amplitude adjustment section 15 to suppress the amplitude when the peak voltage possibly exceed the previously determined value which is determined with respect to the maximum output voltage or maximum modulation rate of the inverter (specifically, when the peak voltage exceed a value which is slightly smaller than this previously determined value, for example).

Instead the peak voltage control section 18, a device can be employed which

detects the output voltage value or voltage command value of the inverter 4, and supplies the adjustment command to the amplitude adjustment section 15 based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or voltage command value of the inverter 4 does not exceed the predetermined value. Referring to the waveform of each section illustrated in Figs. 2(A)-2(D), description is made further. Fig. 2(A) illustrates an axial torque of a 1-cylinder compressor, Fig. 2(B) illustrates an angular speed of a motor when the motor is driven with an average torque, Fig. 2(C) illustrates an angular acceleration of the motor, and Fig. 2(D) illustrates a motor output torque when the control of Fig. 1 is carried out. In these Figures, the horizontal axis represents a rotation angle (mechanical angle) of the rotor. Description is made for a case where the gain of the amplitude adjustment section 15 is determined to be infinite.

When the motor is driven with the average torque {refer to dashed lines of Figs. 2(A) and 2(D)}, and when the axial torque of the compressor is greater than the average torque, the motor is decelerated, on the contrary when the axial torque of the compressor is smaller than the average torque, the motor is accelerated. Consequently, the angular acceleration will schematically be in the form which is reversed in up and down of the compression torque, and the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration will be in the form illustrated in Fig. 2(C). Therefore, the fundamental wave component of the speed variation can be reduced by varying the output torque of the motor in reversed phase with respect to the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration. When the amplitude sufficient for canceling the fundamental wave component of the speed variation is not obtained for the motor output torque, as illustrated by the dashed line in Fig. 2(D), the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration still remains. Therefore, the adjustment is carried out in the amplitude adjustment section

so as to output greater amplitude. Consequently, the apparatus becomes stable with the amplitude which makes the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration to be 0.

Even when the phase of the output torque and the phase of the angular acceleration are slightly shifted from one another due to some delay, the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration is detected due to the residual torque between the compressor axial torque and the motor output torque, and the control is carried out for canceling the fundamental wave component. Therefore, the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration is controlled to be 0, finally.

The fundamental wave component of the speed variation can be reduced using such control, therefore vibration can effectively be reduced.

In the embodiment of Fig. 1, the fundamental wave component is overlapped to the current command. It is possible that the fundamental wave component is directly overlapped to the voltage command for the control having no current control, because the slight shifting and the like can be ignored by the feedback control as is described above. It is of course effective that the fundamental wave component is overlapped to the torque command for the control having the torque command in the interior thereof.

When using this control, the control delay and the like are hardly affected because only the fundamental wave component is reduced. Therefore, more stable control can be realized in comparison to the repetition control (繰り返し制御) and the like which are known from the past. When a compressor and the like are to be driven, sufficient vibration suppression effect is obtained by only the reduction of the fundamental wave component.

In the above description, only fundamental wave component is the target of the control. But, it is apparent that the higher-order such as second-order of angular acceleration component is extracted in addition to the

fundamental wave component, and the control is carried out for canceling the torque variation. In this case, disadvantages arise in that the control becomes complicated, and that the possibility of divergence is raised, while the vibration suppression ability is not improved so much. Therefore, it is required that the higher-order component is selected which should be the object for the control based upon the trade-off with the required specification. In the embodiment of Fig. 1, the gain of the amplitude adjustment section 15 can be lowered by the adjustment command from the peak voltage control section 18 so that the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration does not become 0, but the rotation speed variation can be suppressed within the voltage possible to be output from the inverter 4. Therefore, the motor 5 can be driven without the generation of the disadvantage such that the voltage command exceeds the maximum output voltage or maximum modulation rate of the inverter so that the control diverges.

Fig. 3 is a block diagram illustrating an example of the position detection section. The position detection section comprises a first conversion section 121 which receives the detection voltages for three-phases and converts them into voltages for two-phases, a second conversion section 122 which receives the detection currents for three-phases and converts them into currents for two-phases, a voltage drop calculation section 123 for calculating a voltage drop due to winding resistance R , a first subtraction section 124 for subtracting the calculated voltage drop from the voltages for two-phases, an integration section 125 for integrating the subtraction result by the first subtraction section 124, a flux calculation section 126 for calculating flux due to q -axis inductance L_q , a second subtraction section 127 for subtracting the calculated flux from the integration result, a rotor position calculation section 128 for calculating the rotor position from the subtraction result by

the second subtraction section 127, and a differentiation section 129 for differentiating the rotor position so as to calculate the angular speed.

A position detection section having other configuration can be employed.

Fig. 4 is a block diagram illustrating a motor control apparatus of another embodiment according to the present invention.

This motor control apparatus differs from the motor control apparatus of Fig. 1 only in that a current detection section 11c for detecting the input current of the inverter 4 is employed instead the current detection section 11b, and that a minus current control section 19 for receiving the input current of the inverter 4 and for generating the adjustment command, and for supplying the adjustment command to the amplitude adjustment section 15, is employed instead the peak voltage control section 18.

The input current of the inverter 4 almost flows in the solid line arrow direction illustrated in Fig. 4 (plus current flows), but the current may flow in the dashed line arrow direction (minus current flows) when the power factor of the motor 5 is lower, or when the torque variation amount of the motor 5 is greater. Therefore, the current detection section 11c should be detectable not only the plus current but also the minus current. When the detection extent for plus current and the detection extent for minus current are determined to be similar to one another, the detection extent for minus current becomes wider than the necessity so that the detection accuracy becomes worse. By taking this into consideration, the detection extent can be made to be narrower so that the detection accuracy can be improved, by making the detection extent for minus current narrower than the detection extent for plus current. When the torque variation amount is greater, the input current deviates the detection extent for minus current so that a disadvantage arises in that a situation where the input current cannot be detected, the control diverges, and the motor 5 stops. Accordingly, a minus

current control section 19 is provided, the minus current value or the peak value of the minus current is detected at the minus current control section 19, and a command for suppressing the amplitude is output to the amplitude adjustment section 15 when the minus current value or the peak value of the minus current seems to exceed the value previously determined with respect to the current detection extent (specifically, when the minus current value or the peak value of the minus current exceeds a value which is slightly smaller in absolute value than the previously determined value, for example). Upon receipt of this command, the amplitude adjustment section 15 carries out processing for lowering the gain by removing a constant proportional value from the integration value or the like, the amplitude adjustment section 15 having realized the gain of infinity using integration or the like so as to make the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration to be 0.

Therefore, the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration does not become 0. But, the rotation speed variation can be suppressed within the extent where the current can be detected, so that the motor 5 can be driven and the current detection accuracy can be improved without divergence of the control due to the current deviating the current detection extent so as to result the motor to be stopped which is generated in the past. Fig. 5 is a block diagram illustrating a motor control apparatus of a further embodiment according to the present invention.

This motor control apparatus is different from the motor control apparatus of Fig. 1 only in that the peak voltage control section 18 is omitted and a load torque estimation section 20 is provided.

This load torque estimation section 20 receives the average current command, for example, and estimates the load torque. The load torque estimation section 20 supplies a command to the amplitude adjustment section 15, the command instructing to make the amplitude to be 0, in

response that the estimated torque becomes smaller than a predetermined value. It is of course possible that the load torque is estimated from a value other than the average current command.

In response to the receipt of this command, the amplitude adjustment section 15 carries out processing for lowering the gain by removing a constant proportional value from the integration value or the like, the amplitude adjustment section 15 having realized the gain of infinity using integration or the like so as to make the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration to be 0.

Therefore, the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration does not become 0. But, no problem arise for vibration and the efficiency is improved because the load is light. Especially, for a case where the speed is low, the affection is made due to the dead time, the current control, sensor-less position detection and the like become unstable when the torque variation is greater. But, the stability of the current control, sensor-less position detection and the like can be improved by determining the output of the amplitude adjustment section 15 to be 0.

Fig. 6 is a block diagram illustrating a motor control apparatus of a further embodiment according to the present invention.

This motor control apparatus is different from the motor control apparatus of Fig. 1 in that a converter (voltage boost circuitry) 7 is provided between the rectification circuitry 2 and the smoothing condenser 3, that a direct current voltage detection section 11d for detecting the voltage of the direct current section of the inverter 4 is further provided, and that a direct current voltage control section 21 is further provided which receives the output of the peak voltage control section 18 and the output of the direct current voltage detection section 11d and outputs a control command for the converter 7.

When this embodiment is employed, as is similar to the embodiment of Fig. 1,

the peak voltage of the voltage command is detected by the peak voltage control section 18, and the command instructing the amplitude adjustment section 15 to suppress the amplitude when the peak voltage is going to exceed the value previously determined with respect to the maximum output voltage or maximum modulation rate of the inverter which is determined based upon the direct current voltage. Upon receipt of this command, the amplitude adjustment section 15 carries out processing for lowering the gain by removing a constant proportional value from the integration value or the like, the amplitude adjustment section 15 having realized the gain of infinity (?) using integration or the like so as to make the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration to be 0.

Therefore, the fundamental wave component of the angular acceleration does not become 0. But, the rotation speed variation can be suppressed within the extent of the voltage which can be output from the inverter, so that the motor 5 can be driven and the current detection accuracy can be improved without divergence of the control due to the exceeding of the voltage command over the maximum output voltage or maximum modulation rate of the inverter which is generated in the past.

Even when the direct current voltage controlled by the direct current voltage control section 21 is lower than a voltage required for sufficiently suppressing the rotation speed variation, the motor 5 can be driven without problems. When the direct current voltage can sufficiently raised, and under a condition that the control response of the direct current control is slow so that the direct current voltage is short temporarily, the motor 5 can be driven without problems. Therefore, the direct current voltage can freely be determined based upon various factors such as vibration, efficiency which are the target of the control.

The following control can be carried out. At the peak voltage control section

18, the peak voltage of the voltage command is detected, the command for raising the direct current voltage is supplied to the direct current control section 21 when the peak voltage is going to exceed a value previously determined with respect to the maximum output voltage or maximum modulation rate of the inverter 4, while the command for lowering the direct current voltage when the peak voltage is not going to exceed a value previously determined with respect to the maximum output voltage or maximum modulation rate of the inverter 4. Upon receipt of the command, the direct current voltage is controlled at the direct current voltage control section 21 so as to lower the direct current voltage to proximate of the limit, consequently the rotation speed variation can greatly suppressed. In this case, the converter efficiency can be improved by lowering the boosting ratio as low as possible. The efficiency of the inverter 4, and motor 5 can be improved because the direct current voltage is low. Affection of the dead time to the sensor-less position detection and current control can be decreased because the pulse width of the inverter can be made wider. Each of the embodiments is described as being implemented by hardware. It is of course possible that they can be implemented by software.

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of:
detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and
controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.
2. A motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of:
detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and
controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value, taking precedence over suppression of rotation speed variation.
3. A motor control method as set forth in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the detection value is a peak value of the output voltage value of the inverter or the command value.
4. A motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of:
decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of the motor, and
controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so that the output voltage

value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

5. A motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting a current of the inverter using current detection means, and

controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent.

6. A motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting a current of the inverter using current detection means for driving the motor, and

controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent, for driving the motor.

7. A motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of:

decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of the motor, and
controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so as not to exceed the current detection extent.

8. A motor control method as set forth in one of claims 5-7, wherein the output current of the inverter is indirectly detected by detecting an input current of the inverter using the current detection means, and

wherein the voltage or current of the inverter is controlled so that the peak value of the input current of the inverter in negative side does not exceed the predetermined value.

9. A motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting or estimating load, and

not suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor in correspondence with the load being smaller than a predetermined value.

10. A motor control method as set forth in claim 9, wherein the load is detected or estimated by means of an average current.

11. A motor control method for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, wherein a converter is provided which can control a direct current voltage supplied to the inverter, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and
controlling the voltage or current of the inverter based upon the

detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed the predetermined value.

12. A motor control method as set forth in claim 11, wherein the direct current voltage supplied to the inverter is controlled based upon the detection value.

13. A motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising:

detection means for detecting an output voltage value or command

value of the inverter, and

inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

14. A motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising:

detection means for detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and

inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value, taking precedence over suppression of rotation speed variation.

15. A motor control apparatus as set forth in claim 13 or claim 14, wherein the detection value is a peak value of the output voltage value of the inverter or the command value.

16. A motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising:

means for decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of the motor, and

inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

17. A motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter so as to suppress rotation speed variation of

the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising: current detection means for detecting a current of the inverter, and inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent.

18. A motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising: current detection means for detecting an input current or output current of the inverter, for driving the motor, and inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the current detection value so as not to exceed the current detection extent, for driving the motor.

19. A motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising: means for decreasing an amplitude of an output torque variation of the motor, and inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter so as not to exceed the current detection extent.

20. A motor control apparatus as set forth in one of claims 17-19, wherein the current detection means indirectly detects the output current of the inverter by detecting the input current of the inverter, and wherein the inverter control means controls a voltage or current of the inverter so that the peak value of the input current of the inverter in negative side does not exceed a predetermined value.

21. A motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, the apparatus comprising:

load detection means for detecting or estimating load, and

inverter control means for not suppressing rotation speed variation of the motor in correspondence with the load being smaller than a predetermined value.

22. A motor control apparatus as set forth in claim 21, wherein the load detection means detects or estimates load by means of an average current.

23. A motor control apparatus for controlling a voltage or current applied to a motor from an inverter for varying motor output torque so as to suppress rotation speed variation of the motor which drives periodic load, wherein a converter is provided which can control a direct current voltage supplied to the inverter, the apparatus comprising:

detection means for detecting an output voltage value or command value of the inverter, and

inverter control means for controlling a voltage or current of the inverter based upon the detection value so that the output voltage value or command value of the inverter does not exceed a predetermined value.

24. A motor control apparatus as set forth in claim 23, further comprising direct current voltage control means for controlling the direct current voltage supplied to the inverter based upon the detection value.