

DESCRIPTION

MULTIPHASE CURRENT SUPPLYING CIRCUIT, DRIVING APPARATUS,
COMPRESSOR, AND AIR CONDITIONER

5 Technical Field

【0001】 This invention relates to inverter techniques.

Background Art

【0002】 Fig. 14 is a circuit diagram illustrating the structure of a conventional multiphase
10 current supplying circuit. A power supply system 1 includes an AC power supply 13,
and supplies an AC voltage V_{in} to a diode bridge 2. An inductance parasitic to the
power supply system 1 is indicated as an inductor 12 connected to the AC power supply
13 in series.

【0003】 The diode bridge 2 performs full-wave rectification on the AC voltage V_{in} . An
15 intervening circuit 3 is interposed between the diode bridge 2 and an inverter 4, and
output from the diode bridge 2 is supplied to the intervening circuit 3. The intervening
circuit 3 includes a capacitor 31 whose both ends are supplied with output from the diode
bridge 2. The capacitance value C of the capacitor is small, and selectively set at 20μ
F, for example. The capacitor 31 can be miniaturized by reducing its capacitance value
20 C .

【0004】 A rectified voltage v_{dc} obtained at the both ends of the capacitor 31 is input to the
inverter 4. In the inverter 4, switching of transistors serving as its switching elements of
the inverter 4 is carried out based on switching signals T_u , T_v , T_w obtained from a control
circuit 6. As a result, three phase currents i_u , i_v , i_w are supplied to a motor 24.

25 【0005】 The control circuit 6 is supplied with a phase θ_1 of the AC voltage V_{in} , the

rectified voltage v_{dc} , the currents i_u , i_v , i_w , and a rotation position angle θ_m of a rotor of the motor 5. These respective quantities can be detected by well-known techniques. The control circuit 6 generates the switching signals T_u , T_v , T_w based on these quantities.

5 **[0006]** A technique is known with a significantly small capacitance value C of the capacitor 31 and appropriately controlled switching signals T_u , T_v , T_w based on the aforementioned respective quantities, to thereby carry out AC-AC conversion. Such switching control is herein referred to as capacitorless inverter control. The capacitorless inverter control allows for miniaturization of the overall circuit including a capacitor and an inverter and attains cost reduction as compared to an ordinary circuit that
10 includes a smoothing circuit 301 or 302 (as shown in Figs. 15 and 16, respectively) instead of the intervening circuit 3. While the smoothing circuit 301 adopts a smoothing large-capacitance capacitor CC and a power factor correction reactor LL , the capacitorless inverter control is capable of suppressing a power factor reduction on the power supply side without having to use such power factor correction reactor LL . And
15 while the smoothing circuit 302 further includes a diode DD and a transistor QQ serving as a switching element to form a chopper circuit, the capacitorless inverter control is capable of suppressing power supply harmonics without having to use a chopper circuit.

20 **[0007]** The capacitorless inverter control is disclosed in a non-patent document 1, for example. In the non-patent document 1, an inverter is applied with a rectified voltage that pulsates widely with a frequency almost twice as much as that of a single-phase AC power supply. Yet appropriately controlled switching in the inverter allows three phase AC currents to be output. The non-patent document 1 indicates that, with respect to single-phase capacitorless inverter control, a power factor has a favorable value of 97% or more when a maximum value of both-end voltage of a capacitor is twice or more a
25 minimum value.

【0008】 A patent document 1 is also cited as relevant to the present invention.

【0009】 Patent document 1: Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2004-289985

Non-patent document 1: Isao Takahashi, "Inverter controlling method for a PM motor having a diode rectifying circuit with a high input power factor", The Institute of Electrical Engineers of Japan, National Conference in 2000, 4-149 (March 2000), p.1591

Disclosure of Invention

【0010】 It is conceivable that a lightning surge may be superimposed in the power supply system 1 of the multiphase current supplying circuit adopting the capacitorless inverter control as described above. Thus, it is desirable that lightning protection measures be taken for the power supply system 1.

【0011】 Fig. 17 is a circuit diagram illustrating a structure in which a lightning arrester 7 is interposed between the power supply system 1 and the diode bridge 2 in the multiphase current supplying circuit shown in Fig. 14. The diode bridge 2 thus receives the AC voltage V_{in} via the lightning arrester 7. The lightning arrester 7 functions as a peak-value suppressing means for suppressing a surge voltage superimposed upon the AC voltage V_{in} .

【0012】 Discussion is provided about damage to the inverter 4 when a lightning surge is superimposed in the power supply system 1. Fig. 18 is a graph showing a waveform 101 of the AC voltage V_{in} and a waveform 110 of the rectified voltage v_{dc} . Herein, this simulation was performed for the case in which the AC power supply 13 generated a sinusoidal voltage having a frequency of 50 Hz and an effective value of 270 V, and a lightning surge of several thousands of volts having a width of 50 μ s occurred in the vicinity of the peak of the sinusoidal voltage. The simulation was performed by adopting 230 μ s for an inductance of L_0 of the parasitic inductor 12, but the value may

actually vary depending on the power distribution circumstances of the area (the lengths of power lines, difference in leakage inductance of transformers). Twenty μF was adopted for the capacitance value C of the capacitor 31. The assumption is that the AC voltage V_{in} was clamped to 800 V by the lightning protector 7.

5 **【0013】** The waveform 110 of the rectified voltage v_{dc} almost coincided with the waveform 101 of the AC voltage V_{in} until immediately before the superimposition of the lightning surge, yet increased by a little more than 250 V after the superimposition to have a peak value exceeding 600 V. Then, the waveform 110 of the rectified voltage v_{dc} coincided with the waveform 101 of the AC voltage V_{in} again and decreased due to
10 current flow to the inverter 4. After that, the rectified voltage v_{dc} did not decrease as low as the AC voltage V_{in} but had an almost constant minimum value. The capacitorless inverter performs control so that a maximum value (without considering the surge) of the rectified voltage V_{dc} is twice or more a minimum value during operation, thus attaining operation with a high power factor.

15 **【0014】** When the lightning surge is applied during standby for operation of the inverter 4, current will not flow from the capacitor 31 to the inverter 4, causing the peak value exceeding 600 V to be held after the superimposition of the lightning surge.

【0015】 Components having a breakdown voltage of about 600 V are often selected for the transistors used in the inverter circuit 4 for the purpose of its miniaturization.
20 Therefore, the superimposition of a lightning surge upon the AC voltage V_{in} as illustrated in Fig. 18 means a high possibility of the occurrence of serious damage to the inverter circuit 4 even with the reduction in that value by the lightning arrester 7.

【0016】 However, this phenomenon does not inflict serious damage to the inverter circuit 4 when the capacitor 31 has a large capacitance value C . Fig. 19 is a graph showing the
25 waveform 101 of the AC voltage V_{in} and a waveform 111 of the rectified voltage v_{dc} .

Unlike the graph shown in Fig. 18, the graph shown in Fig. 19 indicates results of simulation that adopted $900\ \mu\text{F}$ for the capacitance value C of the capacitor 31. In this case, the AC voltage V_{in} increases to 800V while the rectified voltage v_{dc} only increases to about four hundred and several tens of volts. Because of the very large capacitance value C , the rectified voltage v_{dc} maintains almost the peak value of the AC voltage V_{in} except in the vicinity of the surge occurrence.

【0017】 This is attributed to the fact that as the capacitance value C becomes smaller, a charging current i_c flowing to the capacitor 31 via the diode bridge 2 due to a lightning surge causes a higher voltage to be generated at the capacitor 31. Put another way, it is required to suppress a voltage increase of the capacitor 31 due to a lightning surge in order to perform the capacitorless inverter control having the aforementioned advantages.

【0018】 The present invention has been made in view of the above problems, and has an object to provide a technique capable of performing the capacitorless inverter control with significantly small capacitance of a capacitor in an intervening circuit even with the superimposition of a lightning surge.

【0019】 In a first aspect of a multiphase current supplying circuit according to the present invention, the multiphase current supplying circuit includes: a peak-value suppressing means (7) connected to an AC power supply (13) outputting an AC voltage, the peak-value suppressing means suppressing a surge voltage superimposed upon the AC voltage; a group of diodes (2) receiving the AC voltage (V_{in}) from the AC power supply via the peak-value suppressing means to perform full-wave rectification on the AC voltage; a capacitor (31) receiving an output from the group of diodes; an inverter (4) receiving a both-end voltage (v_{dc}) of the capacitor to output multiphase AC currents (i_u , i_v , i_w); and an inductor (32, 8) connected to the capacitor in series. A maximum value of a pulse of the both-end voltage is twice or more a minimum value thereof.

【0020】 In a second aspect of the multiphase current supplying circuit according to the present invention, the multiphase current supplying circuit includes: a peak-value suppressing means (7) connected to an AC power supply (13) outputting an AC voltage, the means suppressing a surge voltage superimposed upon the AC voltage; a group of
 5 diodes (2) receiving the AC voltage (V_{in}) from the AC power supply via the peak-value suppressing means to perform full-wave rectification on the AC voltage; a capacitor (31) receiving an output from the group of diodes; a first bypass (33) connected to the capacitor in parallel; and an inverter (4) receiving a both-end voltage (v_{dc}) of the capacitor to output multiphase AC currents (i_u , i_v , i_w). A maximum value of a pulse of the
 10 both-end voltage is twice or more a minimum value thereof, and the first bypass includes a serial connection of a resistive element (R_S) and a capacitive element (C_S).

【0021】 In a third aspect of the multiphase current supplying circuit according to the present invention, in the second aspect, the first bypass (33) further includes a diode (D_S) connected in series to the resistive element (R_S) and the capacitive element (C_S). A
 15 direction from an anode to a cathode of the diode coincides with a direction from a high potential side to a low potential side of the capacitor.

【0022】 In a fourth aspect of the multiphase current supplying circuit according to the present invention, the multiphase current supplying circuit includes: a peak-value suppressing means (7) connected to an AC power supply (13) outputting an AC voltage
 20 (V_{in}), the means suppressing a surge voltage superimposed upon the AC voltage; a group of diodes (2) receiving the AC voltage (V_{in}) from the AC power supply via the peak-value suppressing means to perform full-wave rectification on the AC voltage; a capacitor (31) receiving output from the group of diodes; a first bypass (33) connected to the capacitor in parallel; and an inverter (4) receiving a both-end voltage (v_{dc}) of the capacitor to output
 25 multiphase AC currents (i_u , i_v , i_w). A maximum value of a pulse of the both-end voltage

is twice or more a minimum value thereof, the first bypass includes a serial connection of a diode (D_S) and a capacitive element (C_S), and a direction from an anode to a cathode of the diode coincides with a direction from a high potential side to a low potential side of the capacitor.

5 **[0023]** In a fifth aspect of the multiphase current supplying circuit according to the present invention, in one of the second to fourth aspects, the multiphase current supplying circuit further includes a second bypass (34) connected to the capacitor (31) in parallel. The second bypass conducts when the both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds a first predetermined value, and non-conducts when the both-end voltage falls below a second
10 predetermined value smaller than the first predetermined value.

[0024] In a sixth aspect of the multiphase current supplying circuit according to the present invention, in the fifth aspect, the second bypass (34) includes a resistor (R_B) and a switch (Q) connected in series to each other. The switch turns ON when the both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds the first predetermined value, and turns OFF when the both-end
15 voltage falls below the second predetermined value.

[0025] In a seventh aspect of the multiphase current supplying circuit according to the present invention, the multiphase current supplying circuit includes: a peak-value suppressing means (7) connected to an AC power supply (13) outputting an AC voltage (V_{in}), the means suppressing a surge voltage superimposed upon the AC voltage; a group
20 of diodes (2) receiving the AC voltage (V_{in}) from the AC power supply via the peak-value suppressing means to perform full-wave rectification on the AC voltage; a capacitor (31) receiving output from the group of diodes; a first bypass (34) connected to the capacitor in parallel; and an inverter (4) receiving a both-end voltage (v_{dc}) of the capacitor to output multiphase AC currents (i_u , i_v , i_w). A maximum value of a pulse of the both-end voltage
25 is twice or more a minimum value thereof, and the first bypass conducts when the

both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds a first predetermined value, and non-conducts when the both-end voltage falls below a second predetermined value smaller than the first predetermined value.

5 【0026】 In an eighth aspect of the multiphase current supplying circuit according to the present invention, in the seventh aspect, the first bypass (34) includes a resistor (R_B) and a switch (Q) connected in series to each other, and the switch turns ON when the both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds the first predetermined value, and turns OFF when the both-end voltage falls below the second predetermined value.

10 【0027】 In a ninth aspect of the multiphase current supplying circuit according to the present invention, in one of the second to eighth aspects, the multiphase current supplying circuit further includes an inductor (32, 8) connected in series to a parallel connection of the capacitor (31) and the first bypass (33; 34).

15 【0028】 According to the first to ninth aspects of the multiphase current supplying circuit of the present invention, the capacitorless inverter control with significantly small capacitance of the capacitor can be performed even with the superimposition of a lightning surge.

 【0029】 According to the third and fourth aspects in particular, the diode allows a reduction in power consumption under normal operation.

20 【0030】 According to the fifth and seventh aspects of the multiphase current supplying circuit of the present invention in particular, control is performed with the both-end voltage not exceeding the first predetermined value.

 【0031】 According to the sixth and eighth aspects of the multiphase current supplying circuit of the present invention in particular, the resistor is connected to the capacitor in parallel when the both-end voltage exceeds the first predetermined value, thus slowing
25 charging speed to the capacitor and suppressing an increase in the both-end voltage.

【0032】 A driving apparatus including the multiphase current supplying circuit according to one of the first to ninth aspects, and a motor (5) supplied with the multiphase AC currents (i_u , i_v , i_w) can be obtained.

【0033】 A compressor including the above driving apparatus and driven by the driving apparatus can also be obtained.

【0034】 An air conditioner including the above compressor, and cooling or heating air by adopting a coolant compressed by the compressor can also be attained.

【0035】 These and other objects, features, aspects and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description of the present invention when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

Brief Description of Drawings

【0036】 [Fig. 1] is a circuit diagram illustrating a driving apparatus according to a first preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[Fig. 2] is a block diagram illustrating a detailed structure of a control circuit 6.

[Fig. 3] is a circuit diagram illustrating the structure of a lightning arrester 7 together with a power supply system 1 and a diode bridge 2.

[Fig. 4] is a graph showing an operation according to the first preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[Fig. 5] is a circuit diagram illustrating the driving apparatus according to a first variation of the first preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[Fig. 6] is a circuit diagram illustrating the driving apparatus according to a second variation of the first preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[Fig. 7] is a circuit diagram illustrating the structure of an intervening circuit 3b adopted in a second preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[Fig. 8] is a graph showing an operation according to the second preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[Fig. 9] is a graph showing an operation according to a first variation of the second preferred embodiment of the present invention.

5 [Fig. 10] is a circuit diagram illustrating the driving apparatus according to a second variation of the second preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[Fig. 11] is a graph showing an operation according to the second variation of the second preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[Fig. 12] is a circuit diagram illustrating part of the multiphase current
10 supplying circuit according to a third preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[Fig. 13] is a circuit diagram illustrating part of the multiphase current supplying circuit according to the third preferred embodiment of the present invention.

[Fig. 14] is a circuit diagram illustrating the structure of a conventional multiphase current supplying circuit.

15 [Fig. 15] is a circuit diagram illustrating the structure of a conventional smoothing circuit.

[Fig. 16] is a circuit diagram illustrating the structure of a conventional smoothing circuit.

[Fig. 17] is a circuit diagram illustrating the structure of a multiphase current
20 supplying circuit including the lightning arrester 7.

[Fig. 18] is a graph showing an operation of the multiphase current supplying circuit including the lightning arrester 7.

[Fig. 19] is a graph showing an operation of the multiphase current supplying circuit including the lightning arrester 7.

Best Modes for Carrying Out the Invention

【0037】 First Preferred Embodiment

Fig. 1 is a circuit diagram illustrating a driving apparatus according to a first preferred embodiment of the present invention. The driving apparatus includes a motor 5 serving as a driving part, and a multiphase current supplying circuit that supplies multiphase currents to the motor 5.

【0038】 The multiphase current supplying circuit includes a diode bridge 2, an intervening circuit 3, an inverter 4, a control circuit 6, and a lightning arrester 7. The diode bridge 2 is connected to a single-phase AC power supply system 1 via the lightning arrester 7, and performs full-wave rectification on a single-phase AC voltage V_{in} . The parasitic inductance of the power supply system 1 as mentioned above is indicated as an inductor 12 connected to an AC power supply 13 in series. Two hundred and thirty μ H is adopted for a value L_0 of the parasitic inductance.

【0039】 The diode bridge 2 has the full-wave rectification function, and performs full-wave rectification on the AC voltage V_{in} to input it to the intervening circuit 3. The intervening circuit 3 includes a capacitor 31 and an inductor 32, and is constituted by a choke input type low-pass filter. More specifically, one end of the inductor 32 and one end of the capacitor 31 are connected, output from the diode bridge 2 is received between the other end of the inductor 32 and the one end of the capacitor 31, and a rectified voltage v_{dc} which is both-end voltage of the capacitor 31 is output to the inverter 4.

【0040】 The capacitor 31 has a capacitance value C set so that the rectified voltage v_{dc} pulsates widely with a frequency twice as much as a frequency of the AC voltage V_{in} , and a maximum value of the rectified voltage v_{dc} is twice or more a minimum value. By way of example, the capacitance value C is set to 20 μ F, and inductance L of the inductor 32 is set to 300 μ H, respectively. These values are significantly small as

compared to the capacitance value (e.g. 900 μ F) and inductance (e.g. 6 mH) adopted in the smoothing circuits 301 and 302 (see Figs. 15 and 16, respectively).

5 **【0041】** The inverter 4 supplies three phase currents i_u , i_v , i_w to the motor 5. The currents i_u , i_v , i_w correspond to a U-phase, a V-phase, and a W-phase, respectively. The inverter 4 includes three transistors (upper arm side transistors) each having a collector connected to the one end of the capacitor 31, and three transistors (lower arm side transistors) each having an emitter connected to the other end of the capacitor 31. Each of the upper arm side transistors forms a pair with each of the lower arm side transistors on a phase-by-phase basis. The emitter of an upper arm side transistor and the collector of a lower arm side transistor forming the pair are commonly connected, and the currents i_u , i_v , i_w are output from the connection nodes. The on/off switching of each of the upper arm side transistors and lower arm side transistors is controlled based on switching signals T_u , T_v , T_w from the control circuit 6. The switching signals T_u , T_v , T_w correspond to a U-phase, a V-phase, and a W-phase, respectively.

15 **【0042】** To pass regenerative current from the motor 5, each of the upper arm side transistors and lower arm side transistors is provided with a freewheeling diode having an anode connected to the emitter and a cathode connected to the collector.

20 **【0043】** The control circuit 6 is supplied with a phase θ_1 of the AC voltage V_{in} , the rectified voltage v_{dc} generated at both ends of the capacitor 31, the currents i_u , i_v , i_w , and a rotation position angle (mechanical angle) θ_m of a rotor of the motor 5. These respective quantities can be detected by well-known techniques. The control circuit 6 also receives a command value ω_m^* for rotation angular speed (angular speed of the mechanical angle) of the motor 5, and a current phase command β^* . The control circuit 6 generates the switching signals T_u , T_v , T_w based on these.

25 **【0044】** Fig. 2 is a block diagram illustrating a detailed structure of the control circuit 6.

The control circuit 6 includes a position/speed operator 61, a d-q coordinate converter 62, a speed control operator 63, a command current operator 64, a current control operator 65, a PWM (Pulse Wide Modulation) operator 66, and a PWM timer 67, which have the functions of performing operations set out below.

- 5 **【0045】** The position/speed operator 61 obtains and outputs a rotation angle (electrical angle θ_e) and rotation angular speed (angular speed ω_e of the electrical angle and angular speed ω_m of the mechanical angle) of the rotor of the motor 5 based on the mechanical angle θ_m of the rotor of the motor 5. The d-q coordinate converter 62 obtains what are called d-axis current i_d and q-axis current i_q based on an equation (1)
- 10 from the currents i_u , i_v , i_w and the electrical angle θ_e of the motor 5. The so-called d-axis current is magnetic flux current, a current component that produces magnetic flux in a main magnetic flux direction established within the motor 5, and the so-called q-axis current is torque current that controls torque directly with a 90-degree phase advance relative to the d-axis current.

- 15 **【0046】** [Numeral 1]

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_e & \cos(\theta_e - 2\pi/3) & \cos(\theta_e + 2\pi/3) \\ -\sin \theta_e & -\sin(\theta_e - 2\pi/3) & -\sin(\theta_e + 2\pi/3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_u \\ i_v \\ i_w \end{bmatrix} \quad \cdots(1)$$

- 20 **【0047】** The speed control operator 63 performs proportionate/integral operations (PI operation) based on the command value ω_m^* for angular speed of the mechanical angle and the angular speed ω_m of the mechanical angle of the motor 5, to output a motor current command i_m^* . Further, the command current operator 64 receives the motor current command i_m^* , the current phase command β^* , and the phase angle θ_1 , to output a d-axis current command i_d^* and a q-axis current i_q^* based on an equation (2). These
- 25 currents fluctuate widely with a frequency ripple twice as much as that of the AC voltage

V_{in} .

【0048】 [Numeral 2]

$$\begin{bmatrix} i_d^* \\ i_q^* \end{bmatrix} = i_m^* |\sin \theta| \begin{bmatrix} -\sin \beta^* \\ \cos \beta^* \end{bmatrix} \quad \cdots(2)$$

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【0049】 The current control operator 65 receives the d-axis current i_d and the q-axis current i_q , the d-axis current command i_d^* and the q-axis current i_q^* , and the angular speed ω_e of the electrical angle, to output a d-axis voltage command v_d^* and a q-axis voltage command v_q^* based on an equation (3). In the equation (3), K_d and K_q represent proportional gain of the d-axis and the q-axis, respectively, L_d and L_q represent motor inductance of the d-axis and the q-axis, respectively, and ϕ_a represents a motor counter electromotive voltage constant.

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【0050】 [Numeral 3]

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_d^* \\ v_q^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -K_d & -\omega_e L_d \\ \omega_e L_d & -K_q \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i_d \\ i_q \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} K_d i_d^* \\ K_q i_q^* + \omega_e \phi_a \end{bmatrix} \quad \cdots(3)$$

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【0051】 The PWM operator 66 receives the rotation angle (electrical angle) θ_e of the rotor and the d-axis voltage command v_d^* and the q-axis voltage command v_q^* , to generate phase voltage commands v_u^* , v_v^* , v_w^* based on an equation (4).

20 【0052】 [Numeral 4]

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_u^* \\ v_v^* \\ v_w^* \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_e & -\sin \theta_e \\ \cos(\theta_e - 2\pi/3) & -\sin(\theta_e - 2\pi/3) \\ \cos(\theta_e + 2\pi/3) & -\sin(\theta_e + 2\pi/3) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_d^* \\ v_q^* \end{bmatrix} \quad \cdots(4)$$

【0053】 The PWM operator 66 also receives the rectified voltage v_{dc} , and uses this voltage and the phase voltage commands v_u^* , v_v^* , v_w^* , to obtain ON time τ_j ($j = u, v, w$)

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of the upper arm side transistor of each phase based on an equation (5). A carrier period T_c is introduced to the equation (5). The value of the ON time τ_j is forcibly changed to T_c when exceeding T_c , and is forcibly changed to zero when being below zero.

【0054】 [Numeral 5]

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$$\tau_j = \frac{v_j^* + 0.5 * v_{dc}}{v_{dc}} T_c \quad \dots(5)$$

【0055】 The PWM timer 67 stores the ON times τ_u , τ_v , τ_w for each carrier period T_c , and supplies the inverter 4 with the switching signals T_u , T_v , T_w for turning the transistor
10 of each phase on/off in response to the stored time.

【0056】 Fig. 3 is a circuit diagram illustrating an adoptable structure for the lightning arrester 7, which is shown together with the power supply system 1 and the diode bridge 2. In Fig. 3, a pair of input lines of the diode bridge 2 is connected to each other by a protection element 70 included in the lightning arrester 7a. A varistor may be adopted
15 for the protection element 70.

【0057】 Fig. 4 is a graph showing a waveform 101 of the AC voltage V_{in} and a waveform 102 of the rectified voltage v_{dc} in the multiphase current supplying circuit illustrated in Fig. 1. Like the simulation shown in Fig. 18, this simulation was performed for the case in which the AC power supply 13 generates a sinusoidal voltage having a frequency
20 of 50 Hz and an effective value of 270 V, a lightning surge of several thousands of volts having a width of 50 μs occurs in the vicinity of a peak, and the AC voltage V_{in} is clamped to 800 V by the lighting protector 7.

【0058】 The waveform 102 of the rectified voltage v_{dc} does not reach 600 V after the superimposition of the lightning surge. This is attributed to the fact that a charging
25 current i_c flowing from the diode bridge 2 to the capacitor 31, which goes through the

inductor 32, is prevented from changing steeply by the inductor 32.

【0059】 A desirable value of the inductance L of the inductor 32 is estimated as set out below. In this regard, current does not flow from the capacitor 31 to the inverter 4 when the inverter 4 is on standby for operation, or when the inverter 4 is in operation but a lightning surge is applied during the output of a line-to-line voltage of 0 (when all three of the upper arm transistors are ON, or when all three of the lower arm transistors are ON). An estimate of a desirable value of the inductance L in such state is thus a safer estimate as compared to when the inverter 4 is in operation. Therefore, the following is based on the assumption that current does no flow to the inverter 4.

【0060】 Assuming that L_s represents the sum of the inductance L of the inductor 32 and the inductance L_0 of the inductor 12, and V_2 represents power supply voltage, a relationship of an equation (6) holds based on the assumption, since the charging current i_c flowing to the capacitor 31 goes through the inductor 12 and the inductor 32. The amount of charge q (time integration of current) is introduced to the last equation. The power supply voltage is V_2 is rectified by the diode bridge 2, and its absolute value is applied to the capacitor 31.

【0061】 [Numeral 6]

$$\begin{aligned} V_2 &= L_s \frac{di_c}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int i_c dt \\ &= L_s \frac{d^2}{dt^2} q + \frac{1}{C} q \quad \dots(6) \end{aligned}$$

【0062】 Since a maximum value V_M of the power supply voltage V_2 has been applied to the capacitor 31 before the occurrence of the lightning surge, the charging current i_c does not flow, and the voltage of the capacitor 31 is V_M .

【0063】 When a solution is obtained with the assumption that the voltage of the lightning surge after being clamped is V_s , that $V_2 = V_s$ in the equation (6), and further that initial

values are adopted so that $i_c = 0$ and $q = C \cdot V_M$, the voltage $V_{dc} = V_D$ of the capacitor 31 and the charging current $i_c = i_{cc}$ immediately after the completion of the lightning surge (ΔT after the occurrence of the lightning surge) are expressed as equations (7) and (8), respectively.

5 【0064】 [Numeral 7]

$$V_D = V_S - (V_S - V_M) \cos \frac{\Delta T}{\sqrt{L_S C}} \cdots (7)$$

10 【0065】 [Numeral 8]

$$i_{cc} = \sqrt{\frac{C}{L_S}} (V_S - V_M) \sin \frac{\Delta T}{\sqrt{L_S C}} \cdots (8)$$

15 【0066】 The pulse width ΔT of the lightning surge is assumed to be very narrow as compared to the period of the AC voltage V_{in} . Thus the power supply voltage V_2 before and after the occurrence of the lightning surge can be approximated to have the maximum value V_M (without considering the surge) as indicated by the waveform 101. A solution is obtained again with $V_2 = V_M$, and $i_c = i_{cc}$ and $q = C \cdot V_D$ as initial values in the equation (6). The voltage V_{dc} of the capacitor 31, which keeps increasing while the charging current i_c flows due to the effect of the inductor, becomes maximum when the charging current i_c becomes zero. The maximum value V_N is expressed as an equation (9).

20 【0067】 [Numeral 9]

$$V_N = V_M + \sqrt{(V_D - V_M)^2 + i_{cc}^2 \frac{L_S}{C}} \cdots (9)$$

25 【0068】 Protection against breakdown due to the lightning surge can be obtained when

the maximum value V_N is not more than the breakdown voltage of the inverter 4.

【0069】 Using the equations (7) and (8) in the equation (9), the inductance L_S is obtained by an equation (10).

【0070】 [Numeral 10]

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$$L_S = \frac{1}{C} \left[\frac{\Delta T}{\cos^{-1} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{V_N - V_M}{V_S - V_M} \right)^2 \right\}} \right]^2 \quad \dots(10)$$

10 【0071】 Using $C = 20 \mu F$, $V_S = 800 V$, $V_N = 600 V$, $V_M = 2^{0.5} \cdot 270 V$, and $\Delta T = 50 \mu s$ as specific numerical values, the inductance L_S is obtained to be about $450 \mu H$ from the equation (9). Since V_N decreases as the inductance L_S increases based on the equation (10), the inverter 4 can be protected against breakdown due to the lightning surge when the inductance L_S is not less than about $450 \mu H$.

15 【0072】 An LC resonant frequency can be obtained by transforming the equation (10). When $V_S = 800 V$, $V_N = 600 V$, $V_M = 2^{0.5} \cdot 270 V$, and $\Delta T = 50 \mu s$ are adopted, a resonant frequency is $1681 Hz$, which is of 34^{th} order with respect to a power supply frequency of $50 Hz$, and 28^{th} order with respect to a power supply frequency of $60 Hz$. Put another way, protection against breakdown due to the lightning surge can be obtained
20 by selecting L_S to be lower than these orders.

【0073】 In the data used for the simulation shown in Fig. 4, the inductance of the inductor 12 is set to $230 \mu H$ and the inductance of the inductor 32 is set to $300 \mu H$ so that an inductance is greater than L_S obtained from the equation (10). Fig. 4 shows the simulation results when the inverter 4 is in operation but a lightning surge was applied
25 during the output of a line-to-line voltage of 0 (when all three of the upper arm transistors

are ON, or when all three of the lower arm transistors are ON). Fig. 8, Fig. 9, Fig. 11 and Fig. 19 show simulation results under similar circumstances.

5 **【0074】** Thus, the above described effects can be obtained by connecting an inductor to the capacitor 31 in series when viewed from the power supply system 1. Fig. 5 is a circuit diagram illustrating the driving apparatus according to a first variation of the first preferred embodiment of the present invention. An intervening circuit 3aa adoptable for the intervening circuit 3 includes the capacitor 31 and two inductors 32a and 32b. The inductors 32a and 32b are connected to the capacitor 31 in series when viewed from the power supply system 1 while being arranged opposite to each other.

10 **【0075】** Fig. 6 is a circuit diagram illustrating the driving apparatus according to a second variation of the first preferred embodiment of the present invention. An intervening circuit 3 includes the capacitor 31, but does not include the inductor 32. Instead of the inductor 32, an inductor 8 is interposed between the lightning arrester 7 and the diode bridge 2. The inductor 8 is connected to the capacitor 31 in series.

15 **【0076】** It should be considered that the charging current i_c flowing to the capacitor 31, which goes through the inductors 32a and 32b in the first variation, and through the inductor 8 in the second variation, respectively, is prevented from changing steeply by the inductor 8. Therefore, an increase in the rectified voltage v_{dc} can be suppressed in these variations as well.

20 **【0077】** It is of course allowed to provide the inductor 8 between the diode bridge 2 and the lightning arrester 7, and the inductor 32 in the intervening circuit 3a (or the inductors 32a and 32b in the intervening circuit 3aa), respectively, as these two inductors 8 and 32 (or three inductors 8, 32a and 32b) are also connected to the capacitor 31 in series.

25 **【0078】** With such divided inductors, it is again preferable that the sum of their inductances and the system inductance L_0 be not less than the inductance L_S obtained

form the equation (10).

【0079】 As described above, the capacitorless inverter control with a significantly small capacitance value C of the capacitor 31 can be performed even with the superimposition of a lightning surge. Moreover, the inductor 32 can be made smaller in size than the inductor LL adopted in the smoothing circuits 301 and 302, thus not seriously hampering the miniaturization of the intervening circuit.

【0080】 Second Preferred Embodiment

In the first preferred embodiment, from the diode bridge 2 to the capacitor 31 and a steep change in the charging current i_c is suppressed by connecting an inductor to the capacitor 31 in series. Alternatively, a bypass may be provided in parallel with the capacitor 31 to discharge excess current to the bypass.

【0081】 Fig. 7 is a circuit diagram illustrating the structure of an intervening circuit 3b having such a bypass 33. The structure shown in Fig. 1 is again adopted in this embodiment, except that the intervening circuit 3a is replaced by the intervening circuit 3b shown in Fig. 7.

【0082】 The intervening circuit 3b includes the capacitor 31 whose both ends are supplied with output from the diode bridge 2, and outputs the rectified voltage v_{dc} generated at the both ends of the capacitor 31 to the inverter 4. The intervening circuit 3b further includes the bypass 33 connected to the capacitor 31 in parallel.

【0083】 In the bypass 33, a diode D_s , a resistor R_s and a capacitor C_s are connected in series, and a direction from an anode to a cathode of the diode D_s coincides with a direction from a high potential side to a low potential side of the capacitor 31. Fig. 7 is an illustration of a case where the anode of the diode D_s is connected to one end on the high potential side of the capacitor 31, the cathode of the diode D_s to one end of the

resistor R_S , the other end of the resistor R_S to one end of the capacitor C_S , and the other end of the capacitor C_S to one end on the low potential side of the capacitor 31, respectively. The order of the diode D_S , the resistor R_S and the capacitor C_S forming a serial circuit may be changed.

5 **【0084】** Fig. 8 is a graph showing a waveform 101 of the AC voltage V_{in} , a waveform 103 of both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S , and a waveform 104 of the rectified voltage v_{dc} . The simulation conditions except the provision of the bypass 33 are identical to those for the simulation that resulted in the graph shown in Fig. 18. As data of the bypass 33, the resistor R_S has a resistance value of $10\ \Omega$, and the capacitor C_S has a
10 capacitance value of $100\ \mu F$. Such bypass 33 can be reduced in size as compared to the capacitor 31 having a capacitance value of $900\ \mu F$ adopted in the simulation that resulted in the graph shown in Fig. 19.

【0085】 The waveform 104 of the rectified voltage v_{dc} almost coincides with the waveform 101 of the AC voltage V_{in} until immediately before the occurrence of the
15 lightning surge. Meanwhile, the waveform 103 of the both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S has been charged to a peak value ($2^{0.5} \cdot 270\ V$) of the AC voltage V_{in} due to the earlier operation. But when the lightning surge occurs and the AC voltage V_{in} increases steeply toward $800\ V$, not only the capacitor 31 but also the capacitor C_S is charged via the diode D_S . The current to charge the capacitor C_S flows via the resistor R_S . Accordingly, the
20 rectified voltage v_{dc} indicated by the waveform 104 increases more steeply than the both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S indicated by the waveform 103 does. Note that the charging current i_c in this embodiment can be made smaller than the charging current i_c in the intervening circuit 3 (Fig. 15) by the charging current flowing through the capacitor C_S . This prevents the rectified voltage v_{dc} from reaching $600\ V$.

25 **【0086】** Then, due to current flow to the inverter 4, the rectified voltage v_{dc} almost

coincides with the both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S temporarily, but coincides with the AC voltage V_{in} again and decreases. After that, the rectified voltage v_{dc} does not decrease as low as the AC voltage V_{in} but has an almost constant minimum value. The capacitorless inverter performs control so that a maximum value (without considering the surge) of the rectified voltage v_{dc} is twice or more a minimum value during operation, thus attaining operation with a high power factor.

【0087】 On the other hand, the both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S coincides with the rectified voltage v_{dc} and then holds the voltage thereafter. This is so because potential on the cathode side of the diode D_S based on the both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S is higher than potential on the anode side of the diode D_S based on the rectified voltage v_{dc} .

【0088】 The diode D_S is not a necessity in view of the above operation. But the rectified voltage v_{dc} pulsates widely as mentioned above in the capacitorless inverter control. Thus the both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S also pulsates widely without the diode D_S in the bypass 33. This leads to charge to and discharge from of the capacitor C_S under normal operation, which generates loss in the resistor R_S . To reduce power consumption at the resistor R_S under normal operation, therefore, it is preferable that the diode D_S be provided in the bypass 33. The case of using the inductors 8, 32, 32a and 32b as described in the first preferred embodiment, where such consumption is not generated naturally, is more advantageous than when the diode D_S is not provided in the bypass 33 in that respect.

【0089】 Meanwhile, when the resistor R_S is not provided in the bypass 33, the capacitor C_S is charged quickly, which allows an increase in the amount of current flowing through the bypass 33. As a result, an increase in the rectified voltage v_{dc} can be suppressed even more effectively. Fig. 9 is a graph showing an operation according to a first variation of the second preferred embodiment of the present invention, where the bypass

33 includes only the capacitor C_S and the diode D_S by removing the resistor R_S . A waveform 107 indicates the both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S , and a waveform 108 indicates the rectified voltage v_{dc} , respectively.

5 **【0090】** The both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S in the first variation is higher than that when the resistor R_S is provided. It is preferable that the bypass 33 be provided with the resistor R_S also capable of suppressing abnormal increase in the both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S due to a transient phenomenon at power activation, and in the rectified voltage v_{dc} by extension.

10 **【0091】** Although not considered in the simulation, internal loss occurs in the capacitor C_S . Thus when the diode D_S is connected, the both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S that rose after the application of the lightning surge decreases with a predetermined time constant due to the internal loss of the capacitor C_S , and eventually coincides with a maximum value (without considering the surge) of the rectified voltage v_{dc} . Discharge resistors and the like may be connected to both ends of the capacitor C_S to reduce the time
15 constant.

【0092】 As described above, the capacitor 31 apparently increases in capacitance value at the occurrence of a lightning surge, and functions with the original capacitance value C under normal operation. Accordingly, the capacitorless inverter control with a significantly small capacitance value C of the capacitor 31 can be performed even with
20 the superimposition of a lightning surge. Further, the capacitance of the capacitor C_S may be made smaller than the capacitance (e.g. 900 μF) of the capacitor CC adopted in the conventional structures illustrated in Fig. 15 and Fig. 16. Considering that the capacitor C_S performs the operation of branching the charging current to the capacitor 31 to suppress a voltage increase, the capacitance of the capacitor C_S may be specifically
25 made as small as about 100 μF , for example, which is larger than that of the capacitor

31 yet smaller than that of the capacitor CC. The capacitor C_S will thus not seriously hamper the miniaturization of the intervening circuit.

【0093】 Fig. 10 is a circuit diagram illustrating the driving apparatus according to a variation of the second preferred embodiment of the present invention. An intervening circuit 3c has a structure that additionally includes the inductor 32 with respect to the intervening circuit 3b. More specifically, the inductor 32 is connected in series to the parallel connection of the capacitor 31 and the bypass 33. By adopting the intervening circuit 3c as the intervening circuit 3 shown in Fig. 1, the function of the inductor 32 described in the first preferred embodiment and the function of the bypass 33 described in the second preferred embodiment are combined together. Therefore, a voltage increase in the rectified voltage v_{dc} at the occurrence of a lightning surge can be suppressed even more effectively.

【0094】 Fig. 11 is a graph showing a waveform 101 of the AC voltage V_{in} , a waveform 105 of the both-end voltage of the capacitor C_S , and a waveform 106 of the rectified voltage v_{dc} . The already mentioned values were adopted for the inductance L of the inductor 32, and data of the bypass 33. It is shown that a peak value of the rectified voltage v_{dc} at the occurrence of the lightning surge is small as compared to the waveform 102 (Fig. 4) adopting only the inductor 32, or the waveform 104 (Fig. 8) adopting only the bypass 33.

【0095】 It is of course allowed to further provide the inductor 8 between the diode bridge 2 and the lightning arrester 7 as described in the first preferred embodiment. Alternatively, the inductor 8 may be provided between the diode bridge 2 and the lightning arrester 7 while adopting the intervening circuit 3b instead of the intervening circuit 3c.

[0096] Third Preferred Embodiment

Figs. 12 and 13 are circuit diagrams illustrating part of the multiphase current supplying circuit according to a third preferred embodiment of the present invention. Although the diode bridge 2, the inverter 4, and the lightning arrester 7 are omitted, the circuit is configured in a similar way to Fig. 1. In this embodiment, the intervening circuit 3 shown in Fig. 1 is replaced by an intervening circuit 3d (see Fig. 12) or an intervening circuit 3e (see Fig. 13).

[0097] The intervening circuit 3d has a structure in which a bypass 34 is additionally connected to the capacitor 31 in parallel in the intervening circuit 3a described in the first preferred embodiment with reference to Fig. 1, and the intervening circuit 3e has a structure in which the bypass 34 is additionally connected to the capacitor 31 in parallel in the intervening circuit 3b described in the second preferred embodiment with reference to Fig. 7. The bypass 34 includes a serial connection of a transistor Q serving as a switching element and a resistor R_B .

[0098] The control circuit 6 supplies a bias voltage CN_Q to the base of the transistor Q based on the rectified voltage v_{dc} . The transistor Q is turned on when the rectified voltage v_{dc} exceeds a first predetermined value, and turned off when the rectified voltage v_{dc} falls below a second predetermined value (which is smaller than the first predetermined value).

[0099] In this way the resistor R_B gets connected to the capacitor 31 in parallel when the rectified voltage v_{dc} exceeds the first predetermined value and increases, thus slowing charging speed to the capacitor 31 and suppressing an increase in the rectified voltage v_{dc} . Moreover, the parallel connection to the capacitor 31 gets canceled when the rectified voltage V_{dc} falls below the second predetermined value, thus not compromising the operation of the capacitorless inverter under normal operation.

【0100】 It is of course allowed to additionally connect the bypass 34 to the capacitor 31 in parallel in the intervening circuit 3 shown in Fig. 6 as the variation of the first preferred embodiment. Alternatively, it is allowed to additionally connect the bypass 34 to the capacitor 31 in parallel in the intervening circuits 3b and 3c shown in Figs. 7 and 10 as the second preferred embodiment and its second variation, respectively. It is of course allowed to modify these cases by not providing the resistor R_s and the diode D_s (short circuit removal).

【0101】 Still alternatively, the rectified voltage v_{dc} may be clamped by the bypass 34 without providing the inductor 32 (short circuit removal) in the intervening circuit 3d shown in Fig. 12.

【0102】 For the bypass 34 to operate effectively in response to a fast varying lightning surge, the transistor Q needs to operate at high speed. A drive circuit and a lightning surge detecting circuit that are appropriate to the operation are also needed. A power supply for activating those drive circuit and lightning surge detecting circuit needs to be secured even during standby for operation of the inverter 4. In terms of structural complexity, therefore, it will be more advantageous to adopt the bypass 33.

【0103】 Application

The driving apparatus including the multiphase current supplying circuit and the motor 5 supplied with the multiphase AC currents i_u , i_v , i_w according to the present invention is capable of driving a compressor, for example. Such compressor is included in an air conditioner, for example. The air conditioner adopts a coolant for air cooling or air heating, and the coolant is compressed by the compressor.

【0104】 While the invention has been shown and described in detail, the foregoing description is in all aspects illustrative and not restrictive. It is therefore understood that

numerous modifications and variations can be devised without departing from the scope of the invention.

CLAIMS

1. A multiphase current supplying circuit comprising:

a peak-value suppressing means (7) connected to an AC power supply (13)
5 outputting an AC voltage, said peak-value suppressing means suppressing a surge voltage superimposed upon said AC voltage;

a group of diodes (2) receiving said AC voltage (V_{in}) from said AC power supply via said peak-value suppressing means to perform full-wave rectification on said AC voltage;

10 a capacitor (31) receiving an output from said group of diodes;

an inverter (4) receiving a both-end voltage (v_{dc}) of said capacitor to output multiphase AC currents (i_u, i_v, i_w); and

an inductor (32, 8) connected to said capacitor in series, wherein

a maximum value of a pulse of said both-end voltage is twice or more a
15 minimum value thereof.

2. A multiphase current supplying circuit comprising:

a peak-value suppressing means (7) connected to an AC power supply (13)
outputting an AC voltage, said means suppressing a surge voltage superimposed upon
20 said AC voltage;

a group of diodes (2) receiving said AC voltage (V_{in}) from said AC power supply via said peak-value suppressing means to perform full-wave rectification on said AC voltage;

a capacitor (31) receiving an output from said group of diodes;

25 a first bypass (33) connected to said capacitor in parallel; and

an inverter (4) receiving a both-end voltage (v_{dc}) of said capacitor to output multiphase AC currents (i_u, i_v, i_w), wherein

a maximum value of a pulse of said both-end voltage is twice or more a minimum value thereof, and

5 said first bypass includes a serial connection of a resistive element (R_S) and a capacitive element (C_S).

3. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 2, wherein

10 said first bypass (33) further includes a diode (D_S) connected in series to said resistive element (R_S) and said capacitive element (C_S), and

a direction from an anode to a cathode of said diode coincides with a direction from a high potential side to a low potential side of said capacitor.

4. A multiphase current supplying circuit comprising:

15 a peak-value suppressing means (7) connected to an AC power supply (13) outputting an AC voltage (V_{in}), said means suppressing a surge voltage superimposed upon said AC voltage;

20 a group of diodes (2) receiving said AC voltage (V_{in}) from said AC power supply via said peak-value suppressing means to perform full-wave rectification on said AC voltage;

a capacitor (31) receiving output from said group of diodes;

a first bypass (33) connected to said capacitor in parallel; and

an inverter (4) receiving a both-end voltage (v_{dc}) of said capacitor to output multiphase AC currents (i_u, i_v, i_w), wherein

25 a maximum value of a pulse of said both-end voltage is twice or more a

minimum value thereof,

said first bypass includes a serial connection of a diode (D_S) and a capacitive element (C_S), and

a direction from an anode to a cathode of said diode coincides with a direction
5 from a high potential side to a low potential side of said capacitor.

5. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 2, further comprising:

a second bypass (34) connected to said capacitor (31) in parallel, said second
10 bypass conducting when said both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds a first predetermined value, and non-conducting when said both-end voltage falls below a second predetermined value smaller than said first predetermined value.

6. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 3, further
15 comprising:

a second bypass (34) connected to said capacitor (31) in parallel, said second
bypass conducting when said both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds a first predetermined value, and non-conducting when said both-end voltage falls below a second predetermined value smaller than said first predetermined value.

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7. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 4, further comprising:

a second bypass (34) connected to said capacitor (31) in parallel, said second
bypass conducting when said both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds a first predetermined value,
25 and non-conducting when said both-end voltage falls below a second predetermined value

smaller than said first predetermined value.

8. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 5, wherein said second bypass (34) includes a resistor (R_B) and a switch (Q) connected in series to each other, said switch turning ON when said both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds said first predetermined value, and turning OFF when said both-end voltage falls below said second predetermined value.

9. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 6, wherein said second bypass (34) includes a resistor (R_B) and a switch (Q) connected in series to each other, said switch turning ON when said both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds said first predetermined value, and turning OFF when said both-end voltage falls below said second predetermined value.

10. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 7, wherein said second bypass (34) includes a resistor (R_B) and a switch (Q) connected in series to each other, said switch turning ON when said both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds said first predetermined value, and turning OFF when said both-end voltage falls below said second predetermined value.

11. A multiphase current supplying circuit comprising:

a peak-value suppressing means (7) connected to an AC power supply (13) outputting an AC voltage (V_{in}), said means suppressing a surge voltage superimposed upon said AC voltage;

a group of diodes (2) receiving said AC voltage (V_{in}) from said AC power

supply via said peak-value suppressing means to perform full-wave rectification on said AC voltage;

a capacitor (31) receiving output from said group of diodes;

a first bypass (34) connected to said capacitor in parallel; and

5 an inverter (4) receiving a both-end voltage (v_{dc}) of said capacitor to output multiphase AC currents (i_u, i_v, i_w), wherein

a maximum value of a pulse of said both-end voltage is twice or more a minimum value thereof, and

said first bypass conducts when said both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds a first
10 predetermined value, and non-conducts when said both-end voltage falls below a second predetermined value smaller than said first predetermined value.

12. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 11, wherein said first bypass (34) includes a resistor (R_B) and a switch (Q) connected in series to each
15 other, said switch turning ON when said both-end voltage (v_{dc}) exceeds said first predetermined value, and turning OFF when said both-end voltage falls below said second predetermined value.

13. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 1, further
20 comprising:

an inductor (32, 8) connected in series to a parallel connection of said capacitor (31) and said first bypass (33; 34).

14. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 2, further
25 comprising:

an inductor (32, 8) connected in series to a parallel connection of said capacitor (31) and said first bypass (33; 34).

15 15. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 3, further comprising:

an inductor (32, 8) connected in series to a parallel connection of said capacitor (31) and said first bypass (33; 34).

10 16. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 4, further comprising:

an inductor (32, 8) connected in series to a parallel connection of said capacitor (31) and said first bypass (33; 34).

15 17. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 11, further comprising:

an inductor (32, 8) connected in series to a parallel connection of said capacitor (31) and said first bypass (33; 34).

20 18. The multiphase current supplying circuit according to claim 12, further comprising:

an inductor (32, 8) connected in series to a parallel connection of said capacitor (31) and said first bypass (33; 34).

25 19. A driving apparatus comprising:
the multiphase current supplying circuit according to one of claims 1 to 18; and

a motor (5) supplied with said multiphase AC currents (i_u , i_v , i_w).

20. A compressor comprising:

the driving apparatus according to claim 19,

5 said compressor being driven by said driving apparatus.

21. An air conditioner comprising:

the compressor according to claim 20,

said air conditioner cooling or heating air by adopting a coolant, said coolant

10 being compressed by said compressor.