

Economic Design of Three-Phase Induction Motor by Particle Swarm Optimization

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ABSTRACT

A Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) based design of three-phase induction motors are proposed. The induction motor design is treated as a non-linear and multivariable constrained optimization problem. The annual material cost and the total annual cost of the motor are chosen as two different objective functions. The PSO is used to find a set of optimal design variables of the motor which are then used to predict performance indices and the objective functions. The proposed method is demonstrated for two sample motors, and it is compared with the genetic algorithm (GA) and the conventional design methods. The results show that the PSO-based method effectively solved the induction motor design problems and outperforms the other methods in both the solution quality and computation efficiency.

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1. Introduction

The ever increasing imbalance between the demand and supply of energy has focused our attention towards energy conservation. Numerous attempts have been made to achieve this either by harnessing energy from renewable sources or by improving the operating efficiency of devices used in generation, transmission and utilization of electrical energy. Induction motors are used in large number in a variety of applications. Any significant improvement in the operating efficiency of induction motor will, therefore, help our effort at energy conservation. This can be achieved by taking recourse to design optimization techniques.

Induction motors are the main energy consuming devices in industries contributing to more than 80% of electromechanical energy conservation. However, their operating efficiency is often far from satisfactory. The design optimization of energy efficient induction motor is therefore the need of the day. In the past, the design of induction motor has been attempted for achieving better performance characteristics and/or reducing the cost. These were trial and error based which were solely attributed by professional experience. Digital computer has made it possible to use well known optimization techniques in the design of electrical machines.

For the design optimization of induction motors, the

most frequently used objective functions are material cost and the operating cost of the motor. If the objective function represents the manufacturer's viewpoint, then it is equal to the material cost [1-5]. The objective function, in the form of a weighted sum of the material and operating costs, represents the consumer's viewpoint [4-6].

Several techniques such as GA [7], evolutionary algorithm [8], neural networks [9] and fuzzy logic [10] are used to solve the induction motor design problems. However, these techniques do not always guarantee the globally optimal solution, they will provide suboptimal solution.

The PSO [11-15] algorithm is one of the modern evolutionary algorithms. This algorithm was first proposed by Kennedy and Eberhart. PSO is a population-based search algorithm characterized as conceptually simple, easy to implement and computationally efficient. As it is reported in [13], this optimization technique can be used to solve many problems as GA and does not suffer from some of GA's difficulties. PSO has also been found to be robust in solving problems featuring non-linearity, non-differentiability and high dimensionality.

In this paper, a PSO based approach to the induction motor design problem is proposed. The method is applied on two sample motors and the results are compared with the GA and the conventional design method [16,17].

2. Optimization Problem

The design optimization of induction motor can be expressed mathematically as follows:

$$\text{Find } X(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ such that } F(X) \text{ is a minimum} \quad (1)$$

Subject to:

$$g_j(X) \geq 0 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

and

$$x_{Li} \leq x_i \leq x_{Ui} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

where $X(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is the set of independent design variables with their lower and upper limits as x_{Li} and x_{Ui} , for all 'n' variables. $F(X)$ is the objective function to be optimized and $g_j(X)$ are the constraints imposed on the design.

2.1 Design Variables

The following quantities are chosen as the principle design variables for the optimization (X):

- 1) Stator bore diameter (x_1);
- 2) Average air gap flux density (x_2);
- 3) Stator current density (x_3);
- 4) Air gap length (x_4);
- 5) Stator slot depth (x_5);
- 6) Stator slot width (x_6);
- 7) Stator core depth (x_7);
- 8) Rotor slot depth (x_8);
- 9) Rotor slot width (x_9).

The remaining parameters can be expressed in terms of these variables or may be treated as fixed for a particular design.

2.2 Objective Functions

The objective function to be minimized is $F(X)$. This may be based on the performance indices, weight, or some form of cost of the motor. In the present work, the following two objective functions have been considered:

- 1) Annual active material cost;
- 2) Total annual cost of the motor (Annual material cost, annual power loss cost and annual energy loss cost).

The expression of the objective function, in terms of the motor design variables are as follows:

2.2.1 Annual Active Material Cost

Annual iron material cost,

$$C_i = \alpha c_i (M_{isc} + M_{ist} + M_{irc} + M_{irtt} + M_{irtb}) \quad (2)$$

where,

$$M_{isc} = 0.88\pi \times W_i K_i L x_7 (x_1 + 2x_5 + x_7)$$

$$M_{ist} = 0.88\pi \times W_i K_i L x_5 (\pi (x_1 + x_5) - N_s x_6)$$

$$M_{irc} = 0.88\pi \times W_i K_i L d_{rc} (D_r - 2x_8 - d_{rc})$$

$$M_{irtt} = 0.88W_i K_i L d_{rs} (\pi (D_r - d_{rs}) - N_r x_9)$$

$$M_{irtb} = 0.88W_i K_i L (x_9 - d_{rs}) (\pi (D_r - x_8 - d_{rs}) - N_r x_9)$$

Annual copper material cost,

$$C_c = \alpha c_c (M_{sc} + M_b + M_{er}) \quad (3)$$

where,

$$M_{sc} = W_c K_{ss} x_5 x_6 N_s \left[0.0635 + 0.472 \left(\frac{x_1}{p} \right) + L \right]$$

$$M_b = 1.02W_c K_{sr} L x_9 N_r (x_8 - d_{rs})$$

$$M_{er} = 1.9W_c K_{sr} x_1 x_9 N_r \frac{(x_8 - d_{rs})}{K_j p}$$

Annual active material cost is given by

$$C_m = C_i + C_c \quad (4)$$

2.2.2 Annual Active Power Loss Cost

Annual iron loss cost,

$$C_{ip} = \alpha c_p (P_{isc} + P_{ist}) \quad (5)$$

where,

$$P_{isc} = P_{isc} M_{isc}$$

$$P_{ist} = P_{ist} M_{ist}$$

where, p_{isc} and p_{ist} are the specific iron loss corresponding to B_{sc} and B_{st} respectively. B_{sc} and B_{st} are given as follows

$$B_{sc} = \frac{\pi x_1 x_2}{1.76 K_i x_7 p}$$

$$B_{st} = \frac{1.5 x_1 x_2}{0.88 K_i \left[x_1 + \frac{2x_5}{3} - \frac{N_s x_6}{\pi} \right]}$$

Annual copper loss cost,

$$C_{cp} = \alpha c_p (P_{sc} + P_b + P_{er}) \quad (6)$$

where,

$$P_{sc} = \frac{x_3^2 \rho_s M_{sc}}{W_c}$$

$$P_b = \frac{\delta_r^2 \rho_r M_b}{W_c}$$

$$P_{er} = \frac{(\delta_r K_j)^2 \rho_r K_{er} M_{er}}{W_c}$$

Annual friction and windage loss cost,

$$C_{fp} = \alpha c_p P_f \quad (7)$$

where,

$$P_f = 661x_l^3 L \left(\frac{f}{p} \right)^2$$

The stray loss is assumed to reduce the efficiency by 0.5%, so that:

$$C_{sp} = \alpha c_p P_s \quad (8)$$

where,

$$P_s = \frac{0.005 \times W}{\eta}$$

The total annual active power loss cost is thus:

$$C_p = C_{ip} + C_{cp} + C_{fp} + C_{sp} \quad (9)$$

2.2.3 Annual Energy Loss Cost

$$C_e = \frac{c_e T C_p}{\alpha c_p} \quad (10)$$

The first objective function is given by:

$$F(X) = C_m \quad (11)$$

The second objective function is given by:

$$F(X) = C_m + C_p + C_e \quad (12)$$

2.3 Constraints

The following constraints (g_1, \dots, g_6) are imposed on the design optimization problem:

- 1) Maximum to full-load torque ratio (g_1);
- 2) Starting to full-load torque ratio (g_2);
- 3) Starting to full-load current ratio (g_3);
- 4) Full-load efficiency (g_4);
- 5) Full-load power factor (g_5);
- 6) Maximum temperature rise (g_6);

The expression of the constraint functions is as follows:

2.3.1 Maximum to Full-Load Torque Ratio

$$g_1 = \frac{S_n \left[\left(R_{th} + \frac{R_2}{S_n} \right)^2 + (X_{th} + X_2)^2 \right]}{2R_2 \left[R_{th} + \sqrt{R_{th}^2 + (X_{th} + X_2)^2} \right]} \quad (13)$$

2.3.2 Starting to Full-Load Torque Ratio

$$g_2 = \frac{S_n \left[\left(R_{th} + \frac{R_2}{S_n} \right)^2 + (X_{th} + X_2)^2 \right]}{\left(R_{th} + R_2 \right)^2 + (X_{th} + X_2)^2} \quad (14)$$

2.3.3 Starting to Full-Load Current Ratio

$$g_3 = \sqrt{\frac{g_2}{S_n}} \quad (15)$$

2.3.4 Full Load Power Factor

$$g_4 = \cos \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{X_{th} + X_2}{R_{th} + \frac{R_2}{S_n}} \right) \right] \quad (16)$$

2.3.5 Full Load Efficiency

$$g_5 = \frac{W}{W + P_t} \quad (17)$$

where, $P_t = P_{isc} + P_{ist} + P_{sc} + P_b + P_{er} + P_f$

2.3.6 Maximum Temperature Rise

$$g_6 = \frac{P_{is} + \frac{LP_{sc}}{L_o}}{\frac{\pi D_o L}{C_{sco}} + \frac{\pi x_1 L}{C_{sci}} + \frac{\pi (D_o - x_1)(2 + n_v)}{4C_{scv}}} \quad (18)$$

$$\text{where, } V_{th} = \frac{V_{ph} X_m}{X_1 + X_m}, \quad R_{th} = \frac{R_1 X_m}{X_1 + X_m}, \quad X_{th} = \frac{X_1 X_m}{X_1 + X_m}$$

The equivalent circuit parameters R_1 , R_2 , X_1 , X_2 and X_m can be found in terms of the design variables [16,17].

3. Overview of PSO

PSO is one of the modern heuristic algorithms developed by Kennedy and Eberhart. It is a multi-agent search technique that traces its evolution to the emergent motion of a flock of birds searching for food. It uses a number of particles that constitute a swarm. Each particle traverses the search space looking for the global minimum (or maximum). In a PSO system, particles fly around in a multidimensional search space. During flight, each particle adjusts its position according to its own experience, and the experience of neighboring particles, making use of the best position encountered by itself and its neighbors. The swarm direction of a particle is defined by the set of particles neighboring the particle and its history experience. Compared to other evolutionary techniques, the advantages of PSO are as follows:

- 1) PSO is easy to implement, and only few parameters have to be adjusted;
- 2) Unlike the GA, PSO has no evolution operators such as crossover and mutation;
- 3) In GAs, chromosomes share information so that the whole population moves like one group, but in PSO, only global best particle (gbest) gives out information to the others. It is more robust than GAs;
- 4) PSO can be more efficient than GAs; that is, PSO often finds the solution with fewer objective function evaluations than that required by GAs;
- 5) Unlike GAs and other heuristic algorithms, PSO has the flexibility to control the balance between global and

local exploration of the search space.

Let X and V denote the particle's position and its corresponding velocity in search space respectively. At iteration K , each particle i has its position defined by $X_{i,n}^K = [X_{i,1}, X_{i,2}, \dots, X_{i,N}]$ and a velocity is defined as $V_i^K = [V_{i,1}, V_{i,2}, \dots, V_{i,N}]$ in search space N . Velocity and position of each particle in the next iteration can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned} V_{i,n}^{k+1} &= W \times V_{i,n}^k + C_1 \times \text{rand}_1 \times (p\text{best}_{i,n} - X_{i,n}^k) \\ &\quad + C_2 \times \text{rand}_2 (g\text{best}_n - X_{i,n}^k) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, m$

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 1, 2, \dots, N \\ X_{i,n}^{k+1} &= X_{i,n}^k + V_{i,n}^{k+1} \text{ if } X_{\min,i,n} \leq X_{i,n}^{k+1} \leq X_{\max,i,n} \\ &= X_{\min,i,n} \text{ if } X_{i,n}^{k+1} < X_{\min,i,n} \\ &= X_{\max,i,n} \text{ if } X_{i,n}^{k+1} > X_{\max,i,n} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where, m number of particles in the swarm;

N number of dimensions in a particle;

K pointer of iterations (generations);

$V_{i,n}^k$ velocity of particle i at iteration k ;

W weighting factor;

C_j acceleration factor;

rand_j random number between 0 and 1;

$X_{i,n}^k$ current position of particle i at iteration k ;

$p\text{best}_I$ personal best of particle I ;

$g\text{best}$ global best of the group.

In the above procedures, the convergence speed of each particle could be influenced by the parameters of acceleration factors C_1 and C_2 . The optimization process will modify the position slowly, if the value of C_j is chosen to be very low. On the other hand, the optimization process can become unstable, if the value of C_j is chosen to be very high. The first term of Formula (2) the initial velocity of particle which reflects the memory behavior of particle; the second term "cognition part" which represents the private thinking of the particle itself; the third part is the "social" part which shows the particles behavior stem from the experience of other particles in the population.

Suitable selection of weighting factor W provides a balance between global and the local explorations. In general, the weightng function is set to the following equation:

$$W = W_{\max} - (W_{\max} - W_{\min}) \times \text{Iter}/\text{Iter}_{\max} \quad (21)$$

where W_{\max} and W_{\min} are initial and final weight respectively. Iter_{\max} is maximum number of generations and Iter is current number of generations.

4. Constraints Handling Strategy

Induction motor design problem is associated with inequality constraints. In this paper, a penalty-parameter-less penalty approach is used for constraints handling. The fitness function is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} J(X) &= F(X) \text{ if } X \text{ is feasible} \\ &= F_{\max} + CV(X) \text{ otherwise} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

where, F_{\max} is the objective function of the worst feasible solution in the population. $CV(X)$ is the overall constraint violation of solution X . It is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} CV(X) &= \max(0, g_1(s) - g_1(c)) + \max(0, g_2(s) - g_2(c)) \\ &\quad + \max(0, g_3(c) - g_3(s)) + \max(0, g_4(s) - g_4(c)) \\ &\quad + \max(0, g_5(s) - g_5(c)) + \max(0, g_6(c) - g_6(s)) \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

where c and s denote the computed and specified constraint values respectively.

In this method, the objective function value is not computed for any infeasible solution. Since all feasible solution has zero constraint violation and all infeasible solutions are evaluated according to their constraint violation only, both objective function and constraint violation are not combined in any solution in the population. Thus, there is need to have any penalty parameters for this approach.

5. Design Procedure of Induction Motor Using PSO

In this design, the PSO is used to find a set of design variables which ensure that the function $F(X)$ has a minimum value and all the constraints are satisfied. The penalty-parameter-less approach is used to optimize the design. Hence the optimal design problem reduces to obtaining the design variables which correspond to the minimum value of an unconstrained function $J(X)$.

The procedure for optimal design of induction motor is as follows:

- 1) Read specifications and performance indices of the motor;
- 2) Initialize PSO parameters such as W_{\max} , W_{\min} , C_1 , C_2 and Iter_{\max} ;
- 3) Generate initial population of N particles (design variables) with random positions and velocities;
- 4) Compute objective value and performance indices of the motor;
- 5) *Calculate fitness*: Evaluate the fitness value of current particle using Equation (22);
- 6) *Update personal best*: Compare the fitness value of each particle with its pbests. If the current value is better than pbest, then set pbest value to the current value;
- 7) *Update global best*: Compare the fitness value of each

particle with g_{best} . If the current value is better than g_{best} , set g_{best} to the current particle's value;

8) *Update velocities*: Calculate velocities V^{k+1} using Equation (19);

9) *Update positions*: Calculate positions X^{k+1} using Equation (20);

10) Return to step (4) until the current iteration reaches the maximum iteration number;

11) Output the optimal design variables and their corresponding annual costs of the motor in the last iteration.

6. Results and Discussions

To illustrate the performance of the proposed method, two sample motors (5 HP and 10 HP motors) are tested. The specifications of the sample motors are given in Appendix B. The results of the proposed method are also compared

with the GA and the conventional design methods. The value of design constants is given in Appendix C. The parameters of PSO used were the following: Population size = 20; initial inertia weight $w_{max} = 0.9$; final inertia weight $w_{min} = 0.1$; acceleration factor $C_1 = C_2 = 1.5$ and maximum iteration $Iter_{max} = 50$.

Two different designs (objectives) are considered as follows:

Design 1: The annual material cost is used as objective.

Design 2: the total annual cost of the motor is used as objective.

The results obtained from PSO, GA and conventional based design methods are given in **Tables 1** and **3** respectively for motors 1 and 2. From these results, the following important points can be noted.

Table 1. Optimum design results of motor 1 for different methods

Variables/ indices/cost	Conventional method	Design 1		Design 2	
		GA	PSO	GA	PSO
Independent variables					
Stator bore diameter (mm)	150	145	145.7	138	137
Average air gap flux density (Wb/m ²)	0.46	0.476	0.456	0.427	0.435
Stator current density (A/mm ²)	4	4.2	4.02	3.54	3.65
Air gap length (mm)	0.43	0.41	0.39	0.35	0.33
Stator slot depth (mm)	24.15	22.8	22.74	28	27.8
Stator slot width (mm)	6.92	7.2	7.15	7.6	7.8
Stator core depth (mm)	24.94	26.6	26.4	29.5	29.7
Rotor slot depth (mm)	10	10	12	13.6	11
Rotor slot width (mm)	5	4.6	5	6	6
Dependent Variables					
Gross iron length (mm)	89	92.6	95.8	11.4	112.7
Rotor current density (A/mm ²)	7.74	7.6	7.4	6.1	6.4
Performance index					
Maximum to full-load torque ratio	2.21	2.57	2.7	3.3	2.6
Starting to full-load torque ratio	1.27	1.6	1.37	1.23	1.15
Starting to full-load current ratio	4.15	4.92	4.68	4.1	4.2
Full-load efficiency	81.57	82.32	83.47	86.15	85.77
Full-load power factor	0.86	0.82	0.84	0.88	0.89
Maximum temperature rise	52	50.68	49.68	46.6	46.7
Annual Cost					
Material cost (Rs)	487.1	460.42	499.43	564.19	517.02
Power loss cost (Rs)	981.02	912.56	890.01	847.28	844.56
Energy loss cost (Rs)	5115.24	4758.3	4640.8	4418	4403.79
Total cost (Rs)	6583.36	6131.28	6030.2	5829.5	5765.37

The optimum value of the annual material cost is observed to be higher one for the Design 2 as compared to the Design 1. The total annual cost is found to decrease marginally in Design 2. The air gap density and stator current density values are decreased in Design 2. These design variables are inversely proportional to the efficiency of motor. Thus the efficiency of the Design 2 is improved. But the maximum torque and the starting torque are affected. However, their values remain within the limits.

The convergence characteristics of GA and PSO methods for the sample motors are shown in **Figures 1** and **2**. From Figures, it is seen that the PSO converges quickly and explore higher quality solution than the GA.

To test the robustness of GA and PSO, 20 independent trials are carried out. The obtained results by each method are given in **Tables 2** and **4**. From tables, it is clear that the minimum, average and standard deviations of costs obtained by PSO are better than GA.

Table 2. Comparison of different methods for motor 1 (20-trials)

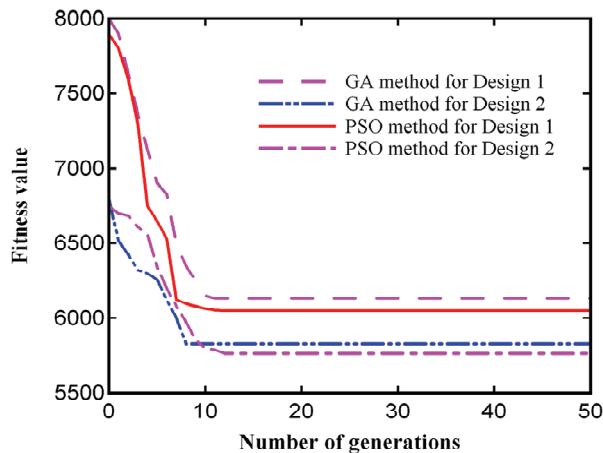
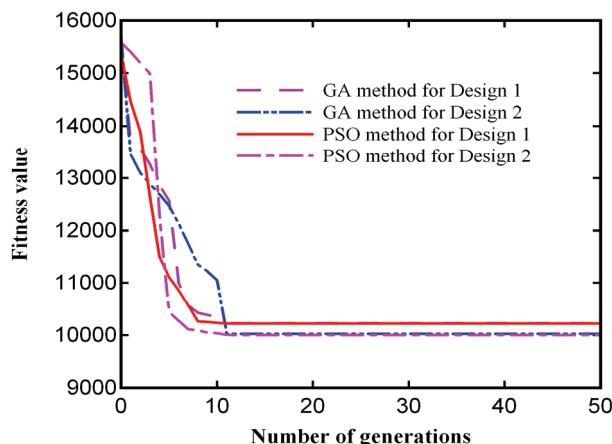
Compared item	Design 1		Design 2	
	GA	PSO	GA	PSO
Maximum cost (Rs)	6423.63	6217.36	6116.2	5940.29
Minimum cost (Rs)	6131.28	6030.2	5829.5	5765.37
Mean cost (Rs)	6293.2	6134.8	5949.8	5803.1
Standard deviation of cost (Rs)	81.2	61.61	86.8	65.45

Table 3. Optimum design results of motor 2 for different methods

Variables/ indices/cost	Conventional method	Design 1		Design 2	
		GA	PSO	GA	PSO
Independent variables					
Stator bore diameter (mm)	165	163	164	139	136
Average air gap flux density (Wb/m ²)	0.45	0.465	0.466	0.445	0.45
Stator current density (A/mm ²)	4	4.04	4.17	3.9	4.02
Air gap length (mm)	0.35	0.388	0.38	0.33	0.37
Stator slot depth (mm)	25	26.84	26.9	27.88	27.3
Stator slot width (mm)	7	7.5	7.4	6.5	6.6
Stator core depth (mm)	26	27.5	26.7	27.89	22
Rotor slot depth (mm)	13	13	10	14	12.8
Rotor slot width (mm)	4	3.8	5	5	6.8
Dependent Variables					
Gross iron length (mm)	133.2	122	130.2	189.8	186.6
Rotor current density (A/mm ²)	5.13	6.07	6.36	4.6	4.84
Performance index					
Maximum to full-load torque ratio	2.5	2.8	2.73	3.04	2.06
Starting to full-load torque ratio	0.975	1.25	1.28	1.01	1.02
Starting to full-load current ratio	3.6	4.8	4.92	4.6	4.7
Full-load efficiency	85.5	85.45	85.08	86.3	85.62
Full-load power factor	0.9	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.91
Maximum temperature rise	60	61.2	60.08	55.53	56
Annual Cost					
Material cost (Rs)	815.19	752.5	757.2	940.19	820.91
Power loss cost (Rs)	1533.55	1524.32	1523	1461.4	1476.7
Energy loss cost (Rs)	7996.47	7948.33	7940	7620.2	7700
Total cost (Rs)	10345.21	10225.1	10220	10022	9997.6

Table 4. Comparison of different methods for motor 2 (20-Trials)

Compared item	Design 1		Design 2	
	GA	PSO	GA	PSO
Maximum cost (Rs)	10499.46	10413.23	10299.65	10161.12
Minimum cost (Rs)	10225	10220	10022	9997.6
Mean cost (Rs)	10338	10319	10154	10060
Standard deviation of cost (Rs)	87.67	55.76	84.23	50.6

**Figure 1. Convergence characteristic of GA and PSO methods for motor 1****Figure 2. Convergence characteristic of GA and PSO methods for motor 2****Table 5. Comparison of average computation time (in seconds) of PSO and GA methods (20-Trials)**

Methods	Motor 1		Motor 2	
	Design 1	Design 2	Design 1	Design 2
GA	3.2	3.3	3.42	3.5
PSO	2.72	2.88	2.68	2.87

Computational efficiencies of GA and PSO methods are compared based on the average CPU times taken by each algorithm are given in **Table 5**. From table, it is evident that the average convergence time for PSO is minimum.

7. Conclusions

The PSO based design optimization of induction motors is presented in this paper. Two different objective functions such as annual material cost and total annual cost of the motor are considered. The method has been applied in two sample motors and the results are compared with the GA and the conventional design methods. The results show that the PSO method is simple, robust and reliable for the design optimization of induction motors.

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Appendix A: List of Symbols

C_i	annual iron material cost (Rs)	D_i	rotor inner diameter (m)
C_{ip}	annual iron loss cost (Rs)	D_o	stator outer diameter (m)
C_{cp}	annual copper loss cost (Rs)	D_r	rotor diameter (m)
C_{fp}	annual friction and windage losses cost (Rs)	L	gross iron length (m)
C_{sp}	annual stray loss cost (Rs)	L_i	active iron length (m)
C_c	annual copper material cost (Rs)	L_o	Length of the conductor overhang (m)
C_p	annual active power loss cost (Rs)	R_1, R_2	resistances of stator and rotor (Ω)
C_e	annual energy loss cost (Rs)	X_1, X_2, X_m	stator, rotor and magnetizing reactances (Ω)
C_m	annual active material cost (Rs)	V_{th}, R_{th}, X_{th}	Thevenin's equivalent voltage, resistance and reactance
M_{isc}, M_{ist}	core and tooth iron masses in stator (Kg)	S_{fl}	full-load slip
$M_{irc}, M_{irtb}, M_{irtt}$	core, tooth bodies and tooth tips iron masses in rotor (Kg)	S_{max}	Slip at which maximum torque occurs
M_b, M_{er}, M_{sc}	bars, end rings and stator conductor copper masses (Kg)	$C_{sco}, C_{sci}, C_{scv}$	cooling coefficients for stator core outer, inner and ventilating ducts
p_{isc}, p_{ist}	specific iron loss of stator core and tooth (W/Kg)	M	number of particles in the swarm
P_{isc}, P_{ise}	core and teeth iron power loss in stator (W)	N	number of dimensions in a particle
P_b, P_{er}, P_{sc}	bars, end rings and stator conductors copper power losses (W)	K	pointer of iterations (generations)
P_f, P_s	friction and stray power losses (W)	$V_{i,n}^k$	velocity of particle i at iteration k
K_{sr}, K_{ss}	rotor and stator slot copper insulating factors	W	weighting factor
δ_r	rotor current densities (A/mm^2)	C_j	acceleration factor
P	number of poles	$rand_j$	random number between 0 and 1
T	motor running time per year (hr)	$X_{i,n}^k$	current position of particle i at iteration k
A	annual rate of interest and depreciation	$pbest_i$	personal best of particle i
η_{fl}	full-load efficiency	$gbest$	global best of the group
W	rated power (W)	W_{max}	final weight
K_{er}	end ring non-uniformity current distribution factor	W_{min}	initial weight
W_c, W_i	copper and iron specific masses (Kg/m^3)	Iter	current iteration number
ρ_s, ρ_r	stator and rotor copper resistivities ($\Omega.m$)	$Iter_{max}$	maximum iteration number
B_{sc}, B_{st}	Flux density of stator core and teeth (Tesla)		
K_i	iron insulation factor		
K_j	end ring to bar current density ratio		
f	supply frequency (Hz)		
V_{ph}	Voltage per phase (V)		
N_r, N_s	rotor and stator number of slots		
c_c, c_i	specific copper and iron material costs (Rs/Kg)		
c_e	specific energy loss cost (Rs/Wh)		
c_p	specific power loss cost (Rs/W)		
d_{rc}	rotor core depth (m)		
d_{rs}	rotor slot opening depth (m)		
w_{rs}	rotor slot opening width (m)		

Appendix B: Specification of Test Motors

Sample Motor 1

Capacity	5 HP
Voltage	400V
Current	7.8A
Frequency	50 Hz
No. of Poles	4
Full load power factor	0.8
Full load efficiency	83%

Sample Motor 2

Capacity	10 HP
Voltage	415V
Current	13.68A
Frequency	50Hz
No. of Poles	4
Full load power factor	0.87

Full load efficiency 87%

Rs/Kg, $c_c = 250$ Rs/Kg, $c_e = 0.002$ Rs/Wh, $c_p = 7$ Rs/W,
 $\rho_r = 2.1 \times 10^{-8}$, $\rho_s = 2.51 \times 10^{-8}$, $K_i = 0.9$, $K_j = 1$; $T = 3650$ hr, $N_s = 36$, $N_r = 30$.

Appendix C: Assumed Design Constants

$\alpha = 0.2$, $W_i = 7600$ Kg/m³, $W_c = 8900$ Kg/m³, $c_i = 35$