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Space Vector Modulation for an Indirect Matrix Converter with Improved Input Power Factor

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Abstract: Pulse width modulation strategies have been developed for indirect matrix converters (IMCs) in order to improve their performance. In indirect matrix converters, the LC input filter is used to remove input current harmonics and electromagnetic interference problems. Unfortunately, due to the existence of the input filter, the input power factor is diminished, especially during operation at low voltage outputs. In this paper, a new space vector modulation (SVM) is proposed to compensate for the input power factor of the indirect matrix converter. Both computer simulation and experimental studies through hardware implementation were performed to verify the effectiveness of the proposed modulation strategy.

Keywords: indirect matrix converter (IMC); input filter; input power factor; matrix converter (MC); space vector modulation (SVM); power quality

1. Introduction

Matrix converters (MCs) provide a number of advantages, including sinusoidal input and output currents, regeneration capability, and compact size with good power-to-weight ratio. The development of MCs began in the early 1980s when Alensia and Venturini introduced the basic principles of operation [1]. Afterwards, the MCs were applied to the adjustable motor speed drive, for renewable energy applications, power supplies, and many others application [2,3].

MCs are classified into direct matrix converters (DMCs) and indirect matrix converters (IMCs) [4]. Both converters are able to generate input/output waveforms with the same performance and the same voltage transfer ratio capability. The IMC is now preferable to the DMC because it has many extra advantages over the DMC, such as easy implementation, more secure computation, the possibility power switch number reduction, and the possibility of constructing AC-AC converters with multiple three-phase outputs and multiphase output voltages [5–7].

The modulation strategies for IMC have recently been discussed, and many researchers have developed various methods for IMC modulation. In [8], space vector modulation (SVM) methods were proposed for common mode voltage reduction. In order to reduce the harmonic level in the load side, a new modulation method based on the virtual DC-link voltage was applied [9]. However, the analysis of the input power factor of the IMC has not been presented in the literature.

Figure 1 shows the main circuit of the IMC. The IMC system consists of an input LC filter, a rectifier stage, and an inverter stage. In Figure 1, the LC input filter, which consists of three inductors and three capacitors, acts as an interface between the power supply and converter, so that it smoothens the input currents, and removes the electromagnetic interference (EMI) problems. However, it diminishes the power factor at the input power supply, and the input power factor cannot be unified anymore. Particularly, in the case of operation at low voltage output, the input power factor is greatly worsened.

It is well known that the poor input power factor induces negative effects on AC power source utilization, as well as increasing the magnitude of the electric current more than is necessary.

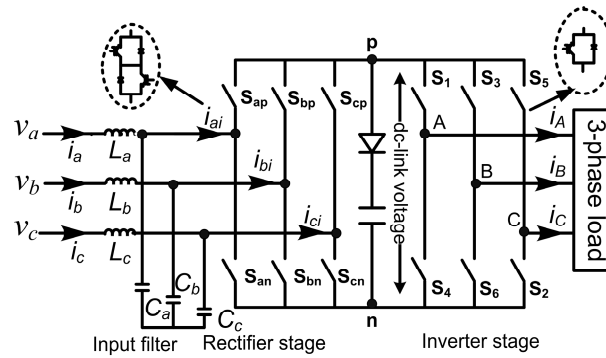


Figure 1. The indirect matrix converter (IMC) topology.

In case of the conventional space vector modulation method for the IMC, the input sectors and the duty cycles of the modulated switches in the rectifier stage are determined by the input phase voltage magnitude and its phase angle [5–9]. Although there is much work required to ensure good performance on the output voltage and input current by the IMC with the conventional SVM, papers investigating the input power factor problem are rare.

In this paper, we propose a new SVM method for the IMC, which can easily compensate for the input power factor without IMC performance degradation. The compensation algorithm is based on the calculation of the optimal compensation angle, which depends on input filter parameters and the demanded output load.

This paper is organized as follows: The IMC operation and the conventional SVM method are presented in Section 2. The effects of the input filter in the input side and the proposed SVM method are described in Section 3. The simulation and experimental results are provided in Sections 4 and 5, respectively. Some conclusions are given in the last section.

2. Operational Principles of IMC and Conventional SVM Method

2.1. Operational Principles of IMC

The power circuit of the IMC feeding a three-phase inductive load is shown in Figure 1. The voltages and currents at the power supply side are denoted by (v_a, v_b, v_c) and (i_a, i_b, i_c) , respectively, while those of the load side are denoted by (v_A, v_B, v_C) and (i_A, i_B, i_C) . The IMC consists of two stages, i.e., rectifier stage and inverter stage, as shown in Figure 1. The purpose of the rectifier stage is to generate a sinusoidal input current, as well as the positive DC-link voltage. The rectifier stage successively connects the positive input voltage to the positive pole (p), and the negative voltage to the negative pole (n) of DC-link bus. Based on DC-link voltage, which is determined by segment of two positive line-to-line input voltages, the inverter stage is modulated to generate the three-phase output voltage with the desired magnitude and variable frequency.

2.2. Conventional SVM Method

In the conventional SVM approach for the IMC, the operation of the rectifier stage depends only on the phase angle and instantaneous value of the input voltage. The balanced three-phase input voltage is given in Equation (1).

$$\begin{aligned} v_a &= V_{in} \cos(\omega_{in} t) \\ v_b &= V_{in} \cos(\omega_{in} t - 2\pi/3) \\ v_c &= V_{in} \cos(\omega_{in} t - 4\pi/3) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where V_{in} is the input voltage magnitude and ω_{in} is the input angular frequency.

From the input voltage, the input sectors are defined as shown in Figure 2. The six input sectors shown in Figure 2 can be classified into two cases: In the first case, one input voltage is positive and two input voltages are negative (sectors 1, 3, 5). In the second case, two input voltages are positive and one input voltage is negative (sectors 2, 4, 6).

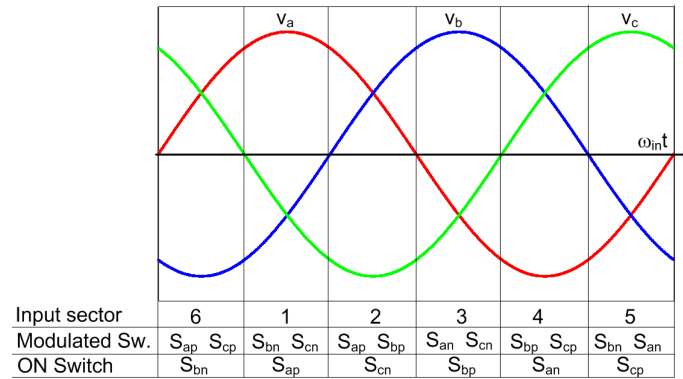


Figure 2. The definition of input sectors.

To explain easily how to find the duty cycle of all switches in the rectifier stage, for example, we assume that the rectifier stage operates in sector 1 without missing the generality of the analysis. In this sector, the instantaneous supply voltage v_a is positive, while v_b and v_c are negative. Under this condition, the switch S_{ap} is always on while S_{bn} and S_{cn} are modulated. Based on the analysis in [5–9], the duty cycle of two switches S_{bn} and S_{cn} are given as:

$$d_{ab} = -\frac{v_b}{v_a} \quad (2)$$

$$d_{ac} = -\frac{v_c}{v_a} \quad (3)$$

During one sampling period, the DC-link voltage is modulated with two line-to-line input voltages; while S_{bn} is turned on, the DC-link voltage equals to v_{ab} , and while S_{cn} is turned on, the DC-link voltage equals to v_{ac} .

The average DC-link voltage is obtained as follows:

$$V_{dc} = d_{ab}(v_a - v_b) + d_{ac}(v_a - v_c) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{V_{in}^2}{v_a} \quad (4)$$

From Equation (4), the minimum value of the average DC-link voltage is

$$V_{dc(\min)} = \frac{3}{2} V_{in} \quad (5)$$

We can find the switching states, the corresponding DC-link voltage, and its average value for any other input sector, by utilizing the same approach, and the results are summarized in Table 1. Once the switching state of the rectifier stage is determined, the traditional space vector pulsewidth modulation (SVPWM) can be applied to control the inverter stage. For calculating the duty cycles of the active and zero vectors in the inverter stage, it is necessary to refer to the local average DC-link voltage value. The eight space vectors with the six active vectors ($V_1 \sim V_6$) and the two zero vectors (V_0, V_7) are used in the SVPWM method.

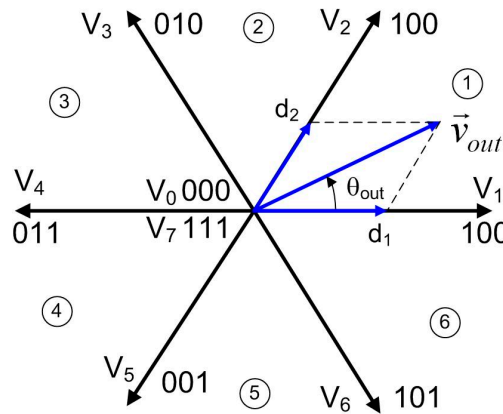
Table 1. The switching states and their DC-link voltages according to the input sector.

Input Sector	Conducting Switch	Modulated Switches	Dc-Link Voltage	Average Value (V_{dc})
1	S_{ap}	S_{bn}, S_{cn}	v_{ab}, v_{ac}	$3V_{in}^2/2v_a$
2	S_{cn}	S_{ap}, S_{bp}	v_{ac}, v_{bc}	$-3V_{in}^2/2v_c$
3	S_{bp}	S_{an}, S_{cn}	v_{ba}, v_{bc}	$3V_{in}^2/2v_b$
4	S_{an}	S_{bp}, S_{cp}	v_{ba}, v_{ca}	$-3V_{in}^2/2v_a$
5	S_{cp}	S_{bn}, S_{an}	v_{cb}, v_{ca}	$3V_{in}^2/2v_c$
6	S_{bn}	S_{ap}, S_{cp}	v_{ab}, v_{cb}	$-3V_{in}^2/2v_b$

For a reference output voltage vector, \vec{v}_{out} , with the magnitude, V_{out} , and the phase angle, θ_{out} , in sector 1 shown in Figure 3, the duty cycles of two active vectors V_1, V_2 and two zero vectors V_0, V_7 are given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_1 &= \sqrt{3} \frac{V_{out}}{V_{dc}} \sin(\pi/3 - \theta_{out}) \\
 d_2 &= \sqrt{3} \frac{V_{out}}{V_{dc}} \sin(\theta_{out}) \\
 d_0 &= d_7 = 0.5(1 - d_1 - d_2)
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where d_0, d_1, d_2 and d_7 are duty cycles of V_0, V_1, V_2 and V_7 , respectively.

**Figure 3.** The space vector diagram of inverter stage.

The voltage transfer ratio of the IMC, m , is defined as follows:

$$m = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \tag{7}$$

According to Equations (4)–(7), the voltage transfer ratio should be smaller than 0.866 in order to maintain all duty cycles positive.

To obtain the balanced input current and output voltage, the switching patterns for the rectifier and the inverter stage should be combined effectively. As mentioned before, the DC-link voltage has two values, v_{ab} and v_{ac} , during one sampling period with the duty cycles d_{ab} and d_{ac} , respectively. Therefore, the switching states at the inverter stage are divided into two groups, as shown in Figure 4. The duty cycles of two active and two zero vectors in each group are calculated as follows:

$$d_{1(ab)} = d_1 d_{ab}; d_{2(ab)} = d_2 d_{ab}; d_{0(ab)} = d_7 d_{ab} \tag{8}$$

$$d_{1(ac)} = d_1 d_{ac}; d_{2(ac)} = d_2 d_{ac}; d_{0(ac)} = d_7 d_{ac} \tag{9}$$

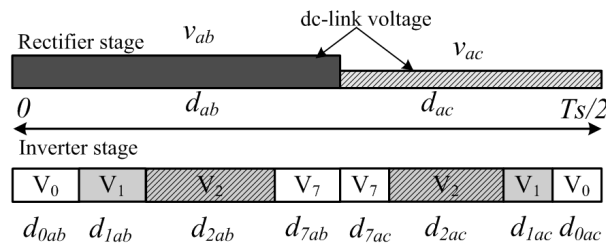


Figure 4. The switching pattern of IMC.

3. SVM to Compensate Input Power Factor

3.1. Input Filter Analysis

Figure 5 shows the equivalent circuit of the input filter per phase: v_a and i_a are the voltage and current of the power supply, v_{ai} and i_{ai} are the rectifier input voltage and current after the filter. The equivalent single-phase model in Figure 5 can be used to derive the displacement angle between the source line current i_a and the input voltage v_a [10].

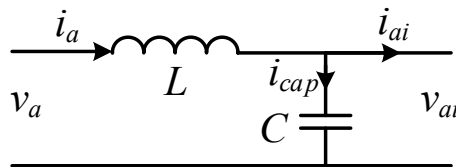


Figure 5. The equivalent circuit of the input filter for phase a.

From Figure 5, it follows:

$$\begin{aligned} v_a &= v_{ai} + L(di_a/dt) \\ i_a &= i_{ai} + i_{cap} \\ i_{cap} &= C(dv_{ai}/dt) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Therefore, the input current and voltage can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned} v_a &= V_{in}e^{j0} \\ i_a &= I_{in} - \omega_{in}^2 LC I_{in} - j\omega_{in} C V_{in} \\ &= \sqrt{[(1 - \omega_{in}^2 LC) I_{in}]^2 + (\omega_{in} C V_{in})^2} e^{-j\arctan[\omega_{in} C V_{in} / (1 - \omega_{in}^2 LC) I_{in}]} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Hence, the input filter causes the phase angle difference between the voltage and current of the power source, which is given as:

$$\delta = \arctan \left[\frac{\omega_{in} C V_{in}}{(1 - \omega_{in}^2 LC) I_{in}} \right] \quad (12)$$

where V_{in} , I_{in} are the input voltage and the current amplitude of the power supply, respectively. L and C are the inductance and capacitance of the input filter.

In this paper, we consider a new SVM method to compensate the displacement angle between the input current and the voltage in Equation (12).

3.2. The proposed SVM Method

For convenience, the input space vectors are defined as follows:

$$\vec{i}_{in} = \frac{2}{3} \left(i_a + i_b e^{j2\pi/3} + i_c e^{j4\pi/3} \right) = I_{in} e^{j\alpha_{in}} \quad (13)$$

$$\vec{v}_{in} = \frac{2}{3} \left(v_a + v_b e^{j2\pi/3} + v_c e^{j4\pi/3} \right) = V_{in} e^{j\beta_{in}} \quad (14)$$

where \vec{i}_{in} and \vec{v}_{in} are the input current and the input voltage space vectors, respectively.

Table 2 shows the entire possible switching states and the corresponding space vectors for input current. From Table 2, the input current space vectors are composed of six active current vectors with fixed directions and three zero vectors, where I_{dc} refers to the DC-link current. Figure 6 shows the space vector diagram of the rectifier stage. Each active current vector represents the switching condition between the input phase voltage and the DC-link bus.

Table 2. The input current space vectors according to the switching state.

Switching State						Input Current \vec{i}_{in}	
S_{ap}	S_{bp}	S_{cp}	S_{an}	S_{bn}	S_{cn}	I_{in}	α_{in}
1	0	0	0	1	0	$2/\sqrt{3}I_{dc}$	$-\pi/6$
1	0	0	0	0	1	$2/\sqrt{3}I_{dc}$	$\pi/6$
0	1	0	0	0	1	$2/\sqrt{3}I_{dc}$	$\pi/2$
0	1	0	1	0	0	$2/\sqrt{3}I_{dc}$	$5\pi/6$
0	0	1	1	0	0	$2/\sqrt{3}I_{dc}$	$7\pi/6$
0	0	1	0	1	0	$2/\sqrt{3}I_{dc}$	$3\pi/2$
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	x
0	1	0	0	1	0	0	x
0	0	1	0	0	1	0	x

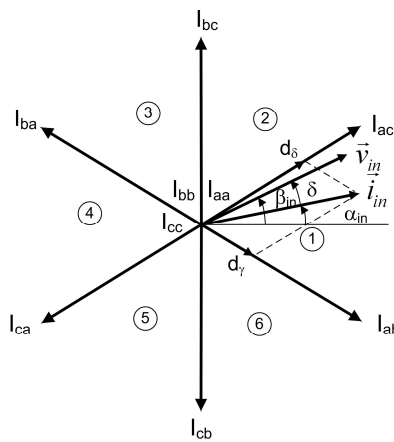


Figure 6. The space vector diagram of rectifier stage.

In order to compensate for the displacement angle caused by the input filter, the input current vector has to be lagged behind the input voltage vector with the angle δ as shown in Figure 6. If we assume that the input current space vector, I_{in} , is located in sector 1, I_{in} is synthesized by two neighbor active vectors I_{ab} and I_{ac} . The duty cycles d_δ and d_γ for two active vectors are given by:

$$d_\delta = m_{rec} \sin(\beta_{in} - \delta + \pi/6) \quad (15)$$

$$d_\gamma = m_{rec} \sin(\pi/6 - (\beta_{in} - \delta)) \quad (16)$$

where m_{rec} is the modulation index of the rectifier stage.

In the modulation of the rectifier stage, the zero current vectors are not used to obtain the maximum DC-link voltage.

Therefore, in order to complete the sampling period, the duty cycles of two adjacent active vectors are adjusted as follows:

$$d_{ac} = \frac{d_\delta}{d_\delta + d_\gamma} = \frac{\cos(\beta_{in} - 4\pi/3 - \delta)}{\cos(\beta_{in} - \delta)} \quad (17)$$

$$d_{ab} = \frac{d_\gamma}{d_\delta + d_\gamma} = \frac{\cos(\beta_{in} - 2\pi/3 - \delta)}{\cos(\beta_{in} - \delta)} \quad (18)$$

And, the average DC-link voltage becomes:

$$V_{dc} = d_{ab}(v_a - v_b) + d_{ac}(v_a - v_c) = \frac{3}{2} \frac{V_{in}}{\cos(\beta_{in} - \delta)} \cos \delta \quad (19)$$

The calculation of duty cycles for the active and zero vectors is similar to that of the conventional method, and they are given in Equation (20).

$$\begin{aligned} d_1 &= \sqrt{3} \frac{V_{out}}{V_{dc}} \sin(\pi/3 - \theta_{out}) \\ d_2 &= \sqrt{3} \frac{V_{out}}{V_{dc}} \sin(\theta_{out}) \\ d_0 &= d_7 = 0.5(1 - d_1 - d_2) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Similar to the conventional method, the voltage space vectors in the inverter stage are arranged in a double-side switching sequence $V_0-V_1-V_2-V_7-V_2-V_1-V_0$, but with unequal halves.

The duty cycles of the active and the zero vectors in the inverter stage are given in Equation (21) during which the first active current vector I_{ab} is applied to the rectifier stage.

$$\begin{aligned} d_{1(ab)} &= \sqrt{3} \frac{V_{out}}{V_{dc}} \sin(\pi/3 - \theta_{out}) \frac{\cos(\beta_{in} - 2\pi/3 - \delta)}{\cos(\beta_{in} - \delta)} \\ d_{2(ab)} &= \sqrt{3} \frac{V_{out}}{V_{dc}} \sin(\theta_{out}) \frac{\cos(\beta_{in} - 2\pi/3 - \delta)}{\cos(\beta_{in} - \delta)} \\ d_{0(ab)} &= d_{7(ab)} = \frac{1}{2} (d_{ab} - d_{1(ab)} - d_{2(ab)}) \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

In contrary, when the second active current vector I_{ac} is applied to the rectifier stage, the duty cycles are obtained as Equation (22).

$$\begin{aligned} d_{1(ac)} &= \sqrt{3} \frac{V_{out}}{V_{dc}} \sin(\pi/3 - \theta_{out}) \frac{\cos(\beta_{in} - 4\pi/3 - \delta)}{\cos(\beta_{in} - \delta)} \\ d_{2(ac)} &= \sqrt{3} \frac{V_{out}}{V_{dc}} \sin(\theta_{out}) \frac{\cos(\beta_{in} - 4\pi/3 - \delta)}{\cos(\beta_{in} - \delta)} \\ d_{0(ac)} &= d_{7(ac)} = \frac{1}{2} (d_{ac} - d_{1(ac)} - d_{2(ac)}) \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Figure 7 shows the block diagram of the proposed SVM method. First, after detecting the three-phase input voltages/currents using voltage/current sensors, the displacement angle δ is calculated based on Equation (12). Then, the duty cycles of the active vectors in the rectifier stage and average dc-link voltage are determined based on Equations (18) and (19). In the inverter stage, the duty cycles of active and zero vectors are calculated based on the desired output voltage, desired compensation angle δ_{com} , and the duty cycles of the rectifier stages. Finally, the gating signals are generated by using the switching pattern.

From Equation (1) and Figure 6, the line-to-line input voltages v_{ab} and v_{ac} are obtained as follows:

$$v_{ab} = \sqrt{3}V_{in} \cos(\beta_{in} + \pi/6) = \sqrt{3}V_{in} \cos(\alpha_{in} + \delta + \pi/6) \quad (23)$$

$$v_{ac} = \sqrt{3}V_{in} \cos(\beta_{in} - \pi/6) = \sqrt{3}V_{in} \cos(\alpha_{in} + \delta - \pi/6) \quad (24)$$

From Figure 6, the phase angle of input current vector, α_{in} , in sector 1 is given as:

$$-\frac{\pi}{6} \leq \alpha_{in} \leq \frac{\pi}{6} \quad (25)$$

From Equation (23)–(25), in order to keep v_{ab} and v_{ac} positive, the compensation angle should satisfy the Equation (26).

$$\delta_{com} \leq \frac{\pi}{6} \quad (26)$$

Therefore, the compensation angle is chosen as following:

$$\begin{cases} \delta_{com} = \delta & \text{if } \delta \leq \pi/6 \\ \delta_{com} = \pi/6 & \text{if } \delta > \pi/6 \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

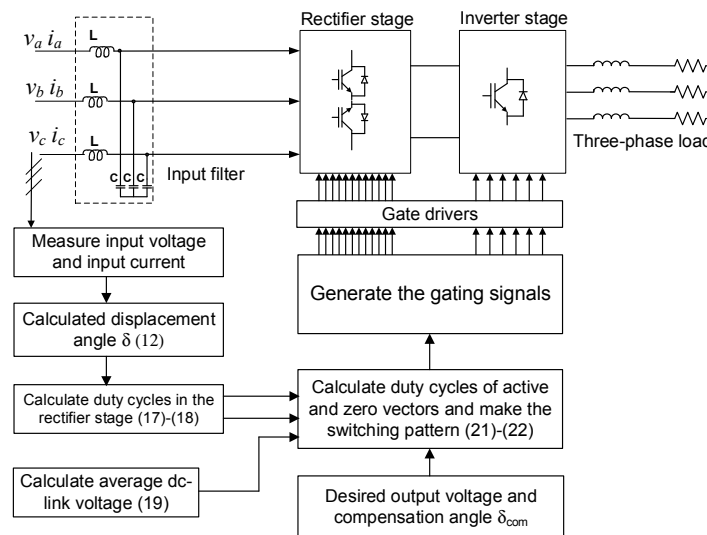


Figure 7. The block diagram of the proposed SVM method.

4. Simulation Results

In order to verify the performance and the effectiveness of the proposed method, simulations were carried out using Psim 9.0 software (Powersim Inc., Rockville, MD, USA) with three-phase RL load. The parameters of the IMC system were as follows:

- Three-phase load: $R = 12 \, \Omega$, $L = 10 \, \text{mH}$.
- Input filter inductance: $L = 1 \, \text{mH}$, input filter capacitance: $C = 25 \, \mu\text{F}$.
- Switching frequency: $10 \, \text{kHz}$ ($T_s = 100 \, \mu\text{s}$).
- Three-phase power supply voltage for the IMC set to $100 \, \text{V}$ (line-to-neutral voltage), frequency: $60 \, \text{Hz}$.

Figure 8a,b shows the input and the output side waveforms with using the conventional method when the output voltage transfer ratio, m is 0.6 , and the out frequency, f_{out} is $50 \, \text{Hz}$. In Figure 8a, the input current of the IMC (i_{ai}) contained many switching harmonics, and its fundamental component

was in phase with input voltage (v_a), while the input current (i_a) of the power supply led the input voltage by $\delta = \pi/9$. Therefore, the power factor (PF) in the input side was not at unity; the achievable power factor was 0.94.

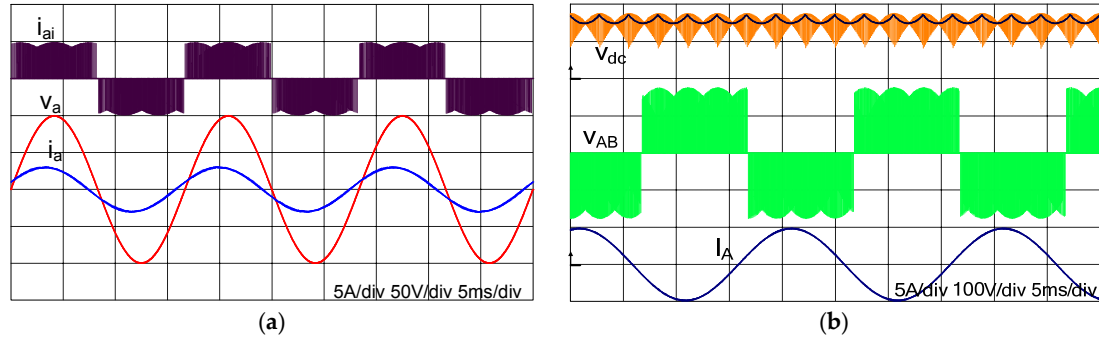


Figure 8. (a) Input waveforms; and (b) DC-link voltage and output waveforms with the conventional method at $m = 0.6$ and $f_{out} = 50$ Hz.

Figure 9a,b shows the input and the output side waveforms with the proposed modulation method under the same output voltage condition, with the conventional method in Figure 8. From Equation (27), the compensation angle was selected to be $\delta_{com} = \pi/9$. The input current of power supply was in phase with the input voltage, meaning that the input power factor became at unity, so that the input current magnitude became smaller under the same load condition. Contrarily, the input current of the IMC lagged behind the input voltage of power supply by $\pi/9$. Also, the output voltage/current waveforms in Figure 9b had good performance, like those in Figure 8b, although the DC-link waveform was different from that of the conventional method, due to the different modulation strategy.

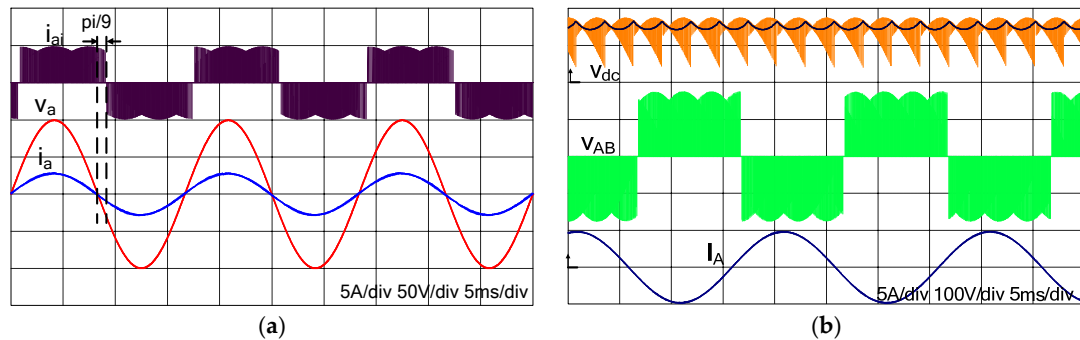


Figure 9. (a) Input waveforms; and (b) DC-link voltage and output waveforms with the proposed method at $m = 0.6$ and $f_{out} = 50$ Hz.

In order to investigate the performance of the low output voltage operation, the output voltage references were changed to $m = 0.35$ and $f_{out} = 50$ Hz. Figures 10 and 11 show the currents and voltages at the input and output side with the conventional and the proposed methods, respectively. As mentioned before, in Figure 10a, the displacement angle between the input and output current became larger at the low output voltage $\delta = \pi/4$; the input power factor was 0.71. When the proposed method was applied with the maximum compensating angle ($\delta_{com} = \pi/6$) from Figure 11, the input power factor improved to 0.91. Figure 11a shows that the IMC input current i_{ai} lagged behind the input voltage v_a with the desired compensated angle $\pi/6$. From Figure 11b, the proposed method provided the same output voltage performance as that in Figure 10b.

From the simulation, it was clear that the proposed method is effective in improving the input power factor without deteriorating the output performance in both cases of low and high output voltage transfer ratio.

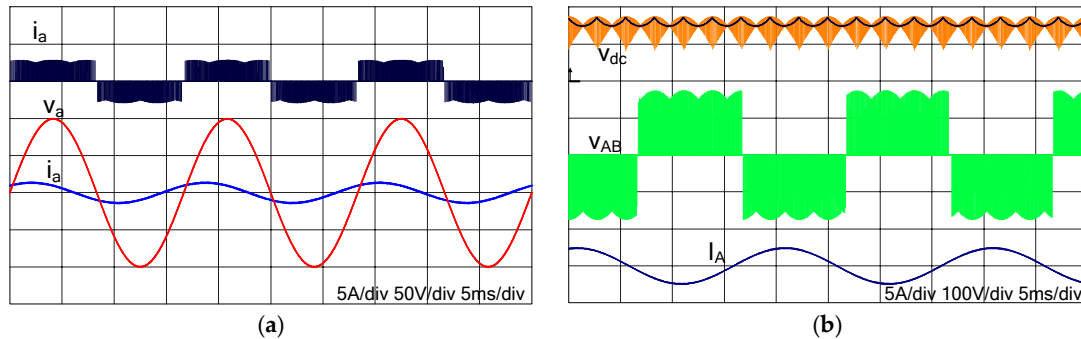


Figure 10. (a) Input waveforms; and (b) DC-link voltage and output waveforms with the conventional method at $m = 0.35$ and $f_{out} = 50$ Hz.

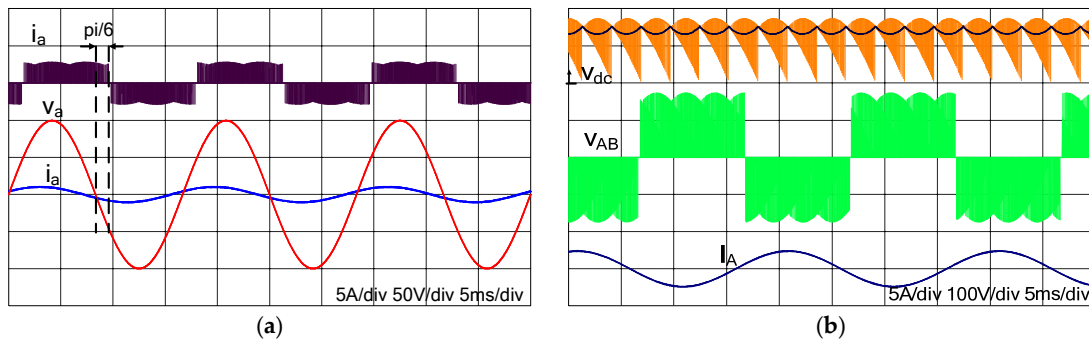


Figure 11. (a) Input waveforms; and (b) DC-link voltage and output waveforms with the proposed method at $m = 0.35$ and $f_{out} = 50$ Hz.

5. Experimental Results

In order to validate the effectiveness of the proposed SVM method, a laboratory prototype was set up experimentally. Figure 12 shows the experimental setup for the IMC topology. The controller board was developed with high performance DSP (TMS320F28335, Texas Instruments, Dallas, TX, USA) and CPLD (EPM128S, Altera, San Jose, CA, USA). The power circuit of the rectifier stage was constructed by six insulated-gate bipolar transistor (IGBT) modules (SK 60GM123, Semikron, Nürnberg, Germany) and the inverter stage was composed of three dual-IGBTs (FMG2G100US60, Fairchild Semiconductor, Sunnyvale, CA, USA).

Figures 13 and 14 show the input and the output waveforms with the conventional method and the proposed method, respectively, under the same load condition: $m = 0.6$ and $f_{out} = 50$ Hz. We saw that the input power factor improved from 0.91 to unity, with the compensation angle at $\pi/9$.

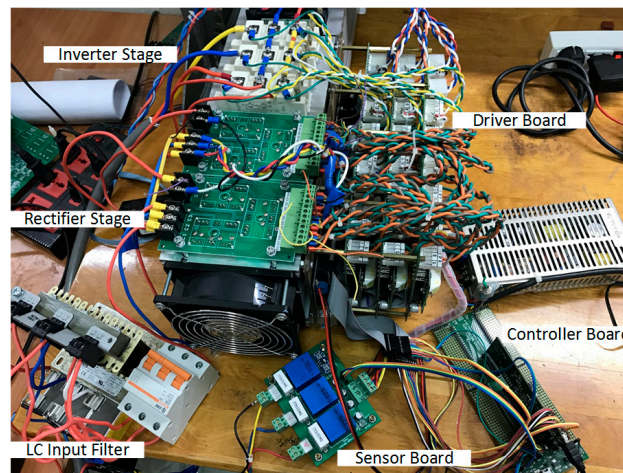


Figure 12. Experimental setup for the IMC topology.

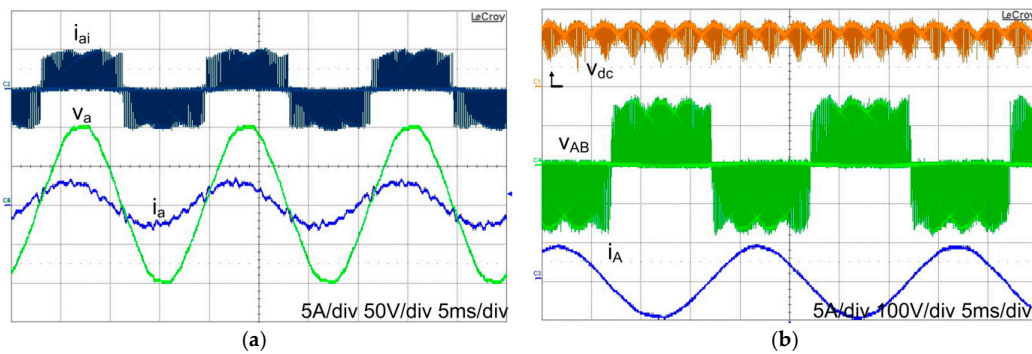


Figure 13. (a) Input waveforms; and (b) DC-link voltage and output waveforms with the conventional method at $m = 0.6$ and $f_{out} = 50$ Hz ($PF = 0.94$).

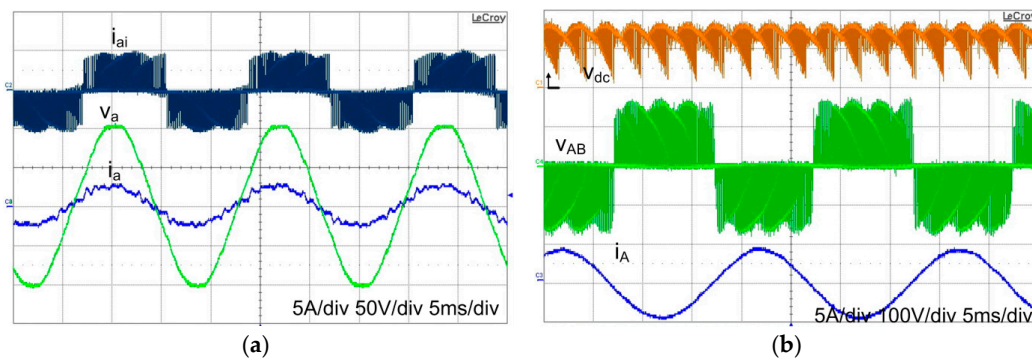


Figure 14. (a) Input waveforms; and (b) DC-link voltage and output waveforms with the proposed method at $m = 0.6$ and $f_{out} = 50$ Hz ($PF = 1.0$).

Figures 15 and 16 show the experimental performance of the low voltage operation at voltage transfer ratio $m = 0.35$ and output frequency $f_{out} = 50$ Hz, with the conventional method and the proposed method, respectively. In Figure 15a, the maximum compensation angle $\pi/6$ was applied, so that the power factor improved from 0.71, which was obtained from the conventional method in Figure 15a, to 0.91. Comparing Figure 15a with Figure 16a, the input current magnitude became smaller under the proposed method, due to the improved input power factor.

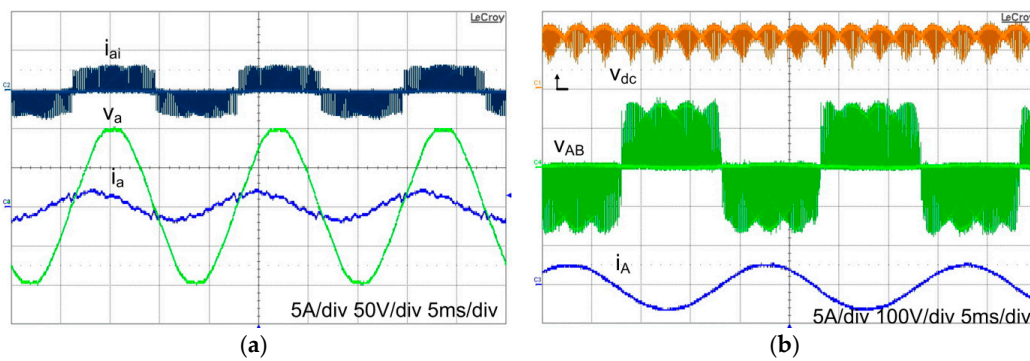


Figure 15. (a) Input waveforms; and (b) DC-link voltage and output waveforms with the conventional method at $m = 0.35$ and $f_{out} = 50$ Hz (PF = 0.71).

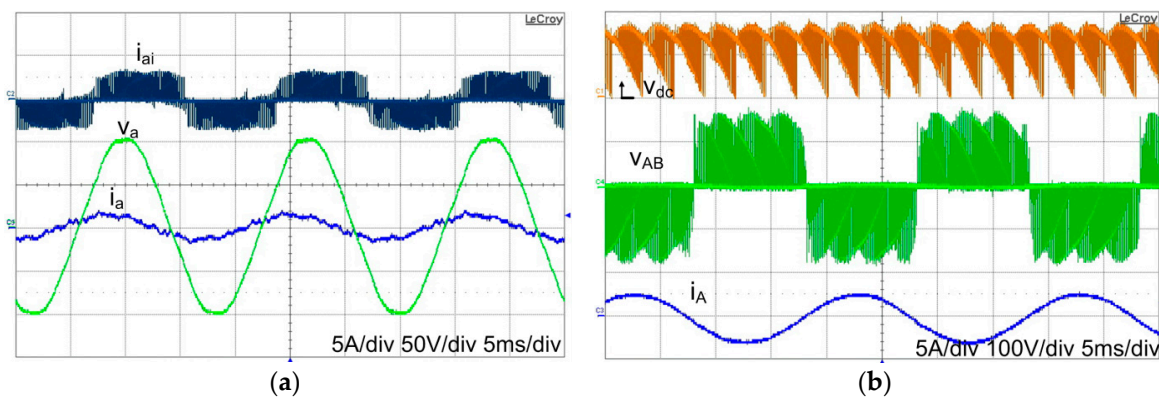


Figure 16. (a) Input waveforms; and (b) DC-link voltage and output waveforms with the proposed method at $m = 0.35$ and $f_{out} = 50$ Hz (PF = 0.91).

As a result, the experimental results matched the simulated results very well, and the effectiveness of the proposed method was also verified by experiment as well as simulation.

6. Conclusions

This paper presents a new SVM method for the IMC to compensate for the input power factor, which is implemented by using the input voltage and the input current. Analysis, design and implementation of the proposed SVM for the three-phase IMC with the improvement of the input power factor, were presented. And also, the allowable of compensating angle according to the displacement angle caused by LC input filter is analyzed. By using the proposed SVM method, the input power factor was compensated significantly regardless of the existence of the input filter, without any performance degradation on the input/output waveforms. The unity input power factor was obtained with the proposed SVM method. Thanks to the improved power factor, the magnitude of the input current became smaller compared to the conventional method. The performance of the proposed SVM was verified with both simulation and experiment.

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