

Eng. Research Bull.
Faculty of Eng. & Tech.
Menoufia University
Vol. VII Part 2, 1985.

pp. 59-71

ANALYSIS AND SYNTHESIS OF DIGITAL
CURRENT CONTROLLER OF D.C MOTOR FED
BY THYRISTOR CHOPPER

A. A. EL-HEFNAWY.

S. A. MAHMOUD

Team of Control of Electrical Machines (TECEM)
Elect. Eng. Dept., Faculty of Eng. Menoufia University
Shebin El-Kom, Egypt.

ABSTRACT:

The purpose of this article is to present the application of a new modelling method to determine the parameters of a digital proportional - integral controller for the current of a separately excited D.C. motor fed by d.c. chopper. Three modes of operation of chopper are considered, duty, commutation and freewheeling. A non-linear discrete model is obtained from which a linearised discrete model is deduced. The characteristic equation of the system is then determined. The expressions of controller parameters as a function of the required poles is given. To check the results a program of simulation is made to get the current response due to step change in current reference.

1. INTRODUCTION:

The systems including static converters are usually non-linear and sampled data but, often are approximated by linear continuous models [1]. In these models the non -

3. MODELLING PRINCIPLE [2]:

The operation of any static converter can be considered as repetitive cycles each of which may be divided into several intervals called modes. The equations of the system and its state variables differ from one mode to another. The problem is firstly how to determine recurrence equations representing the different modes which is valid over the whole mode. Secondly how to determine the joining relations e.g. which can provide a solution at the end of one mode and the beginning of the next mode. Then we can determine a recurrence equation for a basic cycle of the system.

Let us consider a mode K of period $T_K = (t_n, t'_n)$ and the state variable is X_K . The limit states are the initial $[X_K(t_n), t_n]$ and the final $[X_K(t'_n), t'_n]$. The differential equation of this mode is

$$F_K \frac{dx_K}{dt} + G_K X_K = V_K(t) \quad t \in (t_n, t'_n) \quad \dots (1)$$

and its state equation is:

$$\frac{dx_K}{dt} = A_K X_K + B_K(t) \quad \dots (2)$$

with

$$A_K = -F_K^{-1} G_K \quad \text{and} \quad B_K = F_K^{-1} V_K$$

The solution of equation (2) is given by :

$$X_K(t'_n) = e^{(t'_n - t_n)A_K} X_K(t_n) + \int_{t_n}^{t'_n} e^{(t'_n - t)A_K} B_K(t) dt \quad \dots (3)$$

multiplying both sides of equation (3) by $e^{-t'_n A_K}$ we get

$$\underline{E}_K (x_K (t'_n) , t'_n) = \underline{E}_K (x_K (t_n) , t_n) \dots (4)$$

with

$$\underline{E}_K (x_K , t) = e^{-t A_K} \underline{x}_K - \int_0^t e^{-\tau A_K} B_K (\tau) d\tau \dots (5)$$

The E function is invariant on the trajectory (x(t), t) its variation verifies

$$\delta \underline{E}_K (n) = \delta \underline{E}_K (n) \dots (6)$$

with

$$\delta \underline{E}_K = e^{-t A_K} [\delta x_K - Y_K \delta t] \dots (7)$$

where

$$\dot{y}_K (t)$$

4. THE SYSTEM EQUATIONS:

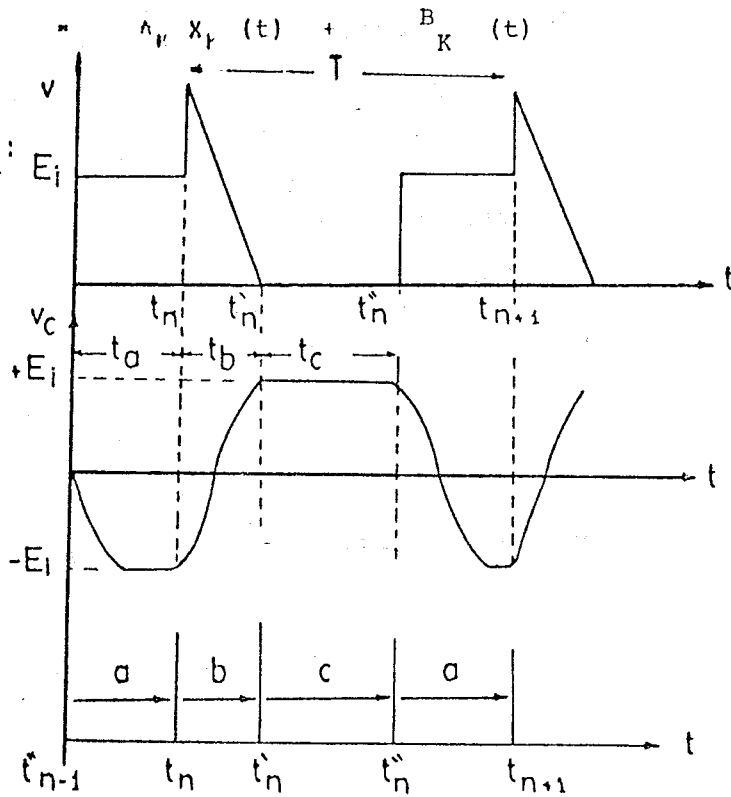


Figure (2): The wave forms of the armature and capacitor voltages.

Figure (2) shows the wave forms of the armature voltage and the voltage across the capacitor of the chopper. Also it shows the considered three modes, duty (a), comutation (b) and free-wheeling (c).

4.1. THE MOTOR AND CHOPPER EQUATIONS:

MODE A: (duty)

The normal conduction mode of duration $t_a = t_n - t_{n-1}$. We do not consider the oscillation of the voltage V_c which has no effect on the system. From figure (3) we can write.

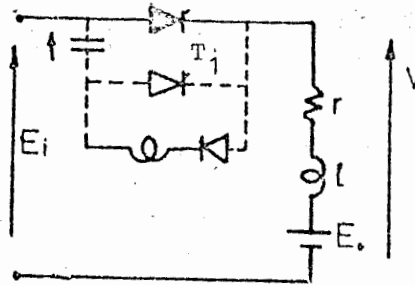
$$\ell \frac{di}{dt} + ri = (E_i - E_o) \dots (8)$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} = -\frac{r}{\ell} + \frac{(E_i - E_o)}{\ell} \dots (9)$$

The state variable $X_a = (i)$ and

$$A_a = \left(\frac{-r}{\ell} \right), \quad B_a = \frac{(E_i - E_o)}{\ell}$$

$$F_a = (\ell), \quad G_a = (r), \quad V_a = (E_i - E_o)$$



Figure(3):The equivalent circuit of chopper in mode a.

MODE B:

The commutation interval of duration $t_b = t'_n - t_n$. From Fig. (4) : The equations in this mode are:

$$\ell \frac{di}{dt} + ri + V_c = E_i - E_o$$

$$c \frac{dV_c}{dt} - i = 0$$

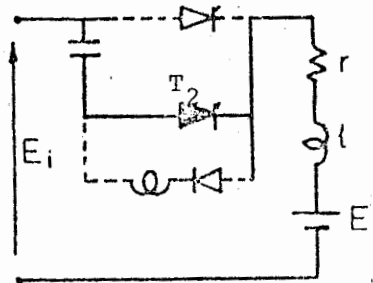


Figure (4): The equivalent circuit of chopper in mode b.

Or in matrix form,

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} di/dt \\ dv_c/dt \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} r & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i \\ v_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_i - E_o \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots (10)$$

Equation (10) can be written in state equation form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{di}{dt} \\ \frac{dv_c}{dt} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-r}{l} & \frac{-1}{l} \\ \frac{1}{c} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i \\ v_c \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{E_i - E_o}{l} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots (11)$$

The state vector is $X_b = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ v_c \end{bmatrix}$

$$A_b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-r}{l} & \frac{-1}{l} \\ \frac{1}{c} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{E_i - E_o}{l} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$F_b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} \quad G_b = \begin{bmatrix} r & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad V_b = \begin{bmatrix} E_i - E_o \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

THE MODE C:

The freewheeling interval of duration $t_c = t_n'' - t_n'$

From fig. (5) the equations are:

$$l \frac{di}{dt} + r i = -E_o \quad \dots (12)$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} = -\frac{r}{l} i - \frac{E_o}{l} \quad \dots (13)$$

with

$$X_c = (i)$$

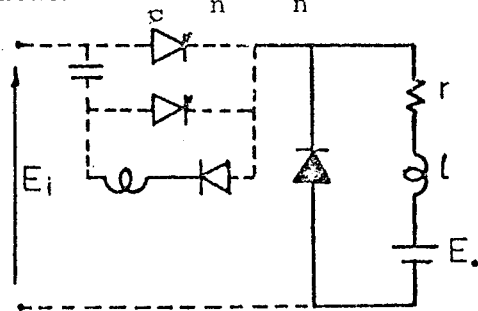


Figure (5): The equivalent circuit of chopper c.

linear effects are negligible and the band width is not too large. For the cases where these assumptions are not applicable, previous works [2] and [3], presented a systematic method to establish the rigorous non-linear model and the linearised model about a steady state operating point. Using this method, calculations have been carried out to determine the parameters of a digital current and speed controllers for d.c. motor fed by thyristor bridge [4], [5]. In this paper the problem is different we try to adapt the general method in [2] to the case where the motor is fed by thyristor chopper and not thyristor bridge. The model of the motor and chopper is deduced in the form of recurrence equations where the digital controller is expressed directly in recurrence form. A linearised model of the system is obtained by linearising the non-linear model around a steady state operating point. The characteristic equation of the system is then obtained, from which the controller parameters are calculated for the desired response. A complete program of simulation is developed to study the behaviour of the system, taking into consideration all the discontinuities which may occur in the system.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM:

The system is shown in Figure [1]. It consists of a separately excited d.c. motor fed by chopper. The firing pulses for the auxiliary and main thyristor are generated by digital impulse generator. The input to the impulse generator is the output of a digital P.I controller.

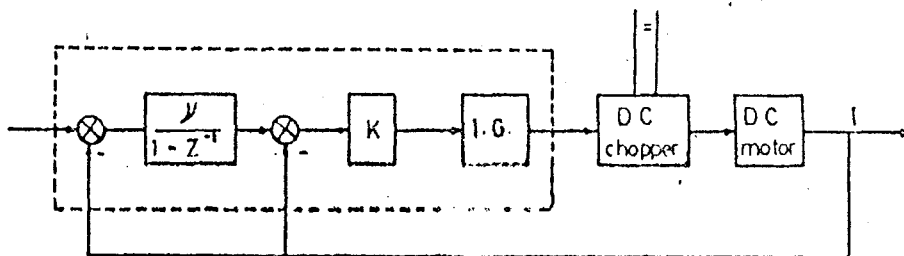


Figure (1): The block diagram of the system.

$$A_c = \begin{pmatrix} -r \\ \ell \end{pmatrix} \quad B_c = \begin{pmatrix} E_0 \\ \ell \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F_c = \begin{pmatrix} \ell \end{pmatrix} \quad G_c = \begin{pmatrix} r \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad V_c = (-E_0)$$

The three modes are separated by three events, two external events, the firing of the thyristors and an internal event, the turning on of the freewheeling diode (Figure 2).

The recurrence equations of d.c motor and the chopper are:

$$E_a (X_a'' , t_{n-1}'') = E_a (X_a , t_n) \quad \dots (14)$$

$$E_b (X_b , t_n) = E_b (X_b' , t_n') \quad \dots (15)$$

$$E_c (X_c' , t_n') = E_c (X_c'' , t_n'') \quad \dots (16)$$

4.2: THE CONTROLLER EQUATIONS:

From Figure (1) the controller equations can be written directly in the following discrete form.

$$u(t_n'') - u(t_{n-1}'') = v [\text{Ref} (I) - i(t_{n-1}'')] \quad \dots (17)$$

$$t_n'' = t_{n-1}'' + K [u(t_{n-1}'') - i(t_{n-1}'')] \quad \dots (18)$$

4.3. THE LINEARISED MODEL:

Equations (14 to 16) can be linearised around a steady state operating point defined by:

$$i (t_n'') = i (t_{n-1}'') = i_\infty$$

$$t_n'' = t_{n-1}'' = t_\infty$$

and may be written as follows:

$$R_b \longrightarrow \delta E_b (t_n) = \delta E_b (t_n') \quad \dots \dots (19)$$

$$R_c \longrightarrow \delta E_c (t_n') = \delta E_c (t_n'') \quad \dots \dots (20)$$

$$R_a \longrightarrow \delta E_a (t_{n-1}'') = \delta E_a (t_n) \quad \dots \dots (21)$$

The linearised model of the d.c motor and the chopper will be the equations (19) , (20) and (21). The joining relations R_{ca} , R_{ab} and R_{bc} necessary to describe the global point mapping:

$$\delta X''_{n-1} \xrightarrow{R} \delta X''_n$$

(i) R_{bc} (at the instant t'_n):

Assuming that the relation between the state vector at the end of mode b and the state vector at the beginning of mode c is:

$$\underline{X}_c = C_{cb} \underline{X}_b$$

$$\text{Or } \underline{X}_b = C_{bc} \underline{X}_c$$

we can write also

$$\underline{V}_c = D_{cb} \underline{V}_b$$

with

$$C_{cb}^T = D_{cb} = C_{bc}^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$F_c = D_{cb} F_b C_{bc}, \quad G_c = D_{cb} G_b C_{bc}$$

Using the above relations and the definitions of $\delta E_c(t'_n)$ and $\delta E_b(t'_n)$ from equation (7) the following joining relation R_{bc} can be written as:

$$F_c e^{t'_n A_c} \delta E_c(t'_n) = C_{cb} F_b e^{t'_n A_b} \delta E_b(t'_n) \dots (22)$$

(ii) R_{ab} (at the instant t_n):

The commutation mode begins at a fixed instant t_n (i.e. $\delta t_n = 0$), Then using equation (7) for modes (a) and (b) :

$$\delta E_a(t_n) = e^{-t_n A_a} \delta X_a(t_n) \dots \dots (23)$$

$$\delta E_b(t_n) = e^{-t_n A_b} \delta X_b(t_n) \dots \dots (24)$$

Now suppose that the state vector \underline{X}_b is related by the following equation with the state vector \underline{X}_a :

$$\underline{X}_b = H_{ba} \underline{X}_a + H_b E_1 \dots \dots \dots (25)$$

with

$$H_{ba} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The variation of equation (25) around the steady state point is:

$$\delta \underline{X}_b = H_{ba} \delta \underline{X}_a \dots \dots \dots (26)$$

from equation(23),(24) and(26) we can write the joining relation R_{ab}

$$\delta E_b(t_n) = e^{-t_n \Lambda_b} H_{ba} e^{t_n \Lambda_a} \delta E_a(t_n) \dots \dots (27)$$

(iii) R_{ca} at the instant $(t_n'' - 1)$:

The relations between state vectors $X_a(t_n'' - 1)$ and $X_c(t_n'' - 1)$ can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} X_a(t_n'' - 1) &= H_{ac} X_c(t_n'' - 1) \text{ with } H_{ac} = (1) \\ \delta X_a(t_n'' - 1) &= H_{ac} \delta X_c(t_n'' - 1) \dots \dots (28) \end{aligned}$$

4.4. DETERMINATION OF THE LINEARISED MODEL FOR THE D.C. MOTOR AND CHOPPER:

The joining recurrence R_{bc} equation (22) can be written in the following form using equations (19) and (20).

$$\delta E_c(t_n'') = e^{-t_n' \Lambda_c} F_c^{-1} C_{cb} F_b e^{t_n' \Lambda_b} \delta E_b(t_n) \dots (29)$$

eliminating $\delta E_b(t_n)$ from equation (29) using equation (27), we get:

$$\delta E_c(t_n'') = e^{-t_n' \Lambda_c} F_c^{-1} C_{cb} F_b e^{-(t_n' - t_n) \Lambda_b} H_{ba} e^{t_n \Lambda_b} \delta E_a(t_n) \dots \dots (30)$$

using the recurrence equation of mode a, R_a (equation 21) and the relation (28) the linearised recurrence equation of the system (motor - chopper) can be obtained:

$$\delta X_c(t_n'') - Y_c(t_n'') \delta t_n'' = M_R H_{ac} X_c(t_n'' - 1) - M_R Y_a(t_n'') \delta t_n'' - 1 \dots (31)$$

where

$$M_R = e^{t_c \Lambda_c} F_c^{-1} C_{cb} F_b e^{t_b \Lambda_b} H_{ba} e^{t_a \Lambda_a} \dots (32)$$

In equation (31) X_c is replaced by i and the general form of the linearised recurrence equation is given by:

$$\delta i_a(t_n'') - \Lambda \delta t_n'' = B \delta i(t_{n-1}'') - C \delta(t_{n-1}'') \dots (33)$$

A, B, C are given in appendix.

The linearised equations of the controller is deduced directly from (17) and (18) as follows:

$$\delta u(t_n'') = \delta u(t_{n-1}'') - v \delta i(t_{n-1}'') \dots (34)$$

$$\delta u(t_{n-1}'') - \delta i(t_{n-1}'') = 1/k \delta(t_{n-1}'') \dots (35)$$

4.5. THE CHARACTERISTIC EQUATION OF THE SYSTEM:

Using the Z transform in equations(33 to 35), the characterised equation of the system (motor - chopper - controller) may be written as:

$$Z^2(1-KA) + [1+B+(C+A+AV)K]Z - B+KC(1-V) = 0 \dots (36)$$

assuming that the desired poles of the system are Z_1 and Z_2 .

Then the controller parameters can be written as a function of the desired poles:

$$K = \frac{A(Z_1 Z_2 + B) + C[1+B+(Z_1+Z_2)]}{A(C+AZ_1 Z_2) + C[A(Z_1+Z_2)-C(C+A)]} \dots (37)$$

$$V/K = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 + B}{C} - K \left(\frac{C+AZ_1 Z_2}{C} \right) \dots (39)$$

for fast response we will determine the controller parameter for the deadbeat response ie $Z_1 = Z_2 = 0$, then

$$K = \frac{AB + (1+B)}{2AC - C^2} \dots (39)$$

$$V/K = \frac{B}{C} - K \dots (40)$$

5. SIMULATION:

A program of simulation is written based on Runge kutta numerical method to solve the differential equations of each interval. The digital controller equations are used at the end of commutation interval to calculate the firing instant of thyristor T, (the begining of the duty interval). The process of simulation is presented by the following flow chart (Figure 6):

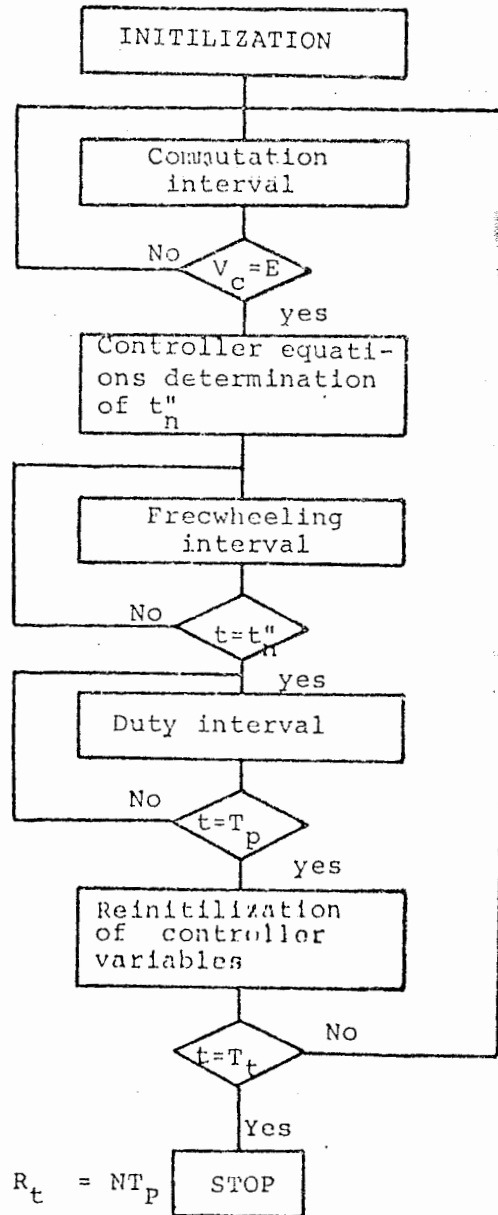


Figure 6: Flow chart of simulation program

6. RESULTS:

The d.c motor has the following characteristics

$$r = 8 \text{ ohm} , \quad l = 33.6 \text{ mH} , \quad K_i = 1 \text{ Volt/Amp.}$$

and the chopper has the following characteristics

$$c = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{.F} , \quad E_i = 100 \text{ Volt.}$$

The parameters of the digital controller are calculated for an operating point given by $i(t_n) = I_o = 2.812 \text{ A}$ and their values are $K = 0.022$ & $v = 0.81$ for deadbeat response.

The simulation results are given by Figure (7) which illustrates the motor armature current due to step change in current reference.

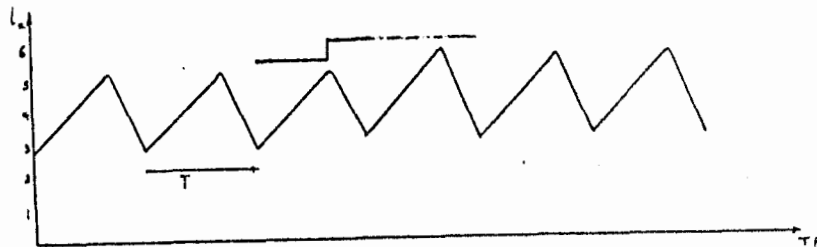


Fig. (7): The motor current response of the d,c. chopper for step change in current reference.

7. CONCLUSION:

The use of Microprocessor necessitates sophisticated model of the control systems.

This paper presents a new application of a general method of modelling for control system including DC - DC converters. The formula of digital controller parameters are given as a function of the desired poles of the system. The results of simulation carried out on digital computer satisfies the theoretical results.

8. LIST OF SYMPOLES:

- i = Instantaneous value of the armature current.
- K_i = Gain of current transducer.
- K, v = Controller parameters.
- $Ref(i)$ = Current reference.

9. REFERENCES:

- [1] LEONHARD W.
"Regelung in der Elektrischer Antriebstechnik Teubner, Stuttgart 1973.
- [2] J.P. LOUIS.
"Caracteristiques dynamiques d'une regulation a thyristers presentant plusieurs modes de fonctionnement" C.R. Acad.² Sc. paris t. 291 (6 Oct. 1980) Serie B-149.
- [3] "A.A. EL-HEFNAWY, S. A. MAHMOUD
"speed and current control of D.C motor in continuous current operation" Electric machines and power systems journal, Volume 8, No.2, March - April 1983.
- [4] J.F. AUBRY, G.H. PFITSCHER, J.P. LOUIS, A.A. EL-HEFNQWY
"Regulation d'un motor a courant continu avec control du courant par microprocesseur monochip" Conumel 83, Toulouse, FRANCE, 9-11 Mai 1983.
- [5] A. EL-HEFNQWY, J.P. LOUIS, J.F. AUBRY
"Current regulation and speed control of continuous motor, modelling, optimisation, simulation, set up Canadian Electrical journal, Vol 4, No. 4, 1984.

[10] APPENDIX:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= Y_c(t_n'') = - \left[\frac{E_o}{L} + \frac{R}{L} i(t_n'') \right] \\ B &= \phi_{11} e^{-(R/L)(t_c + t_a)} \\ C &= B \left[\frac{E_i - E_o}{L} - \frac{R}{L} i(t_{n-1}'') \right] \\ \phi_{11} &= e^{-Bt_c} \sin(wt_c + \phi) / \sin \phi \end{aligned}$$