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**AUTOMATIC GENERATION CONTROL  
USING DIGITAL TECHNIQUES**

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**ABSTRACT:**  
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Techniques for simulation and application of automatic digital generation control are presented. Objectives of generation control are reviewed. A digital control scheme is described and implemented. The presented directive software is capable of guiding the whole system so that control objectives are achieved in a satisfactory manner.

**1. INTRODUCTION:**  
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Over the past decade digital computers have been installed by many electricity supply authorities and utilities to aid the control engineers and operators in both the operational planning phase and real-time control of power systems. By far, the majority of computer installations to-date serve in supervisory level; carrying out such duties as data logging, monitoring variables and checking for alarm conditions, contingency evaluations and economic dispatch calculations(1).

Recent advances in digital technology have resulted in tremendous reductions in digital component costs and improvements in reliability. These advances led to the use of digital components as integral parts in industrial systems and direct computer control has been the usual results of this integration.

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Generation control objectives(2,3):

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- 2) Distributing these chan,  
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The use of digital computers and high speed data communication systems allows a new degree of freedom permitting, through software, the implementation of wide range of control techniques.

The key to the derivation of improved control techniques lies in the ability to test them on simulation models of the process and controls.

This paper presents a digital control scheme applied to a simulation model of a two-generating unit power-station. Test and operating software are included.

## 2. SIMULATION MODEL OF A GENERATING UNIT: -----

A generating unit is fully simulated by a separately-excited D-C motor drives synchronous generator. The output torque of the D-C motor is either armature-or field-controlled. The fast response is a credit for the former control scheme.

## 3. PROPOSED DIGITAL GENERATION-CONTROL SCHEME: -----

Fig. 1 shows the proposed digital control scheme in which digital-to-analog converter (D/A), Analog-to-digital converter (A/D), multiplexers (selector) and data transmission circuits form the necessary interface-requirements linking the computer to the power system under control.

The actual most economic load allocation on the various generating units are stored in the computer memory as a table. Control action to each individual unit is primarily a function of the unit's control error defined as the difference between desired and actual generation. This permits tuning of control action to the individual unit's dynamic response characteristics and provides unit control without overshoot since control action is in proportion to the error of the quantity being controlled.

Reallocation of generation may be guided through a command signal proportional to the frequency. This command signal comes from a tachometer mounting on the rotating shaft of the generating unit. The ability to relocate generation on command, offers a complete automatic feedback control system which can be of particular value in the implementation of system security measures.

Supervisory routine which directs the interaction between computer and controlled system is visualized by the Fig. 2.

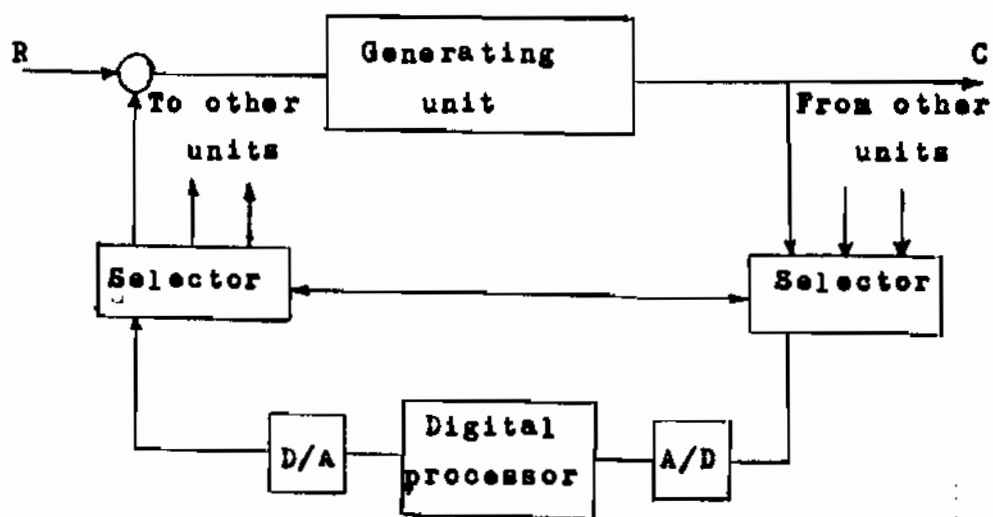


Fig.(1): Digital Generation Control

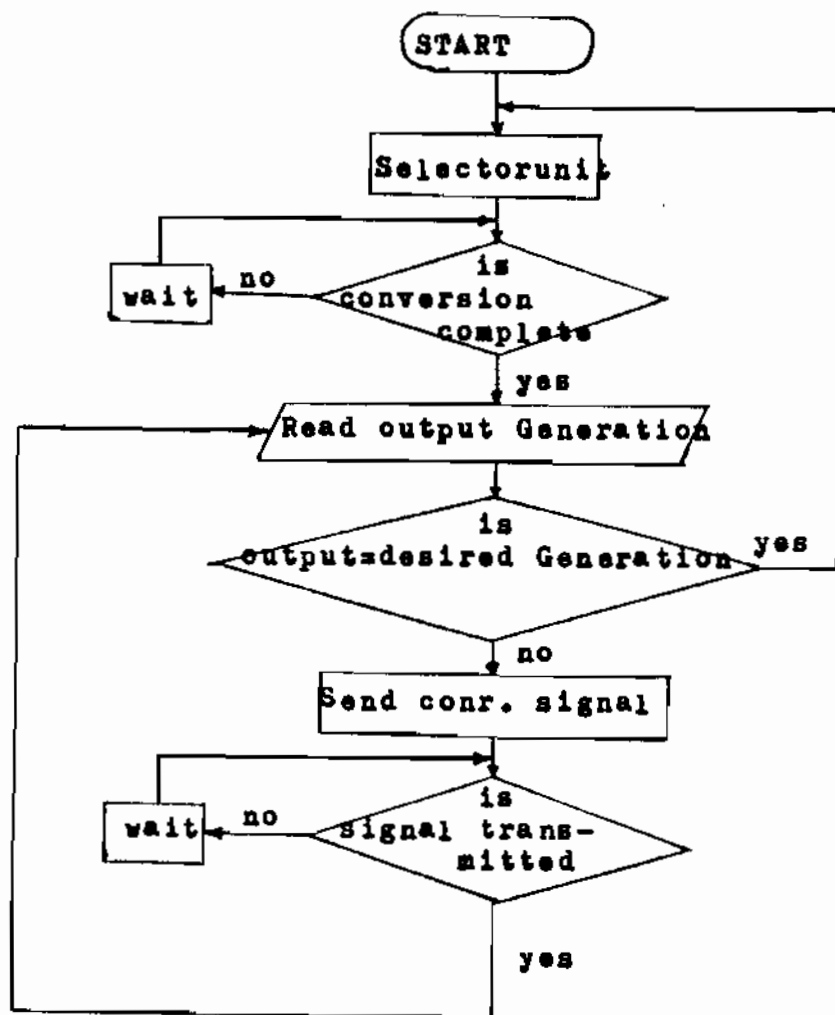


Fig.(2): Flowchart of control logic.

Control actuation time depends on conversion speed (or resolution) of the A/D used. Usually, such devices have two extra bits (or pulses). Start conversion and conversion complete are the two extra pulses which are used as interrupt signals the time between which represents control actuation time.

#### 4. SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:

Programming computers for direct applications and control is usually carried out using Assembler Language associated with the computer.

PAL-11 Assembler is the program which translates symbolic language into absolute binary code capable of being executed by the PDP-11 family of computers. The symbolic language or source program in PAL-11A language is composed of a sequence of statements which can be edited and punched on a paper tape by the PDP-11 Text Editor Program ED-11.

Accordingly, four extensive programs were developed using the computer's assembly language and the text Editor. Listing of the four programs is given in the appendix. Program one tests and adjusts the performance of the digital-to-analog converter. Program two examines the closed loop embodying all devices of the digital control scheme. Program three is a final program which directs the control process on a two-interconnected power generating units.

If a forecasting routine is available to predict the power demand in advance, it may be operated in conjunction with program four which operates the system automatically according to a time-power schedule.

According to program four the computer loads the whole system automatically with a new load every two minutes which is proportional to an octal number of 2100 in the program.

#### 5. CONCLUSION:

Conclusively, automatic digital generation control is implemented and is satisfactory working, using a simulation model. Loading and control processes are programmed and the necessary software is given. We are looking forward to the day in which these simulation techniques are in practical working order.

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7. APPENDIX:

Software programs in assembly language.

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7.1. Program One:

; TEST PROGRAM FOR THE DIGITAL/ANALOG CONVERTER

AVEC = 310  
STAVEC = 312  
ADCCOUT = 167754  
DACIN = 167752  
ADCSR = 167750  
KEYS = 177570  
R0 = 10  
R1 = 11  
P2 = 12  
R3 = 13  
R4 = 14  
R5 = 15

. = 3000  
START: MOV #340 , STAVEC ; PRIORITY OF SEVEN DURING  
; INTERRUPT  
MOV #4000 , AVEC ; ADDRESS OF SERVICE ROUTINE  
; TIME TO INTERRUPT VECTOR  
MOV #100 , ADCSR ; ENABLE INTERRUPT A  
HALT ; LOAD KEYS  
BEGIN: MOV KEYS , R5  
MOV R5 , KEYS  
TEST: MOV R5 , DACIN  
CLR R0  
DELAY: INC R0  
CMP R0 , #6250.  
BNE DELAY  
CMP KEYS , R5  
BEQ TEST  
JMP BEGIN  
. = 4000  
RTI  
.END START

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7.2. Program Two:

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; TEST PROGRAM FOR THE CLOSED LOOP
; CONTAINING THE A/D AND D/A CONVERTERS

AVEC = 310
STAVEC = 310
ADCCOUT = 167754
DACIN = 167750
ADCSR = 167750
KEYS = 177570
R0 = 10
R1 = 11
R2 = 12
. = 1000
START: MOV #340 , STAVEC
        MOV #4000 , AVEC
        MOV #100 , ADCSR
        MOV #101777 , R1
LOAD:   MOV R1 , DACIN
        CLP R2
LOOP:   INC R2
        CMP R2 , #6250.
        BNE LOOP
READ:   TSTB ADCSR
        BPL READ
        MOV ADCCOUT , R0
        MOV R0 , KEYS
        DEC R1
        JMP LOAD
        . = 4000
        RTI
        .FNO START

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7.3. Program Three:

; THE FINAL PROGRAM WHICH CONTROLS THE ECONOMIC POWER ALLOCATION  
; ON TWO INTERCONNECTED POWER UNITS

AVEC = 310  
STAVEC = 312  
ADCOUT = 167754  
DACIN = 167750  
ADCSR = 167750  
KEYS = 177570  
R0 = %0  
R1 = %1  
R2 = %2  
R3 = %3  
R4 = %4  
R5 = %5  
. = 3000

START:	MOV #340 , STAVEC	;PRIORITY OF SEVEN DURING ;INTERRUPT
	MOV #4000 , AVEC	;ADDRESS OF SERVICE ROUTINE TO INTERRUPT VECTOR
	MOV #100 , ADCSR	;ENABLE INTERRUPT A
	HALT	;LOAD KEYS
BEGIN:	MOV KEYS , R5	
	CMP R5 , #7777	
	BLE READY	
READY:	MOV #7777 , R5	
LOOP:	MOV #1000 , R4	
	CMP R5 , @R4	
	BLE STEADY	
	ADD #20 , R4	
	JMP LOOP	
STEADY:	MOV R4 , R3	
	MOV @R3 , KEYS	
LOAD2:	MOV R3 , R4	
	MOV #40000 , R2	
	ADD #4 , R4	
	ADD @R4 , R2	
DONE2:	MOV R2 , DACIN	
	CLP R0	
DELAY2:	INC R0	
	CMP R0 , #6250.	
	BNE DELAY2	
	MOV ADCOUT , R5	
	CMP R5 , #1153	
	BLE CONT2	
	MOV #41133 , R2	
	JMP ADJ2	
CONT2:	MOV R3 , R4	
	ADD #54 , R4	
	CMP R5 , @R4	

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BLE LOAD1
SUB #37 , R4
MOV #40000 , R2
ADD @R4 , R2
ADJ2:  MOV R2 , DACIN
CLR R0
WAIT2: INC R0
CMP R2 , #6250.
BNE WAIT2
LOAD1: MOV R3 , R4
ADD #12 , R4
MOV #100000 , R1
ADD @R4 , R1
DONE1: MOV R1 , DACIN
CLR R0
DELAY1: INC R0
CMP R0 , #6250.
BNE DELAY1
MOV ADCOUT , R5
CMP R5 , #2103
BLE CONT1
MOV #101000 , R1
JMP ADJ1
CONT1: MOV R3 , R4
ADD #46 , R4
CMP R5 , @R4
BLE TEST
SUB #14 , R4
MOV #100000 , R1
ADD @R4 , R1
ADJ1:  MOV R1 , DACIN
CLR R0
WAIT1: INC R0
CMP R0 , #6250.
BNE WAIT1
TEST:  CMP KEYS , @R3
BEQ SKIP
JMP BEGIN
SKIP:  JMP LOAD2
.=4000
RTI
.END START

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7.4 • Program Four:

; THE FINAL PROGRAM WHICH CONTROLS THE ECONOMIC POWER ALLOCATION  
; ON TWO INTERCONNECTED POWER UNITS

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    AVEC = 310
    STAVEC = 312
    ADCOUT = 167754
    DACIN = 167752
    ADCSR = 167750
    KEYS = 177570
    R0 = %0
    R1 = %1
    R2 = %2
    R3 = %3
    R4 = %4
    R5 = %5
    . = 3000
START:    MOV #340 , STAVEC      ; PRIORITY OF SEVIN DURING
    MOV #4000 , AVEC          ; INTERRUPT
    MOV #100 , ADCSR          ; ADDRESS OF SERVICE ROUTINE
    HALT                      ; TIME TO INTERRUPT VECTOR
    ; ENABLE INTERRUPT A
    ; LOAD KEYS
INIAT:    MOV KEYS , R5
    MOV #1000 , R3
    CMP R5 , @R3
    BNE BEGIN
    MOV #41777 , DACIN
    CLR R0
STAY2:    INC R0
    CMP R0 , #6250.
    BNE STAY2
    MOV #101777 , DACIN
    CLR R0
STAY1:    INC R0
    CMP R0 , #6250.
    BNE STAY1
    JMP INIAT
BEGIN:    ADD #20 , R3
    CMP R3 , #2140
    BLE PAUSE
    MOV #1000 , R3
    JMP BEGIN
PAUSE:    CLR #1016
    MOV @R3 , KEYS
LOAD2:    MOV R3 , R4
    MOV #40000 , R2
    ADD #4 , R4
    ADD @R4 , R2
DONE2:    MOV R2 , DACIN
    CLR R0

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DELAY2:      INC R0
              CMP R0 , #6250.
              BNE DELAY2
              MOV ADCOUT , R5
              CMP R5 , #1153
              BLE CONT2
              MOV #41133 , R2
              JMP ADJ2
CONT2:       MOV R3 , R4
              ADD #54 , R4
              CMP R5 , 0R4
              BLE LOAD1
              SUB #30 , R4
              MOV #40000 , R2
              ADD 0R4 , R2
ADJ2:        MOV R2 , DACIN
              CLR R0
WAIT2:       INC R0
              CMP R0 , #6250.
              BNE WAIT2
LOAD1:       MOV R3 , R4
              ADD #12 , R4
              MOV #100000 , R1
              ADD 0R4 , R1
DONE1:       MOV R1 , DACIN
              CLR R2
DELAY1:      INC R0
              CMP R0 , #6250.
              BNE DELAY1
              MOV ADCOUT , R5
              CMP R5 , #2103
              BLE CONT1
              MOV #101000 , R1
              JMP ADJ1
CONT1:       MOV R3 , R4
              ADD #46 , R4
              CMP R5 , 0R4
              BLE TEST
              SUB #14 , R4
              MOV #100000 , R1
              ADD 0R4 , R1
ADJ1:        MOV R1 , DACIN
              CLR R0
WAIT1:       INC R0
              CMP R0 , #6250.
              BNE WAIT1
TEST:        INC 0#1016
              CMP 0#1016 , #2100
              BNE SKIP
              JMP BEGIN
SKIP:        JMP LOAD2
              . = 4000
              RTI
              .END START

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