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Fractional-Order PID Controllers for Temperature Control: A Review

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Abstract: Fractional-order proportional integral derivative (FOPID) controllers are becoming increasingly popular for various industrial applications due to the advantages they can offer. Among these applications, heating and temperature control systems are receiving significant attention, applying FOPID controllers to achieve better performance and robustness, more stability and flexibility, and faster response. Moreover, with several advantages of using FOPID controllers, the improvement in heating systems and temperature control systems is exceptional. Heating systems are characterized by external disturbance, model uncertainty, non-linearity, and control inaccuracy, which directly affect performance. Temperature control systems are used in industry, households, and many types of equipment. In this paper, fractional-order proportional integral derivative controllers are discussed in the context of controlling the temperature in ambulances, induction heating systems, control of bioreactors, and the improvement achieved by temperature control systems. Moreover, a comparison of conventional and FOPID controllers is also highlighted to show the improvement in production, quality, and accuracy that can be achieved by using such controllers. A composite analysis of the use of such controllers, especially for temperature control systems, is presented. In addition, some hidden and unhighlighted points concerning FOPID controllers are investigated thoroughly, including the most relevant publications.

Keywords: control system; FOPID bioreactor; fractional-order PID controller; frequency-domain analysis; induction heating; industrial implementations; temperature control



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1. Introduction

Temperature control systems are an essential part of various processes and are widely used in the industrial sector to automatically control large systems. Such control systems are responsible for product quality and efficiency. The precision of temperature control has become one of the decisive factors in terms of operational security and product quality [1]. In temperature control, a transfer of heat is achieved through various sources or modes, such as convection, radiation, etc. [2]. For temperature control, proportional integral derivative (PID) algorithms represent one of the most used tools in the industrial sector. PID is a common method used in industry to control processes. There are many other complex systems associated with processes that have non-local dynamics involving long-term memory effects, which, unfortunately, PID controllers lack. Fractional calculus, such as integration and differentiation of the arbitrary order, can be used for higher-accuracy modeling [3,4]. A standard PID model used for control purposes is based on integer order calculus [5], and the non-locality property is not present in integer derivative operators [6].

However, these techniques struggle with some issues. The major issue that arises in control engineering implementation is fractional calculus, which is a very complex method. However, with the passage of time, researchers found different solutions to overcome these issues by identifying and approximating geometric and physical interpretations [7]. A fractional-order control system is designed to control systems more effectively. Fractional-order PID (FOPID) controllers, such as PID [8] and CRONE (French acronym of commande robuste d'ordre non-entier; non-integer-order robust controller) [9–12], are widely used in the literature, owing to the effectiveness of such controllers in control systems.

FOPID controllers have a major advantage of better tuning knob systems. The tuned parameters are increased in FOPID controllers. The tuning methods proposed by the fractional-order PID controllers in control system design include optimization with integral criteria [13], constrained min–max optimization [14], swarm optimization [15], autotuning methods [16], and robust tuning methods [17]. In [8,13], the authors present the FOPID controller as the best among PID controllers, owing to its superior implementation in practical applications.

In this review paper, we aim to explore the advantages of adapting FOPID controllers in industrial systems, with a focus on the specific advantages of using such controllers. The applications of fractional-order PID controllers in temperature control systems and the shifting of PID controllers towards fractional-order PID controllers are discussed in detail. The rest of this review paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we present the developing trends of fractional-order PID controllers, along with fractional-order PID control landmarks in Section 3. Different applications of fractional-order PID controllers, such as the use of PID controllers in temperature control systems and various other sectors, are discussed in Sections 4–7. Finally, a conclusion is given about fractional-order PID controllers and their applications in temperature control systems in Section 8.

2. A Developing Trend of Fractional-Order PID Controllers

In the past, simple PID controllers were used in the industrial sector to efficiently regulate flow, pressure, temperature, and other variables. Recently, FOPID controllers have started to replace PID controllers in industry. To understand FOPID controllers, first, the functionality of PID controllers needs to be made clear. PID controllers have three major parameters: proportional, integral, and derivative constants. These parameters are responsible for managing errors. A transfer function of a PID controller is termed $|Gs|$; a block diagram of a PID controller is shown in Figure 1. With the growing trend of FOPID, a question arises about acceptance in the industrial sector, which can be summarized as follows: “Do implementation complexity and cost concerns of FOPID controllers outweigh the benefits arising from additional tuning flexibility of FO control?”. A PID controller can easily be implemented with application of the control law mentioned below for a software code:

$$u(k) = K_p e(k) + K_i \sum_{j=0}^k e(j) + K_d (e(k) - e(k-1)) \quad (1)$$

where, K_p is the proportional gain (determines the output response to error), K_d is the derivative gain (the overall contribution of the derivative), K_i is the integral gain (how much the control output generates), and $e(k)$ is the error at time k . With time, the industrial sector demands more control and advanced controllers for increased accuracy; this shifts the sector towards fractional-order PID controllers. In fractional-order PID controllers, approximation is used in form of a transfer function because conventional transfer demands more resources. Fractional-order PIDs are more reliable and useful as compared to a typical PID controller, with more efficient and reliable software solutions used for complex implementations. Such tools aid in implementation. The industries shift towards Fractional-order PID controllers offer these benefits, as well as overall performance improvement. The difference between conventional and fractional-order PID controllers is the result of global optimization. An optimization-based method tunes the controller to obtain the best gain. An artificial bee colony algorithm used to controlling a non-linear boost converter [18]

is a simple example of such a controller. Fractional-order PID controllers are used to improve the startup response, with fewer actions compared to PID controllers, which helps to improve fractional-order PID controllers [19]. Improvements in the control law help the industrial sector by controlling processes. More resistance to disturbance and voltage regulation are beneficial, helping to achieve better quality and regulation, resulting in better product quality and industrial production margins.

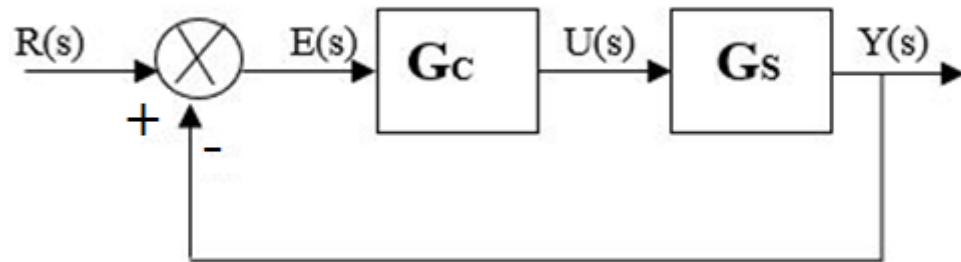


Figure 1. Block diagram of PID controllers [2].

A related study was conducted in which the liquid-level control problem was resolved with both PID - and $PI^\lambda D^\mu$ -type controllers. The $PI^\lambda D^\mu$ [20] controller achieved better performance as compared to the PID controller. More remarkable control law results were achieved by measuring the variance of the control signal. In the liquid control problem, the fractional-order PID controller has a value of 1.4, and this value changes to 3.4 for the PID controller. Similar work is discussed in [21] wherein the authors reduced the control efforts of the systems by reducing the control efforts of the precision system. Control systems, i.e., precision positioning processes, control heat generation, resulting in a loss of precision. The reduction in energy in the control effort affects the results. Minor changes made to improve the control law may be more valuable for the industrial process. Such changes have an impact on both production and control processes. This improves the quality and efficiency of product manufacturing.

The fractional-order PID controller design presented in [22] demonstrates that PID controllers are inefficient in modern usage. This inefficiency was resolved by fractional-order PID controllers. In [23], the authors mentioned that the design of FOPDT plants can be used to address the fragility of fractional-order PID controllers. The researchers supposed that the controller parameters are subject to changes and variations. In a practical approach, the parameters are adjusted manually. Knowledge about FOPID fragility can be very important. Knowledge of control performance fragility can also be useful in the non-ideal realization of fractional-order PID controllers. An important study conducted in [24] addressed the inadvisability of using FOPID controllers, and the authors stressed the importance of applying a proper optimization procedure. It is possible to use integer-order PID controllers, which are superior to fractional-order PID controllers. However, above theory is unsatisfactory due to a lack of evidence, and its conclusion usually addresses a specific problem.

The robustness method discussed in [25] suggests that the number of controller parameters is much larger than indicated in the design specifications. More controller parameters can enable improved performance measure of the controller. The requirements are satisfied by using this principle. Such a set of parameters is known as boundaries. The set size is closely related to the fragility of the controller and can impact the robustness of the system. In a communication channel control unit operating in the frequency domain, it is more beneficial to use a fractional-order PID controller for the response loop of the feedback system. These controllers also show fragility. However, there are some research gaps in terms of fragility and selection of controllers. Fractional-order PID controllers are very important and beneficial in terms of control design and frequency domain concepts.

In [26], multi-input and multi-output controllers with simple designs were used, whereas Schlegel et al. [27] presented a PI controller design. The upper limit of the sen-

sitivity function allows for computation of an admissible controller parameter region. In contrast, the sensitivity functions defined in cases where the system requires increased bandwidth are frequency-dependent [28–33]. Parameter variation of a robust design in a control system can be resolved by using the max sensitivity properties of a controller. A similar study was conducted in [34], with concluding remarks about the reliability of the controller, raising a question about the risks of such complex implementations of fractional-order PID controllers. Complicated systems with complex components can be risky and may cause system failure [35]. Theoretically, it is possible to affirm the dependency and reliability of the computations of FOPID systems. The technology readiness level also suggests that such controllers can be deployed at the industrial level [36]. The performance of a tuned FOPID controller was assessed in [37]. Increased reliability can be achieved with further research in this domain, which will help the industrial sector to better adapt controllers, especially FOPID controllers.

3. Fractional-Order Control Landmarks

After 20 years of research and investment, fractional-order controllers have become the main component of industrial control systems. Such controllers have revolutionized industrial control, offering considerable benefits in terms of cost and analysis of the control performance. Fractional-order control systems represent a revolution for industry and became a standard in various industries. Implementation of fractional-order systems depends on the cost of the basic fractional elements [38]. FOPID controllers are more focused on twin rotor systems, wherein disturbance is rejected by the controller. In a boost converter, a FOPID controller can improve the startup response. This can be achieved by using fewer on–off switching actions compared to optimal PID controllers. FOPID controllers have the advantage of better rejection of disturbances and better output regulation.

In this section, our main focus is the benefits of the fractional-order control systems in control implementation. We have on fractional-order control systems for more than twenty years. The benefits can be described as follows:

- Control system improvement;
- Optimal control time delay contribution;
- Disturbance rejection control contribution.

In the below sections, we briefly mention the milestones regarding the abovementioned areas. The evidence relies on a mathematical basis and analytical solutions in optimization.

3.1. Early Fractional Analysis

One of the key advantages of fractional-order control is understanding of the frequency domain, owing to the utilization of fractional calculus. Calculus is a useful tool for allowing and modeling the order of derivatives. The dynamics of the modeling system expand with time because of this magnified tool and the expanded concepts of differential equations. In dynamic system models, the exploitation of fractional calculus increases with the frequency of characterization. Partial tuning of the control system is possible, and finer tuning of controllers for improved performance is a reality. A concrete example of improved performance with fractional-order control in the frequency domain is described [39]. A loop-shaping design technique was employed to prove the improvement in controller performance. A much better understanding of a fractional-order control system is obtained in [40], with a focus on the frequency domain and its advantages. FO controllers were also studied [9,39]. Such control systems have a property of isodamping and have received much attention due to their potential to improve FO controller performance. In the ideal realization, the researchers focused on establishing a constant phase margin at the gain crossover. Such an approach can improve the stability and robustness of the system. In an open loop, the sporadic gain variations in a transfer function do not lead to a phase shift. Therefore, design that preserve phase margins can also contribute to robust control and stability improvement of the system. This concept is known as fractal robustness and is described in detail in the literature [41,42].

A more comprehensible demonstration of isolation is provided in [13], and a description of property generalization can be found in [14]. The negative feedback of an amplifier circuit represents an ideal way to determine the robustness to changes [43]. The ideal shape of the open-loop transfer function, known as Bode's ideal loop, is expressed as follows [44]:

$$L(s) = (\omega_c/s)^\gamma \quad (2)$$

where ω_c is the gain crossover frequency, which is defined at $L(j\omega_c) = 1$. The slope of the magnitude curve is defined as parameter γ , which is determined by the fractional slope of -20γ dB/dec; this can be on a log-log scale, with a flattened phase characteristic at the value of $-\gamma \pi/2$ radii for the phase curve of the system [45]. From a researcher's point of view, properties associated with fractional-order dynamics can be very beneficial in control systems. The phase margin also remains constant, and its role is independent of gain changes in the frequency range. Both the slope and margin of such a curve can be varied in terms of fractional-order and system preservation, which are very important factors for robust control of the system. Figure 2 shows the isodamping properties of the open-loop transfer function (Bode plots), and Figure 3 shows the step response of controlled systems, clearly indicating a flat phase curve at the crossover frequency. Controller parameter variation results in improved robustness of the step response of the system. This transfer function is used to indirectly tune the controller problem and to tune PID controllers [46,47] based on Bode's function. An example presented in [35] shows the importance and benefits of fractional-order control. Such fundamental systems have potential applications in robotics, such as translation and rotational motor design.

The advantage of using a closed-loop system was clear, as such systems provide infinite gain margin while keeping phase margin constant; this characteristic provides the incentive to tune the system in response to the fractional-order changes. However, there is some uncertainty, which is a problem of the frequency domain. In controllers, the flattened phase is a major asset, which becomes the central objective of the frequency domain of fractional controllers.

3.2. Concerns about the Optimality of Time-Delay Systems

Fractional orders are also helpful in the control of time-delay systems. One such time-delay is the time interval in which the control system does not respond to the control signal. These kinds of signals are known as time-delay systems or lags. Some of these systems exhibit very large time delays. These delays cause a decline in the performance factor in control loops, which affect performance affected. Bhambhani et al. [48] identified an optimal solution for this research question with respect to fractional-order controllers in time-delay systems.

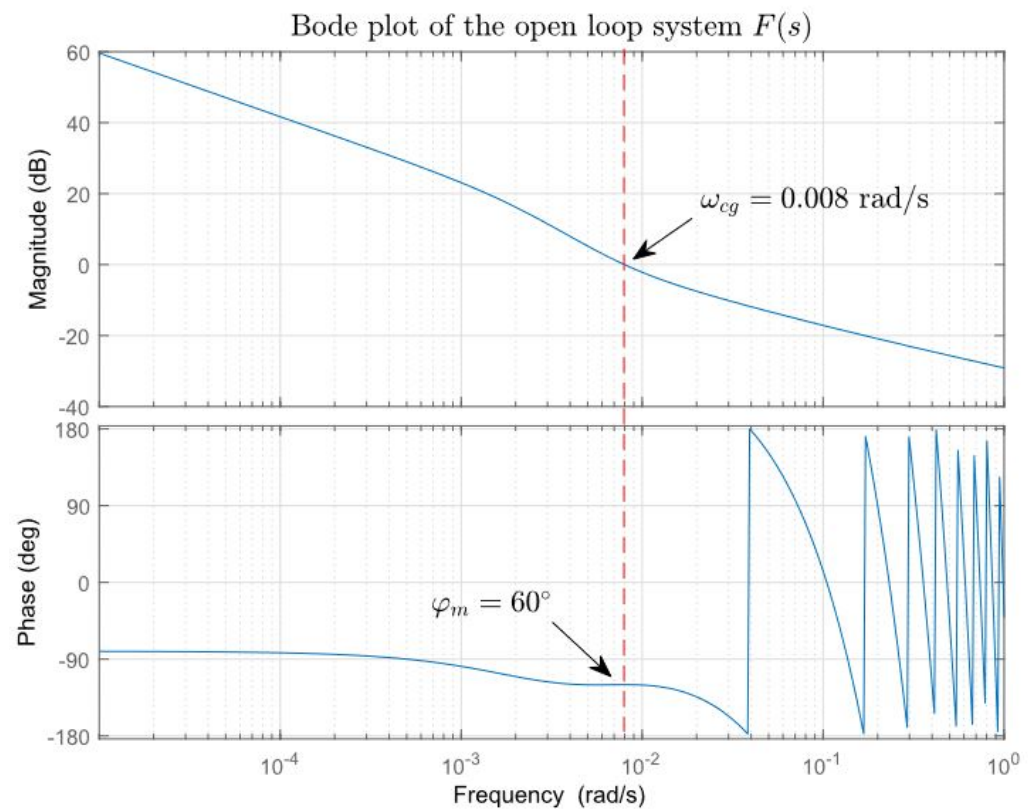


Figure 2. Bode plot comparison of frequency, phase, and magnitude in isodamping [49].

A study on F-MIGO investigated the utilization and advantages of fractional-order control for time-delay systems. Under real-world conditions, the controller causes large overshoots, and the system requires only a small fractional order, which makes fractional-order control systems more desirable and useful than normal PID control systems [50]. The contribution of fractional-order integrators to time-delay system control in terms of relative time-delay parameters can be demonstrated by denoting L as time delay and T as time constant, as follows:

$$\tau = \frac{L}{L + T} \quad (3)$$

Overshoots are maintained when plant gains are varied in a tuned FOPID controller system. Both the time delay and constant can be determined from a classical first-order delay plant model:

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{T_s + 1} e^{-Ls} \quad (4)$$

This model represents an in/out lag of L sec upon system startup, and the controller design becomes more complicated when the time delay is larger. This can result in a decline in the performance coefficient of the system. This analysis can determine the impact of fractional order in tuning a system (time delay). The value of t varies in delay-dominated system ($L \gg T$) compared to lag-dominated systems ($T \gg L$). A detailed summary of FOPID controllers and usage comparison are shown in Table 1, which clearly represents a milestones achieved in the literature. Table 2 is a summary of relevant papers classified according to milestone achieved in the literature related to the use of FOPID for temperature control.

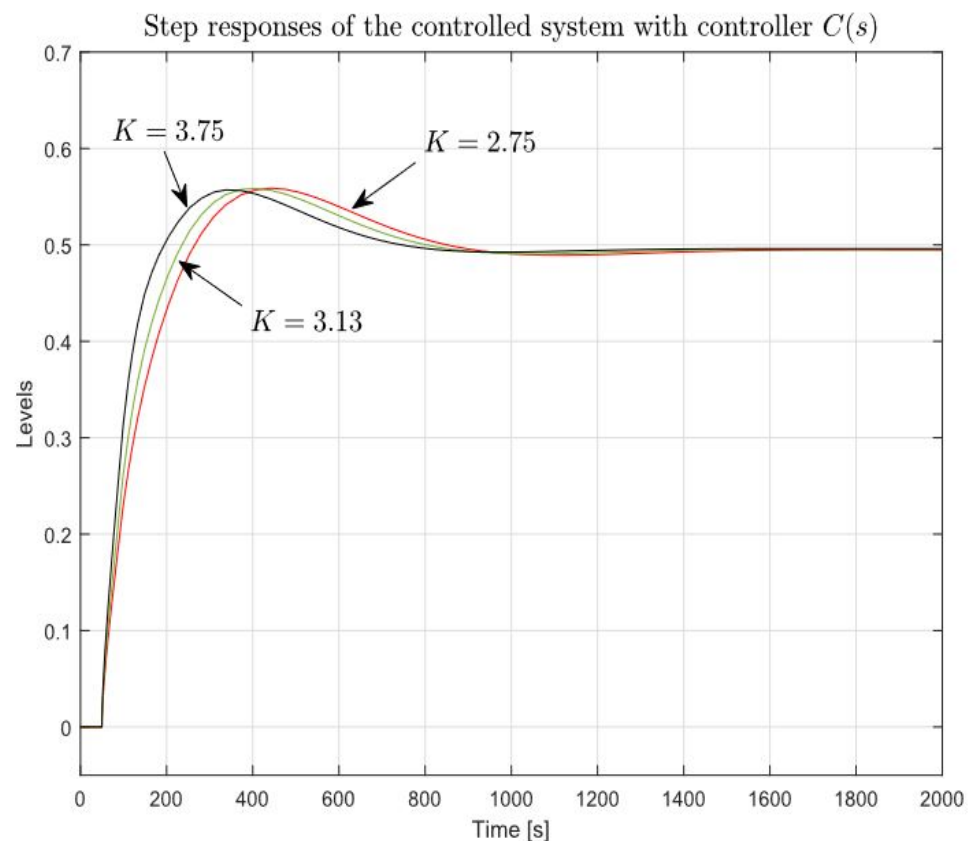


Figure 3. Different levels of step responses in isodamping of a control system [49].

3.3. Contributions of Disturbance Rejection in Systems

Disturbance rejection is an important requirement of fractional-order control systems. In real-world applications, control systems are exposed to environment disturbances, which are usually unpredictable. Control systems are designed in accordance with specifications of the system designer. A robust and practical control system is one that can control the negative impacts of environmental disturbances. Therefore, in control performance, a given disturbance rejection controls the tuning of the frequency domain, and the additive output disturbance of fractional-order controllers employs a constraint function. The constraint function is sensitivity-based, and FO controllers employ sensitivity function constraint to improve the performance the disturbance rejection of controllers.

4. Temperature Control Transfer Function

The open-loop system step response obtained from the experiments is shown in Figure 4. The step response of the open-loop and transfer function model is obtained from the equations. The temperature control transfer function analysis is given using multiple applications of PID controllers in the temperature control systems. The open-loop experimental data are taken from [2], with the time and temperatures graph shown in Figure 4. The temperatures rise over time because the temperature increases with heat input.

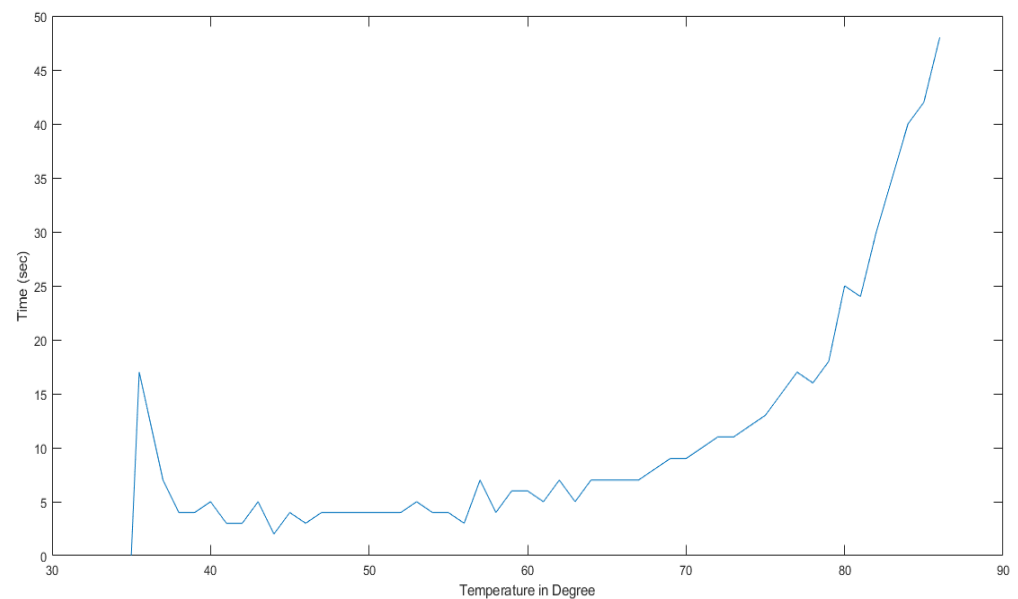


Figure 4. Step response of open-loop experimental data [2].

Temperature control is the main task of PID controllers. The more the system controls the temperature, the more reliably and efficiently the system works. The temperature control system is responsible for heat transfer. Control is achieved through various sources or modes. The PID controller is an essential part of temperature control, as demonstrated by researchers and experts.

5. Fractional-Order PID Controllers in Bioreactors

Bioreactors represent the most complex process in industry. The processes of bioreactors are highly non-linear and used for multiple purposes. Some applications include water treatment and production of medicines, etc. Bioreactor dynamics depend on temperature, pH concentration, and oxygen. Control factors in bioreactors are very important in terms of product quality. There are multiple ways to control bioreactors. Nagy [51] a model of a predictive controller based on an artificial neural network for temperature control of a bioreactor. Liu et al. [52] presented a novel non-linear guided intelligent controller inspired by the command properties of glucose in the human body and applied it to bioreactor systems, with temperature as the main process parameter, as it influences thermal movement in bioreactors.

The growth rate is directly affected by temperature. According to previous research, the growth rate increases by two times with a 10 °C rise in temperature, although this growth slows and eventually decreases. Control temperature within a specific range helps to maximize plant growth in the bioreactor.

A bioreactor is tank where many reactions occur simultaneously. These reactions occur in liquid medium; there are three major types of bioreactors:

- Batch;
- Continuous;
- Semi-batch

In continuous bioreactor mode, the inflow and outflow work continuously; large-scale production is usually operated in this mode, mainly due to the ease of operation. Because of the continuous flow, cells are washed away as they flow out, which is a major drawback, although better control of the bioreactor system can overcome this effect. A bioreactor is shown in Figure 5. Bioreactor provides a biologically active environment for different industrial processes to convert raw material into useful products, such as vaccines and pharmaceuticals.

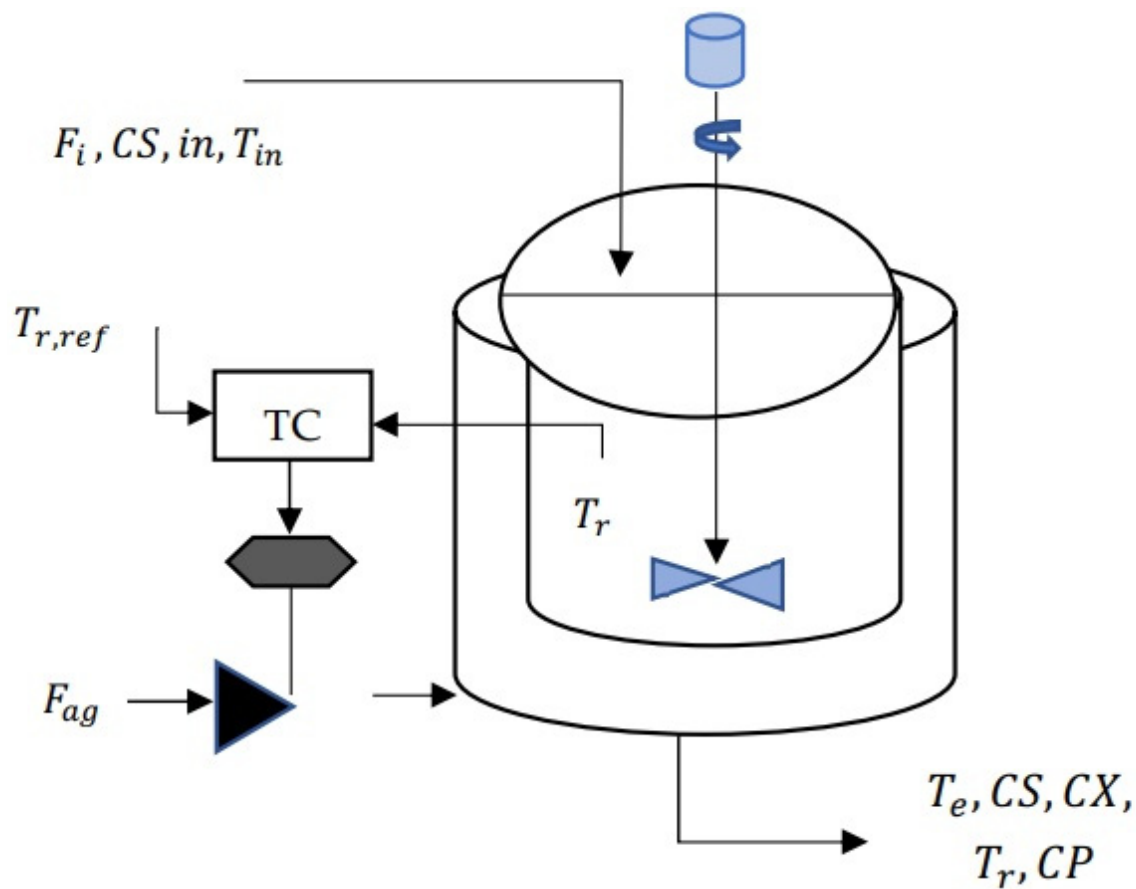


Figure 5. Flow diagram of a bioreactor tank [53].

The volume change rate in the reactor is based on the conservation of mass principle, given in mathematical terms as:

$$dv/dt = F_i - F_e \quad (5)$$

where F_i and F_e represent the input and output flow, respectively.

The biomass consumes the Grünwald–Letnikov substrate, which is defined by the fractional differential integral $f(t - kh)$:

$$\alpha D_t^\alpha f(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)h^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{(t-a)}{h}} \Gamma(a+k)/\Gamma(a+k) f(t - kh) \quad (6)$$

where $\alpha D_t^\alpha f(t)$ is the fractional differintegral, α represents the fractional order of the system, Γ is the Gamma function, and t and k are limits.

The Riemann–Liouville's equation for the fractional differintegral is as follows:

$$\alpha D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\alpha)} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^m \int_\alpha^t \frac{f(\tau)}{(t-\tau)^{1-(m-\alpha)}} d\tau \quad (7)$$

For $m > \alpha > (m - 1)$, $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the Euler Gamma function, $\alpha D_t^\alpha f(t)$ is the fractional differintegral, α represents the fractional order of the system, and τ represents delay. Based on fractional differentiation the Grünwald definition, m is the first integer, and t is the limits of the operation. The fractional-order operator and Laplace transform are s^α and $1/s^\alpha$, respectively.

The transfer function of $PI^\lambda D^\mu$ of the controller has an integrator and differentiator. In conventional a PID, the K_I is the integral gain, and K_P is proportional, whereas K_D is the derivative gain with different values for λ and μ .

The $PI^\lambda D^\mu$ controller has many advantages compared with PID, which is less sensitive to parameter variations in a control system.

Dragonfly Optimization

An important task in complex processes is better evaluate the controller parameters of the system. This task is accomplished with the help of the optimization process by adjusting the parameters of the controller. Genetic algorithms, programming, evolution strategies, etc., have attracted the attention of researchers for optimization. Particle swarm optimization is also included in swarm-based techniques. Swarm intelligence-based algorithms, namely Dragonfly optimization, are used in this technique. Such an algorithm is very useful in setting the parameters of fractional-order PID controllers for temperature control systems in bioreactors. There are five main factors in optimization: separation, alignment, cohesion, attraction, and distraction [54].

The first factor excludes the possibility of static collision.

- The second factor points to velocity matching among neighborhoods.
- The cohesion factor indicates the attraction of individuals in the center.

The attraction towards the food source, F_i , and distraction from enemies, E_i , are expressed as:

$$F_i = X^+ - X \quad (8)$$

$$E_i = X^- + X \quad (9)$$

where X^+ is the position of the food source, X^- is position of the enemies, and X is the position of the current individual.

Table 1. Usage Comparison of fractional-order PID controllers.

Fractional-Order Controller	Control Application	Meta-Heuristic Method	Statistical Evaluation	Comparison PID	Comparison with Optimization Methods	Ref.
FOPID	Designed for mathematical model	Particle swarm optimization (PSO)	No	No	GA	[55]
FOPID	Designed as automatic voltage regulator	PSO	No	Yes	No	[56]
Time-delay	Design for second-order time-delay system	Improved electromagnetism	No	No	GA	[57]
FOPID	Designed for fractional-order plant	Self-organizing migrating algorithm	No	Yes	No	[58]
FOPID	Designed for integer-order and fractional-order plant	PSO	No	Real-life	No	[59]
FOPID	Designed for an invasive real-life analog plant	Invasive weed optimization algorithm	Yes	No	GA & PSO	[60]
FOPID	Designed for a full-vehicle non-linear active suspension system	Evolutionary algorithm	No	No	No	[61]
FOPID	Designed for a first-order system with time delay	Generic algorithm	No	Yes	No	[62]
FOPID	Designed for a process plant Transfer	Bee colony algorithm	No	No	GA & PSO	[63]
FOPID	Designed as a voltage regulator	Chaotic ant Swarm	Yes	No	GA & PSO	[64]
FOPID	Designed for speed control	Artificial bee colony	Yes	Yes	No	[65]
FOPID (fuzzy)	Designed as an electronic throttle	Fruit fly optimization	No	Yes	No	[66]
FOPID	Designed as an automatic voltage regulator	PSO	No	Yes	Chaotic Ant Swarm	[67]

Table 2. Usage comparison of a fractional-order PID controller for temperature control.

Fractional-Order Controller	Control Application	Statistical Evaluation	Comparison PID	Ref.
FOPID	Designed for control of super-heated steam temperature	No	Yes	[68]
FOPID	Designed for automatic control for an autotuning module	Yes	No	[69]
FOPID	Designed the for the safety of medical products	No	No	[70]
FOPID	Designed for internal temperature control in a roller system	No	Yes	[71]
FOPID	Designed for steam temperature control of essential oil extraction	Yes	No	[72]
FOPID	Designed for temperature control assessment	Yes	No	[73]
FOPID	Designed to cooling wat	No	Yes	[74]
FOPID	Designed for fuzzy fractional control of a heat exchanger	No	Yes	[75]
FOPID	Designed for double digital realization	Yes	No	[76]
FOPID	Designed for anti-windup for temperature control	Yes	No	[77]
FOPID	Designed as a large-scale dynamic matrix controller	Yes	Yes	[78]
FOPID	Designed for reheating furnaces with a large time delay	Yes	No	[79]
FOPID	Designed as a fuzzy PI+PD controller	Yes	Yes	[80]

6. Fractional-Order PID Controller for Ambulance Temperature Control

PID and fractional-order PID (FOPID) controls are proposed in this study to manage ambulance temperature and protect paramedic equipment from damage. The regulation of the heating process is widely employed in various fields, particularly in the medical profession, where it is used to transfer medicinal items, such as drugs, blood, and injections. Hit and Ttrial techniques, genetic algorithms (GAs), and particle swarm optimization (PSO) are used to determine the advantages of FOPID [81–83]. Moreover, to make the system work, the concept of dead time is introduced. The effectiveness of the proposed simulation strategy is ensured in a variety of situations with different time values. Tasks are recorded in the classic PID, PID + GA, PID + PSO, FOPID, FOPID + GA, and FOPID + PSO controls in terms of different time zones, critical square error (ISE), and absolute total error (IAE). The results show that using FOPID + PSO is effective and keeps the loop in operation better than normal PID controls. Accidents are one of the major problems faced by humans. Rapidly increasing road accidents are the cause of major damage to organs and loss of life, which is a huge setback for humanity. The is a need for alternate means to save the life of accident victims and provide them with treatment. In emergency situations, ambulances outfitted with medical equipment are used to transfer victims to the hospital for treatment. There is an urgent need for patients to get to hospitals during emergencies.

Ambulance carry all necessary equipment and products for dealing with emergency cases. Much medical equipment requires a specific temperature for operation in order to save the lives of patients. As the investigated systems are wireless, an optimal control system includes a controller that controls all the tools, as well as the temperature, which

is our main concern in ambulances, with the goal of protecting medical products from damage. In this article, various methods are discussed for controlling the temperature of ambulances and saving lives. PID controllers and fractional-order PID controllers are proposed in this article based on their specialization for temperature control. Ambulance operation and a temperature control strategies play an important role. The control strategy protects the ambulance from negative influences, such as medical injuries, injections, etc. Additionally, non-linear time of death is included in the system for maximum efficiency.

6.1. Hit and Trial of Genetic Algorithms and Particle Swarm Optimization

To improve the parameters of PID and fractional-order PID controls a genetic algorithm is used, an better output is achieved, improving the operational performance of ambulances. Particle swarm optimization is easy to implement, with a fast response time and reliable parameters. GAs are strong, stochastic, and can be efficiency applied for many purposes. Due to the inaccuracies that exist in the system, PID control is not a viable option. However, FOPID controllers are ideal for control the temperature of ambulances.

The main operational components of an ambulance are the thermal resistor, analog–digital converter, H-bridge driver, STM8S105S4, LED, and TEC. In the temperature measurement thermal resistor, an analog-to-digital converter (AD7705) is used to output a pulse-width-modulated signal (AD7705), which can control the H-Bridge driver and the heating and cooling unit (TEC) [84]. TEC is driven by an H-bridge to heat and cool the system. LED is used to display the measure of the temperature. Ambulances are also known as mobile hospitals because they perform all the duties a hospital in case of emergency, carrying important equipment, such as medicines, blood, etc., needed in case of emergencies. Ambulance are employed by governments or charitable organizations for emergency response, providing adequate care to patients when an injury or serious illness occurs. In terms of design ambulance, resemble vans, and vehicles provided by charitable organizations act as special ambulances. Their only aim is to serve the sick or injured, the elderly, or children who are far away from hospitals, and ambulances often resemble a bus in terms of design.

6.2. Control Objectives

The primary goals of this article are mentioned below:

- (1) Abulance temperature control;
- (2) Implementation of a FOPID controller an ambulance;
- (3) Tuning of PID and fractional-order PID controls with genetic algorithms and particle swarm optimization;
- (4) Adjustment of PID and fractional-order PID controls by GA.

6.3. Proposed Controller

In this paper, the use of fractional-order PID for temperature control is examined in an ambulance to prevent medical items from being damaged. The FOPID controller is a more advanced PID controller that has two more gain conditions, as shown in Figure 6. It has five types of gain:

- (1) Proportional gain (K_P)
- (2) Derivative gain (K_D)
- (3) Derivative order (μ)
- (4) Integral gain (K_I)
- (5) Complete order (λ)

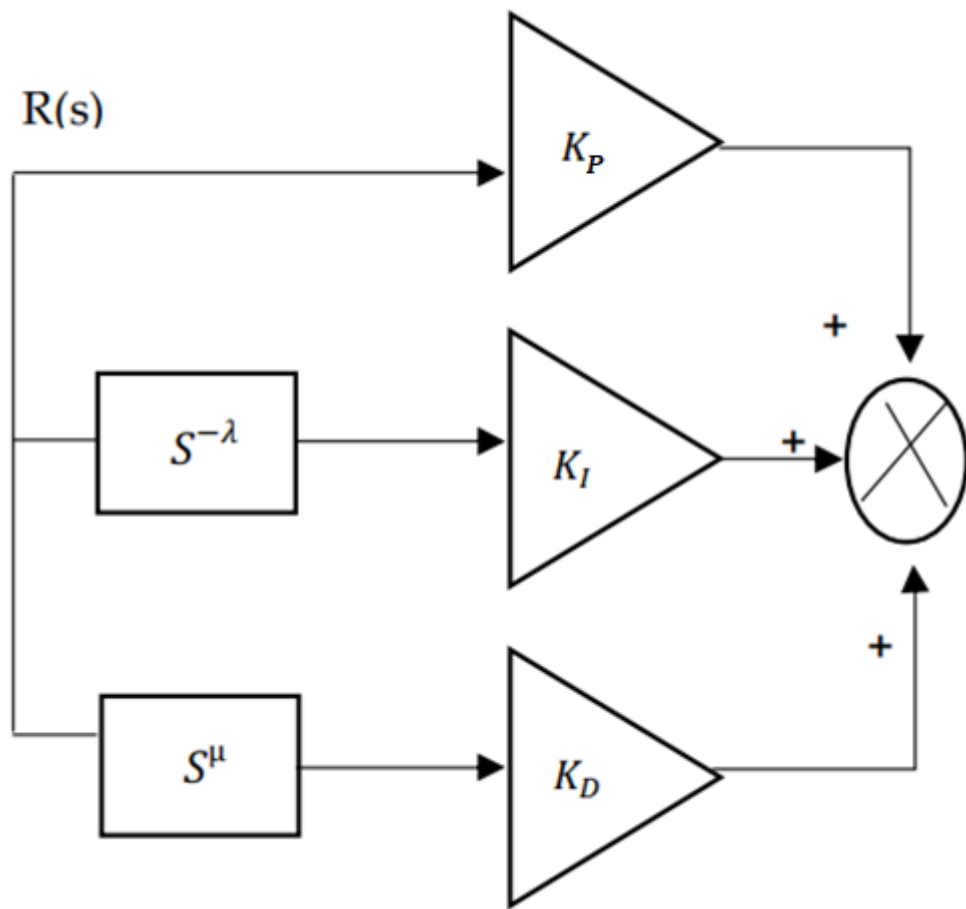


Figure 6. Block diagram of a fractional-order PID controller.

6.4. Suggested Tuning Methods

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) and Genetic Algorithm (GA).

6.4.1. Particle Swarm Optimization

In this system, the PSO method is used for testing and for correction of fractional-order PID benefits. Kennedy and Eberhart applied particle swarm optimization, inspired by the behavior of different kinds of flying birds and fish. The headcount in the PSO is updated without modification. The hill intelligence is considered the foundation of PSO [85–93]. A whirlwind consists of n particles moving in a search engine with a size of d . Speed is assigned randomly to all particles. PSO parameters applied to this function include acceleration constants ($\hat{a}1$, $\hat{a}2$), particle size (PS), multiplication number, first and last inertia weights ($\hat{\omega}1$, $\hat{\omega}2$), lower and upper limits ($\hat{u}1$, $\hat{u}2$), and stopping criteria.

6.4.2. Genetic Algorithm (GA)

Here, the use of the GA method is tested for correction of fractional-order PID benefits. John Holland developed a genetic algorithm inspired by Darwin's theory of evolution. The foundation of genetic algorithm evolutionary calculations depends on choice, conversion, and crossover. The main parameters considered in the genetic algorithm are crossover and mutation to determine the optimal solution. GA parameters used in this function include population size, multiplication no., crossover (co), conversion (in), stand (Sc), and lower and upper boundaries ($\hat{u}1$, $\hat{u}2$).

In this paper, performance comparisons made between standard PID and fractional-order PID using hit and trial and artificial ambulance support strategies. A temperature control strategy was developed. The program is very complex, with a dead time of 2–6 s. In comparing the system, it was clear that the performance of the program slows down

as the time to death increases. Based on a study of the system response, it was discovered that an old PID with a dead time of 6 s had greater oscillations and error rates than that with a dead time 2 and 4 s. The reaction was somewhat enhanced when PID was combined with GA and PSO. However, when FOPID, FOPID +GA, and FOPID + PSO are compared, FOPID, FOPID +GA, and FOPID + PSO come out on top. Figures 7–18 show the application of PID, as well as output response and error response. Figure 19 shows a comparison of all response outputs.

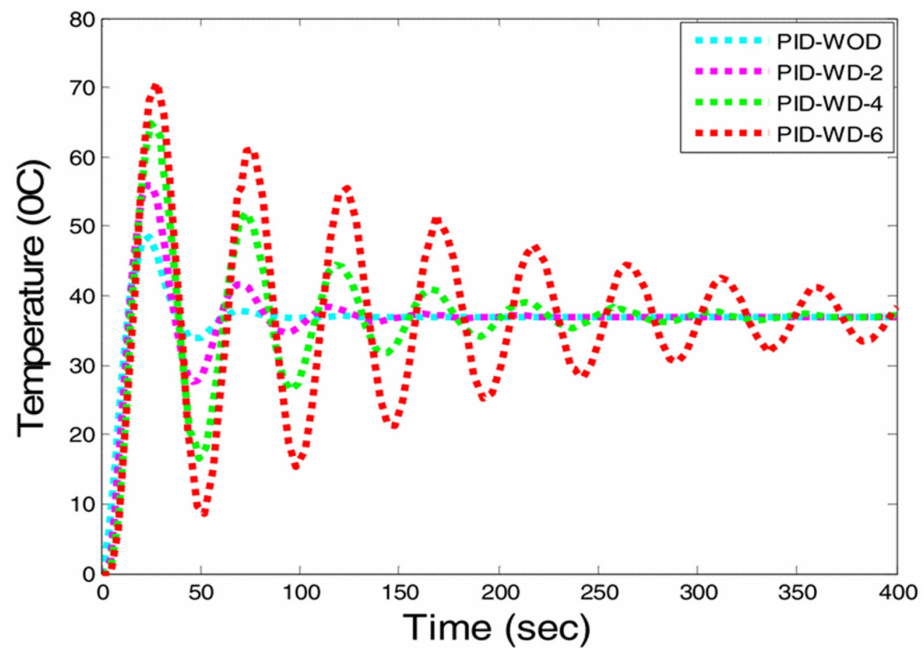


Figure 7. Ambulance output comparison plot of PID controller in terms of time and temperature.

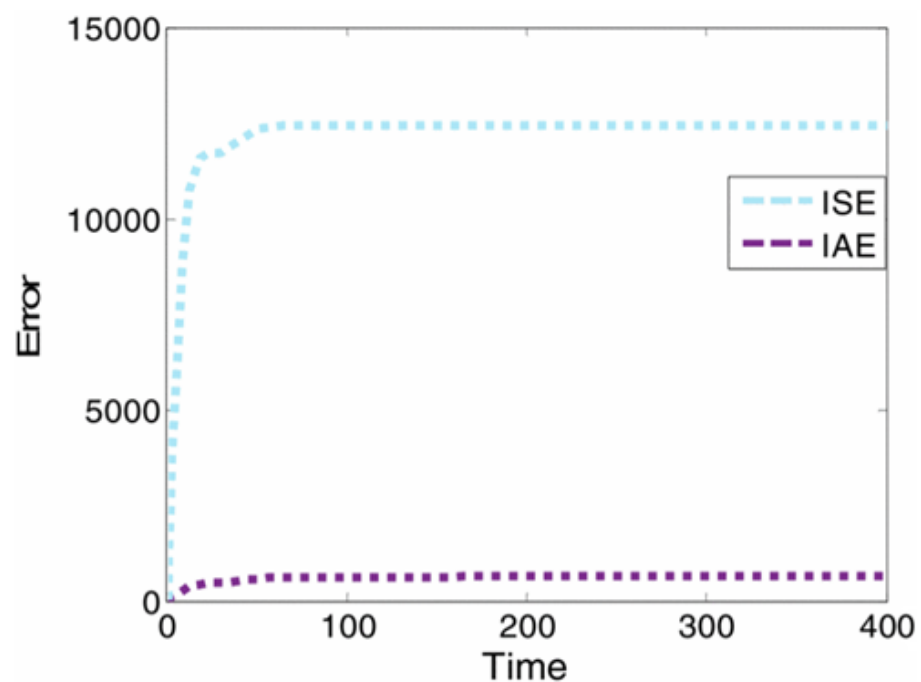


Figure 8. Error response plot of PID controller in terms of time and error.

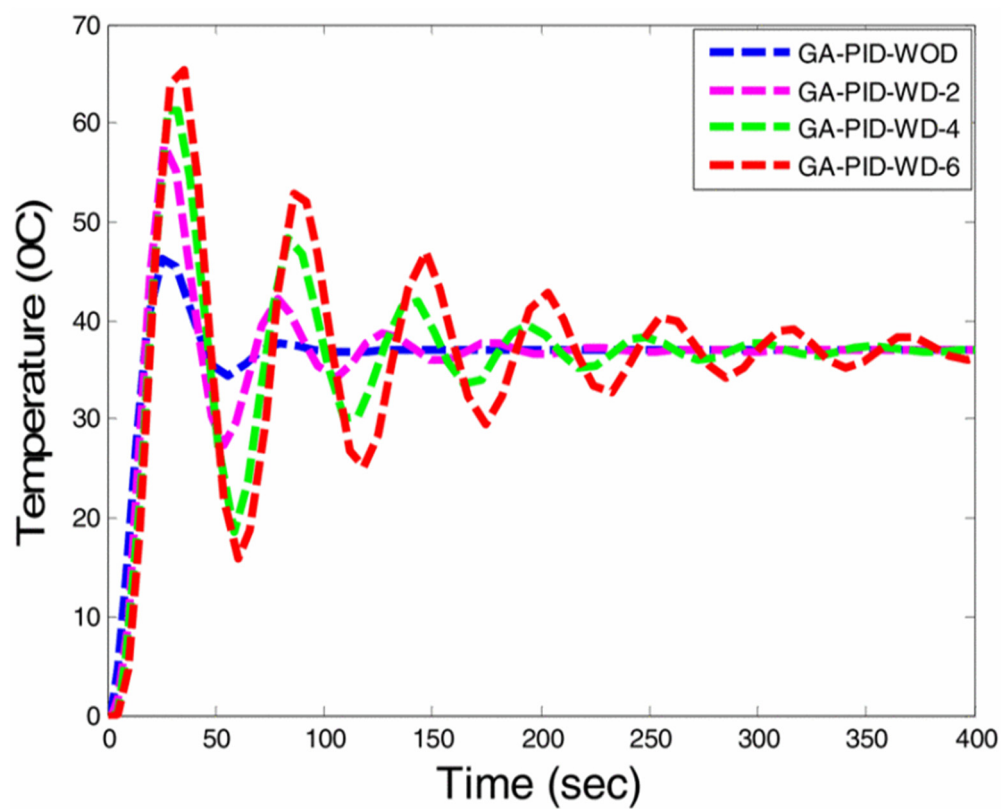


Figure 9. Ambulance output comparison plot of PID Controller and ga in terms of time and temperature.

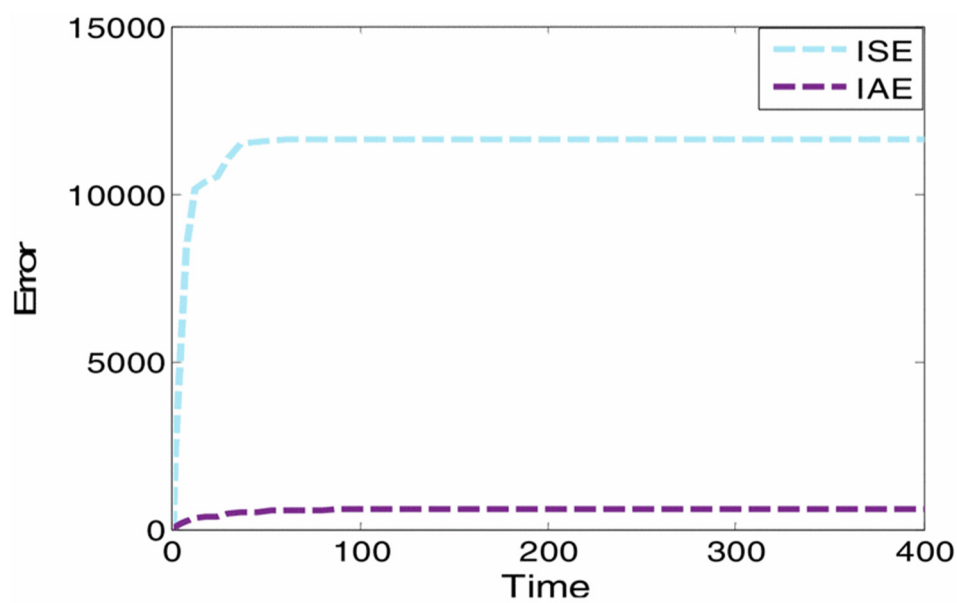


Figure 10. Error response plot of an ambulance with GA PID in terms of time and error.

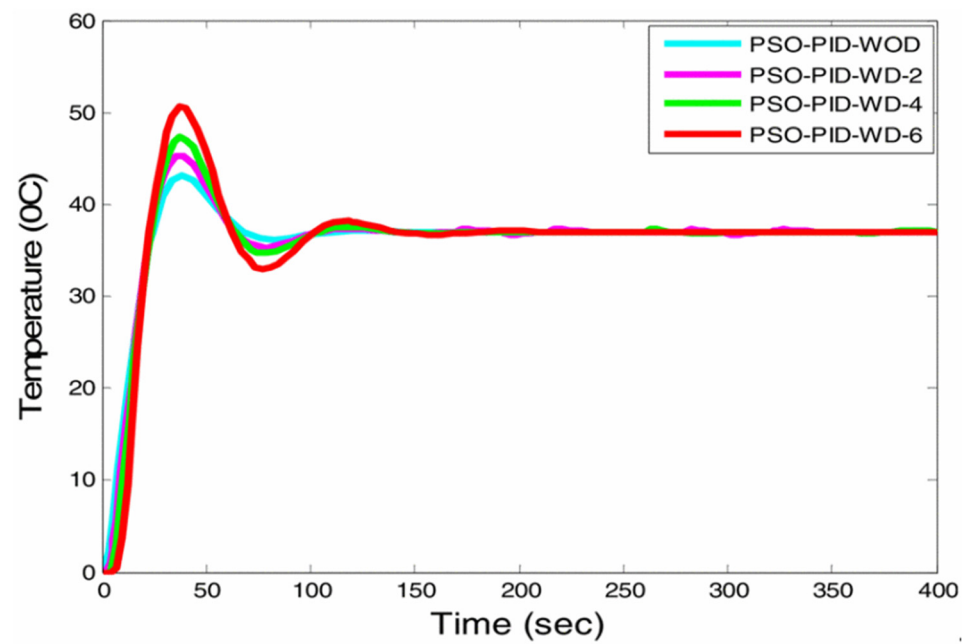


Figure 11. Ambulance output comparison plot with PSO, along with PID, in terms of time and temperature.

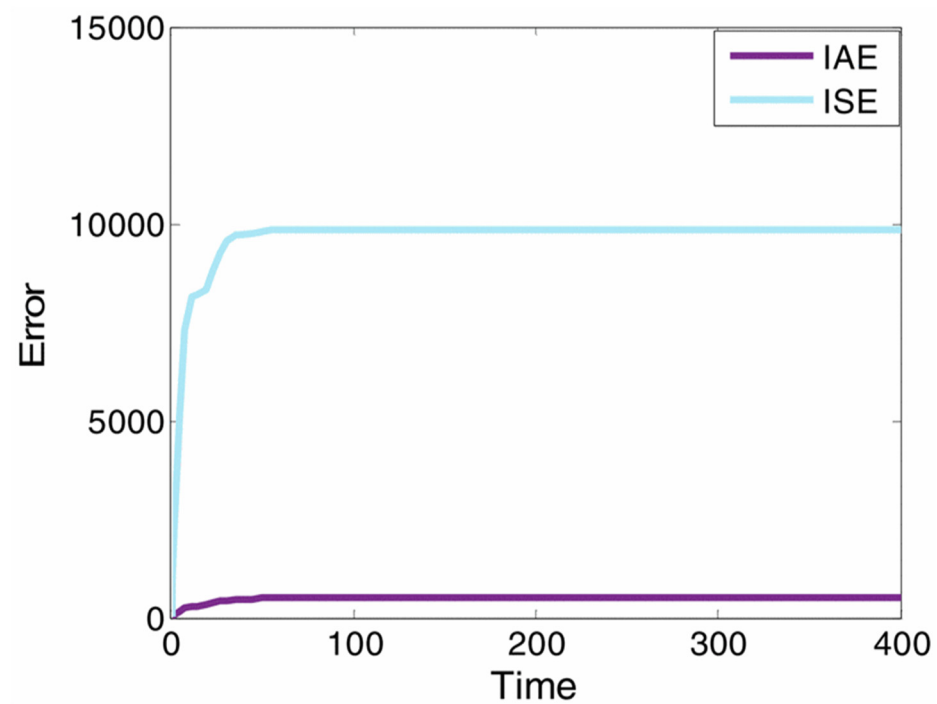


Figure 12. Ambulance error response plot comparison with PSO, along with PID.

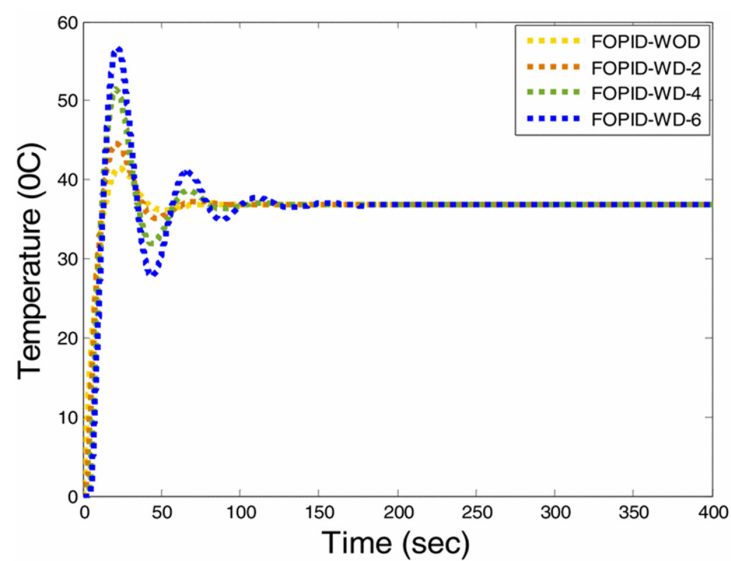


Figure 13. Output plot comparison of ambulance response with fractional-order PID.

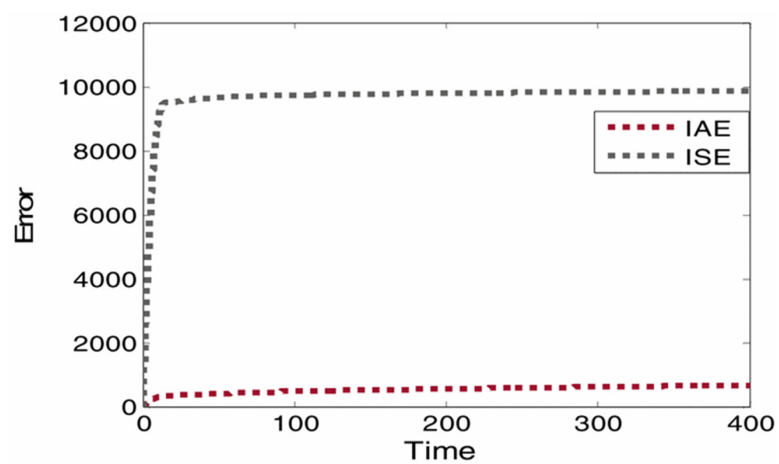


Figure 14. Ambulance error response with fractional-order PID in terms of time and error.

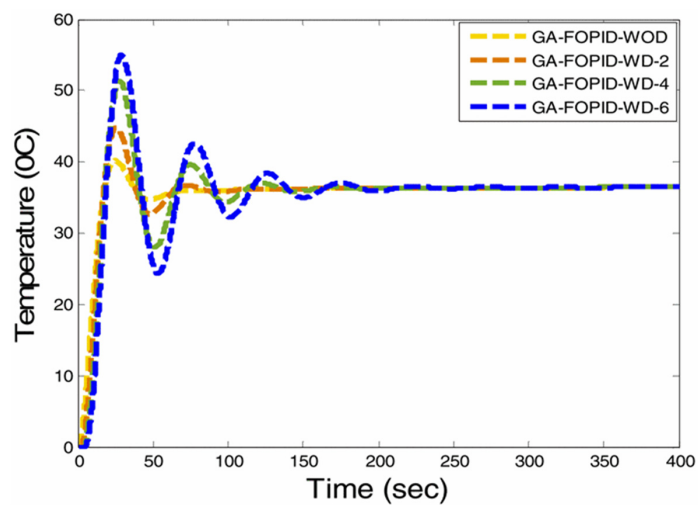


Figure 15. Ambulance output plot comparison with fractional-order PID, along with GA.

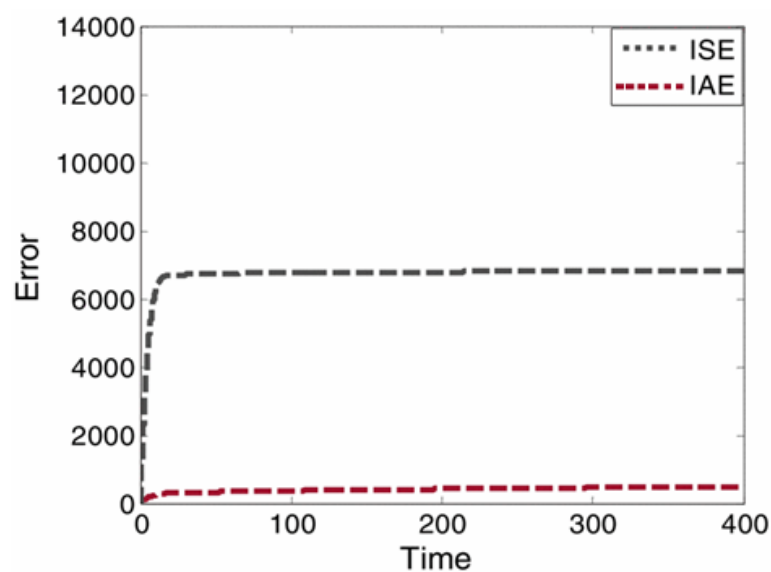


Figure 16. Ambulance error response comparison with fractional-order PID, along with GA.

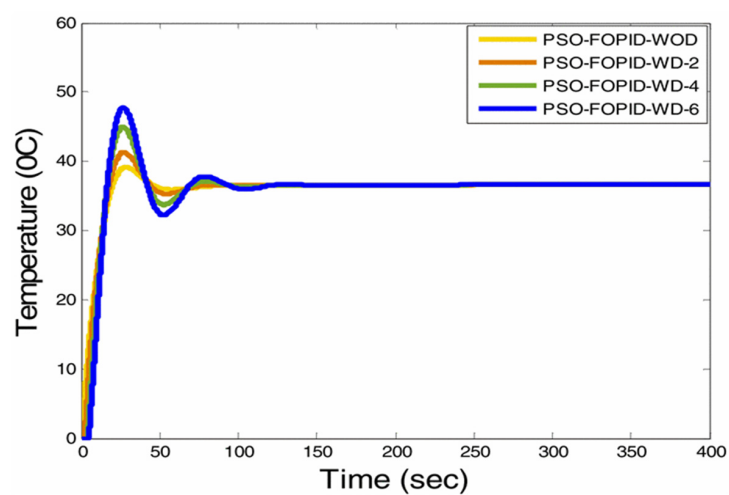


Figure 17. Ambulance output response comparison of fractional-order PID, along with PSO.

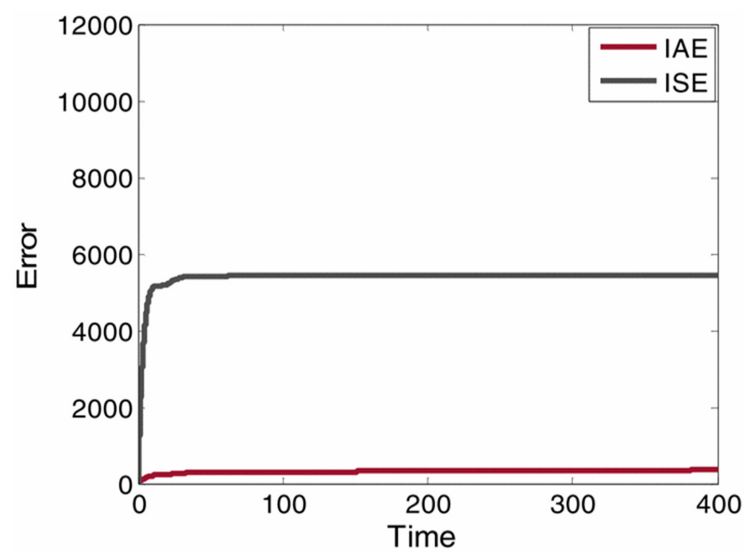


Figure 18. Ambulance error response comparison of fractional-order PID, along with PSO.

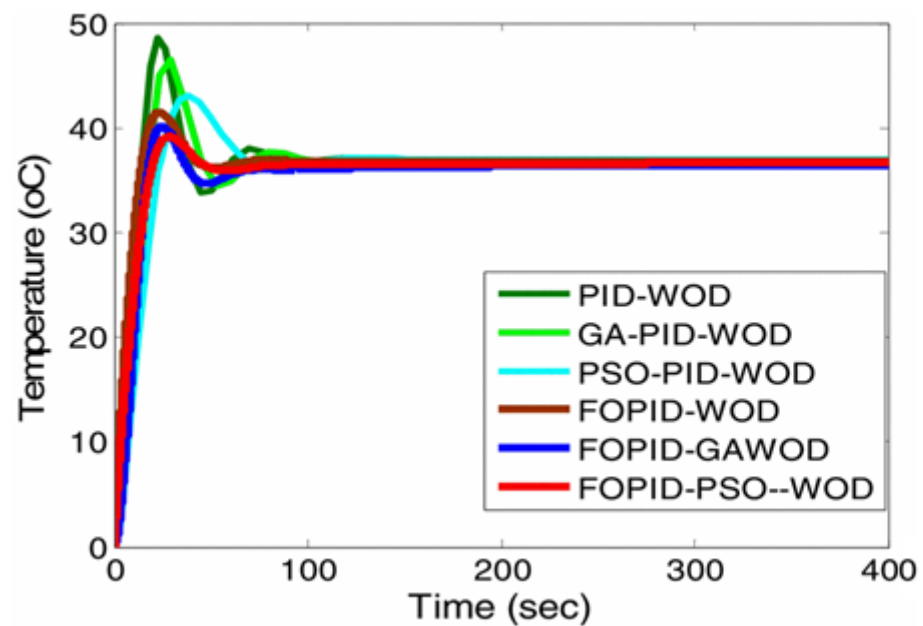


Figure 19. Final output plot of ambulance response in terms of time and temperature.

PID controllers with dead time (WD) and without dead time (WOD) represent the response in the time domain, with integral square error (ISE) and integral absolute error (IAE).

The parameters of the PID controllers shown in Table 3 represent the parameters used in the above output responses. In Table 4, the fractional-order PID controller gains and parameters are clearly demonstrate that the process works in ambulance error response for GA, PSO, and hit and trail methods.

Table 3. Different parameters used for PID controllers.

Sr.#	Gains	PID	PID+GA	PID + PSO
1	K_D	18.81	0.50	60.61
2	K_f	2.26	1.50	1.19
3	K_p	8.59	5.00	6.99

Table 4. PID Controller Parameters (Fractional Order) in terms of Gains.

Gains	GA	PSO	Hit & Trial
K_p	6.02	7.98	11.79
K_I	2.001	2.09	2.39
λ	0.85	0.89	0.99
K_D	1.002	33.62	34.62
μ	0.85	0.89	0.79

A performance comparison of FOPID and PID cases, including all the above mentioned factors with time specifications, is shown in Table 5. The rise time of the FOPID controller is much less than any other type of controller used.

Table 5. Comparison of FOPID and PID performance in terms of different time specifications.

Sr.#	Time Specification	PID	PID + PSO	FOPID + PSO	PID + GA	FOPID + GA	FOPID
1.	ISE	1.2×10^4	9846	5437	1.16×10^4	6821	9878
2.	Peak Value	48.6	43.1	39.1	46.5	40.2	41.5
3.	IAE	625	531	360	590	498	675
4.	Rise Time	5.8	7.2	2.5	6.5	3.5	4.4
5.	Setting Time	64.2	50.8	47	55	48.8	48.8

The responsiveness of the system significantly improved. As shown in Figure 19, FOPID and PSO achieved oscillatory behavior with lower error rates. In addition, it was proven that these systems achieved better system performance in terms of dead time.

In this article, a statistical model was created compared to PID and FOPID control systems. As shown in the figures, comparison of the responses was based on time frame details. The standard PID controllers are more flexible to time specification values. To reduce these oscillations and specified value times, FOPID control with GA and PSO is recommended. The performance comparison is shown in Table 4. According to analysis, the FOPID controller and the FOPID controller with GA showed an improved response relative to the original PID controller with GA and PSO. Moreover, in comparing FOPID, FOPID + GA, and FOPID + PSO, it was found that FOPID with PSO is the optimal solution.

7. Fractional-Order PID Controller for Induction Heating

Induction heating, especially vacuum induction melting technology, has the characteristics of high speed, high efficiency, and high heating with low consumption [94]. The system was developed and optimized on a standard furnace. With the advancement of the industrial sector, the requirements for advanced performance have also increased. Many researchers working on this, as well as fabrication of alloys made for edge cutting in a vacuum, have satisfied the performance requirements with high precision. Heating temperature control systems are used in induction heating furnaces using PID control [95–98]. The temperature is measured using thermocouples and a vacuum induction furnace. When the observed temperature differs from the predetermined value determined by a traditional feedback system, the heating system is modified.

However, as technology has advanced, quality and performance factors have improved with better and more precise control systems. In [99,100], a fuzzy PID control system was applied to control the temperature of a heating the furnace, improving the response speed of the temperature control system. However, the ant-interference capability is not strong, and the induction heating furnace has a large inertia and time lag.

The heating skin effect and conduction are the main phenomena in the process. If the force is reduced, alternating current and alternating magnetic lines of force are generated and pass through the coil magnetic field. According to electromagnetic field theory, the induced electric potential formed by a changing magnetic field generates a closed circuit of current on the workpiece surface, which is generally referred to as an eddy current. A simplified block diagram of an induction heating system is shown in Figure 20.

The temperature control system as a transfer function can be defined as:

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{(T_ms + 1)} e^{-\tau s} \quad (10)$$

An increasing-order method is adopted for the time lag in the system. In the transfer function, the time lag operator is approximated as a first-order inertia link:

$$e^{-\tau s} = \frac{1}{1 + \tau s} \quad (11)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{(T_ms + 1)(\tau s + 1)} \quad (12)$$

where τ is the time lag coefficient, and K is the scale factor, which is equal to $K = 1/Sk_1$.

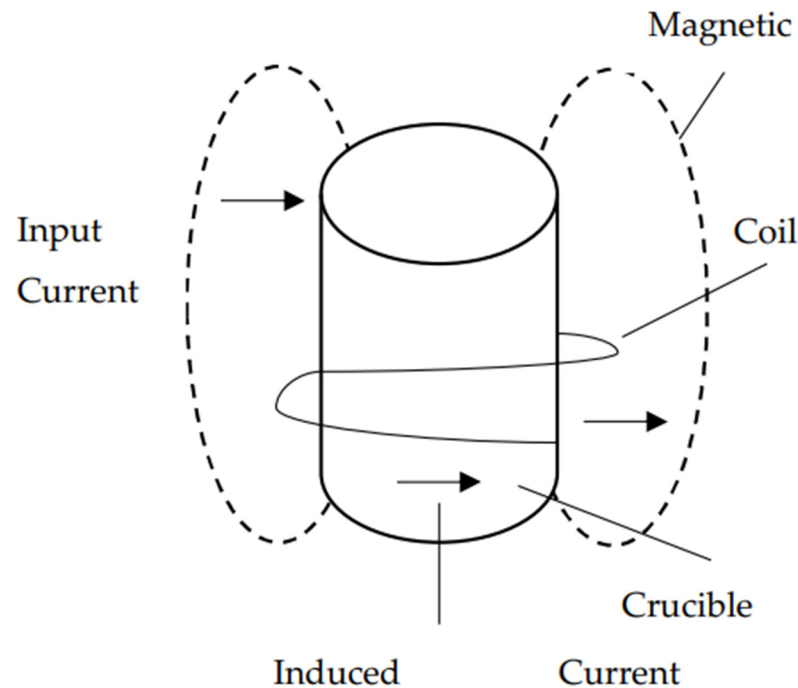


Figure 20. Simplified block diagram of induction heating [101].

FOPID-ADRC Design Optimized with QPSO

Fractional-order PID is developed from a classical PID to control the system. The performance factor improved and a much better controller was achieved as compared to classical PID. In the fractional-order PID controller, two variables (integral and differential order) are free, and control is realized, resulting in a considerable improvement in terms of control and performance. Active disturbance rejection control (ADRC) was proposed [29–33] as a better control strategy to improving temperature control accuracy in combination with a fractional-order PID controller. ADRC has a tracking differentiator, non-linear state error feedback, and extended state observer [99,101]. The input is taken from the differentiator, and the estimated value and total disturbance are obtained based on the data (input and output) of the extended-state observer. The control signal is calculated by the non-linear feedback.

Figure 21 shows a structural diagram of the active disturbance rejection control based on the error. In this research, the authors investigated fractional-order PID controllers, along with an ADRC system; the virtual control law can be stated as:

$$u_o = K_p (e_1 - z_1) + \frac{K_i}{s^\lambda} (e_2 - z_2) + K_d s^\mu (e_2 - z_2) \quad (13)$$

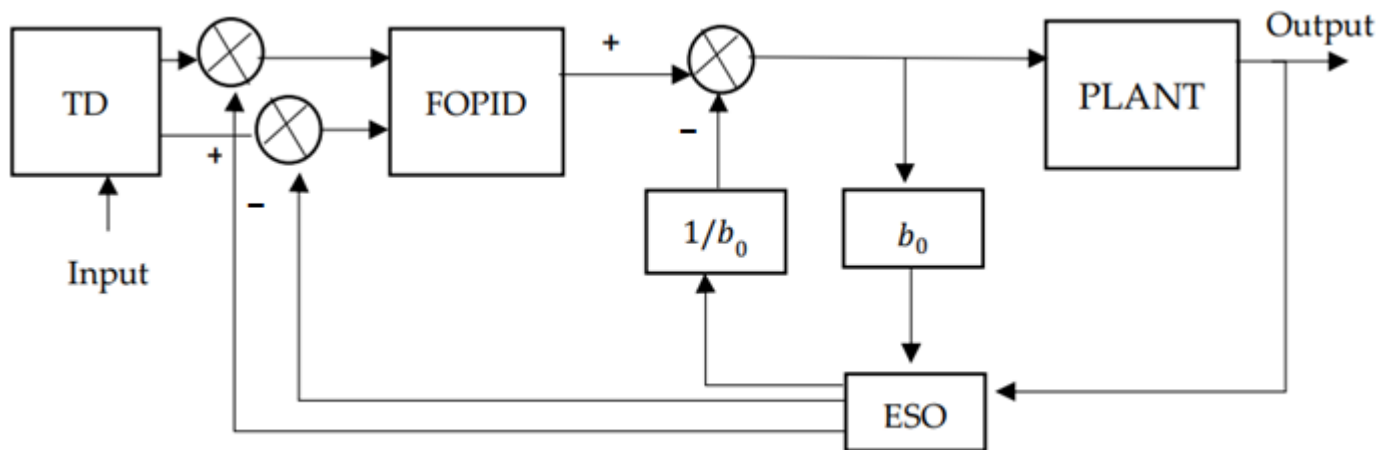


Figure 21. Block diagram of ADRC structural control system [102].

There are multiple control parameters in ADRC; however, the performance cannot be obtained with an empirical method. The quantum particle swarm algorithm-based fractional-order ADRC has an optimized algorithm that is based on group intelligence theory [103–108]. A search mechanism is developed, and according to the algorithm, the search mechanism simulates the movement of a particle in this mechanism. Moreover, with the increase in performance factor due to the QPSO algorithm, this system can be used for controller parameters. Multiple control parameters in ADRC are adjusted, and better performance is achieved. A QPSO-optimized structure diagram for parameter control is shown in Figure 22. There are multiple optimization steps of QPSO, which are as follows:

- (1) Initial parameters set, position and speed initialized;
- (2) Parameters adjusted and passed to fractional-order PID ADRC controller, which runs the control and passed fitness value (output);
- (3) Through initial fitness value, the initial global optimal and individual particles are determined;
- (4) Update operation and, through the previous step, obtain the fitness value to update and optimize the optimal value. Finally, when the fitness value equals the condition or reaches its extent, the algorithm stops working, and an optimal solution is obtained.

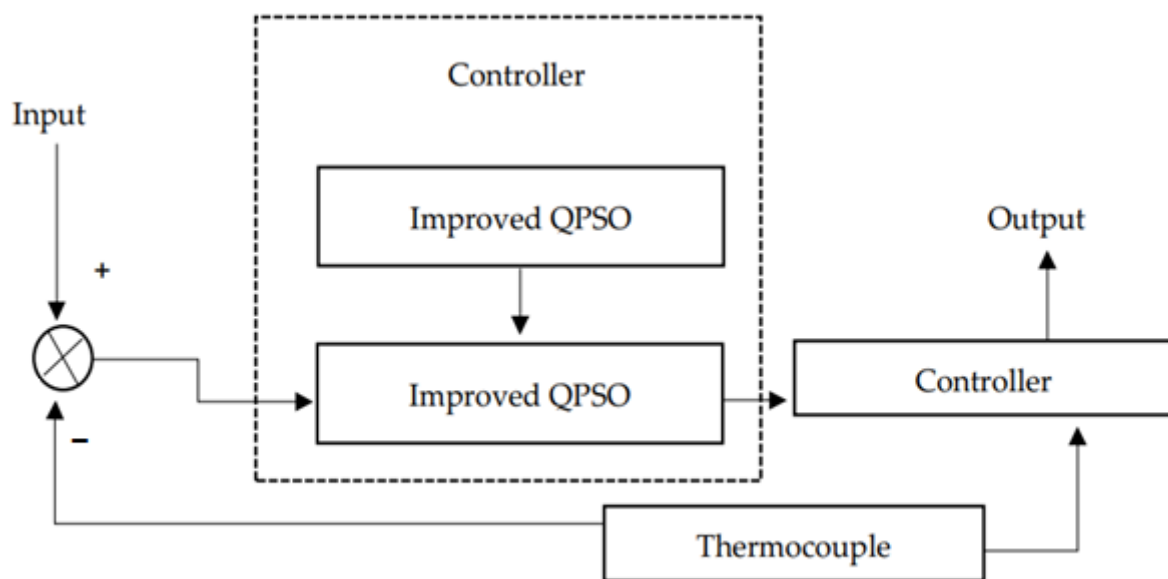


Figure 22. Flow Diagram of QPSO parameter optimization algorithm [102].

A vacuum furnace was taken as the experimental object, and the anti-disturbance performance of a designed controller was assessed. The control effect of three different controllers were evaluated with temperature jumps of 50 s and 100 s using Gaussian noise simulation, external disturbance, and model uncertainty. From the analysis of the result, it is clear that the fractional-order PID controllers, along with ADRC, have the best anti-disturbance performance.

With this application, the unknown interference problem was resolved with a fractional-order PID controller, and the proposed strategy, along with the ADRC controller, also improved the performance interference problem in the induction heating process. One problem with parameter tuning is the use of a more advanced QPSO algorithm to optimize the various parameters of the controller. In comparison to QPSO, the upgraded QPSO has a superior global search capability and a local optimal fitness value, and it also increases the composite controller's parameter tuning efficiency.

Moreover, the conventional temperature control gained from the PID controller is far less complex than that of the composite controller combining fractional PID and active disturbance rejection control. The temperature change monitor is shown in Figure 23, representing the control effects. The uncertainty gained by these controllers in industrial production may be helpful to further focus on the usage and implementation of this controller in real-time systems.

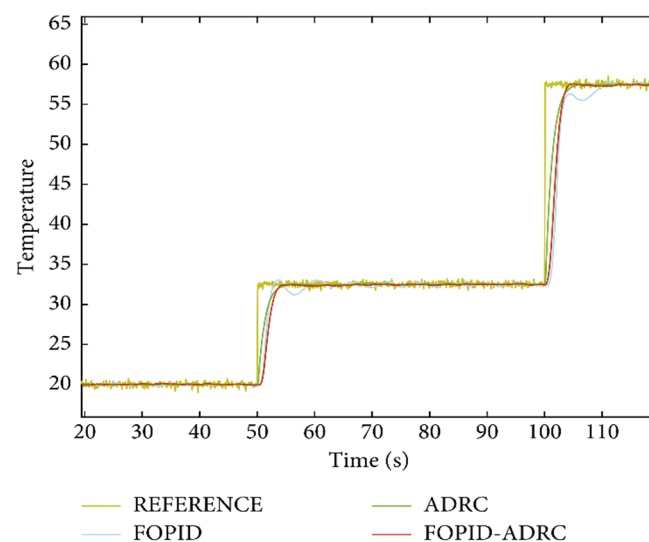


Figure 23. Frequency graph of temperature order monitor control effects (four cases) [102].

8. Conclusions

In this review, we investigated the benefits of fractional-order PID controllers for temperature control and performance improvement in the industrial sector. This can benefit the whole system by generating more accurate results and increasing the production and management. PID controllers are also useful, but they lack some features, as discussed earlier. Moreover, with a complete understanding of fractional-order PID controllers, we discussed their development from classical PID controllers and their use for temperature control in various sectors. Based on the results of our review, it is clear that fractional-order PID controllers have more advantages than PID and other methods. Further development is important to understand growth opportunities and tuning factors that may affect the performance measurement of FOPID. The application of fractional-order PID in bioreactors, which represent an important industrial component, and the effect of temperature controllers on bioreactor were also investigated. In this paper, models of ambulance statistics, PID, and fractional-order PID controls were used to make comparisons. Comparison of their responses was based on time frame details. According to the data presented in the figures, the standard PID controller is more flexible to time specification values. To reduce

these oscillations and specified time values, fractional-order PID control with a genetic algorithm and particle swarm optimization is recommended. Based on performance comparison analysis, we conclude that fractional-order PID controllers and fractional-order PID controllers with genetic algorithm and particle swarm optimization show achieve a better response PID controllers with GA and PSO. Moreover, in comparing fractional-order PID, fractional-order PID+ genetic algorithm, and FOPID + particle swarm optimization, it is found that fractional-order PID with particle swarm optimization is the optimal solution. The transfer function and temperature control output represent this effect. According to our analysis, the dragonfly algorithm used in bioreactors converges faster, which can also minimize the objective function. The temperature of the bioreactor in an industrial sector can be easily controlled by a Fractional-order PID controller, with the help of the dragonfly algorithm. Disturbance and point tracking were also analyzed and set. It is concluded fractional-order PID controllers are more robust and efficient in the industrial sector for temperature control. The advantage of using a fractional-order PID with ADRC controller is an improved performance effect in induction heating furnaces. The multiple disturbing factors removed by fractional-order PID-ADRC combine the advantages of the control system in induction heating. Finally, a literature review showed that FOPID controllers have multiple applications in the industrial sector as temperature control systems and that FOPID works much better as a control system as compared to other control methods.

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