

Finite-Time Adaptive Sliding Mode Control of a Power Converter Under Multiple Uncertainties

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This paper investigates the use of a new sliding mode control for the output voltage regulation of boost converter under parametric uncertainties of load resistance and input voltage. Owing to the fact that the proposed scheme employs the adaptation law; therefore, apriori knowledge about the upper bound value of uncertainties is not required while selecting the controller gains. Moreover, the stability analysis of the closed-loop system guarantees the finite-time convergence of output voltage to the desired value while ensuring robustness against uncertainties. The numerical simulation and hardware analysis illustrate the effective performance of the developed strategy.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The last two decades have seen significant growth in the integration of renewable energy sources (RES) into the power grid to expand the worldwide penetration of such energy sources. The RES are used as alternative energy sources in the localized grid, known as microgrids, that can be detached from the main grid when required. With the use of power converters, these microgrids can take the form of AC and/or DC microgrids (Amrr et al., 2018; Amrr et al., 2021; Singh et al., 2021; Muktiadji et al., 2022). Clean energy, such as fuel cells, photovoltaic energy, wind, and so on, are summarily endorsed in microgrids to safeguard the Earth (Saidi, 2022). However, the electrical features of unpolluted energy are unsympathetically affected by environmental and load changes (ImdadullahAmrr et al., 2021). For this reason, a dc-dc converter is essential to provide a stable output voltage at the output stage of clean energy.

DC-DC converters (buck type, boost type, and buck/boost type) are widely utilized in industrial applications for power conversion, including uninterruptible electrical power, dc motor drives, power systems, hybrid electric cars, medical equipment, telecommunications, portable recharging devices etc. However, it is crucial to mention that the output voltage requirement varies with different application situations (Leon et al., 2017; Hernández-Márquez et al., 2018; Muktiadji et al., 2022). Some applications, for example, need the converter output to have a quick dynamic response and a low voltage ripple. Moreover, some application demands a constant output voltage while experiencing parameter uncertainties and load changes. Therefore, industries and academics have been focusing on developing the most effective and efficient control approach for each

application in recent decades (Tan et al., 2005; Park and Cho, 2014; Hernández-Márquez et al., 2019; Yin et al., 2020).

The DC microgrid incorporates a DC-DC boost converter to connect the DC bus and the DC energy source, such as photovoltaic array, fuel cell, and battery (Balog et al., 2012). The DC-DC boost converter is usually employed to boost up the DC voltage to a higher level, i.e., the output voltage is greater than its input supply. Further, it is frequently used at the primary stage in a clean power system to generate more controlled DC voltage for later usage of the inverter. The mathematical model of a DC-DC boost converter is a nonlinear variable structured (Nizami and Chakravarty, 2020), has a nonminimum phase (Tahri et al., 2019), and time-varying behavior (Zhang et al., 2017). The controller design for duty cycle generation of the converter is challenging because of disturbances caused by load changes, input voltage fluctuation, and electromagnetic interference rendered by the semiconductor switching operation (Liu et al., 2018). Furthermore, adjusting the output voltage requires continuous inductor current information (Bouchekara et al., 2021). Consequently, an additional current sensor is needed (Shen et al., 2021). Therefore, the boost converter requires a high-performing control system that can provide effective disturbance rejection, low steady-state error, minimal overshoot, rapid recovery time, and fast transient reaction time to achieve a good system response.

In the past, various control strategies have been developed for controlling the output voltage of boost converters, including proportional-integral (PI), proportional-integral-derivative (PID), neural network, fuzzy control, backstepping technique, sliding mode control (SMC), etc (Guo et al., 2011; Nizami and Chakravarty, 2020; Guo and Abdul, 2021; Muktiadji et al., 2022). In general, PID-type or PI-type control systems are popular due to their simpler structure, ease of design, and low price. Guo et al. (2011) use a DSP-based controller to regulate the boost converter voltage with PI and PID designs. The findings show that PID and PI controllers are sluggish to acquire a transient response, have a significant overshoot at starting, are less stable, and are less resilient to operating point changes. The design principle of PID or PI is based on the linearization of controller system to construct its performance in the frequency domain (Mummadi, 2011). These controllers are not suitable for large-signal disturbances, such as suddenly large load changes to the system based on this constraint (Khan and Sundareswaran, 2014). Moreover, when there are system uncertainties, the stability of such control systems cannot be guaranteed, and control gains need to be repeatedly tuned to ensure favourable performance. The disturbance rejection problem for a non-minimum phase DC-DC boost converter is investigated in (Kobaku et al., 2021) using a robust PID controller. However, the drawback of PID controller is that it requires linearization to acquire a control parameter for a specific operating point. As a result, the boost converter cannot operate in all situations and operating ranges.

On the other hand, the sliding mode control (SMC) or variable structure control is a well known robust nonlinear control strategy. The SMC has a fast control action, better transient and steady state performances, and invariant against matched uncertainties and disturbances when the system dynamics are in sliding phase (Utkin, 1977; Saha et al., 2019; Amrr and Alturki, 2021; Wei et al., 2021). However, there are some problems associated with SMC, like chattering phenomena, inconstant frequency of switching, which can create excessive wear and tear on power switches, increased heat losses in the power circuit, and electromagnetic interference (EMI) problems (Utkin et al., 2020). The SMC has been researched to develop adjustment feedback structures for SMC based on hysteresis control in order to resolve chattering phenomena and switching frequency of higher order (Tan et al., 2006). By properly regulating the hysteresis band and sliding factor, the SMC based on the hysteresis modulation scheme becomes stronger against changes in input voltage and output charge. However, the frequency of switching cannot be guaranteed to be constant (Tan et al., 2006). In (Tan et al., 2007), an equivalent control-based SMC is developed to try and resolve the chattering phenomena problem and the non-constant frequency of switching. Unfortunately, in these investigations, equivalent control signals are unable to address possible system uncertainties. Martínez-Treviño et al. (2017) reported an SMCbased scheme for a boost converter to deliver a constant power demand. However, the system response has a significant chattering effect due to on-off type control design. A terminal SMC strategy is proposed in (Wang et al., 2016), however the finite-time convergence is not shown in the stability analysis. In (Wang et al., 2020), a composite control using disturbance observer (DO) and nonsingular terminal SMC is proposed to achieve a better transient response with improved robustness. However, it employs a coordinate transformation and DO approach, making the controller design relatively complex. Then, in (Yazici and Yaylaci, 2016), a fast terminal SMC is proposed for voltage tracking of DC-DC boost converter. Still there are few shortcomings in (Yazici and Yaylaci, 2016). First, parameters are tuned based on trial and error basis. Then, the upper bound of disturbance is assumed to be known apriori, which is not case in practical scenario. Lastly, finite time convergence is not shown in theory. Recently, a second order-based SMC scheme is proposed in (Cucuzzella et al., 2018) for designing a robust decentralized control for voltage regulation in boost-based DC microgrids. The second-order SMC approach produces continuous control inputs as duty cycles for the power converters. However, higher-order SMC is mathematically intensive and requires high computational power. In addition, the reaching phase of SMC is susceptible to the effects of disturbances. That means disturbance still influences the system dynamics in the reaching stage. To solve this issue, integral SMC is developed (Utkin and Shi, 1996) that guarantees the robustness from initial time t = 0.

In view of aforementioned literature, the proposed DC-DC boost converter control scheme employs an adaptive integral terminal SMC structure to achieve robustness against input and load variations. The combined integral and terminal sliding surface structure gives a better invariance throughout the operation. Also, it enables the finite-time convergence of the surface and the relative state. Further, the adaptive tuning of the controller gains helps in selecting control parameters, which

further helps reduce chattering and control effort. The main contributions of this paper are as follows.

- The proposed regulation control provides the robustness against the input voltage fluctuation and load variations.
- Theoretically, it is proved that the developed scheme guarantees the finite-time convergence of output voltage to the reference value.
- Moreover, with the use of adaptive gains, the control design does not require apriori upper bound knowledge of uncertainties.
- The numerical simulations and hardware analyses validate the efficacy of the developed strategy.

2 PROBLEM FORMULATION

The averaged mathematical dynamics of boost converter under continuous conduction mode with input and output uncertainties is expressed as Wai and Shih (2011).

$$\dot{x}_1 = -\frac{(1-u)}{L}x_2 + \frac{1}{L}(V_{\rm in} + \Delta V_{\rm in}), \qquad (1a)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = \frac{(1-u)}{C} x_1 - \frac{1}{(R_n + \Delta R)C} x_2,$$
 (1b)

where system state x_1 is the average current flowing through inductor and state x_2 denotes the average output voltage across the capacitor. The system parameters *L*, *C*, *R_n*, and *V_{in}* are the nominal inductor, capacitor, resistor, and input voltage, respectively. Further, ΔR and ΔV_{in} denotes the variations in resistance and input voltage, respectively. The uncertainties in (1) can be clubbed together in a single term and can be rewritten as

$$\dot{x}_1 = -\frac{(1-u)}{L}x_2 + \frac{1}{L}V_{\rm in} + w_1, \qquad (2a)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = \frac{(1-u)}{C} x_1 - \frac{1}{R_n C} x_2 + w_2,$$
 (2b)

where $w_1 = \frac{\Delta V_{in}}{L}$ and $w_2 = \frac{\Delta R}{(R_n + \Delta R)CR_n} x_2$. Consider the course errors in the output voltage (e_v) and

Consider the course errors in the output voltage (e_v) and inductor current (e_i) as

$$e_{\nu} = V_{\rm ref} - x_2, \tag{3a}$$

$$e_i = i_{\rm ref} - x_1, \tag{3b}$$

where V_{ref} and $i_{\text{ref}} = V_{\text{ref}}^2 / (R_n V_{\text{in}})$ are the desired values of x_2 and x_1 , respectively.

With simple mathematical operations on (3) using (2) gives the error dynamical system as

$$\dot{\mathbf{e}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{e} + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{C} + \Phi, \tag{4}$$

where $\boldsymbol{e} = [\boldsymbol{e}_{v} \ \boldsymbol{e}_{i}]^{T}$, $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{C}; \frac{-1}{L} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_{1}}{C} & \frac{-x_{2}}{L} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$, $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x_{2}C}{R_{n}} - \frac{i_{ref}}{C} + \dot{V}_{ref} & \frac{V_{ref}-V_{in}}{L} + \dot{i}_{ref} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$, and $\boldsymbol{\Phi} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{1} & w_{2} \end{bmatrix}^{T}$.

2.1 Problem Statement

The aim of this brief is to develop a finite-time robust control scheme as duty cycle for the voltage regulation of boost converter under multiple uncertainties. In terms of mathematical expression, this can be described as:

$$\lim_{t\to t_{\epsilon}}e_{\nu}=0;\ \lim_{t\to t_{\epsilon}}e_{i}=0,$$

where t_f represents the finite-time.

In this brief, the following assumption and lemmas are used.

Assumption 1: The lumped uncertainty in the error dynamics (4) is considered to be bounded, but the knowledge of its upper bound is unknown, i.e., $\| \Phi \| \le a$, where a > 0 is an unknown constant.

Lemma 1: (Yu et al., 2005). With $\gamma \in (0, 2)$ and a vector $\boldsymbol{z} = [z_1, z_2]^T$, the following inequality holds:

$$(|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2)^{\gamma} \le (|z_1|^{\gamma} + |z_2|^{\gamma})^2.$$

Lemma 2: (Bhat and Bernstein, 2000). Consider a Lyapunov function $V(\theta) : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ defined in an open neighborhood $U_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ of the origin for a continuous function $\dot{\theta} = g(\theta), \theta \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with origin as equilibrium point. If the given inequality is satisfied for a real number a > 0 and $\gamma \in (0, 1)$

$$\dot{V}(\theta) \le -aV^{\gamma}(\theta), \quad \theta \in U_0,$$
 (5)

then θ will converge to zero in finite-time with the settling time of $t_{settling} \leq \frac{V^{1-\gamma}(0)}{a(1-\gamma)}$.

3 PROPOSED CONTROLLER AND STABILITY ANALYSIS

The proposed sliding surface $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is defined as

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \alpha_1 \boldsymbol{e} + \alpha_2 \int_0^t \mathbf{sgn}^{\rho}(\boldsymbol{e}) \ dt, \qquad (6)$$

where $\alpha_1 > 0$ and $\alpha_2 > 0$ are the scalar constants, $\mathbf{sgn}^{\rho}(\mathbf{e}) = [|e_{\nu}|^{\rho} \operatorname{sign}(e_{\nu}) |e_i|^{\rho} \operatorname{sign}(e_i)]^T$, and $\rho \in (0, 1)$. The derivative of $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ with respect to time is expressed as

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\sigma}} = \boldsymbol{\alpha}_1 \left(\mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{e} + \mathbf{B} \boldsymbol{u} + \mathbf{C} + \boldsymbol{\Phi} \right) + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_2 \mathbf{sgn}^{\rho} \left(\boldsymbol{e} \right). \tag{7}$$

The Proposed adaptive based terminal sliding mode control scheme is given as

$$u = \mathbf{B}^{+} \left(-\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{e} - \mathbf{C} - \hat{k}_{1}\boldsymbol{\sigma} - \hat{k}_{2}\operatorname{sign}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}) - \frac{\alpha_{2}}{\alpha_{1}}\operatorname{sgn}^{\rho}(\boldsymbol{e}) \right), \quad (8)$$

where **B**⁺ is the left pseudo-inverse of **B**, i.e., **B**⁺ = (**B**^T**B**)⁻¹**B**^T (Wai and Shih, 2011), $\hat{k}_1 \in \mathbb{R}$, $\hat{k}_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ are the estimation of controller gains k_1 and k_2 , respectively with $\hat{k}_1(0) \ge 0$ and $\hat{k}_2(0) \ge 0$. These controller gains are governed by the following adaptive laws

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\hat{k}}_1 = \phi_1 \alpha_1 \| \boldsymbol{\sigma} \|^2 \text{ and } \dot{\hat{k}}_2 = \phi_2 \alpha_1 \| \boldsymbol{\sigma} \|, & \text{if } \| \boldsymbol{\sigma} \| \ge \epsilon \\ \dot{\hat{k}}_1 = 0 \text{ and } \dot{\hat{k}}_2 = 0, & \text{if } \| \boldsymbol{\sigma} \| < \epsilon \end{cases}$$
(9)

where $\phi_1 > 0$ and $\phi_2 > 0$ decides the rate of adaptation and $\epsilon > 0$ is significantly small design parameter.



3.1 Stability Analysis

Theorem 1: Consider the error dynamics of boost converter (4) under Assumption 1. The proposed control algorithm (8) will guarantee the convergence of sliding manifold (6) and system error to zero within finite-time.

Proof. Closed-loop stability analysis of the above theorem is proved using the Lyapunov theory (Slotine and Li, 1991; Farrell and Polycarpou, 2006). Therefore, considering a positive Lyapunov function V_1 as

$$V_1 = \frac{1}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^T \boldsymbol{\sigma} + \frac{1}{2\theta_1} \tilde{k}_1^2 + \frac{1}{2\theta_2} \tilde{k}_2^2.$$
(10)

where $\tilde{k}_1 = \hat{k}_1 - k_1$, $\tilde{k}_2 = \hat{k}_2 - k_2$, $\theta_1 > 0$, and $\theta_2 > 0$.

Using (4, 7) in the time derivative of V_1 yields

$$\dot{V}_{1} = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{T} \left(\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{1} \left(\mathbf{A} \boldsymbol{e} + \mathbf{B} \boldsymbol{u} + \mathbf{C} + \boldsymbol{\Phi} \right) + \boldsymbol{\alpha}_{2} \mathbf{sgn}^{\rho} \left(\boldsymbol{e} \right) \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{\tilde{k}_{i}}{\theta_{i}} \dot{k}_{i}.$$

After substituting u from (8) and adaptive law from (9) in above equation results in

$$\begin{split} \dot{V}_{1} &= \alpha_{1} \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{T} \left(-\hat{k}_{1} \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \hat{k}_{2} \operatorname{sign} \left(\boldsymbol{\sigma} \right) + \Phi \right) + \frac{\phi_{1}}{\theta_{1}} \left(\hat{k}_{1} - k_{1} \right) \alpha_{1} \| \boldsymbol{\sigma} \|^{2} \\ &+ \frac{\phi_{2}}{\theta_{2}} \left(\hat{k}_{2} - k_{2} \right) \alpha_{1} \| \boldsymbol{\sigma} \|, \\ &\leq \alpha_{1} \left(-\hat{k}_{1} \| \boldsymbol{\sigma} \|^{2} - \hat{k}_{2} \| \boldsymbol{\sigma} \| + \| \Phi \| \| \| \boldsymbol{\sigma} \| \right) + \frac{\phi_{1}}{\theta_{1}} \left(\hat{k}_{1} - k_{1} \right) \alpha_{1} \\ &\times \| \boldsymbol{\sigma} \|^{2} + \frac{\phi_{2}}{\theta_{2}} \left(\hat{k}_{2} - k_{2} \right) \alpha_{1} \| \boldsymbol{\sigma} \|, \end{split}$$
(11)

Adding and subtracting $k_2 \alpha_1 \parallel \boldsymbol{\sigma} \parallel$ in (11) and since $k_1 > 0$, so $k_1 \alpha_1 \parallel \boldsymbol{\sigma} \parallel^2$ can be introduced in (11) as

$$\begin{split} \dot{V}_{1} &\leq \alpha_{1} \left\{ -\hat{k}_{1} \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|^{2} - \hat{k}_{2} \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| + \|\Phi\| \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| + k_{2} \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| - k_{2} \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| \\ &+ k_{1} \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|^{2} \right\} + \frac{\phi_{1}}{\theta_{1}} \left(\hat{k}_{1} - k_{1} \right) \alpha_{1} \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|^{2} \\ &+ \frac{\phi_{2}}{\theta_{2}} \left(\hat{k}_{2} - k_{2} \right) \alpha_{1} \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|, \\ &= \alpha_{1} \left\{ -(k_{2} - \|\Phi\|) \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| - \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|^{2} \left(\hat{k}_{1} - k_{1} \right) - \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| \left(\hat{k}_{2} - k_{2} \right) \right. \\ &+ \frac{\phi_{1}}{\theta_{1}} \left(\hat{k}_{1} - k_{1} \right) \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|^{2} + \frac{\phi_{2}}{\theta_{2}} \left(\hat{k}_{2} - k_{2} \right) \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| \right\}, \\ &\leq \alpha_{1} \left\{ -(k_{2} - \|\Phi\|) \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| + \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|^{2} |\hat{k}_{1} - k_{1}| + \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| |\hat{k}_{2} - k_{2}| \\ &- \frac{\phi_{1}}{\theta_{1}} |\hat{k}_{1} - k_{1}| \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|^{2} - \frac{\phi_{2}}{\theta_{2}} |\hat{k}_{2} - k_{2}| \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| \right\}. \end{split}$$
(12)

Since $\hat{k}_1 \le k_1$ and $\hat{k}_2 \le k_2$, so $\hat{k}_1(t) - k_1 \le 0$ and $\hat{k}_2(t) - k_2 \le 0$. Thus, absolute operators with negative sign has been incorporated in (12) (Taleb et al., 2015). Further simplification of Eq. 12 results in

$$\dot{V}_{1} \leq \alpha_{1} \left\{ -(k_{2} - \|\Phi\|) \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| - \left(\phi_{1}\theta_{1}^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|^{2} - \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|^{2}\right) \\ \times \sqrt{2\theta_{1}} \frac{|\tilde{k}_{1}|}{\sqrt{2\theta_{1}}} - \left(\phi_{2}\theta_{2}^{-1} \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\| - \|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|\right) \sqrt{2\theta_{2}} \frac{|\tilde{k}_{2}|}{\sqrt{2\theta_{2}}} \right\}.$$
 (13)

TABLE 1 Cases examined under the proposed scheme.			
Condition	V _{ref}	Variation of Input Voltage	Variation of Load Resistance
1	$V_{\rm ref}: 55 \text{ V} \rightarrow 60 \text{ V}$	No variation; $V_{in} = 15 \text{ V}$	No variation; $R = 90 \Omega$
2	$V_{\rm ref} = 55 \rm V$	No variation; $V_{in} = 15 \text{ V}$	$R:90\Omega \rightarrow 120\Omega$
3	$V_{\rm ref} = 55 \ V$	$V_{\rm in}:$ 15 V $ ightarrow$ 20 V	No variation; $R = 90\Omega$

Incorporating the definition of 2-norm, i.e., $\|\boldsymbol{\sigma}\|^2 = \boldsymbol{\sigma}^T \boldsymbol{\sigma}$, into (13) yields

$$\begin{split} \dot{V}_{1} &\leq -\alpha_{1} \left(k_{2} - \|\Phi\|\right) \sqrt{2} \left(\frac{\sigma^{T}\sigma}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \alpha_{1} \left(\phi_{1}\theta_{1}^{-1} \|\sigma\|^{2} - \|\sigma\|^{2}\right) \\ &\times \sqrt{2\theta_{1}} \frac{|\tilde{k}_{1}|}{\sqrt{2\theta_{1}}} - \alpha_{1} \left(\phi_{2}\theta_{2}^{-1} \|\sigma\| - \|\sigma\|\right) \sqrt{2\theta_{2}} \frac{|\tilde{k}_{2}|}{\sqrt{2\theta_{2}}}, \\ &= -\Psi_{0} \left(\frac{\sigma^{T}\sigma}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \Psi_{1} \frac{|\tilde{k}_{1}|}{\sqrt{2\theta_{1}}} - \Psi_{2} \frac{|\tilde{k}_{2}|}{\sqrt{2\theta_{2}}}, \\ &\leq -\min\left(\Psi_{0}, \Psi_{1}, \Psi_{2}\right) \left\{ \left(\frac{\sigma^{T}\sigma}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{|\tilde{k}_{i}|}{\sqrt{2\theta_{i}}} \right\}. \end{split}$$
(14)

Using Lemma 1, Eq. 14 can be rewritten as

$$\dot{V}_{1} \leq -\Psi_{\min} \left(\frac{\boldsymbol{\sigma}^{T} \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{|\tilde{k}_{i}|^{2}}{2\theta_{i}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = -\Psi_{\min} V_{1}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (15)$$

where $\Psi_{\min} = \min(\Psi_0, \Psi_1, \Psi_2) > 0$, $\Psi_0 = \alpha_1(k_2 - \|\Phi\|)\sqrt{2} > 0$, $\Psi_1 = \alpha_1(\phi_1\theta_1^{-1}\|\sigma\|^2 - \|\sigma\|^2)\sqrt{2\theta_1} > 0$, $\Psi_2 = \alpha_1(\phi_2\theta_2^{-1}\|\sigma\| - \|\sigma\|)$ $\sqrt{2\theta_2} > 0$, $\phi_1\theta_1^{-1} > 1$, and $\phi_2\theta_2^{-2} > 1$. **Eq. 15** satisfies the inequality condition of Lemma 2. Therefore, the sliding manifold σ will converge to zero in finite-time. As $\sigma = 0$, the following equation can be written from (6) as

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{e}} \leq -\left(\alpha_2/\alpha_1\right) \operatorname{sgn}^{\rho}(\boldsymbol{e}). \tag{16}$$

Now, to show the convergence of the error e, consider another Lyapunov function $V_2 = (1/2)e^T e$. Substituting (16) in the time derivative of V_2 to obtain

$$\dot{V}_{2} \leq -\frac{\alpha_{2}}{\alpha_{1}} \boldsymbol{e}^{T} \mathbf{sgn}^{\rho} \left(\boldsymbol{e} \right) = -\frac{\alpha_{2}}{\alpha_{1}} \parallel \boldsymbol{e} \parallel^{\rho+1} \leq -\frac{\alpha_{2}}{\alpha_{1}} V_{2}^{\frac{\rho+1}{2}}.$$
 (17)

Eq. 17 also agrees with Lemma 2. Therefore, the vector *e* will also converge to zero in finite-time. Hence, Theorem 1 is proved.

4 RESULTS

This section presents multiple numerical and experimental results using the proposed adaptive ISMC for the uncertain dc-dc boost converter. For numerical simulation, the average mathematical model of dc-dc boost converter (1) is employed on Matlab/Simulink software. On the other hand, the hardware is realized on the setup given in **Figure 1**, where the control algorithm is implemented via a digital signal processor and controller (DSC) C2000 by Texas Instruments. The control input (duty) and corresponding PWM are evaluated in Simulink on the computer (laptop) and then fed to the DSC for physical signal generation. The generated electrical signal is used for switching MOSFET using the driver circuit. The DSC constructs the proposed controller output based on the feedback signals and creates the PWM signal directly. The DSC modifies the duty

cycle of the PWM signal to regulate the boost converter's output voltage. The analog feedback signals, i.e., output voltage and inductor current, are sensed using voltage and current sensors.

Besides, the nominal parameters of the boost converter is selected as follows: $V_{\rm in} = 15$ V, $R_n = 90\Omega$, $C = 900\mu$ F, and $L = 870\mu$ H. The switching frequency of PWM is selected as 20 kHz and the sampling time is taken as 0.5 ms. Moreover, the gain parameters of the proposed controller are chosen as: $\phi_1 = 2.6$, $\phi_2 = 0.2$, $\alpha_1 = 6.5$, $\alpha_2 = 1.8$, $\rho = 0.2$, and $\epsilon = 0.01$.

The performance of the proposed scheme is tested under three conditions as shown in **Table 1**. Accordingly, in condition 1, reference voltage (V_{ref}) is varying while the other two variables, i.e., V_{in} and *R* is fixed. Whereas, load is varying in condition 2 and input voltage is changing in condition 3.

4.1 Simulation Analysis

The numerical simulation is performed on MATLAB/Simulink software to analyze the proposed control strategy under different conditions. **Figure 2** shows the output voltage response, proposed control duty, and the time-varying adaptive gain response for all three cases.

It can be seen from **Figure 2A** that the references values are changing, i.e., till 1.1 s, $V_{ref} = 55$ V, and after that $V_{ref} = 60$ V. Accordingly, the proposed controller effectively regulates the output voltage to the two different desired values in the same simulation. Note that the output voltage response is fast and without any overshoot or oscillations in its transient response. Moreover, the control effort in terms of duty value is generated according to the proposed law (8), whose response is shown in **Figure 2B**. The value of *u* automatically changes at time *t* = 1.1s when the reference value increases to 60 V. The auto-increment in *u* is possible due to the self-tuning of controller gains. These gains are tuned using the proposed adaptation laws, and their responses are illustrated in **Figure 2C**. It is evident from **Figure 2C** that the adaptive gains are self-adapting to a new value after 1.1 s when V_{ref} command changes to 60 V.

The system response under resistive load variation is demonstrated in **Figures 2D**–F. In this condition, loading (at 0.8 s) and unloading (at 1.1 s) of load resistance occur. However, the output voltage response has no significant changes due to this load variation, as shown in **Figure 2D**. Thus, the proposed controller effectively tackles the load uncertainty while maintaining the desired output voltage level. The control duty and the adaptive gain responses are shown in **Figures 2E,F**, respectively. The slight fluctuation in the control response and small increment in the adaptive gains is due to the sudden change in load resistance value.

Similarly, the third condition of input voltage variation is tested and illustrated in **Figures 2G–I**. Similarly, the third condition of input voltage variation is tested and illustrated in **Figure 2G**. Here, the input voltage is varied from 15 to 20 V (at 0.8 s) and 20–15 V (at 1.1 s) to check the robustness performance of the proposed controller under system parameter variation. The sudden rise and the fall in the input voltage have a small effect on the output voltage response for a short duration, as shown in **Figure 2G**. However, once the adaptive gains tune to an appropriate value after 0.2 s from the time of variation, the



output response again converges to the desired value. **Figure 2H** shows the change in the control duty cycle value when there are changes in the input parameter. The adaptive gain parameter \hat{k}_2 is also changing at the time of input variation (see **Figure 2I**) to provide a suitable switching gain for nullifying the effect of input fluctuations. In summary, the closed-loop response rapidly recovers to its desired value thanks to the self-tuning property of the proposed robust control law.

It is important to note that the chattering effect in all control responses is considerably relieved due to employing the boundary layer technique in simulation (Boiko, 2013; Saha et al., 2021).

4.2 Experimental Results

The hardware performances of the proposed scheme are also illustrated here to validate its effectiveness. **Figure 3** presents four sets of actual snapshots of the output voltage and inductor current waveforms on the experimental setup using DSO. **Figures 3A,B** illustrate the results of the boost converter under condition 1. In **Figure 3A**, the output voltage initially starts from the biasing voltage. But, once the processor C2000 implements the proposed control algorithm to the hardware, the output voltage effectively reaches the reference value (i.e., 55 V). Likewise, the given controller satisfactorily forces the output voltage to a new desired value of 60 V in **Figure 3B**.

The effect of load variation on the system performance is shown in **Figure 3C**, which indicates that the proposed controller perfectly tackles the change in resistive load without any significant change in the output voltage. Furthermore, **Figure 3D** gives a snapshot of output voltage response under the influence of input voltage fluctuation. Here, there is a small dip in the output voltage at the instant of voltage variation, but the controller effectively regulates the output to the desired voltage value quickly.



5 CONCLUSION

This paper presents a robust regulation control of boost converter to regulate its output voltage under various uncertainties. The proposed control scheme is designed by integrating the terminal sliding manifold with adaptive controller gains. The terminal SMC guarantees the finite-time convergence of error between the output and reference voltage. The adaptive laws enable the controller design to dynamically tune its gains without knowing the upper bound values of uncertainties. A detailed theoretical stability analysis of the closed-loop system is also proved by the Lyapunov theory. The proposed control strategy is validated through numerical and hardware analyses under various uncertainty conditions. The closed-loop system performance is found to be fast, efficient, and robust against different uncertainties. The possible extension of this research could be along the lines of implementing the proposed algorithm at a higher power level with inductance and capacitance uncertainties.

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