

SOLAR ELECTRIC CONTROLLER

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Abstract-

Solar cells convert sun light into electricity, but have the major drawbacks of high initial cost, low photo-conversion efficiency and intermittency. The current-voltage characteristics of the solar cells depend on solar insolation level and temperature, which lead to the variation of the maximum power point (MPP). Herein, to improve photovoltaic (PV) system efficiency, and increase the lifetime of the battery, a microcontroller-based battery charge controller with maximum power point tracker (MPPT) is designed for harvesting the maximum power available from the PV system under given insolation and temperature conditions. Among different MPPT techniques, perturb and observe (P&O) technique gives excellent results and thus is used. This work involves the design of MPPT charge controller using DC/DC buck converter and microcontroller. A prototype MPPT charge controller is tested with a 200 W PV panel and lead acid battery. The results show that the designed MPPT controller improves the efficiency of the PV panel when compared to conventional charge controllers.

INTRODUCTION

Solar power is a form of energy harnessed from the power and heat of the sun's rays. It is renewable, and therefore a "green" source of energy. The most common form of solar energy is harnessed by solar panels, or photovoltaic cells. In photovoltaic power stations, they're arranged almost edge-to-edge to capture sunlight in large fields. You'll also see them on top of houses and other buildings at times, as well. The cells are created from semiconductor materials. When the sun's rays hit the cells, it loosens electrons from their atoms. This allows the electrons to flow through the cell and generate electricity.

PROBLEM DEFINITION

Internet business short for electronic trade is exchanging items or administrations utilizing PC organizations, for example, the Web. The proposed promoting model here is an internet business entry for online medication exchanging and looking giving clients the rundown of neighboring clinical shops.

ADVANTAGES OF SYSTEM

- Reduced electric bill.
- Insurance against rising energy costs.
- Cheaper power source.
- Return on investment.
- Environmentally friendly.

LITERATURE SURVEY:

The MPPT system can be classified based on the algorithms used; power converter in the system and application of the system (Standalone or grid interconnection)

A solar charge controller is fundamentally a voltage or current controller to charge the battery and keep electric cells from overcharging. It directs the voltage and current hailing from the solar panels setting off to the electric cell. Generally, 12V boards/panels put out in the ballpark of 16 to 20V, so if there is no regulation the electric cells will damage from overcharging. Generally, electric storage devices require around 14 to 14.5V to get completely charged. The solar charge controllers are available in all features, costs, and sizes. The range of charge controllers is from 4.5A and up to 60 to 80A.

The most essential charge controller basically controls the device voltage and opens the circuit, halting the charging, when the battery voltage ascends to a certain level. More charge controllers utilized a mechanical relay to open or shut the circuit, halting or beginning power heading off to the electric storage devices.

Generally, solar power systems utilize 12V of batteries. Solar panels can convey much more voltage than is obliged to charge the battery. The charge voltage could be kept at the best level while the time needed to completely charge the electric storage devices is lessened. This permits the solar systems to work optimally constantly. By running higher voltage in the wires from the solar panels to the charge controller, power dissipation in the wires is diminished fundamentally.

The solar charge controllers can also control the reverse power flow. The charge controllers can distinguish when no power is originating from the solar panels and open the circuit separating the solar panels from the battery devices and halting the reverse current flow.

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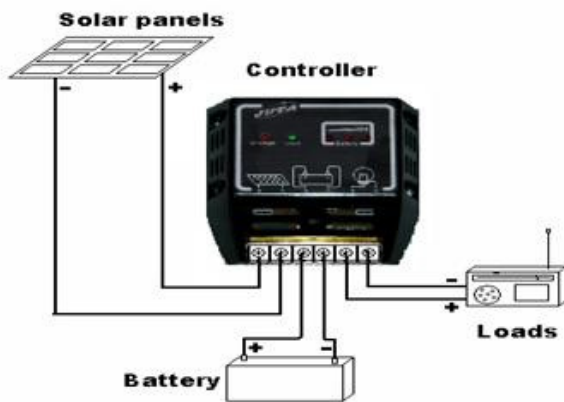


Fig-1: System Architecture Diagram

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- **Software Used:**
 1. Operating System: Windows XP and later versions Front End: HTML, CSS
 2. Programming Language: PHP
 3. Tool: XAMP & NOTEPAD++
 4. Domain: WEB APPLICATION
 5. Algorithm: Hashing.

- **Hardware Used:**
 1. Processor – i3 or above
 2. Hard Disk – 150GB
 3. Memory – 4GB RAM

ALGORITHMS

- Compared to the real application, the fitness function might be complex with long calculation time.
- The more parameters, or chromosomes that the individuals have, the longer and more memory intensive will be required by each iteration.
- The result is not guaranteed to be the best solution. The algorithm has a tendency to converge towards local optima.
- It is difficult to operating on dynamic data which means it is not suitable to use in real time auto tuning.
- The fitness measurement error would affect the optimization.

CONCLUSION

Solar energy reduces greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere because it harnesses the power of sun energy with little to no gases being released. The amount of carbon dioxide released to the atmosphere is way less from solar energy compared to coal plants when seeking to produce the same amount of kWh per year.

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