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ABSTRACT
The operational performance of a three-phase induction motor is impaired by unbalanced voltage supply due to the generation of negative sequence currents, and negative sequence torque which increase motor losses and also trigger torque pulsations. In this study, data mining approach was applied in developing a predictive model using the historical, simulated operational data of a motor for classifying sample motor data under the appropriate type of voltage supply i.e. balanced (BV) and unbalance voltage supply (UB = 1% to 5%). A dataset containing the values of a three-phase induction motor’s performance parameter values was analysed using KNIME (Konstanz Information Miner) analytics platform. Three predictive models; the Naïve Bayes, Decision Tree and the Probabilistic Neural Network (PNN) Predictors were deployed for comparative analysis. The dataset was divided into two; 70% for model training and learning, and 30% for performance evaluation. The three predictors had accuracies of 98.649%, 100% and 98.649% respectively, and this confirms the suitability of data mining methods for predictive evaluation of a three-phase induction motor’s performance using machine learning.

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Machine learning
Motor performance characteristics
Negative and positive sequence component
Power quality
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Voltage unbalance

1. INTRODUCTION
Three phase induction motors (TPIM) have found applications in various commercial and industrial operations [1] due to its low cost, low maintenance requirement, rugged design and non-complex construction. The importance of a TPIM was also emphasized by [2] that proposed a drive system for converting single phase to three phase for powering induction motors in rural areas where only single phase supply is available. A three-phase induction motor is a poly-phase equipment which requires a three phase supply to run. Three phase supply systems are theoretically designed to have a balanced and equal voltage magnitude per phase, but due to operational realities such as unreliable power supply [3], line disturbances, motor winding factors, the ratio of three phase to single phase loads [4], transformer faults, line transposition issues, unequal transformer tap settings, heavy commercial loads and so forth; the voltage magnitude of each phase of a three phase supply are unequal sometimes, and the line to line phase shift may also deviate from the normal 120°. This abnormal supply condition is referred to as voltage unbalance [4], [5]. Voltage unbalance exists in most supply networks and it is quite severe in weak power systems [6].

The performance of a TPIM is impaired when operating under unbalance voltage conditions. Voltage unbalance stimulates increased motor losses which results in increased heat generation that may lead to early motor failure [7], [8]. Voltage unbalance reduces motor efficiency thereby increasing energy cost for the user [9], and by implication, the reduced efficiency increases the system load on the power plant which
unnecessarily depletes the energy reserve of the power plant [10]. Voltage unbalance creates a magnetic flux that opposes the main flux, and this causes power and torque oscillation at twice the frequency of the supply. Consequently, the opposing flux leads to the generation of negative sequence currents that trigger increased motor losses [11], and heat production which may result in local hot spots in the stator windings [7], [12], [13].

Using Fortescue Theorem an unbalance voltage can be resolved into three symmetrical sequence components, these are - the zero sequence, the positive sequence and the negative sequence components [14]. Given line voltages $V_a$, $V_b$ and $V_c$, these can be transformed into sequence components as shown in Figure 1.

By design, an induction motor can tolerate reasonable levels of voltage unbalance but when the unbalance becomes excessive the motor must be derated to prevent early damage due to voltage-unbalance induced harmonic currents [7]. In the study by [15], a Neural Network controller was proposed for reducing torque ripple and current harmonics. The derating factor of an induction motor is determined by analysing comparatively the performance of the motor under unbalanced and balanced voltage operational conditions, and it is calculated as the ratio of the mechanical output power during unbalance voltage to that under balanced supply [16], [17]. Power supply quality is a major induction motor performance determinant [18]-[20], and as such, adequate effort must be put in place to manage power quality issues by using modern techniques [21] to guarantee quality power supply in order to ensure motor reliability and optimal performance.

When an induction motor is operating either under balanced or unbalanced voltage conditions, the performance measurement parameters of the motor such as the rotor and stator currents, the negative and positive sequence torque, the electromagnetic power, the air gap power, the rotor and the stator copper winding losses, the real and reactive input power, the power factor etc. changes accordingly with the voltage supply conditions. In this study, the simulated operational data of a three-phase induction motor operating within the motoring slip range ($0 < \text{slip} < 1$) under balanced (BV) and unbalance voltage supply ($UB = 1\%$ to $5\%$) is collected and processed for predictive modelling using data mining. A predictive model was developed using KNIME (Konstanz Information Miner) Analytics Platform to analyse the dataset toward developing a functional model that can determine the nature of the voltage supply whether balanced or not using the motor’s performance historical data.

2. NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURES ASSOCIATION (NEMA)

The dataset deployed in this study was generated using NEMA MG1 (1993) definition of voltage unbalance. According to NEMA, voltage unbalance is defined as:

$$\text{Voltage unbalance} = \frac{\text{max. deviation from average line voltage}}{\text{average line voltage magnitude}} \times 100\% \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{\text{Max} \left[ |V_{ab} - V_{avg}|, |V_{bc} - V_{avg}|, |V_{ca} - V_{avg}| \right]}{V_{avg}} \times 100\% \quad (2)$$
The operational motor performance dataset depicts a 415V three phase induction motor having the following per unit parameters: $X_m = 2.41\Omega$, $X_s = 0.12\Omega$, $X_r = 0.12\Omega$, $R_r = 0.084\Omega$, $R_s = 0.073\Omega$ with a base impedance of 3.304. The voltage variations considered are the balanced voltage (BV), 1% unbalance (1%UB), 2% unbalance (2%UB), 3% unbalance (3%UB), 4% unbalance (%UB), and 5% unbalance (5%UB) supply conditions, in line with NEMA recommendation of 5% maximum unbalance. The per phase equivalent circuit diagram of a typical TPIM is presented in Figure 2.

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\text{Figure 2. Per phase equivalent diagram of a TPIM}
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case was classified as BV, 1%UB, 2%UB, 3%UB, 4%UB, and 5%UB in the dataset. 246 data samples for each of the parameters was shared in the ratio 7:3 using stratified sampling; 70% for training and 30% for predictive evaluation.

![Supply voltage status predictive KNIME workflow](image)

5. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The descriptive statistics of the values of the motor parameters are presented in Table 1. The data mining workflow implemented, developed various statistical properties for each of the parameters and using the uniqueness of each, a representative model was automatically computed which depicts the relationship between the voltage status and the motor parameters.

| Parameter | Min | Max | Mean | Std. deviation | Variance | Skewness | Kurtosis |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Slip      | 0   | 1   | 0.5  | 0.2964         | 0.0879   | -1.2014  |          |
| Iseqpos (A) | 35.0894 | 259.10 | 195.95 | 63.17         | 3990.38  | -1.09    | 0.08     |
| Iseqneg (A) | 0   | 8.06 | 3.92  | 2.68           | 7.20     | 0.00     | -1.26    |
| Ira (A)   | 20.1059 | 246.78 | 186.64 | 61.28         | 3755.21  | -1.15    | 0.29     |
| Irb (A)   | 14.1331 | 246.68 | 181.77 | 62.25         | 3887.90  | -1.13    | 0.24     |
| Irc (A)   | 35.0894 | 259.21 | 197.04 | 62.58         | 3916.74  | -1.10    | 0.13     |
| Isa (A)   | 27.708 | 259.21 | 197.04 | 62.58         | 3916.74  | -1.10    | 0.13     |
| Isb (A)   | 27.708 | 259.21 | 197.04 | 62.58         | 3916.74  | -1.10    | 0.13     |
| Pr - Total (W) | 336.5783 | 50706.82 | 31813.92 | 15866.79    | 251754986.50 | -0.62   | -0.95   |
| Ps -Total (W) | 25222.906 | 186399.71 | 140907.65 | 45407.87    | 2061874313.23 | -1.09   | 0.08    |
| Pin (W)   | 54920.08 | 54920.08 | 54920.08 | 54920.08    | 54920.08 | -0.08   | -1.37   |
| Pin (VAR) | 13463.1335 | 75872.50 | 57377.87 | 28636.76    | 28636.76 | -1.63   | 3.05     |
| Pos Seq T (Nm) | 85.709 | 482.84 | 392.89 | 86.83        | 7539.95  | -1.63    | 3.05     |
| Neg Seq T (Nm) | -0.2643 | 0.00 | -0.07 | 0.07         | 0.00     | 0.01     | -0.08    |
| pf        | 0.5329 | 0.86 | 0.68  | 0.11           | 0.01     | 0.28     | -1.32    |

The statistical variations of the motor’s rotor, stator and sequence currents in ampere for all the voltage supply modes, both balanced and unbalanced are shown in Figure 4. The box plots reveal the minimum, the lower quartile, the median, the upper quartile and the maximum values for each of the current parameters. In Figure 5, the real (W), reactive (VAR), apparent (VA), air gap (W) and electromagnetic power (W) of the motor is displayed as a box plot.
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In Figure 6, the statistical spread of the values of the rotor copper losses and the stator copper losses in watt is presented as a box plot. The rotor losses increased from 336.58W to 50706.82 W with increasing slip and voltage unbalance, while the total stator winding copper losses increased from 890.91W to 48617.81W. Figure 7 presents the variation in the magnitude of the positive and negative sequence torque in Nm.

The variation of the negative sequence torque in Nm for the BV, 1%UB, 2%UB, 3%UB, 4%UB and 5%UB voltage conditions is displayed in Figure 8. The box plot reveals that at 5%UB there is a significant increase in the magnitude of the negative sequence torque as compared with the value when the voltage was balanced. Similarly, Figure 9 presents a box plot of the sequence current (A) for the BV, 1%UB, 2%UB, 3%UB, 4%UB and 5%UB voltage conditions. The sequence current has the maximum value at 5% voltage unbalance condition.

The changes in the rotor winding copper losses for the BV, 1%UB, 2%UB, 3%UB, 4%UB and 5%UB voltage conditions is displayed in the box plot of Figure 10. Figure 11 details the variations in the stator winding copper losses for the balanced voltage (BV) and the unbalanced (1%UB to 5%UB) voltage conditions.
Figure 6. A box plot of the rotor and stator winding copper losses

Figure 7. A box plot showing the magnitude spread of the positive and negative sequence torque

Figure 8. A box plot showing the negative sequence torque in Nm from balanced to 5% unbalanced voltage
Figure 9. A box plot showing the negative sequence current in Nm for balanced to 5% unbalanced voltage

Figure 10. A box plot of the rotor copper losses with increasing unbalance voltage

Figure 11. A box plot of the stator copper losses with increasing unbalance voltage
5.1. The naïve bayes predictor results

Using the Naïve Bayes predictor an accuracy of 98.649% was achieved. The scatter plot of the classified samples as shown in Figure 12. The confusion matrix of the Naïve Bayes predictor is presented in Table 2. Out of the total 73 samples randomly selected for performance evaluation, only one sample was misclassified. Figure 13 shows the ROC curve for the 100% correctly predicted BV samples while Figure 14 presents the RC curve for the 2% unbalance voltage prediction which has 94.2% accuracy due to the misclassification of a sample.

![Scatter plot of the classified samples](image1)

**Table 2. Confusion Matrix of the Naïve Bayes Predictor**

|       | BV | 1%UB | 2%UB | 3%UB | 4%UB | 5%UB |
|-------|----|------|------|------|------|------|
| BV    | 12 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| 1%UB  | 0  | 12   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| 2%UB  | 0  | 0    | 11   | 1    | 0    | 0    |
| 3%UB  | 0  | 0    | 0    | 12   | 0    | 0    |
| 4%UB  | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 12   | 0    |
| 5%UB  | 0  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 14   |

![ROC curve showing the accuracy of the balanced voltage sample classifications](image2)

![ROC curve showing the accuracy of the 2%UB sample classifications](image3)
5.2. The decision tree predictor results

The confusion matrix of the Decision Tree predictor is presented in Table 3. All the 74 samples randomly selected for performance evaluation were accurately classified as shown by the diagonal elements of Table 3.

|          | BV   | 1%UB | 2%UB | 3%UB | 4%UB | 5%UB |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| BV       | 12   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| 1%UB     | 0    | 12   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| 2%UB     | 0    | 0    | 12   | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| 3%UB     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 12   | 0    | 0    |
| 4%UB     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 12   | 0    |
| 5%UB     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 14   |

5.3. The PNN predictor results

Voltage supply status prediction using trained Probabilistic Neural Network node was also performed, the confusion matrix of the PNN predictor is presented in Table 4. Of all the 73 samples randomly selected only one was misclassified.

|          | BV   | 1%UB | 2%UB | 3%UB | 4%UB | 5%UB |
|----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| BV       | 12   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| 1%UB     | 0    | 12   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| 2%UB     | 0    | 0    | 12   | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| 3%UB     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 12   | 0    | 0    |
| 4%UB     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 12   | 0    |
| 5%UB     | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 14   |

5.4. Summary of model predictions

The comparative performance of the three predictors is presented in Table 5. The decision tree predictor had the highest performance with accuracy of 100% for the BV, 1%UB, 2%UB, 3%UB, 4%UB and 5%UB voltage samples considered. The accuracy of the model is significantly high because a lot of motor operational parameters were considered in the model. All the simulated parameters may not be readily available or easy to measure in practical studies, and as such, the expected accuracy for experimentally generated dataset will be quite lower.

|          | Naïve Bayes | Decision Tree | PNN Predictor |
|----------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| Correct Classified | 73          | 74            | 73            |
| Accuracy    | 98.649%     | 100%          | 98.649%       |
| Cohen’s Kappa (k) | 0.984       | 1             | 0.984         |
| Wrong Classified | 1           | 0             | 1             |
| Error       | 1.351%      | 0%            | 1.351%        |

6. CONCLUSION

In this study, data mining was applied to acquire knowledge from the dataset generated from the simulated operation of a three phase induction motor under balanced and unbalanced voltage supply. A predictive KNIME model was developed and three data mining algorithms; the Naïve Bayes, Decision Tree and PNN Predictor were trained using 70% of the total samples which were randomly selected. The knowledge acquired from the training was applied in predicting the type of supply that produced the remaining 30% of the motor operational data samples. The three predictors had accuracies of 98.649%, 100% and 98.649% respectively which indicates that the model was adequately able to acquire sufficient knowledge from the operational motor dataset, and this enabled the correct prediction of the type of voltage supply classified as balanced (BV), and unbalanced (1%UB, 2%UB, 3%UB, 4%UB and 5%UB) voltage supply. The model developed was exported using the PMML writer and this creates an opportunity for reuse even on other platforms. The predictive accuracy achieved in this work is indicative of the suitability of data mining approach for motor performance monitoring. This study opens up further research opportunities for...
deploying similar data mining models on practical motors for voltage quality monitoring using real time motor operational data.

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