
Positioning control system with high-speed starting and stopping for a DC motor using bang-bang control

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Abstract: This paper proposes a positioning control system with high-speed starting and stopping for a DC motor using bang-bang control. The control system of the proposed method continuously operates from the bang-bang control to proportional-integral-derivative (PID) control. The bang-bang control controls the equipment for high-speed starting and stopping. However, torque disturbances in the equipment may prevent the target-value response from stopping at a precise point. Therefore, we introduce a switching control system, which operates on the basis of the velocity signal. The proposed system includes various design factors, such as calculation of the switching time of bang-bang input and a method for continuous operation from the bang-bang control to PID control. Theoretical analysis describes the design details of the proposed method. Simulation and experimental studies show the results of various cases to indicate the effectiveness of the proposed method.

Keywords: Bang-Bang Control, PID Control, Switching Control, Disturbance Observer

1. Introduction

In industry, proportional-integral-derivative (PID) control [1] [2] is used to control the actuator. Furthermore, it is applied to design methods in a wide range of processes in the areas from research and development to production lines. Although an advantage of the PID controller is its general ease of design, the PID controller also has numerous limitations. For instance, tuning of PID controller is determined by the rule of experience. Otherwise, it is difficult to reduce the influence of overshoot. Furthermore, industrial demands require precise starting and stopping in high speed conditions of the actuator.

Bang-bang controllers [3] control the actuator for rapid movement and stopping; This means that it inputs maximum or minimum values to the actuator in open loop, which is known as “Bang-Bang input”.

Research on bang-bang control has been conducted worldwide. Lasalle [4] reported the principle of the bang-bang control. K. Nagakura [5] described time-optimal precise positioning control using a dc servomotor. Rillings.

et al. [6] proposed a bang-bang control strategy that uses a tabular adaptive model in a nonlinear system. In addition, K. Furuta et al. [7] designed a bang-bang position control that uses VSS control for the directive drive motor. N. Koreta et al. [8] conducted a study of high accuracy of machine tools with bang-bang control. Further, M. G.Vasek et al. [9] proposed bang-bang control for the double integrator plant in positioning control. Y. Yoshida et al. [10] proposed bang-bang control of a crane in real time. Authors [11] proposed the high speed activation and stopping control system using bang-bang control and simulated for a DC motor.

The present study proposes a position control with high-speed starting and stopping for a DC motor that use bang-bang control. It gradually and continuously converts, a control system started by bang-bang control to PID control. When the system converts, the system generally becomes discontinuous. Therefore, the initial value of the integrator in PID control, which is determined by the whole system is introduced in the control system. In addition, we introduce a disturbance observer for overcoming the variation in torque disturbance. We present the theoretical

analysis and design method in detail. We show the simulation results and also confirm the responses by using the real system, the DC motor [12].

This paper is constituted as follows. Section 2 shows the DC motor and Section 3 describes the bang-bang control. Section 4 proposes our method and gives design details and theoretical analysis. Section 5 shows the simulation results in various conditions, and Section 6 discusses the experimental study using the DC motor. Finally, we state the conclusion of this paper in Section 7.

2. DC Motor

This section describes the DC motor construction [5]. DC motor electrical characteristic and mechanical characteristic are written as follows:

$$\begin{cases} L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + Ri(t) + K_E \omega(t) = u(t) \\ J \frac{d\omega(t)}{dt} + D\omega(t) + T_L \operatorname{sgn}\{\omega(t)\} = K_T i(t) \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

which includes the consists of following parameters.

L	inductance of circuit (Henry)
R	resistance of circuit (Ω)
K_E	voltage constant of motor (V/rps)
K_T	torque constant of motor ($\text{g} \cdot \text{cm/A}$)
J	inertia of the rotating part ($\text{g} \cdot \text{cm}^2$)
D	viscous friction coefficient ($\text{g} \cdot \text{cm/rps}$)
T_L	solid friction ($\text{g} \cdot \text{cm}$)
i	current (A)
$u(t)$	input (V)
$\omega(t)$	velocity (rad/s)

(1) is rewritten in the Laplace transform as follows:

$$\begin{cases} LsI(s) + RI(s) + K_E \Omega(s) = U(s) \\ Js\Omega(s) + D\Omega(s) + T_L \Omega(s) = K_T I(s) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

In this equation, the inductance of circuit L is negligible, because it is quite small. From (2), the velocity and the position are as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \Omega(s) = \frac{T_m}{T_m s + 1} \left(\frac{K_T}{JR} U(s) - \frac{T_L}{J} \right) \\ \theta(s) = \frac{T_m}{s(T_m s + 1)} \left(\frac{K_T}{JR} U(s) - \frac{T_L}{J} \right) \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where, mechanical time constant T_m is as follows:

$$T_m = \frac{JR}{RD + K_T K_E}. \quad (4)$$

3. Bang-Bang Control

Fig.1 shows a block diagram of the bang-bang control and Fig.2 shows an example response. The maximum input to the DC motor produces the maximum speed. Therefore, the bang-bang control is the control system to stop to the target-value in the minimum time. However, when the plant has load changes or disturbances, controlling a plant using this method is difficult.

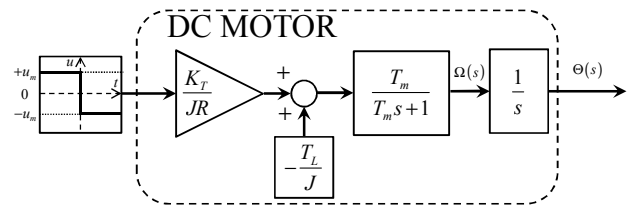


Figure 1. Block diagram of bang-bang control

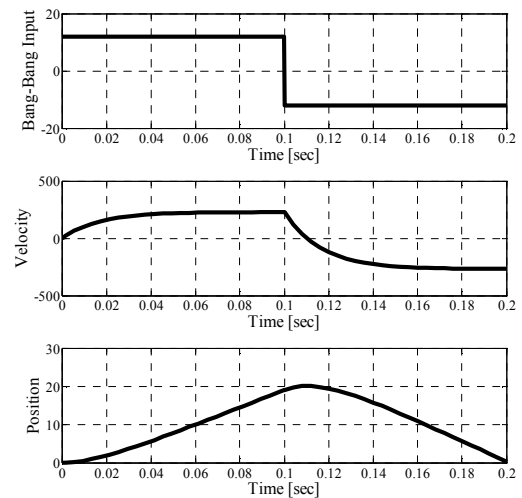


Figure 2. Example responses of bang-bang Control

4. Proposed Method

In the proposed method, the motor position is moved near the target value by the bang-bang control and is then converted to PID control. Fig.3 shows a block diagram of the proposed method.

In this section, we discuss the design of the control system and offer a theoretical case. Fig. 4 graphically shows our proposed method.

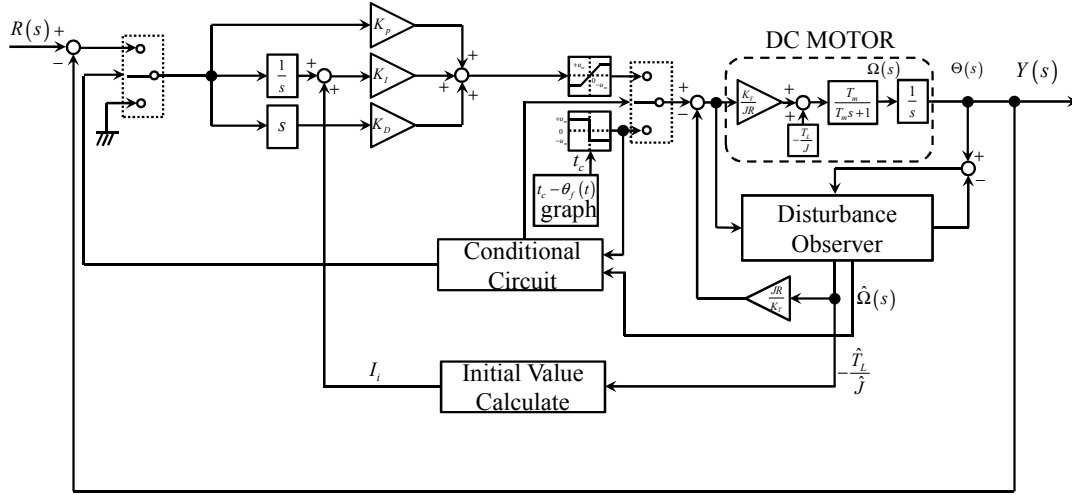


Figure 3. Block diagram of proposed method

4.1. Design of the Control System

First, we build the graph, the relationship of the position switching signal $\theta_f(t)$ and the switching time t_c in bang-bang input using the velocity switching signal $\omega_f(t)$. $\theta_f(t)$ is measured using the bang-bang control as shown in Fig.1. Then, the data are arranged using the least squares method after measurement, where, t_c and $\omega_f(t)$ are arbitrarily determined, e.g., $t_c=0.01$, or 0.1 ; $\omega_f(t)=100$ or 200 .

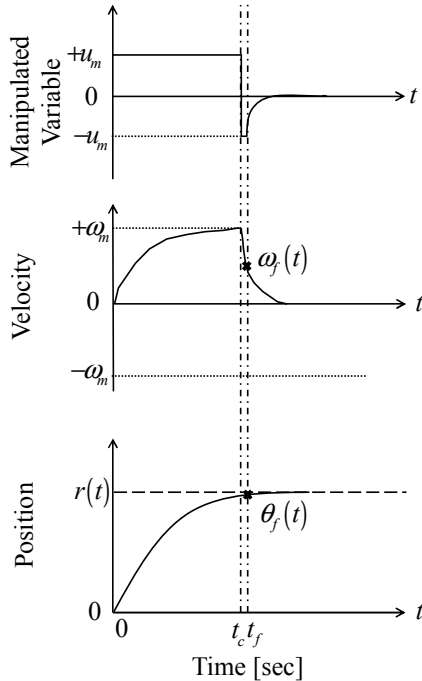


Figure 4. Explanation responses of proposed method

Second, we determine the target-value $r(t)$ and obtain the position switching signal $\theta_f(t)$. From the $t_c - \theta_f(t)$ graph, we get the switching time t_c in the bang-bang input.

Finally, we design PID control using the pole placement method. The system is converted from bang-bang control to PID control on the basis of the $t_c - \theta_f(t)$ graph.

4.2. Theoretical of the Control System

This section describes to derive switching time t_c in bang-bang input and convert time t_f to PID control.

The differential equation about the velocity is written as follows:

$$\frac{d\omega(t)}{dt} + \frac{\omega(t)}{T_m} = -\left(\frac{1}{T_m} - \frac{D}{J}\right)\omega_m - \frac{T_L}{J}, \quad \omega_m = \frac{u_m}{K_E}, \quad (5)$$

where, ω_m is max velocity

A. *Acceleration Time* ($u = u_m$)

The velocity $\omega(t)$ in the acceleration time is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(t) &= T_m \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{T_m} - \frac{D}{J} \right) \omega_m - \frac{T_L}{J} \right\} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{T_m}} \right) \\ &= T_m \left\{ \frac{K_T}{JR} u_m - \frac{T_L}{J} \right\} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{T_m}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

B. *Deceleration Time* ($u = -u_m$)

Velocity $\omega(t)$ in deceleration time is follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(t) &= -T_m \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{T_m} - \frac{D}{J} \right) \omega_m + \frac{T_L}{J} \right\} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{T_m}} \right) \\ &= -T_m \left\{ 2 \frac{K_T}{JR} u_m + \frac{T_L}{J} \right\} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{T_m}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

From A) and B), the velocity switching signal $\omega_f(t)$ and the position switching signal $\theta_f(t)$ are as follows:

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \omega_f(t) &= \omega(t_f) = T_m \left\{ \frac{K_T}{JR} u_m - \frac{T_L}{J} \right\} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t_c}{T_m}} \right) \\ &\quad - T_m \left\{ 2 \frac{K_T}{JR} u_m + \frac{T_L}{J} \right\} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t_f - t_c}{T_m}} \right) \\ \theta_f(t) &= \theta(t_f) \\ &= T_m \left\{ \frac{K_T}{JR} u_m - \frac{T_L}{J} \right\} \left[t_c - T_m \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t_c}{T_m}} \right) \right] \\ &\quad \dots + T_m \left\{ \frac{K_T}{JR} u_m - \frac{T_L}{J} \right\} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t_c}{T_m}} \right) (t_f - t_c) \\ &\quad \dots - T_m \left\{ 2 \frac{K_T}{JR} u_m + \frac{T_L}{J} \right\} \left[(t_f - t_c) - T_m \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t_f - t_c}{T_m}} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \right. \quad (8)$$

$\omega_f(t)$ and $\theta_f(t)$ are already specified. By solving the simultaneous equations in (8), the switching time t_c and t_f can be calculated.

Second, we consider the design of the entire system and the method for designing the PID controller.

From Fig. 3, the target-value response is as follows:

$$Y(s) = \frac{K_d K_T T_m s^2 + K_p K_T T_m s + K_i K_T T_m}{J R T_m s^3 + (J R + K_d K_T T_m) s^2 + K_p K_T T_m s + K_i K_T T_m} R(s) \quad (9)$$

From above equation, we can design PID controller by the pole placement method.

Here, a reference model is determined as follows:

$$\frac{\alpha^3}{(s + \alpha)^3} = \frac{\alpha^3}{s^3 + 3\alpha s^2 + 3\alpha^2 s + \alpha^3}, \quad (10)$$

where, α is the model parameter.

The denominator of the target-value response can be compared with denominator of the reference model. Therefore, PID controller gains K_p , K_i , and K_d are written as

follows:

$$\begin{cases} \alpha^3 = \frac{K_i K_T}{JR} \\ 3\alpha^2 = \frac{K_p K_T}{JR} \\ 3\alpha = \frac{1}{T_m} + \frac{K_d K_T}{JR} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} K_p = 3\alpha^2 \frac{JR}{K_T} \\ K_i = \alpha^3 \frac{JR}{K_T} \\ K_d = \left(3\alpha - \frac{1}{T_m} \right) \frac{JR}{K_T} \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

Finally, the system can be converted from bang-bang control to PID control. However, it must maintain continuousness during the conversion process. Therefore, we focus on the integrator of the PID controller and we determine its initial value.

Fig.5 shows a block diagram of the proposed method used to introduce the initial value of the integrator.

First, the transfer function is derived from each signal $R(s)$, I_i , T_L/J , I_v , and I_p , to velocity $Y_v(s)$.

Then, the characteristic of equation (18) is equal to characteristic equation of that (16). Therefore, the numerator of (18) is placed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_v(s) &= \frac{\left\{ K_d K_T T_m R(s) + J R T_m I_v - K_d K_i T_m I_p \right\} s^3}{J R T_m s^3 + (J R + K_d K_T T_m) s^2 + K_p K_T T_m s + K_i K_T T_m} \\ &\quad + \left\{ K_p K_T T_m R(s) - K_i K_T T_m I_i \right\} s^2 \\ &\quad + \left\{ -J R \frac{T_m}{J} \left(-\frac{T_L}{J} \right) - K_p K_T T_m I_p \right\} s \\ &= \frac{s(s + \alpha)(s + \beta)}{(s + \alpha)^3} \quad (12) \\ &= \frac{s(s + \beta)}{(s + \alpha)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, the initial value of the integrator in the PID controller I_i is

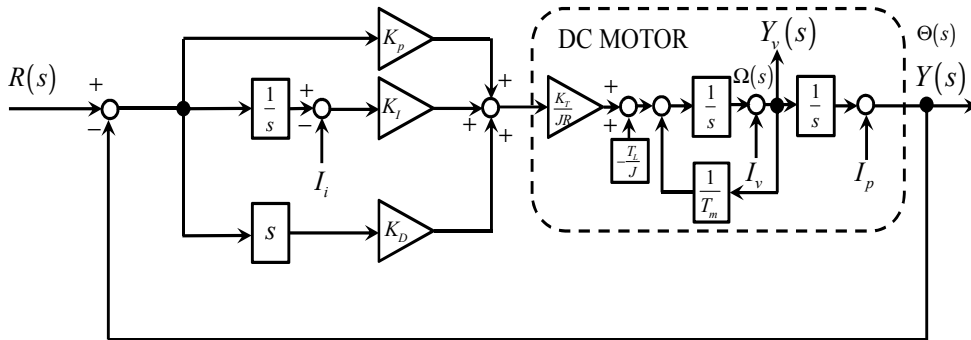


Figure 5. Block diagram of proposed method to consider initial value

$$I_i = -\frac{\alpha^2 \{JRT_m I_v - K_d K_T T_m I_p + K_d K_T T_m R(s)\} + \alpha \{-K_p T_m K_T R(s) - \alpha RT_L T_m + \alpha K_p K_T T_m I_p\} + \{K_i K_T T_m R(s) - K_i K_T T_m I_p\}}{\alpha K_i K_T T_m} \quad (13)$$

Hence, the system cannot be discontinuous from the bang-bang control to the PID control.

Here, the condition of the bang-bang control to the PID control is the velocity $\omega_f(t)$. However, the t_c - $\theta_f(t)$ graph is influenced by the changing of the torque. Therefore, we introduce the disturbance observer, and the system can be estimated as torque-disturbance. Thus, the initial value I_i can be calculated in real-time.

5. Simulation Study

In this section, we show simulation results of the proposed method in several cases, which include variations of target-value, torque-disturbance, and the plant with a modelling error.

Table 1. shows each parameter value of the DC motor [5].

Table 1. DC motor parameters [5]

Parameters	Value
L	5.6×10^{-5}
R	7.4×10^{-1}
K_E	4.06×10^{-2}
K_T	4.15×10^2
J	4.47×10^{-1}
D	4.30
T_L	5.5×10^2
$u(t)$	12

From Fig. 1 and Table 1., $Y(s)$ - $U(s)$ and $Y(s)$ -Torque-disturbance for the DC motor are written as follows:

$$Y(s) = \theta(s) = \frac{0.0165}{s(0.0165s+1)}(1254.6U(s) - 1230.4) \quad (14)$$

The disturbance observer is written as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \\ \dot{d}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -60.56 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ d(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t) \\ y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ d(t) \end{bmatrix} \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

The disturbance observer gain L_e is derived by the optimal control method, where, the weight functions Q_e and R_e are as follows:

$$Q_e = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \times 10^{18} \end{bmatrix}, R_e = 1. \quad (16)$$

The disturbance observer gain L_e is as follows:

$$L_e = [1.94 \times 10^3 \quad 1.88 \times 10^6 \quad 1 \times 10^8]^T. \quad (17)$$

The reference model is as follows:

$$\frac{150^3}{(s+150)^3}. \quad (18)$$

Therefore, the gains of the PID controller K_p , K_i , and K_d are as follows:

$$K_p = 53.80 \quad K_i = 2.69 \quad K_d = 0.31 \quad (19)$$

Fig.6 shows the switching time in bang-bang input t_c -position switching signal $\theta_f(t)$ graph. Here, the measurement points equal 10. The range of the measurement and the velocity switching signal $\omega_f(t)$ are

$$\begin{cases} t_c = 0.01 \sim 0.1 \text{ [sec]}, (\text{increments of } 0.01) \\ \omega_f(t) = 80 \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

The switching of the system operates under the velocity switching signal $\omega_f(t)$

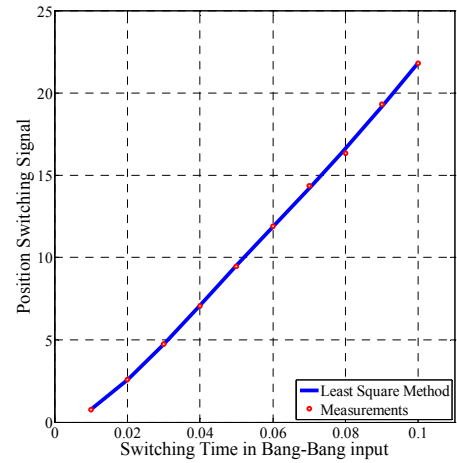


Figure 6. Measurement result of t_c - $\theta_f(t)$ graph

5.1. Variations of the Target-Value

The simulation study in this section is performed when the target-value changes.

Here, the position switching signal $\theta_f(t)$ and the velocity switching signal $\omega_f(t)$ are as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \theta_f(t) = r(t) - 0.8 \\ \omega_f(t) = 80 \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

The target values $R(s)$ are 5 and 20. Fig. 7 exhibits the responses in position and velocity.

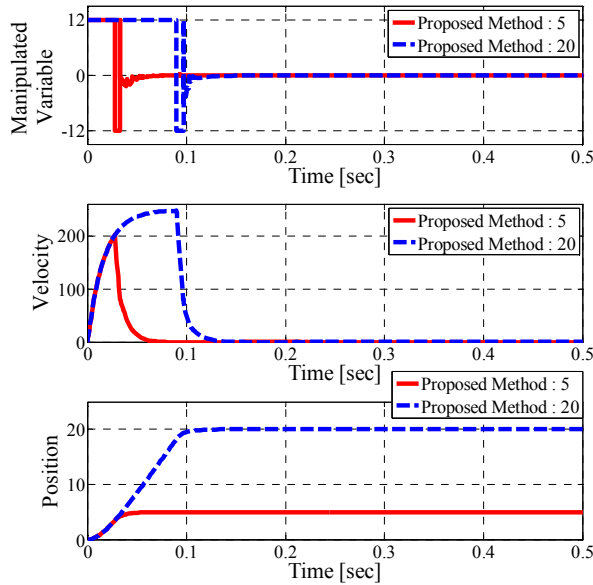


Figure 7. Responses of the target-value variation

The switching time of the bang-bang input from Fig. 6 is as follows:

$$\begin{cases} R(s) = 5 \\ R(s) = 20 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} t_c = 0.028 \\ t_c = 0.090 \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

5.2. Variation of the Torque-Disturbance

The simulation study in this section is performed when it changes the torque.

The target-value $R(s)$ is 20, the position switching signal $\theta_f(t)$ is 19.2 and the velocity switching signal $\omega_f(t)$ is 80.

To confirm the simulation results, the torque is changed as follows:

$$-\frac{T_L}{J} \pm 1000 \quad (23)$$

Fig. 8 shows the responses in position and velocity.

5.3. Plant with a Modeling Error

The simulation study in this section includes the plant with a modeling error.

The target value $R(s)$ is 20, the position switching signal $\theta_f(t)$ is 19.2 and the velocity switching signal $\omega_f(t)$ is 80.

The plant with a modeling error from (14) is as follows:

$$\frac{0.0165 \times (\pm 20\%)}{0.0165 \times (\pm 20\%)s + 1} \quad (24)$$

Fig. 9 shows the responses in position and velocity when the plant has a modeling error.

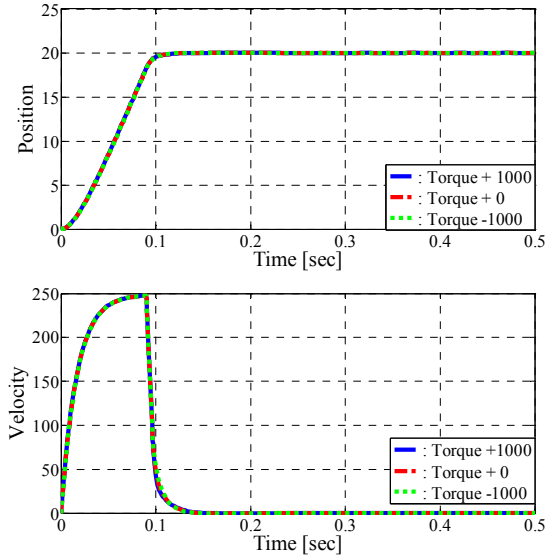


Figure 8. Responses of the torque variation

6. Experimental Study

This section describes the experimental results obtained using a DC motor [12] to show the effectiveness of our proposed method. In industrial applications, electric motors including DC motors are widely employed in equipment such as that used for factory automation, robotics, and hard disk drives.

The experimental control system, shown in Fig. 10, consists of a DC motor, an encoder, a counter that measures the information from an encoder, a host PC that transmits the control information, a target PC that calculates the manipulated variable, and a D/A converter.

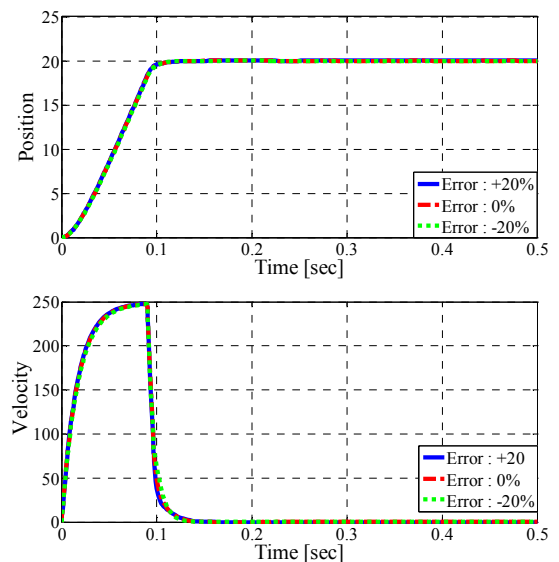


Figure 9. Responses of the plant with a modeling error

First, the control signal used to move the DC motor is transmitted from the host PC to the target PC and then to the D/A converter with a resolution of 12 bits. Next, the output of the motor is transformed to the pulse of Phase A

and Phase B by an encoder with a resolution of 0.0879 deg/count. The counter measures the pulses and transmits the positional signal to a host PC through a target PC.

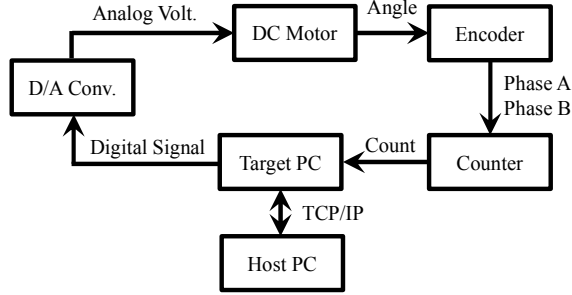


Figure 10. The experimental Control System

Fig. 11 shows the DC motor used in the experimental study, which was developed by the PID Corporation (PID-QET ii). The motor is equipped with an inertial load disk that has the radius of 0.0248 m and a weight of 0.068 kg.



Figure 11. The DC motor

The transfer function of the DC motor is as follows:

$$\frac{339.6}{s(s+10.78)} \quad (25)$$

The disturbance observer is written as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \\ \dot{d}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -10.78 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ d(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t) \\ y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ d(t) \end{bmatrix} \end{cases} \quad (26)$$

The disturbance observer gain L_e is derived by the optimal control method, where the weight functions Q_e and R_e are as follows:

$$Q_e = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \times 10^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \times 10^5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \times 10^{18} \end{bmatrix}, R_e = 1 \quad (27)$$

The disturbance observer gain L_e is as follows:

$$L_e = \begin{bmatrix} 1.00 \times 10^3 & 1.93 \times 10^5 & 3.16 \times 10^7 \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (28)$$

The reference model is as follows:

$$\frac{90^3}{(s+90)^3} \quad (29)$$

The gains of the PID controller K_p , K_i , and K_d are as follows:

$$K_p = 71.55 \quad K_i = 214.6 \quad K_d = 0.76 \quad (30)$$

Fig.12 shows the switching time in the bang-bang input t_c -position switching signal $\theta_f(t)$ graph. Here, the measurement points equal 10. The ranges of the measurement and the velocity switching signal $\omega_f(t)$ are as follows:

$$\begin{cases} t_c = 0.01 \sim 0.1 \text{ [sec]}, (\text{increments of } 0.01) \\ \omega_f(t) = 30 \end{cases} \quad (31)$$

The switching of the system operates under the velocity switching signal $\omega_f(t)$

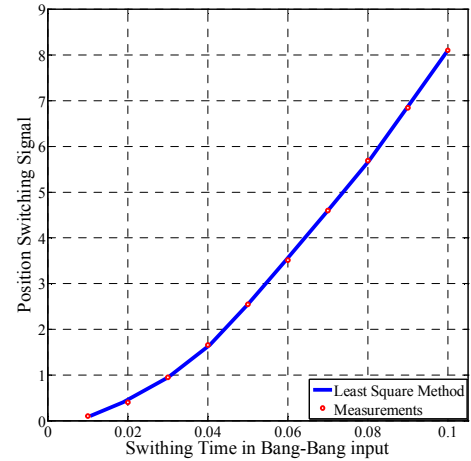


Figure 12. Measurement result of t_c - $\theta_f(t)$ graph

6.1. Variations of the Target-Value

In this experimental study, the performance is shown when changing the target-value.

Here, the position switching signal $\theta_f(t)$ and the velocity switching signal $\omega_f(t)$ are as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \theta_f(t) = r(t) - 0.5 \\ \omega_f(t) = 30 \end{cases} \quad (32)$$

The target-values $R(s)$ are 2 and 8. Fig. 13 exhibits the responses in position and velocity. The switching time of the bang-bang input from Fig.12 is as follows:

$$\begin{cases} R(s) = 2 \\ R(s) = 8 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} t_c = 0.0385 \\ t_c = 0.0948 \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

6.2. Confirmation of the Robustness

The study in this section shows the robustness of the proposed method.

The target value $R(s)$ is 8, the position switching signal $\theta_f(t)$ is 7.5 and velocity switching signal $\omega_f(t)$ is 30.

Fig. 14 shows the responses in position and velocity when a plant has a weight or a belt in which weight has a radius of 0.0248 m and a weight of 0.001 kg.

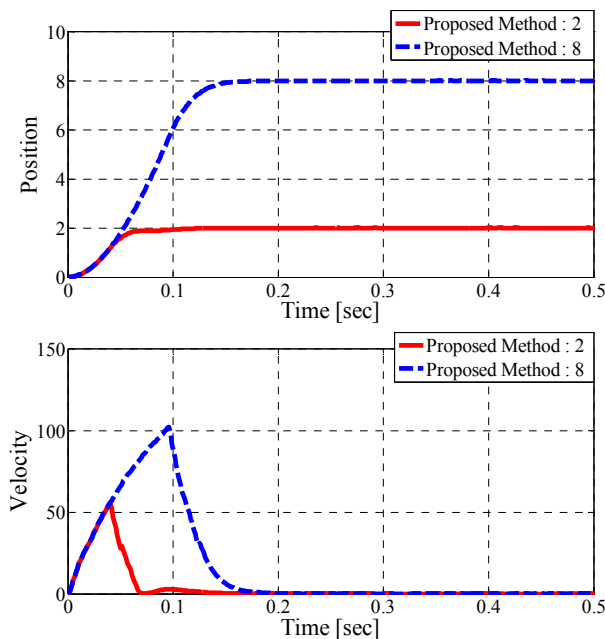


Figure 13. The responses of the torque variation

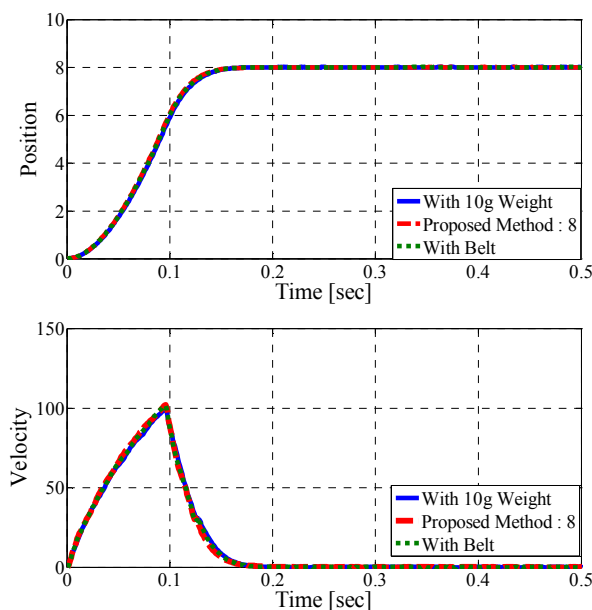


Figure 14. The responses of the torque variation

7. Conclusion

This study proposed a positioning control with high-speed starting and stopping for a DC motor using bang-bang control.

It is easy to determine the switching time of the bang-bang input from graph measurement and theoretical calculations.

When the control system is switched from "Bang-Bang control" to "PID control", it becomes a discontinuous system without the initial value of the integrator of the PID controller. Therefore, we introduced an initial value for the system which is calculated by theoretical analysis. In addition, we obtained the initial value of the integrator in real time by introducing a disturbance observer. Therefore, the system became resistant to changes in torque.

In the simulation and experimental studies, we confirmed the effectiveness of the proposed method in various cases. The responses of the position and the velocity can be obtained when changing cases caused by variations of the target-value, torque-disturbances, and the plant with a modeling error. We can get superior performances in various cases in these studies.

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