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”.


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:

\[
\begin{align*}
L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + Ri(t) + K_e \omega(t) & = u(t) \\
J \frac{d\omega(t)}{dt} + D\omega(t) + T_s \text{sgn} \{\omega(t)\} & = K_i i(t)
\end{align*}
\]

which includes the consists of following parameters.

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

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

\[
\begin{align*}
LsI(s) + RsI(s) + K_e\Omega(s) & = U(s) \\
Js\Omega(s) + D\Omega(s) + T_s\Omega(s) & = K_iI(s)
\end{align*}
\]

(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:

\[
\begin{align*}
\Omega(s) & = \frac{T_m}{T_m s + 1}\left(\frac{K_e}{JR}U(s) - \frac{T_s}{J}\right) \\
\theta(s) & = \frac{T_m}{s(T_m s + 1)}\left(\frac{K_e}{JR}U(s) - \frac{T_s}{J}\right)
\end{align*}
\]

(3)

where, mechanical time constant \(T_m\) is as follows:

\[T_m = \frac{JR}{RD + K_T K_e}\]  

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.

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.
4.1. Design of the Control System

First, we build the graph, the relationship of the position switching signal $\theta(t)$ and the switching time $t_c$ in bang-bang input using the velocity switching signal $\omega(t)$. $\theta(t)$ 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 $\omega(t)$ are arbitrarily determined, e.g., $t_c=0.01$, or 0.1; $\omega(t)=100$ or 200.

Second, we determine the target-value $r(t)$ and obtain the position switching signal $\theta(t)$. From the $t_c-\theta(t)$ 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 $t_c-\theta(t)$ 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:

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

where, $\omega_m$ is max velocity

A. Acceleration Time $(u = u_m)$

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

$$\omega(t) = T_m \left\{ \frac{1}{T_m} - \frac{D}{J}\right\} \omega_m - \frac{T_s}{J} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_e}}\right), \quad (6)$$

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

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

$$\omega(t) = -T_m \left\{ \frac{K_e}{JR} u_m - \frac{T_s}{J} \right\} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{t}{\tau_e}}\right). \quad (7)$$

From $A)$ and $B)$, the velocity switching signal $\omega(t)$ and the position switching signal $\theta(t)$ are as follows:
\[
\omega_j(t) = \omega(t_j) = T_u \left\{ \frac{K_r}{J_{Ru}} u_n - \frac{T_i}{J} \right\} \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{t_j}{T_u}} \right)
\]
\[
\theta_j(t) = \theta(t_j)
\]
\[
= T_u \left\{ \frac{K_r}{J_{Ru}} u_n - \frac{T_i}{J} \right\} \left( t_j - T_u \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{t_j}{T_u}} \right) \right)
\]
\[
\cdots + T_u \left\{ \frac{K_r}{J_{Ru}} u_n - \frac{T_i}{J} \right\} \left( t_j - t_i \right)
\]
\[
\cdots - T_u \left\{ 2 \frac{K_r}{J_{Ru}} u_n - \frac{T_i}{J} \right\} \left( t_j - t_i \right) - T_u \left( 1 - e^{-\frac{t_j}{T_u}} \right)
\]
\]
\[
\omega_j(t) \text{ and } \theta_j(t) \text{ are already specified. By solving the simultaneous equations in (8), the switching time } t_i \text{ and } t_j \text{ can be calculated.}
\]

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:
\[
Y(s) = \frac{K_r K_i T_u s^2 + K_r + K_i T_u s + K_r K_i T_u}{J R T u s^3 + (J R + K_i K_r T_u) s^2 + K_r K_i T_u s + K_r K_i T_u} R(s) \tag{9}
\]

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

Here, a reference model is determined as follows:
\[
\frac{\alpha^3}{(s + \alpha)^3} = \frac{\alpha^3}{s^3 + 3\alpha s^2 + 3\alpha^2 s + \alpha^3}, \tag{10}
\]

where, \( \alpha \) 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:
\[
\frac{\alpha^3}{(s + \alpha)^3} = \frac{K_p}{J R} \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha^3}{(s + \alpha)^3} = \frac{K_p}{K_r} \tag{11}
\]

Finally, the system can be converted from bang-bang control to PID control. However, it must maintain continuity 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 \( R(s), I_{c}, T_{i}/J, I_{c} \), and \( I_{p} \) to velocity \( Y_{s}(s) \).

Then, the characteristic of equation (18) is equal to characteristic equation of that (16). Therefore, the numerator of (18) is placed as follows:
\[
Y_{c}(s) = \frac{s(s + \alpha)(s + \beta)}{(s + \alpha)^3}
\]

Furthermore, the initial value of the integrator in the PID controller \( I_{c} \) is

![Figure 5. Block diagram of proposed method to consider initial value](image-url)
\[ \alpha^2 \left\{ J R T_m I_r - K_p K_i T_m I_r + K_p K_i T_m R(s) \right\} \]
\[ \alpha \left\{ -K_p T_m K_i R(s) - \alpha R T_m + \alpha K_p K_i T_m I_p \right\} \]
\[ I_p = \frac{1}{\alpha K_p K_i T_m} \left( J T_i R(s) - K_p K_i T_m I_p \right) \cdot (13) \]

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 \( \omega(t) \). However, the \( t_c - \theta_p(t) \) 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 \( I_p \) 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>
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<tr>
<th>Parameters</th>
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<tr>
<td>( L )</td>
<td>5.6 \times 10^{-3}</td>
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<td>( R )</td>
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<td>( K_E )</td>
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<td>( K_T )</td>
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<td>( J )</td>
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<td>( D )</td>
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<td>( T_i )</td>
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<td>( u(t) )</td>
<td>12</td>
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From Fig. 1 and Table 1., \( Y(s) - U(s) \) and \( Y(s) - \text{Torque-disturbance} \) for the DC motor are written as follows:

\[ Y(s) = \Theta(s) = \frac{0.0165}{s(0.0165s + 1)} \left( 1254.6 U(s) - 1230.4 \right) \cdot (14) \]

The disturbance observer is written as follows:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  x_1(t) \\
  x_2(t) \\
  d(t)
\end{bmatrix}
= \begin{bmatrix}
  0 & 1 & 0 \\
  0 & -60.56 & 1 \\
  0 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
  x_1(t) \\
  x_2(t) \\
  d(t)
\end{bmatrix}
+ \begin{bmatrix}
  1 \\
  0 \\
  0
\end{bmatrix} u(t) \cdot (15)
\]

\[ y(t) = \begin{bmatrix}
  1 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
  x_1(t) \\
  x_2(t) \\
  d(t)
\end{bmatrix} \]

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:

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

The disturbance observer gain \( L_e \) is as follows:

\[ L_e = \begin{bmatrix}
  1.94 \times 10^3 & 1.88 \times 10^4 & 1 \times 10^4
\end{bmatrix}^T. \cdot (17) \]

The reference model is as follows:

\[ \frac{150^3}{(s + 150)^3}. \cdot (18) \]

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

\[ K_p = 53.80 \quad K_i = 2.69 \quad K_d = 0.31 \cdot (19) \]

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

\[ t_c = 0.01 \text{ to } 0.1 \text{ sec}, \quad \theta_p(t) \text{ increments of 0.01} \]

\[ \omega_i(t) = 80 \cdot (20) \]

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

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 \( \theta_p(t) \) and the velocity switching signal \( \omega_i(t) \) are as follows:

\[ \theta_p(t) = r(t) - 0.8 \]

\[ \omega_i(t) = 80 \cdot (21) \]
The target values $R(s)$ are 5 and 20. Fig. 7 exhibits the responses in position and velocity.

\[ R(s) = 5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad T_c = 0.028 \]
\[ R(s) = 20 \quad \Rightarrow \quad T_c = 0.090 \]

(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 $\theta_r(t)$ is 19.2 and the velocity switching signal $\omega_r(t)$ is 80.

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

\[ \frac{T_l}{J} \pm 1000 \]

(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 $\theta_r(t)$ is 19.2 and the velocity switching signal $\omega_r(t)$ is 80.

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

\[ \frac{0.0165 \times (\pm 20\%)}{0.0165 \times (\pm 20\%) s + 1} \]

(24)

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

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.

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.

\[
\frac{339.6}{s(s+10.78)}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (25)

The disturbance observer is written as follows:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
\dot{x}_1(t) \\
\dot{x}_2(t) \\
\dot{d}(t)
\end{bmatrix} = 
\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & -10.78 & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x_1(t) \\
x_2(t) \\
d(t)
\end{bmatrix} + 
\begin{bmatrix}
0 \\
1 \\
0
\end{bmatrix} u(t)
\]

\[
y(t) = 
\begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
x_1(t) \\
x_2(t) \\
d(t)
\end{bmatrix}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (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:

\[
Q_e = 
\begin{bmatrix}
1 \times 10^3 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 \times 10^4 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \times 10^8
\end{bmatrix}, \quad R_e = 1
\]  \hspace{1cm} (27)

The disturbance observer gain \( L_e \) is as follows:

\[
L_e = \begin{bmatrix}
1.00 \times 10^3 & 1.93 \times 10^5 & 3.16 \times 10^7
\end{bmatrix}^T
\]  \hspace{1cm} (28)

The reference model is as follows:

\[
\frac{90^3}{(s+90)^3}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (29)

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

\[
K_p = 71.55 \quad K_i = 214.6 \quad K_d = 0.76
\]  \hspace{1cm} (30)

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

\[
\begin{aligned}
t_c &= 0.01 \sim 0.1 \ [\text{sec}], \ (\text{increments of} \ 0.01) \\
\omega_c(t) &= 30
\end{aligned}
\]  \hspace{1cm} (31)

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

\[
\theta_c(t) = r(t) - 0.5
\]

\[
\omega_c(t) = 30
\]  \hspace{1cm} (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:
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 $\theta_s(t)$ is 7.5 and velocity switching signal $\omega_s(t)$ 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.

$$\begin{align*}
R(s) &= 2 \\
R(s) &= 8 \\
\Rightarrow t_c &= 0.0385 \\
\Rightarrow t_c &= 0.0948
\end{align*}$$

(33)

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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