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ABSTRACT

In milling process, disturbance forces such as friction force and cutting force act directly on work surfaces thus producing external impact on the drives system of the positioning table. This effect must be compensated in order to preserve accuracy and quality of the final product. The characteristic of these cutting forces varied with cutting variables such as spindle speed, depth of cut, and feed rate. This thesis focuses on cutting force compensation using disturbance force observer (DFO) as an add-on control module to a classical and conventional PID control structure. DFO is a type of estimator that estimates precisely disturbance forces with prior knowledge of the cutting force harmonics frequencies content. The DFO was designed based on cutting forces measured from actual milling cutting process performed at constant depth of cut of 0.5mm, feed rate of 2000mm/min, and spindle speed of 1000rpm. These measured cutting data was applied as actual disturbance into the XYZ positioning milling table for numerical analysis and experimental validation of the estimator design. All numerical analysis was performed using MATLAB and Simulink software. In machine controller design, conventional controllers such as PID and cascade controller are widely used for positioning control. Therefore, based on this observation, four different control configurations were considered; PID controller, cascade P/PI controller, PID controller with inverse model based disturbance observer (IMBDO), and PID with DFO module. This thesis compares the performance of the PID controller that was combined with an observer, either IMBDO or DFO. Numerical and experimental analyses were performed using maximum tracking errors, root mean square (RMS) of the tracking errors, and magnitudes of the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) of the tracking errors. Results obtained showed that PID with add-on DFO module produced superior performance against other control configurations. PID combined with DFO produced the most percentage reduction in maximum tracking error averaging at 93.76% for input disturbance frequencies of 5Hz, 15Hz and 35Hz. In comparison, cascade P/PI controller managed to record a 66.22% error reduction while PID with IMBDO produced a reduction of 52.75%. In term of RMS error, the experimental results showed that PID in combination with DFO produced the most percentage reduction that was 63.89% compared to the PID controller and PID with IMBDO and cascade P/PI where each produced a reduction of only 33.33%. Lastly, for FFT error analysis, the experimental results showed that PID combined with DFO produced the most improved performance with an average reduction of 74.87% at harmonic frequencies of 2.833Hz, 17.33Hz and 35.17Hz. This was in comparison to cascade P/PI controller and PID with IMBDO that produced a reduction of 44.39% and 21.97% respectively. Further studies on improvement of control performance especially in areas such as robustness and adaptivity of the control scheme to changing cutting conditions are desired.

ABSTRAK

Dalam proses pengisaran, daya gangguan seperti daya geseran dan daya pemotongan yang bertindak secara langsung terhadap permukaan kerja menghasilkan impak luaran kepada sistem pemacu meja kedudukan. Kesan ini mesti dikurangkan untuk memelihara ketepatan dan kualiti hasil produk. Ciri-ciri daya pemotongan berbeza mengikut pembolehubah pemotongan seperti kelajuan pengumpar, kedalaman pemotongan dan kadar suapan pemotongan. Tesis ini memfokuskan pengurangan daya pemotongan dengan menggunakan 'disturbance force observer'(DFO) sebagai modul tambahan terhadap struktur kawalan klasik PID. DFO adalah sejenis penganggar yang menilai daya pemotongan secara tepat berdasarkan pengetahuan kandungan frekuensi-frekuensi harmonik daya pemotongan. DFO dicipta berdasarkan ukuran daya pemotongan daripada proses pengisaran sebenar dengan pemalar kedalaman pemotongan sebanyak 0.5mm, kadar suapan pemotongan sebanyak 2000mm/min dan kelajuan pengumpar sebanyak 1000rpm. Data ukuran pemotongan ini dilaksanakan sebagai gangguan sebenar terhadap meja kedudukan XYZ untuk analisis berangka dan pengesahan eksperimen terhadap rekaan penganggar. Semua analisis berangka dilaksanakan dengan menggunakan program MATLAB dan Simulink. Dalam industri pembuatan, pengawal klasik seperti pengawal PID atau pengawal lata digunakan secara umum untuk mengawal kedudukan dalam aplikasi pemesinan. Empat jenis konfigurasi pengawal yang diambil kira ialah pengawal PID, pengawal lata P/PI, pengawal PID bersama 'inverse model based disturbance observer' (IMBDO) dan pengawal PID bersama modul DFO. Memandangkan pengawal PID merupakan pengawal paling asas dan mudah berbanding pengawal lata, maka pengawal PID dipilih untuk penambahbaikan dengan tambahan modul penganggar (IMBDO dan DFO). Analisis ujikaji berangka dan eksperimen dilaksana dengan menggunakan ralat trajektori maksimum, ralat trajektori 'root mean square' (RMS) dan magnitud ralat trajektori 'Fast-Fourier-Transform' (FFT). Keputusan menunjukkan bahawa pengawal PID bersama modul DFO telah menghasilkan prestasi unggul berbanding dengan konfigurasi-konfigurasi kawalan lain. Di dalam analisis ralat maksima, pengawal PID bersama DFO menunjukkan keberkesanan tertinggi terhadap pengurangan ralat maksima dengan purata 93.76% (purata peratusan pengurangan untuk 5Hz, 15Hz dan 35Hz). Diikuti dengan pengawal lata P/PI sebanyak 66.22% dan terakhir PID bersama IMBDO iaitu 52.75%. Dalam analisis ralat RMS, keputusan eksperimen menunjukkan PID bersama DFO berupaya sebanyak 63.89% dalam peratusan pengurangan berbanding PID dan diikuti oleh pengawal lata P/PI dan PID bersama IMBDO dengan 33.33% untuk kedua pengawal tersebut. Dalam analisis terakhir iaitu ralat FFT untuk keputusan eksperimen, PID bersama DFO sekali lagi menunjukkan keupayaan ketara dalam peratusan penurunan dengan purata 74.87% (purata peratusan pengurangan untuk 2.833Hz, 17.33Hz dan 35.17Hz) diikuti dengan pengawal lata P/PI sebanyak 44.39% dan akhirnya PID bersama IMBDO iaitu 21.97%. Tetapi, kajian lanjut diperlukan untuk meningkatkan prestasi kawalan terutamanya dalam sektor keteguhan dan penyesuaian skema kawalan terhadap perubahan kondisi pemotongan.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

π	-	Pi
$C(s)$	-	Output signal
d	-	External disturbance
\hat{d}	-	Estimated disturbance
D	-	Diameter of cutter
e_{pos}	-	Tracking error
F	-	Friction force
f	-	Feed per tooth
F_c	-	Cutting force
F_t	-	Thrust force
G_{PI}	-	PI controller
G_{PD}	-	PD controller
G_{PID}, G_{pid}	-	PID controller
$G(s), G_s(s)$	-	System transfer function
$G_{ff}(s)$	-	Real system dynamic
$G_n(s)$	-	Nominal plant
$G_n^{-1}(s)$	-	Inverse nominal plant
K_1, K_p	-	Proportional gain
K_2, K_i	-	Integral gain
K_3, K_d	-	Derivative gain
K_f	-	Motor constant
M	-	Mass
N	-	Normal force
N	-	Rotational spindle speed
N	-	Newton

n	-	Number of teeth
$Q(s)$	-	Q -filter
R	-	Resultant force
$R(s)$	-	Input signal
S	-	Sensitivity
U	-	Input
V, v	-	Cutting speed (velocity)
V	-	Voltage
$V_{est}(s)$	-	Estimated velocity
Z	-	Output position
z_{ref}	-	Reference input
z_{act}	-	Actual output

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AFLC	-	Adaptive fuzzy logic control
AMB	-	Active magnetic bearing
CNC	-	Computer numerical control
DFO	-	Disturbance force observer
DZC	-	Dead zone compensator
FFT	-	Fast-Fourier-Transform
FRF	-	Frequency response function
HSS	-	High speed steel
Hz	-	Hertz
IMBDO	-	Inverse model based disturbance observer
MLPANN	-	Multilayer Neural Network
MIFO	-	Model-Independent Force Observer
N-PID	-	Nonlinear proportional-integral-derivative
NCasFF	-	Nonlinear Cascade Feed Forward
N	-	Newton
P	-	Proportional
PD	-	Proportional-derivative
PI	-	Proportional-integral
PID	-	Proportional-integral-derivative
RPM	-	Revolution per minute
SISO	-	Single input single output
SMC	-	Sliding mode control
V	-	Voltage

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

This chapter introduces a research entitled Disturbance Rejection Using Disturbance Force Observer for XYZ Positioning Table that includes a research background, problem statements, objectives, scopes, and overall content and organization of this thesis.

1.1 Background

Machine tool can be defined as a machine that enables various materials, metal in particular, to be produced into a required shape or form, from common everyday objects such as household products to the most intricate objects like aircrafts and satellites parts. Machine tool produces most of these objects and products with the intention for improving human's life quality. There are large diversity of machine tool types depending on the technologies, sizes and capacity of the designed product. A great example of a machine tool is CNC milling machine which is commonly applied in industrial sector for manufacturing purposes.

High accuracy and precision in machine tools is critical in achieving high standard as required by customers. However, the cutting performance of machine tools application is normally influenced by other external factors or disturbances that could reduce both accuracy and precision. This research proposes to focus on one manufacturing process that is milling process because it is a common method for metal removal processes in many industries such as automobile, aerospace, and else. The cutting performance of the milling process is important as this process is applied in many fields as mentioned before. During milling process, the most significant factors that could affect the cutting performance are