Abstract: Through the motion control experiment using Industrial Emulator(Model 220 by ECP), the performance comparison of three kinds of controllers such as PID, RIC and LQR was carried out. It was shown that RIC has the best performance in the presence of disturbances such as step one, sinuosoidal one and Coulomb friction for the rigid body. LQR using feedback state variables has the best tracking performance for the flexible body. The performance of PID controller is low compared to other controllers, but the design process is simple. The most advanced controller is LQR. In order to attenuate disturbance, an additional state observer should be used to estimate it, making more complex control system. RIC lies between PID and LQR in view of complexity of design. Even though RIC is not complicated, it has good disturbance rejection ability and less tracking error. By considering these aspects, the RIC is suggested as high precision controller to be used in motion control system.

Keywords: disturbance rejection, motion control, LQR, PID, RIC(Robust Internal-loop Compensator)

I. INTRODUCTION

The motion controller is used to make motion action of the industrial automation system. Many researches have been devoted to obtain the desired dynamic performance of electromechanical systems with servo motors. The main issue in designing precision positioning systems such as factory automation, high-tech computer hard disk drives, and semiconductor chip mounter/wire bonder is how to achieve high-speed/high-accuracy performance.

In designing a robust controller for a system in the presence of uncertainty and disturbance, the first requirement is to achieve the robustness properties on the uncertainties including external disturbance, variations of the system parameters, modeling uncertainties, and etc., and the second one is to obtain the performance specifications for given tasks. Many advanced controller design methods have been proposed to meet these requirements. The Disturbance Observers[DOB][1,2], an Adaptive Robust Control[ARC][3], Active Disturbance Rejection Controller (ADRC)[4], state observer design for reduction torsional vibration[5], robust motion controller design[6] are good examples. These methods commonly require the design of two loop structures. One is to design the internal-loop compensator for robustness, the other is to design the external-loop controller for desired performance specifications. In such scheme, the internal-loop compensator generates corrective control inputs to reject equivalent disturbance as much as possible to force the actual system to become a given nominal model, where the equivalent disturbance is defined as sum of external disturbance signals and all possible signals due to the differences between the actual plant and nominal model such as modeling uncertainty and parameter variations. Thus, the actual plant with such an internal-loop compensator can be regarded as a nominal model if the internal-loop compensator works well. On the other hand, the external-loop controller is designed to enhance overall system performance, where controller design is carried out for the nominal model.

In this paper, the comparison experiments using Industrial Emulator made by ECP were conducted to analyze the accuracy and robustness of three kinds of controllers for positioning system in the presence of disturbance. In Section II, the disturbance compensation algorithms used in comparison experiments are reviewed. In Section III, the experiment system, so called Industrial Emulator, introduced to verify the performance of each motion controller is described. In Section IV, PID(Proportional Integral Derivative), RIC(Robust Internal-loop Compensator) and LQR(Linear Quadratic Regulator) controllers are designed for high-accuracy positioning systems for rigid body, also these experiments using ECP to compare their performance are carried out. PID, RIC and LQR are also designed for flexible body. Finally, conclusions will be followed.

II. REVIEW OF CONTROLLERS TO APPLY MOTION CONTROL

In this section, the motion control theories used to remove the disturbance are described. The fundamental concepts of servo motion control is using servo systems to improve transient response time, reduce the steady state error and reduce influence of the disturbance.

Servo motion control usually has two fundamental classes. The first class deals with command tracking. The typical commands in rotary motion control are position, velocity, acceleration and torque. The second one addresses the disturbance rejection characteristics of the system. The goal of the servo control systems is how to combine both these points of servo control to provide the best overall performance.

The dynamic equation of general servo system can be expressed as

\[ J \ddot{y} + cy + F_s(y) - d_{ax} = u \]

where \( J \) is the inertia, \( c \) is the damping coefficient, \( u \) is the control input, \( y \) is the output of interest, \( F_s(y) \) is the friction term including static friction and Coulomb friction, \( d_{ax} \) is the uncertain external disturbance whose magnitude is bounded. Tracking error is defined as

\[ e = y_d - y \]

where \( y_d \) is a desired trajectory.

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Among various controllers, three kinds of controllers such as the most simple and conventional PID controller, the RIC equivalent to DOB which has been most widely studied in view of disturbance rejection, and the LQR which is the most advanced modern controller are introduced for the performance comparison of motion control.

1. **PID control**

The PID is the most common form of feedback controller. The control input by PID controller is described by:

\[
U(t) = K_p e(t) + K_i \int_0^t e(\tau)d\tau + K_d \frac{de(t)}{dt} \tag{3}
\]

where \(e(t)\) is the error, \(K_p\) is proportional gain, \(K_i\) is integral gain, and \(K_d\) is derivative gain. Rewriting (3) in \(s\)-domain,

\[
\frac{U(s)}{E(s)} = K_p + \frac{K_i}{s} + K_d s \tag{4}
\]

2. **Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR)**

The plant represented in state space is given by,

\[
BuAxx + = & \tag{5}
\]

The optimal control input is given by,

\[
u(t) = -Kx(t) \tag{6}
\]

where \(K\) is the gain matrix, which is chosen so that the following performance index is minimized.

\[
J = \int_0^\infty \left( x^T Q x + u^T R u \right) dt \tag{7}
\]

where \(Q, R\) are a positive-definite matrices. \((u^T R u)\) term accounts for the expenditure of the energy of the control signals. The weighting matrices \(Q\) and \(R\) determine the relative importance of the error and the expenditure of this energy.

Solving the LQR problem, Riccati matrix differential equation is obtained as

\[
\dot{S} = A^T S + SA - SBR^{-1}B^T S + Q \tag{8}
\]

\(S(t)\) can be obtained by backwards integration of this equation. The closed loop optimal control law can be found by

\[
u = -R^{-1}B^T S x \tag{9}
\]

3. **Robust Internal-loop Compensator (RIC)**

Recently, a robust controller, Robust Internal-loop Compensator (RIC) by Kim B. K. and Chung W. K[7], is designed for the system in the presence of uncertainty and disturbance. It was known that RIC is equivalent to the conventional DOB structure shown in Fig.

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{x} & = Ax + Bu \\
\dot{x} & = A^T S + SA - SBR^{-1}B^T S + Q
\end{align*} \tag{8}
\]

\[
u = -R^{-1}B^T S x \tag{9}
\]

4. **Equivalent structure of RIC using \(Q\) function**

\[
G_{d_{eq}} = \frac{P_m(s)Q(s)}{P_m(s)+P(s)-P_m(s)Q(s)} \tag{11}
\]

Below the cutoff frequency of \(Q(s)\), \(Q(s) \approx 1\) is achieved. Hence \(G_{d_{eq}} \approx 0\) is obtained from (11). This indicates that the disturbances are attenuated and mismatch between plant and reference model is compensated in the low frequency region.

In order to design a robust motion controller using RIC framework, consider the following reference model for general positioning system of (1),

\[
J_m \ddot{y} + c_m \dot{y} = u + d_{eq} \tag{12}
\]

where \(J_m\) and \(c_m\) are the reference values of inertia \(J\) and viscous
friction $c$, respectively.

$$d_{eq} = (J_m - J)\ddot{y} + (c_m - c)\dot{y} - F_r(y) + d_{ex}$$

(13)

And the reference control input that can stabilize the reference model given by (12) can be chosen as

$$u = J_m\dot{y} + c_m\dot{y}$$

(14)

The reference model $P_m(s)$ is described by

$$P_m(s) = \frac{1}{J_m s^2 + c_m s}$$

Hence, various $Q(s)$ can be designed by $K(s)$ using (10). For example, if the controller is chosen as

$$K(s) = (J_m s + c_m)D$$

Then $Q(s)$ function has the form of

$$Q(s) = \frac{D}{s + D}$$

(17)

Therefore, it can be roughly said that the disturbances can be attenuated below the cutoff frequency ($\omega_c = D \text{ rad/s}$). Fig. 5 shows the whole control structure with RIC and feedback controller.

III. INDUSTRIAL EMULATOR/SERVO TRAINER

Industrial Plant Emulator (Model 220 produced by ECP)[8] is an equipment for teaching practical control of modern industrial field. This equipment has spindle drives, turntables, conveyors, machine tools, and automated assembly machines. Their adjustable dynamic parameters and ability to introduce or remove non-ideal properties in a controlled manner make it a perfect selection for industrial emulation of servo control.

1. System structure

Many experiments were conducted by using an industrial emulator in order to evaluate the performance of each controller which is already introduced in section II. Fig. 6 shows a frame structure of the industrial emulator.

Each consists of an electromechanical plant and a full complement of control hardware and software. The industrial emulator consists of a multi-mass system connecting a driving inertia and load inertia via a driving belt through an assembly gear. In the Fig 6, $m_{d}$ and $m_{a}$ are the mass of each brass element loaded on each plate, and $r_{wd}$ and $r_{wa}$ are the distances from the center of the plates. $n_p$ and $n_d$ are the number of teeth in the assembly gear. The inertia is determined by $m_{ad}$ and $r_{ad}$ as well as $m_{wd}$ and $r_{wa}$. In the experiment, $m_{ad}$ is 0.5 Kg and $m_{wd}$ is 0.2 Kg were used, with $r_{ad}$ at 10 cm and $r_{wd}$ at 5 cm. The assembly gear had 18 teeth and 36 teeth. The mass parameters of industrial emulator were shown in Table 1.

A disturbance motor connects to the load disk via 4:1 speed reduction and is used to emulate viscous friction and disturbances at the plant output. A brake below the load disk may be used to apply Coulomb friction.

The drive inertia and load inertia each have a 16,000(counts/rev) encoder attached, and the drive inertia is directly connected to a brushless DC motor. A DSP board built in personal computer controls the industrial emulator. The input/output data to be observed are the drive torque [N-m] and the motor angular velocity [rad/s].

2. System identification

Before applying motion control theory, the inertia, gain, and damping ratio of the industrial emulator can be found indirectly by measuring their system characteristics. The following block diagram shown in Fig. 7 is used to identify system parameters.

The output/input transfer function is given by

$$\frac{\theta_1(s)}{r(s)} = \frac{k_h}{s^2 + (c + k_h)\theta_0/J}s + k_h/\theta_0$$

(18)

Comparing (18) with the following second order system

$$\theta_1(s) = \frac{k_h}{s^2 + (c + k_h)\theta_0/J}s$$

$(a)$ 전체 제어시스템의 블록도.

(a) Block diagram of the overall control system.

$(b)$ RIC.

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그림 5. 전체 제어 시스템과 RIC.

Fig. 5. Overall control system and RIC.

그림 6. Industrial 에뮬레이터(ECP 시스템 모델 220).

Fig. 6. Industrial emulator (ECP System model 220).

그림 7. 시스템 파라미터를 찾기 위한 블록도.

Fig. 7. Block diagram to find system parameters.
\[
\frac{\dot{\theta}_i(s)}{r(s)} = \frac{a_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta a_n s + a_n^2}
\]

Then, \( a_n = \sqrt{\frac{k_h k_{hw}}{J}} \), \( \zeta = \frac{1}{2\zeta a_n} \left( c + \frac{k_h k_{hw}}{J} \right) \) are system natural frequency and damping ratio, respectively. When the plant viscous friction \( c \) is negligible compared to \( k_d \), the damping ratio is

\[
\zeta = \frac{k_d k_{hw}}{2Ja_n} = \frac{k_d k_{hw}}{2\sqrt{Jk_h k_{hw}}}
\]

The hardware gain \( k_{hw} \) of the system consists of the product:

\[
k_{hw} = k_d k_a k_s k_t k_e k_s
\]

where, \( k_d \) [DAC gain]=10V/32,768 DAC counts, \( k_a \) [Servo Amp. gain]=approx. 2[amp/V], \( k_s \) [Servo Motor Torque constant]=approx. 0.1[N-m/amp], \( k_e \) [Encoder gain]=16,000/2\( \pi \) [pulses / radian], \( k_t \) [Controller Software gain]=32 [controller input /encoder pulses]. So, we can obtain the whole hardware gain of this system as \( k_{hw} = 4.97 \).

3. Dynamics of rigid body

By inspection of Fig. 8, the overall drive train gear ratio, \( gr \), is such that \( \theta_1 = gr\theta_2 \), i.e.

\[
gr = \frac{r_1 r_p}{r_p r_d}
\]

We shall refer to the partial gear ratio between the idler pulley assembly and the drive disk \( gr' \), i.e.: \( gr' = r_{p_1} / r_d \)

such that \( \theta_i = gr\theta_{i_p} \).

The drive inertia reflected to the load location, for example, is \( J_{dgr} \). We may then express for Fig. 8:

\[
J_{d}^* = J_d + J_p gr^2 + J_1 gr^2
\]

\[
J_{l}^* = J_d gr^2 + J_p \left( \frac{gr^2}{gr} \right)^2 + J_1
\]

where \( J_{d}^* \) and \( J_{l}^* \) are the total reflected inertias reflected to the drive and load respectively. Similarly for the friction coefficients it may be shown that

\[
c_{d}^* = c_1 + c_2 gr^2
\]

where \( c_{d}^* \) and \( c_{l}^* \) are the total reflected friction constants at the drive and load.

For many applications involving servo drives, non-ideal effects such as drive flexibility, backlash, static and kinetic friction, and other nonlinearities are sufficiently small, thus the plant may be modeled as a simple rigid body obeying Newton's second law. From Fig. 8, it can be expressed

\[
J_d^* \dot{\theta}_1 + c_d^* \dot{\theta}_1 = T_D \quad \text{or} \quad J_{l}^* \dot{\theta}_2 + c_{l}^* \dot{\theta}_2 = grT_D
\]

which has the Laplace transform:

\[
\frac{\theta_i(s)}{T_D(s)} = \frac{1}{s(J_d^* s + c_d^*)}, \quad \frac{\theta_l(s)}{T_D(s)} = \frac{gr}{s(J_l^* s + c_{l}^*)}
\]

If the friction is neglected these equations can be further reduced to

\[
J_d^* \dot{\theta}_1 = T_D, \quad J_l^* \dot{\theta}_2 = grT_D
\]

\[
\frac{\theta_i(s)}{T_D(s)} = \frac{1}{J_d^* s^2}, \quad \frac{\theta_l(s)}{T_D(s)} = \frac{gr}{J_l^* s^2}
\]

4. Flexible drive dynamics

A model of the emulator plant with flexibility in the drive train is shown in Fig. 9a. Using the free body diagram of Fig. 9b and summing torques acting on \( J_2 \), following equations can be obtained by Newton's second law (in its rotational form)

\[
(F_1 - F_2)\dot{\theta}_1 - c_2 \dot{\theta}_2 = J_f \ddot{\theta}_2
\]

or

\[
J_f \ddot{\theta}_2 + c_2 \dot{\theta}_2 + 2k_1(r_{p_2} - r_{p_3} \dot{\theta}_p)\dot{\theta}_1 = 0
\]

By defining a torsional (or rotary) spring constant

\[
k = 2k_1 r_1^2
\]

Finally, the desired equations of motion are obtained in two coordinates:
\[ J_d^* \dot{\theta}_1 + c_1 \dot{\theta}_1 + k \left[ gr^{-2} \dot{\theta}_1 - gr^{-1} \theta_2 \right] = T_D \] (35)

\[ J_d^* \dot{\theta}_2 + c_2 \dot{\theta}_2 + k \left[ \theta_2 - gr^{-1} \theta_1 \right] = 0 \] (36)

Converting to state space representation, then

\[
\dot{X} = AX + BT(t) \\
Y = CX
\] (37)

where:

\[
X = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix},
\]

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{krgr^{-2}}{J_d^*} & -c_1 / J_d^* & kgr^{-1} / J_d^* & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -k / J_1 & 0 & -c_2 / J_1 \\
\end{bmatrix},
\]

\[
B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 / J_d^* \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix},
\]

\[
C = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & C_4 \\
\end{bmatrix}.
\]

and \( C_i = 1 \) (i=1,2,3,4) when \( X_i \) is an output and equals 0 otherwise. From the Laplace transform we have:

\[
\frac{\dot{\theta}_1(s)}{T_D(s)} = \frac{J_d s^3 + c_2 s + k}{D(s)}
\] (38)

\[
\frac{\dot{\theta}_2(s)}{T_D(s)} = \frac{k / gr}{D(s)}
\] (39)

where

\[
D(s) = J_d^* J_d s^4 + \left( J_d^* c_2 + J_d c_1 \right) s^3 + J_d^* k + J_d gr^{-2} k + c_2 c_1 s^2 + c_1 k + c_2 gr^{-2} k s
\] (40)

In systems where the flexible element contains a significant fraction of the plant damping, it may be useful to include this damping in the plant model. Such damping may arise when the flexible element is a drive belt. The inclusion of the coupled friction is not necessary in many practical applications. It does render better agreement between simulation and system test results.

### IV. EXPERIMENTS

The industrial emulator described in previous section is used in designing each controller. The PID, LQR and RIC controllers are used for rigid and flexible body to compare performance of the command tracking and disturbance attenuation. The initial conditions of each controller are shown in Table 2.

The experimental setup includes a PC based control platform and a brushless DC servo system shown in Fig. 6. The disturbance signal \( d \) is applied to the load disk via a 4:1 speed reduction from a disturbance motor.

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### 1. Control of rigid body

In this comparative experiment, we use PID control as a reference to compare the performance of disturbance attenuation. All of experiments use same reference command and same disturbance. In RIC structure, \( K(s) \) is chosen as

\[
K(s) = \frac{1}{P_m(s)} \left[ \frac{D(s)}{s} \right] = (J_m(s) + c_m) D(s)
\] (41)

Then the \( Q \)-filter of DOB has the form of

\[
Q(s) = \frac{D(s)}{s + D(s)}
\] (42)

And the external-loop controller is represented by PD controller with \( K_p = 0.4143, K_d = 0.0208 \).
The practical plant parameters were calculated by using the rigid structure of section III. It can be represented as

\[ P(s) = \frac{k_{pv}}{J_d s^2 + c_d s} = \frac{4.97}{0.0042s^2 + 0.0071s} \]  \hspace{1cm} (43)

The reference nominal model of the system was selected as

\[ P(s) = \frac{k_{pv}}{J_m s^2 + c_m s} = \frac{5.0}{0.005s^2 + 0.008s} \]  \hspace{1cm} (44)

Two kinds of disturbance signal, step or sinusoidal form shown in Fig. 10 are applied to load disk. Maximum disturbance is 1 volt (= 0.2 N-m). Two kinds of reference command, step and trapezoidal profile, are used. Maximum reference command angle is 4000 counts (= 90 degrees).

Fig. 11 and Fig. 12 depict the step responses and trapezoidal responses of each controller when the disturbance is not applied. The rise time for step command is about 0.11 sec. From the results, the trapezoidal responses have better performance than step responses. Since the motion control system usually adopts trapezoidal profile, these three controllers can be applied into motion control system from experimental results. The response of RIC controller has the best performance.

Fig. 13, Fig. 14 and Fig. 15 show the disturbance attenuation property of step responses and trapezoidal responses of each controller in the presence of step disturbances. For step command, RIC has the best performance in view of attenuation property of disturbance, even though larger overshoot occurs in the transient response. In case of trapezoidal responses, the RIC has the much better performance than LQR, and PID. Fig. 16 shows only the tracking errors of each controller. In case of RIC, when the step disturbance is applied, the spike-like error occurs. But the error of RIC caused by disturbance is attenuated very quickly unlike the error of PID case, which decreases very slowly.
Specifically, when $D$ is large enough or the system is operated in low-frequency range, we can predict that if $D$ is increased by $N$ times, the error will be reduced to its $1/N$ approximately. In experiments, $D$ is not polynomial, but constant. Fig. 16 and Fig. 17 show the tracking errors of trapezoidal command for various $D$ when the sinusoidal disturbance is applied. If $D$ is increased from 1 to 10, the tracking error is reduced from 6 degrees to 0.6 degrees. Consequently, it can be seen that the performance variation governed by the gain $D$ of RIC compensator.

Now the experiment to compensate the friction is performed to consider affection by it. Friction exists to some extent in all practical mechanical systems. It may be modeled as being a combination of static, Coulomb (kinetic), and viscous types. Coulomb and static friction magnitude are often greater than viscous friction and deteriorate the control design problem in that they are nonlinear. In small amounts they may actually help to stabilize a system, but generally are deleterious to tracking and regulation performance. To apply Coulomb friction, place a single 0.5 Kg brass weight at $r=10 \text{ cm}$ on the load disk and adjust the clamp such that the load disk rotates very slowly (or rotation is initiated by very slight downward force on the weight). Approximately 0.5 N-m of friction torque is applied to the load shaft when it rotates. Fig. 18 shows the reference position profile, Distance=4000 counts, Velocity=8000 counts/sec, Dwell time=4[sec]. Fig. 19 shows the tracking errors of each controller in the presence of Coulomb friction. Spike-like tracking errors occur in the time of discontinuous motion for each controller. RIC has the shortest stabilizing property to attenuate friction, even though the spike-like error occurs. But it is shown that the spike-like error does not occur in discontinuous motion from Fig. 14 and Fig. 15, the results without friction. It is shown that the friction is main factor to occur spike-like error.

2. Control of flexible plant

In this section, we try to do experiment for the plant with drive flexibility. The belt of industrial emulator is replaced by flexible one. The model of our plant belongs to a class having two degrees of freedom(2DOF) corresponding to normal modes of oscillation (actually one oscillatory and one rigid body mode in our case) and hence is of fourth order. The block diagrams of the system for time and Laplace domain analyses are shown in Fig. 20 that gives details of the location of $k_{\text{hw}}$ gain elements in the signal flow. The signals $\theta_1$ and $\theta_2$ are the respective angle measurements in encoder counts.

2.1 PID control

The PID control is conducted for the 2-disk flexible system where the feedback signal, $\theta_1$ is of the drive disk. But the results figure shows load disk angle $\theta_2$. The PID responses are shown by dotted line in Fig.
2.2 RIC control

In RIC experiment, the same structure as rigid body case is used. The only encoder 2 signal is used as feedback signal. The experiment results are shown by solid line in the Fig. 21 and Fig. 22.

2.3 Full state feedback LQR control

The states chosen are the disk angles and rates according to the model of section III, the feedback encoders measure the angular outputs. The encoders are backwards differentiated in the controller to provide a rate measurement and hence the four defined states are available for control. The state feedback controller was designed with weight values: $R = 1.0$. In the block diagrams of Fig. 20, the prefilter gain $K_p$ must be set equal to $gK_f + K_f$. The LQR experiment results are shown by dash lines in the Fig. 21 and Fig. 22. LQR design often provides well-behaved, relatively high performance controllers for servo equipment with drive flexibility. It may be readily implemented whenever full state feedback is available.

V. CONCLUSION

Through the motion control experiments using Industrial Emulator, the performance comparison of three kinds of controllers such as PID, RIC and LQR was carried out in view of the command tracking and disturbance rejection property. It was shown that RIC has the best performance in tracking and disturbance rejection for rigid body plant, but has big overshoot in case of step command. On the other hand, LQR with full state feedback has the best tracking property for the flexible body.

The design procedure of PID controller is very simple, but the performance is not good as compared with others. The design procedure of LQR in the state space is the most complicated even though it is the most advanced modern controller. The additional state observer should be augmented in order to estimate disturbance, which makes the control system more complex. The design process of RIC lies between PID and LQR in view of complexity of design procedure. Considering all these aspects, the RIC might be suggested as high precision controller for motion control system.

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