

A NEW INTELLIGENT, ROBUST AND SELF TUNED CONTROLLER DESIGN (II).

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Abstract

This paper proposes a new, simple, intelligent, robust and self-tuned controller design approach for getting a process under control, while achieving an important design compromise; acceptable stability, and medium fastness of response. The proposed approach is based on analyzing plants step response to calculate its parameters and based on calculated parameters, calculate controller's parameters, feed it to controller, and repeat process until achieving an acceptable stability, and medium fastness of response. The proposed approach was test using MATLAB m.file and Simulink model for different systems

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1. Introduction

The term control system design refers to the process of selecting feedback gains (poles and zeros) that meet design specifications in a closed-loop control system. Most design methods are iterative, combining parameter selection with analysis, simulation, and insight into the dynamics of the plant (Katsuhiko Ogata,1997),(Ahmad A. Mahfouz, et al,2013), An important compromise for control system design is to result in acceptable stability, and medium fastness of response, one definition of acceptable stability is when the undershoot that follows the first overshoot of the response is small, or barely observable(Farhan A. Salem,2013), Beside world wide known and applied controllers design method including Ziegler and Nichols known as the "process reaction curve" method (J. G. Ziegler, et al, 1943). and that of Cohen and Coon (G. H. Cohen, 1953) Chiein-Hrones-Reswick (CHR), Wang–Juang–Chan, many controllers design methods have been proposed and can be found in different texts including (Astrom K,J ,et al,1994)(R. Matousek, 2012)(Susmita Das, et al, 2012)(Saeed Tavakoli, et al, 2003)(Astrom K,J, et al, 1994)(Norman S. Nise,2011)(Gene F. Franklin, et ak, 2002)(Dale E. Seborg, et al, 2004), each method has its advantages, and limitations.

This paper extend previous work (Farhan A. Salem,2013)(Farhan A. Salem,2014*)(J. G. Ziegler ,et al,1943)(G. H. Cohen, et al,1953)(Astrom K,J, et al,1994), and proposes a new simple and intelligent controller design approach, that is based on relating controller(s)' parameters and plant's parameters to result in meeting an important design compromise; acceptable stability, and medium fastness of response in terms of minimum PO%, 5T, T_S, and E_{SS}.

2. Proposed approach

(Farhan A. Salem,2013)(Farhan A. Salem,2014*) proposed (P-, PI-, PD- and PID-) controllers design methods with corresponding expressions for calculating controller's parameters (K_P , K_I and K_D), a long with soft tuning parameters (α , β and ϵ). The proposed methods are based on relating and calculating controller's parameters from plant's parameters (ζ , ω_n , T), to result in overall response with acceptable stability, medium fastness of response and minimum overshoot. For PID controller design, the proposed expressions derived by (Farhan A. Salem,2013)(Farhan A. Salem,2014*) are given in Table 1, where : parameter α is responsible for speeding up response, and reducing Error, meanwhile, ϵ is responsible for tuning overshoot, where increasing ϵ will increase overshoot, and vise versa, finally parameter α is responsible for reducing both overshoot and error. As shown on block diagram representation (Figure 1) ,the proposed method is accomplished as follows; first by subjecting the closed loop system with only proportional controller with gain set to $K_P=1$, where K_I and K_D are set to zero , to step input of $R(s)=A/s$, then feeding resulted step response to module with program, that will analyze response curve to calculate plant's parameters (e.g. ζ , ω_n , T), then use these parameters to assign values to controller's tuning parameters (α , β and ϵ) and calculate corresponding controller gains (K_P , K_I and K_D) according to Table 1, and then feed calculated controller parameters to controller, to refine the resulted response, the program will subject the overall closed loop system with calculated gains, to the same step input, and feed resulted response to module with program and find corresponding closed loop system parameters and controller's gains, repeating this process to finally calculate controller's parameters, that will result in acceptable stability, medium fastness of response with minimum overshoot, and maintain this response by continuously analyzing resulted response and maintaining it. In case of disturbance input, the proposed method will repeat the mention process, to return the closed loop response to previous state. For example for second order systems, the program will use system's step response to calculate system's damping ratio ζ , undamped natural frequency ω_n , and time constant T. for higher order systems, the program to use system's step response to analyze response and apply dominant poles approximation, and find corresponding plants approximated parameters, and proceed as mentioned.

Table 1: Proposed expressions for PID parameters calculation

Plant		PID parameters					
		K_P	K_I	K_D	T_D	T_I	N
ζ	ω_n	β	$\frac{\omega_n}{2\xi}$	$\frac{1}{2\xi\omega_n}$	$\frac{1}{2\xi\omega_n}$	$\frac{2\xi}{\omega_n}$	$2 \div 20$
Tuning limits		0:inf	$\varepsilon \frac{\omega_n}{2\xi}, \varepsilon = 0.1 \div 10$	$\alpha \frac{1}{2\xi\omega_n}, \alpha = 0.58 \div 1.5$	$\frac{\alpha}{2\xi\omega_n}$	$\frac{2\xi}{\varepsilon\omega_n}$	$2 \div 20$

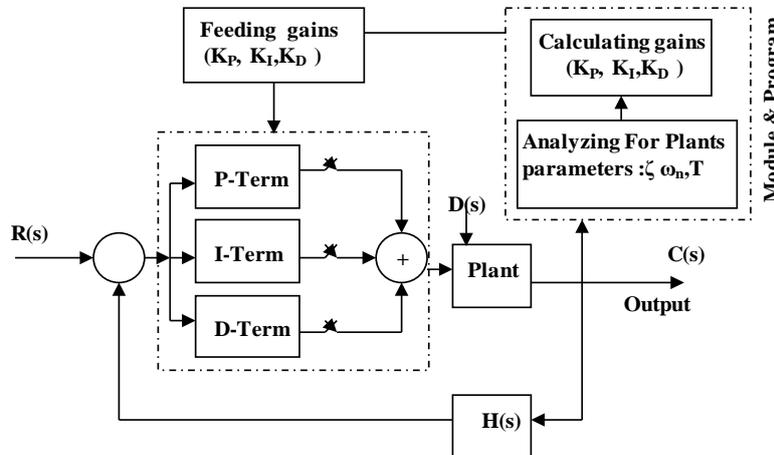


Figure 1 Block diagram representation of the proposed approach

2. Testing proposed approach

To clarify the operation of the proposed method, MATLAB/Simulink will be used to simulate the proposed method, write program m.file for response analysis, calculating plant's parameters, calculating controller parameters, feeding calculated gains to controller, subjecting overall closed loop system with calculated gains to step input, and repeating the process until reaching acceptable stability, medium fastness of response and minimum overshoot. To test the proposed approach, Simulink model shown in Figure 2 is developed, this model is with four plants of different orders, including PMDC motor system as prime mover to be used for both, mobile robot speed control, and robot arm position control.

2.1 Testing for mobile robot linear speed control

The DC motor open loop transfer function without load attached relating the input voltage, $V_{in}(s)$, to the motor shaft output angular speed is given by Eq.(1). To model, Simulate and analyze the open loop plant system, the total equivalent inertia, J_{equiv} and total equivalent damping, b_{equiv} at the armature of the motor are given by Eq.(2). Since, the geometry of the mechanical part determines the moment of inertia, to compute the total inertia, J_{equiv} mobile platform, system can be considered to be of cylindrical shape \square , with the inertia calculated as given by Eq.(3). To calculate the load torque of mobile platform, the following forces can be included; the hill-climbing resistance force F_{climb} , aerodynamic

Drag force, F_{aerod} and the linear acceleration force F_{acc} , as given by Eq.(4), with their corresponding torques. The mobile robot has the following nominal values; $M=50$ Kg, height, $h=1$ M, width, $a=0.8$ M, the wheel radius is

to be 0.075. Figure 2(c) shows Simulink model of Mobile robot torque (Farhan A. Salem,2013*)(Farhan A. Salem,2014*). The tachometer constant is selected as given by Eq.(5), to result in linear velocity of 0.5 m/s for 12 input voltage. The following nominal values for the various parameters of eclectic DC motor used: $V_{in}=12$ Volts; $J_m = 0.271$ kg-m²; $b_m = 0.271$; $K_t = 1.1882$ N-m/A; $K_b = 1.185$ V-s/rad; $R_a = 0.1557$ Ohm; $L_a = 0.82$ Henry. Based on Eqs.(1,5), proposed approach, and refereeing to(Farhan A. Salem,2013*)(Farhan A. Salem,2014*)(Ahmad A. Mahfouz, et al, 2013)(*Farhan A. Salem(2013). the Simulink model consisting of sub-models shown in Figure 2 are developed to be used to test proposed approach.

$$G_{speed}(s) = \frac{\omega(s)}{V_{in}(s)} = \frac{K_t/n}{L_a J_m s^2 + (R_a J_m + b_m L_a)s + (R_a b_m + K_t K_b)} \quad (1)$$

$$b_{equiv} = b_m + b_{Load} \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2, \quad J_{equiv} = J_m + J_{Load} \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2 \quad (2)$$

$$J_{load} = \frac{bh^3}{12} \Leftrightarrow J_{equiv} = J_{motor} + J_{gear} + (J_{wheel} + mr^2) \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2 \quad (3)$$

$$F = 0.5\rho A C_D v^2 + Mg \sin(\alpha) + m \frac{dv}{dt} \quad (4)$$

$$K_{tach} = \frac{V_{in} \max}{\omega_{\max}} = \frac{V_{in} \max}{v_{\max}/r} = \frac{12}{0.5/0.75} = 6.667 \quad (5)$$

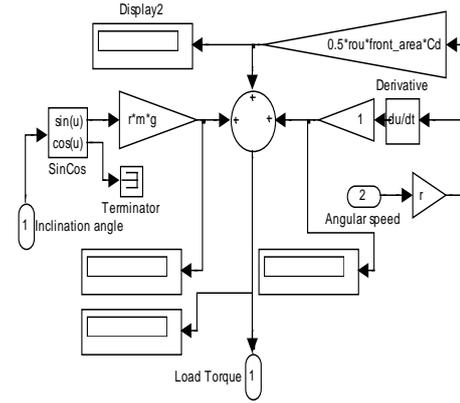
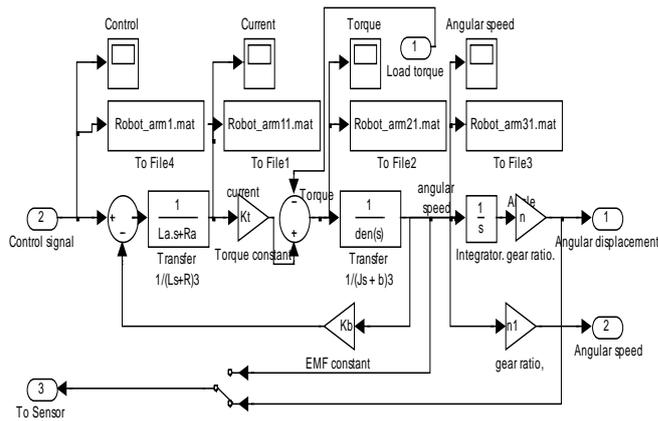


Figure 2 (a) DC machine subsystem model for mobile robot and robot arm Figure 2 (c) Mobile robot torque and robot arm

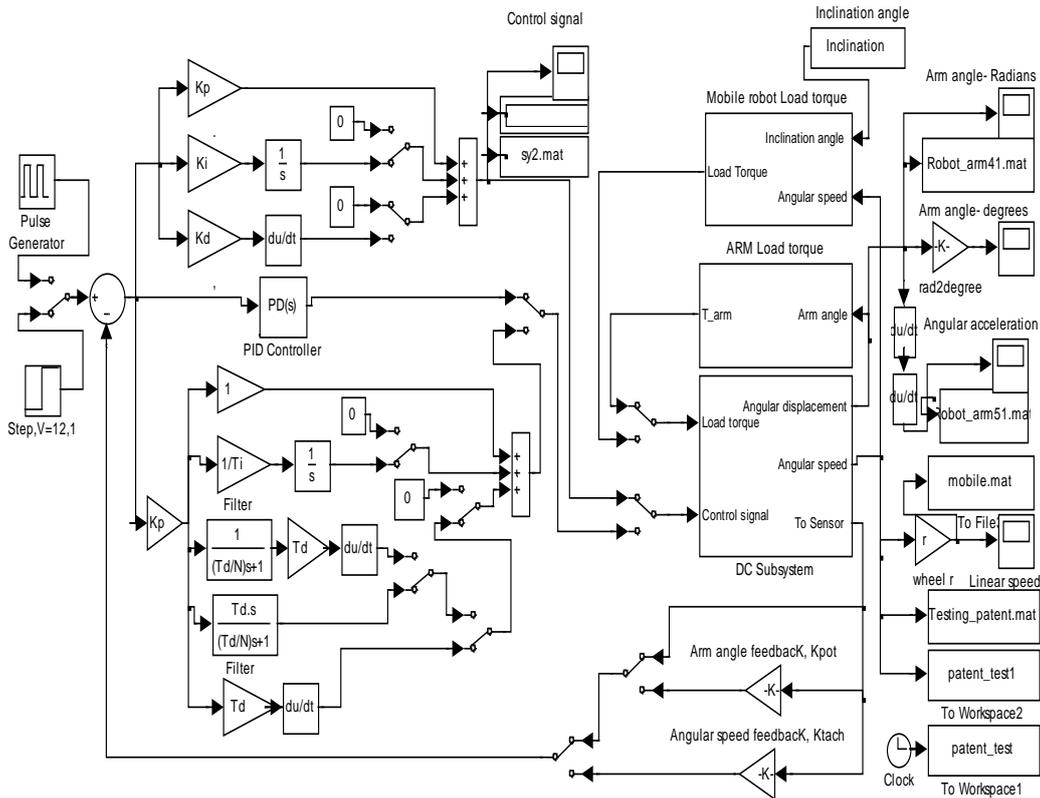


Figure 2 (d) Simulink model used to test proposed approach.

Switching Simulink model to mobile robot speed control, Running program (m.file), for controlling the output linear speed of mobile robot to be 0.5 m/s for input of 12V. First, the input to the program, is the resulted closed loop response curve of overall closed loop system with only proportional gain set to $K_p=1$, and K_i and K_d are set to zero, program will analyze the response curve and calculate plant's parameters, response measures (listed in Table 2(a)) approximated second order transfer function (given by Eq.(6)), and plots both original and calculated response (shown Figure 3(a)), and feed calculated gains to PID controller, then the program will subject the closed loop system with PID controller with calculated gains, to the same step input, and then , program will take as input resulted response curve, analyze it, to calculate overall closed loop approximated second order system, calculate controller gains and calculate tuning parameters (listed in Table 2) and feed it to controller, and then, once again run the simulation and repeat the analysis, calculation and feeding process, if acceptable response is resulted, maintain it, if not, calculate the new controller gains based on new closed loop response curve analysis, repeat the process untill acceptable response is achieved For *second* program self-run , with the calculated gains, the resulted response curve is shown in Figure 3(b), and overall system parameters are listed in Table 2(b), approximated closed loop transfer function is given by Eq.(7).

For *third* program self-run , with second calculated gains, the resulted response curve is shown in Figure 3(c), and overall system parameters are listed in Table 2(c), approximated closed loop transfer function is given by Eq.(8).

Figure 3(a) first program self- run: plots of both original and calculated step response

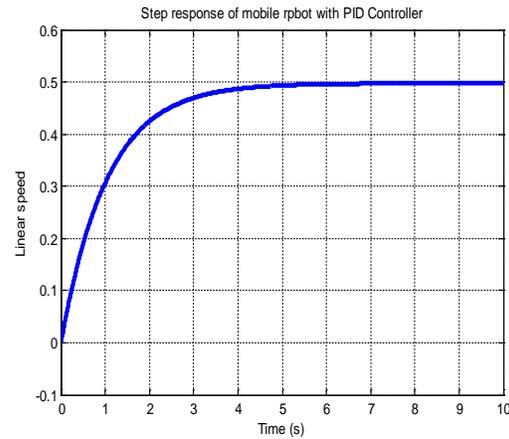


Figure 3(b) Second program self- run: Step response of mobile robot with PID controller

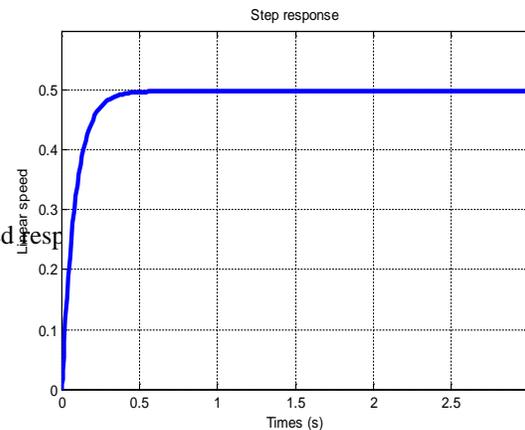


Figure 3(c) Third program self- run: Step response of mobile robot with PID controller

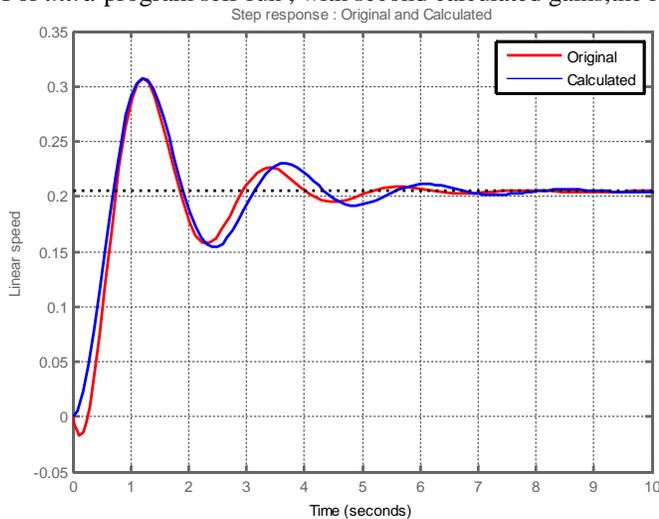


Table 2(a): calculated system parameters, , response measures, first run

Original mobile robot system	Calculated parameters	ϵ	ω_n	T_R	M_P	T_P	Peak value	PO%	DC gain
		0.21543 4	2.6392 1	0.80490 4	0.102384	1.21898			
Original mobile robot system	Calculated gain	β	ϵ	α	K_P	K_I	K_D		
		80	95	1	80	0.28428 7	83.5423		

Table 2(b): Calculated system parameters, response measures, second self-run with calculated gain

Original mobile robot system	Calculated Plant's parameters	ϵ	ω_n	T_R	M_P	T_P	Peak value	PO%	DC gain
		0.95901	1.13037	3.1263	1.20e-05	-	0.497525	2.413e-05	0.497513
	Calculated Controller's parameters	β	ϵ	α	K_P	K_I	K_D		
100	60	1	60	0.542016	27.6744				

Table 2(c): Calculated system parameters, response measures, Third self-run with calculated gain

Original mobile robot system	Calculated Plant's parameters	ϵ	ω_n	T_R	M_P	T_P	Peak value	PO%	DC gain
		0.9168	0.839	0.267	36.8e-5	-	0.499313	73.786e-5	0.498945
	Calculated Controller's parameters	β	ϵ	α	K_P	K_I	K_D		
300	60	1	100	0.448566	38.9669				

$$G(s) = \frac{1.426}{s^2 + 1.137s + 6.965} \quad \text{Eq.(6)}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{0.6357}{s^2 + 2.168s + 1.278} \quad \text{Eq.(7)}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{0.3519}{s^2 + 1.54s + 0.7052} \quad \text{Eq.(8)}$$

2.2 Testing proposed approach for different systems

Case (1): Testing the proposed approach for third order system with transfer function given by Eq.(9), for desired output of 12, for step input of $R(s)=12/s$, will result in approximated second order transfer function given by Eq.(10), and calculated plants and PID parameters and response measures, shown in Table 5(a), both response plots of original and compensated

system parameters listed in Table 2(b), with approximated closed loop transfer function given by Eq.(11), and final closed loop response shown in Figure 4(b), this is an acceptable response , that the program will maintain, for each next run, and return the response to it in case of disturbance input.

$$G(s) = \frac{s+1}{s^3+3s^2+s} \quad \text{Eq.(9)}$$

controlled systems are shown in Figure 4(a). The calculated plants parameters are used by program to calculate controller's parameters, feed it to controller and subject system to step input , and repeat process. For third program self-run , with calculated gains, will result in response curve shown in Figure 4(b), and overall

$$G(s) = \frac{13.58}{s^2 + 1.074s + 1.132} \quad \text{Eq.(10)}$$

Table 5(a): calculated system parameters, , response measures, first run

Original mobile robot system	Calculated Plant's parameters	ϵ	ω_n	T_R	M_P	T_P	Peak value	PO%	DC gain
		0.660966	0.926658	3.38803	0.00521428	12.6443	12.0438	0.00043313	12.0386
	Calculated Controller's parameters	β	ϵ	α	K_P	K_I	K_D		
80	95	1	80	0.268534	88.4431				

Table 5(b): calculated system parameters, , response measures, first run

Original mobile robot system	Calculated Plant's parameters	ϵ	ω_n	T_R	M_P	T_P	Peak value	PO%	DC gain
		0.89430	2.2279	0.5164	0.022529	3.15134	12.036	0.0018753	12.013
	6	5		9			8	5	
Calculated Controller's parameters	β	ϵ	α	K_P	K_I	K_D			
	75	60	1	75	0.99623	15.0567			
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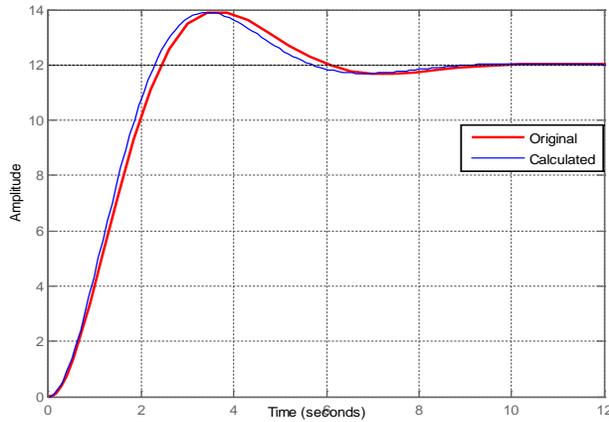


Figure 4(a) response plots of original and approximated systems

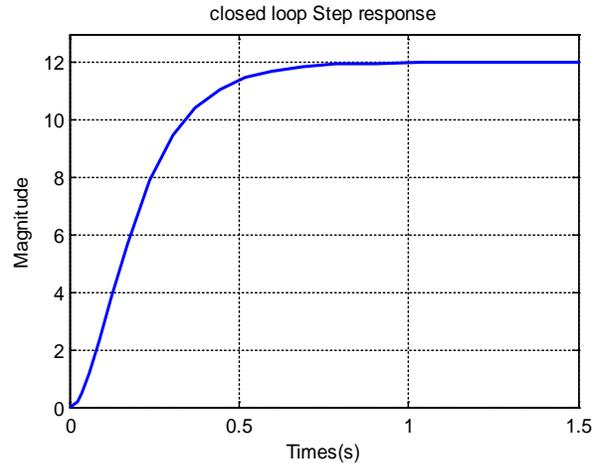


Figure 4(b) closed loop response with PID

Case (2): Testing the proposed approach for fourth order system with transfer function given by Eq.(12), for desired output of 12, for step input of $R(s)=12/s$, will result in approximated second order transfer function given by Eq.(13), and calculated plants parameters, PID parameters and response measures, shown in Table 5(a), both

$$G(s) = \frac{s^2 + 5s + 3}{10s^4 + 2s^3 + 20s^2 + 5s + 1} \quad \text{Eq.(12)}$$

$$G(s) = \frac{3.379}{s^2 + 0.2882s + 0.3754} \quad \text{Eq.(13)}$$

response plots of original and compensated systems are shown in Figure 5(a). The calculated plants parameters are used by program to calculate controller's parameters , feed it to controller and subject system to step input , and repeat process, until an acceptable response is achieve (shown in Figure 5(b)).

Table 6(a): calculated system parameters, , response measures, first run

Original mobile robot system	Calculated Plant's parameters	ϵ	ω_n	T_R	M_P	T_P	Peak value	PO%	DC gain
		0.235194	0.612696	3.53238	4.20857	5.27547	13.2095	0.46757	9.00094
	Calculated Controller's parameters	β	ϵ	α	K_P	K_I	K_D		
140		60	1	140	0.123748	121.214			

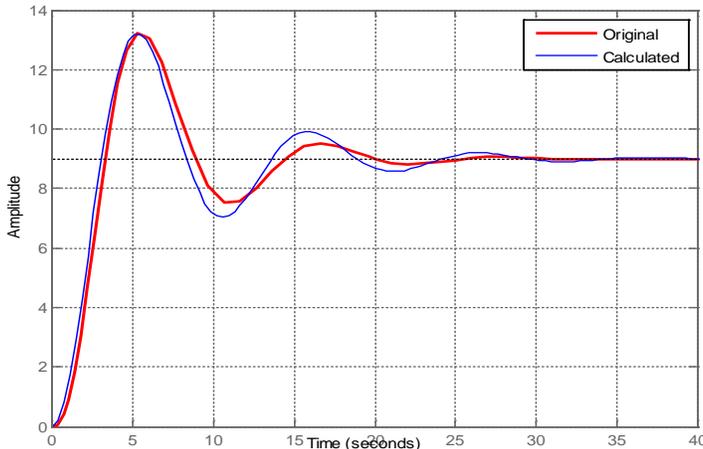


Figure 5(a) response plots of original and approximated systems

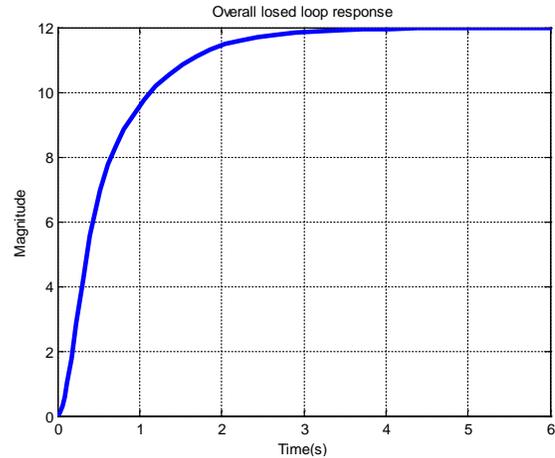


Figure 5(b) closed loop response with PID

2.3 Program code

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Kp=1;Ki=0;Kd=0;
while(1)
    clc,close all
    format bank
    disp('=====')
    disp('      Testing Response Data ')
    disp('      ')
    disp('=====')
    plot(patent_test,patent_test1,'r');
    figure
    plot(patent_test,patent_test1,'r');
    response_data=[patent_test1 ,patent_test ];
    if any(response_data(1,[20:end])<0);%      undamped
        response
        Kp=1;Kd=5 ;Ki=15;%
    else
        [a,b]=max(response_data(1,:));
        final_steady_satae_value=response_data(1,end);
        fprintf('      final steady satae value = %g\n',final_steady_satae_value)
        ww=response_data(1,:);
        for z0= 1:length(response_data(1,:))
            if response_data(1,z0)>= final_steady_satae_value*.95
                rise_time=response_data(2,z0);
                break, end, end
        fprintf(' Rise time = %g \n',rise_time)
        overshoot= a-final_steady_satae_value;
        fprintf(' Overshoot = %g \n',overshoot)
        if (overshoot <= 0)==1
            ZETA1= 1;
            omega_n=(4.67*ZETA1-1.2)/rise_time;
            settling_time=(9.31*ZETA1-3.4)/omega_n
            Percent_overshoot=0;
            fprintf(' Undamped natural frequency, omega_n = %g\n',omega_n);
            fprintf(' Damping ratio, ZETA1 = %g \n',ZETA1)
            %=====
            alpha=10;
            %=====
        else
            Peak_value= a ;
            fprintf(' Peak Value = %g \n',a)
            Peak_time=response_data(2,b);
            fprintf(' Peak Time = %g \n',Peak_time)
    end
end

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Percent_overshoot=((Peak_value-
final_steady_satae_value)/final_steady_satae_value);%
*100;
fprintf(' Overshoot = %g \n',overshoot)
fprintf(' Percent overshoot = %g \n',Percent_overshoot)
disp('
=====')
disp('=====')
ZETA1=-log(Percent_overshoot)
/(sqrt((log(Percent_overshoot))^2+ (pi)^2));
fprintf(' Damping ratio, ZETA1 = %g \n',ZETA1)
omega_n=pi/(Peak_time*sqrt(1-ZETA1^2)) ;%calculating
from peak time
fprintf(' Undamped natural frequency, omega_n = %g\n',omega_n);end
transfer_function=tf(final_steady_satae_value*omega_n^2,
[1 , 2*ZETA1*omega_n , omega_n^2])
hold, step(transfer_function), grid
legend('Original', 'Calculated'), end
if (Percent_overshoot > 0.7)
    beta=80;epsilon=100;alpha=1;
elseif (Percent_overshoot > 0.1)&&(Percent_overshoot <=
0.7)
    beta=80;epsilon=95;%80, 85, alpha=1;
elseif(Percent_overshoot < 0.1)&&(Percent_overshoot >=
0.05)
    beta=80;epsilon=70;alpha=1;
elseif(Percent_overshoot < 0.05) %< 0.05
    beta=140%200, epsilon=60;alpha=1;end
Kp=beta ;% Speeds up response
Kd=(1/(2*ZETA1*omega_n))* epsilon;%      Reduces
overshoot
Ki=(omega_n/2*ZETA1)*alpha;%
disp('=====')
fprintf(' alpha= %g \n',alpha)
fprintf(' epsilon= %g \n',epsilon)
fprintf(' Kp = %g \n',Kp)
fprintf(' Ki = %g \n',Ki)
fprintf(' Kd = %g \n',Kd)
pause(3)
%=====
sim('patent_test_1_1_1')% runing siulink model entitled
patent_test_1_1_1
%=====
pause(10)
end

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Conclusion

A new, simple, intelligent, robust and self-tuned controller design approach for getting a process under control, while achieving an important design compromise is proposed and tested. The proposed approach is based on relating controller(s) parameters and plant's parameters to result in meeting an important design compromise; acceptable stability, and medium fastness of response in terms of minimum $PO\%$, $5T$, T_s , and E_{SS} . The proposed approach was tested using MATLAB m-file and Simulink model for different systems, the theoretical results show the simplicity and applicability of the proposed approach.

As future work, to modify program, such that it can be applied for most types of systems, and to suggest and build a circuit design to read and analyze plant's response parameters.

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