

Damping of torsional vibrations in mechatronic systems using different control strategies

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Abstract

Transmission systems are fundamental elements of modern technological processes. They consist of different components, such as shafts, gears, timing-belts and couplings. Due to the market pressure, the productivity of technological lines is expected to grow. It can be achieved by setting higher gains of controllers in order to shorten the transition times. However, the higher controller's coefficients can excite torsional vibrations. This phenomenon influences the whole process in a negative way, since it can decrease the quality of the product and may, in some cases, lead to the breakdown of the system.

The torsional vibrations have been recognized in drives for a few decades. Originally, this phenomenon has been described in traditional big drives used in industry, such as rolling-mill drives, conveyer-belt drives and machines used in textile and paper industries. Large inertias of motor and load machines and long couplings create a visible model of the so called two-mass system. The first mass refers to the inertia of the driving motor, whereas the second mass represents the inertia of the load machine, and the long shaft acts as a flexible connection.

Due to the progress of power electronic and microprocessor techniques, which shorten the regulation time of driving torque, torsional vibrations are nowadays recognised in a variety of modern applications with bigger (computerized numerical controlled machines, robot-arms, wind mills, deep space antenna drives, electric cars and others) and smaller power (hard disc drives, mechanical beams, micro electromechanical systems and others mechatronic structures).

The tutorial is recommended for researchers, industrial engineers and students interested in recent trends in motion control algorithms, especially taking into account vibrations damping problems. It may be also interesting for researchers from related areas, such as: electrical machines, drives and mechanical as well as mechatronic systems.

In this Tutorial, three speakers will give lectures about vibrations control in motion systems using different control techniques.



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