

A Coordinate Design of Two-Degrees-Of-Freedom Controller for Fast and Precise Positioning

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Abstract—This paper presents a novel robust 2-degrees-of-freedom (2-DOF) positioning controller design methodology against frequency perturbations in mechanical vibration modes. The authors have already proposed an LMI (linear matrix inequality)-based feedforward (FF) compensator design to provide robust properties in positioning against the perturbations, where a feedback (FB) controller has been independently designed to ensure the robust stability on the basis of the 2-DOF controller design framework. A problem, however, still remains that the undesired response in the FB system due to the perturbations deteriorates the ideal response by the FF compensation. The proposed controller design, therefore, considers the FB system in the FF compensator design to solve the problem. In addition, the FB controller is redesigned to improve the positioning performance as a coordinate design between the FB and the FF controllers. The effectiveness of the proposed approach has been verified by numerical simulations and experiments using a prototype of galvano scanners.

I. INTRODUCTION

Fast response and high-precision positioning is one of indispensable techniques in a wide variety of high performance mechatronic systems, such as data storage devices, machine tools, and industrial robots [1]. In the positioning devices with mechanical vibration modes, however, the positioning performance is deteriorated by perturbations in the mode frequencies due to aging and/or environment variations [2].

A 2-DOF control framework is one of promising approaches to achieve robust properties against the perturbations [3], [4], [5], [6]. The authors have already proposed an LMI-based FF compensator design to ensure the robust properties against the resonance frequency perturbations, where the specified constraints on state variables, such as control input and/or position responses, can be directly determined by the LMI optimization framework [7]. In the conventional design, however, the positioning performance is deteriorated by the FB control loop, since the undesired responses in the FB system due to the perturbation affect the ideal response by the FF compensation.

In this research, therefore, a novel coordinate design between the FF and FB controllers of the 2-DOF positioning system is proposed to improve the robustness against the resonance frequency perturbations. The proposed design considers the FB control property with the perturbations to solve the problem in the conventional method. Under the consideration, the FB controller is redesigned to prevent the undesired response characteristic and to improve the total positioning

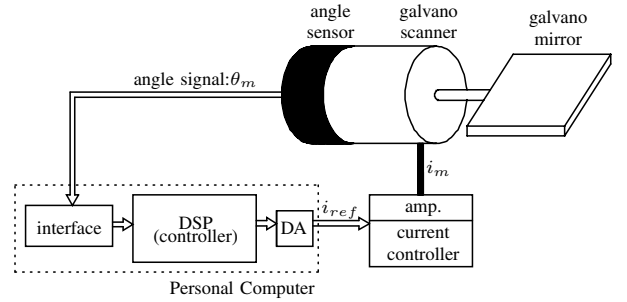


Fig. 1. Configuration of experimental setup.

performance of the 2-DOF control system. The effectiveness of the proposed controller design has been verified by numerical simulations and experiments using a prototype of galvano scanners in industrial laser manufacturing applications.

II. POSITIONING SYSTEM OF GALVANO SCANNER

A. Configuration of Positioning Device

Fig.1 shows a configuration of a positioning device for galvano scanners as an experimental setup. The galvano scanner is composed of a servo motor with a galvano mirror, where the motor angle θ_m is directly detected by a rotary encoder and transferred to a DSP controller through an interface. The servo motor is driven by a current controlled amplifier with the current reference i_{ref} generated by the position controller, where the position controller calculates the current reference as the control input with the sampling period T_s of 20 μ s.

Light red lines in Fig.2 show a Bode characteristic of θ_m for i_{ref} , where the environment temperature around the galvano scanner is kept in 25 degrees centigrade as nominal condition in the following controller design. The mechanism includes the primary vibration mode at 2.95 kHz, the second vibration mode at 5.95 kHz, the third vibration mode at 6.25 kHz, other vibration modes in the high frequency range, and a dead time component due to the current control delay. A nominal plant model $P_n(s)$ is formulated as follows, consisting of a rigid mode, vibration modes up to $i = 3$, and a dead time component:

$$P_n(s) = \frac{\theta_m(s)}{i_{ref}(s)} = e^{-Ls} K_p \left(\frac{1}{s^2} + \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{k_i}{s^2 + 2\zeta_i \omega_i s + \omega_i^2} \right), \quad (1)$$

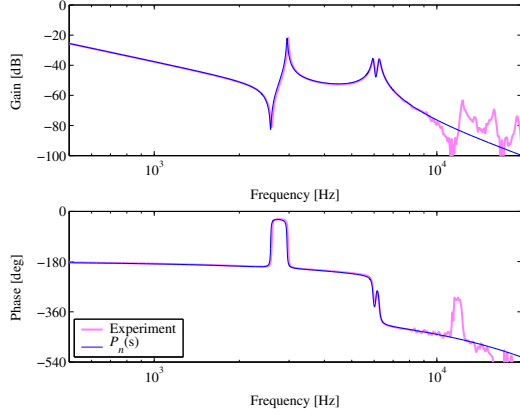


Fig. 2. Bode characteristics of plant system.

TABLE I
PARAMETERS OF PLANT MODEL.

K_p	1.82×10^4	L	1.32×10^{-5} s
k_1	0.42	ω_1	$2\pi \times 2950$ rad/s
k_2	-0.75	ω_2	$2\pi \times 5950$ rad/s
k_3	-0.95	ω_3	$2\pi \times 6250$ rad/s
ζ_1	4.0×10^{-3}	ζ_2	9.0×10^{-3}
ζ_3	10.0×10^{-3}		

where K_p : gain including moment of inertia, torque constant of motor and current controller, ω_i : natural angular frequency of i -th vibration mode, ζ_i : damping coefficient, k_i : vibration mode gain, and L : equivalent dead time, respectively. Parameters of a nominal plant model $P_n(s)$ are shown in Table I. Dark blue lines in Fig.2 indicate a Bode characteristic of $P_n(s)$. From the figure, the mathematical model can well express the actual characteristic, except in the high frequency range more than 10 kHz.

B. Target Positioning Specification

In this research, a position reference with amplitude of 1.5 mm is given as one of the typical control specifications for the laser manufacturing, where the position should be settled within the accuracy of $\pm 2.5 \mu\text{m}$ with the settling time of 0.76 ms ($= 38T_s$). Notice here that, in this positioning device, since the resonance frequency of the primary vibration mode may be varied in the maximum ± 100 Hz due to the environment and/or temperature fluctuations, the robust position controller against the perturbation is required to satisfy the target control specifications.

C. 2-DOF Position Control System

Fig.3 shows a block diagram of the 2-DOF position control system based on the final state control [5], where $P(z)$: plant, $C(z)$: FB compensator, u^* : FF control input, u : control input ($= i_{ref}$), y : motor position ($= \theta_m$), r : target motor position trajectory reference, and e : trajectory error, respectively. The FB compensator $C(z)$ consists of a phase lag-lead compensator and two notch filters as follows, considering

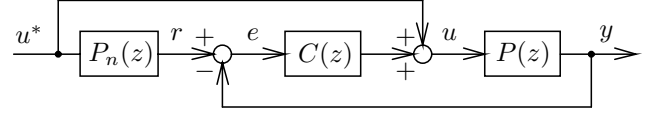


Fig. 3. Block diagram of 2-DOF position control system.

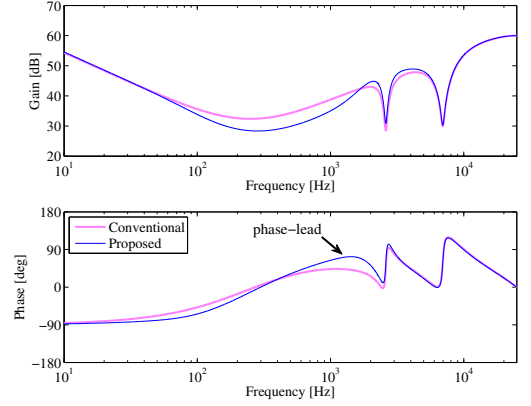


Fig. 4. Bode characteristics of FB compensators.

the disturbance suppression capability and the robust stability against the resonance frequency perturbation:

$$C(s) = K_c \frac{s + \omega_{c1}}{s} \frac{s + \omega_{c3}}{s + \omega_{c2}} \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{s^2 + 2\zeta_{ni}\omega_{ni}s + \omega_{ni}^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta_{di}\omega_{ni}s + \omega_{ni}^2}. \quad (2)$$

In the controller implementation of the DSP, $C(s)$ of eq.(2) is transformed to $C(z)$ by a tustin transformation. Light red lines in Fig.4 show a Bode characteristic of $C(z)$.

III. CONVENTIONAL FF COMPENSATION DESIGN

A. Design Model

Plant model in the conventional design is an augmented system which includes the nominal plant model and uncertainties by the resonance frequency perturbation, to consider the robustness against the perturbation in the FF control input. Fig.5 shows a block diagram of the design model, where $P_n(s)$: nominal plant of eq.(1), $\Delta(s)$: uncertainty by the plant perturbation, \mathcal{H} : zeroth-order hold, $\frac{1}{z-1}$: integrator, y_n : nominal position response ($y_n = P_n(s)u^*$), y_e : varied position response ($y_e = \Delta(s)u^*$), and u_d^* : jerk in the FF control input, respectively. State expressions of $P_n(s)$ and $\Delta(s)$ are formulated as follows:

- Nominal plant model $P_n(s)$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_n \\ y_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_n & \mathbf{B}_n \\ \mathbf{C}_n & D_n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_n \\ u^* \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

- Uncertainty of plant $\Delta(s)$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{\mathbf{x}}_e \\ y_e \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{A}_e & \mathbf{B}_e \\ \mathbf{C}_e & D_e \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_e \\ u^* \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

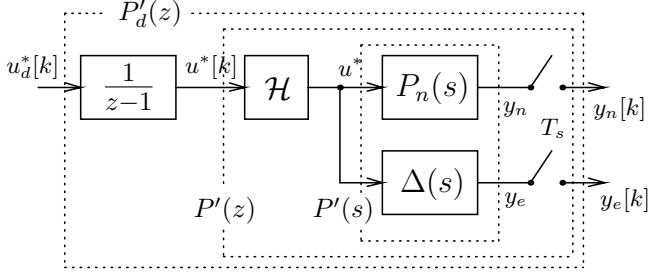


Fig. 5. Block diagram of augmented system with plant perturbation in conventional design.

where $A_n \sim D_n$: state matrices of $P_n(s)$, $A_e \sim D_e$: state matrices of $\Delta(s)$, $x_n \in R^{8 \times 1}$: state variable of $P_n(s)$, and $x_e \in R^{2 \times 1}$: state variable of $\Delta(s)$, respectively. The augmented system $P'(s)$ in Fig.5, on the other hand, can be defined as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}' \\ \dot{y}' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A' & B' \\ C' & D' \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

where x', y', A', B', C' , and D' are given as:

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= [x_n^T \ x_e^T]^T \in R^{10 \times 1}, \ y' = [y_n \ y_e]^T \in R^{2 \times 1}, \\ A' &= \begin{bmatrix} A_n & O \\ O & A_e \end{bmatrix} \in R^{10 \times 10}, \ B' = [B_n^T \ B_e^T]^T \in R^{10 \times 1}, \\ C' &= \begin{bmatrix} C_n & O \\ O & C_e \end{bmatrix} \in R^{1 \times 10}, \ D' = [D_n \ D_e]^T \in R^{2 \times 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Discrete augmented system $P'_d(z)$ in Fig.5 can be represented as follows, including an integrator to attenuate the jerk u_d^* [8]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'[k+1] \\ u^*[k+1] \\ y'[k] \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A'_d & B'_d & O \\ O & 1 & 1 \\ C'_d & D'_d & O \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x'[k] \\ u^*[k] \\ u_d^*[k] \end{bmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

where $A'_d \sim D'_d$ are discrete matrices for $A' \sim D'$ by zeroth-order hold.

B. LMI-Based FF Compensation Design

In the LMI-based FF compensation design, the following FF control input is calculated, on the basis of the final state control:

$$u^* = [u^*[0] \ \cdots \ u^*[N-1]]^T \in R^{N \times 1}. \quad (7)$$

At first, in order to design u^* which ensures to settle the nominal response y_n to the target position X_r by N steps from the initial state $x[0]$ of zero, the final state condition can be given as:

$$x_n[N] = [X_r \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]^T \in R^{8 \times 1}, \quad (8)$$

where X_r and N are determined as $X_r = 1.5$ mm and $N = 38$, to achieve the target positioning specification. The state

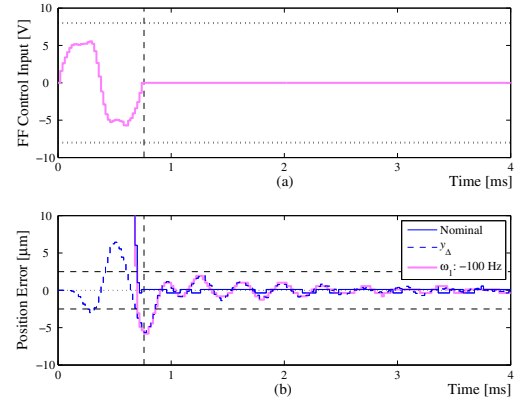


Fig. 6. Simulated response waveforms by conventional design.

constraints, therefore, can be given by the following matrix equation as an affine function of u_d^* :

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma u_d^* &= x[N], \\ \Sigma &= [A_d'^{N-1} B_d', A_d'^{N-2} B_d', \dots B_d']. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Then, in order to avoid the saturation of the control input, u_d^* can be designed by considering the input amplitude of u^* by the following inequality constraint:

$$-u_m < u^*[k] < u_m \quad (k = 1, \dots, N), \quad (10)$$

where the maximum amplitude u_m is given as of 8 V considering the maximum control input of ± 10 V. In addition, the varied response y_e can be restricted as follows, to allow y_e to be settled with the specified settling accuracy of $\pm y_m \mu m$:

$$-y_m < y_e[k] < y_m \quad (k = N-2, \dots, N+35). \quad (11)$$

In this research, two uncertainties (+100 Hz and -100 Hz in ω_1) as the resonance frequency perturbations of the primary mode are defined in the design model, while the inequality constraint of eq.(11) is adopted to the varied response with $y_m = 2.5 \mu m$.

Finally, the FF control input u^* in Fig.5 which satisfies the constraints of eqs.(9)~(11) is optimized under the following cost function, on the basis of the LMI technique [9]:

$$J = \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} u_d^*[k]^2. \quad (12)$$

C. Subjects of Conventional Approach

Subjects of the conventional FF compensation design are clarified by positioning simulations of $X_r = 1.5$ mm stroke. Fig.6 shows the simulated response waveforms of (a) FF control input u^* and (b) position error $X_r - y$, where dark blue solid lines (Nominal) indicate nominal responses and light red solid lines ($\omega_1: -100$ Hz) indicate varied responses by the resonance frequency perturbation ($\omega_1 = 2\pi \times 2850$ rad/s). In the case of the nominal condition, amplitude of the FF control input in Fig.6 (a) can be restricted within the

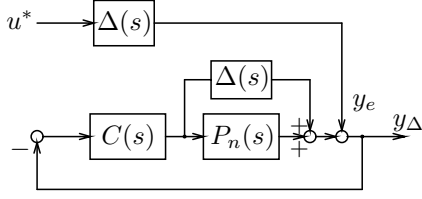


Fig. 7. Block diagram of error model.

limitation of ± 8 V indicated by horizontal dotted lines, while the position response settles to the target position by $N = 38$ steps, satisfying the target control specification. In the case of with the resonance frequency perturbation, on the other hand, the overshoot response which cannot satisfy the constraint on the settling accuracy of $\pm 2.5 \mu\text{m}$ by eq.(11) occurs immediately after the settling, resulting in the deterioration of the positioning performance. In order to examine why the varied position response proceeds the constraint of eq.(11), a block diagram of error model including $\Delta(s)$ in Fig.7 is introduced. From the figure, the error response y_Δ can be given as:

$$y_\Delta = \frac{1}{1 + C(s) \{P_n(s) + \Delta(s)\}} y_e \quad (13)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + C(s) \{P_n(s) + \Delta(s)\}} \Delta(s) u^*. \quad (14)$$

From eq.(14), the error response y_Δ can be expressed by the error response y_e of the FF compensation as well as the response by the FB control system. That is, the response deterioration in Fig.6 may be caused by the FB system, since the conventional approach does not consider the effect of the FB control. Dark blue dashed line in Fig.6 shows a response waveform of y_Δ with the perturbation. Notice here that, the summation of y_n and y_Δ corresponds to y . From the figure, since y_Δ exceeds the settling accuracy of $\pm 2.5 \mu\text{m}$, the response by the FB control system deteriorates the positioning performance in the conventional approach. Therefore, in order to provide the better robust positioning performance better than the conventional approach, the effect of the FB system should be simultaneously considered in the FF compensation design.

IV. COORDINATE DESIGN OF 2-DOF CONTROLLER

From the examinations on the error response in III-C, the proposed approach as “coordinate design of the FF and FB controllers”, includes the FB control system with the plant perturbation in the design model of the FF compensation design, to apply the constraint of eq.(11) to the position response strictly. Then, considering that the FB controller affects the LMI-based FF compensation design in the proposed approach, the FB controller is redesigned on the basis of the error response characteristic to improve the positioning performance.

A. Proposed Design Model

Fig.8 shows a block diagram of the proposed design model $P''(s)$. In the proposed approach, $P''(s)$ considers the FB

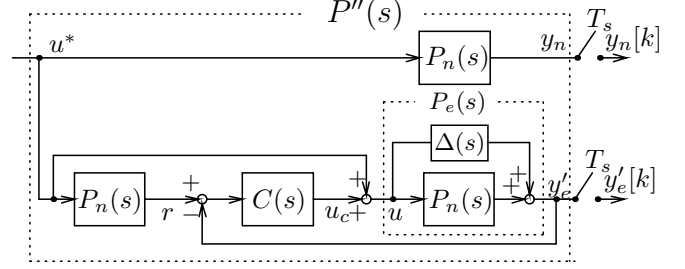


Fig. 8. Block diagram of augmented system with FB compensator.

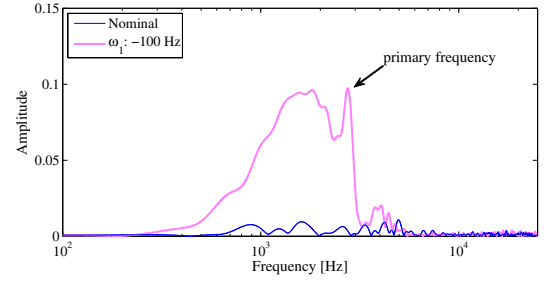


Fig. 9. Frequency spectrums of error response.

control system with the uncertainty of the plant, instead of $P'(s)$ in Fig.5. In Fig.8, the space expressions of the FB compensator $C(s)$ and the closed-loop system are formulated as follows:

- FB compensator $C(s)$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_c \\ u_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_c & B_c \\ C_c & D_c \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_c \\ r - y_e \end{bmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

- Closed-loop system:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_{cl} \\ y_e' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{cl} & B_{cl} \\ C_{cl} & D_{cl} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{cl} \\ u^* \end{bmatrix}, \quad (16)$$

where A_{cl} , B_{cl} , C_{cl} , D_{cl} , and x_{cl} are given as:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{cl} &= \begin{bmatrix} A_n & O & O \\ B_c C_n & A_c & -B_c C_e \\ B_e D_c C_n & B_e C_c & A_e - B_e D_c C_e \end{bmatrix}, \\ B_{cl} &= \begin{bmatrix} B_n \\ O \\ B_e \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_{cl} = [O \quad O \quad C_e], \\ D_{cl} &= 0, \quad x_{cl} = [x_n^T \quad x_c^T \quad x_e^T]^T \in R^{22 \times 1}. \end{aligned}$$

In the proposed approach, the varied position response y_e' in eq.(16) is restricted in the same manner as in eq.(11), and the proposed FF control input can be designed by the same way as of the conventional approach in III-B. In this research, we call this proposed design as “Proposed 1” in the following.

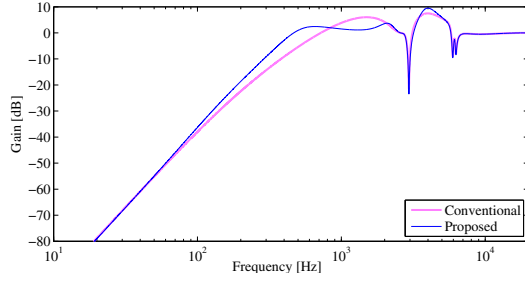


Fig. 10. Gains of sensitivity characteristics.

B. FB Compensator Considering Sensitivity Function

As the coordinate design of 2-DOF controllers, the FB controller is redesigned to improve the positioning performance, considering the error response y_Δ . Fig.9 shows frequency spectrums of error response y_Δ in Fig.6, where dark blue line (Nominal) indicates a spectrum in the nominal condition and light red line (ω_1 : -100 Hz) indicates the one with the resonance frequency perturbation. In the case with the perturbation, the primary vibration component by the perturbation as well as in the frequency range of 1~2 kHz which corresponds to the servo bandwidth is increased comparing to the nominal condition. From eq.(14), the increase of the component in 1~2 kHz may be caused by the sensitivity characteristic of the FB control system. The light red line in Fig.10 shows the gain characteristic of the sensitivity function by the conventional FB controller $C(s)$. From Fig.10, the gain is above zero dB in the frequency range of 1~2 kHz, resulting in the increase of the error response in the corresponding frequency range.

Proposed FB controller $C'(s)$, therefore, modifies the conventional FB controller $C(s)$ by adding filters as follows, to improve the sensitivity properties:

$$C'(s) = C(s) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^2 \frac{s^2 + 2\zeta_{nri}\omega_{nri}s + \omega_{nri}^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta_{dri}\omega_{dri}s + \omega_{dri}^2}. \quad (17)$$

The add-on filters are designed as phase-lead elements in the range of 1~2 kHz, while the stability margin and the disturbance suppression capability are ensured as of the conventional ones. Dark blue lines in Fig.4 shows a Bode diagram of the proposed FB controller $C'(s)$. From the figure, the phase leads in the frequency range of 1~2 kHz comparing to $C(s)$, which keeps the same gain level equivalent in the low frequency. Dark blue line in Fig.10 shows a gain characteristic of the sensitivity by $C'(s)$. From Fig.10, the proposed controller realizes the gain reduction of the sensitivity in the frequency of 1~2 kHz, keeping the disturbance suppression capability in the low frequency up to 100 Hz. In the following, we call this proposed design as “Proposed 2”.

C. Simulation Verifications

The effectiveness of the proposed coordinate design is verified by numerical simulations. The FF control input is

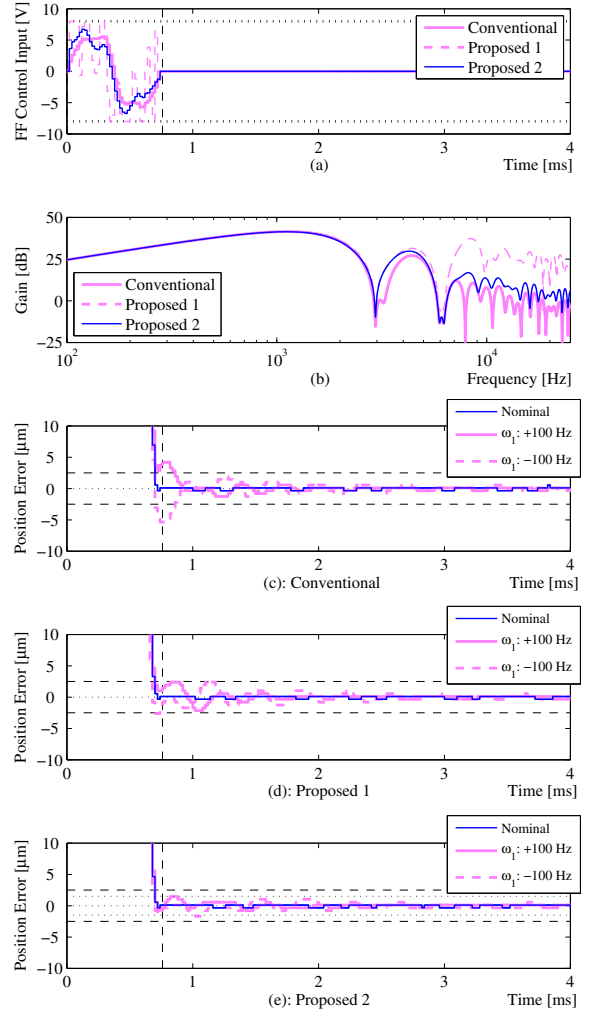


Fig. 11. Simulated response waveforms by conventional and proposed method.

designed under the limitation y_m in eq.(11) as of $y_m = 1.5 \mu\text{m}$.

Fig.11 shows simulated response waveforms of (a) FF control input, (b) frequency spectrum of the FF control input, (c) position error by the conventional method, (d) position error by “Proposed 1”, and (e) position error by “Proposed 2”. In (a) and (b), light red solid lines (Conventional) indicate the conventional design, light red dashed lines (“Proposed 1”) indicate “Proposed 1”, and dark blue solid lines (“Proposed 2”) indicate “Proposed 2”. In (c), (d), and (e), dark blue solid lines (Nominal) indicate the nominal condition, light red solid and dashed lines (ω_1 : ± 100 Hz) indicate with the perturbations. In the conventional design, the FF control input is restricted within ± 8 V by the constraint of eq.(10), while the frequency spectrum is suppressed at around the primary vibration mode. In cases of the perturbations, however, over/undershoot responses which proceed the target accuracy of $\pm 2.5 \mu\text{m}$ occur immediately after the settling, which cannot satisfy the constraint of eq.(11) by the horizontal

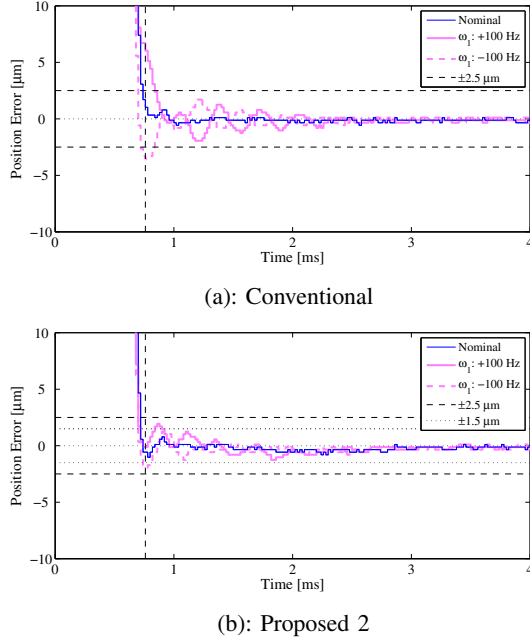


Fig. 12. Experimental response waveforms by conventional and proposed method.

dashed lines. In “Proposed 1”, over/undershoot responses are suppressed under the constraint of eq.(11) by considering the FB control system in the LMI-based FF compensation design model. The FF control input, however, includes high frequency components remarkably, since the FB control system amplifies the component in 1~2 kHz which cannot be suppressed by the FF compensation. In “Proposed 2”, on the other hand, over/undershoot and vibration responses are well-suppressed within the constraint of eq.(11) ($y_m = 1.5 \mu\text{m}$) indicated by horizontal dotted lines by considering the effect of the sensitivity characteristic on the error response y_Δ . In addition, the high frequency component in the FF control input can be decreased significantly comparing to “Proposed 1”, since the component of the error response in the frequency range of 1~2 kHz is effectively suppressed by the proposed FB controller.

V. EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATIONS

The proposed coordinate design has been verified by experiments using a prototype. In experiments, frequency perturbations are simulated by fluctuating the primary vibration frequency of the nominal plant model $P_n(z)$ in the FF compensation [4]. Fig.12 shows experimental response waveforms of (a) position error by the conventional design, (b) position error by “Proposed 2”, where dark blue lines indicate the case of the nominal condition, light red solid and broken lines ($\omega_1: \pm 100 \text{ Hz}$) indicate the ones with the perturbations. In the conventional design, the over/undershoot responses proceeding the target accuracy of $\pm 2.5 \mu\text{m}$ indicated by horizontal broken lines ($\pm 2.5 \mu\text{m}$) are caused by the perturbations, as in the same manner as in the simulations of Fig.11. In “Proposed

2”, on the other hand, although each varied responses due to perturbations are slightly proceeded the constraint indicated by horizontal dotted lines ($\pm 1.5 \mu\text{m}$), over/undershoot responses are well-suppressed, achieving the target positioning specification.

VI. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, the coordinate design between the FF and FB compensators in the 2-DOF positioning system is proposed to provide the robustness against frequency perturbations. The proposed approach can ensure the desired robust control performance by giving the constraints in the LMI framework. In addition, the FF and FB compensators are coordinated to improve the positioning performance by considering the error response due to the perturbation, realizing the required robust positioning. The effectiveness of the proposed approach has been verified by numerical simulations and experiments using the positioning device of the galvano scanner.

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