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SYSTEM FOR DRIVING ACTUATOR

Abstract

A system for driving an actuator which is capable of providing constant resolution regardless of a type of an actuator according to an aspect of the present invention includes an actuator driving circuit configured to generate a driving current for an operating actuator and output the generated driving current to the operating actuator, a current sensing unit configured to sense a current of the operating actuator and generate a sensing signal, and a gain adjustment unit configured to calculate a gain on the basis of a first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator and a second maximum driving current range of a reference actuator and change the sensing signal on the basis of the gain. A signal generated based on the second sensing signal is input to the actuator driving circuit.

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Background/Summary

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS [0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 17/453,042, filed Nov. 1, 2021, which claims the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. 10-2020-0150716, filed on Nov. 12, 2020, the disclosures of each of which are incorporated, in their entirety, by this reference.

FIELD

[0002] The present disclosure relates to a system for driving an actuator, and more specifically, to a system for driving an actuator which is capable of compensating for shaking.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Electronic devices in which a camera module is embedded may include an optical image stabilizer (OIS) to prevent shaking. An OIS may detect shaking and move a lens embedded in a camera module to prevent an image from shaking due to the shaking.

[0004] The OIS may move the lens using actuators, and current ranges for moving the lens at the same distance may be different depending on the actuators. Accordingly, the resolution of the OIS may vary depending on the actuator and a decrease in resolution may appear as a decrease in system performance.

SUMMARY

[0005] The present disclosure is designed to solve the above problems and is for providing a system for driving an actuator which is capable of providing constant resolution regardless of a type of an actuator.

[0006] An aspect of the present disclosure provides a system for driving an actuator including an actuator driving circuit configured to generate a driving current for an operating actuator and output the generated driving current to the operating actuator, a current sensing unit configured to sense a current of the operating actuator and generate a sensing signal, and a gain adjustment unit configured to calculate a gain on the basis of a first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator and a second maximum driving current range of a reference actuator and change the sensing signal on the basis of the gain. A signal generated based on the second sensing signal is input to the actuator driving circuit.

[0007] Another aspect of the present disclosure provides a system for driving an actuator including a shaking detector configured to detect shaking and generate a detection signal, a controller configured to generate a control signal for moving an operating actuator to a target position on the basis of the detection signal, and a driver configured to adjust a driving current by a first step driving current according to the control signal and move the operating actuator to the target position. The driver changes the first step driving current according to a first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0008] The accompanying drawings, which are included to provide further understanding of the disclosure and are incorporated in and constitute a part of this application, illustrate embodiments of the disclosure and together with the description serve to explain the principle of the disclosure.

In the drawings:

[0009] FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating a system for driving an actuator according to an embodiment of the present disclosure;

[0010] FIGS. 2A, 2B and 2C are diagrams illustrating examples of operation in a system for driving an actuator that does not include a gain adjustment unit;

[0011] FIG. 3 is a graph showing the number of steps and a step driving current according to types of actuators in the system for driving an actuator that does not include the gain adjustment unit;

[0012] FIGS. 4A and 4B are diagrams illustrating examples of operation in a system for driving an actuator including a gain adjustment unit; and

[0013] FIG. 5 is a graph showing the number of steps and a step driving current according to types of actuators in the system for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0014] Reference will now be made in detail to the exemplary embodiments of the present disclosure, examples of which are illustrated in the accompanying drawings. Wherever possible, the same reference numbers will be used throughout the drawings to refer to the same or like parts.

[0015] In a case where ‘comprise’, ‘have’, and ‘include’ described in the present specification are used, another part may be added unless ‘only.sup.’ is used. The terms of a singular form may include plural forms unless referred to the contrary.

[0016] It will be understood that, although the terms “first,” “second,” etc. may be used herein to describe various elements, these elements should not be limited by these terms. These terms are only used to distinguish one element from another. For example, a first element could be termed a second element, and, similarly, a second element could be termed a first element, without departing from the scope of the present disclosure.

[0017] The term “at least one” should be understood as including any and all combinations of one or more of the associated listed items. For example, the meaning of “at least one of a first item, a second item, and a third item” denotes the combination of all items proposed from two or more of the first item, the second item, and the third item as well as the first item, the second item, or the third item.

[0018] Features of various embodiments of the present disclosure may be partially or totally coupled to or combined with each other, and may be variously inter-operated and driven technically. The embodiments of the present disclosure may be carried out independently from each other or may be carried out together with a co-dependent relationship.

[0019] Hereinafter, exemplary embodiments of the present disclosure will be described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

[0020] FIG. 1 is a block diagram illustrating a system for driving an actuator according to an embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0021] A system **100** for driving an actuator according to the embodiment of the present disclosure may be provided in an electronic device in which a camera module is embedded. In this case, the system **100** for driving an actuator may be embedded inside a camera module or inside an electronic device, such as a smartphone, on which a camera module is mounted.

[0022] The system **100** for driving an actuator according to the embodiment of the present disclosure includes a shaking detector **110**, a controller **120**, a driver **130**, and an actuator **140**, as illustrated in FIG. 1.

[0023] The actuator **140** may move a lens of a camera module based on a driving current output from the driver **130**. Specifically, the actuator **140** may determine a moving distance of the lens

according to an amount of driving current applied from the driver **130** and move the lens of the camera module in a predetermined moving direction according to the determined moving distance. [0024] In an embodiment, the actuator **140** may include a voice coil motor (VCM). The VCM may move the lens of the camera module using a principle that a force is generated when a current flows through a coil in a magnetic field formed by a magnet.

[0025] The shaking detector **110** detects shaking of the camera module (not illustrated) or shaking of the electronic device on which the camera module is mounted and generates a detection signal. In an embodiment, the shaking detector **110** may be a gyro sensor. The gyro sensor is a motion sensor that detects shaking of a camera module and may detect the shaking of the camera module and output an angular velocity.

[0026] The controller **120** generates a control signal for controlling the actuator **140** so that the shaking detected by the shaking detector **110** is offset. Specifically, the controller **120** may detect a position of the actuator **140** or the lens (not illustrated). The controller **120** may determine a target position of the actuator **140** for moving the lens (not illustrated) of the camera module in an opposite direction of the shaking on the basis of the detected position. The controller **120** may generate a control signal for moving the actuator **140** to the target position. In this case, the controller **120** may generate a digital control signal.

[0027] The driver **130** adjusts the driving current according to the control signal input from the controller **120** and moves the actuator **140** to the target position. Specifically, the moving distance of the actuator **140** may be determined according to the driving current applied from the driver **130**. The controller **120** may calculate the moving distance required to move the actuator **140** to the target position. In addition, the controller **120** may generate a control signal for allowing the driving current corresponding to the calculated moving distance to be applied to the actuator **140** and may output the control signal to the driver **130**.

[0028] When the control signal is applied from the controller **120**, the driver **130** may output the driving current corresponding to the control signal to the actuator **140**. In this case, the driver **130** may change the driving current in units of steps. The driver **130** may output the driving current corresponding to the control signal to the actuator **140** while increasing or decreasing the driving current by a step driving current. Here, the step driving current may represent a size of a driving current range included in one step.

[0029] In the driver **130** according to the embodiment of the present disclosure, the step driving current may be changed according to a maximum driving current range of the actuator **140**, and accordingly, the number of steps (or resolution) is constantly maintained regardless of a type of the actuator **140**.

[0030] More specifically, the driver **130** according to the embodiment of the present disclosure may determine a first step driving current of an operating actuator **140** on the basis of a first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140**, a second maximum driving current range of a reference actuator, and a second step driving current of the reference actuator.

[0031] Here, the operating actuator **140** corresponds to an actuator that is mounted in an actual electronic device to move a lens of a camera module. The first maximum driving current range corresponds to a maximum driving current range of the actuator mounted in the actual electronic device, and the first step driving current corresponds to a step driving current for the actuator mounted in the actual electronic device.

[0032] Meanwhile, the reference actuator corresponds to an actuator that is not actually mounted in an electronic device but serves as a reference for determining step driving currents for various types of actuators. The second maximum driving current range is a maximum driving current range of the reference actuator and may have a preset value. The second step driving current is a step driving current for the reference actuator and may have a preset value like the second maximum driving current range.

[0033] In an embodiment, the first step driving current of the operating actuator **140** may

correspond to a value obtained by multiplying the second step driving current by a ratio of the first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140** to the second maximum driving current range of the reference actuator.

[0034] For example, it is assumed that the second maximum driving current range of the reference actuator is 10 mA, the second step driving current is 1 mA, and the first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140** is 5 mA. In this case, the first step driving current of the operating actuator **140** may correspond to a value obtained by multiplying 1 mA, which is the second step driving current, by 0.5, which is the ratio (5 mA/10 mA) of the first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140** to the second maximum driving current range of the reference actuator. That is, the first step driving current of the operating actuator **140** may be 0.5 mA.

[0035] Accordingly, the reference actuator and the operating actuator **140** may have the same resolution despite a difference in the maximum driving current range. Specifically, since the reference actuator has the second step driving current of 1 mA, the reference actuator may have ten steps up to 10 mA, which is the second maximum driving current range. Since the operating actuator **140** has the first step driving current of 0.5 mA, the operating actuator **140** may also have ten steps up to 5 mA, which is the first maximum driving current range.

[0036] As described above, the driver **130** according to the embodiment of the present disclosure has the same number of steps regardless of the types of actuators, and thus no resolution degradation may occur.

[0037] In order to have the same number of steps regardless of the types of actuators as described above, the driver **130** includes a digital-to-analog converter **131**, an error amplifier **132**, an actuator driving circuit **133**, a current sensing unit **134**, and a gain adjustment unit **135**.

[0038] The digital-to-analog converter **131** converts a digital control signal for moving the operating actuator **140** to a target position into an analog control signal. Specifically, the digital-to-analog converter **131** may receive a digital control signal for moving the operating actuator **140** to the target position from the controller **120**.

[0039] The digital-to-analog converter **131** may convert the digital control signal into an analog voltage and output the converted analog voltage. In this case, the digital-to-analog converter **131** may output the analog voltage while increasing the analog voltage by a voltage value corresponding to a step current. Here, the step current of the digital-to-analog converter **131** may be identical to the second step driving current of the reference actuator.

[0040] For example, when the second step driving current of the reference actuator is 1 mA, the step current of the digital-to-analog converter **131** may also be 1 mA. The digital-to-analog converter **131** may increase the analog voltage by a voltage value corresponding to 1 mA.

[0041] The current sensing unit **134** senses a current of the operating actuator **140**. In an embodiment, the current sensing unit **134** may sense a current flowing through a coil included in the operating actuator **140**. In another embodiment, the current sensing unit **134** may sense a current output from the actuator driving circuit **133**.

[0042] Meanwhile, the current sensing unit **134** may generate a first sensing signal by converting the sensed current into a voltage.

[0043] The gain adjustment unit **135** calculates a gain on the basis of the first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140** and the second maximum driving current range of the reference actuator and converts the first sensing signal into a second sensing signal on the basis of the calculated gain. Here, the first sensing signal may correspond to a value sensed by the current sensing unit **134** and the second sensing signal may correspond to a value obtained by reflecting the gain to the first sensing signal.

[0044] Specifically, the gain adjustment unit **135** may calculate a ratio of the second maximum driving current range of the reference actuator to the first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140** as the gain. The gain adjustment unit **135** may multiply the first sensing

signal generated by the current sensing unit **134** by the calculated gain to convert the first sensing signal into the second sensing signal.

[0045] For example, it is assumed that the second maximum driving current range of the reference actuator is 10 mA and the first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140** is 5 mA. In this case, the gain adjustment unit **135** may calculate the gain as 2 which is a ratio (10 mA/5 mA) of the second maximum driving current range of the reference actuator to the first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140**. The gain adjustment unit **135** may multiply the first sensing signal generated by the current sensing unit **134** by 2 to convert the first sensing signal into the second sensing signal. The gain adjustment unit **135** may output the second sensing signal.

[0046] The error amplifier **132** may amplify an error between the second sensing signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135** and the analog control signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131**.

[0047] Specifically, when the second sensing signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135** is different from the analog control signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131**, the error amplifier **132** may amplify an error between the two signals and supply a voltage, which is required for the two signals to become identical, to the actuator driving circuit **133**.

[0048] In an embodiment, the error amplifier **132** may calculate an error ratio between the analog control signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and the second sensing signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135**, multiply the analog control signal by a reciprocal of the error ratio, and output a value obtained by multiplication. In this case, the error ratio may be calculated as a ratio of the second sensing signal to the analog control signal.

[0049] The actuator driving circuit **133** generates a driving current for the operating actuator **140** on the basis of a signal output from the error amplifier **132**. The actuator driving circuit **133** outputs the driving current to the operating actuator **140**.

[0050] In the system **100** for driving an actuator according to the embodiment of the present disclosure, a step driving current of the actuator driving circuit **133** may be different from the step current of the digital-to-analog converter **131**.

[0051] Specifically, the step current of the digital-to-analog converter **131** may be identical to the step driving current of the reference actuator. On the other hand, the step driving current of the actuator driving circuit **133** is the step driving current of the operating actuator **140** and may have a different value from the step current of the digital-to-analog converter **131** because the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** is changed based on the signal to which the gain is reflected by the gain adjustment unit **135**.

[0052] FIGS. 2A to 2C are diagrams illustrating examples of operation in a system for driving an actuator that does not include a gain adjustment unit, and FIG. 3 is a graph showing the number of steps and a step driving current according to types of actuators in the system for driving an actuator that does not include the gain adjustment unit.

[0053] Although signals which are output from a digital-to-analog converter **131**, an error amplifier **132**, and a current sensing unit **134**, correspond to voltages, hereinafter, for convenience of description, current values will be described as a reference.

[0054] FIG. 2A illustrates an example of operation in the system **100** for driving an actuator when an error occurs between a signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and a signal output from the current sensing unit **134**.

[0055] For example, the digital-to-analog converter **131** may output a signal corresponding to 5 mA. When there is no signal output from the current sensing unit **134** or the signal output from the current sensing unit **134** is equal to 5 mA, the error amplifier **132** may output the signal corresponding to 5 mA. Accordingly, the actuator driving circuit **133** may output 5 mA to the actuator **140**. The current sensing unit **134** may sense a current of an actuator **140** and the sensed current of the actuator **140** may be 4 mA, as illustrated in FIG. 2A.

[0056] The error amplifier **132** may amplify an error between the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and the signal output from the current sensing unit **134**. Specifically, the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** may correspond to 5 mA and the signal output from the current sensing unit **134** may correspond to 4 mA. In this case, the error amplifier **132** may calculate an error ratio between the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and the signal output from the current sensing unit **134** so that an output of the current sensing unit **134** becomes 5 mA, and the error amplifier **132** may multiply the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** by an inverse number of the error ratio.

[0057] The error amplifier **132** may calculate the error ratio as $4/5$ which is a ratio of 4 mA, which is an output of the current sensing unit **134**, to 5 mA which is an output of the digital-to-analog converter **131**. The error amplifier **132** may multiply 5 mA, which is the output of the digital-to-analog converter **131**, by $5/4$ which is an inverse number of the error ratio. Accordingly, the error amplifier **132** may output 6.25 mA to the actuator driving circuit **133**.

[0058] The actuator driving circuit **133** may output 5 mA. The current sensing unit **134** may sense the current of the actuator **140** and the sensed current of the actuator **140** may be 5 mA. As a result, in the system **100** for driving an actuator, the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** may become identical to the signal output from the current sensing unit **134** by the error amplifier **132**.

[0059] FIGS. 2B and 2C illustrate examples of operation in the system **100** for driving an actuator when an error does not occur between the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and the signal output from the current sensing unit **134**.

[0060] As an example, the digital-to-analog converter **131** may output a signal corresponding to 5 mA, as illustrated in FIG. 2B. When the signal output from the current sensing unit **134** is equal to 5 mA, the error amplifier **132** may output the signal corresponding to 5 mA. Accordingly, the actuator driving circuit **133** may output 5 mA to the actuator **140**. The current sensing unit **134** may sense a current of the actuator **140** and the sensed current of the actuator **140** may be 5 mA, as illustrated in FIG. 2B.

[0061] As another example, the digital-to-analog converter **131** may output a signal corresponding to 10 mA, as illustrated in FIG. 2C. When the signal output from the current sensing unit **134** is equal to 10 mA, the error amplifier **132** may output the signal corresponding to 10 mA. Accordingly, the actuator driving circuit **133** may output 10 mA to the actuator **140**. The current sensing unit **134** may sense the current of the actuator **140** and the sensed current of the actuator **140** may be 10 mA, as illustrated in FIG. 2C.

[0062] As illustrated in FIGS. 2B and 2C, in the system **100** for driving an actuator that does not include the gain adjustment unit **135**, when there is no error between the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and the signal output from the current sensing unit **134**, a value output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** is equal to a value output from the actuator driving circuit **133**. That is, a step current of the digital-to-analog converter **131** is identical to a step driving current of the actuator driving circuit **133**.

[0063] As a result, in the system **100** for driving an actuator that does not include the gain adjustment unit **135**, it is possible to provide identical step driving currents S1 and S2 regardless of the type of the actuator **140**, as illustrated in FIG. 3.

[0064] More specifically, a maximum driving current range of a first actuator Actuator1 may be different from that of a second actuator Actuator2. The first actuator Actuator1 may have a maximum driving current range of 10 mA and the second actuator Actuator2 may have a maximum driving current range of 5 mA smaller than that of the first actuator Actuator1.

[0065] Meanwhile, a step current S3 of the digital-to-analog converter **131** may be 1 mA, as illustrated in FIG. 3.

[0066] In the system **100** for driving an actuator that does not include the gain adjustment unit **135**, the step current S3 of the digital-to-analog converter **131** is identical to the step driving current of

the actuator **140**, and thus the step driving current S1 of the first actuator Actuator1 may also be 1 mA. Since the maximum driving current range of the first actuator Actuator1 is 10 mA, the system **100** for driving an actuator that does not include the gain adjustment unit **135** may drive and control the first actuator Actuator1 in ten steps.

[0067] Meanwhile, in the system **100** for driving an actuator that does not include the gain adjustment unit **135**, the step current S3 of the digital-to-analog converter **131** is identical to the step driving current of the actuator **140**, and thus the step driving current S2 of the second actuator Actuator2 may also be 1 mA. Since the maximum driving current range of the second actuator Actuator2 is 5 mA, the system **100** for driving an actuator that does not include the gain adjustment unit **135** may drive and control the second actuator Actuator2 in five steps. That is, since the second actuator Actuator2 has the maximum driving current range smaller than that of the first actuator Actuator1, the number of steps, that is, the resolution, may be reduced. Accordingly, the performance of the system **100** for driving an actuator may be degraded.

[0068] FIGS. **4A** and **4B** are diagrams illustrating examples of operation in a system for driving an actuator including a gain adjustment unit, and FIG. **5** is a graph showing the number of steps and a step driving current according to types of actuators in the system for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit.

[0069] Although signals, which are output from a digital-to-analog converter **131**, an error amplifier **132**, a current sensing unit **134**, and a gain adjustment unit **135**, correspond to voltages, hereinafter, for convenience of description, current values will be described as a reference.

[0070] Further, for convenience of description, it is assumed that a reference actuator has a maximum driving current range of 10 mA and an operating actuator **140** has a maximum driving current range of 5 mA smaller than that of the reference actuator.

[0071] FIG. **4A** illustrates an example of operation in the system **100** for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit **135** when the digital-to-analog converter **131** outputs a signal corresponding to 5 mA.

[0072] The digital-to-analog converter **131** may output a signal corresponding to 5 mA. When there is no signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135** or the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** is equal to 5 mA, the error amplifier **132** may output the signal corresponding to 5 mA. Accordingly, the actuator driving circuit **133** may output 5 mA to the operating actuator **140**. The current sensing unit **134** may sense a current of the operating actuator **140** and the sensed current of the operating actuator **140** may be 5 mA, as illustrated in FIG. **4A**.

[0073] The gain adjustment unit **135** may multiply 5 mA, which is an output of the current sensing unit **134**, by a gain. Specifically, the gain adjustment unit **135** may calculate the gain as 2 which is a ratio (10 mA/5 mA) of a second maximum driving current range of the reference actuator to a first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140**. The gain adjustment unit **135** may output 10 mA obtained by multiplying 5 mA, which is the output of the current sensing unit **134**, by 2.

[0074] The error amplifier **132** may amplify an error between a signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and a signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135**. Specifically, the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** may correspond to 5 mA and the signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135** may correspond to 10 mA. In this case, the error amplifier **132** may calculate an error ratio between the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and the signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135** so that an output of the gain adjustment unit **135** becomes 5 mA, and the error amplifier **132** may multiply the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** by an inverse number of the error ratio.

[0075] The error amplifier **132** may calculate the error ratio as 10/5 which is a ratio of 10 mA, which is an output of the gain adjustment unit **135**, to 5 mA which is an output of the digital-to-analog converter **131**. The error amplifier **132** may multiply 5 mA, which is the output of the digital-to-analog converter **131**, by 5/10, which is an inverse number of the error ratio. Accordingly,

the error amplifier **132** may output 2.5 mA to the actuator driving circuit **133**.

[0076] The actuator driving circuit **133** may output 2.5 mA. The current sensing unit **134** may sense the current of the operating actuator **140** and the sensed current of the operating actuator **140** may be 2.5 mA. The gain adjustment unit **135** may multiply 2.5 mA, which is an output of the current sensing unit **134**, by a gain. Specifically, the gain adjustment unit **135** may calculate the gain as 2 which is a ratio (10 mA/5 mA) of the second maximum driving current range of the reference actuator to the first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140**. The gain adjustment unit **135** may output 5 mA obtained by multiplying 2.5 mA, which is the output of the current sensing unit **134**, by 2.

[0077] As a result, in the system **100** for driving an actuator, the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** may become identical to the signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135** by the error amplifier **132**.

[0078] FIG. **4B** illustrates an example of operation in the system **100** for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit **135** when the digital-to-analog converter **131** outputs a signal corresponding to 10 mA.

[0079] The digital-to-analog converter **131** may output a signal corresponding to 10 mA. When there is no signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135** or the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** is equal to 10 mA, the error amplifier **132** may output the signal corresponding to 10 mA. Accordingly, the actuator driving circuit **133** may output 10 mA to the actuator **140**. The current sensing unit **134** may sense a current of the operating actuator **140** and the sensed current of the operating actuator **140** may be 10 mA, as illustrated in FIG. **4B**.

[0080] The gain adjustment unit **135** may multiply 10 mA, which is an output of the current sensing unit **134**, by a gain. Specifically, the gain adjustment unit **135** may calculate the gain as 2 which is a ratio (10 mA/5 mA) of the second maximum driving current range of the reference actuator to the first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140**. The gain adjustment unit **135** may output 20 mA obtained by multiplying 10 mA, which is the output of the current sensing unit **134**, by 2.

[0081] The error amplifier **132** may amplify an error between a signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and a signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135**. Specifically, the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** may correspond to 10 mA and the signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135** may correspond to 20 mA. In this case, the error amplifier **132** calculates an error ratio between the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and the signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135** so that an output of the gain adjustment unit **135** becomes 5 mA, and the error amplifier **132** may multiply the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** by an inverse number of the error ratio.

[0082] The error amplifier **132** may calculate the error ratio as 20/10 which is a ratio of 20 mA, which is an output of the gain adjustment unit **135**, to 10 mA which is an output of the digital-to-analog converter **131**. The error amplifier **132** may multiply 10 mA, which is the output of the digital-to-analog converter **131**, by 10/20 which is an inverse number of the error ratio.

Accordingly, the error amplifier **132** may output 5 mA to the actuator driving circuit **133**.

[0083] The actuator driving circuit **133** may output 5 mA. The current sensing unit **134** may sense the current of the operating actuator **140**, and the sensed current of the operating actuator **140** may be 5 mA. The gain adjustment unit **135** may multiply 5 mA, which is an output of the current sensing unit **134**, by a gain. Specifically, the gain adjustment unit **135** may calculate the gain as 2 which is a ratio (10 mA/5 mA) of the second maximum driving current range of the reference actuator to the first maximum driving current range of the operating actuator **140**. The gain adjustment unit **135** may output 10 mA obtained by multiplying 5 mA, which is the output of the current sensing unit **134**, by 2.

[0084] As a result, in the system **100** for driving an actuator, the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** may become identical to the signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135**

by the error amplifier **132**.

[0085] As illustrated in FIGS. **4A** and **4B**, in the system **100** for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit **135**, a value output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** may be different from a value output from the actuator driving circuit **133**. That is, a step current of the digital-to-analog converter **131** may be different from a step driving current of the actuator driving circuit **133**.

[0086] As a result, in the system **100** for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit **135**, it is possible to provide a constant number of steps, that is, constant resolution, regardless of the type of the operating actuator **140**, as illustrated in FIG. **5**.

[0087] More specifically, a maximum driving current range of a first actuator Actuator1 may be different from that of a second actuator Actuator2. The first actuator Actuator1 may have a maximum driving current range of 10 mA and the second actuator Actuator2 may have a maximum driving current range of 5 mA smaller than that of the first actuator Actuator1.

[0088] Meanwhile, a step current S3 of the digital-to-analog converter **131** may be 1 mA, as illustrated in FIG. **5**.

[0089] In the system **100** for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit **135**, the step current S3 of the digital-to-analog converter **131** may be identical to a step driving current S1 of the first actuator Actuator1. When the maximum driving current range of the first actuator Actuator1 is identical to the maximum driving current range of the reference actuator, the gain adjustment unit **135** may calculate a gain as 1 which is a ratio (10 mA/10 mA) of the maximum driving current range of the reference actuator to the maximum driving current range of the first actuator Actuator1. The gain adjustment unit **135** may multiply a signal output from the current sensing unit **134** by 1 and output a value obtained by multiplication. When no other error occurs, the error amplifier **132** outputs the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** to the actuator driving circuit **133**.

[0090] As a result, the step driving current S1 of the first actuator Actuator1 may be identical to the step current S3 of the digital-to-analog converter **131** as illustrated in FIG. **5**. Since the maximum driving current range of the first actuator Actuator1 is 10 mA, the system **100** for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit **135** may drive and control the first actuator Actuator1 in ten steps.

[0091] Meanwhile, in the system **100** for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit **135**, the step current S3 of the digital-to-analog converter **131** may be different from a step driving current S2 of the second actuator Actuator2. When the maximum driving current range of the second actuator Actuator2 is different from the maximum driving current range of the reference actuator, the gain adjustment unit **135** may calculate the gain as 2 which is a ratio (10 mA/5 mA) of the maximum driving current range of the reference actuator to the maximum driving current range of the second actuator Actuator2. The gain adjustment unit **135** may multiply the signal output from the current sensing unit **134** by 2 and output a value obtained by multiplication.

[0092] The error amplifier **132** may calculate an error ratio between the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and the signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135**. In general, when no other error occurs, the signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135** is doubled as the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131**, and thus the error amplifier **132** may calculate the error ratio between the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** and the signal output from the gain adjustment unit **135** as 2. The error amplifier **132** multiplies the signal output from the digital-to-analog converter **131** by $\frac{1}{2}$, which is an inverse number of the error ratio, and outputs a value obtained by multiplication to the actuator driving circuit **133**.

[0093] As a result, the step driving current S2 of the second actuator Actuator2 may be 0.5 mA, which is $\frac{1}{2}$ of the step current S3 of the digital-to-analog converter **131**, as illustrated in FIG. **5**. Since the maximum driving current range of the second actuator Actuator2 is 5 mA, the system **100** for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit **135** may drive and control the second

actuator Actuator2 in ten steps.

[0094] In the system **100** for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit **135**, even when the maximum driving current range of the second actuator Actuator2 is smaller than the maximum driving current range of the first actuator Actuator1, the number of steps, that is, the resolution, may be constant. Accordingly, in the system **100** for driving an actuator including the gain adjustment unit **135**, it is possible to provide constant resolution regardless of the type of the actuator **140** and prevent the occurrence of performance degradation due to resolution degradation.

[0095] According to the present disclosure, even when the maximum driving current range of the actuator is reduced, the resolution cannot be degraded. Accordingly, in the present disclosure, it is possible to prevent the occurrence of system performance degradation due to resolution degradation.

[0096] Further, in the present disclosure, it is possible to provide constant resolution regardless of the type of the actuator, and thus the present disclosure is compatible with various types of actuators having different maximum driving current ranges. Accordingly, in the present disclosure, the actuator can be changed freely and easily.

[0097] Further, the methods described in this specification may be implemented, at least in part, using one or more computer programs or components. The component may be provided as a series of computer instructions through computer-readable media or machine-readable media, including volatile and non-volatile memories. The instructions may be provided as software or firmware and may be implemented in whole or in part in hardware configurations such as application specific integrated circuits (ASICs), field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs), digital signal processors (DSPs), or other similar devices. The instructions may be configured to be executed by one or more processors or other hardware components, and the processors or other hardware configurations, when executing the series of computer instructions, perform all or a part of the methods and procedures disclosed in this specification or enable the methods and procedures to be performed.

Claims

1-17. (canceled)

18. A system for driving an actuator, comprising: a controller configured to generate a control signal for moving an actuator; and a driver configured to adjust a driving current by a first step driving current according to the control signal, wherein the driver changes the first step driving current by comparing a first maximum driving current range of the actuator and a predetermined value.

19. The system for driving an actuator of claim 18, wherein the predetermined value includes a second maximum driving current range and a second step driving current, and wherein the driver determines the first step driving current of the actuator based on the second maximum driving current range, the second step driving current, and the first maximum driving current range of the actuator.

20. The system for driving an actuator of claim 19, wherein the first step driving current of the actuator corresponds to a value obtained by multiplying the second step driving current by a ratio of the first maximum driving current range to the second maximum driving current range.

21. The system for driving an actuator of claim 19, wherein the driver includes: a current sensing part configured to sense a current of the actuator and generate a first sensing signal; and a gain adjustment part configured to convert the first sensing signal into a second sensing signal based on a gain, wherein the gain is based on the first maximum driving current range of the actuator and the second maximum driving current range.

22. The system for driving an actuator of claim 21, wherein the driver includes: an error amplifier configured to amplify an error between the second sensing signal output from the gain adjustment part and an analog control signal output from a digital-to-analog converter; and an actuator driving

part configured to generate a driving current for the actuator based on a signal output from the error amplifier and output the generated driving current to the actuator.

23. The system for driving an actuator of claim 22, wherein the gain adjustment part calculates a ratio of the second maximum driving current range to the first maximum driving current range as the gain.

24. The system for driving an actuator of claim 22, wherein: the actuator driving part outputs the driving current while increasing the driving current by the first step driving current; and the first step driving current of the actuator driving part is different from a step current of the digital-to-analog converter.

25. The system for driving an actuator of claim 24, wherein the first step driving current of the actuator driving part corresponds to a ratio of the step current of the digital-to-analog converter to the gain.

26. The system for driving an actuator of claim 22, wherein the error amplifier calculates a ratio of the second sensing signal to the analog control signal as an error ratio and multiplies an analog voltage by an inverse number of the error ratio.

27. A system for driving an actuator, comprising: a shaking detector configured to detect shaking and generate a detection signal; a controller configured to generate a control signal for moving an actuator to a target position based on the detection signal; and a driver configured to adjust a driving current by a first step driving current according to the control signal and move the actuator to the target position, wherein the driver changes the first step driving current according to a first maximum driving current range of the actuator, and wherein the driver is configured to convert the control signal input from the controller into an analog voltage and configured to output the analog voltage which is adjusted based on a step current.

28. The system for driving an actuator of claim 27, wherein the driver determines the first step driving current of the actuator based on a second maximum driving current range, a second step driving current, and the first maximum driving current range of the actuator.

29. The system for driving an actuator of claim 28, wherein the first step driving current of the actuator corresponds to a value obtained by multiplying the second step driving current by a ratio of the first maximum driving current range to the second maximum driving current range.

30. The system for driving an actuator of claim 27, wherein the driver includes: a current sensing part configured to sense a current of the actuator and generate a first sensing signal; a gain adjustment part configured to convert the first sensing signal into a second sensing signal based on a gain; an error amplifier configured to amplify an error between the second sensing signal output from the gain adjustment part and an analog control signal output from a digital-to-analog converter; and an actuator driving part configured to generate a driving current for the actuator based on a signal output from the error amplifier and output the generated driving current to the actuator, wherein the gain is based on the first maximum driving current range of the actuator and a second maximum driving current range.

31. The system for driving an actuator of claim 30, wherein the gain adjustment part calculates a ratio of the second maximum driving current range to the first maximum driving current range as the gain.

32. The system for driving an actuator of claim 30, wherein: the actuator driving part outputs the driving current while increasing the driving current by the first step driving current; and the first step driving current of the actuator driving part is different from the step current of the digital-to-analog converter.

33. The system for driving an actuator of claim 32, wherein the first step driving current of the actuator driving part corresponds to a ratio of the step current of the digital-to-analog converter to the gain.

34. The system for driving an actuator of claim 30, wherein the error amplifier calculates a ratio of

the second sensing signal to the analog control signal as an error ratio and multiplies the analog voltage by an inverse number of the error ratio.
