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Tutorial Title: An Active Disturbance Rejection Method: The Equivalent Input Disturbance Approach and Its Applications

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1. KEYWORDS

Active disturbance rejection, equivalent input disturbance (EID), disturbance estimation, disturbance rejection, robust control, state observer, system design

2. AIMS AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This tutorial aims at explaining what is called the equivalent-input-disturbance (EID) approach from theory to application. It is an active disturbance-rejection method and features improving control performance. The target audiences include academic researchers and industrial engineers. After attending this tutorial, audiences will be able to

- 1) understand the basic concept of equivalent input disturbance and the mechanism of disturbance estimation and rejection;
- 2) understand the structure of an EID estimator and analyze the robustness and performance of an EID-based control system; and
- 3) design an EID-based control system to achieve satisfactory disturbance-rejection performance.

3. SHORT SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

Industrial systems usually contain disturbances that degrade control performance. Thus, disturbance rejection is one of the most important objectives in control-system design. Several elegant methods, which have two degrees of freedom, have been devised and used in control engineering practice. Since one degree of freedom is directly used for disturbance rejecting, this kind of method has the potential to achieve high disturbance-rejection performance. The EID approach is one of the methods. It uses a state observer and an EID estimator to actively estimate and compensate for the effect of disturbances on system output. It does not require the inverse dynamics of a plant, a system state, a model of exogenous disturbances, or the differentiation of measured outputs. Thus, it is simple to implement and is effective in rejecting various kinds of disturbances.

In this tutorial, three speakers are going to explain the method from the basic idea to the recently developed theoretical results and advanced applications. First, the background and the way of



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thinking about active disturbance rejection, and the definition of an EID are explained. Next, the configuration of an EID-based control system is described. Techniques of system design are discussed in detail. Then, the analysis of system stability and control performance is discussed. Finally, Application examples of the EID approach in different industrial fields are demonstrated.

4. TARGET AUDIENCE

Engineers, researchers, and graduate students in the fields of electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, high-precision engineering, process control, etc.

5. DURATION

(< 90 min.) 70 min

6. SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF SPEAKER (max. ¹/₂ page)

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