AERO ENGINE CONTROLS FLUID DELIVERY SYSTEM

Torque Motor Subsystem

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INTRODUCTION

- Motivation: IUPUI project initiative
- Objective: small scale model of a positional control system for a torque motor
 - For use in a Fluid Delivery System



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FEATURES

- Reliability
- Accurate estimate of supplied fluid
- Improved control over fluid delivery
- Improved communication with higher level controller
- Dynamic positioning response
- Input dependent torque response
- PIC controller for position and torque modulation
- Extended operating voltage
- Can interface with variable types of motor drives
- Rail voltage drop performance warnings



PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

- Motor and drive circuitry handle sustained maximum power
- Angular Resolution: ±2° of input angle
- Maximum Positioning Time: 700ms
- Voltage Regulation: rail voltage is 28V ± 2V
- Current Regulation: ripple amplitude less than 0.2 A peak-to-peak



SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- Power Supply
- PC "EEC Interface"
- Torque Module PIC
- Drive Circuit
- Torque Motor Model
- Position feedback



Figure 1. Torque Motor Subsystem Block Diagram



MODULAR DESIGN



Figure 2. Torque Motor System Operation



MODULAR DESIGN



Figure 3. Stepper Motor System Operation



SERIAL PERIPHERAL INTERFACE (SPI)



Figure 4. SPI: PIC to Arduino Master-Slave Communication





Figure 5. Arduino SPI master-in slave-out response



POWER SUPPLY

- Main Input: 28 V supply rail
- Buck Converters
 - 3.3 V out to power PIC
 - 5 V out powers drive circuit



Figure 6. Power Supply Buck Converter



PC "EEC INTERFACE"

- User Interface
- LCD Screen
- Potentiometer



Figure 7. LCD user interface for control system



TORQUE MODULE PIC



Figure 8. PIC board for the torque motor system



Figure 9. PIC pin out schematic





Figure 10. Drive circuit of the torque motor system



- PMOS FET
- Zener Diodes
- DC motor modeling: inductor and resistor



Figure 11. Drive circuit SPICE model





Figure 12. Drive response for input PWM with 25% duty cycle





Figure 13. Drive response for input PWM with 50% duty cycle





Figure 14. Drive response for input PWM with 75% duty cycle



TORQUE MOTOR MODEL

- Lever arm mounted on the motor shaft
- Spring models fluid pressure on a valve
- Protractor measures angular displacement of motor shaft



Figure 15. Torque motor module FDS dry model



MICROCONTROLLER FLOW DIAGRAM



Figure 16.1. Program Flow Chart

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Figure 16.2. Program Flow Chart Continued

INITIALIZING LOOK-UP TABLE



Figure 17. Averaging algorithm for positioning array



POSITION FEEDBACK



Figure 18. PI-D positioning control loop





Figure 19. Motor Position Response to 50⁰ input





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Figure 20. Motor Position Response to 44⁰ input



DESIGN ALTERATIONS

- Reduction of hardware within drive circuitry
 - Single PMOS used in final design
 - Only one quadrant drive necessary
 - Drawback: only forward driving
 - Slower positioning time for fluid reduction positioning



Figure 21. Original Drive Circuit for Design Review



ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Minimal overshoot of controller prevents fluid waste
- Safety measures and warnings given if system performance will drop due to rail voltage loss
- Accurate positioning high priority to regulate flow control
- Fast positioning needed to allow for emergency changes
- Need to comply with restrictions due to Control of Arms list; control methods for certain fluids cannot be published



FUTURE WORK

- Faster response time
- More intuitive control loop
- Fluid pressure sensor
- Fine tuning of the PID loop







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