

ASPECTS REGARDING THE DESIGN OF A VIBRATIONS SUPPRESSION CONTROLLER FOR FLEXIBLE STRUCTURES

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This paper presents some aspects regarding the design of a non-invasive command shaping multimode vibrations suppression controller for flexible structures. The original system is described by the parallel interconnection of independent second order modal transfer functions. A reference model is obtained by duplicating the configuration of the original system, but having unit damping ratios instead. The designed controller's transfer function is shown in Eq. (1).

$$H_c(s) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n K_i \cdot \left(\frac{\omega_{ni}}{s + \omega_{ni}} \right)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{K_i \cdot \omega_{ni}^2}{s^2 + 2 \cdot \xi_i \cdot \omega_{ni} \cdot s + \omega_{ni}^2}} \quad (1)$$

where: K_i – gain; ω_{ni} – natural frequency (rad/s); ξ_i – damping ratio, i – mode index.

As seen in the simulation of a 5-DOF compensated and non-compensated system, the output overshoot has been improved by 100% and the settling time by 79.61%.

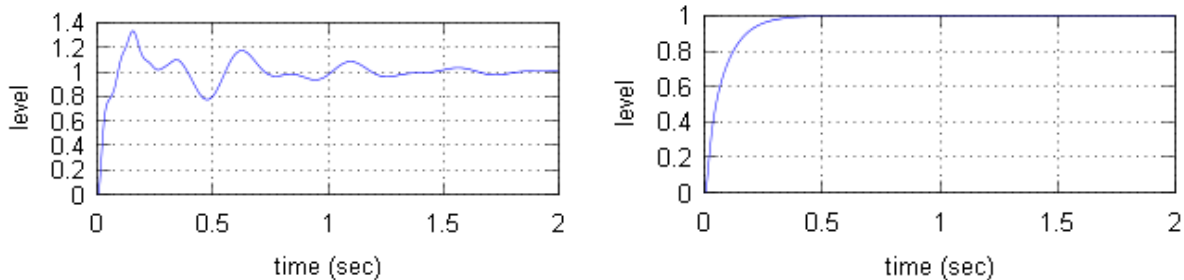


Fig. 1 – Unit step response of the original system (left) and of the compensated system (right)

A more detailed analysis of the overshoot and settling time sensitivity to frequency estimation errors reveals a satisfactory robustness of the solution.

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