CDM Based Servo State Feedback Controller with Feedback Linearization for Magnetic Levitation Ball System

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Abstract— This paper explains the design of Servo State Feedback Controller and Feedback Linearization for Magnetic Levitation Ball System (MLBS). The system uses feedback linearization to change the nonlinear model of magnetic levitation ball system to the linear system. Servo state feedback controller controls the position of the ball. An integrator eliminates the steady state error in servo state feedback controller. The parameter of integral gain and state feedback gains is achieved from the concept of Coefficient Diagram Method (CDM). The CDM requires the controllable canonical form, because of that Matrix Transformation is needed. Hence, feedback linearization is applied first to the MLBS then converted to a controllable form by a transformation matrix. The simulation shows the system can follow the desired position and robust from the position disturbance. The uncertainty parameter of mass, inductance, and resistance of MLBS also being investigated in the simulation. Comparing CDM with another method such as Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR) and Pole Placement, CDM can give better response, that is no overshoot but a quite fast response. The main advantage of CDM is it has a standard parameter to obtain controller's parameter hence it can avoid trial and error.

Keywords-magnetic levitation ball system; nonlinear; feedback linearization; servo state feedback; coefficient diagram method.

I. INTRODUCTION

Magnetic Levitation Ball System (MLBS) consists of a mass object that levitates by the force of an electromagnet [1]. The controller is attached to a drive to the electromagnet. The position sensor is also used to measure the distance of the ball from the electromagnet. Fig. 1 represents the model of the MLBS.



Fig. 1 Model of MLBS

MLBS is a modern technology that has high efficiency and frictionless characteristics [2]. This technique is applied to various systems, such as Suspension [3], Wind Turbine [4], Microbots [5], Bearing [6], Medical [7] and Vehicles [8]. The latest and famous application of MLBS is a Magnetic Levitation (Maglev) train [9].

The other characteristics of MLBS are highly nonlinear, unstable, and difficult to control [10]. Electromagnet coil of MLBS causes the system to be nonlinear. MLBS gives unstable response due to this nonlinearity. Because of that, we need the suitable controller.

Some authors have proposed nonlinear controllers such as Feedback Linearization [11], Sliding Mode Control (SMC) [12], Backstepping [13], High-Gain Observer [14], and Passivity-Based Control [15]. Nonlinear control has advantages in controlling high nonlinear systems such as this MLBS, but it also has disadvantages. SMC has the chattering effect; backstepping is not robust from disturbance, and high-gain observer shows the time response still overshoot. Feedback linearization is sufficient to change nonlinear system to linear system but the parameter gain of linear control that applied still trial and error.

The linear controller can be used to control nonlinear systems. However, the system must be linearized first which has an advantage in its simplicity of the design and implementation rather than a nonlinear controller. The linear controller has been proposed such as PID controller [16]. PID controller is applicable in controlling MLBS, but the system has to be linearized first, and the result of the linearization must not contain an integrator. Recent author has proposed a PID controller optimized by genetic algorithm as in [17], leading to a better response than conventional PID controller.

Another controller is the fuzzy logic controller (FLC) [20]. FLC also can be applied for controlling MLBS, but it will need more time to design. FLC also needs data from another controller that will be compared to be data for FLC. FLC needs to know the numerical value of the real parameter system model.

Earlier proposed the optimal control in [20], Linear Quadratic Regulator (LQR) is applied by the author to find the state feedback gains parameter correctly. However, the parameter setting of weighting matrix in LQR method still using trial and error.

In this research, the nonlinearity of MLBS will be controlled by feedback linearization which is sufficient to control the nonlinearity. After getting the linear system, servo state feedback controller is chosen to control the position of MLBS. State feedback controller is the most straightforward controller in modern control. The control signal u of state feedback is determined by an instantaneous state gain K [21]. The main problem of servo state feedback controller is how to choose the effective parameter of integral gain and state feedback gain. These gain change poles of the system that affects the stability and performances of the system. The system will be stable if it has poles on the left side of the imaginary axis. This problem will be solved using Coefficient Diagram Method (CDM).

In CDM, the performance specification is rewritten in a few parameters (stability index γ_i and equivalent time constant τ) which specify the closed loop transfer function and are related to the controller parameters algebraically in the explicit form [22]. So, trial and error can be avoided by tuning the state feedback gain parameter based on CDM.

As told earlier, the MLBS should change to be linear system and converted into a controllable canonical form to implement servo state feedback controller based on CDM. The controllable form is achieved only by using a transformation matrix.

II. MATERIAL AND METHOD

A. The Concept of CDM

The CDM is an algebraic control design approach with the polynomials, and polynomial matrices are used for system representation and also is a contemporary design [23]. CDM model is based on its stability index and equivalent time constant [22]. The solution process for CDM design will be as follows. The first step is defining the polynomial characteristic of the closed loop transfer function as

$$P(s) = a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 + a_0.$$
(1)

Then, it is needed to analyze the performance specifications and design specifications in CDM. Two necessary CDM parameters are the equivalent time constant and the stability index. From the polynomial characteristic P(s) given in (1), the stability index γ_i and equivalent time

constant τ are respectively described in general term as follows

$$\gamma_i = \frac{a_i^2}{a_{i-1}a_{i+1}}, \ (i = 1, 2, ..., n-1),$$
 (2)

$$\tau = \frac{a_i}{a_0}.$$
 (3)

From the CDM design point of view, only the settling time t_s is meaningful because it gives an upper bound of the equivalent time constant τ as

$$t_s = 2.5 \sim 3\tau. \tag{4}$$

Thus, the standard form of the equivalent time constant can be described as

$$\tau = \frac{t_s}{2.5} \sim \frac{t_s}{3}.$$
 (5)

Besides the equivalent time constant, we need to analyze the stability index. According to [22], the recommended standard form for CDM is

$$\gamma_{n-1} = \dots = \gamma_3 = \gamma_2 = 2, \ \gamma_1 = 2.5.$$
 (6)

Another parameter is a stability limit y_i^* which defined as follows

$$y_i^* = \frac{1}{\gamma_{i+1}} + \frac{1}{\gamma_{i-1}}$$
; $\gamma_0, \gamma_n = \infty.$ (7)

However, recording of its relation to the stability limit, the condition of stability index can be relaxed as follows

$$\gamma_i > 1.5 \gamma_i^*. \tag{8}$$

The polynomial characteristic is known as the desired characteristic polynomial which is expressed by the coefficient diagram a_0 , the equivalent time constant τ , and stability index γ_i . Then should be expressed as

$$P_m(s) = a_0 \left[\left\{ \sum_{i=2}^n \left(\prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{1}{\gamma_{i-j}^j} \right) (\tau s)^i \right\} + \tau s + 1 \right], \quad (9)$$

$$a_0 = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \gamma_{n-j}^j}{\tau^n}.$$
 (10)

The next step is assuming controller in the purest possible form and express it in the left polynomial form. Finally, the unknown variables can be solved to get the controller parameters. The adjustment may be needed to satisfy the performance specification.

B. Model of Magnetic Levitation System

The mathematical model of MLBS will be achieved by implementing Lagrangian analysis. The Lagrangian (*L*) is a difference between the kinetic and potential energy of the system. The equations of motion for a mechanical system with generalized coordinates $q \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and Lagrangian (*L*) are given by

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} \right) = \Upsilon, \tag{11}$$

where Υ is the external force acting on the i_{th} generalized coordinate [24].

The kinetic energy and the potential energy of MLBS can be written respectively as following

$$T = \frac{1}{2}L(x)I^2 + \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2,$$
 (12)

$$V = -mgx, \tag{13}$$

Where L(x) is a representation of the coil inductance, *m* is the mass of the ball, *x* is the position of the ball, and *l* is the current.

The correlation between coil inductance with the ball position is written as

$$L(x) = L_i + \left(\frac{L_0 x_0}{x}\right) = L_i + \left(\frac{2k}{x}\right), \tag{14}$$

Where L_i is the electromagnet coil inductance constant, L_0 is the additional inductance, and x_0 is the reference position. Hence, Lagrangian L of MLBS is given as

$$L = T - V = \frac{1}{2}L(x)I^{2} + \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^{2} + mgx.$$
 (15)

From the mechanical point of view, the external force of MLBS is air friction force (f) and later assumed that f = 0 and can be written as

$$\frac{dL}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}}\right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = f.$$
(16)

From the electrical point of view, the external force of MLBS can be described as e - IR where e is the applied voltage to MLBS and R is the resistance of the electromagnet coil. Assuming that I is the derivation of i, we can get the equation as

$$\frac{dL}{dt}\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial I}\right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial i} = e - IR.$$
(17)

By substituting (15) to (16), we can get the equation as follows

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{f}{m} - \frac{ki^2}{mx^2} + g.$$
 (18)

By substituting (14) to (15) and (15) to (17), we can get the equation as follows

$$\frac{d}{dt}(L(x)I - 0) = e - IR \tag{19}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left(L_i + \frac{2k}{x}\right)I = e - IR \tag{20}$$

$$L_i \frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{2k}{x^2} I \frac{dx}{dt} = e - IR \tag{21}$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{e}{L_i} - \frac{IR}{L_i} + I \frac{2k}{L_i x^2} \dot{x}.$$
 (22)

State variables that represented MLBS are the position of the ball (x), the velocity of the ball (\dot{x}), and the current (*I*). The input signal of MLBS is the applied voltage (*e*), so that u = e. The output of MLBS is the position of the ball (x). Then we can represent the MLBS in state space representation as follows

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ \dot{x} \\ I \end{bmatrix},$$
(23)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\frac{kx_3^2}{mx_1^2} + g \\ -\frac{R}{L_i} x_3 + \frac{2k}{L_i} \left(\frac{x_2 x_3}{x_1^2} \right) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{L_i} \end{bmatrix} u,$$
(24)

$$y = x_1. \tag{25}$$

C. Feedback Linearization

The central idea of feedback linearization is to transform a nonlinear system dynamics into (entirely or partly) linear ones so that linear control techniques can be applied. This differs from conventional linearization (i.e., Jacobian linearization) because feedback linearization is achieved by exact state transformation and feedback, rather than by linear approximations of the dynamics. The basic idea of simplifying the form of a system by choosing a different state representation, the choice of coordinate systems. Feedback linearization techniques can be viewed as ways of transforming original system models into equivalent models of a more straightforward form [25].

The nonlinear system has a form of state representation as

$$\dot{z} = f(x) + G(x)u, \tag{26}$$

$$y = h(x). \tag{27}$$

The derivative y is given by

$$\dot{y} = \frac{\partial h(x)}{\partial x} [f(x) + g(x)u]$$
(28)

$$\dot{y} = L_f h(x) + L_g h(x)u. \tag{29}$$

The system is feedback linearizable if and only if a function h satisfies the partial differential equations and subject to the condition [26] as

$$L_g L_f^{i-1} h(x) = 0, \ i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1,$$
(30)

$$L_{g}L_{f}^{i-1}h(x) \neq 0.$$
 (31)

In other words, the derivation of y must be repeated until it has the dependent variable of the control signal u as

$$y^{\rho} = L_f^{\rho} h(x) + L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x) u.$$
(32)

As a consequence, the derivation of *y* can be repeated until its ρ^{th} derivation where ρ is called the relative degree of the nonlinear system

The output y derivation of MLBS is shown as

$$\dot{y} = x_2 \tag{33}$$

$$\ddot{y} = g - \frac{kx_3^2}{mx_1^2}$$
(34)

$$\ddot{y} = -\frac{2k}{m} \left(\frac{x_3 \dot{x}_3}{x_1^2} \right) + \frac{2k}{m} \left(\frac{x_3^2 \dot{x}_1}{x_1^3} \right).$$
(35)

Substituting (24) to (35), the derivation of y is no longer independent of the control signal u as

$$\ddot{y} = -\frac{4k^2 x_2 x_3^2}{mL_i x_1^4} + \frac{2kR x_3^2}{mL_i x_1^2} + \frac{2k x_3^2 x_2}{m x_1^2} - \frac{2k x_3 u}{m x_1^2 L_i}.$$
 (36)

In feedback linearization, there is a change of variables which is notated by z that transform the nonlinear system into an equivalent linear system \dot{z} as

$$z = T(x),$$

$$\dot{z} = Az + B\gamma(x)[u - \alpha(x)].$$
(37)

Remembering the nonlinear system representation before, the component of transformation matrix T(x) is described as

$$T_1(x) = h(x), \tag{38}$$

$$T_{i+1}(x) = L_f T_i(x) = L_f^i h(x) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$
(39)

Thus, the change of variables z and the new feedback linearized system of MLBS \dot{z} are shown as following

$$z_{1} = h(x) = x_{1}, (40)$$

$$z_{2} = L_{f}h(x) = x_{2}, (41)$$

$$z_{3} = L_{f}^{2}h(x) = g - \frac{kx_{3}^{2}}{mx_{1}^{2}}, (42)$$

And

$$\dot{z}_1 = z_2,\tag{43}$$

$$\dot{z}_2 = z_3,\tag{44}$$

$$\dot{z}_3 = -\frac{2k}{m} \left(\frac{x_3 \dot{x}_3}{x_1^2} \right) + \frac{2k}{m} \left(\frac{x_3^2 \dot{x}_1}{x_1^3} \right),\tag{45}$$

$$\dot{z}_3 = -\frac{4k^2 x_2 x_3^2}{mL_i x_1^4} + \frac{2kR x_3^2}{mL_i x_1^2} + \frac{2kx_3^2 x_2}{mx_1^2} - \frac{2kx_3 u}{mx_1^2 L_i}.$$
 (46)

The control signal *u* is written as follows

$$u = \frac{1}{L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x)} \Big[-L_f^{\rho} h(x) + v \Big], \tag{47}$$

where *v* is the new input designed for the linear system.

Then, by substituting equation (47) to (46), the nonlinearity can be canceled. Then, we can get the linear model of MLBS that can be written as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z}_1 \\ \dot{z}_2 \\ \dot{z}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} v,$$
(48)

$$y = z_1. \tag{49}$$

D. Servo State Feedback Controller

The augmented system (MLBS) is using an integrator to eliminate steady-state error. Diagram block of servo state feedback controller with Feedback Linearization (FL) is shown in Fig. 2.



Fig. 2 Augmented system with servo state feedback controller

The closed-loop state equation from figure 2 can be written as

$$\dot{z}_a(t) = A_a z_a(t) + B_a v(t) + Fr(t),$$
 (50)

$$y(t) = C_a z_a(t), \tag{51}$$

where.

$$A_a = \begin{bmatrix} A & 0 \\ -C & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B_a = \begin{bmatrix} B \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, C_a = \begin{bmatrix} C & 0 \end{bmatrix}, F = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \cdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (52)$$

$$z_a(t) = \begin{bmatrix} z(t) \\ e(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (53)

To apply state feedback control, the system must fulfill controllability condition as

$$\begin{bmatrix} B_a & A_a B_a & A_a^2 B_a & A_a^3 B_a \end{bmatrix},$$

Moreover, state controllability condition as

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_a & B_a \\ -C_a & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The control signal v which given to the system can be written as

$$v(t) = -K_a z_a(t) = -[K -k_I] z_a(t)$$
(54)

$$= -[k_1 \quad k_2 \quad \dots \quad k_{n-1} \quad | \quad k_I] \, z_a(t) \tag{55}$$

where K are state feedback gains and k_I is an integral gain.

Noting that r(t) is a step input, we have $r(\infty) = r(t) = r$ (constant) for t > 0. So that the closed loop system (50) with control law (55) is

$$\dot{z}_a(t) = (A_a - B_a K_a) z_a(t).$$
 (56)

CDM will design the integral gain and state feedback gains of the control law.

E. Controller Design

The open loop polynomial of the linear MLBS is stated as

$$P_{OL}(s) = |[sI - A_a]|, (57)$$

$$= s^{n} + \delta_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + \delta_{1} s + \delta_{0}.$$
 (58)

The equation (50) is not in state variable controllable form, because of that matrix transformation T is needed that can be written as

$$T = M_a W_a \tag{59}$$

where,

$$M_a = [B_a \ A_a B_a \ A_a^2 B_a \ \dots \ A_a^{n-1} B_a],$$
 (60)

$$W_{a} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta_{1} & \delta_{2} & \cdots & \delta_{n-1} & 1\\ \delta_{2} & \delta_{3} & \cdots & 1 & 0\\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots & \vdots\\ \delta_{n-1} & 1 & \cdots & 0 & 0\\ 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (61)

Defines new state vector by x_a as

$$z_a = T x_a, \tag{62}$$

We can get the system in the controllable canonical form as

$$\dot{x}_a = A_c x_a + B_c u, \tag{63}$$

where $A_c = T^{-1}(A_a - B_a K_a)T$ and $B_c = T^{-1}B_a$. The characteristic polynomial from (63) with control signal $u = -K_a T x_a$ is

$$P_{CL}(s) = |(sI - A_C + B_C)|$$
(64)

$$= s^{n} + (\hat{k}_{n} + \delta_{n-1})s^{n-1} + \dots + (\hat{k}_{2} + \delta_{1})s + (\hat{k}_{1} + \delta_{0}),$$
(65)

where $K_a T$ is defined as

$$K_a T = [\hat{k}_1 \ \hat{k}_2 \ \dots \ \hat{k}_{n-1} \ | \ \hat{k}_n].$$
 (66)

According to CDM concept, we need to make the desired characteristic polynomial based on stability index and the equivalent time constant. Therefore, we have the coefficients of the desired polynomials a_0 to a_{n-1} in (9). Finally, from (9), (58), (65) and (59), the gain matrix K_a for the augmented system can be found as

$$K_a = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 - \delta_0 & \dots & a_{n-2} - \delta_{n-2} & | & a_{n-1} - \delta_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} T^{-1},$$
(67)

where $K_a = [K \mid k_I]$.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The nonlinear model of MLBS uses feedback linearization to change the system to the linear model. Then using the linear control servo state feedback to control the

position of the ball. Finally, servo state feedback is tuned by CDM Concept.

The system is simulated, and the model is generated in SIMULINK MATLAB. Parameters of the simulation are shown in Table 1.

TABLE I MLBS PARAMETERS

Equilibrium distance (x_{1eq})	0.01 m
Equilibrium current (x_{3eq})	1.6 A
Mass (m)	0.36 kg
Acceleration of gravity (g)	$9.8 m/s^2$
Force constant (k)	$0.00013 Nm^2/A^2$
Coil resistance (R)	9 Ω
Coil inductance (L_i)	0.12 H

The equivalent time constant is $\tau = 0.5$. The result of state feedback gains and the integral gain of the augmented system is shown in Table 2. The third value is the CDM standard parameters.

 TABLE II

 INTEGRAL GAIN VALUE AND SERVO STATE FEEDBACK GAIN

Cases	γ_i	K _a	
1.	$\begin{bmatrix} 1.7 & 1.7 & 1.7 \end{bmatrix}$	[193.1 56.79 9.8 -386.2]	
2.	[2 2 2]	[512 128 16 -1024]	
3.	[2.5 2 2]	[1000 200 20 -2000]	
4.	[3 3 3]	[5842 972 54 -11664]	
5.	[4 4 4]	[32768 4096 128 -65536]	

CDM gives a good performance and also provides excellent stability of the system, noticed from the values of a_0 to a_{n-1} . Coefficient diagram which provides stability can be seen in Fig. 3. The most bend curve shows the most stable system. The most bend and stable is case 5 but the standard parameter CDM in case 3 is good enough to make the system stable as shown in Fig. 4.





Fig. 4 Response from the system

Simulations use unit steps r = 1 as the desired position, and the system must follow it. The CDM standard parameters can give a good performance of the position value to reference, without needed to modify the CDM parameters. Comparing with the most bend curve, the standard parameters of CDM have better response on rising time as shown in Fig. 4. It proves that the CDM standard parameter has given good enough performance and stability.

The simulation to investigate the response of the system from disturbance shows in Fig. 5. The simulation uses a standard parameter of CDM (No. 3) as a parameter for servo state feedback gains. The disturbance is given at second, fourth, sixth and eighth seconds. Response from system shows that the controller can make the system stable and follow the desired position.



The simulation about the uncertainty of mass, inductance, and resistance is done to find out how the system performs due to change of the parameter. The simulation is shown in Fig. 6, 7, and 8.

The uncertainty parameter makes the system unstable and affects the position of the steel ball. Object mass uncertainty is given as $\pm 50\%$ and $\pm 90\%$ of the original mass as shown in Fig. 6. The simulation result shows that the uncertainty of mass does not affect the steel ball position too much. The applied controller still can handle the given change of the mass.



rig. 6 Response from the uncertainty of mass

The uncertainty of inductance is provided between $\pm 25\%$ and $\pm 50\%$ of the original inductance value as shown in Fig. 7. The simulation result indicates that the inductance uncertainty affects the ball position. It also shows that the applied controller still can stabilize the position of its reference point. This is not happening in the real system because the change value of the position exceeds the limit of the position.



Fig. 7 Response to the uncertainty of inductance

The uncertainty of resistance is given between $\pm 1\%$ and $\pm 2\%$ of the original value of resistance as shown in Fig. 8. The simulation result indicates that the change of the parameter affects the change of object position, even if the

parameter varies to a slight value. A small value of the parameter uncertainty can give an extreme change of ball position. However, the controller still able to stabilize the system and made the system follows the given reference point as shown in the simulation result. Same as the change of the inductance, the result becomes unreal because it exceeds the position limit.



Fig. 8 Response from the uncertainty of resistance

The simulations that show the comparison of the CDM, LQR, and pole placement method implementation is shown in Fig 9. The comparison is made by showing the system' performance which is affected by the implementation of the method. Based on that figure, the simulation shows that CDM implementation makes the system performs without giving any overshoot and with quite a fast rise time. By applying pole placement method, the system performs the slowest among all even though there is no overshoot in the response. LQR implementation makes the system performs with an overshoot in response.

The completed response also can be seen in Table III. Based on that table, CDM give the best settling time to stabilize the system and give the smallest overshoot. While LQR gives the fastest rise time but the rise time of CDM is good enough.

TABLE III COMPARING CDM WITH LQR AND POLE PLACEMENT

	Rise Time (seconds)	Overshoot (%)	Settling Time (seconds)
CDM	0.548	0.016	1.059
LQR	0.501	7.697	1.474
Pole	0.867	0.360	1.505
Placement			

The difference between CDM, LQR and pole placement method is CDM has a standard parameter and able to minimalize the effort to obtain controller parameter. By using LQR, we still need to determine weighting matrix and also it does not have standard weighting matrix. It is same with pole placement method that needs to determine the pole location. If the pole is too far from the y-axis, then it will have significant control signal even though the system performs well and stable. However, if it is too close to the yaxis, then it will give bad system's response.



Fig. 9 Comparing CDM, LQR, and Pole Placement

IV. CONCLUSION

The simulation of Coefficient Diagram Method (CDM) based on Servo State Feedback Controller with Feedback Linearization for Magnetic Levitation Ball System (MLBS) has been done. Feedback linearization can transform the nonlinear model of MLBS to the equivalent linear system so that the linear controller can be applied. The linear servo state feedback controller can be used to control object position. CDM also can be used to get servo state feedback gain or parameter tuning. The implementation of CDM standard parameter can make the object gets the reference point with a good value of rising time and settling time, and also no overshoot performance is obtained. This parameter also gives excellent stability of the system to respond to the disturbances. Comparing CDM with another method such as LQR and pole placement shows that CDM gives fast rise time and no overshoot in system performance. While LQR gives overshoot in the system response and Pole Placement gives a slow response.

The change of plant parameter is an issue to design MLBS controller. Feedback linearization cannot handle the problem of MLBS parameter change. Adaptive control or nonlinear control can be implemented to this matter.

The choice of parameter is a matter of research. CDM concept can be applied in the tuning of the controller parameter. CDM theory can avoid trial and error process, so parameter tuning becomes more efficient.

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