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Implementation of Web-based Force Management System

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Abstract

For factory automation using force/torque control, we need a networked-force management system as well as good force sensing and force generation. In this paper, we present a web-based force management system including 6-axis force/torque sensing system. Performance of the force-torque sensor is affected significantly by analog noise that is included in a sensor signal, and the noise should be reduced appropriately to obtain an adequate performance of the sensor. Moreover, the sensor itself should be convenient to install to a real application system. It should be compact in size and also easy to wire in real situation. In this viewpoint, we developed usb-based compact sensor system which is well communicated using web between two computers that exist far away. Software is programmed using LabVIEW and CCS-C. PIC microcontrollers are used for implementing a compact hardware. The proposed system is verified through experimental works.

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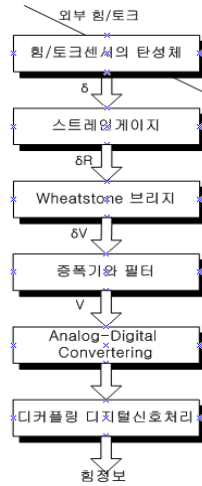


Fig.1 Detecting method of force/torque information

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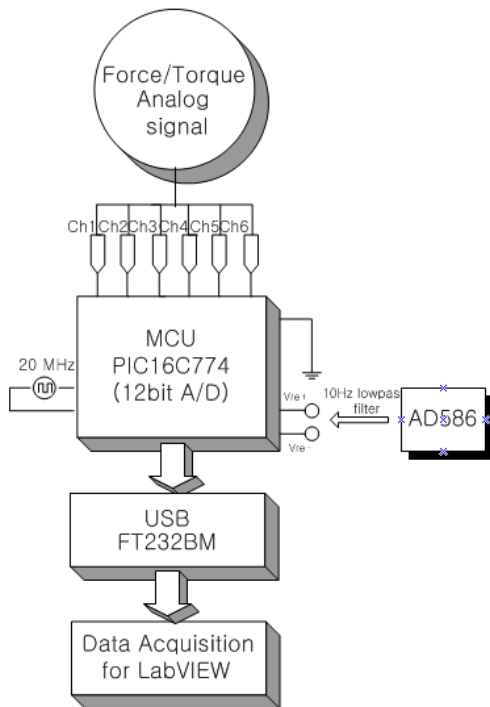


Fig. 2 Schematics of the experimental setup for USB digital data acquisition

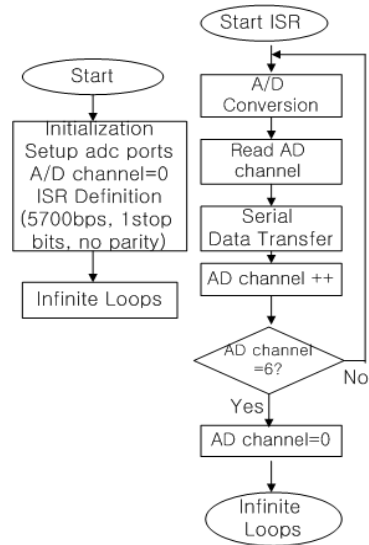


Fig. 3 Flowchart of PIC microcontroller program

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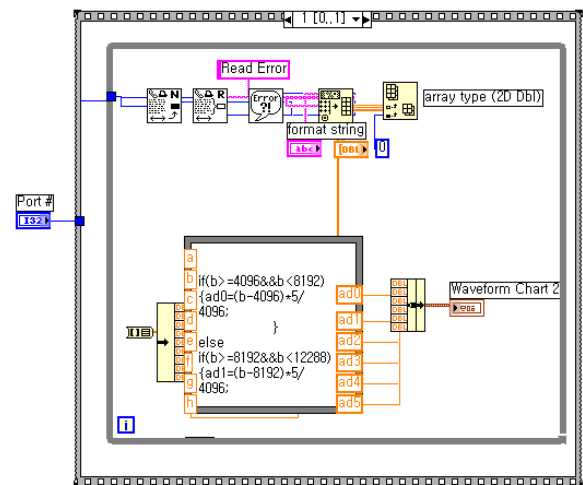


Fig 4.LabView for data reading and plotting

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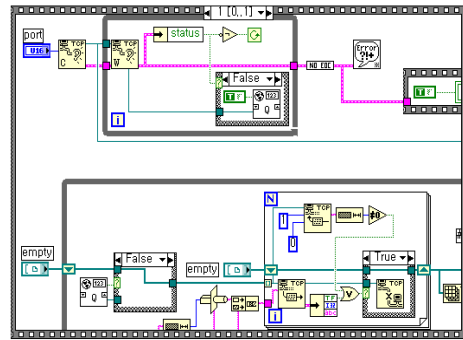


Fig. 6 Data Client

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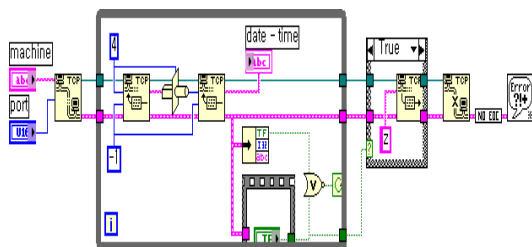


Fig.5 Data Server

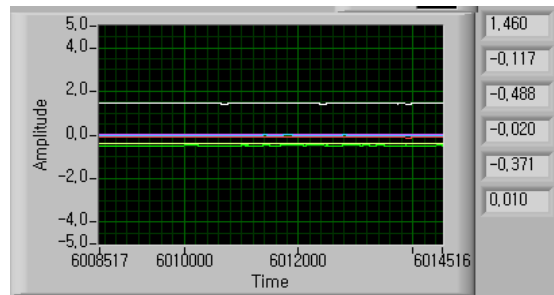


Fig. 7 Experimental 6 channel values when 10kgf is applied in x direction

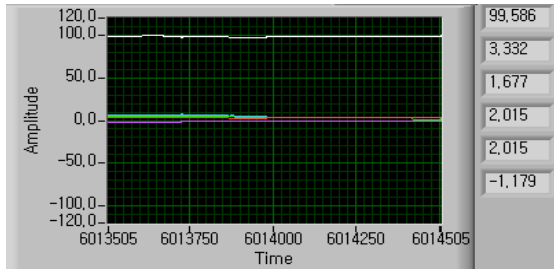


Fig. 8 Force sensor output when 10kgf is applied in x direction

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본 논문에서는 웹기반 힘관리시스템의 구성과 구축에 대하여 논의하였다. 다축 힘/토크 센서 안에서 아날로그신호를 PIC 마이크로컨트롤러를 이용하여 디지털신호로 변환한 후, USB 통신을 통해 Local 컴퓨터로 보낸 다음 이를 기존의 웹을 통해 Remote 컴퓨터로 통신함으로써, 노이즈 감소 뿐만 아니라, 고가의 I/O보드를 사용하지 않아도 되도록 하였다. 따라서 센서의 성능뿐 아니라 비용 절감의 효과를 얻을 수 있게 되었다. 또 인터넷을 기반으로 하는 시스템을 구성하여, 네트워크를 기반으로 하는 통합 시스템에 쉽게 접목시킬 수 있게 되었다.

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