

Development of the PID controller and real-time monitoring system for a low-temperature furnace

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The PID controller and real-time monitoring system for a low-temperature furnace was developed. The system has two parts, the PID controller, and the real-time monitoring part. An Arduino mega2560 microcontroller board was used for measuring and control the furnace temperature. A type-K thermocouple and a MAX31850 IC was applied for a furnace temperature measurement. The microcontroller board and a MAX31850 were connected via the One-wire bus for convert the temperature values and sent to a personal computer. The PID parameters can be varied by a user in the program, which developed by LabVIEW Software on a computer. The laboratory made furnace was established for testing the controller and monitoring system. The results have shown that the temperature with the range of 25-500 degree Celsius can be controlled. By the trial and error method with the PID parameters, k_p was 250, T_i was 0.05 and T_d was 0.20, the target temperature can be controlled with the maximum error of 1 degree Celsius.

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