Robust adaptive fuzzy control design for nearspace vehicle

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Abstract. In this paper, a T-S fuzzy model of the NSV (NearSpace Vehicle) kinematic model is established based on fuzzy approximation theory, and a new fuzzy robust tracking control law is designed in reference to the feedforward control of the linear system. In order to account for a case in which no augmented matrix is introduced, the control law is designed as a compound form of feedback and feedforward, and the gains of feedback and feedforward are solved by LMI (Linear Matrix Inequalities). The strategy is applied to the anti-interference control of NSV attitudes, and the convergence of tracking errors is analyzed according to the Lyapunov method. Simulation results based on the NSV demonstrate the validity of the proposed method.

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1. Introduction

It is well known that the fuzzy control technique provides a means of collecting knowledge and expertise. Over the past decade, it has proved to be very useful in many applications \cite{8,10,13,14,19}. It is not surprising that T-S fuzzy models have become one of the most useful control approaches for complex nonlinear systems. Many nonlinear systems can be represented by T-S fuzzy systems, allowing designers to take advantage of conventional linear system methods to for design and analysis \cite{2,4,6,7,18,21,22}. The fuzzy adaptive control can not only automatically adjust to control rules in the face of change in performance and parameters of the controlled object, but also enhance the adaptive ability to deal with environmental changes and realize the purpose of control.

The control design of NSVs has attracted increasing attention in recent years. The primary reason is that they have potential and promising applications in both military and civilian fields. Since a Nearspace vehicle is a complex dynamic system, it is difficult to study according to traditional control methods. To overcome this limitation, a T-S fuzzy control scheme has been considered to cope with such problems. The major advantage of this scheme is that an accurate mathematical model is not necessary, and consequently, the T-S fuzzy control theory is suitable for the design of the flight control system of an NSV \cite{5,15}. However, the Nearspace hypersonic vehicle dynamics are severely nonlinear, time-varying, highly uncertain and strongly coupled. It also suffers from different external disturbances and uncertainties due to changes in the flight environment. Therefore, ensuring the robust stability of the NSV flight is challenging. To date, this subject has not been fully investigated.

This paper proposes the design of a feedback and feedforward control for T-S fuzzy systems, which has been applied to the tracking control of attitude angle...
of the NSV. The organization of the paper is as follows: Section 2 describes design formulation. Section 3 describes the tracking controller design of the NSV, and presents the design of an anti-interference composite controller, as well as the calculation method of feedforward gain and feedback gain by LMI. The simulation results which demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed approaches are presented in Section 4, followed by conclusions in Section 5.

2. Problem formulation

The mathematic model of the NSV developed at NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Langley Research Center is given as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{p} &= \frac{1}{MV} \left[ I_T \tan \gamma \sin \mu + L \tan \beta \right] \\
\dot{q} &= \frac{1}{MV} \left[ -Mq \cos \gamma \cos \mu \tan \beta \right] \\
\dot{r} &= \frac{1}{MV} \left[ T_s \cos \alpha - T_s \sin \alpha \tan \gamma \sin \mu + \tan \beta \right] \\
p &= \frac{1}{MV} \left[ I_T \tan \gamma \sin \mu + L \tan \beta \right] \\
q &= \frac{1}{MV} \left[ -Mq \cos \gamma \cos \mu \tan \beta \right] \\
r &= \frac{1}{MV} (\dot{T}_s \cos \alpha + T_s \sin \alpha) \tan \gamma \cos \mu \sin \beta \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\mu = \sec \beta (p \cos \alpha + r \sin \alpha)
\]

According to the following:

\[
x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \omega(t) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Omega(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega(t) \end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{x}(t) &= f(x(t)) + g(x(t)) \omega(t) + f_\Omega(x(t)) \delta(t) \\
\dot{\omega}(t) &= g(\omega(t)) T_C(t) + f(\omega(t))
\end{align*}
\]

(2)

where \( \Omega = [\alpha, \beta, \mu]^T \) represents the slow-loop state, or the attitude angle vector; \( \omega = [p, q, r]^T \) represents the fast-loop state, or the body-axis angular rate vector; and \( f_\Omega(x(t)) = [f_x, f_y, f_z]^T \) represents the system matrix of attitude angle \( \Omega(x(t)) \), given as follows:

\[
\begin{bmatrix} \delta_x & \delta_y & \delta_z \\
\delta_x & \delta_y & \delta_z \\
\delta_x & \delta_y & \delta_z 
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(3)

3. The tracking controller design for NSV

3.1. Stability analysis

In recent years, many important results regarding stability analysis for T-S fuzzy control systems have been reported [1, 3, 5, 9, 15]. In this section, the following T-S fuzzy model of the NSV is considered, and which is composed of a set of fuzzy implications. The ith rule of this T-S fuzzy model is of the following form.

Then, based on the Lyapunov stability theorem, a sufficient condition is derived in terms of LMIs, which can guarantee the stability of the closed-loop control system.

Plant Rule i

IF \( z_i(t) \) is \( N_{i1} \) and \( \cdots z_i(t) \) is \( N_{i_k} \)

THEN \( x_i(t) = A_i x_i(t) + B_i u_i(t) + d(x_i(t)) \)

(5)

where \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, r \), \( N_{i_k} \) represents the fuzzy set and \( r \) represents the number of rules; \( x_i(t) \) is the state; \( u_i(t) \) is the control input; \( d(x_i(t)) \) is the unknown uncertainty; \( z_i(t) \) are premise variables; and \( A_i, B_i \) are constant matrices with appropriate dimensions.
According to fuzzy principles, system (5) can be described as follows:

\[
\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{r} h_i(z(t))(A_i x(t) + B_i u(t) + E_i d(t)) \\
y(t) = C x(t)
\]

(6)

For all \( i \), therefore:

\[
h_i(z(t)) = w_i(z(t)) \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{i=1}^{r} w_i(z(t)) = 1
\]

\[w_i(z(t)) = \prod_{j=1}^{r} N_{ij}(z(t)), i = 1, \ldots, r,\]

\(N_{ij}(z(t))\) is the grade of membership of \(N_{ij}\).

For a dynamic system, the feedback controller can be represented as follows:

\[u(t) = -\sum_{i=1}^{r} h_i(z(t))K_i x(t)\]  

(7)

The \(H_\infty\) gain is defined for the system anti-interference characteristics as follows:

\[\|Y\|_{\infty} = \sup_{\|d\|_2 \neq 0} \|y\|_2 < \lambda\]  

(8)

where \(\lambda\) represents the rate of decay \(H_\infty\); \(d\) is the unknown uncertainty; and \(y\) is the control input. In order to prove stability of the system, the following theorem is applied.

**Theorem 1.** Considering system (6), for \( i, j = 1, 2, \ldots, r \), \(E_i\) and \(E_j\) are the known real constant matrices of appropriate dimensions. If rate of decay \(\beta\) and a symmetric positive definite matrix \(P\) exist, then any set of state feedback control gains \(K_j\) must meet the following matrix inequality:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
-\frac{1}{\beta}(A_i - B_i K_j)^T P + P(A_i - B_i K_j) \\
+(A_i - B_i K_j)^T P + P(A_i - B_i K_j)
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\frac{1}{\lambda} E_i + E_i^T P - E_i C_i C_i^T P \\
0
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\frac{1}{\lambda} E_i + E_i^T P - E_i C_i C_i^T P \\
0
\end{bmatrix}^T
\begin{bmatrix}
-\frac{1}{\beta} P E_i + E_i^T P + P A_i - B_i K_j \\
\frac{1}{\lambda} C_i C_i^T
\end{bmatrix}
\begin{bmatrix}
\lambda^2 I & 0 \\
0 & I
\end{bmatrix}
\geq 0
\]

(9)

where \(A_i, B_i,\) and \(C_i\) are constant matrices with appropriate dimensions, thus, the system is asymptotically stable.

**Proof.** Choose the Lyapunov function candidate

\[V(x(t)) = x^T(t)Px(t)\]  

(10)

The time derivative (10), the following is obtained:

\[
\dot{V}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{r} h_i(z(t))h_j(z(t))(A_i - B_i K_j)^T P x(t)
\]

\[
+ \sum_{i=1}^{r} h_i(z(t))h_j(z(t))d^T(t)(A_i - B_i K_j)x(t)
\]

\[
+ \sum_{i=1}^{r} h_i(z(t))h_j(z(t))d^T(t)E_i^T P x(t) + \sum_{i=1}^{r} h_i(z(t))d^T(t)E_i^T P E_j d(t)
\]

\[
= V(x(t)) + y^T(t)y(t) - \lambda^2 d^T(t)d(t) \leq 0
\]

Integrating both sides with respect to time:

\[
V(x(t)) - V(x(0)) + \int_0^t (y^T(t)y(t) - \lambda^2 d^T(t)d(t))dt \leq 0
\]

Due to \(V(x(t)) \geq 0\), then

\[
\|y\|_2^2 \leq \lambda\|d\|_2^2
\]

Therefore \(V(x(t)) \leq 0\) and the system satisfies the \(H_\infty\) performance index, indicating that the closed-loop system is asymptotically stable.

3.2. The robust controller design

In order to design a control law to guarantee the stability of the closed-loop system and to eliminate the effect of external disturbances and uncertainties, the composite controller of NSV, system (4), can be described as follows:

\[
\dot{x}(t) = \Psi(t) + d(x(t)) + \sum_{i=1}^{r} h_i(A_i x(t) + B_i u(t))
\]

\[y(t) = C x(t)\]  

(11)
where $\psi(t)$ represents the external disturbance of the NSV, $d(x(t))$ is the unknown bounded uncertainty, and $y_r(t)$ is the reference output, which is produced by the following model:

$$
k_r(t) = A_r x_r(t); x_r(0) = x_{r0}
$$

$$
y_r(t) = C_r x_r(t)
$$

In accordance with T-S fuzzy theory, the control rules can be designed as follows:

**Tracking Controller Rule 1:**

\[ \text{IF } z_1(t) \text{ is } N_1^t \text{ and } \ldots \text{ z_6(t) is } N_6^t \]

\[ \text{THEN } u(t) = u_1(t) + u_2(t) = 1, 2, \ldots, r \]

where $u_1(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{r} h_j(z) K_j x$ represents the fuzzy feedback control law; $K_j$ stands for the gains of the feedback control law; $u_2(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{r} h_j(z) K_j x$ is the fuzzy feed forward control law; and $K_j$ represents the gains of the feed forward control law.

In order to prove the stability of the track, the following lemma is given.

**Lemma 1.** \cite{17} Let $X$ be a symmetric matrix given by:

\[
X = \begin{bmatrix}
X_{11} & X_{12} \\
X_{12}^T & X_{22}
\end{bmatrix}
\]

The following conditions are equivalent:

(i) $X < 0$

(ii) $X_{11} < 0$ and $X_{22} - X_{12}^T X_{11} X_{12} < 0$

(iii) $X_{22} < 0$ and $X_{11} - X_{12} X_{22} X_{12}^T < 0$

where $X_{11} = X_{11}^T$, $X_{22} = X_{22}^T$, and $X_{12} \in R^{r \times r}$ represents a symmetric nonsingular matrix.

**Assumption 1.** There exists a known bounding matrix $\mathfrak{S}$ satisfying $|\psi(t)| \leq \| \mathfrak{S} \|$, where $\psi(t)$ is the external disturbance in system (11).

**Assumption 2.** There exists a known bounding matrix $\mathfrak{S}$ such that $|d(x(t))| \leq \| \mathfrak{S} \|$, where $d(x(t))$ is the unknown bounded uncertainty in system (11).

Based on the above analysis, the robust adaptive control of the vehicle can be surmised according to the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** For $i, j = 1, 2, \ldots, r$, there exists a real symmetric positive definite matrix $P$, which satisfy the following inequality:

\[
(A_i - B_i K_i) P + P (A_i - B_i K_i)^T + \eta_1^2 \mathfrak{S} P + \eta_2^2 \mathfrak{S} \mathfrak{S}^T P + \Theta \Theta^T < 0
\]
The reference model is given as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix}
   -5.96 & -0.01 & 2.21 & -11.6 & -11.4 & -0.01 \\
   -0.01 & -12.6 & 0 & -0.02 & -34.2 \\
   -4.37 & -0.01 & -15.2 & -25.8 & 30.6 & 0.03
\end{bmatrix} = 10^6 \times K_4$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
   -6.16 & 0.84 & -1.42 & -16.0 & -1.91 & 1.64 \\
   0.06 & -12.6 & -2.73 & -0.16 & 5.93 & -34.2 \\
   5.01 & 1.89 & -14.9 & -1.93 & 39.8 & 3.64
\end{bmatrix} = 10^6 \times K_5$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
   -5.97 & 0.85 & 2.42 & -11.5 & -11.5 & 1.65 \\
   1.20 & -12.6 & -4.02 & -4.49 & 7.88 & -34.2 \\
   -4.37 & 1.89 & -15.1 & -26.4 & 30.3 & 3.68
\end{bmatrix} = 10^6 \times K_6$$

The variables $\alpha$, $\beta$, and $\mu$ are the reference commands of attitude angle $\alpha$, sideslip angle $\beta$, and yaw rate $\mu$, respectively. The simulation results indicate the following conclusions. Figure 1 depicts the tracking curve of the angle of attack $\alpha$; Fig. 2 represents the tracking curve of the sideslip angle $\beta$; Fig. 3 depicts the tracking curve of the bank angle $\mu$; and Fig. 4 shows the $p$, $q$, $r$ state response curve ($p$ is the roll rate, $q$ is the pitch rate and $r$ is the yaw rate.). The variables $a_c$, $\beta_c$, $\mu_c$ are the reference commands of attitude angle $\alpha$, sideslip angle $\beta$, and yaw rate $\mu$, respectively. As shown in Figs. 1 through 4, the closed-loop system is asymptotically stable under the proposed robust control design.

### Figures

**Fig. 1.** Angle of attack $\alpha$ tracking curve.

**Fig. 2.** Sideslip angle $\beta$ tracking curve.
compound controller. Thus, the proposed fuzzy control scheme based on feedback control and feedforward control is validated.

5. Conclusion

T-S fuzzy control schemes have been developed for the NSV system with functional uncertainty and external disturbance. Feedforward and feedback composite control is adopted to eliminate the external disturbance of the NSV. The controller design has been implemented in a unified manner in which gains are solved according to a set of LMI. Simulation results have demonstrated the effectiveness of the proposed model.

NSV is a complex dynamic system; future work will take random factors and stochastic noises in developments of NSV models into account [11, 12, 16], and will study attitude tracking control and accommodation approaches to NSV with functional uncertainty and external disturbance.

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