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.

Keywords: NSV, T-S fuzzy control, anti-interference control

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 [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 [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 [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

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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:

$$\begin{split} \dot{\alpha} &= \frac{1}{MV\cos\beta} \\ &+ [-L + Mg\cos\gamma\cos\mu - T_x\sin\alpha + T_z\cos\alpha] \\ &+ q - \tan\beta(p\cos\alpha + r\sin\alpha) \\ \dot{\beta} &= \frac{1}{MV} [-T_x\sin\beta\cos\alpha + T_y\cos\beta - T_z\sin\alpha\sin\beta] \\ &\frac{1}{MV} [Y\cos\beta + Mg\cos\gamma\sin\mu] \\ &- r\cos\alpha + p\sin\alpha \\ \dot{\mu} &= \sec\beta(p\cos\alpha + r\sin\alpha) \\ &+ \frac{1}{MV} [L\tan\gamma\sin\mu + L\tan\beta] \\ &+ \frac{1}{MV} [-Mg\cos\gamma\cos\mu\tan\beta] \\ &+ \frac{1}{MV} [-Mg\cos\gamma\cos\mu\tan\beta] \\ &+ \frac{1}{MV} [(T_x\sin\alpha - T_z\cos\alpha)(\tan\gamma\sin\mu + \tan\beta)] \\ &- \frac{1}{MV} [(T_x\cos\alpha + T_z\sin\alpha)\tan\gamma\cos\mu\sin\beta] \\ \dot{p} &= I_{qr}^p qr + \dot{I}_p^p p + g_l^p (l_A + l_T) \\ \dot{q} &= I_{pq}^q pq + \dot{I}_r^r r + g_n^r (n_A + n_T) \end{split}$$
(1)

where α is the angle of attack, β is the sideslip angle, μ is the bank angle, p is the roll rate, q is the pitch rate and r is the yaw rate.

According to singular perturbation theory, the six equations can be divided into the fast loop and the slow loop, respectively. The above attitude motion equations can thus be rewritten as follows:

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}(t) = \boldsymbol{f}_{s}(\boldsymbol{\Omega}(t)) + \boldsymbol{g}_{s}(\boldsymbol{\Omega}(t))\boldsymbol{\omega}(t) + g_{s2}(\boldsymbol{\Omega}(t))\boldsymbol{\delta}(t)$$
$$\dot{\boldsymbol{\omega}}(t) = g_{f}(\boldsymbol{\omega}(t))\boldsymbol{T}_{C}(t) + f_{f}(\boldsymbol{\omega}(t))$$
(2)

where $\mathbf{\Omega} = [\alpha, \beta, \mu]^T$ represents the slow-loop state, or the attitude angle vector; $\boldsymbol{\omega} = [p, q, r]^T$ represents the fast-loop state, or the body-axis angular rate vector; and $f_s(\mathbf{\Omega}(t)) = [f_\alpha, f_\beta, f_\mu]^T$ represents the system matrix of attitude angle $g_{s2}(\mathbf{\Omega}(t))$, given as follows:

$$g_{s2} = \begin{bmatrix} g_{\alpha,\delta e} & g_{\alpha,\delta a} & 0\\ g_{\alpha,\delta e} & g_{\alpha,\delta a} & g_{\alpha,\delta r}\\ g_{\alpha,\delta e} & g_{\alpha,\delta a} & g_{\alpha,\delta r} \end{bmatrix}$$
(3)

According to the following: $\mathbf{x}(t) = [\boldsymbol{\omega}(t)^T, \boldsymbol{\Omega}(t)^T]$, $\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{T}_C, \mathbf{y}(t) = \boldsymbol{\Omega}(t)$ system (2) can also be represented as follows:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}(t))\mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}(t))$$
$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t)$$
(4)

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
$$z_1(t)$$
 is N_{i1} and $\cdots z_k(t)$ is N_{ik} (5)
THEN $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}_i \mathbf{u}(t) + \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}(t))$

where $i = 1, 2, ..., r, N_{ik}$ represents the fuzzy set and *r* represents the number of rules; $\mathbf{x}(t)$ is the state; $\mathbf{u}(t)$ is the control input; $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{x}(t))$ is the unknown uncertainty; $z_n(t)$ 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:

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{r} h_i(\boldsymbol{z}) \left(\boldsymbol{A}_i \boldsymbol{x}(t) + \boldsymbol{B}_i \boldsymbol{u}(t) + \boldsymbol{E}_i \boldsymbol{d}(t) \right)$$

$$\boldsymbol{y}(t) = \boldsymbol{C} \boldsymbol{x}(t)$$
(6)

For all *t*, therefore:

$$h_i(z(t)) = w_i(z(t)) / \sum_{i=1}^r w_i(z(t)), \sum_{i=1}^r w_i(z(t)) = 1$$
$$w_i(z(t)) = \prod_{j=1}^r N_{ij}(z(t)), i = 1, \dots, r,$$

$$N_{ii}(z(t))$$
 is the grade of membership of N_{ik} .

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_{∞} gain is defined for the system antiinterference characteristics as follows:

$$\|\Upsilon\|_{\infty} = \sup_{\|d\|_{2} \neq 0} \frac{\|\mathbf{y}\|_{2}}{\|d\|_{2}} < \lambda$$
(8)

where λ represents the rate of decay H_{∞} ; *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, ..., r, E_i and E_j are the known real constant matrices of appropriate dimensions. If rate of decay λ and a symmetric positive definite matrix P exist, then any set of state feedback control gains K_j must meet the following matrix inequality:

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}((A_{i} - B_{i}K_{j})^{T}P + P(A_{i} - B_{i}K_{j})) \\ +(A_{i} - B_{j}K_{i})^{T}P + P(A_{i} - B_{j}K_{i})) \\ -\frac{1}{2}(E_{i} + E_{j})^{T}P \\ \frac{1}{2}(C_{i} + C_{j}) \end{cases}$$

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

$$V(\boldsymbol{x}(t)) = \boldsymbol{x}^{T}(t)\boldsymbol{P}\boldsymbol{x}(t)$$
(10)

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

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} h_i(z(t))h_j(z(t))\mathbf{x}^T(t)(\mathbf{A}_i - \mathbf{B}_i\mathbf{K}_i)^T \mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} h_i(z(t))h_j(z(t))\mathbf{x}^T(t)\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{A}_i - \mathbf{B}_i\mathbf{K}_i)\mathbf{x}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} h_i(z(t))h_j(z(t))\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{C}_i^T \mathbf{C}_j \mathbf{x}(t) - \lambda^2 d^T(t)d(t) + \sum_{i=1}^{r} h_i(z(t))d^T(t)\mathbf{E}_i^T \mathbf{P}\mathbf{x}(t) + \sum_{j=1}^{r} h_j(z(t))\mathbf{x}^T(t)\mathbf{P}\mathbf{E}_id(t) = \dot{V}(\mathbf{x}(t)) + \mathbf{y}^T(t)\mathbf{y}(t) - \lambda^2 d^T(t)d(t) \le 0$$

Integrating both sides with respect to time:

$$V(\mathbf{x}(t_r)) - V(\mathbf{x}(0)) + \int_0^{t_r} (\mathbf{y}^T(t)\mathbf{y}(t) - \mathbf{d}^T(t)\mathbf{d}(t))dt \le 0$$

Due to $V(\mathbf{x}(t)) \ge 0$, then

$$\frac{\|\boldsymbol{y}\|_2}{\|\boldsymbol{d}\|_2} < \lambda$$

Therefore $\dot{V}(\mathbf{x}(t)) \leq 0$ and the system satisfies the H_{∞} 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:

$$\begin{vmatrix} -\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{P}(\boldsymbol{E}_{i} + \boldsymbol{E}_{j}) & \frac{1}{2}(\boldsymbol{C}_{i} + \boldsymbol{C}_{j})^{T} \\ \lambda^{2}\boldsymbol{I} & \boldsymbol{0} \\ \boldsymbol{0} & \boldsymbol{I} \end{vmatrix} \geq 0 \qquad (9)$$

$$\dot{\boldsymbol{x}}(t) = \boldsymbol{\psi}(t) + \boldsymbol{d}\left(\boldsymbol{x}(t)\right) + \sum_{i=1}^{r} h_i \left(\boldsymbol{A}_i \boldsymbol{x}(t) + \boldsymbol{B}_i \boldsymbol{u}(t)\right)$$
$$\boldsymbol{y}(t) = \boldsymbol{C} \boldsymbol{x}(t)$$
(11)

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

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{c}(t) = \mathbf{A}_{c}\mathbf{x}_{c}(t) \ \mathbf{x}_{c}(0) = \mathbf{x}_{c0}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{c}(t) = \mathbf{C}_{c}\mathbf{x}_{c}(t)$$
(12)

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

Tracking Controller Rule i :

IF
$$z_1(t)$$
 is N_j^1 and $\cdots z_n(t)$ is N_j^n (13)
THEN $\boldsymbol{u}(t) = \boldsymbol{u}_1(t) + \boldsymbol{u}_2(t) j = 1, 2, \cdots, r$

where $u_1(t) = \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(z) K_j x$ represents the fuzzy feedback control law; K_j stands represents the gains of the feedback control law; $\boldsymbol{u}_{2}(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{r} h_{j}(\boldsymbol{z}) \boldsymbol{K}_{cj} \boldsymbol{x}_{c}$ is the fuzzy feed forward control law; and K_{ci} represents the gains of the feedforward control law.

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

Lemma 1. [17] Let X be a symmetric matrix given by: $\boldsymbol{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{X}_{11} & \boldsymbol{X}_{12} \\ \boldsymbol{X}_{12}^T & \boldsymbol{X}_{22} \end{bmatrix},$

The following conditions are equivalent:

- (i) X < 0
- (i) $X_{11} < 0$ and $X_{22} X_{12}^T X_{11}^{-1} X_{12} < 0$ (ii) $X_{22} < 0$ and $X_{11} X_{12} X_{21}^{-1} X_{12}^T < 0$

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

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

Assumption 2. There exists a known bounding matrix Ξ such as $\|d(x(t))\| \le \|\Xi\|$, 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 $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, r$, there exists a real symmetric positive definite matrix **P**, which satisfy the following the inequality.

$$(\boldsymbol{A}_{i} - \boldsymbol{B}_{i}\boldsymbol{K}_{j})\boldsymbol{P}^{\mathrm{T}} + \boldsymbol{P}(\boldsymbol{A}_{i} - \boldsymbol{B}_{i}\boldsymbol{K}_{j}) + \eta^{2}\boldsymbol{P}\boldsymbol{\Xi}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\Xi}\boldsymbol{P} + \eta_{\pi}^{2}\boldsymbol{P}\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{\pi}^{\mathrm{T}}\boldsymbol{\Xi}_{\pi}\boldsymbol{P} + \boldsymbol{\Theta}\boldsymbol{\Theta}^{\mathrm{T}} < 0 \quad (14)$$

where $\Theta = \left[\frac{1}{\eta} I, \frac{1}{\eta_{\pi}} I\right], \eta, \eta_{\pi} > 0$, the static feedback gains K_{j} are obtained.

Theorem 3. For *i*, $j = 1, 2, ..., r, (D, F_i)$ satisfying condition

$$A_i D + B_i F_j - DA_c = 0$$

$$CD - C_c = 0$$
 (15)

According to the solutions of (D, F_i) , the feedforward control gains K_{cj} are obtained.

4. Simulation

In this section, simulation results are presented in order to illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed robust control scheme. Considering the nonlinearity of NSV dynamics, the aerodynamic coefficients are taken as the nominal cruising flight; the nominal flight of an NSV occurs at a trimmed cruise condition (V = 2500 m/s, H = 45 km); the initial attitude angle conditions are chosen as $\alpha = 1^{\circ}$, $\beta = -1^{\circ}$, $\mu = -1^{\circ}$; the body-axis angular rate is assumed to be $p = q = r = 0^{\circ}/s$; the reference commands are $\alpha_c = 3.4^\circ$, $\beta_c = 0^\circ$, and $\mu_c = 1.2^\circ$, respectively. The external disturbance of the NSV system is 2×10^5 . $[\sin(2t), \sin(2t), \sin(2t)]^T$ Nm, and the system exists -20% aerodynamic parameter perturbation.

According to Theorem 2, the feedback control gains K_i can be obtained as follows:

 K_1

$$=10^{6} \times \begin{bmatrix} -6.16 & -0.85 & -1.84 & -16.2 & -1.61 & -1.62 \\ 0.09 & -12.6 & 2.73 & -0.15 & -6.02 & -34.2 \\ 5.03 & -1.86 & -14.9 & -0.71 & 40.2 & -3.50 \end{bmatrix}$$

 K_2

$$= 10^{6} \times \begin{bmatrix} -5.95 & -0.86 & 2.00 & -11.6 & -11.2 & -1.65 \\ 1.20 & -12.6 & 4.02 & 4.53 & -7.92 & -34.2 \\ -4.35 & -1.89 & -15.2 & -25.2 & 30.9 & -3.58 \end{bmatrix}$$

 K_3

$$=10^{6} \times \begin{bmatrix} -6.16 & 0 & -1.63 & -16.1 & -1.75 & 0 \\ -0.01 & -12.6 & 0 & 0 & -0.04 & -34.2 \\ 5.02 & 0 & -14.9 & -1.34 & 40.0 & 0.05 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$K_{4}$$

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

$$K_{5}$$

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

$$K_{6}$$

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

The reference model is given as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{A}_{c} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \boldsymbol{C}_{c} = \boldsymbol{I}_{3}$$
$$\boldsymbol{x}_{c} (0) = \begin{bmatrix} 2.3^{\circ}, -0.3^{\circ}, 2.3^{\circ} \end{bmatrix}^{\mathrm{T}}$$

In Theorem 3, $K_{cj} = F_j - K_j D$ were obtained.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{K}_{c1} &= 10^{6} \times \begin{bmatrix} 16.2 & 1.61 & 3.86 \\ 0.15 & 6.02 & 35.6 \\ 0.71 & -40.2 & -6.65 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{K}_{c2} &= 10^{6} \times \begin{bmatrix} 16.2 & 1.61 & 3.86 \\ 0.15 & 6.02 & 35.6 \\ 0.71 & -40.2 & -6.65 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{K}_{c3} &= 10^{6} \times \begin{bmatrix} 16.1 & 1.75 & -0.01 \\ 0 & 0.04 & 34.2 \\ 1.34 & -40.0 & -0.05 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{K}_{c4} &= 10^{6} \times \begin{bmatrix} 11.6 & 11.4 & 0.01 \\ -0.02 & 0.02 & 34.2 \\ 25.8 & -30.6 & -0.03 \end{bmatrix} \\ \mathbf{K}_{c5} &= 10^{6} \times \begin{bmatrix} 16.0 & 1.91 & -3.93 \\ -0.16 & -5.93 & 35.6 \\ 1.96 & -39.8 & 6.17 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{K}_{c6} = 10^6 \times \begin{bmatrix} 11.5 & 11.5 & -5.77 \\ 4.49 & -7.88 & 35.6 \\ 26.4 & -30.3 & 1.55 \end{bmatrix}$$

The simulation results indicate the following conclusions. Figure 1 depicts the tracking curve of the angle of attack α ; Fig. 2 represents the tracking curve of the sideslip angle β ; Fig. 3 depicts the tracking curve of the bank angle μ ; 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 α_c , β_c , μ_c are the reference commands of attitude angle α , $\beta\mu$, respectively.

As shown in Figs. 1 through 4, the closed-loop system is asymptotically stable under the proposed robust



Fig. 1. Angle of attack α tracking curve.



Fig. 2. Sideslip angle β tracking curve.



Fig. 3. Bank angle μ tracking curve.



Fig. 4. Angular rate p, q, r state response 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 LMIs. 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 NVS models into accountance [11, 12, 16], and will study attitude tracking control and accommodation approaches to NSVs with functional uncertainty and external disturbance.

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