

Design Sliding Mode Modified Fuzzy Linear Controller with Application to Flexible Robot Manipulator

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Abstract — This paper studies the use of Modified Proportional-Integral-Derivative Sliding Mode Controller (MPIDSMC) control used to control a flexible manipulator. The control gain in the MPIDSMC controller has been determined in an empirical way so far. It is a considerable time-consuming process because the control performance depends not only on the control gain but also on the other parameters such as the payload, references and PID joint servo gains. Hence, the control gain must be tuned considering the other parameters. In order to find the optimal control gain for the MPIDSMC controller, a fuzzy logic approach is proposed in this paper. The proposed fuzzy logic scheme finds an optimum control gain that minimizes the tip vibration for the end effector of the flexible manipulator. Tuned gain response results are compared to results for other types of gains. The effectiveness of using the fuzzy logic appears in the reduction of the computational time and the ability to tune the gain with different loading condition and input parameters.

Index Terms — Modified PID Controller, Flexible manipulator, sliding mode controller, vibration of end effector, fuzzy logic theory

I. INTRODUCTION

The flexible manipulator started to play an important part in many engineering applications nowadays. Major

advantages of flexible manipulators include small mass, fast motion, and large force to mass ratio, which are reflected directly in the reduced energy consumption, increased productivity, and enhanced payload capacity. Unlike the rigid manipulators, the difficulties facing the usage of flexible manipulators are numerous. The modeling of the flexibility of the manipulator is one of the challenges, the non-minimum phase problem, which appears from the modeling of the flexible manipulators, is also another challenge. The precise and availability of the measured variables used in the control is the third challenge. The control of flexible manipulators has been studied with great interest by many researchers over the past years due to its pronounced benefits. To find a controller that can achieve the end effector position of the flexible manipulator in a short time in addition to a suppression of its vibration to be able to achieve the tasks is the main goal of the control of flexible manipulator in the free space. Although significant progresses have been made in many aspects over the last two decades, many issues are not yet resolved yet, and simple, effective, and reliable controls of flexible manipulators remain open requests [1-15].

There are several methods for controlling a flexible robot manipulator, which all of them follow important main goals, namely, acceptable performance [16-21]. However, the mechanical design of flexible robot manipulator is very important to select the best controller to have a reduce vibration but in general two types

schemes can be presented, namely, a joint space control schemes and an operation space control schemes[13-23]. One of the simplest ways to analysis control of multiple Degrees Of Freedom (DOF) flexible robot manipulator is analyzed each joint separately such as SISO systems and design an independent joint controller for each joint. In this methodology, the coupling effects between the joints are modeled as disturbance inputs. To make this controller, the inputs are modeled as: total velocity/displacement and disturbance. Design a controller with the same formulation and different coefficient, low cost hardware and simple structure controller are some of most important independent-joint space controller advantages. In the absence of robot knowledge, proportional-integral-derivative (PID) may be the best controller, because it is model-free, and its parameters can be adjusted easily and separately [24-36]. And it is the most used in flexible robot manipulators. In order to remove steady-state error caused by uncertainties and noise, the integrator gain has to be increased. This leads to worse transient performance, even destroys the stability. The integrator in a PID controller also reduces the bandwidth of the closed-loop system. PD control guarantees stability only when the PD gains tend to infinity, the tracking error does not tend to zero when friction and gravity forces are included in the flexible robot manipulator dynamics [38-69]. Model-based compensation for PD control is an alternative method to substitute PID control [10-28], such as adaptive gravity compensation [11-33], desired gravity compensation [16-49], and PD+ with position measurement [18-69]. They all needed structure information of the robot gravity. Some nonlinear PD controllers can also achieve asymptotic stability, for example PD control with time-varying gains [5], PD control with nonlinear gains [6], and PD control with feedback linearization compensation [8]. But these controllers are complex; many good properties of the linear PID control do not exist because these controllers do not have the same form as the industrial PID. Nonlinear controllers divided into six groups, namely, feedback linearization (computed-torque control), passivity-based control, sliding mode control (variable structure control), artificial intelligence control, Lyapunov-based control and adaptive control[10-69]. Sliding mode controller (SMC) is a powerful nonlinear controller which has been analyzed by many researchers especially in recent years. This theory was first proposed in the early 1950 by Emelyanov and several co-workers and has been extensively developed since then with the invention of high speed control devices [12]. The main reason to opt for this controller is its acceptable control performance in wide range and solves two most important challenging topics in control which names, stability and robustness [7, 17-48]. Sliding mode control theory for control of **flexible** robot manipulator was first proposed in 1978 by Young to solve the set point problem ($\dot{q}_d = 0$) by discontinuous method in the following form;

$$\tau_{(q,t)} = \begin{cases} \tau_i^+(q,t) & \text{if } S_i > 0 \\ \tau_i^-(q,t) & \text{if } S_i < 0 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where S_i is sliding surface (switching surface), $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ for n -DOF flexible robot manipulator, $\tau_i(q,t)$ is the i^{th} torque of joint. In recent years, artificial intelligence theory has been used in sliding mode control systems. Neural network, fuzzy logic and neuro-fuzzy are synergically combined with nonlinear classical controller and used in nonlinear, time variant and uncertain plant (e.g., robot manipulator). Fuzzy logic controller (FLC) is one of the most important applications of fuzzy logic theory. This controller can be used to control nonlinear, uncertain, and noisy systems. This method is free of some model techniques as in model-based controllers. As mentioned that fuzzy logic application is not only limited to the modeling of nonlinear systems [31-45] but also this method can help engineers to design a model-free controller. Control robot arm manipulators using model-based controllers are based on manipulator dynamic model. These controllers often have many problems for modeling. Conventional controllers require accurate information of dynamic model of robot manipulator, but most of time these models are MIMO, nonlinear and partly uncertain therefore calculate accurate dynamic model is complicated [32]. The main reasons to use fuzzy logic methodology are able to give approximate recommended solution for uncertain and also certain complicated systems to easy understanding and flexible. Fuzzy logic provides a method to design a model-free controller for nonlinear plant with a set of IF-THEN rules [22-69]. Normal combinations of fuzzy logic methodology (FLM) and modified PID sliding mode controller (MPIDSMC) are to apply fuzzy parallel compensator at the same time [22-45], while FLM compensates the control error, MPIDSMC reduce the error of fuzzy inference system such that the final tracking error is asymptotically stable [12-38]. This paper is organized as follows; second part focuses on the modeling dynamic formulation based on Lagrange methodology, fuzzy logic methodology and computed torque controller to have a robust control. Third part is focused on the methodology which can be used to reduce the error, increase the performance quality and increase the robustness and stability. Simulation result and discussion is illustrated in forth part which based on trajectory following and disturbance rejection. The last part focuses on the conclusion and compare between this method and the other ones.

II. THEORY

Dynamic Formulation of Flexible Robot Manipulator: It can be evinced from the force expressions that the total input forces acting on each module can be resolved into an additive component along the direction of extension and a subtractive component that results in a torque. For the first module, there is an additional torque produced by forces in the third module.

The model resulting from the application of Lagrange's equations of motion obtained for this system can be represented in the form

$$F_{coeff} \underline{\tau} = D(\underline{q}) \ddot{\underline{q}} + C(\underline{q}) \dot{\underline{q}} + G(\underline{q}) \quad (2)$$

where τ is a vector of input forces and q is a vector of generalized co-ordinates. The force coefficient matrix F_{coeff} transforms the input forces to the generalized forces and torques in the system. The inertia matrix, D is composed of four block matrices. The block matrices that correspond to pure linear accelerations and pure angular accelerations in the system (on the top left and on the bottom right) are symmetric. The matrix C contains coefficients of the first order derivatives of the generalized co-ordinates. Since the system is nonlinear, many elements of C contain first order derivatives of the generalized co-ordinates. The remaining terms in the dynamic equations resulting from gravitational potential energies and spring energies are collected in the matrix G . The coefficient matrices of the dynamic equations are given below [46-55],

$$F_{coeff} = \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cos(\theta_1) & \cos(\theta_1) & \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & \cos(\theta_2) & \cos(\theta_2) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 + s_2 \sin(\theta_2) & -1/2 + s_2 \sin(\theta_2) \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & -1/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D(\underline{q}) = \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_1 + m_2 + m_3 & m_2 \cos(\theta_1) + m_3 \cos(\theta_1) & m_3 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -m_3 s_2 \sin(\theta_1) & -m_3 s_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & 0 \\ m_2 \cos(\theta_1) + m_3 \cos(\theta_1) & m_2 + m_3 & m_3 \cos(\theta_2) & -m_3 s_1 \sin(\theta_2) & -m_3 s_1 \sin(\theta_2) & 0 \\ m_3 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & m_3 \cos(\theta_2) & m_3 & m_3 s_1 \sin(\theta_2) & 0 & 0 \\ -m_3 s_2 \sin(\theta_1) & -m_3 s_2 \sin(\theta_1) & m_3 s_2 \sin(\theta_2) & m_2 s_2^2 + I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + m_3 s_2^2 + m_3 s_1^2 + 2m_3 s_1 \cos(\theta_2) s_2 & I_2 + m_3 s_2^2 + I_3 & I_3 \\ -m_3 s_2 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -m_3 s_2 \sin(\theta_2) & m_3 s_2 \sin(\theta_2) & + m_3 s_1 \cos(\theta_2) s_2 & + m_3 s_1 \cos(\theta_2) s_2 & I_3 \\ -m_3 s_1 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) & -m_3 s_1 \sin(\theta_2) & 0 & I_2 + m_3 s_1^2 + I_3 & I_2 + m_3 s_1^2 + I_3 & I_3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I_3 & I_3 & I_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C(\underline{q}) = \quad (5)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{11} + c_{21} & -2m_2 \sin(\theta_1) \dot{\theta}_1 & -2m_3 \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) & -m_3 s_2 \cos(\theta_1) \dot{\theta}_1 & -m_3 s_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) & 0 \\ 0 & c_{12} + c_{22} & -2m_3 \sin(\theta_2) (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) & -m_3 s_1 \cos(\theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1 & -m_3 s_1 \cos(\theta_2) (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) & 0 \\ 0 & 2m_3 \sin(\theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1 & c_{13} + c_{23} & -m_3 s_1 s_2 \cos(\theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1 & -m_3 s_1 s_2 \cos(\theta_2) (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) & (1/2)(c_{13} + c_{23}) \\ (1/2)(c_{11} + c_{21}) & 2m_3 s_1 \cos(\theta_1) \dot{\theta}_1 & 2m_3 s_1 (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) & 2m_3 s_1 s_2 \sin(\theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1 & m_3 s_1 s_2 \sin(\theta_2) (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) & 0 \\ 0 & (1/2)(c_{12} + c_{22}) + 2m_3 s_1 \cos(\theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1 & 2m_3 s_1 (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) & m_3 s_1 s_2 \sin(\theta_2) \dot{\theta}_1 & m_3 s_1 s_2 \sin(\theta_2) (\dot{\theta}_1 + \dot{\theta}_2) & (1/4)(c_{13} + c_{23}) \\ 0 & 0 & (1/2)(c_{13} - c_{23}) & 0 & 0 & (1/4)(c_{13} + c_{23}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G(\underline{q}) = \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -m_1 g - m_2 g + k_{11}(s_1 + (1/2)\theta_1 - s_{01}) + k_{21}(s_1 - (1/2)\theta_1 - s_{01}) - m_3 g \\ -m_2 g \cos(\theta_1) + k_{12}(s_2 + (1/2)\theta_2 - s_{02}) + k_{22}(s_2 - (1/2)\theta_2 - s_{02}) - m_3 g \cos(\theta_1) \\ -m_3 g \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + k_{13}(s_3 + (1/2)\theta_3 - s_{03}) + k_{23}(s_3 - (1/2)\theta_3 - s_{03}) \\ m_2 s_2 g \sin(\theta_1) + m_3 s_2 g \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + m_3 s_2 g \sin(\theta_1) + k_{11}(s_1 + (1/2)\theta_1 - s_{01})(1/2) + k_{21}(s_1 - (1/2)\theta_1 - s_{01})(-1/2) \\ m_3 s_2 g \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + k_{12}(s_2 + (1/2)\theta_2 - s_{02})(1/2) + k_{22}(s_2 - (1/2)\theta_2 - s_{02})(-1/2) \\ k_{13}(s_3 + (1/2)\theta_3 - s_{03})(1/2) + k_{23}(s_3 - (1/2)\theta_3 - s_{03})(-1/2) \end{bmatrix}$$

Design PID Controller: Design of a linear methodology to control of flexible robot manipulator was very straight forward. Since there was an output from the torque model, this means that there would be two inputs into the PID controller. Similarly, the outputs of the controller result from the two control inputs of the torque signal. In a typical PID method, the controller corrects the error between the desired input value and the measured value. Since the actual position is the measured signal. Figure 1 is shown linear PID methodology, applied to flexible robot manipulator [56-69].

$$e(t) = \theta_a(t) - \theta_d(t) \quad (7)$$

$$U_{PID} = K_p e + K_v \dot{e} + K_I \int e \quad (8)$$

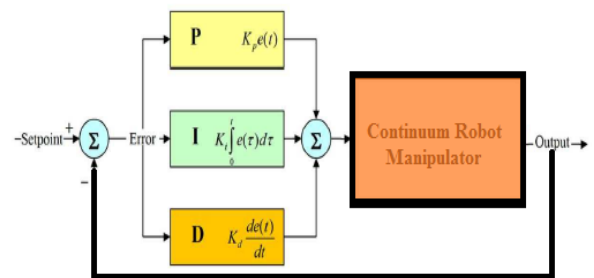


Fig 1: Block diagram of linear PID method

The model-free control strategy is based on the assumption that the joints of the manipulators are all independent and the system can be decoupled into a group of single-axis control systems [18-23]. Therefore, the kinematic control method always results in a group of individual controllers, each for an active joint of the manipulator. With the independent joint assumption, no a priori knowledge of robot manipulator dynamics is needed in the kinematic controller design, so the complex computation of its dynamics can be avoided and the controller design can be greatly simplified. This is suitable for real-time control applications when powerful processors, which can execute complex algorithms rapidly, are not accessible. However, since joints coupling is neglected, control performance degrades as operating speed increases and a manipulator controlled in this way is only appropriate for relatively slow motion [44, 46]. The fast motion requirement results in even higher dynamic coupling between the various robot joints,

which cannot be compensated for by a standard robot controller such as PID [50], and hence model-based control becomes the alternative.

Sliding mode controller: Consider a nonlinear single input dynamic system is defined by [6]:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}^{(n)} = \mathbf{f}(\vec{\mathbf{x}}) + \mathbf{b}(\vec{\mathbf{x}})\mathbf{u} \quad (9)$$

Where \mathbf{u} is the vector of control input, $\mathbf{x}^{(n)}$ is the n^{th} derivation of \mathbf{x} , $\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}, \dot{\mathbf{x}}, \ddot{\mathbf{x}}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(n-1)}]^T$ is the state vector, $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ is unknown or uncertainty, and $\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{x})$ is of known *sign* function. The main goal to design this controller is train to the desired state; $\mathbf{x}_d = [\mathbf{x}_d, \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d, \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_d, \dots, \mathbf{x}_d^{(n-1)}]^T$, and tracking error vector is defined by [6]:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_d = [\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \dots, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}^{(n-1)}]^T \quad (10)$$

A time-varying sliding surface $\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t})$ in the state space \mathbf{R}^n is given by [6]:

$$\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \left(\frac{d}{dt} + \lambda\right)^{n-1} \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{0} \quad (11)$$

where λ is the positive constant. To further penalize tracking error, integral part can be used in sliding surface part as follows [6]:

$$\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \left(\frac{d}{dt} + \lambda\right)^{n-1} \left(\int_0^t \tilde{\mathbf{x}} dt\right) = \mathbf{0} \quad (12)$$

The main target in this methodology is kept the sliding surface slope $\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t})$ near to the zero. Therefore, one of the common strategies is to find input \mathbf{U} outside of $\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t})$ [6].

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} s^2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) \leq -\zeta |s(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t})| \quad (13)$$

where ζ is positive constant.

$$\text{If } S(0) > 0 \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} S(\mathbf{t}) \leq -\zeta \quad (14)$$

To eliminate the derivative term, it is used an integral term from $t=0$ to $t=t_{reach}$

$$\int_{t=0}^{t=t_{reach}} \frac{d}{dt} S(\mathbf{t}) \leq -\int_{t=0}^{t=t_{reach}} \eta \rightarrow S(t_{reach}) - S(0) \leq -\zeta(t_{reach} - 0) \quad (15)$$

Where t_{reach} is the time that trajectories reach to the sliding surface so, suppose $S(t_{reach} = 0)$ defined as;

$$\mathbf{0} - S(0) \leq -\eta(t_{reach}) \rightarrow t_{reach} \leq \frac{S(0)}{\zeta} \quad (16)$$

And

$$\text{if } S(0) < 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{0} - S(0) \leq -\eta(t_{reach}) \rightarrow S(0) \leq -\zeta(t_{reach}) \rightarrow t_{reach} \leq \frac{|S(0)|}{\eta} \quad (17)$$

Equation (17) guarantees time to reach the sliding surface is smaller than $\frac{|S(0)|}{\zeta}$ since the trajectories are outside of $S(t)$.

$$\text{if } S_{t_{reach}} = S(0) \rightarrow \text{error}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_d) = \mathbf{0} \quad (18)$$

suppose S is defined as

$$\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \left(\frac{d}{dt} + \lambda\right) \tilde{\mathbf{x}} = (\dot{\mathbf{x}} - \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d) + \lambda(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_d) \quad (19)$$

The derivation of S , namely, \dot{S} can be calculated as the following;

$$\dot{S} = (\ddot{\mathbf{x}} - \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_d) + \lambda(\dot{\mathbf{x}} - \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d) \quad (20)$$

suppose the second order system is defined as;

$$\ddot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{u} \rightarrow \dot{S} = \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{U} - \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_d + \lambda(\dot{\mathbf{x}} - \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d) \quad (21)$$

Where \mathbf{f} is the dynamic uncertain, and also since $S = 0$ and $\dot{S} = 0$, to have the best approximation, $\hat{\mathbf{U}}$ is defined as

$$\hat{\mathbf{U}} = -\hat{\mathbf{f}} + \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_d - \lambda(\dot{\mathbf{x}} - \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d) \quad (22)$$

A simple solution to get the sliding condition when the dynamic parameters have uncertainty is the switching control law [52-53]:

$$\mathbf{U}_{dis} = \hat{\mathbf{U}} - \mathbf{K}(\vec{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{t}) \cdot \text{sgn}(\mathbf{s}) \quad (23)$$

where the switching function $\text{sgn}(\mathbf{S})$ is defined as [1, 6]

$$\text{sgn}(\mathbf{s}) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{s} > 0 \\ -\mathbf{1} & \mathbf{s} < 0 \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{s} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

and the $\mathbf{K}(\vec{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{t})$ is the positive constant. Suppose by (25) the following equation can be written as,

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} s^2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \dot{S} \cdot S = [\mathbf{f} - \hat{\mathbf{f}} - \mathbf{K} \text{sgn}(\mathbf{s})] \cdot S = (\mathbf{f} - \hat{\mathbf{f}}) \cdot S - \mathbf{K}|S| \quad (25)$$

and if the equation (17) instead of (16) the sliding surface can be calculated as

$$\mathbf{s}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{t}) = \left(\frac{d}{dt} + \lambda\right)^2 \left(\int_0^t \tilde{\mathbf{x}} dt\right) = (\ddot{\mathbf{x}} - \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_d) + 2\lambda(\dot{\mathbf{x}} - \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d) - \lambda^2(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_d) \quad (26)$$

in this method the approximation of \mathbf{U} is computed as [6]

$$\hat{\mathbf{U}} = -\hat{\mathbf{f}} + \ddot{\mathbf{x}}_d - 2\lambda(\dot{\mathbf{x}} - \dot{\mathbf{x}}_d) + \lambda^2(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_d) \quad (27)$$

Based on above discussion, the sliding mode control law for multi degrees of freedom robot manipulator is written as [1, 6]:

$$\tau = \tau_{eq} + \tau_{dis} \quad (28)$$

Where, the model-based component τ_{eq} is the nominal dynamics of systems calculated as follows [1]:

$$\tau_{eq} = [D^{-1}(f + C + G) + \dot{S}]D \quad (29)$$

and τ_{dis} is computed as [1];

$$\tau_{dis} = K \cdot \text{sgn}(S) \quad (30)$$

By (30) and (29) the sliding mode control of robot manipulator is calculated as;

$$\tau = [D^{-1}(f + C + G) + \dot{S}]D + K \cdot \text{sgn}(S) \quad (31)$$

Proof of Stability: The Lyapunov formulation can be written as follows,

$$V = \frac{1}{2} S^T \cdot D \cdot S \quad (32)$$

the derivation of V can be determined as,

$$\dot{V} = \frac{1}{2} S^T \cdot \dot{D} \cdot S + S^T D \dot{S} \quad (33)$$

the dynamic equation of robot manipulator can be written based on the sliding surface as

$$M\dot{S} = -VS + \dot{D}\dot{S} + f + C + G \quad (34)$$

it is assumed that

$$S^T(\dot{D} - 2f + C + G)S = 0 \quad (35)$$

by substituting (34) in (35)

$$\dot{V} = \frac{1}{2} S^T D \dot{S} - S^T f + CS + S^T(D\dot{S} + f + CS + G) = S^T(D\dot{S} + f + CS + G) \quad (36)$$

suppose the control input is written as follows

$$\hat{U} = U_{\text{Nonlinear}} + \hat{U}_{\text{dis}} = [D^{-1}(f + C + G) + \dot{S}]D + K \cdot \text{sgn}(S) + D + CS + G \quad (37)$$

by replacing the equation (40) in (32)

$$\dot{V} = S^T(D\dot{S} + f + C + G - \hat{D}\dot{S} - \hat{f} + CS + G - K\text{sgn}(S)) = S^T(\bar{D}\dot{S} + \bar{f} + CS + G - K\text{sgn}(S)) \quad (38)$$

and

$$|\bar{D}\dot{S} + \bar{f} + CS + G| \leq |\bar{D}\dot{S}| + |\bar{f} + CS + G| \quad (39)$$

the Lemma equation in robot arm system can be written as follows

$$K_u = [|\bar{D}\dot{S}| + |\bar{f} + CS + G| + \eta]_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots \quad (40)$$

and finally;

$$\dot{V} \leq - \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i |S_i| \quad (41)$$

Figure 2 show the pure PID sliding mode controller applied to flexible robot.

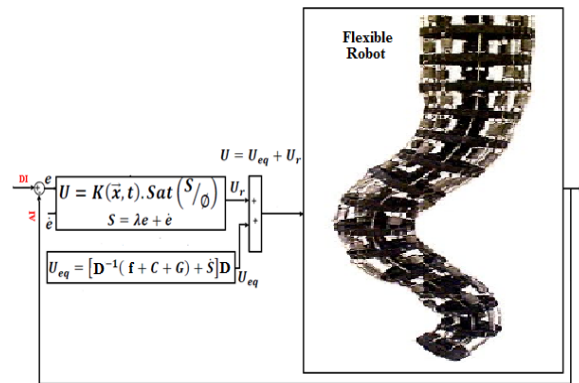


Fig 2: Sliding Mode Controller

Fuzzy Logic Technique: Based on foundation of fuzzy logic methodology; fuzzy logic management has played important rule to design nonlinear management for nonlinear and uncertain systems [16-36]. However the application area for fuzzy control is really wide, the basic form for all command types of controllers consists of; Input fuzzification (binary-to-fuzzy [B/F] conversion), Fuzzy rule base (knowledge base), Inference engine and Output defuzzification (fuzzy-to-binary [F/B] conversion). Figure 3 shows the fuzzy controller part. The fuzzy inference engine offers a mechanism for transferring the rule base in fuzzy set which it is divided into two most important methods, namely, Mamdani method and Sugeno method. Mamdani method is one of the common fuzzy inference systems and he designed one of the first fuzzy managements to control of system engine. Mamdani's fuzzy inference system is divided into four major steps: fuzzification, rule evaluation, aggregation of the rule outputs and defuzzification. Michio Sugeno uses a singleton as a membership function of the rule consequent part. The following definition shows the Mamdani and Sugeno fuzzy rule base [22-33]

if x is A and y is B then z is C 'mamdani'
if x is A and y is B then z is f(x, y)'sugeno'

When x and y have crisp values fuzzification calculates the membership degrees for antecedent part. Rule

evaluation focuses on fuzzy operation (*AND/OR*) in the antecedent of the fuzzy rules. The aggregation is used to calculate the output fuzzy set and several methodologies can be used in fuzzy logic controller aggregation, namely, Max-Min aggregation, Sum-Min aggregation, Max-bounded product, Max-drastic product, Max-bounded sum, Max-algebraic sum and Min-max. Defuzzification is the last step in the fuzzy inference system which it is used to transform fuzzy set to crisp set. Consequently defuzzification's input is the aggregate output and the defuzzification's output is a crisp number. Centre of gravity method (*COG*) and Centre of area method (*COA*) are two most common defuzzification methods [34-69].

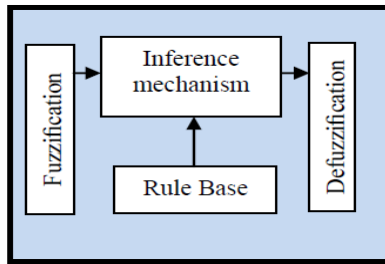


Fig 3: Fuzzy Controller Part

III. METHODOLOGY

Chattering phenomenon is one of the most important challenges in pure sliding mode controller with regards to the certain and partly uncertain systems. To reduce or eliminate the chattering in sliding mode controller most of researcher are focused on boundary layer method. In boundary layer method the basic idea is replaced the discontinuous method by saturation (linear) method with small neighborhood of the switching surface.

$$B(t) = \{x, |S(t)| \leq \emptyset\}; \emptyset > 0 \tag{42}$$

where \emptyset is the boundary layer thickness. Therefore the saturation function $\text{Sat}(S/\emptyset)$ is added to the control law as

$$U = K(\bar{x}, t) \cdot \text{Sat}(S/\emptyset) \tag{43}$$

where $\text{Sat}(S/\emptyset)$ can be defined as

$$\text{sat}\left(\frac{S}{\emptyset}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & (S/\emptyset > 1) \\ -1 & (S/\emptyset < -1) \\ S/\emptyset & (-1 < S/\emptyset < 1) \end{cases} \tag{44}$$

Based on above discussion, the control law for multi degrees of freedom robot manipulator is written as:

$$\tau = \tau_{eq} + \tau_{sat} \tag{45}$$

Where, the model-based component τ_{eq} is the nominal dynamics of systems and to position control of continuum robot manipulator τ_{eq} can be calculate as follows:

$$\tau_{eq} = [D^{-1}(f + C + G) + \dot{S}]D \tag{46}$$

and τ_{sat} is computed as;

$$\tau_{sat} = K \cdot \text{sat}(S/\emptyset) \tag{47}$$

by replace the formulation (47) in (45) the control output can be written as;

$$\tau = \tau_{eq} + K \cdot \text{sat}(S/\emptyset) = \begin{cases} \tau_{eq} + K \cdot \text{sgn}(S) & , |S| \geq \emptyset \\ \tau_{eq} + K \cdot S/\emptyset & , |S| < \emptyset \end{cases} \tag{48}$$

By (48) and (46) the sliding mode control of continuum robot manipulator is calculated as;

$$\tau = [D^{-1}(f + C + G) + \dot{S}]D + K \cdot \text{sat}(S/\emptyset) \tag{49}$$

To solve the challenge of pure sliding mode controller based on nonlinear dynamic formulation and chattering phenomenon this research is focused on applied modified PID fuzzy methodology to estimate the nonlinear equivalent formulation and reduce the chattering. In this method; modified PID sliding surface slope calculate and applied to fuzzy logic system to modified nonlinear sliding surface slope. Dynamic nonlinear equivalent part is estimate by performance/error-based fuzzy logic controller which applied to previous sliding surface slope. In fuzzy error-based sliding mode controller; error based Mamdani's fuzzy inference system has considered with one input, one output and totally 7 rules to design nonlinear PID modified sliding surface slope. Figure 4 shows the modified PID fuzzy applied to sliding mode controller.

$$\tag{50}$$

$$S_{\text{modified-fuzzy}} = [\alpha e + \dot{e} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^2 \sum e] \sum_{l=1}^M \theta^T \zeta(x)$$

Based on fuzzy logic methodology

$$f(x) = U_{\text{fuzzy}} = \sum_{l=1}^M \theta^T \zeta(x) \tag{51}$$

where θ^T is adjustable parameter (gain updating factor) and $\zeta(x)$ is defined by;

$$\zeta(x) = \frac{\sum_i \mu(x_i) x_i}{\sum_i \mu(x_i)} \tag{52}$$

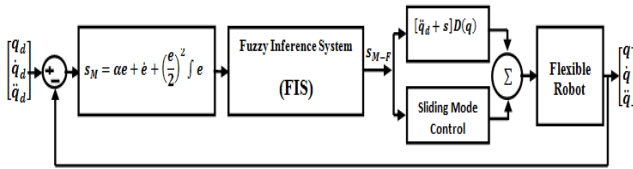


Fig 4: Block Diagram of Fuzzy PID Modified New Sliding Mode Control

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, we use a benchmark model, robot manipulator, to evaluate our control algorithms. We compare the following methods: PD sliding mode controller, conventional fuzzy sliding mode controller and fuzzy PID modified new sliding mode controller which is proposed method in this paper. The simulation was implemented based on MATLAB/SIMULINK.

Close loop response of robot manipulator trajectory planning: Figure 5 illustrates the tracking performance in these methodologies.

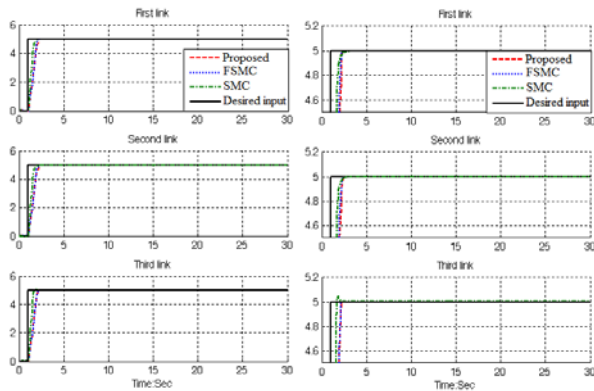


Fig 5: Pure SMC, Fuzzy SMC and Proposed method trajectory following without disturbance

Based on Figure 5; pure SMC controller has a slight overshoot in all links, because this flexible robot is a highly nonlinear system and control of this system by pure nonlinear method is very difficult.

Close loop response of trajectory planning in presence of disturbance: Figure 6 demonstrates the power disturbance elimination in these controllers in presence of disturbance for flexible robot manipulator. The disturbance rejection is used to test the robustness in this nonlinear system.

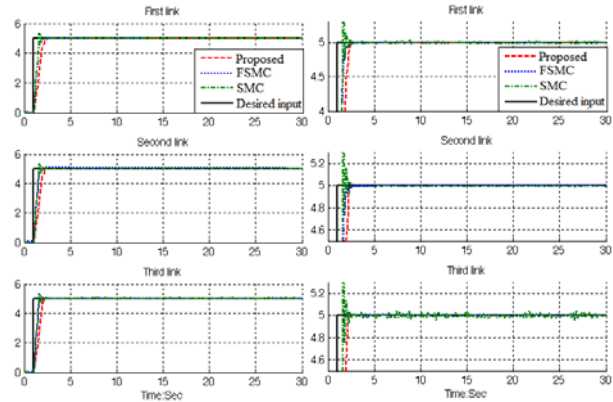


Fig 6: Pure SMC, Fuzzy SMC and Proposed method trajectory following in presence of disturbance

Based on Figure 6; by comparison between SMC, fuzzy SMC and proposed method, proposed methodology is more stable and robust than pure nonlinear controller.

V. CONCLUSION

The important contributions of this paper are; design modified PID controller to pre adjust and tune the error, design fuzzy logic controller by one input and output to compensate nonlinear equivalent part in sliding mode controller and reduce the chattering phenomenon, partly linear term which is used to bypass the inertial term in nonlinear system and sliding mode controller which is a main nonlinear and robust controller. The structure of sliding mode controller with modified PID serial fuzzy inference compensator is new. We also propose parallel partly linear term structure compensator to reduce the error and increase the stability.

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