Design New PID like Fuzzy CTC Controller: Applied to Spherical Motor

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Abstract—The minimum rule base Proportional Integral Derivative (PID) Fuzzy Computed Torque Controller with application to spherical motor is presented in this research. The popularity of PID Fuzzy Computed Torque Controller can be attributed to their robust performance in a wide range of operating conditions and partly to their functional simplicity. PID methodology has three inputs and if any input is described with seven linguistic values, and any rule has three conditions we will need 343 rules. It is too much work to write 343 rules and have lots of problem to design embedded control system e.g., Field Programmable Gate Array (FPGA). In this research the PID-like fuzzy controller can be constructed as a parallel structure of a PD-like fuzzy controller and a conventional PI controller to have the minimum rule base and acceptable trajectory follow disturbance to control of spherical motor. However computed torque controller is work based on cancelling decoupling and nonlinear terms of dynamic parameters for each direction of three degree of freedom spherical motor, this controller is work based on motor dynamic model and this technique is highly sensitive to the knowledge of all parameters of nonlinear spherical motor's dynamic equation. This research is used to reduce or eliminate the computed torque controller problem based on minimum rule base fuzzy logic theory to control of three degrees of freedom spherical motor system and testing of the quality of process control in the simulation environment of MATLAB/SIMULINK Simulator.

Index Term—PID like fuzzy control, computed torque controller, PD like fuzzy control, conventional PI control, three degrees of freedom spherical motor.

I. INTRODUCTION

Multi-degree-of-freedom (DOF) actuators are finding wide use in a number of Industries. Currently, a significant number of the existing robotic actuators that can realize multi-DOF motion are constructed using gear and linkages to connect several single-DOF motors in series and/or parallel. Not only do such actuators tend to be large in size and mass, but they also have a decreased positioning accuracy due to mechanical deformation, friction and backlash of the gears and linkages. A number of these systems also exhibit singularities in their workspaces, which makes it virtually impossible to obtain

uniform, high-speed, and high-precision motion. For high precession trajectory planning and control, it is necessary to replace the actuator system made up of several single-DOF motors connected in series and/or parallel with a single multi-DOF actuator. The need for such systems has motivated years of research in the development of unusual, yet high performance actuators that have the potential to realize multi-DOF motion in a single joint. One such actuator is the spherical motor. Compared to conventional robotic manipulators that offer the same motion capabilities, the spherical motor possesses several advantages. Not only can the motor combine 3-DOF motion in a single joint, it has a large range of motion with no singularities in its workspace. The spherical motor is much simpler and more compact in design than most multiple single-axis robotic manipulators. The motor is also relatively easy to manufacture. The spherical motor have potential contributions to a wide range of applications such as coordinate measuring, object tracking, material handling, automated assembling, welding, and laser cutting. All these applications require high precision motion and fast dynamic response, which the spherical motor is capable of delivering. Previous research efforts on the spherical motor have demonstrated most of these features. These, however, come with a number of challenges. The spherical motor exhibits coupled, nonlinear and very complex dynamics. The design and implementation of feedback controllers for the motor are complicated by these dynamics. The controller design is further complicated by the orientation-varying torque generated by the spherical motor. Some of these challenges have been the focus of previous and ongoing research [1-11].

Controller (control system) is a device to sense information from linear or nonlinear system (e.g., three degrees of freedom spherical motor) and improve the systems performance [11-20]. In feedback control system considering that there are many disturbances and also variable dynamic parameters something that is really necessary is keeping plant variables close to the desired value. Feedback control system development is the most important thing in many different fields of safety engineering. The main targets in design control systems are safety stability, good disturbance rejection to reach the best safety, and small tracking error[21-33]. At present, in some applications spherical motors are used in unknown and unstructured environment, therefore strong

mathematical tools used in new control methodologies to design nonlinear robust controller with an acceptable safety performance (e.g., minimum error, good trajectory, disturbance rejection). According to the control theory, systems' controls are divided into two main groups: conventional control theory and soft computing control theory. Conventional control theories are work based on system dynamic model. This technique is highly sensitive to the knowledge of all parameters of nonlinear spherical motor's dynamic equation. Conventional control theory is divided into two main groups: linear control theory and nonlinear control theory. Soft computing (intelligent) control theory is free of some challenges associated to conventional control theory. This technique is worked based on intelligent control theory. This theory is divided into the following groups: fuzzy logic theory, neural network theory, genetic algorithm and neuro-fuzzy theory.

One of the most important nonlinear safety controllers is computed torque methodology which is used in nonlinear certain systems. This methodology is used in wide range areas such as in safety control access process; in aerospace applications and in robotics because this methodology can solve some main challenging topics in safety control access such as resistivity to the external disturbance and stability. Even though, this methodology is used in wide range areas but, pure computed torque method has an important drawbacks beside uncertain system and also in presence of external disturbance. Uncertainty in system can causes some problems about safety in industrial factory [34-50].

Although the fuzzy-logic control is not a new technique, its application in this current research is considered to be novel since it aimed for an automated dynamic-less response rather than for the traditional objective of uncertainties compensation[38-55]. The intelligent tracking control using the fuzzy-logic technique provides a cost-and-time efficient control implementation due to the automated dynamic-less input. This in turn would further inspire multi-uncertainties testing for continuum robot [38-55]. In project we can used fuzzy logic theory when a plant can be considered as a black box with outputs available for measurement and a possibility of changing inputs. The plant is supposed to be observable and controllable. Some information about the plant operation or plant control is available, which can or cannot be of a quantitative nature, but it can be formulated as a set of rules (maybe after some processing). An acceptable fuzzy control solution is possible, which should satisfy design specifications. It must not be optimal in regard to some criteria as it is hard to prove that a fuzzy control system is optimal and even stable. However, a fuzzy controller is able to provide a stable and 'good' solution.

This paper is organized as follows; section 2, is served as an introduction to the dynamic of three degrees of freedom spherical motor, computed torque controller, design linear PID controller and fuzzy inference system. Part 3, introduces and describes the methodology algorithm. Section 4 presents the simulation results and discussion and the final section describe the conclusion.

II. THEORY

Dynamic and Kinematics Formulation of Spherical

Motor: Dynamic modeling of spherical motors is used to describe the behavior of spherical motor such as linear or nonlinear dynamic behavior, design of model based controller such as pure sliding mode controller which design this controller is based on nonlinear dynamic equations, and for simulation. The dynamic modeling describes the relationship between motion, velocity, and accelerations to force/torque or current/voltage and also it can be used to describe the particular dynamic effects (e.g., inertia, coriolios, centrifugal, and the other parameters) to behavior of system[1-10]. Spherical motor has nonlinear and uncertain dynamic parameters 3 degrees of freedom (DOF) motor.

The equation of a spherical motor governed by the following equation [1-10]:

$$H(q) \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{\alpha} \\ \ddot{\beta} \\ \ddot{\gamma} \end{bmatrix} + B(q) \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\alpha}\dot{\beta} \\ \dot{\alpha}\dot{\gamma} \\ \dot{\beta}\dot{\gamma} \end{bmatrix} + C(q) \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\alpha}^2 \\ \dot{\beta}^2 \\ \dot{\gamma}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_x \\ \tau_y \\ \tau_z \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Where τ is actuation torque, $H(q)$ is a symmetric and positive define inertia matrix, $B(q)$ is the matrix of coriolios torques, $C(q)$ is the matrix of centrifugal torques.

This is a decoupled system with simple second order linear differential dynamics. In other words, the component $\ddot{q}$ influences, with a double integrator relationship, only the variable q_i , independently of the motion of the other parts. Therefore, the angular acceleration is found as to be [1-11]:

$$\ddot{q} = H^{-1}(q) \cdot \{\tau - \{B + C\}\} \quad (2)$$

This technique is very attractive from a control point of view.

Study of spherical motor is classified into two main groups: kinematics and dynamics. Calculate the relationship between rigid bodies and final part without any forces is called Kinematics. Study of this part is pivotal to design with an acceptable performance controller, and in real situations and practical applications. As expected the study of kinematics is divided into two main parts: forward and inverse kinematics. Forward kinematics has been used to find the position and orientation of task frame when angles of joints are known. Inverse kinematics has been used to find possible joints variable (angles) when all position and orientation of task frame be active [1].

The main target in forward kinematics is calculating the following function:

$$\Psi(X, q) = 0 \quad (3)$$

Where $\Psi(.) \in R^n$ is a nonlinear vector function, $X = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_l]^T$ is the vector of task space variables which generally task frame has three task space variables, three orientation, $q = [q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n]^T$ is a

vector of angles or displacement, and finally n is the number of actuated joints. The Denavit-Hartenberg (D-H) convention is a method of drawing spherical motor free body diagrams. Denavit-Hartenberg (D-H) convention study is necessary to calculate forward kinematics in this motor.

A systematic Forward Kinematics solution is the main target of this part. The first step to compute Forward Kinematics (F.K) is finding the standard D-H parameters. The following steps show the systematic derivation of the standard D-H parameters.

1. Locate the spherical motor
2. Label joints
3. Determine joint rotation (θ)
4. Setup base coordinate frames.
5. Setup joints coordinate frames.
6. Determine α_i , that α_i , link twist, is the angle between Z_i and Z_{i+1} about an X_i .
7. Determine d_i and a_i , that a_i , link length, is the distance between Z_i and Z_{i+1} along X_i . d_i , offset, is the distance between X_{i-1} and X_i along Z_i axis.
8. Fill up the D-H parameters table. The second step to compute Forward kinematics is finding the rotation matrix (R_n^0). The rotation matrix from $\{F_i\}$ to $\{F_{i-1}\}$ is given by the following equation;

$$R_i^{i-1} = U_{i(\theta_i)} V_{i(\alpha_i)} \quad (4)$$

Where $U_{i(\theta_i)}$ is given by the following equation [1-11];

$$U_{i(\theta_i)} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta_i) & -\sin(\theta_i) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta_i) & \cos(\theta_i) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

and $V_{i(\alpha_i)}$ is given by the following equation [1-11];

$$V_{i(\alpha_i)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos(\alpha_i) & -\sin(\alpha_i) \\ 0 & \sin(\alpha_i) & \cos(\alpha_i) \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

So (R_n^0) is given by [8]

$$R_n^0 = (U_1 V_1)(U_2 V_2) \dots \dots (U_n V_n) \quad (7)$$

The final step to compute the forward kinematics is calculate the transformation ${}^0T_n$ by the following formulation [3]

$${}^0T_n = {}^0T_1 \cdot {}^1T_2 \cdot {}^2T_3 \dots \dots {}^{n-1}T_n = \begin{bmatrix} R_n^0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

Computed torque methodology: Computed torque controller (CTC) is a powerful nonlinear controller which it widely used in control of nonlinear systems. It is based on feedback linearization and computes the required arm torques using the nonlinear feedback control law. This controller works very well when all dynamic and physical parameters are known but when the robot has variation in dynamic parameters, the controller has no acceptable

trajectory performance[14]. In practice, most of physical systems (e.g., spherical motor) parameters are unknown or time variant, therefore, computed torque like controller used to compensate dynamic equation of spherical motor [13-23]. When all dynamic and physical parameters are known, computed torque controller works fantastically; practically a large amount of systems have uncertainties, therefore computed torque like controller is the best case to solve this challenge. The central idea of computed torque controller (CTC) is feedback linearization so, originally this algorithm is called feedback linearization controller. It has assumed that the desired motion trajectory for the manipulator $q_d(t)$, as determined, by a path planner. Defines the tracking error as:

$$e(t) = q_d(t) - q_a(t) \quad (9)$$

Where $e(t)$ is error of the plant, $q_d(t)$ is desired input variable, that in our system is desired displacement, $q_a(t)$ is actual displacement. If an alternative linear state-space equation in the form $\dot{x} = Ax + Bu$ can be defined as

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} u \quad (10)$$

With $U = -D^{-1}(q).N(q, \dot{q}) + H^{-1}(q).\tau$ and this is known as the Brunousky canonical form. By (9) and (10) the Brunousky canonical form can be written in terms of the state $x = [e^T \dot{e}^T]^T$ as [24]:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} e \\ \dot{e} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} e \\ \dot{e} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix} u \quad (11)$$

With

$$U = \ddot{q}_d + H^{-1}(q). \{N(q, \dot{q}) - \tau\} \quad (12)$$

Then compute the required arm torques using inverse of (12), is;

$$\tau = H(q)(\ddot{q}_d - U) + N(\dot{q}, q) \quad (13)$$

This is a nonlinear feedback control law that guarantees tracking of desired trajectory. Selecting proportional-plus-derivative (PD) feedback for $U(t)$ results in the PD-computed torque controller [24];

$$\tau = H(q)(\ddot{q}_d + K_v \dot{e} + K_p e) + N(q, \dot{q}) \quad (14)$$

and the resulting linear error dynamics are

$$(\ddot{q}_d + K_v \dot{e} + K_p e) = 0 \quad (15)$$

According to the linear system theory, convergence of the tracking error to zero is guaranteed [24]. Where K_p and K_v are the controller gains. Figure 1 shows the computed torque controller for spherical motor.

Fig 1: Computed Torque Control: 3 DOF spherical motor

Fuzzy Logic Controller: Based on foundation of fuzzy logic methodology; fuzzy logic controller has played important rule to design nonlinear controller for nonlinear and uncertain systems [33]. 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 2 shows fuzzy controller operation.

Fig 2: Fuzzy Controller operation

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 controllers 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 use a singleton as a membership function of the rule consequent part. The following definition shows the Mamdani and Sugeno fuzzy rule base

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } x \text{ is } A \text{ and } y \text{ is } B \text{ then } z \text{ is } C \text{ 'mamdani'} \\ \text{if } x \text{ is } A \text{ and } y \text{ is } B \text{ then } z \text{ is } f(x, y) \text{ 'sugeno'} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

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. Two most common methods that used in fuzzy logic controllers are Max-min aggregation and Sum-min aggregation. Max-min aggregation defined as below;

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_U(x_k, y_k, U) &= \mu_{U_{i=1}^r FR^i}(x_k, y_k, U) \\ &= \max \left\{ \min_{i=1}^r [\mu_{R_{pq}}(x_k, y_k), \mu_{p_m}(U)] \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

The Sum-min aggregation defined as below

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_U(x_k, y_k, U) &= \mu_{U_{i=1}^r FR^i}(x_k, y_k, U) \\ &= \sum \min_{i=1}^r [\mu_{R_{pq}}(x_k, y_k), \mu_{p_m}(U)] \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where r is the number of fuzzy rules activated by x_k and y_k and also $\mu_{U_{i=1}^r FR^i}(x_k, y_k, U)$ is a fuzzy interpretation of i -th rule. 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, which *COG* method used the following equation to calculate the defuzzification

$$COG(x_k, y_k) = \frac{\sum_i U_i \sum_{j=1}^r \mu_u(x_k, y_k, U_i)}{\sum_i \sum_{j=1}^r \mu_u(x_k, y_k, U_i)} \quad (19)$$

and *COA* method used the following equation to calculate the defuzzification

$$COA(x_k, y_k) = \frac{\sum_i U_i \cdot \mu_u(x_k, y_k, U_i)}{\sum_i \mu_u(x_k, y_k, U_i)} \quad (20)$$

Where $COG(x_k, y_k)$ and $COA(x_k, y_k)$ illustrates the crisp value of defuzzification output, $U_i \in U$ is discrete element of an output of the fuzzy set, $\mu_u(x_k, y_k, U_i)$ is the fuzzy set membership function, and r is the number of fuzzy rules.

Design PID Controller: Design of a linear methodology to control of continuum 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 3 shows linear PID methodology, applied to spherical motor [21-34].

$$e(t) = \theta_a(t) - \theta_d(t) \quad (21)$$

$$U_{PID} = K_p e + K_v \dot{e} + K_i \int e \quad (22)$$

Fig 3: Block diagram of linear PID method

The model-free control strategy is based on the assumption that the joints of the motors 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 motor. With the independent joint assumption, no a priori knowledge of spherical motor 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 motor 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 spherical motor joints, which cannot be compensated for by a standard motor controller such as PID [50], and hence model-based control becomes the alternative.

III. METHODOLOGY

Conversely pure computed torque controller is a high-quality nonlinear controller; it has an important problem; nonlinear equivalent dynamic formulation in uncertain dynamic parameter. Computed torque controller is a nonlinear controller but it has a challenge in stability and robustness especially in presence of uncertainty and disturbance. Based on literature CTC formulation is written by;

$$\tau = H(q)(\ddot{q}_d + K_v \dot{e} + K_p e) + N(q, \dot{q}) \quad (23)$$

The main challenge in this research is the role of

nonlinearity term in presence of uncertainty. To solve this main challenge artificial intelligence based controller is introduced. This type of controller is intelligent therefore design a dynamic of system based on experience knowledge is done by this method. One of the main artificial intelligence techniques is fuzzy logic theory. In this theory the behavior and dynamic of controller is defined by rule base. However defined and number of rule base play important role to design high quality controller but system has limitation to the number of rule base to implementation and the speed of response. Based on literature PID controller can reduce or eliminate the steady state error and design stable controller. But this type of controller has three types of inputs; proportional part, integral part and derivative part. To design PID like fuzzy controller and if any input is described with seven linguistic values, and any rule has three conditions we will need $7 \times 7 \times 7 = 343$ rules. It is too much work to write 343 rules, the speed of system is too low and design embedded controller based on FPGA or CPLD is very difficult. In PD like fuzzy controller error and change of error are the inputs and if any input is described with seven linguistic values, and any rule has two conditions we will need $7 \times 7 = 49$ rules. Table 1 shows the rule table of PD like fuzzy controller based on seven linguistic variables for any inputs and totally 49 rules.

Table 1: Rule Table of PD like Fuzzy Controller

$e \backslash \Delta e$	PB	PM	PS	Z	NS	NM	NB
PB	NB	NB	NB	NB	NM	NS	Z
PM	NB	NB	NB	NM	NS	Z	PS
PS	NB	NB	NM	NS	Z	PS	PM
Z	NB	NM	NS	Z	PS	PM	PB
NS	NM	NS	Z	PS	PM	PB	PB
NM	NS	Z	PS	PM	PB	PB	PB
NB	Z	PS	PM	PB	PB	PB	PB

This table includes 49 rules. We are taking into account now not just the error but the change-of-error as well. It allows describing the dynamics of the controller.

In conventional PI controller error and integral of error are the inputs. Based on above discussion the PID-like fuzzy controller can be constructed as a parallel structure of a PD-like fuzzy controller and a conventional PI controller with the output approximated as:

$$U_{PID} = \left(\frac{K_{p_a}}{2} e + K_{v_a} \dot{e} \right) + \left(\frac{K_{p_d}}{2} e + K_i \int e \right) \quad (24)$$

In this type of design, we have 49 rule bases for PD like fuzzy controller. This PID like fuzzy controller applied to pure computed torque controller to remove the challenge in this conventional nonlinear controller. Figure 4 shows the block diagram of PID like fuzzy computed torque controller.

Fig 4: Block diagram of PID like Fuzzy Computed Torque Controller

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

PID like fuzzy computed torque controller was tested to Step response trajectory. This simulation is used to control position of three degrees of freedom spherical motor without and with external disturbance. The simulation was implemented in MATLAB/SIMULINK environment. These systems are tested by band limited white noise with a predefined 40% of relative to the input signal amplitude. This type of noise is used to external disturbance in continuous and hybrid systems and applied to nonlinear dynamic of these controllers.

Tracking performances: In proposed controller; the performance is depended on two important parameters; nonlinear equivalent part and PID like fuzzy controller. According to above discussion PID like fuzzy computed torque controller and pure computed torque controller have the same performance in certain system. Based on Fig 5, pure computed torque controller has a slight transient oscillation, to solve this challenge the output gain updating factor of PID like fuzzy computed torque controller is decreased. In this design pure computed torque controller has about 5% overshoot but both of two controllers have the same rise time.

Fig 5: Computed torque controller and proposed method

Disturbance rejection: Figure 6 shows the power disturbance elimination in proposed method and pure computed torque controller in presence of external disturbance and uncertainty parameters. The disturbance rejection is used to test and analyzed the robustness comparisons of these controllers for step trajectory. A band limited white noise with predefined of 40% the power of input signal value is applied to the step trajectory. According to the following graph, pure computed torque controller has moderate fluctuation in presence of external disturbance and uncertainty.

Fig 6: Computed torque controller and proposed method in presence of external disturbance

Based on above graph, pure computed torque controller has many challenges in presence of external disturbance. To eliminate above challenge, this research is used the following methodology; decrease the output scaling factor of the PD-part, increase the scaling factor for an integral input compared to other inputs, apply the centre of gravity defuzzification method, reduce the width of the membership function for the zero class of the error signal and Redistribute the membership functions, increasing their concentration around the zero point.

V. CONCLUSION

The central issues and challenges of non linear control and estimation problems are to satisfy the desired performance objectives in the presence of noises, disturbances, parameter perturbations, un-modeled dynamics, sensor failures, actuator failures and time delays. Evaluation algorithm PID like fuzzy computed torque controller has shown growing popularity in both industry and academia. To improve the optimality and robustness, we have proposed PD like fuzzy controller parallel with conventional PI controller based on 49 rule base. Computed torque controller provides us an effective tool to control nonlinear systems through the dynamic formulation of nonlinear system. Fuzzy logic controller is used to estimate highly nonlinear dynamic parameters. Mixed performance criteria have been used to design the controller and the relative weighting matrices of these

criteria can be achieved by choosing different coefficient matrices. The simulation studies show that the proposed method provides a satisfactory alternative to the existing nonlinear control approaches.

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