

Design of CCV Adaptive Flight Control System under Microburst Type Disturbances

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Abstract

In this paper we deal with a design of CCV adaptive flight control system having adaptive observer under the microburst circumstances.

First, based on the observability indices of the controlled system, which is a general multi-variable one, the adaptive observer is constructed, and the unknown interactor matrix can be estimated by using the identified parameters. Next, CCV adaptive flight control law is calculated based upon the estimated ones.

Finally, the proposed CCV adaptive flight controller is applied to STOL flying boat and numerical simulations under the microburst circumstances can be shown to justify the proposed scheme.

1. Introduction

"A design of CCV adaptive flight control system having unknown interactor<sup>1)</sup>" was already published by the authors, and the adaptive flight control system was designed based on the direct control method<sup>2)</sup>. With the above design, if we try to construct SAS and CAS<sup>3)</sup>, it needs the construction of the same adaptive flight control system again. But, when an adaptive observer<sup>2),4)</sup> which can estimate the unknown parameters and state values of the aircraft with only signals of inputs and outputs is designed, various closed-loop control systems can be realized with the information of this adaptive observer.

In this study, we propose a design of CCV adaptive flight control system having adaptive observer under Microburst type disturbances<sup>5)-8)</sup>, which often causes the aircraft accident during landing and taking-off. First, the longitudinal equation of aircraft motion is shown. Secondly, by using the observability indices of the controlled system, which is a general multivariable one, the adaptive observer is constructed, and the unknown interactor matrix can be estimated using the identified parameters. Third, the CCV adaptive flight control law is derived by using the estimated ones. Then, a simple design of the controlled system using the above information of the adaptive observer is shown. Finally, the

proposed CCV adaptive flight controller is applied to STOL (Short Take-off and Landing) flying boat and numerical simulations under the microburst circumstances are shown to investigate the feasibility of the proposed approach.

2. Longitudinal equations of aircraft motion

Let the state vector,  $\bar{x}(t)$ , be defined as

$$\bar{x}(t) = [u(t), w(t), \theta(t), q(t)]^T \quad (1)$$

where  $u(t)$  is the aircraft velocity in the direction to X-axis (m/sec),  $w(t)$  is the velocity in the direction to Z-axis (m/sec),  $\theta(t)$  is the pitch angle (rad) and  $q(t)$  is the pitch rate (rad/sec).

Further, suppose that the elevator angle  $\delta_e(t)$  (rad), the flap-aileron angle  $\delta_f(t)$  (rad) and the throttle variation (%) are dealt as the input vector  $\delta(t)$ , it is described by

$$\delta(t) = [\delta_e(t), \delta_f(t), \delta_t(t)]^T \quad (2)$$

Generally, the equation of aircraft motion using the stability axes is given with the state vector<sup>3)</sup> by

$$\dot{\bar{x}}(t) = A_c \bar{x}(t) + B_c \delta(t) \quad (3)$$

where

$$A_c = \begin{bmatrix} X_u & Z_w & -g & 0 \\ Z_u & Z_w & 0 & U_0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ M_u + M_w Z_u & M_w + M_w Z_w & 0 & M_q + M_w U_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_c = \begin{bmatrix} X_{\delta_e} & X_{\delta_f} & X_{\delta_t} \\ Z_{\delta_e} & Z_{\delta_f} & Z_{\delta_t} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ M_w Z_{\delta_e} + M_{\delta_e} & M_w Z_{\delta_f} + M_{\delta_f} & M_w Z_{\delta_t} + M_{\delta_t} \end{bmatrix}$$

In the above,  $X_u, X_w, Z_{\delta_e}, \dots$  in the matrix  $A_c$  and  $B_c$  are the stability and control derivatives. Considering CCV-mode, the output is given by

$$y(t) = C \bar{x}(t) \quad (4)$$

where,  $y(t) = [u(t), w(t), \theta(t)]^T$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next, the discrete-time expression of Eqs.(3) and (4) is considered. Let the sampling time "T", Eqs.(3) and (4) are given by<sup>1)</sup>





tion type as basic disturbances. And the invertible system is stable.

Corresponding with this controlled system, Eq.(30), the following equation is given as the reference model selected by the designer.

$$\begin{aligned} x_M(k+1) &= A_M x_M(k) + B_M u_M(k) \\ y_M(k) &= C_M x_M(k) \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where,  $x_M(t) \in R^n$

$$u_M^T(k) = [u_{M1}(k), u_{M2}(k), u_{M3}(k)]$$

$$y_M^T(k) = [y_{M1}(k), y_{M2}(k), y_{M3}(k)]$$

and  $\det(sI - \lambda_M)$  is a stable polynomial.

The purpose is to construct an adaptive CCV flight control system which the outputs  $y(k)$  of controlled system Eq.(30) with deterministic disturbances follows the outputs  $y_M(k)$  of reference model asymptotically.

#### 4. 2 Construction of the Control System

Considering the expanded system with disturbances of system Eq.(30) before considering the construction of control system. At first, the left coprime expression of system (31) using the shift operator becomes

$$y(k) = P(z)^{-1} [R(z)\delta(k) + G_v(z)v(k)] \quad (32)$$

where  $P(z)$  and  $R(z)$  are left coprime,  $P(z)$  is row proper<sup>10)</sup>.

Considering disturbances, the control inputs are made as the following equation

$$\delta(k) = [1/(z-1)^i] \delta_v(k) \quad (33)$$

where, in case of step type disturbances:  $i=1$ , ramp type ones:  $i=2$ ,  $\delta_v(k)$  will be defined later.

And the following plant expression is obtained by Eqs.(32) and (33).

$$(z-1)^i y(k) = P(z)^{-1} R(z) \delta_v(k) \quad (34)$$

Then, let the state expression of this system following

$$x_v(k+1) = A_v x_v(k) + B_v \delta_v(k) \quad (35)$$

$$y(k) = C_v x_v(k)$$

where,  $x_v(k) \in R^{3+i}$ .

Further, doing the detail from Step 1 to Step 3 of the third paragraph to this expanded system, Eq.(35),

$$N_{Tv}(z)y(k) = D_{Tv}x_v(k) + C_{Tv}\delta_v(k) \quad (36)$$

is obtained. Using this  $N_{Tv}(z)$  to the reference model: Eq.(31), it becomes

$$N_{Tv}(z)y_M(k) = D_{Mv}x_M(k) + C_{Mv}u_M(k) \quad (37)$$

The control inputs  $\delta(k)$  that achieve the model matching becomes following<sup>11)</sup>.

$$\delta(k) = [1/(z-1)^i] \delta_v(k) \quad (37)$$

$$\delta_v(k) = C_{Tv}^{-1} [-D_{Tv}x_v(k) + D_{Mv}x_M(k) + C_{Mv}u_M(k)]$$

where, to realize Eq.(37), let the interactor of the reference model  $N_M(z)$ , the next model matching condition

$N_{Tv}(z)N_M(z)^{-1}$  : proper must be satisfied<sup>10)</sup>.

Then it shows that each CCV-mode is achieved by the reference output selected adequately.

First, in case of  $\alpha_N$ -mode the vertical directional flight path angle can be controlled to  $\pm a$

(rad) with constant angle of attack ( $=0$ ) by setting the objective value  $y_M=(0,0,\pm a)$ . In case of  $\alpha_1$ -mode the aircraft can be controlled to nose up and down  $\pm a$ (rad) with constant flight path angle ( $=0$ ) by setting  $y_M = (0, \pm aU_0, \pm a)$ . And in case of  $\alpha_2$ -mode the vertical velocity can be controlled to  $\pm a$ (m/sec) with the constant pitch attitude ( $=0$ ) by setting the objective value  $(0, \pm a, 0)$ .

Therefore, control input: Eq.(37) can not be made because the parameters and the interactor of controlled system are unknown. Then, we show the expansion to adaptive system. Where it is assumed that  $\rho$  which satisfies  $\det(C_{Tv}) \geq \rho$  is known on identifying the interactor in order to avoid the generation of excessive control input.

First, constructing the adaptive observer of the third paragraph corresponding with the expanded system: Eq.(35), estimating the state values, the unknown parameters and the interactor, making the control input corresponding with Eq.(37) as follows

$$\delta(k) = [1/(z-1)^i] \delta_v(k)$$

$$\delta_v(k) = \hat{C}_{Tv}(k)^{-1} [-\hat{D}_{Tv}(k)x_v(k) \quad (38)$$

$$+ \hat{D}_{Mv}(k)x_M(k) + \hat{C}_{Mv}(k)u_M(k)]$$

where the estimation parameter  $\hat{C}_{Tv}(k)$  is made as follows

$$\text{if } \det(\hat{C}_{Tv}(k)) \geq \rho, \text{ then } \hat{C}_{Tv}(k) = \hat{C}_{Tv}(k)$$

$$\text{if } \det(\hat{C}_{Tv}(k)) < \rho, \text{ then } \hat{C}_{Tv}(k) = \hat{C}_{Tv}(k-1)$$

where if the signals are sufficiently rich, the estimated parameters of the adaptive observer converge to the some limiting values, Eq.(38) matches Eq.(37) and the control objective is achieved<sup>3)</sup>.

#### 5. Application to STOL flying boat

In this paragraph the  $\alpha_2$ -mode CCV flight control system proposed in the former paragraph is applied to the approach of landing ground and on the water as the important mission of the STOL flying boat<sup>11)</sup>.

First, using the data  $C_L=6$ . in the bibliography literature 9), setting the sampling time 0.01(s), the controlled system: Eq.(30) becomes as follows

$$\begin{aligned} x(k+1) &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.998 & -0.0038 & 0 & -0.0033 \\ 0 & 1.997 & 1 & 0 \\ 0.0004 & -0.996 & 0 & 0.0005 \\ 0.187 & 0.0033 & 0 & 0.9997 \end{bmatrix} x(k) \\ &+ \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0.0004 \\ -0.01 & -0.011 & 0.05 \\ 0.01 & 0.013 & -0.053 \\ 0.02 & 0.0132 & -0.06 \end{bmatrix} \delta(k) + Dv(k) \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

$$y(k) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x(k)$$

where this system has a stable invertible system.

On the other hand, the reference model is considered as follows which is discretized with the sampling time 0.01(s) based on a 2-nd order system

having a damping ratio 0.9 and an undamped natural frequency 5.2(rad/sec).

$$x_{M1}(k+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.999 & 0.0095 \\ -0.258 & 0.9094 \end{bmatrix} x_{M1}(k) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.0095 \end{bmatrix} u_{M1}(k)$$

$$y_{M1}(k) = (-27.04 \ 0) x_{M1}(k), \quad i=1,2$$

$$x_{M3}(k+1) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.999 & 0.0099 & 0.00005 \\ -0.013 & 0.994 & 0.00905 \\ -2.448 & -1.105 & 0.8189 \end{bmatrix} x_{M3}(k)$$

$$+ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.00005 \\ 0.00907 \end{bmatrix} u_{M3}(k)$$

$$y_{M3}(k) = (-270.4 \ 0) x_{M3}(k)$$

where  $x_M(t) = (x_{M1}(t)^T, x_{M2}(t)^T, x_{M3}(t)^T)^T$ .

Considering the constant disturbances, the interactor  $N_{T_v}(s)$  of the expanded system and the interactor  $N_M(s)$  of the reference model becomes

$$N_{T_v}(s) = N_M(s) = \text{diag}(z^2 \ z^2 \ z^3)$$

it satisfies the condition of model matching.

### <Simulation>

The numerical simulation of the approach of the landing on the water is shown to investigate the feasibility of the proposed approach, then considering the disturbances we deal with the mathematical model of the Microburst which is given attention recently as the cause of the aircraft accident on taking off and landing<sup>(6), (7)</sup>.

This simulation is applied to the approach of landing on the water proving the maximum feasibility of the proposed CCV flight control system in the former paragraph. In other words, considering the STOL flying boat without the backside phenomenon, setting its pitch angle "0(rad)" so that the pilot make it land on the water safely on looking the condition of the wave of sea surface in the hazard weather, and applying the reduction of cost

time of landing on the water with a large vertical velocity until it reaches a safe altitude.

The control objective is to achieve the  $\alpha_2$ -mode approach of landing on the water with the angle of attack 10 (deg), flight path angle 10 (deg) to the altitude 10 (m) and 1 (deg) under the altitude 1(m). Then the condition of the numerical simulation is described by

$$u_M(t) = [0 \ 4.5 \ 0]^T \quad (91m \geq h(t) \geq 15m)$$

$$u_M(t) = [0 \ .45 \ 9]^T \quad (15m \geq h(t) \geq 3m)$$

$$\lambda_1 = -0.1, \lambda_2 = -0.2, \lambda_3 = -0.1, \tilde{d}=3$$

$$Q^i(0) = 10^{10} \quad (i=1,2,3), \rho = 10^{-8}$$

Other conditions except above are all "0".

The more strict condition of micro burst than one given by the bibliography literature (6) are assumed.

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.0027 & 0.0027 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v(k) = (v_u \ v_w \ 0)$$

$$v_u = -7.71, v_w = 0, \quad 0 < t \leq 10$$

$$v_u = -6.68, v_w = 7.2, \quad 10 < t \leq 20$$

$$v_u = 0, v_w = 12.9, \quad 20 < t \leq 30$$

$$v_u = 7.71, v_w = 6.68, \quad 30 < t \leq 40$$

$$v_u = 5.14, v_w = 0, \quad 40 < t \leq 50$$

where  $h(t)$  is the altitude (m),  $v_u$  is the horizontal directional velocity (m/sec) and  $v_w$  is the vertical directional velocity (m/sec).

In this simulation, at first considering the case of no disturbance, the results of the response of input and output, the altitude and the result of the identification of parameters are shown in Fig.1 - Fig.4. Next, the results with Microburst are shown in Fig.5 - Fig.7.

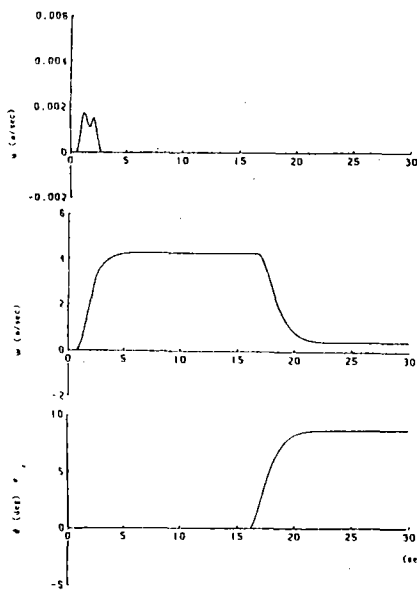


Fig.1 The response of Output (without disturbance)

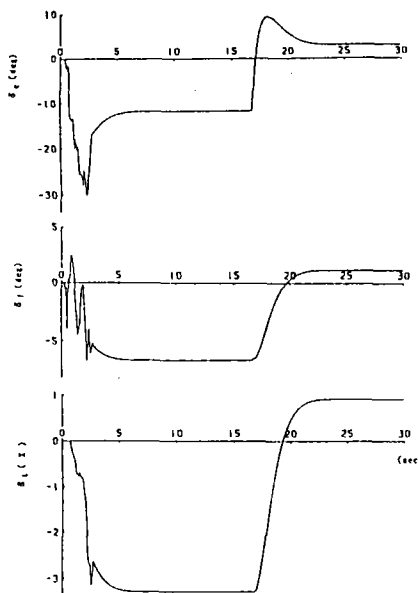


Fig.2 The response of Input (without disturbance)

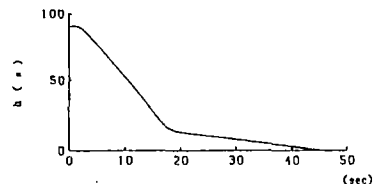


Fig.3 The response of Altitude (without disturbance)

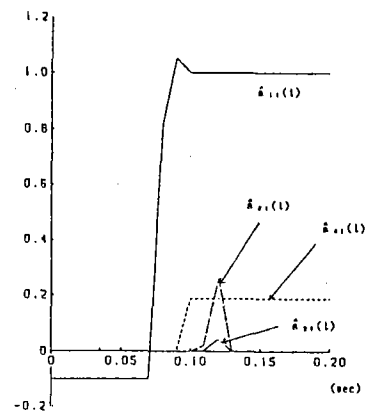


Fig.4 A part of Estimated Parameters

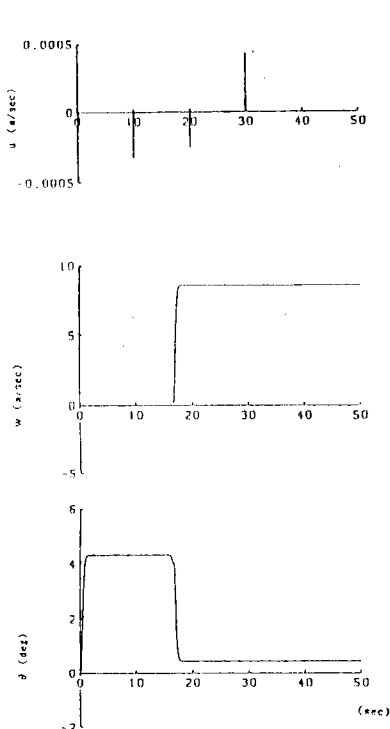


Fig.5 The response of Output

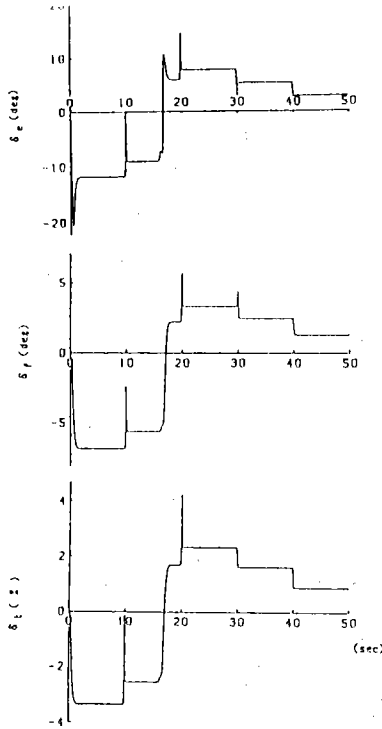


Fig.6 The response of Input

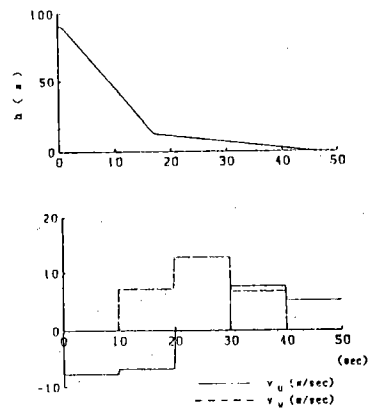


Fig.7 The response of Altitude and Microburst

These results show that the landing on the water are achieved safely and quickly with the satisfaction of the designer whether Microburst exists or not. Especially, when the value of Microburst changes, the transient phenomenon like impulse appears, its value is within the movable limit of the elevator, etc..

### 6. Conclusion

In this paper we propose a Design of Adaptive CCV Flight Control System with disturbances, apply its system to the STOL flying boat, and prove the feasibility by the numerical simulation.

This design is a method with adaptive observer in the study of adaptive control system, the observer needs only observable index to the normal Multi-variable System and this design has an advantage which the advance information about the structure of the interactor that plays important roll on the Multivariable Model Following Control. Moreover, in the practical point of view, the Micro burst which often causes the aircraft accident during landing and taking-off, is considered.

The results of the numerical simulations show that  $\alpha_2$ -mode can be applied to the approach of the landing on the water for the rescue activity as the important mission of the flying boat. And flying boat can land on the water more safely and quickly than one with an existing automatic thrust control system whether Microburst exists or not.

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