

Design of Midcourse Guidance Laws via a Combination of Fuzzy and SMC Approaches

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Abstract: Issues regarding the design of midcourse guidance laws for antimissiles are addressed. The antimissile is expected to be guided to a place with a desired direction, where a ballistic missile is predicted to pass in the reverse direction, so that the target can be easily found and locked for terminal interception. The predicted location and direction of a ballistic missile may vary with time, due to information update using a trajectory prediction algorithm. To fulfill the guidance performance, the guidance laws are designed by combining the Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy approach and the Sliding Mode Control (SMC) technique. Under the designed guidance law, it is shown that the antimissile is able to be efficiently guided to a specified location and direction, even when the existence of uncertainties and disturbances.

Keywords: Guidance law, sliding mode control, Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy systems.

1. INTRODUCTION

In the recent years, the study of the design of guidance laws for interception has attracted considerable attention (see e.g., [1-11] and the references therein). The approaches to this issue include exact feedback linearization [1], sliding mode control [2-5], fuzzy control [6], adaptive control [7], LQ-based control [9,10] and relative circular navigation guidance (RCNG) [11]. Among these approaches, the exact feedback linearization one requires perfect knowledge of system dynamics and uses this knowledge to exactly cancel the system nonlinearities; however, perfect knowledge of a system dynamics is usually hard to achieve because of the existence of uncertainties and disturbances. As a result, the performance of exact feedback linearization for uncertain systems is in general not satisfied [11]. The LQ-based approach [9,10] employed the linear quadratic optimization technique to study the impact angle constraint problem and derived an optimal solution for the linearized dynamics in the sense of a quadratic performance; however, they assume that the missile has constant speed and only consider the geometry of the

pursuer and the target on a plane without presenting the three dimensional results. Although the RCNG approach [11] presented the impact angle error in a closed form without linearizing the pursuit dynamics, it only considers the ideal circumstance for planar engagement.

On the other hand, fuzzy technique has been widely used to model complex nonlinear plants. Theoretical justification of fuzzy model as a universal approximator has been given in the last decade (see e.g., [13-15]). An important class of these fuzzy systems is the so-called Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy system [15-21]. The basic idea of the T-S approach is first to decompose the nonlinear model into several linear systems according to different cases in which the linear models best fit the nonlinear system, and then aggregate each individual linear model into a single nonlinear one in terms of their membership functions. In many applications, the relatively complex consequence part enables the number of fuzzy rules (local models) to be quite small. As a result, the T-S approach is able to relax computational burden for many applications. Likewise, the Sliding Mode Control (SMC) schemes are known to possess the advantages of rapid response and robustness to model uncertainties and/or disturbances (see e.g., [3, 22-23] and the references therein). Thus, it has been widely applied to control a variety of systems [3,22-26]. Due to the advantages of T-S and SMC approaches, we will combine them to design a midcourse guidance law for an antimissile to a location with a desired direction, where a ballistic missile is predicted to pass in the reverse direction. Once the antimissile moves toward the ballistic missile along its predicted trajectory, the target can be easily found and locked for terminal interception.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 describes the kinematics of relative motion for missiles and the main goal of this paper. Section 3 presents the construction of the T-S fuzzy model and the design of guidance law for midcourse guidance. An example is

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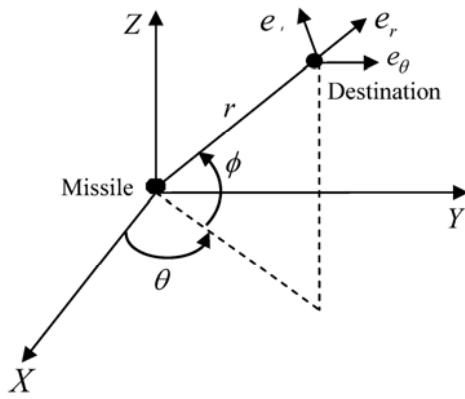


Fig. 1. Geometry of the guidance process.

also given there to demonstrate the use and benefits of the design. Finally, Section 4 gives the conclusions.

2. PROBLEM STATEMENT

This paper investigates the design of midcourse guidance laws for an antimissile to a predicted place with a specified direction. The relative motion between the antimissile and the predicted location is described by the spherical coordinate system with the origin fixed at the center of the antimissile as depicted in Fig. 1, where \mathbf{e}_r , \mathbf{e}_θ , and \mathbf{e}_ϕ denote the three unit coordinate vectors in the spherical coordinate system, respectively.

For the design of the guidance law, we assume that the missile is point mass and only system kinematics is considered. The governing equation for the relative motion is given by [3]

$$\ddot{r} - r\dot{\phi}^2 - r\dot{\theta}^2 \cos^2 \phi = d_r - a_r, \quad (1)$$

$$r\ddot{\theta} \cos \phi + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta} \cos \phi - 2r\dot{\phi}\dot{\theta} \sin \phi = d_\theta - a_\theta, \quad (2)$$

$$r\ddot{\phi} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\phi} + r\dot{\theta}^2 \cos \phi \sin \phi = d_\phi - a_\phi. \quad (3)$$

Here, r is the relative distance between the missile and the destination, θ and ϕ are the azimuth and pitch angles, respectively, a_r , $a_{M\theta}$, and a_ϕ denote the three command acceleration components of the missile in the spherical coordinates, which are designed to achieve the guidance mission. In addition, d_r , d_θ and d_ϕ denote possible uncertainties and disturbances.

The goal of this paper is to organize a guidance law to fulfill the guidance performance. That is, to realize the performance $r \rightarrow 0$, $\theta \rightarrow \theta_f$ and $\phi \rightarrow \phi_f$, where θ_f and ϕ_f denote the desired final azimuth and pitch angles.

3. GUIDANCE LAW ORGANIZATION

To achieve the main goal of the paper as stated in Section 2, we will employ the Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy approach and the Sliding Mode Control (SMC) technique to fulfill the design task.

Let $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_1^T, \mathbf{x}_2^T)^T$, $\mathbf{x}_1 = (x_1, x_2, x_3)^T = (r, \theta, \phi)^T$ and $\mathbf{x}_2 = (x_4, x_5, x_6)^T = (\dot{r}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\phi})^T$. Then System (1)-(3) can be written as

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \mathbf{x}_2, \quad (4)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_2 = f(\mathbf{x}) = G(\mathbf{x})(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{d}), \quad (5)$$

where

$$\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(\mathbf{x}) \\ f_2(\mathbf{x}) \\ f_3(\mathbf{x}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_6^2 + x_1 x_5^2 \cos^2 x_3 \\ 2x_5 x_6 \tan x_3 - \frac{2x_4 x_5}{x_1} \\ -\frac{2x_4 x_6}{x_1} - x_5^2 \sin x_3 \cos x_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

$$G(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{x_1 \cos x_3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{x_1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (7)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)^T = (-a_r, -a_\theta, -a_\phi)^T, \quad (8)$$

$$\mathbf{d} = (d_1, d_2, d_3)^T = (d_r, d_\theta, d_\phi)^T. \quad (9)$$

3.1. T-S fuzzy model description

It is known that a smooth nonlinear model can be accurately approximated by a T-S fuzzy model if enough fuzzy rules are used (see e.g., [15]). A T-S fuzzy model is described by a weighted combination of several linear models. Each of the linear models associates with a fuzzy implication (rule). Suppose that there are p rules with linear models described by

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \mathbf{x}_2, \quad (10)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_2 = A_i \mathbf{x} + B_i \mathbf{u}, \quad i = 1, \dots, p. \quad (11)$$

Then the T-S model is constructed in the form of (12)-(13) below to approximate the original nonlinear system:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \mathbf{x}_2, \quad (12)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x}) [A_i \mathbf{x} + B_i \mathbf{u}], \quad (13)$$

where $\alpha_i(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ for all i and $\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x}) = 1$.

With the help of the T-S model, we may rewrite the original System (4)-(5) as follows:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \mathbf{x}_2, \quad (14)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x}) A_i \mathbf{x} + \Delta \mathbf{f} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x}) B_i + \overline{\Delta G} \right) (\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{d}), \quad (15)$$

where $\Delta \mathbf{f} = \Delta \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) := \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x}) A_i \mathbf{x}$ and $\overline{\Delta G} = \overline{\Delta G}(\mathbf{x}) := G(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x}) B_i$. During the guidance process, we assume that $r > 0$ and $0 < \phi < \pi/2$. It implies that $G(\mathbf{x})$, as given by (7), and B_i are diagonal and positive definite matrices for all

$i = 1, \dots, p$. It follows that $\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})B_i > 0$ during the guidance process. Thus, we may further rewrite System (14)-(15) in the form of (16)-(17) below:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_1 = \mathbf{x}_2 \quad (16)$$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_2 = \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})A_i\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{f} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})B_i \right) (I + \Delta G)(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{d}), \quad (17)$$

where $\Delta G = \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})B_i \right)^{-1} \cdot \overline{\Delta G}$.

3.2. SMC controller design

As is well known, the Sliding Mode Control (SMC) scheme has the advantages of rapid response and robustness to model uncertainties and/or disturbances [22,25,26]. Thus, it has been widely applied to many control problems. In the following, we will employ the SMC scheme to realize the guidance performance based on the T-S model expression (16)-(17).

It is known that the SMC design consists of two main steps [25,26]. The first step is to select an appropriate sliding surface, which should have the property that the desired performance can be achieved if the system state maintains itself on the selected sliding surface. The next step is to organize a control law that forces the system state to reach the sliding surface in a finite amount of time and make the sliding surface an invariant manifold. For the first step, we let

$$\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_{1f} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{x}_{1f} = (0, \theta_f, \phi_f)^T. \quad (18)$$

Select the sliding surface to be

$$\mathbf{s} = (s_1, s_2, s_3)^T = \dot{\mathbf{e}} + M\mathbf{e} = 0, \quad (19)$$

where $M = \text{diag}\{m_1, m_2, m_3\} > 0$. Clearly, the objective is achieved, i.e., $\mathbf{e} \rightarrow 0$, if the state stays on the sliding surface, and the convergence rate depends on the choice of the eigenvalues of M .

For the second step, it is noted from (17)-(19) that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{s}} &= \dot{\mathbf{e}} + M\dot{\mathbf{e}} \\ &= \dot{\mathbf{x}}_1 - \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{1f} + M\dot{\mathbf{e}} \\ &= -\dot{\mathbf{x}}_{1f} + M\dot{\mathbf{e}} + \sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})A_i\mathbf{x} + \Delta\mathbf{f} \\ &\quad + \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})B_i \right) (I + \Delta G)(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{d}). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

According to the SMC design procedure [25,26], we choose

$$\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}^{eq} + \mathbf{u}^{re}, \quad (21)$$

$$\mathbf{u}^{eq} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})B_i \right)^{-1} \left[-\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})A_i\mathbf{x} + \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{1f} - M\dot{\mathbf{e}} \right]. \quad (22)$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{s}} &= \Delta\mathbf{f} + \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})B_i \right) (I + \Delta G)(\mathbf{u}^{re} + \mathbf{d}) \\ &\quad + \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})B_i \right) \Delta G \cdot \mathbf{u}^{eq}. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

In order to force the system state to reach the sliding surface in a finite amount of time, we impose the following assumption, where $(\cdot)_j$ and $(\cdot)_{jj}$ denote the j th and the (j, j) th entries of a vector and a matrix, respectively.

Assumption 1: There exists nonnegative functions $\rho_j(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and $\sigma_j(\mathbf{x}, t)$, $j = 1, 2, 3$, such that

$$|(\Delta\mathbf{f})_j + \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})(B_i)_{jj} \right) \times [d_j + (\Delta G)_{jj} \cdot (d_j + (\mathbf{u}^{eq})_j)]| \leq \rho_j(\mathbf{x}, t), \quad (24)$$

$$(\Delta G)_{jj} \leq \sigma_j(\mathbf{x}, t) < 1. \quad (25)$$

Under Assumption 1, we propose

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{u}^{re} &= - \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})B_i \right)^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{\rho_1(\mathbf{x}, t) + \eta_1}{1 - \sigma_1(\mathbf{x}, t)} \text{sgn}(s_1), \dots, \frac{\rho_3(\mathbf{x}, t) + \eta_3}{1 - \sigma_3(\mathbf{x}, t)} \text{sgn}(s_3) \right)^T, \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where η_1 , η_2 and η_3 are three positive constants. It follows from (23), (26) and Assumption 1 that

$$\begin{aligned} s_j \dot{s}_j &\leq \rho_j(\mathbf{x}, t) |s_j| + s_j \left(\sum_{i=1}^p \alpha_i(\mathbf{x})(B_i)_{jj} \right) \\ &\quad \times (1 + (\Delta G)_{jj})(\mathbf{u}^{re})_j \\ &\leq \rho_j(\mathbf{x}, t) |s_j| - \frac{\rho_j(\mathbf{x}, t) + \eta_j}{1 - \sigma_j(\mathbf{x}, t)} (1 + (\Delta G)_{jj}) |s_j| \\ &\leq \rho_j(\mathbf{x}, t) |s_j| - \frac{\rho_j(\mathbf{x}, t) + \eta_j}{1 - \sigma_j(\mathbf{x}, t)} (1 - \sigma_j(\mathbf{x}, t)) |s_j| \\ &\leq -\eta_j \cdot |s_j|. \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

That is, the system state will reach the sliding surface in a finite amount of time and remain there hereafter. According to the selected sliding surface (19), the guidance performance is then achieved. From the discussions above, we hence have the following result:

Theorem 1: Suppose that $G(\mathbf{x})$ is a diagonal matrix and Assumption 1 holds. Then the guidance performance for System (4)-(5) can be achieved by the control law (21), (22) and (26).

To compare the structure of the T-S type SMC controller presented in this paper with that of the classic SMC controller given in [3], it is noted that the latter controller needs to compute the nonlinear term $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ and the inverse dynamics $G^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$ on-line, which might be involved and consume significant computing effort and time. On the contrary, the terms A_i , B_i^{-1} , $\sigma_i(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and

$\rho_i(\mathbf{x}, t)$ in the T-S type SMC controller can be computed off-line. Thus, the T-S type approach may alleviate significant on-line computational burden, especially when the system dynamics is complicated. Although the controller design, as stated above, is mainly for the case of $n=3$, i.e., three 2nd-order differential equations, it is easy to extend to the case of general n .

3.3. An illustrative example

Here, we present an example to demonstrate the use and benefits of the approach. To determine the T-S model, it is observed that the azimuth angle θ does not appear in the governing equations (1)-(3), thus we only select r and ϕ as premise variables. The associated operating points for deriving the linear models are selected from the possible workspace, so that the motion of the anti-missile can be well approximated using a convex combination of these linear models. In this example, we select the operating points to be in the form $(r, \theta, \phi, \dot{r}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\phi}) = (r_i, 0, \phi_j, -2.5, 0, 0)$ where r_i and ϕ_j are described in Fig. 2 with triangular membership functions, and $\dot{r} = -2.5$ km/sec ≈ 7.4 Mach for each selected operating point. Since the T-S type controller uses only two premise variables r and ϕ , it therefore triggers at most four rules (i.e., at most four linear models) at each time instant, as shown in Fig. 3. Thus, it does not create extra on-line computational burden if the partition for the regions of r and ϕ are made finer. However, since the maximum of a function over the whole region is greater than or equal to that of the same function over a smaller sub-region, it follows that a finer partition for the region of r and ϕ will result in a smaller magnitude of

$\sigma_k(\mathbf{x}, t)$, $\rho_k(\mathbf{x}, t)$, as stated in Assumption 1. As a result, the control magnitude will be smaller so that the physical control magnitude constraint is easier to be fulfilled for practical applications if the partition of r and ϕ are made finer. According to the selected operating points, the associated linear models can be easily determined. Three of them are listed as below, while the others are omitted:

$$A_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2611 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, B_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.311 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$A_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix}, B_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1305 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where (A_{ij}, B_{ij}) is the linear model associated with the operating point $(r_i, 0, \phi_j, -2.5, 0, 0)$. To verify Assumption 1, we define D_{ij} the region $D_{ij} = \{\mathbf{x} | r_i \leq r \leq r_{i+1}, \phi_j \leq \phi \leq \phi_{j+1}\}$. Then the upper bounds for $|(\Delta \mathbf{f})_k|$ and $\sigma_k(\mathbf{x}, t)$, as stated in Assumption 1, in the region D_{ij} can be off-line computed, which are shown in Table 1. In addition, we assume that the disturbance with the wind and aerodynamic effects adopted from [10] has the following form:

$$d_i(t) = 0.1\sin(t) + u_s(t-3) - u_s(t-4) \tag{28}$$

for all i , where $u_s(t)$ denotes the unit step function. We also use the saturation function $\text{sat}(s_i/0.05)$ instead of $\text{sgn}(s_i)$ for both the T-S type and the classic SMC schemes, and the control parameters for both schemes are selected to be $\eta_1 = \eta_2 = 2$, $\eta_3 = 1$ and $m_i = 1$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$. The initial states and the desired final azimuth and pitch angles are chosen as $r_0 = 25$ km, $\dot{r}_0 = -1$ km/sec, $\theta_0 = 25^\circ$, $\dot{\theta}_0 = -0.1^\circ/\text{sec}$, $\phi_0 = 75^\circ$, $\dot{\phi}_0 = -0.1^\circ/\text{sec}$, $\theta_f = 15^\circ$ and $\phi_f = 80^\circ$, respectively. It is noted that the planar engagement algorithms may not be directly applied since the initial velocity and the final velocity with the specified direction are generally not in a plane that contains the initial locations of the missile and the target.

Numerical simulations are summarized in Figs. 4-6 and Table 2. Among these, Figs. 4 and 5 display the time history of the tracking errors and controls, respectively, where $e_1 := r$, $e_2 := \theta - \theta_f$ and $e_3 := \phi - \phi_f$. The associated space trajectories are depicted in Fig. 6, and the performances of the two SMC designs are shown in Table 2. It is observed from Figs. 4 and 6 that the guidance mission is successfully achieved by both the T-S type and

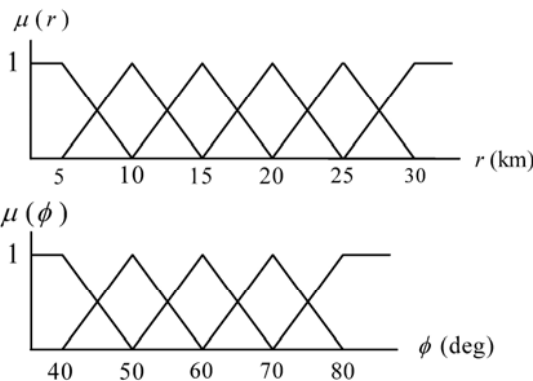


Fig. 2. The membership functions for r and ϕ .

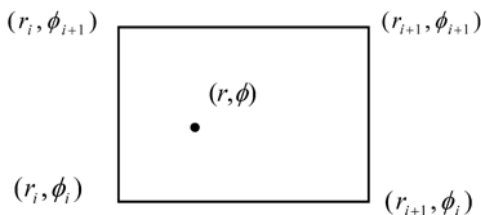


Fig. 3. The four adjacent operating points being triggered at each time instant.

Table 1. Estimated upper bounds for $\sigma_k(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and $|(\Delta \mathbf{f})_k|$ in the region D_{ij} .

	$\sup_{\mathbf{x} \in D_{ij}} \sigma_k(\mathbf{x}, t),$ $k = 1, 2, 3$	$\sup_{\mathbf{x} \in D_{ij}} (\Delta \mathbf{f})_k ,$ $k = 1, 2, 3$
D_{11}	{0, 0.1806, 0.1}	{0.1587, 0.1748, 0.1616}
D_{12}	{0, 0.2444, 0.1}	{0.1413, 0.1837, 0.1616}
D_{13}	{0, 0.3848, 0.1}	{0.125, 0.1913, 0.161}
D_{14}	{0, 0.8594, 0.1}	{0.1117, 0.2701, 0.1599}
D_{21}	{0, 0.0685, 0.0333}	{0.238, 0.1048, 0.0916}
D_{22}	{0, 0.0963, 0.0333}	{0.212, 0.1135, 0.0916}
D_{23}	{0, 0.159, 0.0333}	{0.1875, 0.1318, 0.091}
D_{24}	{0, 0.381, 0.0333}	{0.1669, 0.1416, 0.0899}
D_{31}	{0, 0.0384, 0.0167}	{0.3174, 0.0787, 0.0655}
D_{32}	{0, 0.0555, 0.0167}	{0.2826, 0.0875, 0.0655}
D_{33}	{0, 0.949, 0.0167}	{0.25, 0.0952, 0.0649}
D_{34}	{0, 0.2377, 0.0167}	{0.2234, 0.1736, 0.0638}
D_{41}	{0, 0.0256, 0.01}	{0.3967, 0.0649, 0.0516}
D_{42}	{0, 0.0378, 0.01}	{0.3533, 0.0734, 0.0516}
D_{43}	{0, 0.0662, 0.01}	{0.3125, 0.0813, 0.051}
D_{44}	{0, 0.1710, 0.01}	{0.2792, 0.0702, 0.0499}
D_{51}	{0, 0.0179, 0.0067}	{0.476, 0.056, 0.0429}
D_{52}	{0, 0.0281, 0.0067}	{0.427, 0.0649, 0.0429}
D_{53}	{0, 0.0503, 0.0067}	{0.375, 0.0825, 0.0423}
D_{54}	{0, 0.1329, 0.0067}	{0.3351, 0.0781, 0.0412}

the classic SMC schemes. The response curves, including the control curves in Fig. 5, of the two schemes are seen close to each other. However, as seen from Table 2 of this example, the T-S type scheme requires less total energy $\int \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u}$ and smaller maximum control magnitude $\|\mathbf{u}\|_\infty := \max_t \|\mathbf{u}\|$ than the classic SMC scheme. It is also noted from Table 2 that the T-S type scheme consumes more energy in the radial direction than the classic scheme in the following relation: $(\int |u_1|^2)_{T-S} = 4.010 > (\int |u_1|^2)_{classic} = 3.258$. Thus, the time t_{reach} when the antimissile reaches the destination for the T-S type scheme is also faster than that of the classic SMC scheme. Both control efforts for the two schemes are observed to experience abrupt change during the time period of $t=3$ to $t=4$. These are clearly resulted from the square disturbance $u_s(t-3) - u_s(t-4)$. The T-S type scheme is also found from Fig. 5(a) to have several small jumps near $t=4.73, 6.80$ and 7.26 . These jumps come from the variation of the upper bounds $\sigma_k(\mathbf{x}, t)$ and $\rho_k(\mathbf{x}, t)$, which affect the magnitude of \mathbf{u}^{re} , when the system state switches from one region D_{ij}

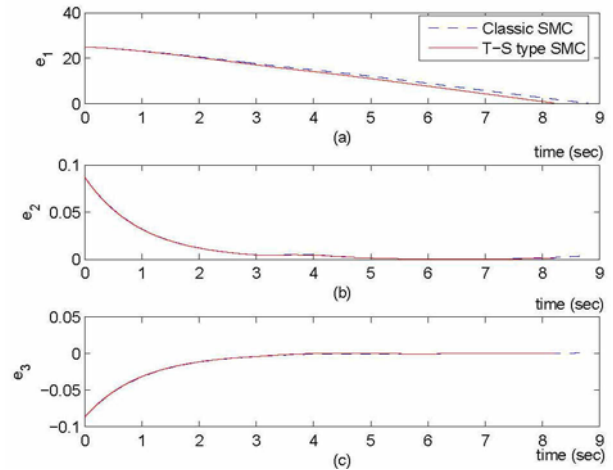


Fig. 4. Time history of the tracking errors by the T-S type and the classic SMC designs.

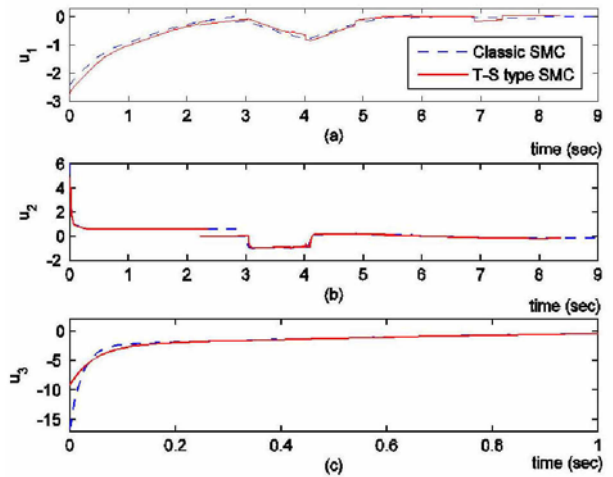


Fig. 5. Time history of the controls by the T-S type and the classic SMC designs.

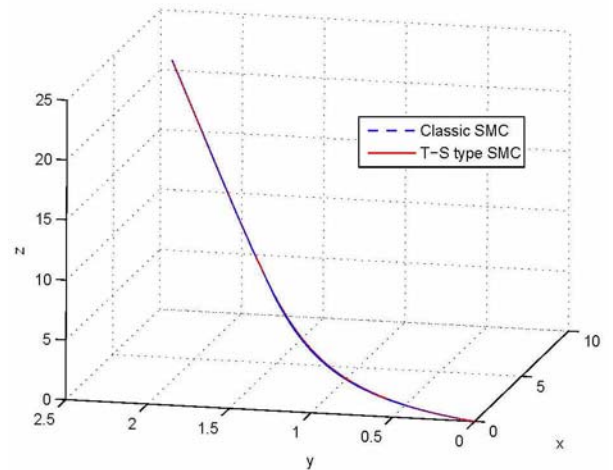


Fig. 6. The space trajectories by the T-S type and the classic SMC designs.

to another. As for the CPU time for on-line implementing the controllers, the T-S type scheme (including the determination of the weightings α_i) is found to require

Table 2. Performances of the two SMC schemes.

	Classic SMC design	T-S type SMC design
t_{reach} (time when $r = 1\text{km}$)	8.53	7.98
$\max_t u_i(t) $, $i = 1, 2, 3$	{2.467, 6.441, 16.648}	{2.802, 4.517, 8.840}
$\ \mathbf{u}\ _{\infty}$	18.020	10.315
$\int u_i ^2$, $i = 1, 2, 3$	{3.258, 1.657, 8.137}	{4.010, 1.540, 6.680}
$\int \mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{u}$	13.052	12.23

less CPU time than that of the classic SMC scheme in the following relation (when compute both controllers a million times): $(\text{CPU})_{\text{T-S}} = 4.766\text{sec} < (\text{CPU})_{\text{classic}} = 7.625\text{sec}$. From this example, it is concluded that the T-S type approach can not only alleviate the on-line computational burden, but can also efficiently guide the antimissile to perform the midcourse guidance mission as that of the classic SMC designs.

4. CONCLUSION

We have employed the Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy approach and the Sliding Mode Control (SMC) technique to design the guidance law for an antimissile to a place with a specified direction. The desired location and direction may be time-varying due to the information update from a trajectory prediction algorithm. It was shown that the guidance law is able to guide the antimissile to achieve the guidance performance, even when the existence of disturbances. In addition, the control parameters of the T-S approach can be computed off-line so that the on-line computational burden of the classic SMC designs can be greatly alleviated, especially when the system dynamics is complicated. Simulation results demonstrate the benefits of the scheme.

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