# SLIDING MODE CONTROL LAW FOR UNCERTAIN NONLINEAR MULTI MOTOR SYSTEMS

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# ABSTRACT

Multi-motor drive systems are nonlinear, multi-input multi-output (MIMO) and strong-coupling complicated system, including the effect of friction and elastic, backlash. An emerging proposed technique in the control law is the use of adaptive sliding mode control scheme for the stabilization of closed system. The results of theoretical analysis and simulation show that this controller ensures the quality requirements even when the system is affected by nonlinear factors caused by the mechanical structure.

*Keywords: Multi-motor drive systems, sliding mode control, elastic, backlash.* 

# TÓM TẮT

Hệ truyền động nhiều động cơ là hệ truyền động phi tuyến, nhiều đầu vào, nhiều đầu ra (MIMO). Đây là hệ động lực học phi tuyến, chứa các liên hệ ma sát, đàn hồi, độ dơ cơ khí giữa các khớp; các mối liên hệ này làm cho mô hình của đối tượng điều khiển trở nên phi tuyến và có thông số bất định. Bộ điều khiển trượt thích nghi được đề xuất để ổn định hệ thống kín. Qua kết quả phân tích lý thuyết và mô phỏng cho thấy bộ điều khiển này đảm bảo được các yêu cầu chất lượng ngay cả khi hệ thống chịu ảnh hưởng của các yếu tố phi tuyến do cấu trúc phần cơ gây ra.

Từ khóa: Hệ nhiều động cơ, điều khiển trượt, khe hở, đàn hồi.

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# **1. INTRODUCTION**

Multi-motor drive systems have been employed in systems moving paper, metal, material being quite popular in manufacturing systems and researched by many authors in the recent times. The control method utilized artificial neural network (ANN) technique has been presented by Bouchiba et al. (2017) [2]. However, the disadvantage is to investigate the appropriate networks with associated learning rules in control design. Furthermore, the effectiveness of tracking problem or the stabilization of the cascade system are not still considered under the influences of using neural network approach. Dominique Knittel et al. proposed many linear controllers under the consideration of the approximate model of multi-motor systems without elastic, friction as a linear system to design the controller based on the transfer function technique [3, 4]. The framework of the classical PI controller and H infinity to eliminate disturbance was proposed in the work of [3, 4]. In the elastic multi-motor drive systems, it is necessary to estimate the belt tension to establish the associated state feedback controller. However, the difficulties of the control design lie in the fact that measurement of this belt tension by using sensors. The sliding mode control (SMC) technique based state feedback control enables to eliminate influence of disturbances and unknown parameters was proposed in [2, 5]. The sliding mode based control has been paid much attention in recent years because it is a widely relevant control methodology for uncertain/disturbed systems. Therefore, an adaptive sliding mode controller is proposed to obtain tracking effectiveness. The stability of closed system is obtained and verified by theory analysis, simulations.

# 2. DYNAMIC MODEL AND PROBLEM STATEMENT

The multi-motor system model considering the components of friction, elastic and tension is as Figure 1.

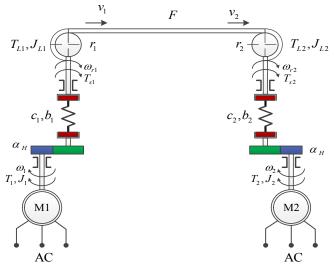


Figure 1. The Two-Motor Drive System

Where  $\omega$ ; and  $\omega_{L}$  are the rotor angular speed and the beltpulley angular speed; F is the tension of the belt; T is the moment of Motors; T<sub>L</sub> is load torque; v is the expected line speed; r is respectively the radius of beltpulley; c<sub>1</sub>, c<sub>2</sub>, b<sub>1</sub>, b<sub>2</sub> are the stiffness and the friction coefficient; J, J<sub>L</sub> are the inertia moment of Motors and Loads;  $\alpha_{H}$  is gear clearance limit angle. In [1, 6], the multi-motor system (in Figure 1) using two induction motor is described by the following dynamic equation (1).

$$\begin{cases} \Delta \dot{\phi}_{1} = \omega_{r1} - \omega_{L1}; & \Delta \dot{\phi}_{2} = \omega_{r2} - \omega_{L2} \\ \dot{\omega}_{L1} = \frac{1}{K_{L1}} \Big[ k_{c1} \cdot f_{1}(\Delta \phi_{1}) + k_{b1} g_{1}(\Delta \omega_{1}) - (T_{L1} + r_{1} F_{21}) \Big] \\ \dot{\omega}_{L2} = \frac{1}{K_{L2}} \Big[ k_{c2} \cdot f_{2}(\Delta \phi_{2}) + k_{b2} \cdot g_{2}(\Delta \omega_{2}) - (T_{L2} - r_{2} F_{12}) \Big] \\ \dot{F}_{12} = C_{12} \Big[ r_{1} \omega_{L1} - r_{2} \omega_{L2} (1 + \frac{1}{C_{12} \cdot I} F_{12}) \Big] \\ \dot{F}_{21} = C_{12} \Big[ r_{1} \omega_{L1} - r_{2} \omega_{L2} (1 + \frac{1}{C_{12} \cdot I} F_{21}) \Big] \\ \dot{F}_{21} = F_{12} \Big[ r_{1} \omega_{L1} - r_{2} \omega_{L2} (1 + \frac{1}{C_{12} \cdot I} F_{21}) \Big] \end{cases}$$

In which,  $\Delta\omega_1$ ,  $\Delta\omega_2$ ,  $\Delta\phi_1$ ,  $\Delta\phi_2$  are the errors of angle speed and the errors of angle in presence of backlash, elastic;  $C_{12}$  is hardness constant of the material when stretched; The functions  $f_i(\Delta\phi)$ ,  $g_i(\Delta\omega)$  are nonlinear functions depending on the gear clearance.

$$f_{i}(\Delta \phi) = \begin{cases} 0 \text{ if } \left| \Delta \phi \right| \leq \alpha_{H} & g_{i}(\Delta \omega) = \Delta \omega.f(\Delta \phi) \\ \Delta \phi - \alpha_{H} \text{ if } \phi > \alpha_{H} & ; \\ \Delta \phi + \alpha_{H} \text{ if } \phi < -\alpha_{H} & = \begin{cases} 0 \text{ if } \left| \Delta \phi \right| \leq \alpha_{H} \\ 1 \text{ if } \left| \Delta \phi \right| > \alpha_{H} \end{cases}$$

 $k_{c}=\frac{c\omega_{dm}}{i^{2}T_{dm}};\;k_{b}=\frac{b\omega_{dm}}{i^{2}T_{dm}}\;\;\text{are coefficient depending on}$ 

the mechanical stiffness and friction.

The state variable:

$$\underline{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_{1} & \mathbf{x}_{2} & \mathbf{x}_{3} & \mathbf{x}_{4} & \mathbf{x}_{5} & \mathbf{x}_{6} \end{bmatrix}^{T} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{1} & \Delta \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{2} & \boldsymbol{\omega}_{L1} & \boldsymbol{\omega}_{L2} & \boldsymbol{F}_{21} & \boldsymbol{F}_{12} \end{bmatrix}^{T};$$

The control variable:  $\underline{\mathbf{u}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_1 & \mathbf{u}_2 \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\omega}_{r1} & \boldsymbol{\omega}_{r2} \end{bmatrix}^T$ ; We have:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_{1} = u_{1} - x_{3}; \ \dot{x}_{2} = u_{2} - x_{4} \\ \dot{x}_{3} = \frac{1}{K_{L1}} [k_{c1}.f_{1}(x_{1}) + k_{b1}.g_{1}(\dot{x}_{1}) - (T_{L1} + r_{1}x_{5})] \\ \dot{x}_{4} = \frac{1}{K_{L2}} [k_{c2}.f_{2}(x_{2}) + k_{b2}.g_{2}(\dot{x}_{2}) - (T_{L2} - r_{2}x_{6})] \\ \dot{x}_{5} = C_{12} \left[ r_{1}x_{3} - r_{2}x_{4}(1 + \frac{1}{C_{12}.I}x_{5}) \right] \\ \dot{x}_{6} = C_{12} \left[ r_{1}x_{3} - r_{2}x_{4}(1 + \frac{1}{C_{12}.I}x_{6}) \right] \end{cases}$$
(2)

The model is described by equation (2) belongs to the class of nonlinear systems as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\underline{x} = A\underline{x} + B(\underline{u} + \underline{u}_{d}(\underline{x}, t))$$
(3)

Set  $\underline{e} = \underline{x}^{ref} - \underline{x}$  then there is an error-driven model:

$$\frac{d}{dt}\underline{\mathbf{e}} = A\underline{\mathbf{e}} + B\left(\underline{\mathbf{u}} + \underline{\mathbf{u}}_{d}\left(\underline{\mathbf{e}}, t\right)\right) \tag{4}$$
Where:

$$\underline{u}_{d}(\underline{e},t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ k_{c1}f_{1}(\underline{e}_{1}) - k_{b1}g_{1}(\underline{e}_{1}) - T_{L1} \\ k_{c2}f_{2}(\underline{e}_{2}) - k_{b2}g_{2}(\underline{e}_{2}) - T_{L2} \end{bmatrix}; \underline{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{r1} \\ \omega_{r2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}; \underline{e} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{2} \\ e_{3} \\ e_{4} \\ e_{5} \\ e_{6} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### 3. ADAPTIVE SLIDING MODE CONTROL DESIGN

In this section, the main work is to find a state feedback control law based on the adaptive sliding mode control technique for the class of multi motor systems.

Selecting a sliding surface of the form:

$$s = \alpha e + \xi$$
 (5)

with  $\alpha, \xi > 0$  are the design constants.

A(x, t), B(x, t) are nonlinear functions that can be approximated by a perceptron neural network as follows:

$$A(x) * \hat{A}(x, q_a^t) = q_a y_a(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{p_a} q_{ai} y_{ai}(x);$$
  

$$B(x) * \hat{B}(x, q_b^t) = q_b y_b(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{p_b} q_{bi} y_{bi}(x).$$
(6)

Where  $\theta_{ai}$ ,  $\theta_{bi}$  are variable coefficients;  $\psi_{ai}(x)$ ,  $\psi_{bi}(x)$  are the components selected based on the basis functions and  $p_a$ ,  $p_b$  are the corresponding node number.

All signals of closed loop will be bounded and  $\theta_{a^{\!\prime}},\,\theta_{b}$  converge to:

| e<sub>1</sub> |

$$\begin{split} \theta_{a}^{*} &= \underset{\theta_{ai}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \underset{x \in \Omega}{\sup} \left| A(x,t) + D(x,t) - \hat{A}(x,\theta_{ai}) \right| \right\} \\ \theta_{b}^{*} &= \underset{\theta_{bi}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\{ \underset{x \in \Omega}{\sup} \left| B(x,t) - \hat{A}(x,\theta_{ai}) \right| \right\} \end{split} \tag{7}$$

$$\hat{B}^{-1}(x,\theta_{b}^{t}) &= \hat{B}^{T}(x,\theta_{b}^{t}) \left[ \epsilon_{0} I_{m} + \hat{B}(x,\theta_{b}^{t}) \hat{B}^{T}(x,\theta_{b}^{t}) \right]^{-1} \tag{8}$$

Inside  $\epsilon_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}$  is the coefficient of determination;  $I_{\scriptscriptstyle m}$  is a homogenous matrix mxm.

In order to approximate  $\hat{A}(x,t);\hat{B}(x,t)$  an updated adaptation rule is defined as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\theta}_{a}^{t} = \eta_{a} \alpha \psi_{a}(x) s \\ \dot{\theta}_{b}^{t} = \eta_{b} \alpha \psi_{b}(x) s u_{eq} \end{cases}$$
(9)

Minimum estimated error:

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{a}\left(\boldsymbol{x},t\right) &= \boldsymbol{A}\left(\boldsymbol{x},t\right) + \boldsymbol{D}\left(t\right) - \boldsymbol{A}^{*}\left(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{\theta}_{a}^{*}\right) \\ \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{b}\left(\boldsymbol{x},t\right) &= \boldsymbol{B}\left(\boldsymbol{x},t\right) - \boldsymbol{B}^{*}\left(\boldsymbol{x},\boldsymbol{\theta}_{b}^{*}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

The control signal u(t) ensures the stability of the closed-loop control system and compensates for the approximate errors as:

$$u(t) = u_{eq}(t) - u_{c}(t)$$
(11)

$$\mathbf{u}_{eq} = \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{\mathsf{T}}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{b}^{\mathsf{t}}) \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_{0} \mathbf{I}_{m} \\ + \hat{\mathbf{B}} (\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{b}^{\mathsf{t}}) \hat{\mathbf{B}}^{\mathsf{T}} (\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{b}^{\mathsf{t}}) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} -\hat{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\theta}_{a}^{\mathsf{t}}) \\ + \dot{\mathbf{x}}_{d} - \beta \operatorname{sgn}(\mathbf{s}) \end{pmatrix}$$
(12)

$$u_{c}(t) = B^{-1}s\left(\overline{e}_{b}\left|u_{eq}\right| + \overline{e}_{a}\right)$$
(13)

#### Prove that the system is stable

The Lyapunov candidate function is selected as follows:

$$V = \frac{1}{2}s^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{\eta_{a}}\tilde{\theta}_{a}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{\eta_{b}}\tilde{\theta}_{b}^{2}$$
(14)

Where  $\tilde{\theta}_a = \theta_a - \theta_a^*$ ;  $\tilde{\theta}_b = \theta_b - \theta_b^*$  are the deviations of the adaptive law. We have:

$$\dot{V} = s\dot{s} + \tilde{\theta}_{a}\dot{\tilde{\theta}}_{a} + \tilde{\theta}_{b}\dot{\tilde{\theta}}_{b}$$
(15)

Substitute equation (12) into (5) and take the derivative:  $\dot{s} = \alpha \dot{a} = \alpha (\dot{x} + \dot{x})$ 

$$s = \alpha e = \alpha (x - x_{d})$$

$$= \alpha \begin{pmatrix} A(x,t) + B(x,t)u(t) + D(x,t) \\ -\hat{A}(x,t) - \hat{B}(x,t)u_{eq}(t) - \beta sgn(s) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \alpha \begin{pmatrix} (A(x,t) + D(x,t) - \hat{A}(x,t)) \\ + (B(x,t) - \hat{B}(x,t))u_{eq}(t) - B(x,t)u_{c}(t) - \beta sgn(s) \end{pmatrix}$$
(16)

Transform equation (10) to get:

$$\begin{aligned} & \epsilon_{a}(x,t) + A^{*}(x,\theta_{a}^{*}) - \hat{A}(x,\theta_{a}) = A(x,t) + D(t) - \hat{A}(x,\theta_{a}) \\ & \epsilon_{b}(x,t) + B^{*}(x,\theta_{b}^{*}) - \hat{B}(x,\theta_{b}) = B(x,t) - \hat{B}(x,\theta_{b}) \end{aligned}$$
(17)

Replace (17) into (16):

$$\begin{split} \dot{s} &= \alpha [ \left( \epsilon_{a} \left( x, t \right) + A^{*} \left( x, \theta_{a}^{*} \right) - \hat{A} \left( x, \theta_{a} \right) \right) \\ &+ \left( \epsilon_{b} \left( x, t \right) + B^{*} \left( x, \theta_{b}^{*} \right) - \hat{B} \left( x, \theta_{b} \right) \right) u_{eq} (t) \end{split} \tag{18} \\ &- B (x, t) u_{c} (t) - \beta \, \text{sgn}(s) \end{split}$$

have again

$$A^{*}(\mathbf{x}, \theta_{a}^{*}) - \hat{A}(\mathbf{x}, \theta_{a}) = \psi_{a}(\theta_{a}^{*} - \theta_{a}) = -\psi_{a}\tilde{\theta}_{a}$$

$$B^{*}(\mathbf{x}, \theta_{b}^{*}) - \hat{B}(\mathbf{x}, \theta_{b}) = \psi_{b}(\theta_{b}^{*} - \theta_{b}) = -\psi_{b}\tilde{\theta}_{b}$$

$$(19)$$

Replace (19) into (18):

$$\dot{s} = \alpha \begin{bmatrix} \left( \epsilon_{a}(x,t) - \psi_{a}\tilde{\theta}_{a} \right) + \left( \epsilon_{b}(x,t) - \psi_{b}\tilde{\theta}_{b} \right) u_{eq}(t) \\ -B(x,t)u_{c}(t) - \beta sgn(s) \end{bmatrix}$$
(20)

From (20), (15) and (5) we have:

$$\begin{split} \dot{V} &= s\alpha \Big( \epsilon_{a}(x,t) + \epsilon_{b}(x,t) u_{eq}(t) - B(x,t) u_{c}(t) - \beta sgn(s) \Big) \\ &= s\alpha \Big( \epsilon_{a}(x,t) + \epsilon_{b}(x,t) u_{eq}(t) - \overline{\epsilon}_{a} - \overline{\epsilon}_{b} \left| u_{eq} \right| - \beta sgn(s) \Big) \quad (21) \\ &\leq -\alpha s\beta sgn(s) \end{split}$$

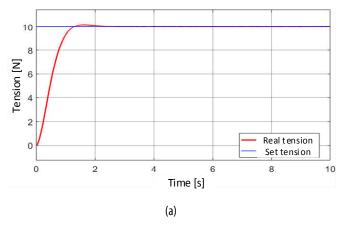
with  $\alpha > 0$ ; sgn(s)  $\geq 0$  infer  $\dot{V} \leq 0 \forall x \in \Omega$ . Therefore, all signals of the closed system are blocked and  $\theta_a$ ,  $\theta_b$  goes to  $\theta_a^*, \theta_b^*$  when  $t \to \infty$ . So the closed system is stable.

## 4. SIMULATION RESULTS

Consider two Siemens three-phase asynchronous motors with the same parameters, specifically as follows:  $P_{dm} = 4kW; L_m = 0,1958(H); L_s = 0,202(H) ; L_r = 0,2065(H); R_r = 1,275(\Omega); R_s = 1,663(\Omega); p = 2; n_{dm} = 1400v/p; J_{1,2} = 7,47.10^{-5}Kgm^2; J_{L1,2} = 8.258.10^{-5}Kgm^2; Roller radius 1, 2 r_1, r_2 = 0,03m; C_{12} = 0,4N/m; c = 360Nm/rad; b = 0,02; Material ribbon length I = 0,6m.$ 

To clearly validate the efficacy of the adaptive sliding mode control scheme, we consider the following cases:

Case 1: Tension response when gear clearance  $\alpha_{\rm H}=0,08$  rad  $(4,58^{\rm o})$ 



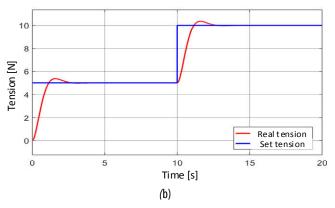
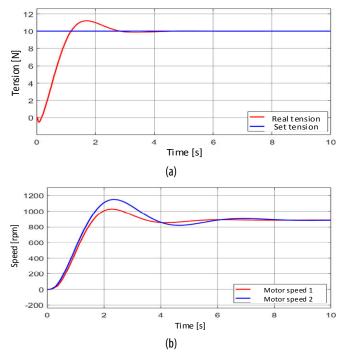
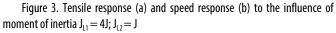
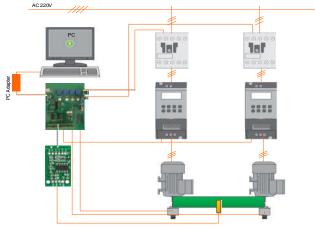


Figure 2. Tension response when gear clearance  $\alpha_{\!\scriptscriptstyle H}=0,08 rad,$  the input signal is constant (a)and step function (b)

Case 2: Tensile response of the system considering the influence of the moment of inertia of the load









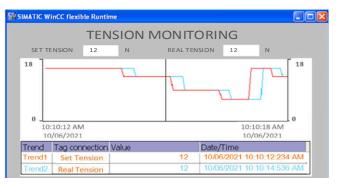


Figure 5. Set signal and real-time tracking signal

Comment: From the simulation results, it is found that the adaptive sliding controller gives good control quality. Under the influence of nonlinear factors such as gear clearance, elastic coefficient, frictional moment and moment of inertia on the load, the system still ensures accuracy in dynamic mode. and static mode, the error in static mode is always zero in different cases.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

This paper described an adaptive sliding mode control law the two-motor system in presence of elastic and backlash, friction. The effectiveness of the proposed control scheme was pointed out by theory analysis, simulation and experimental results.

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