DOUBLE INTEGRATOR MODEL AND INVARIANT MANIFOLD THEORY
ALGORITHM FOR AN X4-AUV

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ABSTRACT

Autonomous underwater vehicle (X4-AUV) with four inputs and 6 degrees of freedom (DOFs) is an underactuated system and has a nonholonomic features. There exist various studies on nonholonomic underactuated control so far, but most of them are confined into the case of systems with two inputs and therefore there are a few studies for the systems with three or more inputs. Control approaches for nonholonomic systems have utilized canonical forms. A nonholonomic double integrator model is the one of canonical forms for nonholonomic systems. In this paper an algorithm for an extended double integrator with four inputs is presented. Then a control law for an X4-AUV in extended double integrator model is derived using invariant manifold theory. It is expected that each state of the controlled object will be converge smoothly to the origin by using this type of control.

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INTRODUCTION

Control of underactuated systems, i.e., with less control inputs than coordinates is emerging as an important topic in control theory and applications. The potentials of a complete understanding of this problem are enormous. For example, the possibility of building mechanism that can perform complex tasks using a small number of actuators will reduce cost, weight as well as occurrences of failures. One of the main obstacles in the development of a comprehensive methodology for controlling such systems is the fact that linear control techniques cannot be used for these problems. These are ‘inherently nonlinear’ systems which require new approached taking into consideration their nonlinear character. One challenging aspect of these systems is that they are controllable but not stabilizable by smooth static or dynamic state feedback control law [1].

Control of underactuated systems often fall under the area of control of nonholonomic systems. The nonholonomic system has some constraints of velocity or acceleration. Many of control methods of a nonholonomic system convert the controlled system into a canonical form first. A canonical form of a symmetry affine system which has a velocity constraint is a chained form, a power form, and a nonholonomic double integrator. A 4th-order symmetry affine system with 2 inputs can convert it into the chained form. There are discontinuous control [1] and switching control [2-4] as a control method based on a canonical form. A control method for the power form composed of two inputs and n states is a switching control and a quasi-continuous exponential stabilization utilized the invariant manifold [5]. A canonical form of the system that has the acceleration constraint or torque input is an extended nonholonomic double integrator [6][7], a chained form, and an extended power form. The advantage of a nonholonomic system has lightening, a small energy making, and the cost reduction.

Note however that among them major research is for controlled object with two-inputs [8] and therefore there is restricted research for controlled object with three or more inputs [9-11]. One of causes is that there is no definite method of transforming the original model into a canonical model to the case of the controlled system with three or more inputs. In this research, in order to expand the application of underactuated control to the controlled system of 3 or more inputs, it aims at establishing a control technique for an X4-AUV, which is an underactuated system with four inputs and six outputs.

In this paper, after transforming the controlled system with four inputs into the double integrator form model of chained form in accordance with the method of Watanabe et al. [12], a switching control technique is proposed to stabilize the origin by an invariant manifold. It is expected that the switching control based on the invariant manifold assures that all the states smoothly converge to the origin [13][14].

COORDINATE SYSTEM

A special reference frame must establish in order to describe the motion of the underwater vehicle. There are two coordinate systems: i.e., an inertial coordinate system (or fixed coordinate system) and motions coordinate system (or body-fixed coordinate system). The coordinate frame \( E \) is composed of the orthogonal axes \( \{E, E_x, E_y\} \) and is called as an inertial frame. This frame is commonly placed at a fixed place on Earth. The axes \( E_x \) and \( E_y \) form a horizontal plane, and \( E_z \) is the direction of the field of gravity. The body-fixed frame \( B \) is composed of the orthogonal axes \( \{X, Y, Z\} \) and is attached to the vehicle. The body axes, two of which coincide with the principle axes of inertia of the vehicles are defined by
Fossen (Fossen and Sagatun, 1991) as follows: \(X\) is the longitudinal axis (directed from aft to fore); \(Y\) is the transverse axis (directed to starboard); \(Z\) is the normal axis (directed from top to bottom). Figure-1 shows the coordinate systems of an AUV, which consist of a right-hand inertial frame \(\{E\}\) in which the downward vertical direction is to be positive, and a right-hand body frame \(\{B\}\).

Letting \(\xi = [X Y Z]^T\) denote the centre of mass of the body in the inertial frame, and defining the rotational angles of the \(X\), \(Y\), and \(Z\) axes as \(\eta = [\phi \theta \psi]^T\), the rotational matrix \(R\) from the body frame \(\{B\}\) to the inertial frame \(\{E\}\) is reduced as:

\[
R = 
\begin{bmatrix}
  c\theta c\psi & s\theta c\psi & -c\phi c\psi + s\phi s\psi \\
  c\theta s\psi & s\theta s\psi & c\phi s\psi + s\phi c\psi \\
  -s\theta & -c\theta & c\phi
\end{bmatrix}
\]

(1)

where \(c\alpha\) denotes \(\cos \alpha\) and \(s\alpha\) is \(\sin \alpha\).

In which \(M\) is the total mass matrix of the body, and \(J\) is the total inertia matrix of the body. From the characteristics of added mass, it can be written as:

\[
M = \text{diag} (m_1, m_2, m_3) = m_b I + M_f
\]

(5)

\[
J = \text{diag} (I_x, I_y, I_z) = I_b + J_f
\]

(6)

Here, \(m_b\) is a mass of the vehicle, \(I_b\) is an inertia matrix of the vehicle and \(I\) is a \(3 \times 3\) identity matrix.

Letting \(\rho\) denote a density of the fluid and using the formulation of the added mass and inertia under the assumption of \(r_1 = 5r_2\) and \(r_2 = r_3 = r\), where \(r_1, r_2,\) and \(r_3\) the added mass matrix \(M_f\) and the added inertia matrix \(J_f\) are:

\[
M_f = \text{diag} (0.394\rho r^3, 5.96\rho r^3, 5.96\rho r^3)
\]

(7)

\[
J_f = \text{diag} (0.24.264\rho r^5, 24.264\rho r^5)
\]

(8)

From the assumption of the balance between the buoyancy and the gravity, i.e., the potential energy \(U = 0\), the Lagrangian can be written as:

\[
L = T - U = T_{\text{trans}} + T_{\text{rot}}
\]

(9)

The dynamic model of X4-AUV summarized as:

\[
\begin{align*}
  m_1\ddot{x} &= \cos \theta \cos \psi \ u_1 \\
  m_2\ddot{y} &= \cos \theta \sin \psi \ u_1 \\
  m_3\ddot{z} &= -\sin \theta \ u_1 \\
  I_x\ddot{\phi} &= \dot{\phi}\dot{\psi}(I_y - I_z) + u_2 \\
  I_y\ddot{\theta} &= \dot{\phi}\dot{\psi}(I_z - I_x) - J_\psi \Omega + u_3 \\
  I_z\ddot{\psi} &= \dot{\phi}\dot{\psi}(I_x - I_y) + J_\psi \Omega + u_4
\end{align*}
\]

(10)

where \(u_1, u_2, u_3,\) and \(u_4\) are the control inputs for the translational \((x, y, z)-\) axis motion, the roll \((\phi)-\) axis motion, the pitch \((\theta)-\) axis motion, and yaw \((\psi)-\) axis motion, respectively. A detailed derivation for dynamics model (10) given in [15].

Defining that \(\dot{b}\) is a thrust factor, \(d\) is a drag factor, taken from \(\tau_{M_i} = d\omega_i^2\) then \(\Omega, u_1, u_2, u_3,\) and \(u_4\) are given by:

\[

\begin{align*}
  \Omega &= \omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2 + \omega_z^2 \\
  u_1 &= \dot{\omega}_x + \omega_x^2 \theta + \omega_y^2 \psi \\
  u_2 &= \dot{\omega}_y + \omega_x^2 \phi + \omega_z^2 \psi \\
  u_3 &= \dot{\omega}_z + \omega_x^2 \Omega + \omega_y^2 \phi \\
  u_4 &= \dot{\omega}_\psi + \omega_x^2 \Omega + \omega_y^2 \phi
\end{align*}
\]
\( \Omega = (\omega_2 + \omega_4 - \omega_1 - \omega_3) \)

\[ u_1 = f_1 + f_2 + f_3 + f_4 = b(\omega_2^2 + \omega_3^2 + \omega_4^2) \]

\[ u_2 = d(-\omega_2^2 - \omega_3^2 + \omega_4^2) \]

\[ u_3 = f_1 - f_3 = b(\omega_2^2 - \omega_3^2) \]

\[ u_4 = f_2 - f_4 = b(\omega_2^2 - \omega_4^2) \]

(11)

The dynamic model (10) can be rewritten in a state-space form \( \dot{X} = f(X, U) \) by introducing \( X = (x_1 \cdots x_{12})^T \in \mathbb{R}^{12} \) as state vector of the system as follows:

\[
 f(X, U) = \begin{pmatrix}
 x_2 \\
 \cos \theta \cos \psi \frac{1}{m_2} u_1 \\
 x_4 \\
 \frac{1}{m_2} u_1 \\
 x_6 \\
 \frac{1}{m_3} u_1 \\
 x_8 \\
 x_{10} x_{12} a_1 + b_2 u_2 \\
 x_{12} - a_3 x_{12} \Omega + b_2 u_3 \\
 x_{12} - a_4 x_{12} \Omega + b_3 u_4 
\end{pmatrix}
\]

(12)

Where

\[
 a_1 = \left( \frac{1}{\ell_2} \right)_x, a_2 = \left( \frac{1}{\ell_2} \right)_y, a_3 = b_2, a_4 = \frac{1}{\ell_2}, a_5 = \cos \theta \sin \psi, u_2 = -\sin \theta.
\]

IN Variant MANI FOLD FOR EXTENDED NONHOLONOMIC DOUBLE INTEGRATOR WITH 4-INPUTS SYSTEM

Let the controlled object be represented by the following extended nonholonomic double integrator system:

\[
\begin{align*}
\dot{x}_1 &= y_1 \\
\dot{x}_2 &= y_2 \\
\dot{x}_3 &= y_3 \\
\dot{x}_4 &= y_4 \\
\dot{x}_5 &= x_2 - x_4 \\
x_6 &= x_3 - x_5 \\
x_7 &= x_2 - x_4 \\
x_8 &= x_3 - x_5 \\
x_9 &= y_2 - y_4 \\
x_{10} &= x_2 - x_4 \\
x_{11} &= x_3 - x_5 \\
x_{12} &= y_2 - y_4 \\
\end{align*}
\]

(13)

and consider a stabilizing problem such that \( x(t) = [x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4]^T \) is settled to zero as \( t \to \infty \).

To derive an invariant manifold for this systems, assume that the following state feedback law is applied to Equation (13).

\[
\begin{align*}
u_1(t) &= -2k y_1(t) - k^2 x_1(t) \\
u_2(t) &= -2k y_2(t) - k^2 x_2(t) \\
u_3(t) &= -2k y_3(t) - k^2 x_3(t) \\
u_4(t) &= -2k y_4(t) - k^2 x_4(t)
\end{align*}
\]

(14)

Now, defining the state vector of the linear partial system in (1) as \( x_*(t) = [x_1, x_2, y_1, y_3, y_4]^T \) its closed loop linear partial becomes

\[
x_*(t) = Ax_*(t)
\]

(15)

Where

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
-1 & -k^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2k & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -k^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -2k & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -k^2 & 0 & 0 & -2k & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & -k^2 & 0 & 0 & -2k & 0 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Then, the time response of Equation (3) is described by

\[
x_*(t) = e^{at} x_*(t)
\]

(16)

where \( e^a \) is

\[
e^{at} = \begin{bmatrix}
1 + kt & 0 & 0 & 0 & t & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 + kt & 0 & 0 & 0 & t & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 + kt & 0 & 0 & 0 & t & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 + t & 0 & 0 & 0 & t \\
-1 & -k^2 t & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 - kt & 0 & 0 \\
0 & -k^2 t & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 - kt & 0 \\
0 & 0 & -k^2 t & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 - kt \\
0 & 0 & 0 & -k^2 t & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 - kt
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Therefore, the closed-loop linear partial system is reduced to

\[
\begin{align*}
x_1(t) &= x_1(0)e^{at} + k y_1(t) + y_1(0)e^{at} \\
x_2(t) &= x_2(0)e^{at} + k y_2(t) + y_1(0)e^{at} \\
x_3(t) &= x_3(0)e^{at} + k y_1(t) + y_1(0)e^{at} \\
x_4(t) &= x_4(0)e^{at} + k y_2(t) + y_1(0)e^{at} \\
y_1(t) &= y_1(0)e^{at} + k y_1(t) + y_1(0)e^{at} \\
y_2(t) &= y_2(0)e^{at} + k y_2(t) + y_1(0)e^{at} \\
y_3(t) &= y_3(0)e^{at} + k y_1(t) + y_1(0)e^{at} \\
y_4(t) &= y_4(0)e^{at} + k y_2(t) + y_1(0)e^{at}
\end{align*}
\]

(17)
The time response of nonlinear term becomes
\[ x_i(t) = x_i(0) + \left( x_i(0)y_i(0) - y_i(0)x_i(0) \right) e^{-2k} \int e^{2k} d\tau \]  
(18)

Then, \( S_i(t) \) is invariant manifold because \( S_i(t) \) converges to zero.

**CONCLUSIONS**

In this paper, a new underactuated control method has been proposed for nonholonomic underactuated X4-AUV by applying a double integrator model and invariant manifold theory. At present, only the stabilization control problem was considered for an X4-AUV dynamic model. It is expected that each state of the controlled object will be converge mostly to the origin by using this type of control.

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