

A Review on Self Stabilizing Platform in Scope of Merchant Navy Applications

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Abstract—The advancement in robotics in the recent years has led to the integration of multiple disciplines of sciences to research and develop effective and reliable solutions for industries. This model is mainly focused on the Merchant navy industry where we have proposed the implementation of Self Stabilizing platform for various navy applications such as GLB/GLBE cranes, Helipads, etc. This model will be a 6 DoF/6 Axis model which is suitable for the movements for the scope of the applications proposed above. We have tried to fuse two different control methods for this model which are PID controller method and MEMS sensors methods which is a MUP6050 sensor. This model is better than the old mechanical link self-stabilizing platforms which are non-feedback control models. As the ship experiences storms the tilt in the bottom surface is detected and the upper platform tiles accordingly to maintain level and give stability to the GLB crane or the Helipad. This is a dynamic model which has real time active feedback.

Keywords—Self Stabilizing Platform, PID controller, MEMS sensors.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the recent years the revolution of industry has led to development of machine that tend to replace or cut down human work. This change in the industry has led to the invention of the domain in science known as mechatronics. Mechatronics is branch of applied science which deals with the fusion of electrical and electronics engineering, mechanical engineering & computer science engineering. Mechatronics engineering mostly focus on robotics and key need of today's hour is automation in industries which leads to effective and mass production in industries. Japan for very long time is known for its amazing robotics work and it has been pioneer for very long time. From basic conveyor belts to complex robotics models powered by artificial neural network, this subject has diversified into a lot of branches. [1]

As industry 4.0 has led to complete automation of many robotic machine artificial intelligence has played a major role

in automating the process and making the system more productive and efficient for the mass production of the machines, by minimizing the risk of human error and maximize their safety. The leading companies in this field such as ABB, Mitsubishi and Siemens are currently working on the making their system more effective using neural network function is shown in figure.1. [2] In this paper considered the implementation of Stewart's self-stabilizing platform with gyroscopic sensor for stabilizing of the GLB crane in bulk carrier ships. This model focuses on the research and development in self balancing robotics. This self-stabilizing platform will not only be beneficial for above mentioned merchant navy applications, but can also be used in modern robotic models which have real time feedback. [3-4]

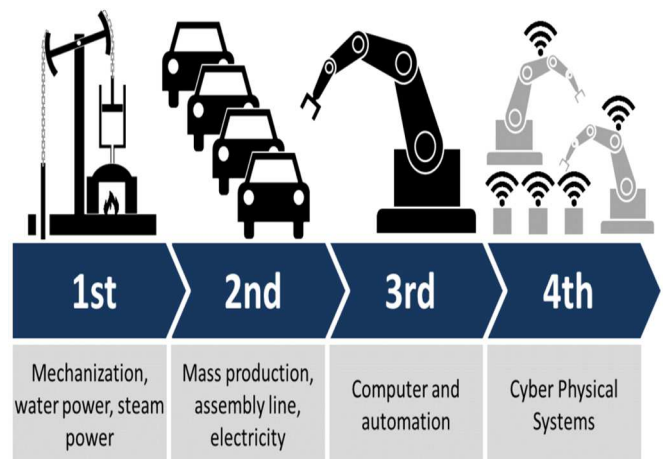


Fig. 1. Block Diagram of Industrial Revolution

The need of self-stabilizing platform in GLB cranes/ service cranes is because they have operational limitations when the bulk carrier/ship is not anchored. The stability issues with this proposed application will be minimized up to an extent. The model proposed here will consist of linear/pneumatic hydraulics according to the load ratings of the crane. This paper will now be divided into two different

parts i.e., working principle and proposed application. The working principle will first address the working technology and then the proposed methodology. Then the application part will consist of two sub parts i.e., proposed application and numerous possible applications is shown in figure.2. [5-10]



Fig. 2. Industrial Automation

II. METHODOLOGY

Stewart's Platform is a kind of self-balancing model which is made of servo/electric motors attached to arms to control the slope and a ball at the upper surface to represent the free roll on that surface. The system proposed here is an example of Closed loop feedback system which specifically represents the Fractional-order PID controller. The PID control system is abbreviation for Proportional-Integral-Derivative controller. This control system is widely used in industry for applications that require continuously modulated control. The function of this control system is to continuously calculate an error value. This value is the difference between desired set point and the measured output of the variable given. This control system then applies a correction continuously which is based on PID terms. [11-12]

The concept of 6 DoF (Degree of Freedom) can be best used to describe the movement of the platform in which we make use of only 3 DoFs i.e., Pitch, roll & yaw the other 3 DoFs are out of scope for the proposed application. The input of this model will initially be the PID control loop once it attains a value which will be close to zero error that will be considered as initial reference value for calibration and then will switch to the input from the gyroscopic sensor. [13] The gyroscopic sensor will further send the input values to the Atmega-328 board which will be calibrated by the reference value set by using the mathematical equation given by

$$\begin{aligned} T &= \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) + \frac{1}{2} J (\omega_x^2 + \omega_y^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(m + \frac{1}{r_b^2} \right) (\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

This equation can be derived from the coordinate axes is shown in figure.3 and The figure.3 gives the calibrated value from Atmega 328 board to the servo motor and in return adjusts the above given platform at 0 degrees. [14] The potential energy stored in the system while the single phase shift is given by

$$V = mgh = mg(x \sin \theta_x + y \sin \theta_y) \quad (2)$$

Further the two component sin and cosine are expanded to get total potential energy stored at each phase shift. [15-20]

$$\begin{cases} \left(m + \frac{1}{r_b^2} \right) \ddot{x} + mg \sin \theta_x = 0 \\ \left(m + \frac{1}{r_b^2} \right) \ddot{y} + mg \sin \theta_y = 0 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

The energy stored inside each shift will help us determine the load capacity of the crane to carry the load.

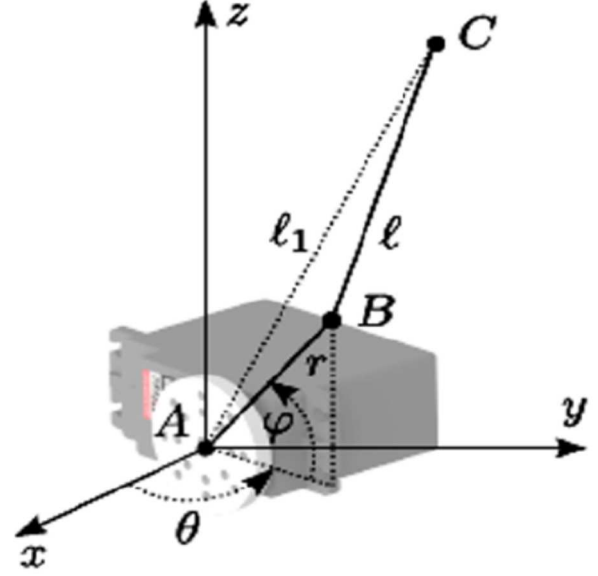


Fig. 3. Coordinate Axes of shaft rotation



Fig. 4. Self-Stabilizing Platform model with 6 DoF

The basic concept of filters is to reduce the noise in any circuit is shown in figure.4. There are basically two types of filters generally used for more accurate output signals i.e., Low pass filter and High pass filter. In this model we have proposed the use of filters for reduction of noise and distortion from the signals received from gyroscopic and accelerometer sensors. In the scope of this paper we have proposed two types of filters named as Kalman filter algorithm and Complementary Filter algorithm.

Kalman filter was proposed by Rudolf E. Kalman is the scope for development in control systems. The basic working of this filter is to take observations of unknown values during

the run and take an analytical result from the unknown values rather than just taking only one value. This digital filter is sometimes termed as Stratonovich-Kalman-Bucy filter because it was implemented by the Soviet Mathematician Russian Stratonovich. [21]

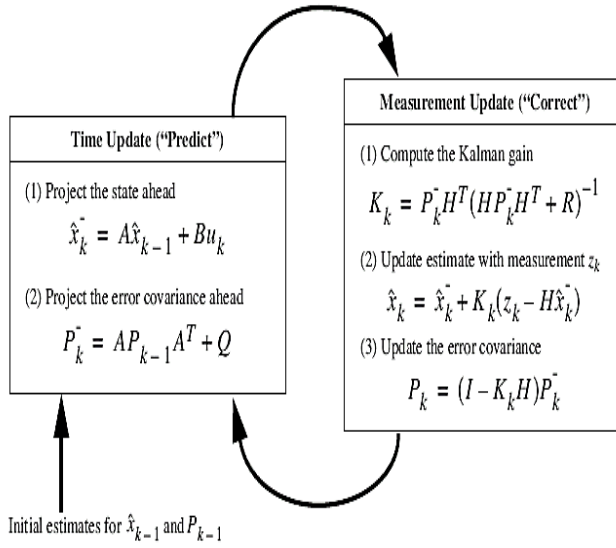


Fig. 5. Covariance matrix for Kalman Filter

The figure 5 represents the error updating by Kalman algorithm in terms of Matrices. This filter algorithm is the easiest algorithm to fuse the data received from Gyro sensor and Accelerometer sensor. This consists of low-pass filter that is common and a high pass filter for gyroscope. The output of this filter will give us more accurate data from which we can determine pitch, roll, and yaw altitude outputs of the upper platform. An example for complementary filter is given in figure 6. [22-25]

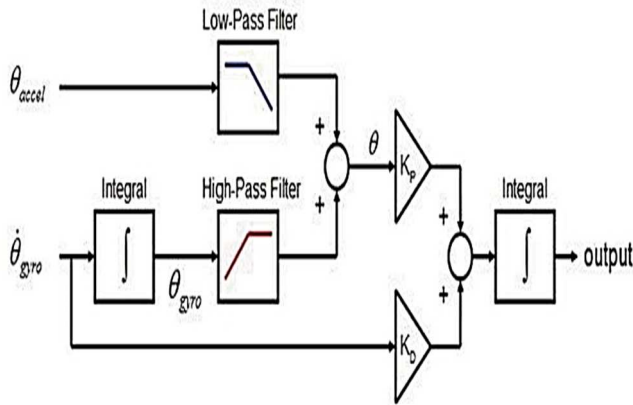


Fig. 6. Complementary Filter

III. PROPOSED APPLICATIONS

The self-stabilizing model proposed above is the principle for which the proposed application will be based on. The limitations identified with the GLB/GLBE cranes is that they cannot be operated while the ship is at its cruising speed and also cannot be operated when there are moderate tides in the ocean. The only difference between the above servo motor model and the application for crane proposed here is that the model will be implemented with linear / pneumatic hydraulic actuator and hydraulics. Once the implementation of the

platform will be employed, the cranes will be able to operate even during non-standard conditions up to a certain extent is shown in figure.7.



Fig. 7. 50ft GLB crane on Bulk carrier

One of the other applications of steward's self-stabilizing model is flight simulator is shown in figure.8. Flight simulator uses 6 DoF in order to attain the desired output which is computed by the user who is operating the flight simulator to create real time virtual environment for the user. [26-29]



Fig. 8. Simulator model using self-stabilizing Platform

IV. CONCLUSIONS

By the end of this review have witnessed the adverse capabilities of self-stabilizing platform in regards with various applications in various industries. The above working methodology also represents various control methods for a single application and also the integration of two different control methods to improve the response accuracy of the model and add the further capabilities of this model by integration of Artificial neural networks & Fuzzy logic rather than the implementation of PID controllers as it has its own drawbacks as discussed in the above sections. Then the capabilities of integration of modern technologies in existing systems are also a very effective way for automation in industries.

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