ROBUST STABILIZATION OF A QUADROTOR AERIAL VEHICLE IN PRESENCE OF SENSOR FAILURES

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ABSTRACT

The work proposed in this paper aims to design a robust stabilization of an underactuated quadrotor UAV system in presence of sensor failures. The dynamical model of quadrotor while taking into account various physical phenomena, which can influence the dynamics of a flying structure is presented. Subsequently, a new control strategy based on backstepping approach is developed. Lyapunov based stability analysis shows that the proposed control strategy design keep the stability of the closed loop dynamics of the quadrotor UAV even after the presence of sensor failures. Numerical simulation results are provided to show the good tracking performance of proposed control laws.

KEYWORDS

Backstepping, Dynamic model of quadrotor, Fault tolerant control (FTC), Robust control, Sliding mode, Sensor failures, Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV).

1. Introduction

The automatic control of a quadrotor UAV is not a straight on mainly due to its underactuated properties. The dynamic model of quadrotor UAV has six degree-of-freedom (DOF) with only four independent thrust forces generated by four rotors. It is difficult to control all these six outputs with only four control inputs. Moreover, uncertainties associate with dynamic model also bring more challenge for control design.

Despite the real progress made, researchers must still deal with serious difficulties, related to the control of such systems, particularly, in the presence of atmospheric turbulences. In addition, the navigation problem is complex and requires the perception of an often constrained and evolutionary environment, especially in the case of low-altitude flights.

The quadrotors, has been studied recently by some authors [14], [8], [2], [15], [16], [11], [20], [3], [4], [1], [6], [12], [17], [10], [13], [9], [18], [7], [5]. These systems as many other dynamic systems, present constant or slowly-varying uncertain parameters, but these authors do not take into account the failures affecting the sensors of our system, wich makes them very limited and induces undesired behavior of quadrotor, or even to instability of the latter after occurence of sensor faults.

In this paper, the stabilization problem of the quadrotor aircraft in presence of sensor failures is considered. The dynamical model describing the quadrotor aircraft motions and taking into a

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account for various parameters which affect the dynamics of a flying structure is presented. Subsequently, a new control strategy based on backstepping approach taking into account the sensor failures is developed. In order to compensate the effects of these failures, this control strategy includes two compensation techniques, the first one using an integral term, the second, is to use an another term containing "sign" function. Finally all synthesized control laws are highlighted by simulations which gave fairly satisfactory results despite the occurrence of sensor failures.

2. DYNAMICAL MODEL

2.1. Quadrotor dynamic model

The quadrotor have four propellers in cross configuration. The two pairs of propellers {1,3} and {2,4} as described in Figure. 1, turn in opposite directions. By varying the rotor speed, one can change the lift force and create motion. Thus, increasing or decreasing the four propeller's speeds together generates vertical motion. Changing the 2 and 4 propeller's speed conversely produces roll rotation coupled with lateral motion. Pitch rotation and the corresponding lateral motion; result from 1 and 3 propeller's speed conversely modified. Yaw rotation is more subtle, as it results from the difference in the counter-torque between each pair of propellers.

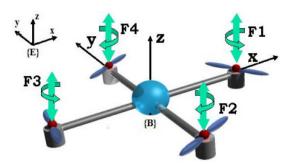


Figure 1. Quadrotor configuration

The quadrotor model (position and orientation dynamic) obtained is given like in [3], [4], [5] by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\ddot{\phi} &= \frac{\left(I_{y} - I_{z}\right)}{I_{x}} \dot{\theta} \dot{\psi} - \frac{J_{r}}{I_{x}} \overline{\Omega}_{r} \dot{\theta} - \frac{K_{fax}}{I_{x}} \dot{\phi}^{2} + \frac{l}{I_{x}} u_{2} \\
\ddot{\theta} &= \frac{\left(I_{z} - I_{x}\right)}{I_{y}} \dot{\phi} \dot{\psi} + \frac{J_{r}}{I_{y}} \overline{\Omega}_{r} \dot{\phi} - \frac{K_{fay}}{I_{y}} \dot{\theta}^{2} + \frac{l}{I_{y}} u_{3} \\
\ddot{\psi} &= \frac{\left(I_{x} - I_{y}\right)}{I_{z}} \dot{\theta} \dot{\phi} - \frac{K_{faz}}{I_{z}} \dot{\psi}^{2} + \frac{1}{I_{z}} u_{4} \\
\ddot{x} &= -\frac{K_{fix}}{m} \dot{x} + \frac{1}{m} u_{x} u_{1} \\
\ddot{y} &= -\frac{K_{fiy}}{m} \dot{y} + \frac{1}{m} u_{y} u_{1} \\
\ddot{z} &= -\frac{K_{fiz}}{m} \dot{z} - g + \frac{\cos(\phi) \cos(\theta)}{m} u_{1}
\end{aligned}$$
(1)

with

$$\begin{cases}
\overline{\Omega}_r = \omega_1 - \omega_2 + \omega_3 - \omega_4 \\
u_x = (\cos\phi\cos\psi\sin\theta + \sin\phi\sin\psi) \\
u_y = (\cos\phi\sin\theta\sin\psi - \sin\phi\cos\psi)
\end{cases} \tag{2}$$

 u_1 , u_2 , u_3 and u_4 are the control inputs of the system which are written according to the angular velocities of the four rotors as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b & b & b & b \\ 0 & -lb & 0 & lb \\ -lb & 0 & lb & 0 \\ d & -d & d & -d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1^2 \\ \omega_2^2 \\ \omega_3^2 \\ \omega_4^2 \end{bmatrix}$$
(3)

From (2) it easy to show that:

$$\begin{cases} \phi_d = \arcsin\left(u_x \sin\left(\psi_d\right) - u_y \cos\left(\psi_d\right)\right) \\ \theta_d = \arcsin\left(\frac{\left(u_x \cos\left(\psi_d\right) + u_y \sin\left(\psi_d\right)\right)}{\cos\left(\phi_d\right)} \right) \end{cases}$$
(4)

2.2. Rotors dynamic model

The dynamics of a DC motor is given by the following differential equations:

$$J_{r}\dot{\omega}_{i} = \tau_{i} - Q_{i}, \ i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$
 (5)

With $Q_i = d\omega_i^2$ is the reactive torque generated, in free air, by the rotor *i* due to rotor drag, and τ_i is the input torque.

A control law for the input torque τ_i is developed in [20], it is given by:

$$\tau_{i} = Q_{i} + J_{r}\dot{\omega}_{di} - k_{i}\tilde{\omega}_{i} \tag{6}$$

where k_i , i \in {1,...,4} are four positive parameters, $\omega_{d,i}$, i \in {1,...,4} are the desired speed of each rotor and $\tilde{\omega}_i = \omega_i - \omega_{d,i}$.

In fact, applying (6) to (5) leads to

$$\dot{\tilde{\omega}}_{i} = -\frac{k_{i}}{J_{r}}\tilde{\omega}_{i} \tag{7}$$

which shows the exponential convergence of ω_i to $\omega_{d,i}$ and hence the convergence of the airframe torques to the desired values leading to the attitude stabilization of the quadrotor aircraft.

In our application, the DC motors are voltage controlled. Assuming that the motor inductance is small and taking into consideration the gear ratio, one can obtain the voltage to be applied to each motor as follows [20]:

$$v_{i} = \frac{R_{a}}{k_{m}k_{g}} \tau_{i} + k_{m}k_{g} \omega_{i}, \ i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$
(8)

where R_a is the motor resistance, k_m is the motor torque constant, and k_g is the gear ratio.

3. CONTROL STRATEGY OF QUADROTOR WITH ACTUATOR FAULTS

The complete model resulting by adding the sensor faults in the model (1) can be written in the state-space form:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = \eta(x,t) + g(x,t)u(t) \\ y(t) = h(x,t) + f_s(t) \end{cases} \tag{9}$$

With $x(t) \in \Re^n$ is the state vector of the system, $y(t) \in \Re^n$ is the measured output vector, $u(t) \in \Re^m$ is the input control vector, and $f_s(t) \in \Re^q$ is the sensor failures vector, such as:

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1, \dots, x_{12} \end{bmatrix}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \phi, \dot{\phi}, \theta, \dot{\theta}, \psi, \dot{\psi}, x, \dot{x}, y, \dot{y}, z, \dot{z} \end{bmatrix}^T$$
(10)

Remark 1: In our contribution, only the velocity sensor failures are considered.

From (1), (10) and considering the velocity sensor faults, we obtain:

$$\begin{cases}
\dot{x}_{1} = x_{2} \\
\dot{x}_{2} = a_{1}x_{4}x_{6} + a_{2}x_{2}^{2} + a_{3}\overline{\Omega}_{r}x_{4} + b_{1}u_{2} \\
\dot{x}_{3} = x_{4} \\
\dot{x}_{4} = a_{4}x_{2}x_{6} + a_{5}x_{4}^{2} + a_{6}\overline{\Omega}_{r}x_{2} + b_{2}u_{3} \\
\dot{x}_{5} = x_{6} \\
\dot{x}_{6} = a_{7}x_{2}x_{4} + a_{8}x_{6}^{2} + b_{3}u_{4} \\
\dot{x}_{7} = x_{8} \\
\dot{x}_{8} = a_{9}x_{8} + \frac{1}{m}u_{x}u_{1} \\
\dot{x}_{9} = x_{10} \\
\dot{x}_{10} = a_{10}x_{10} + \frac{1}{m}u_{y}u_{1} \\
\dot{x}_{11} = x_{12} \\
\dot{x}_{12} = a_{11}x_{12} - g + \frac{\cos(\phi)\cos(\theta)}{m}u_{1} \\
y = \begin{bmatrix} x_{1} & x_{2} + f_{s1} & x_{3} & x_{4} + f_{s2} & x_{5} & x_{6} + f_{s3} \\
x_{7} & x_{8} + f_{s4} & x_{9} & x_{10} + f_{s5} & x_{11} & x_{12} + f_{s6} \end{bmatrix}^{T}
\end{cases}$$
(11)

with

$$\begin{cases} a_{1} = \left(\frac{I_{y} - I_{z}}{I_{x}}\right) a_{2} = -\frac{K_{fax}}{I_{x}} \ a_{3} = -\frac{J_{r}}{I_{x}} \ a_{4} = \left(\frac{I_{z} - I_{x}}{I_{y}}\right) a_{5} = -\frac{K_{fay}}{I_{y}} \\ a_{6} = \frac{J_{r}}{I_{y}} \ a_{7} = \left(\frac{I_{x} - I_{y}}{I_{z}}\right) a_{8} = -\frac{K_{fax}}{I_{z}} \ a_{9} = -\frac{K_{fix}}{m} \ a_{10} = -\frac{K_{fiy}}{m} \\ a_{11} = -\frac{K_{fiz}}{m} \ b_{1} = \frac{l}{I_{x}} \ b_{2} = \frac{l}{I_{y}} \ b_{3} = \frac{1}{I_{z}} \end{cases}$$

$$(12)$$

The following assumptions is needed for the analysis,

Assumption 1: The velocity sensor failures are bounded,

$$|f_{si}(t)| \le f_{si}^+, i \in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]$$
 (13)

where $\{f_{s1}^+, f_{s2}^+, f_{s3}^+, f_{s4}^+, f_{s5}^+, f_{s6}^+\}$ are positive constants.

Assumption 2: The velocity sensor failures are slowly varying in time, as follows:

$$\dot{f}_{si}(t) \approx 0, \ i \in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6]$$
 (14)

The adopted control strategy is based on two loops (internal loop and external loop). The internal loop contains four control laws: control of roll, control of pitch, control of yaw and control of altitude. The external loop includes two control laws of positions x and y. The external control loop generates a desired of roll (ϕ_d) and pitch (θ_d) through the correction block (illustrated by equation (4)). This block corrects the rotation of the roll and pitch depending on the desired yaw (ψ_d). The synoptic scheme below shows this control strategy:

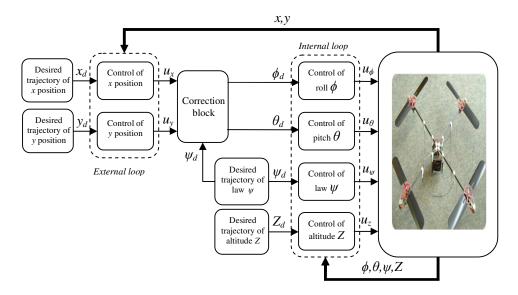


Figure 2. Synoptic scheme of the proposed control strategy

Basing on backstepping approach, a recursive algorithm is used to synthesize the control laws forcing the system to follow the desired trajectory in presence of velocity sensor failures, we simplify all stages of calculation concerning the tracking errors and Lyapunov functions in the following way:

$$e_{i} = \begin{cases} x_{i} - x_{id} & i \in [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11] \\ y_{i} - \dot{x}_{(i-1)d} + c_{(i-1)}e_{(i-1)} - \zeta_{(i-1)} & i \in [2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12] \end{cases}$$

$$(15)$$

and

$$\varsigma_{i} = \begin{cases}
k_{si} \int_{0}^{t} e_{i} d\tau & i \in [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11] \\
k_{si} sign(e_{i}) & i \in [2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12]
\end{cases}$$
(16)

The corresponding lyapunov functions are given by:

$$V_{i} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}e_{i}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}e_{fj}^{2} & i \in [1,3,5,7,9,11] \text{ and } j \in [1,...,6] \\ V_{i-1} + \frac{1}{2}e_{i}^{2} & i \in [2,4,6,8,10,12] \end{cases}$$

$$(17)$$

$$\begin{cases} e_{fj} = f_{sj} - \varsigma_i & i \in [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11] \text{ and } j \in [1, ..., 6] \\ \Upsilon_j = \begin{pmatrix} c_i & k_{si} \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} > 0 & i \in [1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11] \text{ and } j \in [1, ..., 6] \\ c_i > 0 \text{ and } k_{si} > 0 & i \in [2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12] \end{cases}$$

$$(18)$$

To synthesize a stabilizing control laws in the presence of velocity sensor failures, the following necessary condition must be verified:

$$|\gamma_{si}| < k_{si}, i \in [2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12] \text{ and } j \in [1, ..., 6]$$
 (19)

 (γ_{sj}) represent the unknowns parts related to velocity sensor failures.

The synthesized stabilizing control laws are as follows:

$$\begin{cases} u_{2} = \frac{1}{b_{1}} \left(\ddot{x}_{1d} - c_{1}(-c_{1}e_{1} + k_{s1} \int_{0}^{t} e_{1} d\tau + e_{2}) + (k_{s1} - 1)e_{1} - c_{2}e_{2} - a_{1}y_{4}y_{6} - a_{2}y_{2}^{2} - a_{3}\overline{\Omega}_{r}y_{4} - k_{s2}sign(e_{2}) \right) \\ u_{3} = \frac{1}{b_{2}} \left(\ddot{\theta}_{d} - c_{3}(-c_{3}e_{3} + k_{s3} \int_{0}^{t} e_{3} d\tau + e_{4}) + (k_{s3} - 1)e_{3} - c_{4}e_{4} - a_{4}y_{2}y_{6} - a_{5}y_{4}^{2} - a_{6}\overline{\Omega}_{r}y_{2} - k_{s4}sign(e_{4}) \right) \\ u_{4} = \frac{1}{b_{3}} \left(\ddot{\psi}_{d} - c_{5}(-c_{5}e_{5} + k_{s5} \int_{0}^{t} e_{5} d\tau + e_{6}) + (k_{s5} - 1)e_{5} - c_{6}e_{6} - a_{7}y_{2}y_{4} - a_{8}y_{6}^{2} - k_{s6}sign(e_{6}) \right) \\ u_{x} = \frac{m}{u_{1}} \left(\ddot{x}_{d} - c_{7}(-c_{7}e_{7} + k_{s7} \int_{0}^{t} e_{7} d\tau + e_{8}) + (k_{s7} - 1)e_{7} - c_{8}e_{8} - a_{9}y_{8} - k_{s8}sign(e_{8}) \right) \\ u_{y} = \frac{m}{u_{1}} \left(\ddot{y}_{d} - c_{9}(-c_{9}e_{9} + k_{s9} \int_{0}^{t} e_{9} d\tau + e_{10}) + (k_{s9} - 1)e_{9} - c_{10}e_{10} - a_{10}y_{10} - k_{s10}sign(e_{10}) \right) \\ u_{1} = \frac{m}{\cos(x_{1})\cos(x_{3})} \left(\ddot{z}_{d} - c_{11}(-c_{11}e_{11} + k_{s11} \int_{0}^{t} e_{11} d\tau + e_{12}) + (k_{s11} - 1)e_{11} - c_{12}e_{12} - a_{11}y_{12} + g - k_{s12}sign(e_{12}) \right) \end{aligned}$$

• Proof

For i = 1:

$$\begin{cases}
e_1 = x_1 - x_{1d} \\
V_1 = \frac{1}{2}e_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}e_{f1}^2 / e_{f1} = f_{s1} - \zeta_1
\end{cases}$$
(21)

and

$$\dot{V_1} = e_1 \dot{e_1} + e_{f_1} \dot{e_{f_1}} = e_1 \left((y_2 - f_{s_1}) - \dot{x_{1d}} \right) + e_{f_1} \left(-\dot{\zeta_1} \right)$$
 (22)

The stabilization of e_1 can be obtained by introducing a new virtual control y_2

$$(y_2)_d = \alpha_1 = \dot{x}_{1d} - c_1 e_1 + \zeta_1$$
 (23)

Consequently,

$$\dot{V_1} = e_1 \left(-c_1 e_1 - e_{f1} \right) + e_{f1} \left(-\dot{\varsigma}_1 \right)$$
 (24)

In order to compensate the effect of the velocity sensor fault of roll motion, an integral term is introduced which can eliminate the tracking error. We take:

$$\varsigma_1 = k_{s1} \int_0^t e_1 d\tau \tag{25}$$

It results that:

$$\dot{V_1} = e_1 \left(-c_1 e_1 - e_{f1} \right) + e_{f1} \left(-k_{s1} e_1 \right) = -\left(e_1 \quad e_{f1} \right) \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & 1 \\ k_{s1} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e_1 \\ e_{f1} \end{pmatrix} = -\overline{e_1}^T \Upsilon_1 \overline{e_1}$$
 (26)

 c_1 and k_{s1} are chosen so as to make the matrix Υ_1 positive definite, which means that, $\dot{V_1} \leq 0$

For i = 2:

$$\begin{cases}
e_2 = y_2 - \dot{x}_{1d} + c_1 e_1 - \zeta_1 \\
V_2 = V_1 + \frac{1}{2} e_2^2
\end{cases}$$
(27)

and

$$\dot{V}_{2} = e_{1} \left(-c_{1}e_{1} - e_{f1} + e_{2} \right) + e_{f1} \left(-k_{s1}e_{1} \right) \\
+ e_{2} \left(a_{1}y_{4}y_{6} + a_{2}y_{2}^{2} + a_{3}\overline{\Omega}_{r}y_{4} - \ddot{x}_{1d} + c_{1} \left(-c_{1}e_{1} + \zeta_{1} + e_{2} \right) - k_{s1}e_{1} + \gamma_{s1} + b_{1}u_{2} \right)$$
(28)

We know a priori from (19) that:

$$\left| \gamma_{s1} \right| = \left| -c_{s1} f_{s1} - a_{1} (f_{s3} y_{4} + f_{s2} y_{6} - f_{s2} f_{s3}) - a_{2} (f_{s1} y_{2} - f_{s1}^{2}) - a_{3} \overline{\Omega}_{r} f_{s2} \right| < k_{s2}$$

$$(29)$$

The stabilization of (e_1,e_2) can be obtained by introducing the input control u_2

$$u_{2} = \frac{1}{b_{1}} \left(\ddot{x}_{1d} - c_{1}(-c_{1}e_{1} + \varsigma_{1} + e_{2}) + (k_{s1} - 1)e_{1} - c_{2}e_{2} - a_{1}y_{4}y_{6} - a_{2}y_{2}^{2} - a_{3}\overline{\Omega}_{r}y_{4} - \varsigma_{2} \right) / c_{2} > 0$$
 (30)

It result that

$$\dot{V}_{2} = -\bar{e}_{1}^{T} \Upsilon_{1} \bar{e}_{1} - c_{2} e_{2}^{2} - e_{2} (\zeta_{1} - \gamma_{s1})$$
(31)

In order to compensate the unknown part related to velocity sensor faults (γ_{s1}), a "sign" function is introduced. We take:

$$\zeta_2 = k_{s,2} sign(e_2) \tag{32}$$

By using the compensation term (32) and the equation (31) it comes

$$\dot{V_{2}} \le -\bar{e}_{1}^{T} \Upsilon_{1} \bar{e}_{1} - c_{2} e_{2}^{2} - \left| e_{2} \right| (k_{s2} - \left| \gamma_{s1} \right|) \le 0$$
(33)

The same steps are followed to extract u_3 , u_4 , u_x , u_y and u_1 .

It is well known that sliding mode control signal is discontinuous in nature on the switching manifold, which in duces a chattering phenomenon. To avoid the effect of this phenomenon, the sign function can be replaced by another function called "saturation function sat(.)", it's is given by:

$$sat(e) = \begin{cases} \frac{e}{\Phi} & \text{if } |e| \le \Phi \\ sign(e) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
(34)

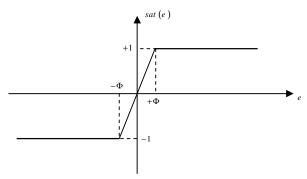


Figure. 3. Saturation function "sat(.)".

4. SIMULATION RESULTS

In order to see the performances of the controller developed in this paper, two Tests are treated.

- 1- Results without faults are shown in Figure. 4, Figure. 5, Figure. 6 and Figure .10.a.
- 2- Results with four sensor faults $\{f_{s1}, f_{s2}, f_{s3}, f_{s6}\}$ added in angular velocities and linear velocity of altitude of with 50% of these maximum values at 20s, 25s, 30s and 35s respectively are shown in Figure. 7, Figure. 8, Figure. 9 and Figure. 10.b.

The simulation results are obtained based on the real parameters in Table. 1 (see the appendix).

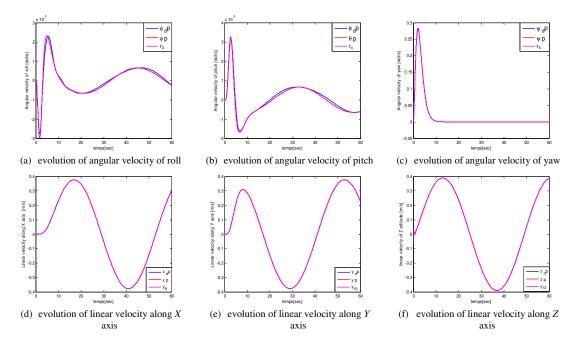


Figure. 4. Tracking simulation results of the angular and linear velocities, Test 1.

Figure. 4 and Figure. 7 represents the quadrotor velocities, It can be seen a good tracking of the desired velocities in Figure. 4, with tracking deviation in the measurements of angular velocities and linear velocity of altitude with 50% of her maximum values in Figure. 7 (illustrated respectively by (a), (b), (c), and (f)) after occurrence of these corresponding sensor failures, we can see also from this figure the small transient peaks in roll and pitch velocities due after

International Journal of Control Theory and Computer Modelling (IJCTCM) Vol.2, No.2, March 2012 occurrence of velocity sensor fault of altitude at 35s, which gives us a wrong information of velocities of our system.

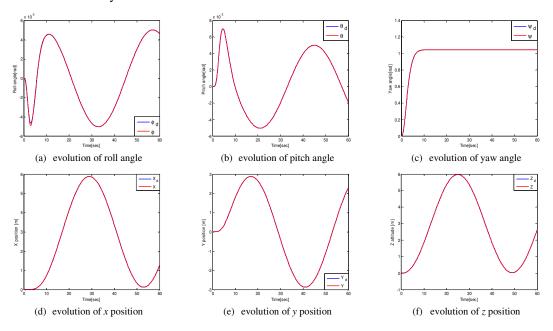


Figure. 5. Tracking simulation results of trajectories along roll (ϕ) , pitch (θ) , yaw angle (ψ) and (X,Y,Z) axis, Test 1.

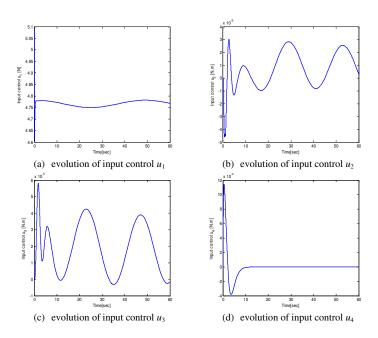


Figure. 6. Simulation results of all controllers, Test 1.

Figure. 5 and Figure. 8 represents the quadrotor trajectories. From these figures, we can see well a good tracking of the desired trajectories, with small transient deviations in roll, pitch, yaw and altitude motions given by Figure. 8 (illustrated respectively by (a), (b), (c), and (f)) caused by the appearance of velocity sensor failures in angular velocities and linear velocity of altitude (illustrated respectively by (a), (b), (c), and (f) from Figure. 7) at 20sec, 25sec, 30sec and 35sec

International Journal of Control Theory and Computer Modelling (IJCTCM) Vol.2, No.2, March 2012 respectively, these deviations converge quickly to their desired values, which also explains the robustness of this control approach toward the velocity sensor failures.

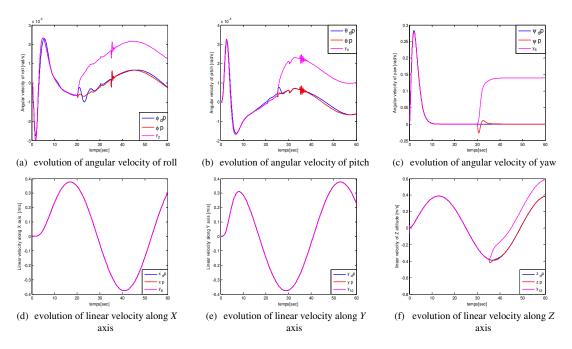


Figure. 7. Tracking simulation results of the angular and linear velocities, Test 2.

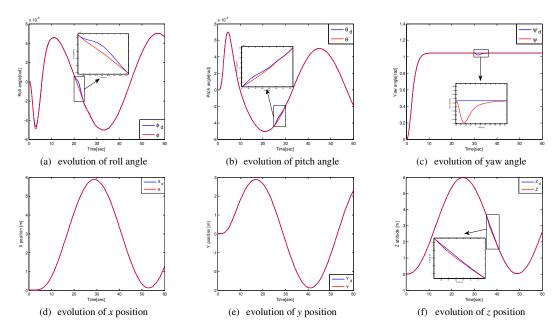


Figure. 8. Tracking simulation results of trajectories along roll (ϕ) , pitch (θ) , yaw angle (ψ) and (X,Y,Z) axis, Test 2.

Figure. 6 and Figure. 9 represents the inputs control $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$ of our system. From Figure. 9, it is clear to see the transient peaks in all controllers, especially in inputs control u_2 and u_3 which due after each appearance of velocity sensor failures in angular velocities and linear

velocity of altitude (illustrated respectively by (a), (b), (c), and (f) from Figure. 7) at 20sec, 25sec, 30sec and 35sec. Despite that, the stability of the closed loop dynamics of quadrotor is guaranteed.

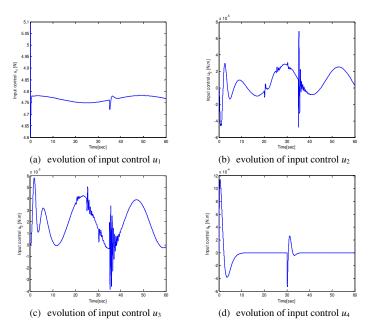


Figure. 9. Simulation results of all controllers, Test 2.

We can see also that the obtained input control signals given by the control strategy proposed in this paper are acceptable and physically realizable.

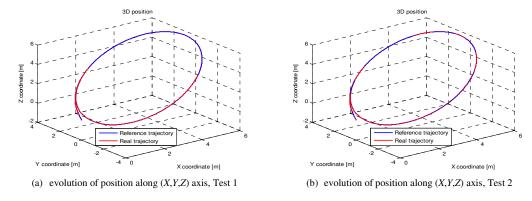


Figure. 10. Global trajectory of the quadrotor in 3D.

Figure. 10. represents the 3D position of quadrotor aircraft during the flight. The simulation results given by this figure shows a good performances and robustness towards stability and tracking even after occurrence of velocity sensor failures, which explains the efficiency of control strategy developed in this paper.

5. CONCLUSIONS AND FUTUR WORKS

In this paper, we proposed a new control strategy based on robust integral backstepping using sliding mode taking into account the sensor failures. Firstly, we present the dynamical model of

the quadrotor taking into account the different physics phenomena which can influence the evolution of our system in the space, and secondly by the synthesis a stabilizing control laws in the presence of sensor failures. The simulation results have shown high efficiency of this control strategy, she preserves stability and performances of quadrotor during a malfunction of these velocity sensors. As prospects we hope to implement this control strategy on a real system.

6. APPENDIX

Table 1. Quadrotor parameters.

Parameter	Value
m	0.486 kg
g	9.806m/s^2
l	0.25 m
b	$2.9842 \times 10^{-5} N/rad/s$
d	$3.2320 \times 10^{-7} N.m/rad/s$
J_r	$2.8385 \times 10^{-5} \ kg.m^2$
$I_{(x,y,z)}$	$diag (3.8278, 3.8278, 7.1345) \times 10^{-3} kg.m^2$
$K_{fa(x,y,z)}$	diag $(5.5670, 5.5670, 6.3540) \times 10^{-4} \text{ N/rad/s}$
$K_{ft(x,y,z)}$	diag (0.0320, 0.0320, 0.0480) N/m/s
k_m	$4.3 \times 10^{-3} N.m/A$
k_g	5.6
R_a	0.67 Ω

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