

Adaptive control based neural network sliding mode approach for two links robot

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ABSTRACT

In order to improve the control accuracy of the robot manipulator, the sliding mode control combined with the adaptive neural network (ANNSMC) is proposed. Sliding mode control (SMC) is a nonlinear control recognized for its efficiency, easy tuning and implementation, accuracy and robustness. However, higher amplitude of chattering is produced due to the higher switching gain to handle the large uncertainties. For the purpose of reducing this gain, the uncertain parts of the system are estimated using neural network (NN) with on-line training using back propagation (BP) technique. The results of the online interconnection weights between the input and the hidden layers and between the hidden and the output layers are injected offline in order to improve the network performance in term of the convergence speed. In order to reduce the response time caused by the online training, the obtained output and input weights are updated using the adaptive laws derived from the Lyapunov stability approach the proposed control ANNSMC has improved the convergence speed with 41.13% for the first link and 40.15% for the second link comparing to NNSMC. The simulation result illustrates the performance of the proposed approach by using MATLAB and the control action suggested did not manifest any chattering behavior.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The motion control design for two links robot is an intense area of research that has fascinate considerable focus, it's a big challenge because of the nonlinearities of the system and the uncertainties of their parameters. Furthermore, the right dynamic models are nearly hard to obtain because the system is described by a nominal model with major uncertainties, to name a few: external disturbance, internal friction, and payload parameter. Several strategies have been proposed to cope with parameter uncertainties including neural network (NN) based controls [1]-[22], neural adaptive proportional-integral-derivative (PID) control [11], the sliding mode control (SMC) [23]-[31], SMC and PID controller tuned by whale optimizer algorithm (WOA) [29], nonlinear model predictive control tuned by NN [32]-[34], the adaptive fuzzy control [35]-[37], the particle swarm optimization (PSO) combined with NN and SMC [38], the combined PID and SMC [30] were, the self-tuning fuzzy PID-nonsingular fast terminal sliding mode control for robust fault tolerant

control of robot manipulators is studied. Sliding mode control (SMC) is an important robust control, it provides a systematic approach to the problem of uncertainties, bounded external disturbance and nonlinearities [5], [30], [32]–[37].

Unfortunately, there is an undesirable chattering in the control effort and it involves extremely high control activity. It is worth mentioning that eliminating this chattering problem several solutions are proposed to perform properly as the boundary layer solution [23]–[25]. However, this method is only efficient for small uncertainties. In case of large uncertainties, the unknown parts of the two-links robot are estimated by using a neural network architecture, this approach leads to fewer uncertainties and a lower switching gain as result.

The back propagation technique [4], [38], [39] is used to train the weights of the neural network online. The most important task is to ensure the system's asymptotical stability and the tracking error's convergence to zero. In this study, the online input and output weights are injected and offline changed using the adaptive rules obtained from the Lyapunov stability theorem [40], therefore the asymptotical stability of the system is ensured, and also the speed of convergence is widely improved and illustrated in simulation results. In addition, we used integral squared error ISE [41] to validate numerically the theoretical statements, and that gives outstanding results.

This paper is organized as follows. The dynamic model of two links robot systems is introduced in section 2. Section 3 covers the neural network design technique; outlines sliding mode control and illustrates the adaptive laws for modifying the input and output weights obtained from the Lyapunov synthesis approach and the stability proof is presented. Section 4 displays the simulation results obtained by using a two-link robot manipulator. Finally, the conclusion is addressed in section 5.

2. SYSTEM MODEL OF THE TWO LINKS ROBOT

Consider the dynamic model of the two links robot written as (1) [7].

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + V_m(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + F\dot{q} + f_c(\dot{q}) + G(q) + \tau_d = \tau \quad (1)$$

With $q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q} \in \mathfrak{R}^2$ represent respectively the joints position, velocity and acceleration. $M(q) \in \mathfrak{R}^{2 \times 2}$ is a symmetric, positive definite inertia matrix, $V_m(q, \dot{q}) \in \mathfrak{R}^{2 \times 2}$ is the centripetal and coriolis matrix, $F \in \mathfrak{R}^2$ denotes the viscous friction coefficients, $f_c(\dot{q}) \in \mathfrak{R}^2$ is the coefficients of coulomb friction, $G(q) \in \mathfrak{R}^2$ is the vector of gravitation, $\tau_d \in \mathfrak{R}^2$ represents unmodeled dynamics and bounded unknown disturbances, $\tau \in \mathfrak{R}^2$ is the input torque vector applied to the servo motor.

$$V_m(q, \dot{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} V_{m11} & V_{m12} \\ V_{m21} & V_{m22} \end{bmatrix}; M(q) = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} \\ M_{21} & M_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M_{11} = \frac{m_2 l^2}{3} + \frac{4m_2 l^2}{3} + m_2 l^2 \cos(q_2); M_{12} = M_{21} = \frac{m_2 l^2}{3} + \frac{m_2 l^2}{2} \cos(q_2); M_{22} = \frac{m_2 l^2}{3}$$

With $q = [q_1 \quad q_2]^T$ the positions; $l = l_1 = l_2$: the lengths; m_1, m_2 : the masses.

$$V_{m11} = -\frac{m_2 l^2}{2} \dot{q}_2 \sin(q_2), V_{m12} = -\frac{m_2 l^2}{2} (\dot{q}_2 + \dot{q}_1) \sin(q_2)$$

$$V_{m21} = \frac{m_2 l^2}{2} \dot{q}_1 \sin(q_2), V_{m22} = 0; G(q) = \begin{bmatrix} m_2 g l \cos(q_1) + \frac{m_1 g l}{2} \cos(q_1) + \frac{m_2 g l}{2} \cos(q_1 + q_2) \\ \frac{m_2 g l}{2} \cos(q_1 + q_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

With g is the gravitation term.

$$H = F\dot{q} + f_c(\dot{q}) = \begin{bmatrix} f_{d1}\dot{q}_1 + k_1 \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{q}_1) \\ f_{d2}\dot{q}_2 + k_2 \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{q}_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

System model described by its state space is as (2).

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 = f_1(x) + g_{11}(x_1, x_3)u_1 + g_{12}(x_1, x_3)u_2 + \zeta_1(x, t) \\ \dot{x}_3 = x_4 \\ \dot{x}_4 = f_2(x) + g_{21}(x_1, x_3)u_1 + g_{22}(x_1, x_3)u_2 + \zeta_2(x, t) \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Where: $\zeta_1(x, t)$ and $\zeta_2(x, t)$ the unknown parts, $\tau = \underline{U} = [u_1 \ u_2]^T = [\tau_1 \ \tau_2]^T q = [x_1 \ x_3]^T, \dot{q} = [x_2 \ x_4]^T, \ddot{q} = [\dot{x}_2 \ \dot{x}_4]^T, \underline{x} = [x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4]^T$ and $M^{-1} = \underline{g}(x_1, x_3) = \begin{pmatrix} g_{11}(x_1, x_3) & g_{12}(x_1, x_3) \\ g_{21}(x_1, x_3) & g_{22}(x_1, x_3) \end{pmatrix}$ with $g_{11}(x_1, x_3) > 0$ and $g_{22}(x_1, x_3) > 0$ and $\underline{f}(x) = [f_1(x) \ f_2(x)]^T = -M^{-1}\{-V_m[x_2 \ x_4]^T - H-G\}$.

3. ADAPTIVE NEURAL NETWORK SLIDING MODE CONTROL DESIGN

3.1. Controller design

This study examines the trajectory tracking problem of the robot manipulator mentioned previously. The challenge of trajectory tracking control is to construct a robot controller based on any of $x(0) \in R^n, x(t) - x_d(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Where $x(t)$ and $x_d(t)$ are respectively the trajectory and the desired trajectory of a robot. In the following, some variables are defined as (3).

$$\xi(x, t) = [\xi_1(x, t) \ \xi_2(x, t)] \tag{3}$$

The system's output tracking error can be described as (4).

$$\begin{aligned} e &= q - q_d = [x_1 - x_{1d} \ x_3 - x_{3d}]^T \\ \dot{e} &= \dot{q} - \dot{q}_d = [\dot{x}_1 - \dot{x}_{1d} \ \dot{x}_3 - \dot{x}_{3d}]^T \\ \ddot{e} &= \ddot{q} - \ddot{q}_d = [\ddot{x}_1 - \ddot{x}_{1d} \ \ddot{x}_3 - \ddot{x}_{3d}]^T \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

With x_{1d} and x_{3d} are the desired output. $r = 2$ is the relative degree of the system (2), and the sliding surface is characterized as (5).

$$S = \dot{e} + \beta e \tag{5}$$

β is designed diagonal matrix as $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \beta_{22} \end{pmatrix}$. The selection of β must satisfy the following Hurwitz polynomial as (6).

$$\begin{aligned} s^{(2)} + \beta_{11}s^{(1)} &= 0 \\ s^{(2)} + \beta_{22}s^{(1)} &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

With $s^{(i)} = \frac{d^i(s)}{dt^i}$. The sliding variable derivative is (7).

$$\dot{S} = f_n + \xi(x, t) + g_n u - \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_{2d} \\ \dot{x}_{4d} \end{pmatrix} + \beta \dot{e} \tag{7}$$

The following is the robust adaptive controller that was used (8).

$$\underline{u} = \underline{u}_n + \underline{u}_s \tag{8}$$

with $\underline{u}_s = -k \text{sign}(S)$. The control law that respect (8) is (9),

$$\underline{u} = g_n^{-1}(x) \left(-f_n(x) + \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_{2d} \\ \dot{x}_{4d} \end{pmatrix} - \beta \dot{e} \right) - k \text{sign}(S) \tag{9}$$

where $\text{sign}()$ is the sign function given by:

$$\text{sign}(S) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } S > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } S = 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } S < 0. \end{cases}$$

In order to compensate the uncertainties, the positive switching gain k is designed as $B < k$. With B the upper bound of uncertainties given by $\|\xi(x, t)\| < B$. The boundary layer method may be utilized to remove the chattering effect induced by the discontinuous control law. The control is now as (10),

$$\underline{u} = g_n^{-1}(\underline{x}) \left(-f_n(\underline{x}) + \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_{2d} \\ \dot{x}_{4d} \end{pmatrix} - \beta \dot{e} \right) - k \text{sat}(S) \tag{10}$$

with the saturation function is described by (11),

$$\text{sat}(S) = \begin{cases} S/\delta & \text{if } \|S\| < \delta \\ \text{sgn}(S) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{11}$$

with δ is the boundary layer thickness.

This approach is suitable for systems with minor uncertainty. We suggest using NN to estimate the uncertain terms of the system presented in (1) for large uncertain systems, in order to keep system uncertainties manageable. Let denote the prediction of unknown nonlinear functions parts as: $\hat{\xi}(\underline{x}, t) = [\hat{\xi}_1(\underline{x}, t) \quad \hat{\xi}_2(\underline{x}, t)]^T$, with as (12):

$$\varepsilon(\underline{x}, t) = \xi(\underline{x}, t) - \hat{\xi}(\underline{x}, t) \tag{12}$$

and: $\|\xi(\underline{x}, t)\| < \varepsilon^*$ where ε^* is the network prediction errors' upper bound.

- Theorem 1: Consider the robot manipulator stated in (1) in the context of significant uncertainty. If the system control is programmed as (13):

$$\underline{u} = g_n^{-1}(\underline{x}) \left(- \left(f_n(\underline{x}) + \hat{\xi}(\underline{x}, t) \right) + \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_{2d} \\ \dot{x}_{4d} \end{pmatrix} - \beta \dot{e} - k \text{sat}(S) \right) \tag{13}$$

with $\varepsilon^* < k$ and $\hat{\xi}(\underline{x}, t)$ is predicted by the proposed off-line NN structure, then the trajectory tracking errors converge to zero in limited time.

- Proof. Consider the potential Lyapunov function: $V = \frac{1}{2} S^T S$ then $\dot{V} = S^T \dot{S}$ replacing the expression of \dot{S} given in (7) we have:

$$\dot{V} = S^T (f_n + \xi(\underline{x}, t) + g_n \underline{u} + \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_{2d} \\ \dot{x}_{4d} \end{pmatrix} + \gamma \ddot{e} + \beta \dot{e})$$

by substituting the expression of \underline{u} provided in the theorem we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= S^T (\xi(\underline{x}, t) - \hat{\xi}(\underline{x}, t) - k \text{sat}(S)) = S^T \varepsilon(\underline{x}, t) - k S^T \text{sat}(S) \leq \|S^T\| \|\varepsilon(\underline{x}, t)\| - k S^T \text{sat}(S) \\ &\leq \|S^T\| \varepsilon^* - k S^T \text{sat}(S) \end{aligned}$$

by selecting $\varepsilon^* < k$, with k is a minor gain that is just responsible for compensating network faults forecast, we have: if $\|S\| \geq \delta$ then we take $\text{sat}(S) = \text{sign}(S)$ for any $\delta > 0$ and the function $\dot{V} = (\varepsilon^* - k)\|S\| < 0$. However, we take $\text{sat}(S) = \frac{S}{\delta}$ as continuous function in a boundary layer (a small δ -vicinity of the origin), as a result the system trajectories are restricted to a sliding mode manifold boundary layer. $S = 0$. Basing on (10), (8) and (4) we can write as (14).

$$\ddot{e} = A \dot{e} + B \tilde{\zeta}(\underline{x}, t) - B g_n(\underline{x}) \underline{u}_s \tag{14}$$

The neural controller aim is to drive the system output to match the defined intended reference trajectory as closely as feasible. The suggested neural network's design technique will be described in the following paragraph.

3.2. Neural network representation

We investigate a NN with two layers of tunable weights in this study [8]. The architecture used is illustrated in Figure 1 with one hidden layer, where \underline{x} is the state input variables: the joints position, and the output variables are the unknown parts given by (2): $y_1 = \hat{\xi}_1(\underline{x}, t)$ and $y_2 = \hat{\xi}_2(\underline{x}, t)$.

$y_k = W_k^T \sigma(W_j^T \underline{x})$ $k = 1, 2$ Where $\sigma()$ is the activation function for hidden-layer considered as a sigmoid $\sigma(s) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-s}}$ function given by $W_k = [W_{k1} W_{k2} W_{kN}]^T$ and $W_j = [W_{j1} W_{j2} W_{jN}]^T$ are the connectivity

weights between the hidden and output layers, as well as between the input and hidden layers. The actual output $y_{dk}(\underline{x})$ which is the difference between the actual and nominal functions is (15).

$$y_{dk}(\underline{x}) = y_k(\underline{x}) + \varepsilon(\underline{x}) \tag{15}$$

Where the approximation error of NN is $\varepsilon(\underline{x})$. The weights of the network are modified during the offline implementation. The technique used is based on the BP algorithm, it's a gradient-descent method and widely used. The back propagation technique is used to determine the necessary modifications after randomly selecting the network weights. The algorithm may be broken down into five steps:

- i) Forward propagation of operating signal
- ii) Calculate loss function
- iii) Back propagation of error signal
- iv) Calculate gradients
- v) Weight updates

When the value of the error function becomes sufficiently minimal, the algorithm is terminated. It worth mentioning that BP algorithm converges slowly. In order to improve the speed of convergence, the adaptive principles obtained from the Lyapunov stability theorem is used to update online the obtained inputs and outputs weights. The detailed steps of the proposed algorithm are illustrated in [40].

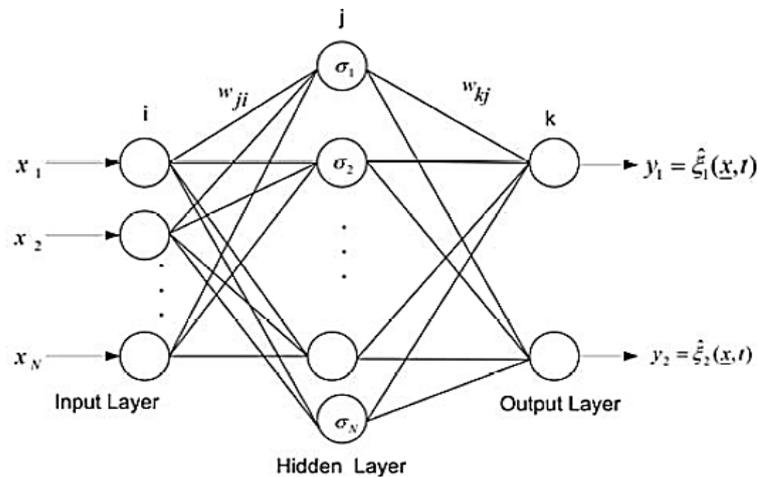


Figure 1. A multilayer neural network's design for predicting unknown components

3.3. Implementation of adaptation laws

The network weights are adjusted using the hybrid BP algorithm which takes important time to have a result, to deal with this time response weights are adjusted offline. In this case the output of ANN with 5 hidden nodes can be presented by (16).

$$\tilde{\zeta}(\underline{x}, t) = W_k * \sigma_k(x, W_j) \tag{16}$$

The parameters W_k and W_j need to be adjusted further for the purpose to minimize approximation errors. The adaptive rules for them were developed as (17) [23],

$$\begin{cases} \dot{W}_k = -\eta_1 \sigma_k^T B^T P \dot{e} \\ \dot{W}_j = -\eta_2 x^T B^T P \dot{e} \end{cases} \tag{17}$$

where η_1 and η_2 are constants that are always positive. P is the positive and symmetric definite matrix that corresponds to:

$$J = -(A^T P + P A) \tag{18}$$

where the designer selected J as a asymmetric definite matrix.

- Theorem 2: Suppose the nonlinear system described by (1). If the adaptive neural control rule mentioned in (13) is used with the parameter adaptation laws (17), as a result, the tracking errors converge to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$ and all signals in the closed-loop system are limited.
- Proof: Take into consideration the possible Lyapunov function, which is:

$$\dot{V} = \frac{1}{2} \dot{e}^T P \dot{e} + \frac{1}{2\eta_1} W_k^T W_k$$

The Lyapunov function's derivative is stated as:

$$\dot{V} = \frac{1}{2} (\ddot{e}^T P \dot{e} + \dot{e}^T P \ddot{e}) + \frac{1}{\eta_1} \dot{W}_k^T W_k$$

using in (14) we have:

$$\dot{V} = \frac{1}{2} ((A\dot{e} + B\check{\zeta}(\underline{x}, t) - Bg_n(\underline{x})\underline{u}_s)^T P \dot{e} + \dot{e}^T P (A\dot{e} + B\check{\zeta}(\underline{x}, t) - Bg_n(\underline{x})\underline{u}_s)) + \frac{1}{\eta_1} \dot{W}_k^T W_k$$

applying (16) and (17) we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \frac{1}{2} ((A\dot{e} + B\check{\zeta}(\underline{x}, t) - Bg_n(\underline{x})\underline{u}_s)^T P \dot{e} + \dot{e}^T P (A\dot{e} + B\check{\zeta}(\underline{x}, t) - Bg_n(\underline{x})\underline{u}_s)) + \\ &\frac{1}{\eta_1} (-\eta_1 \sigma_k^T B^T P \dot{e})^T W_k \\ \dot{V} &= \frac{1}{2} \dot{e}^T (A^T P + P A) \dot{e} + \frac{1}{2} (\check{\zeta}^T(\underline{x}, t) B^T P \dot{e} + \dot{e}^T P B \check{\zeta}(\underline{x}, t)) - \frac{1}{2} (\underline{u}_s^T B^T g_n^T(\underline{x}) P \dot{e} + \dot{e}^T P B g_n(\underline{x}) \underline{u}_s) - \\ &\dot{e}^T P B \sigma_k W_k \end{aligned}$$

P is symmetric, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \frac{1}{2} \dot{e}^T (A^T P + P A) \dot{e} - \frac{1}{2} \underline{u}_s^T B^T g_n^T(\underline{x}) P \dot{e} \\ \dot{V} &\leq \frac{1}{2} \dot{e}^T J \dot{e} - \frac{1}{2} \|\underline{u}_s^T\| \|B^T g_n^T(\underline{x}) P\| \|\dot{e}\| \leq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence \dot{V} is negative semi definite, the signals \dot{e} and W_k are all bounded. The parameters W_k and W_j described in (17) are adjusted using the projection algorithm as (19):

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{W}_k &= \begin{cases} -\eta_1 \sigma^T B^T P e & \text{if } \|W_k\| < M_B \text{ or} \\ \text{if } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|W_k\| = M_B \text{ and} \\ e^T P B \sigma^T W_k \geq 0 \end{array} \right. & \end{cases} \\ \dot{W}_j &= \begin{cases} -\eta_1 \sigma^T B^T P e - \frac{e^T P B \sigma^T W_k}{\|W_k\|^2} W_k & \text{if } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|W_k\| = M_B \text{ and} \\ e^T P B \sigma^T W_k < 0 \end{array} \right. \\ -\eta_2 x^T B^T P e & \text{if } \|W_j\| < M_{B2} \text{ or} \\ \text{if } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|W_j\| = M_{B2} \text{ and} \\ e^T P B x^T W_j \geq 0 \end{array} \right. & \\ -\eta_2 x^T B^T P e - \frac{e^T P B x^T W_j}{\|W_j\|^2} W_j & \text{if } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \|W_j\| = M_{B2} \text{ and} \\ e^T P B x^T W_j < 0 \end{array} \right. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

The utilization of projection algorithm has a good performance on the tracking trajectory and also in the control law illustrated in the next section.

3.4. Integral squared error (ISE)

In advance of talking about how to configure a controller, we must first define what makes a satisfactory response. It is a great challenge to take up. In reality, there are several metrics that may be used to compare the quality of regulated replies. The control measure described in this section is integral squared error (ISE) which is used to illustrate the success of the designed control ANNSMC. According to [41], the mathematical expression for ISE is (20),

$$ISE = \int e^2 dt \tag{20}$$

where t is the simulation time, and e is the system's output tracking error.

4. SIMULATION RESULT

In this part, we put the suggested control strategy to the test on a two-link robot represented by the model (1). The aim of the control is to keep the system tracking the desired angle trajectory: $x_{1d} = \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{3} \cos(0.5t)$ and $x_{3d} = (\pi/3) \sin(0.5t)$. The criteria are thought to be $m_1 = m_2 = 1; l_1 = l_2 = 1$ the initial conditions are: $q(0) = [x_1(0) \ x_3(0)]^T = 0$ $\dot{q}(0) = [x_2(0) \ x_4(0)]^T = 0$. The uncertainties under consideration are vector random noise with a value of unity $|\tau_d| \leq 1$. The following are the parameters connected with the controller design: $J = \begin{pmatrix} 100 & 0 \\ 0 & 100 \end{pmatrix} M_B = 1.35, M_{B2} = 2, \eta_1 = 6, \eta_2 = 1.5, A = [1 \ 0; 0 \ 1], B = [1 \ 0; 0 \ 1], P = [-50 \ 0; 0 \ -50]$, the number of hidden nodes is 5, the gain is $k_1 = k_2 = 1.5$.

The simulation results show position tracking for links 1 and 2, which are depicted respectively in Figure 2 and Figure 3, where the reference signal is represented by the dashed line (red), the results using adaptive law for weigh (ANNSMC) is represented by solid line (green), the results without adaptive law for weigh (NNSMC) is represented by dashed line (blue) and the results using conventional SM is represented by dot line (black). According to Figure 2, the gap between the ANNSMC outcomes position of link 1 and the reference value is high at first, but the system remains stable, and the system outputs faster converge to the intended trajectory than NNSMC, however the SMC result position don't converge as the ANNSMC result position. Similarly, the ANNSMC position of link 2 closely matches the reference signals and quickly than NNSMC. The corresponding control torque signals given in Figure 4 and Figure 5 are smooth even in the presence of significant uncertainty, there is no oscillatory behavior.

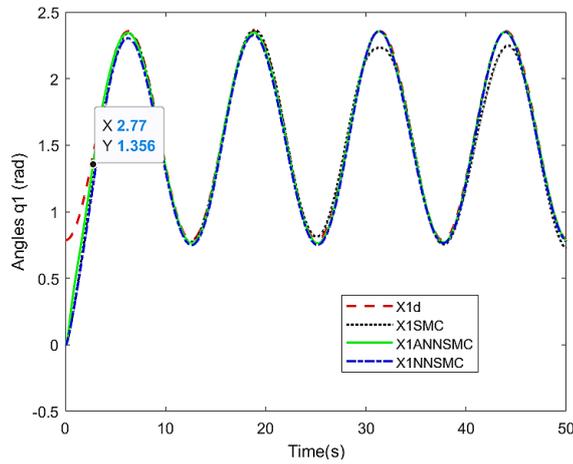


Figure 2. Angle response $x_{1ANNSMC}$ using adaptive law, x_{1NNSMC} angle response without adaptive law x_{1SMC} angle response with conventional SMC and desired trajectory x_{1d}

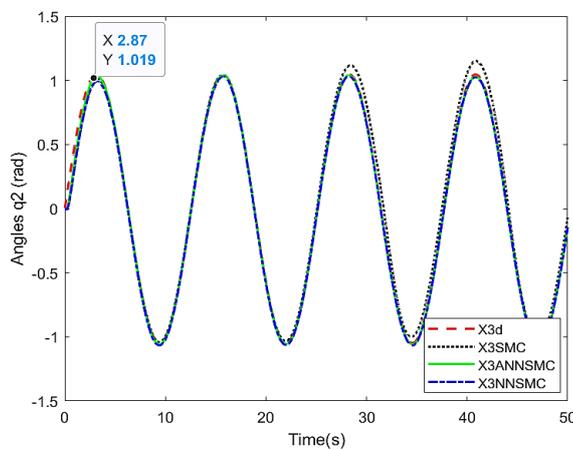


Figure 3. Angle response $x_{3ANNSMC}$ using adaptive law, x_{3NNSMC} angle response without adaptive law x_{3SM} angle response using conventional SMC and desired trajectory x_{3d}

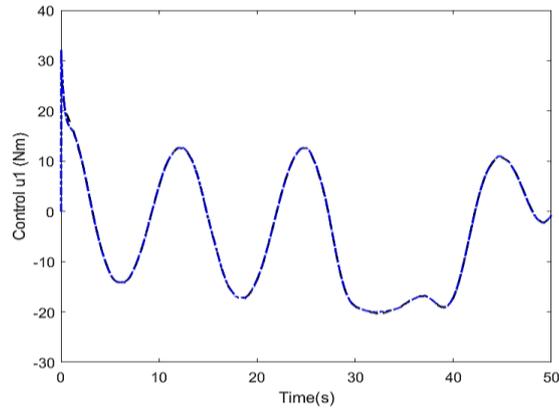


Figure 4. Control u_1 (input torque of joint actuator 1)

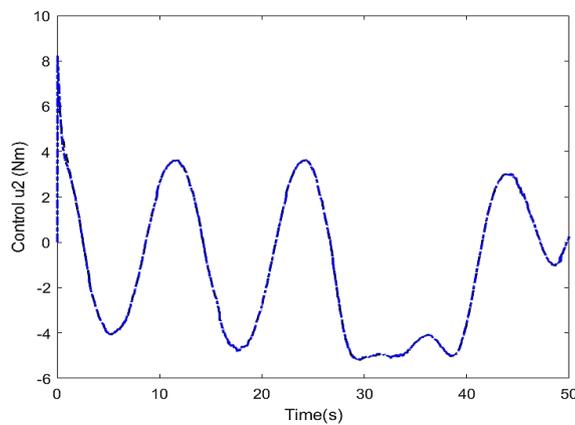


Figure 5. Control u_2 (input torque of joint actuator 2)

In addition, the suggested adaptive neural control method's performance evaluation in term of the speed of convergence is investigated in Figure 6 and Figure 7, that represent the position tracking for link 1 and link 2 where the reference signals is represented by dash red line and the results without adaptive law for weight is represented by solid line in blue, by comparing the time response made by the results using this approach, Figure 2 and Figure 3, and the results without it, Figure 6 and Figure 7, it's obvious that the time response is widely improved. Furthermore, the error response is also reduced by using the proposed control and illustrated in Figure 8 and Figure 9.

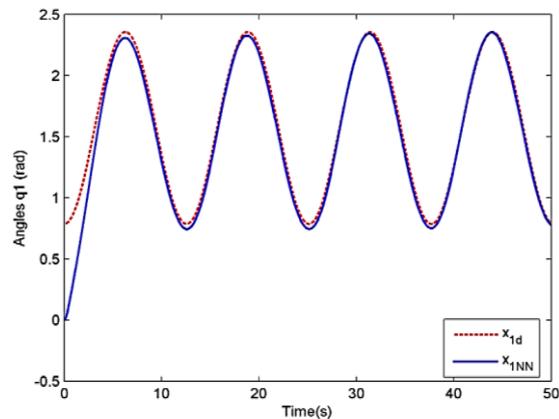


Figure 6. Angle response x_{1NNSMC} without adaptive law, desired trajectory x_{1d}

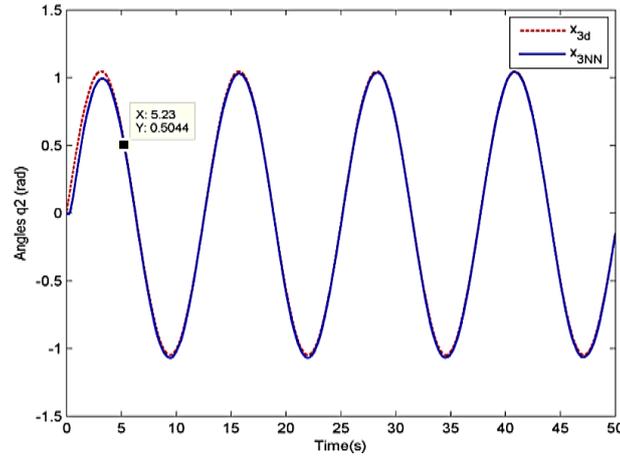


Figure 7. Angle response x_{3NNSMC} without adaptive law, desired trajectory x_{3d}

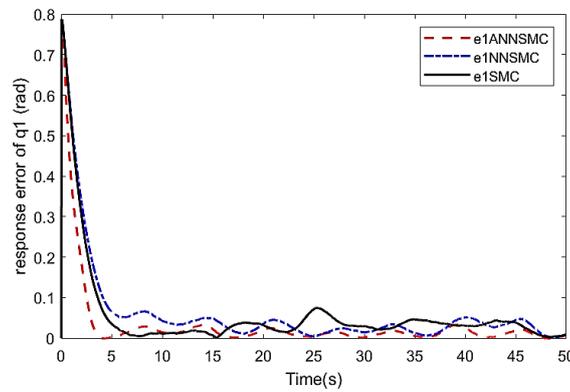


Figure 8. Error response e_{1NNSMC} , $e_{1ANNSMC}$ and e_{1SMC} of angle q_1 , respectively without and with adaptive law and SMC

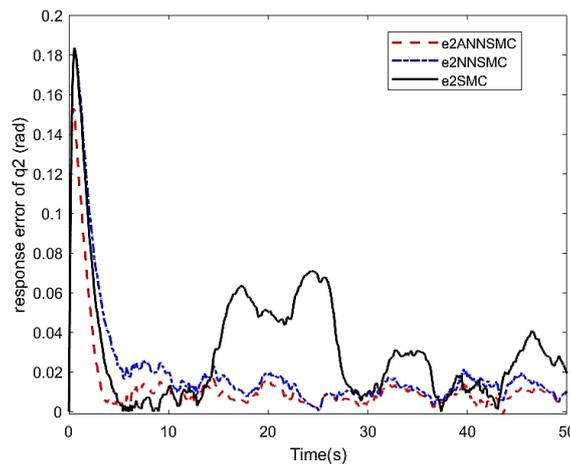


Figure 9. Error response e_{2NNSMC} , $e_{2ANNSMC}$ and e_{2SMC} of angle q_2 , respectively without and with adaptive law and SMC

The performance comparison of the ANNSMC control in Table 1 shows that it outperforms the neural network sliding mode control (without the adaptive law derived based on Lyapunov theory). The control system designed to minimize ISE tend to rapidly reduce huge mistakes, this leads to fast responses This is seen in Figures 2, 3, 6, and 7.

Table 1. Comparative ISE for ANNSMC and SMC control

	NNSMC		ANNSMC		SMC	
ISE	e_1	e_2	e_{1a}	e_{2a}	e_{1s}	e_{2s}
	6.1398	80.2373	2.8940	47.241	9.6930	108.6011

5. CONCLUSION

The robust reference tracking problem for two-link robot manipulators was solved in this study. The developed method is a hybrid of the sliding mode control SMC technology and the adaptive neural network. ANN used online to extract weights adjusted firstly with BP algorithm. However, these weights are injected to be adjusted secondly by the adaptation rule obtained from the Lyapunov stability theorem. The ability of ANN to approximate fatly the uncertainties and external interference were assessed through comparison with an traditional SMC methods. Simulations conducted on computers of a two-link robot manipulator confirm outstanding results and show that the proposed algorithm can quickly approach the desired trajectory and effectively suppresses the chattering. Furthermore, the measure of ISE is used in addition to verify the theoretical statements achieved.

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