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Fuzzy Adaptive Prescribed Performance Control for a Class of Uncertain Nonlinear Systems with Unknown Dead-Zone Inputs

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This paper proposes a fuzzy adaptive prescribed performance control scheme for a class of uncertain chaotic systems with unknown control gains and unknown dead-zone inputs. Firstly, an error transformation is introduced to transform the original constrained system into an equivalent unconstrained one. Then, based on the error transformation technique and the predefined performance technique, a fuzzy adaptive feedback control method is developed. It is shown that all the signals of the resulting closed-loop system are bounded. Finally, an illustrative example is given to demonstrate the effectiveness and usefulness of the proposed technique.

1. Introduction

As a hard nonlinearity, dead-zone has been found in many industrial processes. For example, dry friction or stiction is a common source of dead-zone nonlinearities in electromechanical systems, and temperature changes on the surface of these components can produce relevant variations of dead-zone effects [1]. If dead-zone nonlinearities are neglected [2], they will limit the closed-loop system performance and lead to instability. So, these nonlinearities are particularly harmful. Many researchers employed many methods to improve the performances of control systems with dead-zone inputs. The most common approaches are adaptive schemes [3–6], fuzzy systems [7–14], neural networks [15–18], and sliding mode control [19–22]. In order to compensate the negative effects of the dead-zone nonlinearity, an inverse dead-zone as a method is used. But this method leads to a discontinuous control law and requires instantaneous switching, which in practice cannot be accomplished with mechanical actuators. To overcome this limitation, smooth inverses are adopted in [23, 24]. Another method was proposed by Lewis et al. [8] and adopted by Wang et al. [25]. In both works, the

dead-zone is treated as a combination of a linear and a saturation function. In [4], Boukroune and M'Saad proposed fuzzy adaptive observer-based approach to deal with the practical projective synchronization problem for a class of chaotic systems involving dead-zone in the control channel. Wu et al. [5] introduced a smooth inverse of the dead-zone to compensate the effect of the dead-zone in controllers design and proposed an adaptive sliding mode control law to achieve spacecraft attitude tracking problem. By using a four-dimensional energy resource demand supply system, an adaptive neural networks control approach is presented in [17]. The approach not only makes the states of two chaotic systems asymptotic synchronization but also achieved better control performances. In [19], an adaptive fuzzy control scheme is proposed for a class of uncertain multi-input multioutput (MIMO) nonlinear systems with the nonsymmetric control gain matrix and the unknown dead-zone inputs. Boukroune and M'Saad [20] developed a fuzzy adaptive variable-structure control scheme for a class of uncertain MIMO chaotic systems with both sector nonlinearities and dead-zones. In order to realize the robust compensator, most of the aforementioned control schemes are obtained

with the restriction that the control gains are known in advance. However, this assumption does not appear to be realistic in a general case [26]. So it is more advisable to take the effects of the unknown control gains and unknown dead-zone inputs into account for uncertain nonlinear systems.

Recently, Bechlioulis and Rovithakis [27] proposed prescribed performance control (PPC) scheme for uncertain nonlinear system. Utilizing a transformation function, the original controlled system is transformed into a new one. If the uniform boundedness of the states of the latter is ensured, we can solve the stability problem for the former. The paper [28] established a control scheme to control unknown pure feedback systems of known high relative degree, exhibiting prescribed performance with respect to trajectory oriented metrics. For nonlinear large-scale systems, Li and Tong [29] employed prescribed performance adaptive fuzzy output-feedback control method to ensure that all the signals in the closed-loop system are bounded. Meanwhile, Li and Tong [30] proposed an adaptive fuzzy output constrained control design approach for MIMO uncertain stochastic nonlinear systems. Sun and Liu [31] presented a fuzzy adaptive control method for MIMO uncertain chaotic systems, which is capable of guaranteeing the prescribed performance bounds. However, the main limitation in [31] is that the effect of both unknown control gains and unknown dead-zone inputs for uncertain nonlinear systems has not been taken into account.

To the author's best knowledge, there are few literatures dealing with the prescribed performance control problem with unknown dead-zone inputs. Inspired by the works in [32], we investigate the tracking control with guaranteed prescribed performance for uncertain nonlinear systems. Compared with related works, there are three main contributions that are worth to be emphasized:

- (1) Compared with the results in [31], the uncertain chaotic system with unknown control gain and unknown dead-zone input is considered.
- (2) The prescribed performance function (PPF) is incorporated into the control design.
- (3) The proposed control law avoids the chattering phenomenon.

Motivated by the aforementioned works, this paper focuses on the problem of adaptive fuzzy control for a class of uncertain nonlinear systems with unknown control gains and unknown dead-zone inputs. Based on Lyapunov function, it is proved that all the signals of the closed-loop system are bounded and that the tracking error remains an adjustable neighborhood of the origin with the prescribed performance bounds.

The organization of this paper is described as follows. In the next section, system model is derived, and the assumptions are also given. In Section 3, the design of the proposed control strategies is discussed. The simulation results are presented to demonstrate the effectiveness of proposed control scheme in Section 4. Conclusion is presented in Section 5.

2. System Descriptions and Problem Formulations

Consider the following nonlinear system:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= f_1(t, x) + g_1(t, x) \phi_1(u_1(t)), \\ \dot{x}_2 &= f_2(t, x) + g_2(t, x) \phi_2(u_2(t)), \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{x}_n &= f_n(t, x) + g_n(t, x) \phi_n(u_n(t)),\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

where $x = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^T$ is the system state vector which is assumed to be available for measurement. $u = [u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n]^T$ is the control input vector and $f(t, x) = [f_1(t, x), f_2(t, x), \dots, f_n(t, x)]^T$ is the unknown continuous nonlinear function, $g(t, x) = [g_1(t, x), g_2(t, x), \dots, g_n(t, x)]^T$ is unknown control gain, and $\phi_i(u_i(t))$ is the output of the dead-zone nonlinearity, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

The dead-zone characteristic can be described as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_i(u_i(t)) &= \begin{cases} m_i(u_i(t) - b_{1i}), & \text{for } u_i(t) \geq b_{1i} \\ 0, & \text{for } -b_{2i} < u_i(t) < b_{1i} \\ m_i(u_i(t) + b_{2i}), & \text{for } u_i(t) \leq -b_{2i}, \end{cases}\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

where m_i stand for the right and the left slope, b_{1i} and b_{2i} represent the breakpoints of the input nonlinearity, and the following assumption is given.

Assumption 1. The dead-zone parameters: $m_i > 0$, b_{1i} and b_{2i} are unknown bounded constants.

Obviously, the output of the dead-zone can be rewritten as

$$\phi_i(u_i(t)) = m_i u_i(t) + d_i(u_i(t)),\tag{3}$$

where $d_i(u_i(t))$ can be calculated as

$$d_i(u_i(t)) = \begin{cases} -m_i b_{1i}, & \text{for } u_i(t) \geq b_{1i} \\ -m_i u_i(t), & \text{for } -b_{2i} < u_i(t) < b_{1i} \\ m_i b_{2i}, & \text{for } u_i(t) \leq -b_{2i}. \end{cases}\tag{4}$$

From Assumption 1, there exists an unknown positive constant d_i^* such as $|d_i(u_i(t))| \leq d_i^*$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Now, let $\Phi(u) = [\phi_1(u_1(t)), \phi_2(u_2(t)), \dots, \phi_n(u_n(t))]^T$, $D(u) = [d_1(u_1(t)), d_2(u_2(t)), \dots, d_n(u_n(t))]^T$, and $M = \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n)$. From (1) and (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f(t, x) + \text{diag}(g(t, x)) \Phi(u), \\ \Phi(u) &= Mu + D(u).\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

So, we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f(t, x) + \text{diag}(g(t, x)) Mu \\ &\quad + \text{diag}(g(t, x)) D(u).\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

The objective of this paper is to construct a controller for system (1) such that the system state x tracks the reference signal $x_d \in R^n$ and all the signals in the closed-loop system remain bounded.

To meet the objective, we make the following reasonable assumptions.

Assumption 2. $f(t, x)$ and $\text{diag}(g(t, x))$ are unknown but bounded.

Assumption 3. The matrix $\text{diag}(g(t, x))$ is nonsingular.

Assumption 4. The desired trajectory x_{id} is a known bounded differentiable function, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Remark 5. In [19], $g_i(t, x)$ is assumed as $g_i(t, x) \geq \iota_i$, and ι_i is positive constant, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. In this paper, we relax this condition and only suppose $\text{diag}(g(t, x))$ is an unknown nonsingular matrix.

Let $x_d = [x_{1d}, x_{2d}, \dots, x_{nd}]^T$, and the tracking error $e = x - x_d = [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]^T$. So we can obtain the following error dynamical system:

$$\dot{e} = f(t, x) + \text{diag}(g(t, x))Mu + \text{diag}(g(t, x))D(u) - \dot{x}_d. \quad (7)$$

Usually, we employ sliding mode control scheme [18] to stabilize the error system (7). Firstly, a sliding mode surface is designed as follows:

$$\sigma = e + \int_0^t Ke(\tau) d\tau, \quad (8)$$

where $K = \text{diag}(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n)$, $k_i > 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Differentiating σ with time yields

$$\dot{\sigma} = f(t, x) + \text{diag}(g(t, x))Mu + \text{diag}(g(t, x))D(u) - \dot{x}_d + Ke. \quad (9)$$

If the nonlinear functions $f(t, x)$ and $\text{diag}(g(t, x))$ and the parameters m_i and d_i^* are all known, we employ the control law

$$u = -(\text{diag}(g(t, x))M)^{-1} \cdot (f(t, x) - \dot{x}_d + Ke + K\sigma + \bar{u}_s), \quad (10)$$

where $\bar{u}_s = [|g_1(t, x)|d_1^* \cdot \text{sign}(\sigma_1), |g_2(t, x)|d_2^* \cdot \text{sign}(\sigma_2), \dots, |g_n(t, x)|d_n^* \cdot \text{sign}(\sigma_n)]^T$.

Consider the Lyapunov function $V_0 = (1/2)\sigma^T\sigma$. Using (10) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_0 &= \sigma^T \dot{\sigma} \\ &= -\sigma^T K\sigma \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^n (|\sigma_i| |g_i(t, x)| d_i^* - \sigma_i g_i(t, x) d_i(u_i)). \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

One obtains $\dot{V}_0 \leq -\sigma^T K\sigma \leq 0$. We can conclude that $\sigma \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. However, the control law (10) is implemented in cases where $f(t, x)$, $\text{diag}(g(t, x))$, m_i , and d_i^* are all known. And u_s may cause chattering phenomena. Meanwhile, the inverse of $\text{diag}(g(t, x))M$ cannot be calculated easily.

In order to overcome these limitations, we adopt the fuzzy adaptive prescribed performance control scheme to ensure that all the signals are bounded in probability and the system state $x(t)$ can track the given reference x_d with the given prescribed performance bounds.

2.1. Prescribed Performance. According to [14, 15], the prescribed performance is achieved by ensuring that tracking error $e = [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]^T$ evolves strictly within predefined decaying bounds as follows:

$$-\delta_{i\min}\mu_i(t) < e_i(t) < \delta_{i\max}\mu_i(t), \quad t \geq 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad (12)$$

where $\delta_{i\min}$ and $\delta_{i\max}$ are design constants and the performance functions $\mu_i(t)$ are bounded and strictly positive decreasing smooth functions and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mu_i(t) = \mu_{i\infty} > 0$. Choosing the performance function $\mu_i(t)$ and the constants $\delta_{i\min}$ and $\delta_{i\max}$ appropriately determines the performance bounds of the error e_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

To represent (11) by an equality form, we employ an error transformation as

$$e_i(t) = \mu_i(t) s_i(z_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad (13)$$

where z_i is the transformed error, and $s_i(\cdot)$ is smooth, strictly increasing function, satisfying the following condition:

$$\begin{aligned} -\delta_{i\min} &\leq s_i(z_i) \leq \delta_{i\max}, \\ \lim_{z_i \rightarrow -\infty} s_i(z_i) &= -\delta_{i\min}, \\ \lim_{z_i \rightarrow +\infty} s_i(z_i) &= \delta_{i\max}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Note that $s_i(z_i)$ are strictly increasing functions; we have

$$z_i = s_i^{-1}\left(\frac{e_i(t)}{\mu_i(t)}\right), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (15)$$

Differentiating (15) with respect to time yields

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_i &= \frac{\partial s_i^{-1}}{\partial (e_i(t)/\mu_i(t))} \frac{1}{\mu_i(t)} \left[f_i(t, x) + g_i(t, x) m_i u_i \right. \\ &\quad \left. + g_i(t, x) d_i(u_i) - \dot{x}_{di} - \frac{e_i(t) \dot{\mu}_i(t)}{\mu_i(t)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} r_i &= \frac{\partial s_i^{-1}}{\partial (e_i(t)/\mu_i(t))} \frac{1}{\mu_i(t)} > 0, \\ h_i &= -\dot{x}_{di} - \frac{e_i(t) \dot{\mu}_i(t)}{\mu_i(t)}. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Then (16) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_i &= r_i [f_i(t, x) + g_i(t, x) m_i u_i + g_i(t, x) d_i(u_i) + h_i], \quad (18) \\ & \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Let $z = [z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n]^T$, $H = [h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n]^T$; then (18) can be written into the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z} &= \text{diag}(r) [f(t, x) + \text{diag}(g(t, x)) Mu \\ & \quad + \text{diag}(g(t, x)) D(u) + H], \quad (19) \end{aligned}$$

where $\text{diag}(r) = \text{diag}(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n)$.

Remark 6. Usually, we choose $s_i(z_i) = \tanh(z_i) = (\delta_{i\max} e^{z_i} - \delta_{i\min} e^{-z_i}) / (e^{z_i} + e^{-z_i})$. So, we can calculate that $r_i = (1/(\lambda_i + \delta_{i\min}) + 1/(\delta_{i\max} - \lambda_i)) / 2\mu > 0$, $\lambda_i = e_i(t) / \mu_i(t)$.

$$u = - \frac{z [z^T \text{diag}(r) f(t, x) + z^T \text{diag}(r) H + z^T \text{diag}(r) K z + \bar{z}^T \text{diag}(r) \bar{u}_s]}{z^T \text{diag}(r) \text{diag}(g(t, x)) M z}, \quad (21)$$

where $\bar{z} = [|z_1|, |z_2|, \dots, |z_n|]^T$, $\bar{u}_s = [|g_1(t, x) d_1^*, |g_2(t, x) d_2^*, \dots, |g_n(t, x) d_n^*]^T$. The control objective can also be realized.

Remark 7. In controller (21), we do not need to calculate the matrix $(\text{diag}(g(t, x)) M)^{-1}$.

Note that $f(t, x)$, $\text{diag}(g(t, x))$, M , and \bar{u}_s are unknown in (21); we need to use fuzzy logic system to approximate the nonlinear unknown functions.

2.2. Fuzzy Logic Systems. The basic configuration of a fuzzy logic system consists of a fuzzifier, some fuzzy IF-THEN rules, a fuzzy inference engine, and a defuzzifier. The fuzzy inference engine uses the fuzzy IF-THEN rules to perform a mapping from an input vector $x = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]^T \in R^n$ to an output $\alpha(x) \in R$. The i th fuzzy rule is written as

Rule i : if x_1 is F_1^i and \dots and x_n is F_n^i then $\alpha(x)$ is α_i ,

where F_1^i, F_2^i, \dots , and F_n^i are fuzzy sets and α_i is the fuzzy singleton for the output in the i th rule. By using the singleton fuzzifier, product inference, and the center-average defuzzifier, the output of the fuzzy system can be expressed as follows:

$$\alpha(x) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N \alpha_j \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{F_i^j}(x_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^N \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{F_i^j}(x_i) \right]} = \theta^T \psi(x), \quad (22)$$

where $\mu_{F_i^j}(x_i)$ is the degree of membership of x_i to F_i^j , N is the number of fuzzy rules, $\theta = [\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N]^T$ is the adjustable

If $f_i(t, x)$, $g_i(t, x)$, m_i , and d_i^* are all known, the following controller

$$u = -(\text{diag}(g(t, x)) M)^{-1} [f(t, x) + H + Kz + u_s], \quad (20)$$

where $u_s = [\text{sign}(z_1) |g_1(t, x) d_1^*, \text{sign}(z_2) |g_2(t, x) d_2^*, \dots, \text{sign}(z_n) |g_n(t, x) d_n^*]^T$, and $K = \text{diag}(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n)$ with $k_i > 0$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$), can meet the control objective. Indeed, consider the Lyapunov function $V_1 = (1/2) z^T z$. Using (19) and (20) yields $\dot{V}_1 = z^T \dot{z} \leq 0$. According to the above inequality, V_1 is always negative, which implies that $z_i \in L_\infty$. Then, according to the properties of function $s_i(z_i)$, we know that $-\delta_{i\min} < s_i(z_i) < \delta_{i\max}$, which implies $-\delta_{i\min} \mu_i(t) < e_i(t) < \delta_{i\max} \mu_i(t)$. Then, one can conclude that tracking control of system (2) is achieved.

However, the term u_s is discontinuous, which may cause chattering phenomena, and inverse matrix $(\text{diag}(g(t, x)) M)^{-1}$ cannot be calculated easily. So, motivated by [11, 12], we modify controller (20) as follows:

parameter vector, and $\psi(x) = [p_1(x), p_2(x), \dots, p_N(x)]^T$, where

$$p_j(x) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{F_i^j}(x_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^N \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{F_i^j}(x_i) \right]} \quad (23)$$

is the fuzzy basis function. It is assumed that fuzzy basis functions are selected so that there is always at least one active rule.

3. Main Results

Let $\text{diag}(\bar{g}(t, x)) = \text{diag}(g(t, x)) M = \text{diag}(g_1(t, x) m_1, g_2(t, x) m_2, \dots, g_n(t, x) m_n)$. By applying the introduced fuzzy systems, approximation of functions $f_i(t, x)$, $g_i(t, x) m_i$, and $|g_i(t, x) d_i^*(u_i)|$ can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{f}_i(x, \theta_{f_i}) &= \theta_{f_i}^T \psi_{f_i}(x), \\ \widehat{g}_i(x, \theta_{g_i}) &= \theta_{g_i}^T \psi_{g_i}(x), \\ \widehat{g}_i(x, \theta_{|g_i|}) &= \theta_{|g_i|}^T \psi_{|g_i|}(x), \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$

Optimal parameters $\theta_{f_i}^*$, $\theta_{g_i}^*$, and $\theta_{|g_i|}^*$ can be defined such that

$$\theta_{f_i}^* = \underset{\theta_{f_i}}{\text{argmin}} \left[\sup |f_i(t, x) - \widehat{f}_i(x, \theta_{f_i})| \right],$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta_{g_i}^* &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta_{g_i}} \left[\sup |g_i(t, x) m_i - \widehat{g}_i(x, \theta_{g_i})| \right], & \varepsilon_{g_i}(x) &= g_i(t, x) m_i - g_i(x, \theta_{g_i}^*), \\
 \theta_{|g_i|}^* &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta_{|g_i|}} \left[\sup |g_i(t, x) d_i^* - \widehat{g}_i(x, \theta_{|g_i|})| \right], & \varepsilon_{|g_i|}(x) &= |g_i(t, x) d_i^* - g_i(x, \theta_{|g_i|}^*)|, \\
 & & & i = 1, 2, \dots, n.
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

Define the parameter estimation errors and the fuzzy approximation errors as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widetilde{\theta}_{f_i} &= \theta_{f_i}^* - \theta_{f_i}, \\
 \widetilde{\theta}_{g_i} &= \theta_{g_i}^* - \theta_{g_i}, \\
 \widetilde{\theta}_{|g_i|} &= \theta_{|g_i|}^* - \theta_{|g_i|}, \\
 \varepsilon_{f_i}(x) &= f_i(t, x) - f_i(x, \theta_{f_i}^*),
 \end{aligned}$$

Assumption 8. $\varepsilon_{f_i}(x)$, $\varepsilon_{g_i}(x)$, and $\varepsilon_{|g_i|}(x)$ are all bounded, respectively.

Denote $\widehat{f}(x, \theta_f^*) = [\widehat{f}_1(x, \theta_{f_1}^*), \widehat{f}_2(x, \theta_{f_2}^*), \dots, \widehat{f}_n(x, \theta_{f_n}^*)]^T$, $\operatorname{diag}(\widehat{g}(x, \theta_g^*)) = \operatorname{diag}(\widehat{g}_1(x, \theta_{g_1}^*), \widehat{g}_2(x, \theta_{g_2}^*), \dots, \widehat{g}_n(x, \theta_{g_n}^*))$, and $\widehat{u}_s^* = [\widehat{g}_1(x, \theta_{|g_1|}^*), \widehat{g}_2(x, \theta_{|g_2|}^*), \dots, \widehat{g}_n(x, \theta_{|g_n|}^*)]^T$.

The controller can be constructed as

$$u = z u_0, \tag{27}$$

where

$$u_0 = \frac{z^T \operatorname{diag}(r) \widehat{f}(x, \theta_f) + z^T \operatorname{diag}(r) H + z^T \operatorname{diag}(r) K z + \bar{z}^T \operatorname{diag}(r) \widehat{u}_s + u_r}{-z^T \operatorname{diag}(r) \operatorname{diag}(\widehat{g}(x, \theta_g)) z + \mu z^T \operatorname{diag}(r) z + u_r^2}, \tag{28}$$

where $\mu = \|\operatorname{diag}(\widehat{g}(x, \theta_g))\| + \varepsilon$, ε is a small positive constant, u_r is a compensated controller, which will be designed later, and $K = \operatorname{diag}(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n)$, $k_i > 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Substituting (27) and (28) into $z^T \dot{z}$ yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 z^T \dot{z} &= -z^T \operatorname{diag}(r) K z + z^T \operatorname{diag}(r) \\
 &\quad \cdot (f(t, x) - \widehat{f}(x, \theta_f)) + z^T \operatorname{diag}(r) \\
 &\quad \cdot (\operatorname{diag}(\bar{g}(t, x)) - \operatorname{diag}(\widehat{g}(x, \theta_g))) z u_0 \\
 &\quad + \mu z^T \operatorname{diag}(r) z u_0 + u_r^2 u_0 - u_r \\
 &\quad + z^T \operatorname{diag}(r) \operatorname{diag}(g(t, x)) D(u) - \bar{z}^T \operatorname{diag}(r) \\
 &\quad \cdot \widehat{u}_s.
 \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Note that $z^T \operatorname{diag}(r) \operatorname{diag}(g(t, x)) D(u) \leq \bar{z}^T \operatorname{diag}(r) \bar{u}_s$. So, (21) can be written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 z^T \dot{z} &= -\sum_{i=1}^n r_i k_i z_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i \widetilde{\theta}_{f_i}^T \psi_{f_i}(x) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i^2 u_0 \widetilde{\theta}_{g_i}^T \psi_{f_i}(x) + \sum_{i=1}^n r_i |z_i| \widetilde{\theta}_{|g_i|}^T \psi_{|g_i|}(x) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i (g_i(t, x) d_i(u_i) - |g_i(t, x) d_i^*|) - u_r \\
 &\quad + u_0 u_r^2 + \Lambda,
 \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

where $\Lambda = \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i \varepsilon_{f_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i^2 u_0 \varepsilon_{g_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n r_i |z_i| \varepsilon_{|g_i|} + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu r_i z_i^2 u_0$.

According to Assumption 8, there exist unknown positive constants ε_f , ε_g , and $\varepsilon_{|g|}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_i \{|\varepsilon_{f_i}|\} &\leq \varepsilon_f, \\
 \max_i \{|\varepsilon_{g_i}|\} &\leq \varepsilon_g, \\
 \max_i \{|\varepsilon_{|g_i|}\} &\leq \varepsilon_{|g|}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

So, we have

$$\Lambda \leq (\varepsilon_f + \varepsilon_{|g|}) \sum_{i=1}^n r_i |z_i| + (\varepsilon_g + \mu) \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i^2 |u_0|. \tag{32}$$

Let $\varepsilon_f + \varepsilon_{|g|} = \varepsilon_1$, $\varepsilon_g = \varepsilon_2$. To generate the approximations $f(t, x)$, $\operatorname{diag}(\bar{g}(t, x))$, \bar{u}_s , ε_1 , and ε_2 online, we choose the following adaptation laws:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{\theta}_{f_i} &= \kappa_{f_i} r_i z_i \psi_{f_i}(x), \\
 \dot{\theta}_{g_i} &= \kappa_{g_i} r_i z_i^2 u_0 \psi_{f_i}(x), \\
 \dot{\theta}_{|g_i|} &= \kappa_{|g_i|} r_i |z_i| \psi_{|g_i|}(x), \\
 \dot{\hat{\varepsilon}}_1 &= \kappa_{\varepsilon_1} \sum_{i=1}^n r_i |z_i|, \\
 \dot{\hat{\varepsilon}}_2 &= \kappa_{\varepsilon_2} \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i^2 |u_0|,
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

where $\widehat{\varepsilon}_1, \widehat{\varepsilon}_2$ are the estimates of ε_1 and ε_2 , respectively. $\kappa_{f_i}, \kappa_{g_i}, \kappa_{|g_i|}, \kappa_{\varepsilon_1}$, and κ_{ε_2} are positive constants, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. And u_r is designed as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}_r &= -u_0 u_r + 1 - \frac{\Pi u_r}{u_r^2 + \gamma^2}, \\ \dot{\nu} &= -\frac{\Pi \nu}{u_r^2 + \gamma^2}, \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

where $\Pi = \widehat{\varepsilon}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n r_i |z_i| + (\widehat{\varepsilon}_2 + \mu) \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i^2 |u_0|$. So, we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 9 (consider system (19)). *Suppose that Assumptions 1–8 are satisfied. Then controller (27) with the adaptation law given by (33) can guarantee all signals in the closed-loop system are bounded in probability, and the tracking error $e(t)$ remains in a neighborhood of the origin within the prescribed performance bounds for all $t \geq 0$.*

Proof. Consider a Lyapunov function as $V = V_2 + V_3$, where

$$\begin{aligned} V_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ z^T z + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\kappa_{f_i}} \widetilde{\theta}_{f_i}^T \widetilde{\theta}_{f_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\kappa_{g_i}} \widetilde{\theta}_{g_i}^T \widetilde{\theta}_{g_i} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\kappa_{|g_i|}} \widetilde{\theta}_{|g_i|}^T \widetilde{\theta}_{|g_i|} \right\}, \\ V_3 &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ u_r^2 + \nu^2 + \frac{1}{\kappa_{\varepsilon_1}} \widetilde{\varepsilon}_1^2 + \frac{1}{\kappa_{\varepsilon_2}} \widetilde{\varepsilon}_2^2 \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

where $\widetilde{\varepsilon}_1 = \varepsilon_1 - \widehat{\varepsilon}_1, \widetilde{\varepsilon}_2 = \varepsilon_2 - \widehat{\varepsilon}_2$.

The time derivative of V_2 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_2 &= z^T \dot{z} \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{1}{\kappa_{f_i}} \widetilde{\theta}_{f_i}^T \dot{\theta}_{f_i} + \frac{1}{\kappa_{g_i}} \widetilde{\theta}_{g_i}^T \dot{\theta}_{g_i} + \frac{1}{\kappa_{|g_i|}} \widetilde{\theta}_{|g_i|}^T \dot{\theta}_{|g_i|} \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

Substituting (33) into (36), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_2 &= -\sum_{i=1}^n r_i k_i z_i^2 \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i (g_i(t, x) d_i(u_i) - |g_i(t, x)| d_i^*) - u_r \\ &\quad + u_0 u_r^2 + \Lambda \leq -\sum_{i=1}^n r_i k_i z_i^2 - u_r + u_0 u_r^2 + \Lambda. \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda &\leq \varepsilon_1 \sum_{i=1}^n r_i |z_i| + (\varepsilon_2 + \mu) \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i^2 |u_0| \\ &= \widetilde{\varepsilon}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n r_i |z_i| + \widetilde{\varepsilon}_2 \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i^2 |u_0| + \Pi. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Substituting (38) into (37), one can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_2 &\leq -\sum_{i=1}^n r_i k_i z_i^2 - u_r + u_0 u_r^2 + \widetilde{\varepsilon}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n r_i |z_i| \\ &\quad + \widetilde{\varepsilon}_2 \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i^2 |u_0| + \Pi. \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

The time derivative of V_3 is

$$\dot{V}_3 = u_r \dot{u}_r + \nu \dot{\nu} - \frac{1}{\kappa_{\varepsilon_1}} \widetilde{\varepsilon}_1 \dot{\varepsilon}_1 - \frac{1}{\kappa_{\varepsilon_2}} \widetilde{\varepsilon}_2 \dot{\varepsilon}_2. \quad (40)$$

Substituting (34) into (40), one gets

$$\dot{V}_3 = -u_r^2 u_0 + u_r - \widetilde{\varepsilon}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n r_i |z_i| - \widetilde{\varepsilon}_2 \sum_{i=1}^n r_i z_i^2 |u_0| - \Pi. \quad (41)$$

Combining (40) and (41) gives

$$\dot{V}(t) \leq -\sum_{i=1}^n r_i k_i z_i^2. \quad (42)$$

Therefore, according to Lyapunov theorem, $V(t)$ is always negative, so, $V(t)$ is uniformly ultimately bounded; thus, the transformed error z_i is bounded; that is, $z_i \in L_\infty$. Then, according to the properties of function $s_i(z_i)$, we know that $-\delta_{i\min} < s_i(z_i) < \delta_{i\max}$. Then, one can conclude that tracking control of system (7) with prescribed error performance (4) is achieved. This completes the proof. \square

Remark 10. Compared with the results in [15], the unknown dead-zone inputs are considered in the paper. Meanwhile, the control law (27) can avoid the singular problem.

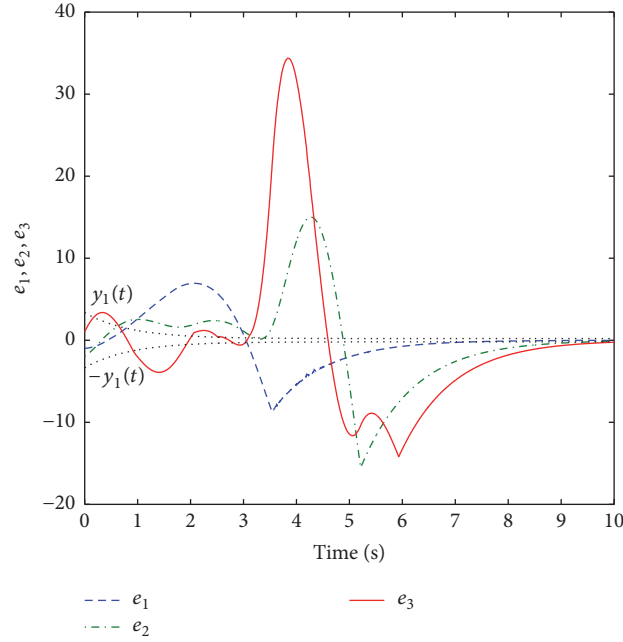
4. Numerical Simulations

In this section, the Genesis chaotic system [33] is also used to illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed control scheme. The uncertain Genesis chaotic system is described:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= \frac{x_2 + d_1(t, x)}{f_1(t, x)} + g_1(t, x) \phi_1(u_1)(t), \\ \dot{x}_2 &= \frac{x_3 + d_2(t, x)}{f_2(t, x)} + g_2(t, x) \phi_2(u_2)(t), \\ \dot{x}_3 &= \frac{-6x_1 - 2.92x_2 - 1.2x_3 + x_1^2 + d_3(t, x)}{f_3(t, x)} \\ &\quad + g_3(t, x) \phi_3(u_3)(t), \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

where $d_1(t, x) = 2 + 2 \sin(2t)$, $d_2(t, x) = 3 - \cos(x_2)$, $d_3(t, x) = 0.2 + 3 \sin(4t)$, $g_1(t, x) = 2 - \cos(t)$, $g_2(t, x) = 2 - \cos(2t)$, $g_3(t, x) = 2 - \sin(x_2)$, $m_i = 2$, $b_{1i} = 1.5$, $b_{2i} = -7$, $i = 1, 2, 3$.

Firstly, we employ the sliding mode control scheme (see [32]) to control system (43). We assume that the desired trajectory is $x_d = [x_{1d}, x_{2d}, x_{3d}] = [\sin(t), \sin(t), \sin(t)]^T$. Let $e_1 = x_1 - x_{1d}$, $e_2 = x_2 - x_{2d}$, $e_3 = x_3 - x_{3d}$, and


 FIGURE 1: Time responses e_1 , e_2 , and e_3 of system (44) by using the control scheme (46).

$\|\text{diag}(g(t, x))\| \geq \delta$; δ is a positive constant. So, the error dynamic system can be rewritten as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{e}_1 &= f_1(t, x) - \dot{x}_{1d} + g_1(t, x) \phi_1(u_1)(t), \\ \dot{e}_2 &= f_2(t, x) - \dot{x}_{2d} + g_2(t, x) \phi_1(u_2)(t), \\ \dot{e}_3 &= f_3(t, x) - \dot{x}_{3d} + g_n(t, x) \phi_1(u_3)(t). \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

$$u_{i2} = -\frac{1}{\delta} \left(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 |u_{i1}| + \left[\epsilon + \widehat{g}_i(x, \theta_{\widehat{g}_i}) \right]^2 \right)^{-1} \cdot \left[e_i - x_{id} + \widehat{f}_i(x, \theta_{\widehat{f}_i}) + k_i \text{sign}(s_i) \right] \text{sign}(s_i),$$

$$\dot{\theta}_{\widehat{f}_i} = \kappa_{\widehat{f}_i} \psi_{\widehat{f}_i} s_i,$$

$$\dot{\theta}_{\widehat{g}_i} = \kappa_{\widehat{g}_i} \psi_{\widehat{g}_i} u_{i1} s_i,$$

$$i = 1, 2, 3,$$

$$(46)$$

The sliding surface $s = [s_1, s_2, s_3]^T$ is designed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= e_1 + \int_0^t e_1(\tau) d\tau, \\ s_2 &= e_2 + \int_0^t e_2(\tau) d\tau, \\ s_3 &= e_3 + \int_0^t e_3(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

Let $\widehat{f}(t, x) = f(t, x) + \text{diag}(g(t, x))D(u)$, $\text{diag}(\widehat{g}(t, x)) = \text{diag}(g(t, x))M$. And the control scheme for error system (24) is designed as

$$u_i = u_{i1} + u_{i2},$$

$$u_{i1} = -\widehat{g}_i(x, \theta_{\widehat{g}_i}) \left[\epsilon + \widehat{g}_i(x, \theta_{\widehat{g}_i}) \right]^2 \left[e_i - x_{id} + \widehat{f}_i(x, \theta_{\widehat{f}_i}) + k_i \text{sign}(s_i) \right],$$

where ϵ is a small positive constant. The initial values of the chaotic system are $[x_1(0), x_2(0), x_3(0)]^T = [-1, -2, 1]^T$. The design parameters are chosen as follows: $\kappa_{\widehat{f}_i} = \kappa_{\widehat{g}_i} = 3$, $i = 1, 2, 3$, $k_1 = k_2 = k_3 = 2$, $\epsilon = 0.01$, $\delta = 1$. The initial conditions for the adaptive parameters are selected as $\theta_{\widehat{f}_i} = \theta_{\widehat{g}_i} = 0.01$, $i = 1, 2, 3$. By using the sliding mode control scheme (46), the simulation result is shown in Figure 1.

From Figure 1, the error states are beyond the preset boundary $y(t)$ in the previous stage, where $y_1(t) = 3.17e^{-1.17t} + 0.2$.

The transformation functions are $s_i(z_i) = (2/\pi) \arctan(z_i)$, $i = 1, 2, 3$. We define three membership functions uniformly distributed on the interval $[-2, 2]$. $\delta_{i \min} = \delta_{i \max} = 1$. Firstly, according to the proposed control scheme (27), we give a block diagram (see Figure 2).

The simulation result is shown in Figure 3 by using the control scheme (27). In order to improve the control effect, we modify $y_1(t)$ as $y_2(t) = 3.17e^{-1.17t} + 0.05$. Compared with Figure 3, the tracking errors are improved in Figure 4. From Figure 5, we can see that the chatter phenomenon is eliminated.

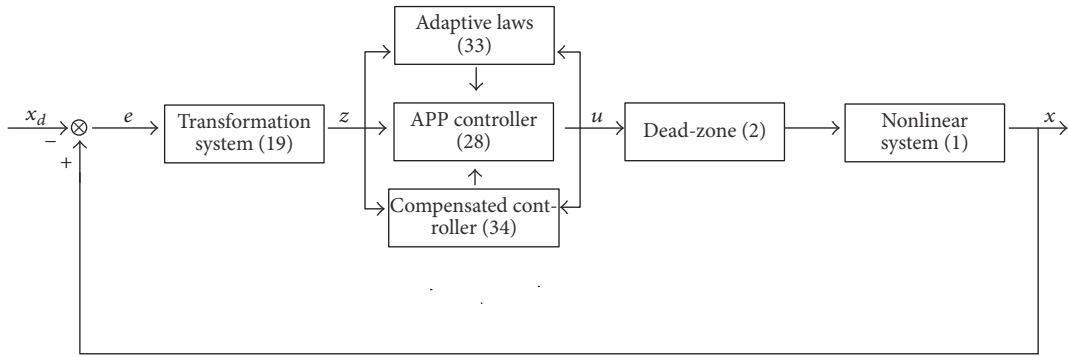


FIGURE 2: A block diagram for the proposed control scheme (27).

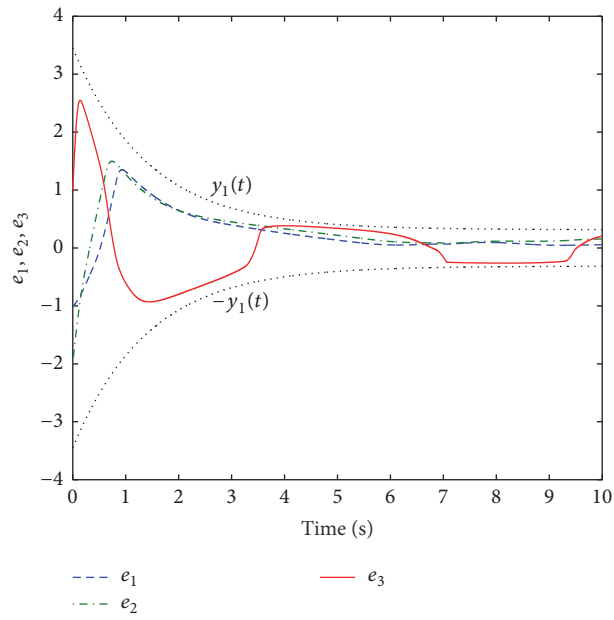


FIGURE 3: Time responses e_1 , e_2 , and e_3 of system (44) by using the present control scheme (27) with $y_1(t)$.

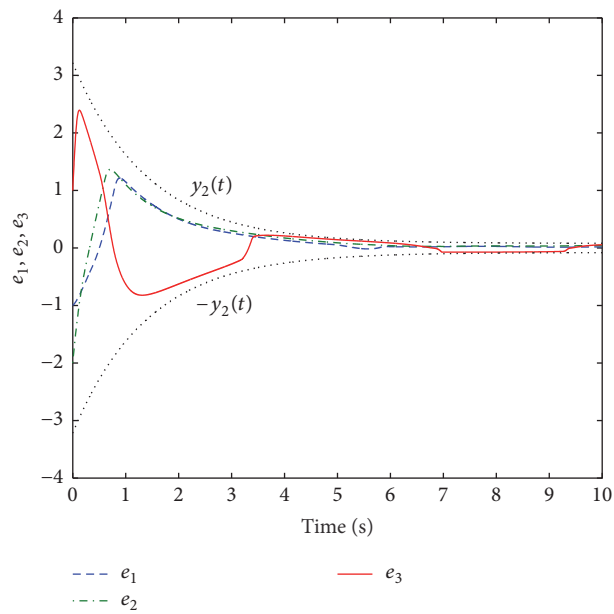


FIGURE 4: Time responses e_1 , e_2 , and e_3 of system (44) by using the present control scheme (27) with $y_2(t)$.

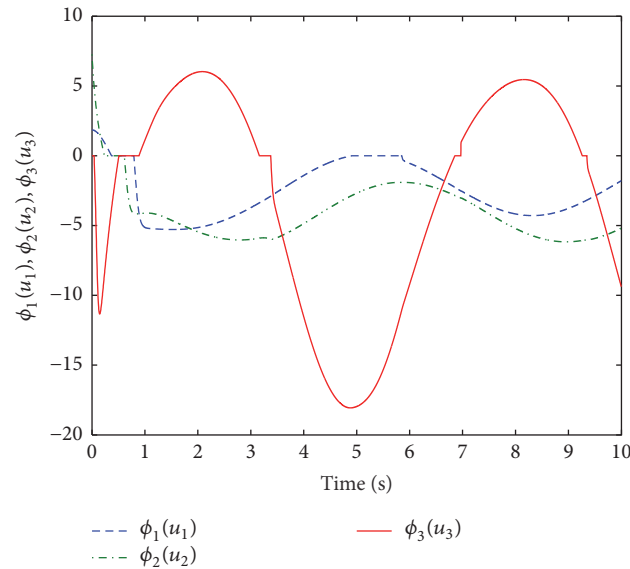


FIGURE 5: Time responses $\phi_1(u_1)$, $\phi_2(u_2)$, and $\phi_3(u_3)$ of system (44) by using the present control scheme (27).

From the simulation results in Figures 4 and 5, we know that the proposed control scheme can guarantee that all the error states are bounded. Moreover, the tracking errors can remain within the prescribed performance bounds all the time without showing chatter phenomenon. So, the proposed control scheme in this paper can achieve the objective.

5. Conclusions

In this paper, a fuzzy adaptive prescribed performance control scheme has been developed for a class of uncertain nonlinear systems with unknown control gains and unknown dead-zone inputs. By using fuzzy logic systems and the prescribed performance technique, the stability of the closed-loop system has been improved. Simulation results have shown the effectiveness of the proposed scheme.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

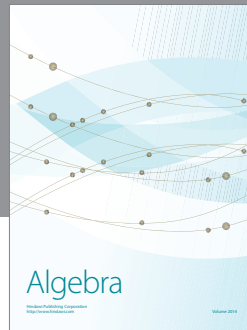
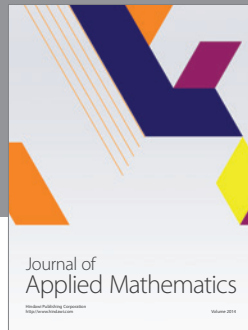
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