

Novel Framework for Navigation using Enhanced Fuzzy Approach with Sliding Mode Controller

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ABSTRACT

The reliability of any embedded navigator in advanced vehicular system depends upon correct and precise information of navigational data captured and processed to offer trustworthy path. After reviewing the existing system, a significant trade-off is explored between the existing navigational system and present state of controller design on various case studies and applications. The existing design of controller system for navigation using error-prone GPS/INS data doesn't emphasize on sliding mode controller. Although, there has been good number of studies in sliding mode controller, it is less attempted to optimize the navigational performance of a vehicle. Therefore, this paper presents a novel optimized design of a sliding mode controller that can be effectively deployed on advanced navigational system. The study outcome was found to offer higher speed, optimal control signal, and lower error occurrences to prove that proposed system offers reliable and optimized navigational services in contrast to existing system.

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1. INTRODUCTION

With the increase of advancement in communication devices, there is an equivalent increase in an embedded navigation device too [1], [2]. In this regards, both the inertial navigation system (INS) and Global Positioning System (GPS) are considered as the prime actors for offering an effective navigational services [3], [4]. Also, found that more researches were exist for joint implementation of both INS as well as GPS. A closer look into such navigational system shows that navigational information offered by INS system is potentially associated with errors [5]. Although, such errors in navigational information of INS are highly short termed but it spontaneously degrades over a period of time. On the other hand, navigational information offered by GPS is considered to be highly stable along with better provision of precise data related to speed, location, and attitude [6]. It was also found that information related to all these physical and kinetic entities are provided by INS while information related to only location and speed is given by GPS.

There is also a potential dependency of both INS as GPS together as an effective and reliable navigational information cannot be offered by INS standalone and the main reason behind it is more occurrences of errors associated with inertial sensors. It has also been seen that a continuous stream of navigational data can be offered by INS while data stream is always intermittent for GPS owing to various forms of signal interference causing outage [7], [8]. Therefore, 95% of the existing research-based work has considered both INS and GPS for evolving up with a better form of navigational system. Usage of such joint navigational system can be seen in different forms of vehicle moving on land [9], water [10], and air [11]. There are also various forms of weapons (e.g. missiles) which uses such joint navigational system [12]. There is no denying the fact that various researches were available regarding this concern, but at the same time, it

cannot be ignored that existing research approaches were not seem to successfully benchmark or claimed to offer superior navigational system [13]. Existing researchers are also attempting to construct cost effective INS-GPS navigational system where the prominent challenge is to precisely initialize the target angle owing to degraded working process of gyros or similar forms of other sensors. This is extremely essential problems to be addressed as there is an increasing trend of developing remotely driven vehicles. Hence, wrong information related to navigation system will render a collateral damage on such forms of smart vehicle. One of the effective mechanisms to address this problem could be by using sliding mode controller [14] which is the heart of every advance control system. For every complex and advanced vehicular system comes with a smart navigation that is capable of using both GPS and INS related signals.

There has been significant number of research work being carried out towards developing sliding mode control system; however, majority of them are associated with certain inherent problems of dealing with dynamic system. It was observed that existing approaches doesn't cater up the uncertainty demands of the dynamic system especially in transmission network. With majority of the work lacking benchmarking and non-inclusion of considering the case study of solving navigational problem, the sliding mode controller has become one of the less explored solutions toward enhancing navigation system using GPS and INS. Therefore, a novel technique is introduced to solve the navigational problems in GPS and INS. The review of existing researches and corresponding research problems is discussed in Section-2 and Section-3 respectively. Section-4 highlights about adopted methodology as solution along with illustration of algorithm design is given in Section-5. The performance analysis is discussed in Section-6 while Section-7 outlines the summary of the paper as conclusion.

1.1. Background

At present, there are various literatures focusing on designing an effective navigational system using INS as well as GPS, with unique methods and mechanism. Existing studies are more focused on incorporating better precision where the study led by Dacheng et al [15] proved enhanced sensitivity by minimizing Doppler frequency when navigational system of INS is integrated with GPS. Adoption strategy of filters is one unique approach in this research direction. According to Cho et al. [16], an enhanced Kalman filter would improve the navigational performance especially focusing on cost-effectiveness deployment viewpoint. Deployment of similar Kalman filter of extended type was seen in the work of Duong and Nguyen [17] for an effective estimation of physical navigational parameters e.g. attitude, speed, location, etc. Usage of Kalman filter was also seen in work discussed by Fang and Gong [18] where the prime objective was to incorporate a predictive scheme of an integrated navigational service.

The study was tested over real-time sensors mounted on aircraft to find that offers better accuracy. There was also research work which says that developing navigational system for underwater vehicle is really a challenging one. Such research is found in Lee et al [19] which is meant for minimizing the errors in navigational system especially with the GPS data. The work carried out by Li and Sun [20] has also used Kalman filter of extended form for improving the accuracy associated with navigational data. The works of Wu et al [21] have focused on developing a predictive algorithm using Kalman filter. The study also formulates a noise model for compensating the signals. Yan et al.[22] have also carried out work using Kalman filter .

Case study of flying object and its improvement of navigation data was researched by Nakanishi et al [23]. The authors have addressed the problem associated with reliability of data from GPS by implementing a centralized mechanism of sensor integration with an aid of updates obtained in asynchronous mode of communication. Case study of navigation of land vehicle has been considered in Qin et al. [24], where the Kalman filter as well as standard fuzzy inference system for minimizing errors in navigation system. Another author viz. Sun et al. [25] have carried out an experimental based analysis where a GPSINS based navigation system. It was also found that coupling among the navigational parameters significant affect the detection of signal. This issue has been researched by Jamal [26] by rectifying the errors associated with sensing during high speed of data capturing. According to author, tight coupling results in addressing these flaws. Another form of approach was the usage of machine learning schemes in navigational system. Usage of neural network was witnessed in the work of Jaradat and Hafez [27] where a regression-based approach was implemented for addressing the communication delay in navigation system. Existing system has also witnessed study towards identifying and addressing faults in navigational system. The work of Xin et al. [28] has used statistical-based approach for fault identification.

Although, there are various studies towards improving navigational performance, but an efficient controller can be modeled using sliding mode design approach. There have been various research-based approaches towards sliding mode controller [29]-[28] towards addressing different phases of research-based problems. Usage of fuzzy logic on sliding mode controller design is carried out by Chen [30] considering problem associated with image stabilization. The work of Rao et al [31] introduced a sliding mode controller

method by concentrating on the performance enhancement of distributed power flow controller. Similarly, Bouarroudj et al [32] and Othman et al [33], have also adopted sliding mode controller model for non-linear systems and electro-hydraulic actuator system to achieve better control specifications. According to Do [34] identification of non-linear disturbance could improve the controller design. The authors have used similar fuzzy-based sliding mode controller for addressing the chattering effect. Similar fuzzy-based approach was also seen for enhancing power quality.

The work of Elgammal and El-naggar [35] has used this approach for developing active power filter. Similar direction of work has been seen in the work of Fei et al. [36] which witnessed adoption of neural network as well as fuzzy based sliding approach was used for minimizing the chattering effect. Study towards cost optimization using fuzzy-based controller design has been presented by Li et al [37] where the author has typically used interval type-2 fuzzy approach for addressing delay in system. Similar fuzzy approach was also seen in developing sliding window for constructing hybrid controller design with more emphasis on power management issues. The performance of controller design using fuzzy-based sliding window was proven to be enhanced considering case study of vehicle and driving problems. The work of Shen et al [38] has used adaptive mechanism of developing a controller system using same fuzzy-based approach on the top of graph theory.

The work addresses the problems associated with the multi-agent system. The incorporation of adaptiveness is also seen in the work of Wang and Fei [39] where the elimination of chattering has been carried out along with adaptive feature of stability. Wen et al. [40], [41] have developed a mechanism where the dynamic features have been incorporated as well as they have also focused on developing fault tolerant actuator design with enough adaptive features. Another unique form of implementation has been observed in the work of Yu et al [42] where a bio-inspired algorithm has been designed for better physical control system.

The work carried out by Zhao et al [43] has designed fuzzy controller system considering the case study of closed loop system associated with multi-input and multi-output system. Apart from this there are also other optimization-based approaches towards sliding mode controller design e.g. [44], [45]. Hence, there have been various archives of literatures, where fuzzy-based inference system has been found to be actively used in enhancing the performance of sliding mode converter as well as there are also good number of work being investigated towards navigational approaches too in most recent times. The below section provides the problems evolved in existing system.

1.2. The Problem

From the perspective of the advanced navigation system, both INS & GPS is used in present system. At present majority of the existing navigational system has dependency on GPS however there are various flaws in using GPS e.g. i) abnormal pseudo-range error generation occurred due to tropospheric delay, ionospheric delay any many more. At the same time, usage of INS is also associated with error-prone reading. Following are the evidences to prove this fact about issues of both INS and GPS. The work carried out by Chiang et al [46], Yin et al [47], Filyashkin et al [48], and Han et al [49] are some of the studies where navigational system has been closely studied, however, there are some significant problems associated with all these studies. Some of the potential problems are as follows:

- a. Although there are good number of work being carried out in navigational system as well as fuzzy-based sliding mode controller, but they were never being jointly studied. Fuzzy-based sliding approach has been applied on various case studies but not assessed with respect to navigational problems.
- b. Existing navigational-based approach doesn't consider complete problems of navigational data that could be possibly arrived from either INS or GPS. It is not clearly mentioned in much of the existing studies that availability of GPS is never confirmed and in such situation user/device will have only impartial or vague navigational data that will lead to error prone directional vectors. Existing approaches towards enhancing precision problems doesn't address this issue.
- c. Existing studies towards fuzzy-based sliding mode controllers have used similar architecture of deployment on different case studies. However, it is not considered that there is a fair chance of different applications to possess different requirements of fuzzy structure. Moreover, without improvement of the fuzzy controller, the rule-based approach cannot offer better coverage to scalability factor.
- d. The scenarios considered in existing approaches are nearly well-defined with involvement of uncertainty of information from INS. Although, it is a rare case, but it will lead to mal-function of the navigational system that is difficult to be identified. Hence, existing studies are found not to focus on reliability of the inputs considered for navigational data.

Therefore, the prime research problem is that in absence of GPS, INS should offer accurate navigational services with an effective optimized version of fuzzy-based sliding mode controller. This problem is direct representation of dynamic uncertainty that should be better solved by fuzzy logic involved

in sliding mode controller in vehicle navigational system. The research methodology implemented to overcome these problems is explained with below section.

2. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The main intention of this work is to design a framework of a novel vehicle navigational system using fuzzy logic and sliding mode controller. However, different from existing approach, the proposed study will choose to initially optimize the error-prone inputs of navigational data followed by applying fuzzy sliding mode controller. The study focuses on developing a novel coupled INS/GPS navigational system along with minimization of chattering problem while using sliding mode controller. The proposed system is performed by analytical research methodology with following scheme as shown in Figure 1.

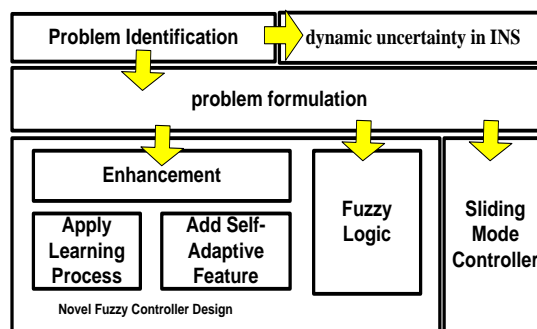


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of 1st methodology

The study considers dynamic uncertainty of time interval of INS when information related to GPS is either incomplete or vague. This dynamic uncertainty will also give rise to maximum non-linear event, which should be suppressed. The initial part of the study will focus on evolving up with a problem formulation related to existing navigational system followed by designing an enhanced fuzzy logic system in order to handle more amounts of uncertainties. This problem is more or less will be given the shape of constraint satisfaction problem. The proposed system develops an enhanced fuzzy controller system, where apart from conventional concept of fuzzy logic, it will include designing new capabilities. These capabilities will be formed mathematically considering simple optimization process that will include applying the learning process mentioned by Thangaraj [50]. The study also develops further enhance of this learning process by adding more self-adaptive feature that assists in decision making.

The proposed study also applies stability function in order to assess the stability. The outcome of the study is verified through errors in the signal generated by INS implementing the proposed algorithm as well as speed of the vehicle. The significant contribution of the proposed study are i) performing optimization on navigational data before applying it to fuzzy sliding mode controller, ii) make the design progressive and less iterative by incorporating adaptive features, iii) ensure better response time computationally in order to assess the practical implementation scenario. The next section of the paper discusses about core algorithm implementation in order to achieve the above discussed research methodology.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ALGORITHM

The designed algorithm is utilized to develop a sophisticated and yet light weight controller system for facilitating better navigational system. However, the proposed algorithm acts very differently from any existing approaches as instead of developing the sliding mode controller, it initially works on optimizing the navigational input. The algorithm for this purpose is highlighted as below:

The proposed system implements a simple optimization technique where the major aim is to obtain better form of structured information about the navigational information. Hence, before developing the proposed form to take the shape of sliding mode fuzzy controller system, the proposed system performs necessary optimization. The first phase of this optimization process is all about initialization process. Hence, a matrix $H_{a,b}$ is constructed randomly by ensuring that there is an undeviating forms of data distribution a (for offering more predictability in navigational data). Hence, for all the n iterations (Line-1), the algorithm obtains the minimal limits of the matrix H i.e. $H_{\min,b}$ where the prefix a and b represents the row and column of the matrix (Line-2). The new variable ΔH will represent dot product of an arbitrary generation of

undeviating form of function and difference of higher and lower bounds of matrix H (Line-2). The proposed system uses probability in this where the numerical value of the undeviating form of function lies in the range of 0 and 1.

Algorithm for Optimizing Navigational Input

Input: H (navigational input)

Output: $H_{a,mod3}$ (elite outcome of navigational vector)

Start

1. **For** $i=1:n$
 2. $H_{a,b} \rightarrow H_{min,b} + \Delta H$
 3. $H_{a,b}^o \rightarrow H_{min_max} - H_{a,b}$
 4. **If** $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$,
 5. $H^{old} \rightarrow H$
 6. **For** policy=1
 7. **If** $\beta > 0$
 8. $H_{a,mod1} \rightarrow H_{a,new} + \beta_1$
 9. **Else**
 10. $H_{a,mod1} \rightarrow H_{a,new} + \beta_2$
 11. **End**
 12. **For** policy=2
 13. $H_{a,mod3} \rightarrow H_{a,new} + \alpha_a \cdot c$
 14. **End**
- End**

To bring improvement in the convergence speed of the proposed processing, this algorithm further classifies the navigational inputs into clusters. For this purpose, a dynamic system D is formed that is mathematically represented (1),

$$D_{a,b,c+1} \rightarrow \theta(\pi D_c), c=1, 2, 3, \dots, c_{max} \quad (1)$$

In the above expression, the variable c will represent a recursive function with respect to any trigonometric function θ . The above expression is substituted for undeviating form of function in ΔH (Line-2). This will finally lead to the normalization of the step (Line-3) to represent the compute value of navigational input $H_{a,b}^o$. The variable H_{min_max} will represent both variable corresponding to the a th array of data in matrix with navigational data. The next part of the algorithm implementation is about formulating a condition for obtaining upgraded data. The algorithm uses a new vector H^{old} for performing upgradation of the navigational data in every round. The process of initialization is very similar to H and the process of upgradation is carried out considering If- THEN which is now termed as policy of upgrading the navigational data for sliding mode fuzzy controller (Line-4).

The empirical relationship between H_{old} and H is bound by (Line-5). This will also mean that proposed system offers a buffer space where the static information of the navigational data is retained until and unless it is found to be significantly changed. The proposed system performs an arbitrary permutation of the number of navigational input data associated with H_{old} in order to edit the order to all the unit value of navigational data (Line-5). According to the policy formation, if α_1 is found to be less than α_2 than only the upgradation of H will be taken place (Line-5). The next part of the study will further perform second layer of optimization where an adaptive knowledge-acquisition process is initiated. According to this process, the proposed algorithm will be facilitated with better form of decision. For this purpose, the algorithm formulates two different forms of policies.

For the first policy, the algorithm introduces a new variable β which is compared with 0 (Line-7), where the comparison results in two different forms of computation of H matrix (Line-8 and Line-10). The algorithm uses β_1 and β_2 to represent product of β with old residual outcome of navigational data (Line-8) and product of β with new residual outcome of navigational data (Line-10) respectively. The study considers $H_{a,mod1}$ to be first elite outcome on the basis of this policy construction. For the second policy formulation, the algorithm implements an empirical expression as shown in Line-13. According to this formulation, the calculation of $H_{a,mod3}$ matrix is carried out by adding $H_{a,new}$ with product of α_a and c , where the variable c will represent a residual outcome of navigational data. In order to obtain residual outcome of navigational data, the recursive function obtains the elite outcome and finds its average. It then subtracts the elite outcome with

the average score of the navigational data to obtain residual navigational data. The contribution of this algorithm is that implementation of first policy results in building better capabilities for both local as well as global scale of optimization by extracting respective outcomes. However, the second policy assists in improving the global optimization more. Finally, the best policy can be obtained depending upon the outcomes obtained, which is observed by lower score of errors in navigational data. After this part of the optimization is carried out, the next part of the work will be related to applying this optimization principle to the controller design. The mathematical expression for the sliding mode controller system ρ can be now represented as,

$$\rho(ia) \rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \phi_1 \cdot \phi_2 \quad (2)$$

In the above expression, the variable ia will represent input arguments which is basically an integrated function of error and time. The mathematical expression includes two more variables viz. ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 . The first component ϕ_1 represents a constant attributed of positive value and can be represented as,

$$\phi_1 = \phi^c \quad (3)$$

Similarly, the second component ϕ_2 represents an exponential function whose empirical form is,

$$\phi_2 = e^{-n \cdot q} \quad (4)$$

The variable q is equivalent to $(c-1)$ and the proposed study uses a stability function as follows,

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \rho^2 \quad (5)$$

Therefore, the derivative candidate expression for the stability function will be,

$$S = 0.5 \cdot \frac{d\rho^2}{dt} \leq -\mu |\rho| \quad (6)$$

The above expression is basically used for analyzing the amount of stability while designing the controller system, and these further results in

$$\begin{aligned} \rho \cdot \dot{\rho} &\leq -\mu |\rho| \\ \dot{\rho} \cdot \text{sign}(\rho) &\leq -\mu \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The proposed system is said to offer better convergence performance towards the surface of the sliding if the condition $\mu > 0$ is found. Even if there are presence of any form of the state-based trajectories than also the proposed system could successfully reach an effective convergence state where $\rho = 0$. Hence, now a controller design is expressed empirically as,

$$\alpha = \delta_1 - \delta_2 - \delta_3 \quad (8)$$

It can be seen that there are three parameters associated with the controller design. The first parameter δ_1 can be formulated as,

$$\delta_1 = \frac{1}{k} \cdot K \cdot \alpha \quad (9)$$

Where, $k \subseteq K$ represents gain function. Similarly, the second and third parameter of expression (7) can be represented as,

$$\delta_2 = \frac{1}{k} \cdot \chi \quad (10)$$

$$\&, \delta_3 = \frac{1}{k} \cdot \tau(\rho) \quad (11)$$

The variable χ and τ in above expression represents approximating functions and product of gain and α of fuzzy logic respectively considering the input argument of ρ . Therefore, it is observed that the proposed system provides a closed-loop system whose stabilization performance is ensured while developing the novel sliding mode fuzzy controller system. This will mean that proposed system offers much reduced dependencies on the completeness of navigational data on some specific instance of t time on uncertain sequences of such occurrences. The next section outlines result analysis.

4. RESULT ANSLYSIS

As the proposed system introduces a simple and novel sliding mode fuzzy controller system, hence its effectiveness is assessed using speed of the controller and control signal with respect to increasing observation time. The computational effectiveness with viability of the proposed system is analyzed for distribution function and error performance. The outcome is compared with existing system without fuzzy logic implementation (EX-WOF) as well as existing system with fuzzy logic implementation represented as EX-WF [51]. The proposed study uses navigational data [52] to find that proposed system offers better performance.

From the Figure 2 and Figure 3 shows, it is observed that the proposed system provides the higher controller speed and optimal control signal with respect to increasing time. The outcome show that existing mechanism of sliding mode controlling is highly incapable of performing faster convergence to obtain better navigational data and hence its speed is quite lower. Moreover, just by adding fuzzy logic in highly adaptive manner in existing sliding mode controller design only increases the speed to some extent owing to zero optimization on the data, which is carried out in proposed system in the initial stage itself. This is also the prime cause of higher number of control signal from both the forms of existing system while proposed system offers highly predictive control signal irrespective of impartial or vague contents of navigational data.

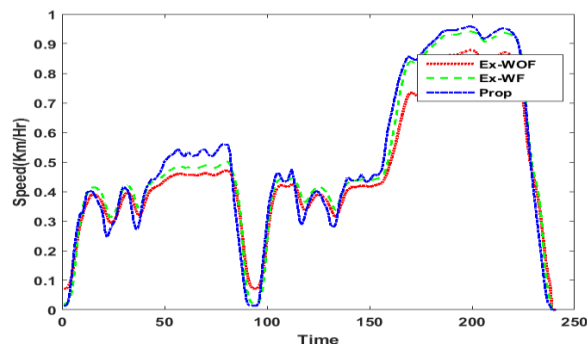


Figure 2. Speed analysis

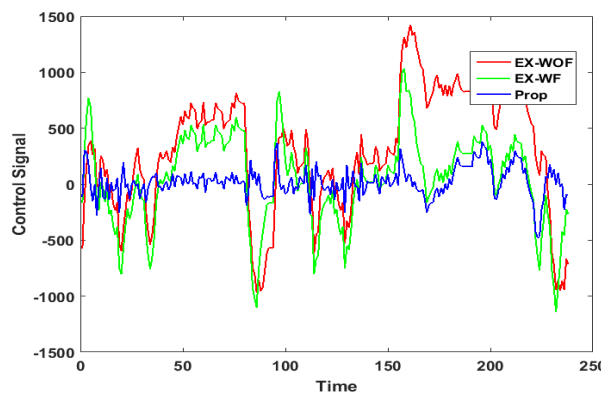


Figure 3. Control Signal analysis

Figure 4 and Figure 5 highlights the comparative analysis of accuracy with respect to CDF of root mean square error over increasing value of input H and error performance with different parameters. The outcomes shows that proposed system offers significantly lower scale of error in comparison to existing system. At the same time, it has been observed that proposed system consumes approximately 1.5526 seconds of processing whereas the existing system of both forms consumes approximately 9.3258 seconds. This shows that proposed system offers good accuracy with cost effective computational performance in controller operation.

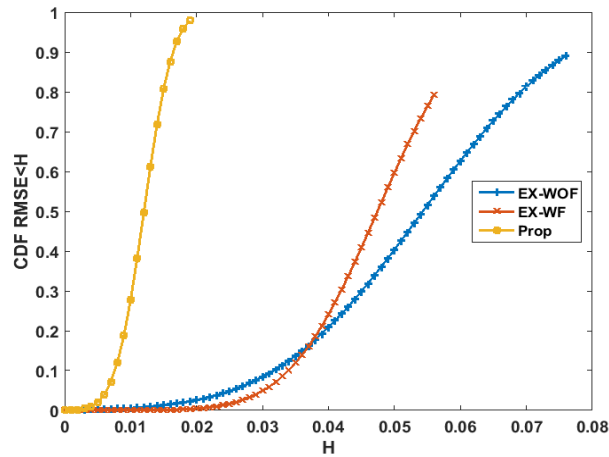


Figure 4. Comparative Analysis of CDF of RMSE

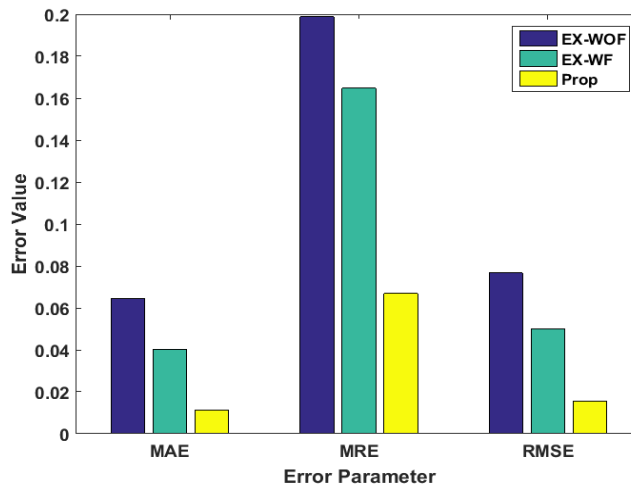


Figure 5. Comparative Analysis of Error Performance

5. CONCLUSION

This discussion of paper basically presents a bridge to close the tradeoff of implementing integrated GPS and INS based navigation system with sliding mode controller. The contribution as well as novelty factors of the proposed study are: i) unlike existing approaches of implementing fuzzy sliding mode controller, the proposed system doesn't use fuzzy rules like existing system. The construction of fuzzy rules are created on the basis of accuracy to be obtained in the end stage considering various non-linear parameters, ii) different from existing navigational system, the input data is not processed as it is but it is subjected to optimization using non-linear optimization principle and then it is subjected to fuzzy sliding mode controller, iii) by doing the above two operation, the iterative characteristics of optimization process is reduced to a large extent to obtained faster convergence performance. The study outcome is found to offer significant improvement in terms of error minimization when compared with existing sliding mode controller design with and without fuzzy approach.

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