

## Adaptive Functional-Based Neuro-Fuzzy-PID Incremental Controller Structure

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### Abstract

*This paper presents an adaptive functional-based Neuro-fuzzy-PID incremental (NFPID) controller structure that can be tuned either offline or online according to required controller performance. First, differential membership functions are used to represent the fuzzy membership functions of the input-output space of the three term controller. Second, controller rules are generated based on the discrete proportional, derivative, and integral function for the fuzzy space. Finally, a fully differentiable fuzzy neural network is constructed to represent the developed controller for either offline or online controller parameter adaptation. Two different adaptation methods are used for controller tuning, offline method based on controller transient performance cost function optimization using Bees Algorithm, and online method based on tracking error minimization using back-propagation with momentum algorithm. The proposed control system was tested to show the validity of the controller structure over a fixed PID controller gains to control SCARA type robot arm.*

**Keywords:** Optimization techniques, adaptive control, Fuzzy systems, Neuro-Fuzzy-PID PID-controllers, Neuro-fuzzy systems

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Background

Three term PID controller is one of the simplest and oldest control method utilized in industry due to its simple structure and implementation that achieved good performance for plenty of applications. Traditional PID controllers have been widely used for industrial processes due to their simplicity and effectiveness for systems that can be modeled by mathematical equations. Despite its simplicity, it is a linear controller and generally difficult to tune its parameters to the desired performance all times, especially with nonlinear and complex systems [Petrov et. al., 2002]. As a consequence of the rapid development in Fuzzy Logic Systems (FLS) and Neural Networks (NN) techniques in the 1980s, great progress in Fuzzy PID controller and fuzzy-Neural Networks (FNN) design and implementation techniques was made [Sheroz et. al., 2008]. Fuzzy-PID controllers provide non-linear structure that, despite more complex than simple linear PID controller, can achieve controller non-linearity needed to achieve the desired control response in complex systems [Karasakal et. al., 2005]. Fuzzy logic control (FLC) has found many successful industrial applications and demonstrated significant performance improvements, as the controller structure gives flexibility to achieve either linear or non-linear controller response [Baogang et al., 2001]. Most FLC can be classified into two types, the gain-scheduling FPID type and the direct-action FPID type. In the gain-scheduling FPID type, fuzzy inference is employed to compute the individual conventional PID gains [Huang and Yasunobo, 2000]. The majority of FPID applications belong to the direct-action FPID type where the direct-action FPID is placed within the feedback control loop to compute the control actions through fuzzy inference [Ying, 1993]. Several direct-action FPID structures were reported using one, two or three inputs (error, rate of change of error and integral of error) [Ying et al., 1990]. In all of these direct-action FPID controllers, the derivative and integral functions are performed quantitatively outside the FLC. They do not employ a FLS as a function approximation to perform a fuzzy integral or fuzzy derivative function [Mann et. al., 1999]. In these controllers, the FLS performs only the non-linear amplifications associated with the three PID control actions. Therefore these controllers are actually Input-based FPID controllers (I-FPID) rather than

Function-based FPID controllers (F-FPID) [Tang et. al., 2001]. In this paper, the controller functionally performs fuzzy derivative and fuzzy integral functions, so that no calculations are required outside the FLC. The proposed controller employs only two inputs (present and previous errors), so that the design procedure is simpler. Additionally, most fuzzy logic based PID controllers in literature adapt the triangular membership function shape for simplicity of implementation, despite its linear nature. In this paper, other types of membership functions, such as Gaussian, and sigmoid membership functions are utilized in the design of the controller to allow tuning for the controller membership functions as well as online adaptation of the controller based on the Back-propagation with momentum (BP) learning algorithm.

Since the early 1990s, FNN have attracted a great deal of interest because such systems are more flexible and transparent than either NN or FLS alone. Different types of FNN have been presented in the literature [Shing and Jang, 1993]. For tracking control where the reference and dynamics is always changing, the inverse dynamic control is the best to be utilized, despite very difficult to be implemented mathematically. Consequently, researcher tends to use neural network and neuro-fuzzy systems to avoid complex mathematical formulation [Sinthipsomboon et. al., 2011]. In [Anh and Pham, 2010] a gain-scheduling neural PID controller is utilized with 2-axis robotic structure for varying the parameters of the neural PID controller to include information from the robot dynamics. The FNN types can be identified based on the structure of the FNN, the fuzzy model employed and the learning algorithm adopted [Ahn and Anh, 2009]. On the other hand, the most commonly used and successful approach is the feed-forward and recurrent structure model, while using the BP as the learning algorithm [Yuan et. al., 1992, Nauck and Kruse 1993]. On the other hand, according to the fuzzy model adopted, there are two types of fuzzy models that can be integrated with a neural network to form a FNN [Anh, 2010]. These two models are the TS-model [Takagi and Sugeno, 1985] and the Mamdani-model [Lee, 1990a and 1990b]. However, Mamdani-model based FNN represent all linguistic fuzzy representation compared with TS-model-based FFNN. In this paper, Mamdani-model is utilized to construct a full-differential Neuro-Fuzzy PID controller that can be adapted both off-line or on-line [Shing and Jang 1993].

## 1.2. Problem Statement

The best description of the problem statement of this research topic is how to construct a functional based PID control that is performing the proportional, differential, and integral operations on the fuzzy membership functions directly and affected only by the error value, while constructing this controller in a computational format that can be easily adapted either off-line or online using any available adaptation algorithm [Fahmy and Abdel Ghany 2013].

## 1.3. Objectives

Looking into the previous problem statement, the objectives of the research can be summarized as:

- 1.3.1. Generate new definition for fuzzy proportional, differential, and integral functions.
- 1.3.2. Implement the controller calculation process into a full-differential Mamdani-model neural network.
- 1.3.3. Define the neural network and its activation functions in a differentiable format.
- 1.3.4. Demonstrate the off-line and online adaptation capabilities of the suggested PID controller.

The remainder of the paper aims to show the design processed and suggested functions to meet the above objectives. The remainder of the paper is organized as follows. Section (2) outlines the differential functional-based fuzzy PID controller. Section (3) presents the overall structure of the proposed adaptive neuro-fuzzy PID controller. Section (4) describes the off-line and on-line neuro-fuzzy PID controller tuning methods. Section (5) compares the results of applying the proposed control system with those obtained with a conventional-PID for a robotic-arm joint movement control. Section (6) represents a detailed discussion of the work presented, while section (7) concludes the paper.

## 2. Differential Functional-Based Fuzzy PID controller

The suggested fuzzy-PID-like incremental controller employs two inputs (present and previous errors) that are more convenient for digital controller implementation. Each element of

the fuzzy-PID-like incremental controller can approximate the corresponding control function with separate non-linear gain using five fuzzy set partitions (NL, NS, ZE, PS, and PL) for both input and output universes of discourses. The input/output universe of discourse of each input/output variable is uniformly partitioned using fuzzy sets defined by symmetrical Gaussian, L-sigmoid, and R-sigmoid membership functions with 50% overlap for continuous approximation of input/output signals as shown in figures (1) and (2).  $L_i$  represents the distance between two consecutive membership functions centers.

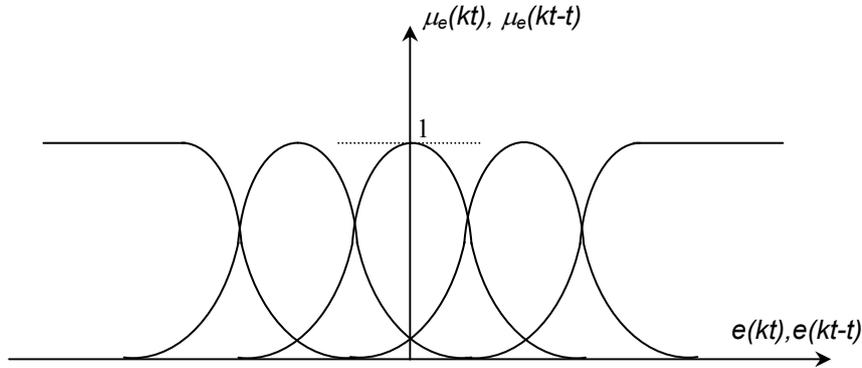


Figure (1). Input membership functions of fuzzy controller

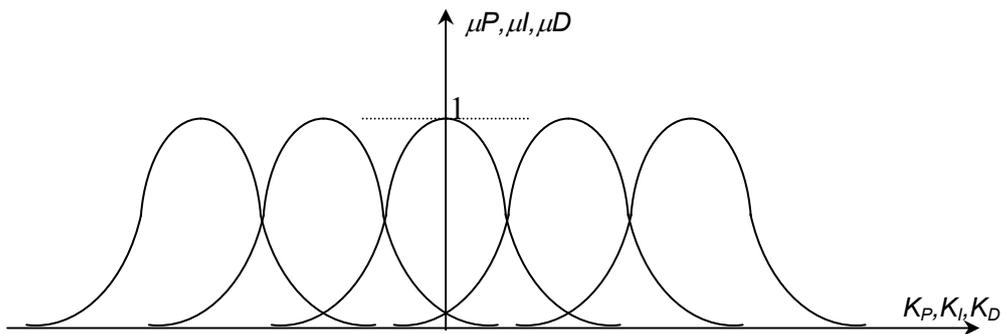


Figure (2). Output membership functions of fuzzy controller

The proportional, derivative and incremental part of the integral control actions of a fuzzy-PID-like incremental controller are mainly functions of the two present and past error variables,  $err(kt)$  and  $err(kt-t)$ , or their normalized variables to the controller scale of unity membership function maximum output,  $e(kt)$  and  $e(kt-t)$ . Consequently,

$$U_{PID}(kt) = f_P(e(kt), e(kt-t)) + f_D(e(kt), e(kt-t)) + U_I(kt-t) + f_I(e(kt), e(kt-t)) \quad (1)$$

Where the three functions  $f_P$ ,  $f_D$ , and  $f_I$  are the proportional, derivative and incremental integral functions to be implemented using the fuzzy logic controller and  $U_I(kt-t)$  is the past output of the integral controller element.

The three functions in Equation (1) can be approximated using three two-input Fuzzy Control Elements (FCEs). Consequently, the outputs of the three FCEs are summed together to form the proposed fuzzy-PID-like incremental controller as shown in figure (3). In the following sub-

sections, the design process of the operation rules for the three functions in Eq. (1) in the form of three fuzzy control elements will be explained.

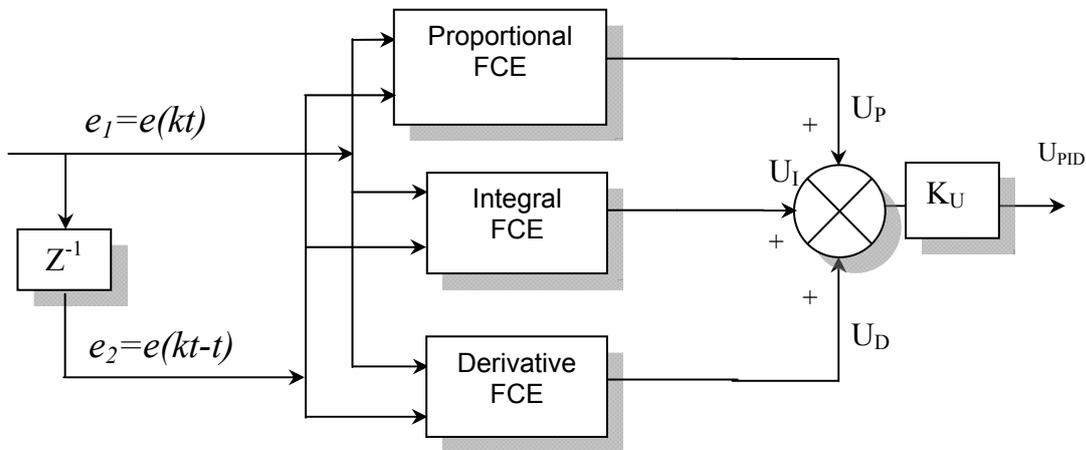


Figure (3). Structure of the fuzzy PID feedback controller

Each output function of the fuzzy PID-like incremental controller is of a different nature (proportional, derivative, or integral). Therefore the partition of the output universe of discourse is selected to be of the same membership function shape and degree of overlapping but with different scaling factors to allow for different tuning of each control element.

**2.1. Fuzzy Proportional Control Element**

The fuzzy rules of the operation of the FPCE according to the suggested partitions are generated heuristically based on the intuitive concept that the proportional control action at any time step is directly proportionally to an error  $e_1$  at the same time step regardless of the value of the error at the previous time step  $e_2$ . Therefore if the error variable  $e_1$  is expressed linguistically as zero, negative small, or negative large, the proportional control action can be expressed linguistically as zero, negative small, or negative large respectively, regardless of the linguistic value of the error variable  $e_2$ . Consequently, the Fuzzy Associative Memory (FAM) rules according to this concept of the FPCE can be written as shown in table (1).

Table (1). Proportional element FAM bank

		$e_2$				
		NL	NS	ZE	PS	PL
$e_1$	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
	ZE	ZE	ZE	ZE	ZE	ZE
	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
	PL	PL	PL	PL	PL	PL

where [NL, NS, ZE, PS, PL] are the term sets of the normalized input variables  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  and the normalized output variable  $U_p(kt)$ . To infer the fuzzy output of the FPCE, Mamdani's *min/max* method using the bounded sum triangular co-norm is employed. In [Yuan et al., 1992], the *fmin* and *fmax* functions were introduced to approximate the logic min and logic max functions analytically. These two functions were formulated as follows:

$$fmin(h_{e_1}, h_{e_2}) = 0.5 \left[ (h_{e_1} + h_{e_2}) - \sqrt{(h_{e_1} - h_{e_2})^2 + (0.01)^2} + 0.01 \right] \quad (2)$$

$$fmax(h_{p_1}, h_{p_2}) = 0.5 \left[ (h_{p_1} + h_{p_2}) + \sqrt{(h_{p_1} - h_{p_2})^2 + (0.01)^2} - 0.01 \right] \quad (3)$$

Where  $(h_{e_1}$  and  $h_{e_2})$  are defined as the fuzzy membership function values of the input error variables ( $e_1$  and  $e_2$ ), while  $(h_{p_1}$  and  $h_{p_2})$  are defined as the fuzzy membership function values of the same output membership function resulting from any two different rules at any time step. The centre average defuzzification method (Height method) [Ying et. al., 1990; Ying, 1993] is employed to calculate the crisp output of the FPCE. Consequently, based on the defined membership functions, only four rules are triggered at a time. Therefore, the inference system produces four non-zero fuzzy outputs for the two crisp error inputs. The fuzzy output of a rule (output fuzzy sets after inference) is a fuzzy set with a flat-top Gaussian shape membership function whose height ( $h$ ) equals the membership degree produced by the min operator of Eq. (2). Based on the input errors condition, employed inference method, and defuzzification method, the output of the FPCE is calculated for any input condition using the centre average defuzzification method, assuming different membership output function for each rule inference, as follows:

$$FPCE_{output} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 [h \text{ value of the input Mf with min } h * \text{ output Mf centre}]_{Rule_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^4 [h \text{ value of the input Mf with min } h]_{Rule_i}} \quad (4)$$

Using Eq. (2) and Eq. (3), the analytical solution of the proportional function of the FPCE  $f_p(e_1, e_2)$  in Eq. (1) can be expressed as follows:

$$FPCE_{output} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 \left[ CP_{R_i} \left( (\mu_{R_i}(e_1) + \mu_{R_i}(e_2)) - \sqrt{(\mu_{R_i}(e_1) - \mu_{R_i}(e_2))^2 + (0.01)^2} + 0.01 \right) \right]_{Rule_i}}{2 * \sum_{i=1}^4 \left[ (\mu_{R_i}(e_1) + \mu_{R_i}(e_2)) - \sqrt{(\mu_{R_i}(e_1) - \mu_{R_i}(e_2))^2 + (0.01)^2} + 0.01 \right]_{Rule_i}} \quad (5)$$

where  $CP_{R_i}$  is the FPCE output membership function centre value for rule  $i$ ,  $\mu_{R_i}(e_1)$  is the membership degree of the present error to the rule  $i$ , and  $\mu_{R_i}(e_2)$  is the membership degree of the past error to the rule  $i$ .

## 2.2. Fuzzy Derivative Control Element

In the case of the Fuzzy Derivative Control Element FDCE, the distance between the centres of any two adjacent output membership functions is now  $L_D$ . The fuzzy rules for the operation of the FDCE according to the suggested partitions are generated heuristically as well based on the intuitive concept that the derivative control action at any time step is directly proportionally to rate of change of the error (difference between two successive time steps). For example, if the error variables  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are both expressed linguistically as positive, the derivative control action can be expressed linguistically as zero. Consequently, the Fuzzy Associative Memory (FAM) rules according to this concept of the FDCE can be written as shown in table (2). Where [NL, NS, ZE, PS, PL] are the term sets of the normalized input variables  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  and the normalized output variable  $U_D(kt)$ . Consequently, based on the defined membership functions, only four rules are triggered at a time. The fuzzy output of a rule (output fuzzy sets after inference) is a fuzzy set with a with a flat-top Gaussian shape

membership function whose height (h) equals the membership degree produced by the min operator of Eq. (2) during the fuzzy inference.

Table (2). Derivative element FAM bank

$e_1 \backslash e_2$	NL	NS	ZE	PS	PL
NL	ZE	NS	NL	NL	NL
NS	PS	ZE	NS	NL	NL
ZE	PL	PS	ZE	NS	NL
PS	PL	PL	PS	ZE	NS
PL	PL	PL	PL	PS	ZE

Based on the input errors condition, employed inference method, and defuzzification method used in the last section, the analytical solution of the FDCE function  $f_D(e_1, e_2)$  in Eq. (1) can be written as follows:

$$FDCE_{output} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 \left[ CD_{R_i} \left( (\mu_{R_i}(e_1) + \mu_{R_i}(e_2)) - \sqrt{(\mu_{R_i}(e_1) - \mu_{R_i}(e_2))^2 + (0.01)^2} + 0.01 \right) \right]_{Rule_i}}{2 * \sum_{i=1}^4 \left[ (\mu_{R_i}(e_1) + \mu_{R_i}(e_2)) - \sqrt{(\mu_{R_i}(e_1) - \mu_{R_i}(e_2))^2 + (0.01)^2} + 0.01 \right]_{Rule_i}} \tag{6}$$

Where  $CD_{R_i}$  is the FDCE output membership function centre value for rule  $i$ ,  $\mu_{R_i}(e_1)$  is the membership degree of the present error for the rule  $i$ , and  $\mu_{R_i}(e_2)$  is the membership degree of the past error for the rule.

**2.3. Fuzzy Incremental Integral Control Element**

The conventional integral control action is composed of two parts. The first part is the integration initial condition or the controller's output history  $U_I(kt-t)$  and the second part is the controller's incremental output  $f_I(e_1, e_2) = \Delta U_I(kt)$ . Therefore, the output of the integral element is composed of the same two parts. To implement the Fuzzy Integral Control Element (FICE), the same numbers of input/output partitions as in the previous two sections are employed. However, in this case, the distance between the centres of any two adjacent output membership functions is  $L_i$ . To implement the integration initial condition and the incremental part into one fuzzy controller element, the centres of the output universe membership functions

are shifted after the  $k^{th}$  time step to a distance  $U_I(kt-t) = \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} \Delta U_I(mt)$ . The incremental part

of the integral control element is of interest now. The fuzzy rules of the operation of the incremental FICE are generated heuristically based on the intuitive concept that the incremental part of the integral control action at a time step is directly proportional to the sum of the error variables at two successive time steps. For example, if the error variables  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are expressed linguistically as positive and negative, the incremental part of the integral control action can be expressed linguistically as zero. Consequently, the Fuzzy Associative Memory (FAM) rules according to this concept of the incremental FICE can be written as shown in table (3). Where [NL, NS, ZE, PS, PL] are the term sets of the normalized input variables  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  and the normalized output variable  $\Delta U_I(KT)$ .

Table (3). Integral incremental element FAM bank

$e_1 \backslash e_2$	NL	NS	ZE	PS	PL
NL	NL	NL	NL	NS	ZE
NS	NL	NL	NS	ZE	PS
ZE	NL	NS	ZE	PS	PL
PS	NS	ZE	PS	PL	PL
PL	ZE	PS	PL	PL	PL

To obtain the output of the incremental FICE, the same partitions, inference, and the same defuzzification method as in the last two sections are employed. Consequently, only four rules are triggered at a time. The fuzzy output of a rule (output fuzzy sets after inference) is a fuzzy set with a flat-top Gaussian shape membership function whose height (h) equals the membership degree produced by the min operator of Eq. (2) during the fuzzy inference. Based on the input errors condition, employed inference method, and defuzzification method used in the last two sections, the analytical solution of the incremental FICE function  $f_I(e_1, e_2)$  in Eq. (1) can be written as follows:

$$\Delta FICE_{output} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 \left[ CI_{R_i} \left( (\mu_{R_i}(e_1) + \mu_{R_i}(e_2)) - \sqrt{(\mu_{R_i}(e_1) - \mu_{R_i}(e_2))^2 + (0.01)^2} + 0.01 \right) \right]_{Rule_i}}{2 * \sum_{i=1}^4 \left[ (\mu_{R_i}(e_1) + \mu_{R_i}(e_2)) - \sqrt{(\mu_{R_i}(e_1) - \mu_{R_i}(e_2))^2 + (0.01)^2} + 0.01 \right]_{Rule_i}} \quad (7)$$

Where  $CI_{R_i}$  is the incremental FICE output membership function centre value for rule  $i$ ,  $\mu_{R_i}(e_1)$  is the membership degree of the present error for the rule  $i$ , and  $\mu_{R_i}(e_2)$  is the membership degree of the past error for the rule  $i$ .

The integral part has its past value added to the output to achieve the required integration action. In our functional-based fuzzy controller, this will be achieved by shifting the output membership functions centres of the integral element universe of discourse, so that only the incremental part of the integral control element is used in the controller, while the past value is always stored in the centre of the controller universe of discourse as shown in figure (4).

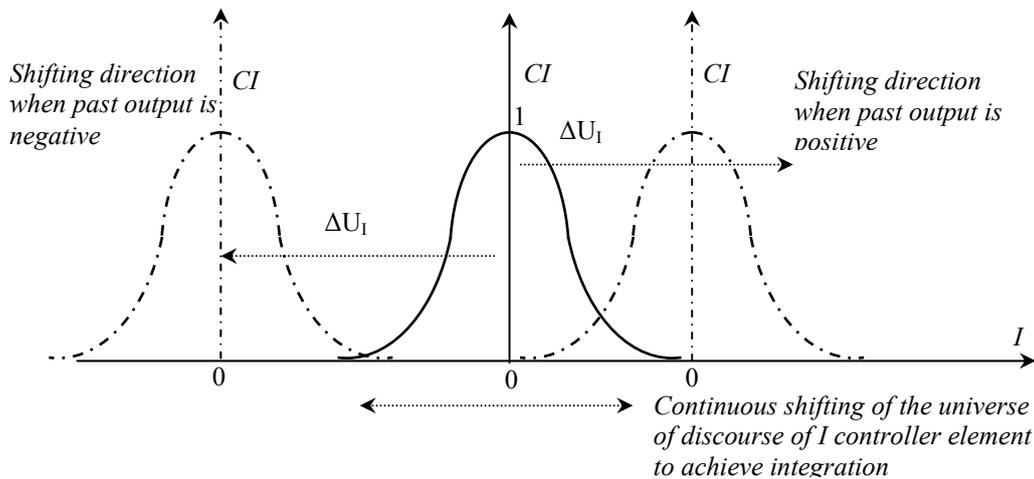


Figure (4). Shifting of the universe of discourse

This behavior resembles the integration method in a classical digital integration scheme. Consequently, the rule base of the three incremental FCEs (P, D and I) can be

combined together to form one rule base for the total functional-based fuzzy-PID controller as follows:

$$U_{PID} = \frac{k_u \sum_{i=1}^4 \left[ (k_p^{CI_{R_i}} + k_d^{CD_{R_i}} + k_i^{CI_{R_i}}) \left( (\mu_{R_i}(e_1) + \mu_{R_i}(e_2)) - \sqrt{(\mu_{R_i}(e_1) - \mu_{R_i}(e_2))^2 + (0.01)^2} + 0.01 \right) \right]_{Rule_i}}{2 \sum_{i=1}^4 \left[ (\mu_{R_i}(e_1) + \mu_{R_i}(e_2)) - \sqrt{(\mu_{R_i}(e_1) - \mu_{R_i}(e_2))^2 + (0.01)^2} + 0.01 \right]_{Rule_i}} \quad (8)$$

Where  $k_p$ ,  $k_d$ , and  $k_i$  are the scaling factors, while  $k_u$  is an overall gain for the PID controller. Table (4) represents the combined functional-based fuzzy-PID controller rules.

Table (4). Functional-Based fuzzy PID controller combined FAM bank

$e_1$	$e_2$	P-element	D-element	I-element
NL	NL	NL	ZE	NL
NS	NL	NS	PS	NL
ZE	NL	ZE	PL	NL
PS	NL	PS	PL	NS
PL	NL	PL	PL	ZE
NL	NS	NL	NS	NL
NS	NS	NS	ZE	NL
ZE	NS	ZE	PS	NS
PS	NS	PS	PL	ZE
PL	NS	PL	PL	PS
NL	ZE	NL	NL	NL
NS	ZE	NS	NS	NS
ZE	ZE	ZE	ZE	ZE
PS	ZE	PS	PS	PS
PL	ZE	PL	PL	PL
NL	PS	NL	NL	NS
NS	PS	NS	NL	ZE
ZE	PS	ZE	NS	PS
PS	PS	PS	ZE	PL
PL	PS	PL	PS	PL
NL	PL	NL	NL	ZE
NS	PL	NS	NL	PS
ZE	PL	ZE	NL	PL
PS	PL	PS	NS	PL
PL	PL	PL	ZE	PL

Finally, the total fuzzy-controller output can be represented in the form:

$$U_{PID} = k_u [k_p k_{NP} e_1 + k_d k_{ND} (e_1 - e_2) + k_i k_{NI} (e_1 + e_2)] \quad (9)$$

Where  $k_{NP}$ ,  $k_{ND}$ , and  $k_{NI}$  are the equivalent non-linear fuzzy gains.

### 3. Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy PID Controller Structure

One of the main problems with conventional neuro-fuzzy controllers reported in literature is the difficulty of applying sensitivity analysis or online-tuning methods due to the non-differentiable shape of the triangular membership functions as well as the logic minimum and logic maximum functions [Yuan et. al., 1992]. This in turn adds complexity to the speed and method of on-line adaptation used. In the proposed controller, membership functions are replaced by differentiable ones, as well as the logic minimum and logic maximum functions are replaced by the softmin and softmax functions. The proposed structure of the fuzzy PID controller achieves more flexibility for both online and offline tuning.

**3.1. Softmin and Softmax Functions**

The proposed neuro-fuzzy network is a feed-forward connectionist representation of a Mamdani-model based FLS. In order to achieve a suitable trade-off between the transparencies of the neurofuzzy system, the ease of mathematical analysis, the network has to employ differentiable alternatives for the logic-min and logic-max functions to implement its decision-making mechanism. For this purpose, a differentiable alternative of the logic-min function termed *softmin* and a differentiable alternative of the logic-max function termed *softmax* are presented [Estevez and Nakano, 1995; Shankir, 2001]. Using these two differentiable functions to implement the network decision-making mechanism allows a more accurate calculation of the partial derivatives necessary for the BP learning algorithm. In [Berenji and Khedkar, 1992] an analytical form of the logic min function termed *softmin*, is given by:

$$softmin(a_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n a_i e^{-\zeta a_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{-\zeta a_i}} \tag{10}$$

where,  $a_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  argument and the parameter  $\zeta$  controls the softness of the *softmin* function. As  $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$ , *softmin* function  $\rightarrow$  logic min. However, for a finite  $\zeta$ , *softmin* becomes a multi-argument analytical approximation of the logic min function. [Estevez and Nakano, 1995] introduced the multi-argument *softmax* function used to approximate both the logic-max and logic-min function with a proper selection of parameters. Furthermore, based on De Morgan's law, [Pedrycz, 1993; Shankir, 2001; and Zhang et. al., 1996] presented a multi-argument alternative of the logic-max function termed *softmax* as a logic complement of the above mentioned *softmin* function:

$$softmax(a_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n) = \left[ 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \bar{a}_i e^{-\zeta \bar{a}_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{-\zeta \bar{a}_i}} \right] \tag{11}$$

where  $a_i = \mu_{A_i}$  and  $\bar{a}_i = 1 - a_i$

These two differentiable functions will be utilized as the inference mechanisms within the neuro-fuzzy network.

**3.2. Neuro-fuzzy Network Structure**

Figure (5) presents the structure of the proposed network. It consists of a six-layer feed-forward representation of a Mamdani-model based FLS [Pham et. al., 2008. The network structure is similar to other Mamdani-model based FFNN in the first four layers structure as in Lin and Lee's FFNN [Lin and Lee, 1991] and in Berenji and Khedkar's FFNN [Berenji and Khedkar, 1992]. The difference is in the representation of the defuzzification function, which is represented using the last two layers (layer five and layer six) instead of one layer only. In general, a node in any layer of the network has some finite fan-in of connections represented by weight values from other nodes and fan-out of connections to other nodes. Associated with the fan-in of a node is an aggregation function ( $f$ ) that serves to combine information, activation, or evidence from other nodes. Using the same notation as in [Lin and Lee, 1991], the function provides the net input for such a node as follows:

$$input_{net} = f^k \left( \begin{matrix} u_1^k, u_2^k, \dots, u_p^k \\ w_1^k, w_2^k, \dots, w_p^k \end{matrix} \right) \tag{12}$$

where  $p$  is the number of fan-ins of the node,  $w$  is the link weight associated with each fan-in,  $u$  is an output of a node in the preceding layer associated with the fan-in and the superscript  $k$  indicates the layer number. A second action of each node is to output an activation value as a function of its net-input,

$$output = o_i^k = a^k(f^k) \tag{13}$$

where  $a^k(.)$  denotes the activation function in layer  $k$ . The functions of the nodes at each of the six layers of the proposed network are described next.

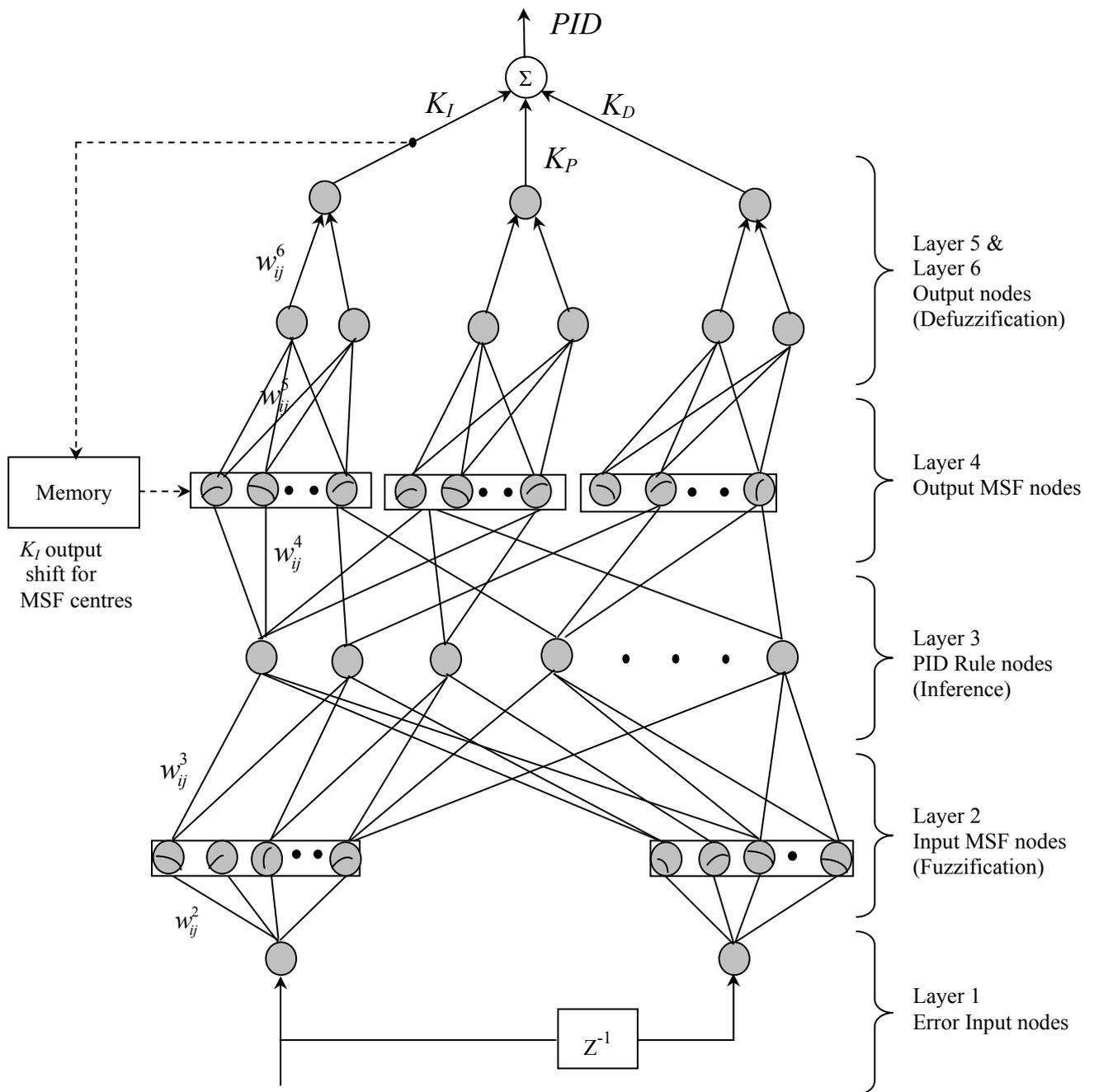


Figure (5). Structure of the proposed neuro-fuzzy network

**Layer 1:** Nodes at layer one are input nodes, which represent input linguistic variables. Layer one contains *two* nodes only ( $i=1, 2$ ), which receive the current sample error value and stores internally the previous error value. The nodes in this layer simply transmit input values directly to the next layer. That is,

$$f_i^1 = u_i^1 = x_i \quad \text{and} \quad a_i^1 = f_i^1 \quad (14)$$

The link weights at layer one are fixed to unity.

**Layer 2:** Nodes at layer two are input term nodes which act as membership functions to represent the terms of the respective *error* input linguistic variables. An input linguistic variable  $x$  in a universe of discourse  $U$  is characterized by  $A(x) = \{A_x^1, A_x^2, \dots, A_x^m\}$ , where  $A(x)$  is the term set of  $x$ , that is the set of the generated membership functions (MSF) for each *error* input. Layer two therefore accommodates *two* independent term sets, where each term set corresponds to an *error* input  $x_i$  and is partitioned to five ( $m_i$ ) terms representing input membership functions. The function of each node  $j$  in a term set  $i$  is to calculate the degree of membership of the input  $x_i$  with respect to the membership function associated with the term set  $A_j(x_i)$  according to the specific equation of this membership function:

$$f_{ij}^2 = \frac{((w_{ij}^2 * a_i^1) - m_{ij})^2}{\sigma_{ij}} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{ij}^2 = e^{-f_{ij}^2} \quad \text{for Gaussian functions}$$

$$f_{ij}^2 = \frac{((w_{ij}^2 * a_i^1) - \beta_{ij})}{|\beta_{ij}|} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{ij}^2 = \frac{1}{1 + e^{f_{ij}^2}} \quad \text{for Left sigmoidals} \quad (15)$$

$$f_{ij}^2 = \frac{(\beta_{ij} - (w_{ij}^2 * a_i^1))}{|\beta_{ij}|} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{ij}^2 = \frac{1}{1 + e^{f_{ij}^2}} \quad \text{for Right sigmoidal functions}$$

Where  $m_{ij}$  and  $\sigma_{ij}$  are, respectively, the centre (or mean) and the width (or variance) of the Gaussian function and  $\beta_{ij}$  is the characteristic value for the sigmoidal function. Hence a link weight at layer two  $w_{ij}^2$  can be interpreted as an adjustable free parameter of the input membership function shape and size.

**Layer 3:** The nodes at layer three are the twenty-five PID rule nodes which have been explained previously; where each node associates one term node from each term set to form a condition part of one fuzzy rule if it is part of that rule. Hence, the rule nodes should perform the logic min operation if the min interpretation of the sentence connective "and" between the antecedents of a fuzzy rule is employed. Consequently in this design, the logic-min function is replaced by the *softmin* function. Therefore the function of the  $r^{\text{th}}$  rule node using *softmin* can be written as follows:

$$f_r^3 = \text{softmin}(u_1^3, u_2^3, \dots, u_q^3) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^q u_i e^{-\zeta u_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^q e^{-\zeta u_i}} \quad (16)$$

$$\text{and} \quad a_r^3 = f_r^3$$

where  $r = 1, \dots, R$ , and  $R$  is the number of rules or rule nodes in layer three,  $q$  is the number of inputs for that particular rule,  $u_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  input to layer three, and  $\zeta$  is an index representing the

softness of the *softmin* function. All link weights at this layer are fixed to unity to transmit only the membership degree of the linguistic input to the rule interpretation mechanism.

**Layer 4:** The nodes at layer four are output term nodes which act as membership functions to represent the output terms of the respective  $l$  linguistic output variables (in the PID controller case  $l=3$ ). An output linguistic variable  $y$  in a universe of discourse  $W$  is characterized by  $F(y) = \{F_y^1, F_y^2, \dots, F_y^5\}$ , where  $F(y)$  is the term set of output  $y$ , that is the set of the class membership functions for each controller output, as explained previously, representing the linguistic values of the controller output. Consequently layer four accommodates *three* independent term sets, where each term set corresponds to individual controller output  $y_i$  and is partitioned to *five* terms representing output membership functions (MSF). The nodes in layer four should perform the logic-max operation to integrate the fired rules that have the same consequent. In the proposed neuro-fuzzy network the logic max function is replaced by the *softmax* function. Therefore, the function of each term node  $j$  in the output term set  $i$ , can be written as follows:

$$f_{ij}^4 = \text{softmax}(u_1^4, u_2^4, \dots, u_p^4) = \left[ I - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i e^{-\zeta u_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{-\zeta u_i}} \right] \quad (17)$$

$$\text{and } a_{ij}^4 = f_{ij}^4$$

where  $p$  is the number of rules sharing the same consequent (the same output term node),  $u_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  input to layer four, and  $\zeta$  is an index representing the softness of the *softmax* function. Hence the link weights at layer four are fixed to unity.

**Layer 5:** The number of nodes at layer five is  $2l$ , where  $l$  is the number of output variables ( $l=3$ ), i.e. two nodes for each output variable. The function of these two nodes is to calculate the denominator and the numerator of an approximate form of Mean of Maxima (MOM) defuzzification function [Saade, 1996; Runkler, 1997] for each output variable. The functions of the two nodes of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  output variable are described as:

$$f_{ni}^5 = a_{ij}^4 * m_{ij} \quad \text{and} \quad a_{ni}^5 = f_{ni}^5 \quad (18)$$

$$f_{di}^5 = a_{ij}^4 \quad \text{and} \quad a_{di}^5 = f_{di}^5 \quad (19)$$

where  $f_{ni}^5$  and  $f_{di}^5$  are respectively the node functions of the numerator and the denominator nodes of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  output variable.  $m_{ij}$  is the centre (or mean) of the Gaussian function of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  term of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  output linguistic variable  $y_i$ . Layer five employs  $2l$  weight vectors, with two weight vectors for each output variable. The first link weight vector connects the numerator node of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  output to the term nodes in its term set and its components are denoted by  $w_{nij}^5$ . Each component of this weight vector represents the centre (or mean) of the membership function of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  term of the term set of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  output variable. The second link weight vector connects the  $i^{\text{th}}$  output denominator node to the term nodes in its term set and its components are denoted by  $w_{dij}^5$ . Hence the link weights at layer five are fixed to unity.

**Layer 6:** The nodes at layer six are defuzzification nodes. The number of nodes in layer six equals the number of output linguistic variables ( $l=3$ ). The function of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  node corresponding to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  output variable can be written as follows:

$$f_i^6 = \frac{w_{ni}^6 * a_{ni}^5}{w_{di}^6 * a_{di}^5} \quad \text{and} \quad a_i^6 = f_i^6 \quad \text{and} \quad y_i = a_i^6 \quad (20)$$

Where  $w_{ni}^6$  and  $w_{di}^6$  are layer six link weights associated with each output variable node. These two link weights represent a scaling factor of the output controller term.

#### 4. Neuro-Fuzzy PID Controller Tuning

Tuning of the PID controller parameters is always not an easy task, especially for complex non-linear system such as robotic manipulators (Fahmy et. al., 2011). Fortunately, this tuning process can be transformed into a parameter optimization task. In this case of neuro-fuzzy PID controller, the optimal PID parameters represented in the network weights can be found based on certain performance specifications. If the model of the plant is available, the neuro-fuzzy can be initially tuned offline in simulation using the Bees Algorithm (BA) to produce the best fit for the network parameters before actual physical implementation (Fahmy et. al., 2011). The flowchart of the bees's algorithm is given in figure (6). The bees' algorithm mimics the foraging behavior of honey bees. The BA is characterized by a number of parameters that are varied to achieve more explorative or exploitative search strategies. These parameters are, the number of scout bees ( $n$ ), the number of high-quality sites that are selected for neighborhood search ( $m$ ), the number of elite (top-rated) sites amongst the best  $m$  sites ( $e$ ), the number of bees recruited for neighborhood search around the  $e$  elite sites ( $n_{ep}$ ), the number of bees recruited for neighborhood search around the remaining  $m-e$  sites ( $n_{sp}$ ), and the initial size of each flower patch ( $n_{gh}$ ) (i.e. the range of the local search around the neighborhood of the best  $m$  sites). At the start of the procedure, ( $n$ ) scout bees are randomly distributed with uniform probability across the environment (i.e. the solution space). Each bee evaluates the fitness of the site (i.e. solution) where it landed. The main bees' algorithm procedure consists of the following sequence of steps. The sites discovered by the scouts are ranked in decreasing order of fitness. The fittest ( $m$ ) locations (best) are selected for the local search phase. In the local search phase, the neighborhood of the selected sites is further searched. That is, the scouts that found the top (elite)  $e < m$  sites recruit each ( $n_{ep}$ ) 'forager' bees. The scouts that landed on the remaining ( $m-e$ ) selected locations recruit each ( $n_{sp}$ )  $< (n_{ep})$  foragers. The recruiting procedure simulates the mechanism of the waggle dance in nature. Each forager is placed within a square of side ( $n_{gh}$ ) centered on the selected location. If a forager lands in a position of higher fitness than the scout, that forager becomes the new scout and will compete to recruit bees for further local exploration in the next iteration. If no forager finds a candidate solution of higher fitness than the scout, the size of the neighborhood is shrunk (neighborhood shrinking procedure). The purpose of the neighborhood shrinking procedure is to make the search increasingly focused around the selected sites. If the local search procedure fails to bring any improvement of fitness for a given number of iterations ( $lim$ ), the search is deemed to have found a local peak of performance and the scout is randomly re-initialized (site abandonment procedure). If the location being abandoned is the fittest so far, it is stored in memory. If no better solution is found during the remainder of the search, the saved best fitness location is taken as the final solution. The global search phase follows. In this phase, ( $n-m$ ) scout bees are randomly placed on the solution space. The aim of the global search procedure is to look for new areas of high fitness.

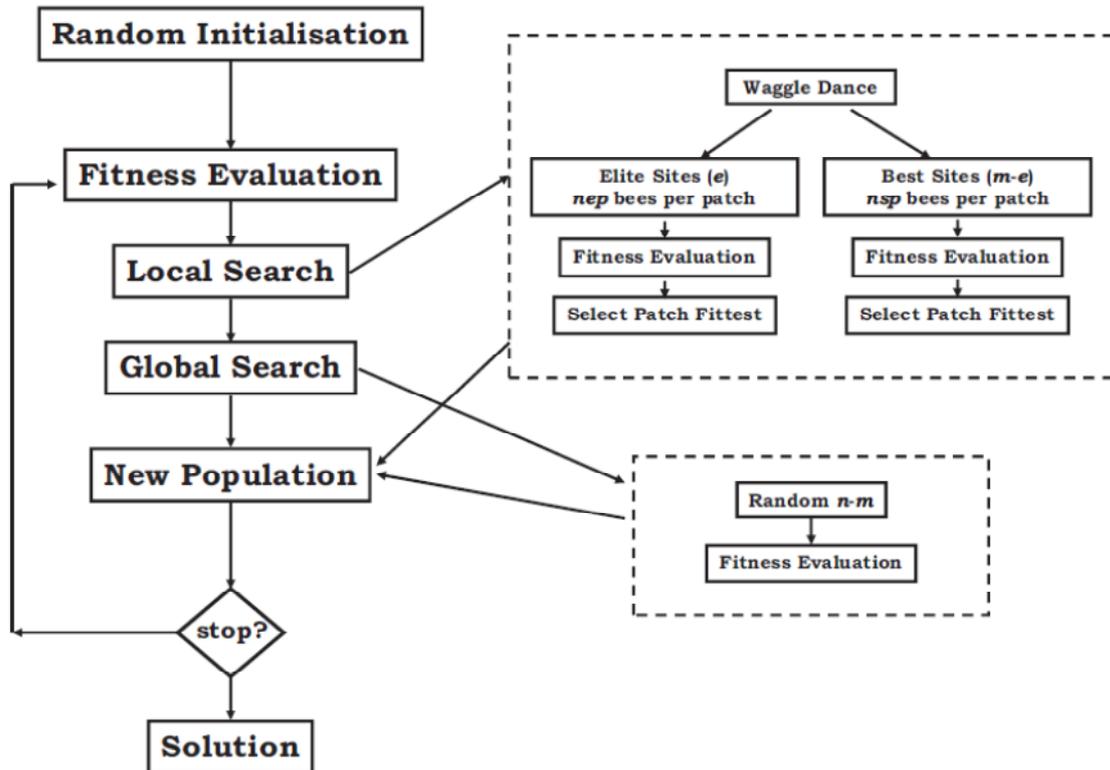


Figure (6). Structure of the BA search mechanism

The stopping criterion depends on the nature of the problem domain, and can be either the location of a solution of fitness above a pre-defined threshold, or the completion of a predefined number of evolution cycles. In the proposed PID controller, stopping is based on meeting certain transient performance specifications within a certain acceptable range (Fahmy et. al., 2011). Once, the controller is tuned offline, it has to be also possess the characteristics of online adaptation to contentiously improve the performance due to un-modeled disturbances (Pham and Fahmy, 2005). For these purposes, following the network construction phase, the network enters the parameter learning phase to adjust its free parameters through either offline or online adaptation. The network adjustable free parameters were selected to be centres ( $m_{ij}$ 's) of the controller output membership functions of the term nodes in layer four as well as the link weights at layers two and six. The supervised learning technique is employed to achieve specific controller output system performance in the offline stage using the bee's algorithm (BA) (Fahmy et. al., 2011), while minimizing the un-modeled disturbances error is achieved online through BP with momentum algorithm. For each training data set, starting at the input nodes, a forward pass is followed to compute the controller output in the network. Then, starting at the output nodes, a backward pass is followed to compute the rate of change of the error function with respect to the adjustable free parameters for all the hidden nodes. Assuming that ( $w$ ) is the adjustable free parameter in a node, the general adaptation rule when applying the BP with momentum algorithm can be written as follows:

$$w(t+1) = w(t) + \Delta w(t+1)$$

$$\Delta w(t+1) = \eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w} + \alpha \Delta w(t) \quad (21)$$

where  $\eta$  is the learning rate,  $\alpha$  is the momentum term,  $\Delta w$  is the change of weight,  $E$  is the error vector, then using the chain rule, the partial derivatives can be calculated and propagated in

the network to adapt the weights [Miyamoto et. al., 1988]. Using the learning rule, the calculations of the back-propagated errors as well as the updating of the free parameters can be done. The adaptive rule to tune the weights of layer six is.

$$w_{ni}^6(t+1) = w_{ni}^6(t) + \eta_6 \left[ (y(t) - y_{net}(t)) * \frac{a_{ni}^5}{w_{di}^6 * a_{di}^5} \right] + \alpha \Delta w_{ni}(t) \quad (22)$$

$$w_{di}^6(t+1) = w_{di}^6(t) + \eta_6 \left[ (y(t) - y_{net}(t)) * \frac{-w_{ni}^6 * a_{ni}^5}{(w_{di}^6)^2 * a_{di}^5} \right] + \alpha \Delta w_{di}(t) \quad (23)$$

where  $\eta_6$  is the learning rate of the link weights at layer six. The error is then propagated from layer six to the numerator and the denominator nodes at layer five. At layer five, no adjustment is required for the link weights connected to the denominator nodes, while an adjustment is required for the link weights  $w_{nij}^5$ 's which represent the centres  $m_{ij}$ 's of the output membership functions, this adaptation has no link to the original shifting of the MSF centre for the integral action element is performed for all controller elements. Consequently, the adaptive rule to tune the free parameters in layer five is.

$$m_{ij}(t+1) = m_{ij}(t) + \eta_5 \left[ (y(t) - y_{net}(t)) * \frac{w_{ni}^6 * a_{ij}^4}{w_{di}^6 * a_{di}^5} \right] + \alpha \Delta m_{ij}(t) \quad (24)$$

where  $\eta_5$  is the learning rate of the adjustable parameters ( $m_{ij}$ 's) at layer five. The error is then propagated from layer five to layer four, and then from layer four to layer three. No adjustment is required for these two layers. The error is then propagated from layer three to layer two, where adaptation for the input membership functions is calculated as follows:

$$w_{ij}^2(t+1) = w_{ij}^2(t) + \eta_2 \left( \frac{-\partial E}{\partial w_{ij}^2} \right) + \alpha \Delta w_{ij}(t) \quad (25)$$

where  $\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{ij}^2}$  is calculated through error propagation chain rule,  $\eta_2$  is the learning rate of the link weights in layer two and in the chain rule,

$$\frac{\partial f_{ij}^2}{\partial w_{ij}^2} = \frac{2 * a_i^1 ((w_{ij}^2 * a_i^1) - m_{ij})}{\sigma_{ij}^2} \text{ for Gaussian, } = \frac{a_i^1}{|\beta_{ij}|} \text{ for L-sigmoidal, } = \frac{-a_i^1}{|\beta_{ij}|} \text{ for R-sigmoidal}$$

$$\frac{\partial a_{ij}^2}{\partial f_{ij}^2} = -e^{f_{ij}^2}, \text{ for Gaussian, } = \frac{-e^{f_{ij}^2}}{(1 + e^{f_{ij}^2})^2} \text{ for L-sigmoidal, } = \frac{-e^{f_{ij}^2}}{(1 + e^{f_{ij}^2})^2} \text{ for R-sigmoidal}$$

where  $\frac{\partial f_{ij}^2}{\partial a_i^1}$  is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\partial f_{ij}^2}{\partial a_i^1} = \frac{2 * w_{ij}^2 \left( (w_{ij}^2 * a_i^1) - m_{ij} \right)}{\sigma_{ij}^2} \text{ for Gaussian, } = \frac{w_{ij}^2}{|\beta_{ij}|} \text{ for L - sigmoidal, } = \frac{-w_{ij}^2}{|\beta_{ij}|} \text{ for R - sigmoidal}$$

The link weights at layer one are fixed to unity. Now, the feed-back error learning scheme (FEL) can be applied online to tune the fuzzy-PID controller parameters online [Kawato et. al., 1988], which combines learning and control efficiently. The objective of control is to minimize the error between the reference signal and the plant output. If the learning part of the architecture is disregarded, then, if the neuro-fuzzy controller is bounded, the system is stable [Miyamura and Kimura, 2002; Terashita and Kimura, 2002]. In [Arabshahi et. al., 1992], fuzzy control of the learning rate  $\eta$  is suggested. The central idea behind fuzzy control of the BP algorithm is the implementation of the heuristics used for faster convergence in terms of fuzzy "If-Then" rules. In this study, the fuzzy PID-like feed-back controller along with a fixed learning rate provides the general non-linear policy of the controller and learning signal as well. It can be seen that the proposed neuro-fuzzy PID controller is designed in a way that makes the controller tuning achievable using any algorithm due to the contentious differentiable membership functions selected and the differentiable fuzzification and defuzzification methods applied in the network. The Bess Algorithm can be applied to tune the controller parameters initially offline if the model of the plant is available, to produce a certain set-point transient response characteristics before actual physical implementation of the controller (Fahmy et. al., 2011). The differentiable nature of the controller structure, allow for further online tuning of the parameters of the controller for best tracking results [Moudgal et. al., 1995, Ming-Kun et. al., 2011].

## 5. Results

The proposed control system is tested by applying it to control the first two joints of a SCARA<sup>®</sup> type robot manipulator model with a fixed payload [Erbatur et. al., 1995, Er et. al., 1997, Breedon et. al., 2002]. For comparison purposes, a conventional PID controller, tuned using the Ziegler-Nichols tuning rule is used to control the robot. The controller is first tuned using the BA to set the initial values of the controller parameters. The settings for the BA are listed in table (5), while the setting for the BP with momentum algorithm is listed in table (6). The error signal  $e_\theta(t)$  is defined as  $e_\theta(t) = r(t) - \theta(t)$ , and  $r(t)$  is the desired input signal. In this test, the BA was applied for tuning the neuro-fuzzy PID controller as explained in section (4), while the BP algorithm is applied for online tuning of the controller.

Table (5). Parameters of the BA Algorithm

Parameter	Symbol	Value
No. of scout bees	n	30
No. of selected bees	m	9
No. of elite bees	e	3
Size of neighborhood	n <sub>gh</sub>	9
No of sites around selected bees	n <sub>sp</sub>	15
No of sites around elite bees	n <sub>ep</sub>	15
Stagnation limit	lim	5

Table (6). Parameters of the BP Algorithm

Parameter	Symbol	Value
Learning rate	$\eta$	0.15
Momentum term	$\alpha$	0.05
Initial range for neuro-fuzzy network weights	-	[-1.0, 1.0]

The physical parameters of the SCARA type robot arm are given in Table (7).

Table (7). Parameters of the SCARA type robot arm

Parameter	Symbol	Value	Unit
Link-1 Length	L1	0.55	<i>m</i>
Link-1 CSA	A1	0.15	<i>m</i> <sup>2</sup>
Link-1 mass	M1	1.95	<i>kg</i>
Link-2 Length	L2	0.45	<i>m</i>
Link-2 CSA	A2	0.11	<i>m</i> <sup>2</sup>
Link-2 mass	M2	1.14	<i>kg</i>

The objective function to be minimized for the BA was selected to be [Fahmy et. al., 2011]:

$$f_{cost} = w_1 t_d + w_2 t_r + w_3 t_p + w_4 M + w_5 e_{ss} \quad (26)$$

Where  $W_i$  's are weight factors,  $t_d$  is delay time,  $t_r$  is the rise time,  $t_p$  is the peak time,  $M$  is maximum over-shoot, and  $e_{ss}$  steady state error. The weight factors are given in table (8).

Table (8). Objective function weight values

$W_1$	$W_2$	$W_3$	$W_4$	$W_5$
1.0	1.0	300.0	300.0	100

In the tests, the BA was used to search the initial gains of the NFPID controller to start the PID controller gain parameters by values that achieve reasonable transient characteristics for set-point control [Fahmy et. al., 2011]. The objective function used is a multi-variable objective function aiming to optimize the overall transient characteristics of the controlled system by minimizing the elements that characterize the transient response. The objectives are to minimize the delay time, minimize the rise time, minimize the peak time, minimize the maximum overshoot value, and finally minimize the steady state error. The weight factors were chosen by trial and error, with the aim of minimizing in particular the maximum overshoot, the steady-state error, and the steady state error. For this reason,  $w_3$  to  $w_5$  are much larger  $w_1$  to  $w_2$ . In the tests, the bee's algorithm was used to optimize the gains of the fuzzy PID controller using the dynamic model of the robot manipulator [Fahmy et. al., 2011]. The controller then is tested to track link motion over repeated trajectories while the BP algorithm with momentum is applied. Figure (8) shows the tracking results for link-1 over four consecutive cycles, while figure (9) shows the same result for link-2. The same cycles were also tested using the conventional PID controller and displayed on the same figures for comparison purposes. It can be observed from the results that the proposed adaptive NFPID controller outperforms the conventional PID controller in tracking the desired angle. Also, it can be seen that the effect of the online learning techniques reduces the tracking error while cycles progress over time. It worth mentioning that, the comparison with the classical PID controller is mainly to highlight the validity of the control structure to control with complex systems. The main objectives of the trajectory test is to highlight the capabilities of the new controller structure to adapt through online tuning to better trajectory tracking result over time.

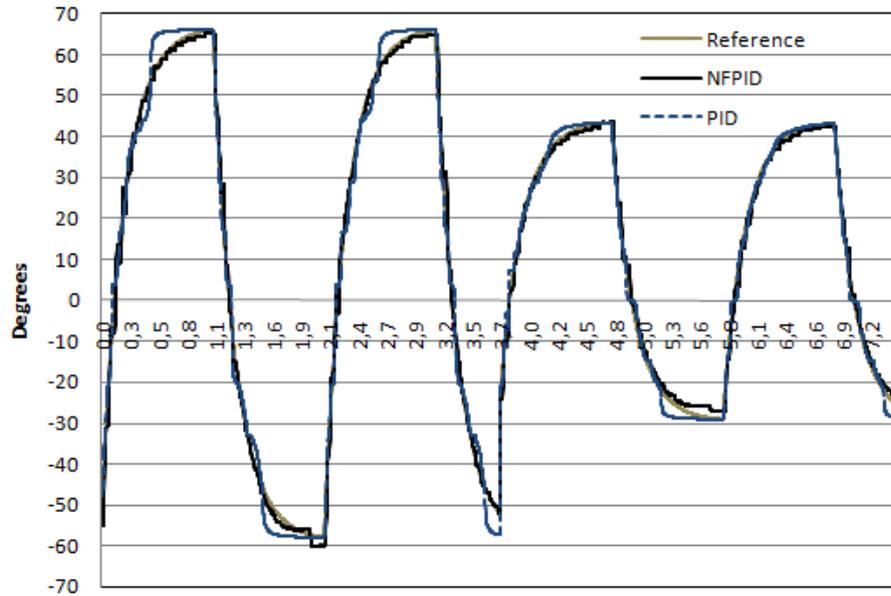


Figure (7). Link-1 Angle in degrees tracking results

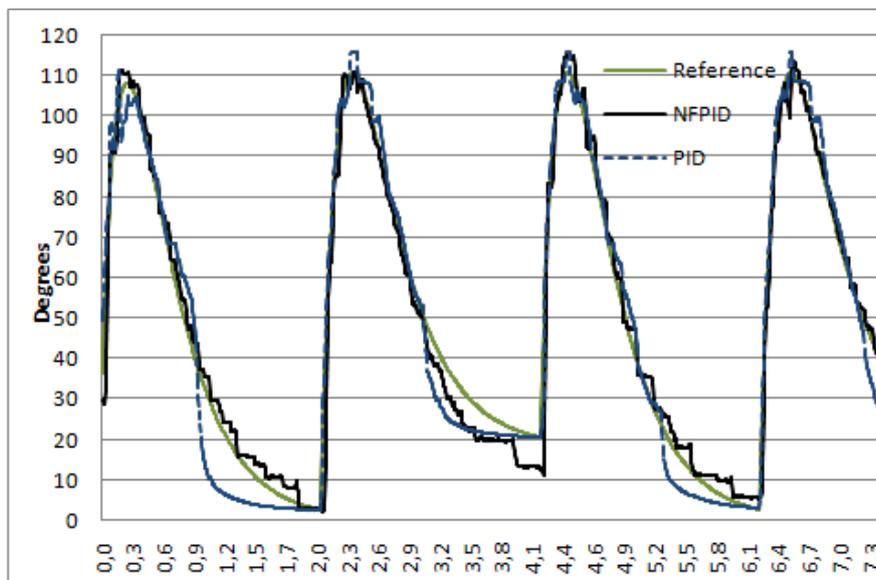


Figure (8). Link-2 Angle in degrees tracking results

## 6. Discussion

The contribution of this work is related to presenting a new definition of the fuzzy differentiation, and fuzzy integration used in fuzzy systems and control. The new definition is via introducing the idea of performing the differentiation as fuzzy function that is directly related to the present fuzzy set membership of the error and the previous membership of the error NOT the error value itself, rather depends on the membership function the error is related to. In this way, the differentiation function is represented as fuzzy relation, NOT depending on the change in error (crisp value) to be scaled in fuzzy system as represented in most previous one, two, or three input fuzzy PID work as listed in [Hu et. al., 2001]. Moreover, the re-definition of the fuzzy integration in this work, instead of performing the integration as fuzzy scaling to the error and change of error with one, two, or three input fuzzy system, it is now performed as a contentious summation of the fuzzy sets of the current error and previous sample error with continuous

shifting of the centre of the universe of discourse of the fuzzy domain itself to represent the memory of the integration. It worth mentioning here that, this method results in re-defining the digital differentiation and digital integration in the form of working on the fuzzy membership functions directly. So, the control system suggested in the work is not presented as a competitive control algorithm that outperform controller for unknown systems such as adaptive control, robust control, predictive control etc. Rather, it is presented as a new (TRUE FUZZY) definition for the differentiation and integration processes used in the fuzzy system with an example of performing PID control action. For robotic tracking control where the reference and dynamics is always changing, the inverse dynamic control is the best to be utilized, despite very difficult to be implemented mathematically. Consequently, researcher tends to use neural network and neuro-fuzzy systems to avoid complex mathematical formulation. In (Pham and Anh, 2010) a gain-scheduling neural PID controller is utilized with 2-axis robotic structure for varying the parameters of the neural PID controller to include information from the robot dynamics. Hence, the core contribution of the paper is to introduce the new definition of the fuzzy-PID controller as a new three fuzzy functions (fuzzy proportional, fuzzy integral and fuzzy differential) that work directly on the membership functions that the current and previous sample error is related to. The use of the NN structure is to implement the Fuzzy-PID controller in an adaptive format suitable for online tuning and is not a stand alone or added item to the system, which makes any adaptation algorithm, can be applied to tune the proposed controller either online or off-line. The introduction of the Bees Colony is to show an example of adaptation technique that is used previously, while the user can select the suitable algorithm to tune the controller, even classical BP algorithm can be applied. The processing time used is dependent on the algorithm applied for adaptation, while the non-avoidable processing time is mainly the time used to calculate the proposed fuzzy control reactions to the error input in the form of algebraic calculation function. The fuzzy PID controller suggested is considered as a nonlinear model free control that possesses fixed structure that can be initially designed and then tuned to best fit the target system while it is in operation. This characteristic and its non-linearity emulate the classical gain scheduling and variable-structure control in their effect on the complex system control. The effect of varying the fuzzy membership size on each P, I, or D term of the controller is similar to varying each controller term value in classical linear PID controller, while changing the number of controller rules is controlled by the number of membership functions in the universe of discourse of the error domain. This directly affects the controller non-linearity and response time, for example less number of membership functions and rules results in quicker controller response and closer to classical linear PID controller. The optimal fuzzy model size is normally subjected to the designer selection of the structure of the controller and its tuning method. The frequency response of the torque result is much faster than the frequency response of the robot mechanical time constant due to high speed computation in the virtual domain. In the proposed work, the main target is to demonstrate the tracking convergence to the desired trajectory, while the learning process of the controller proceeds. The detailed initial tuning process and variations of the PID controller gains is described in the author previous work [Fahmy et. al., 2011], while the scope of the work is to highlight the new controller design structure, online learning, and tracking capabilities.

## 7. Conclusion

This paper proposed a new adaptive functional based adaptive neuro-fuzzy-PID (NFPI) controller that can be tuned offline to set the initial parameters using the BA to achieve certain transient performance specifications based on the system model. The proposed controller differential structure permits also for online adaptation of the controller that can be used to obtain another set of parameters that achieve better tracking and eliminate un-modelled disturbances effect on the system performance for the problem of trajectory control of robotic manipulators. The scope contribution of the paper is not to introduce an outperforming controller for the MIMO robotic structure presented in the paper, rather it is to introduce a new definition for fuzzy PID controller and a new representation that is simple and effective to do the control job with the capability for further tuning online while the system is operation. So, the choice of the robotic structure as a test bed for the controller is for demonstration purposes of the controller capabilities not to claim its outperformance over the classical PID control or other controller structure used for robotic manipulation control. The use of a fixed payload on the

robotic structure is to highlight the idea that the controller, despite the main contribution is its new definition for the fuzzy integral and fuzzy differential, it is still can be adapted to cope with variation in a nonlinear system results from changing structure, while a fixed gain controller, despite could achieve good control performance in the fixed robot structure, it could easily deviate the trajectory considerably when the structure is changed by attached load. This new adaptive neuro-fuzzy-PID (NFPID) controller was applied to control the first two links of a SCARA® type robot manipulator model over pre-planned joint-trajectories while carrying a fixed payload. The results showed that the method was successful and applicable for robotic manipulators control.

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### Appendix (A): SCARA Robot Dynamics

The equations of motion can be described by a set of differential or difference equations. The equation set consists of two parts, the kinematics equations and the dynamic equation. Robot arm kinematics deals with the geometry of robot arm motion as a function of time (position, velocity, and acceleration) without reference to the forces and moments that cause this motion, while the dynamics of robot is the study of motion with regard to forces and torques.

In robotics manipulators, there are two methodologies used for dynamic modeling.

a) *Newton-Euler formulation*.

b) *Lagrangian formulation*.

An analytical approach based on the Lagrange's energy function, known as Lagrange- Euler method, results in a dynamic solution that is simple and systematic. In this method, the kinetic energy (K) and the potential energy (P) are expressed in terms of joint motion trajectories. The resulting differential equations then provide the forces (torques) which drive the robot. Closed form equations result in a structure that is very useful for robot control design and also guarantee a solution. The dynamics of n-link manipulators are conveniently described by Lagrangian dynamics. In the Lagrangian approach, the joint variables,  $q = (q_1; \dots; q_n)^T$ , serve

as a suitable set of generalized coordinates. The kinetic energy is a quadratic function of the vector  $\dot{q}$  of the form:

$$K = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n d_{ij}(q) \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j = \frac{1}{2} \dot{q}^T D(q) \dot{q} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

Where the  $n \times n$  "inertia matrix"  $D(q)$  is symmetric and positive definite for each  $q$ . The gravitational potential energy  $P=P(q)$  is independent of  $\dot{q}$ . The Euler-Lagrange equations for such a system can be derived as follows. Since

$$L = K - P = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n d_{ij}(q) \dot{q}_i \dot{q}_j - P(q) \quad (\text{A.2})$$

where  $L$  is the Lagrangian then the dynamic equations of an  $n$ -joint robotic manipulator described by Lagrange's equations can be expressed as:

$$D(q) \ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q} + G(q) + B(\dot{q}) = \tau \quad (\text{A.3})$$

where  $q$  is the generalized coordinates of the robot arm,  $\dot{q}_i$  is the first derivative of  $q_i$ ;  $D(q)$  is the symmetric, bounded, positive-definite inertia matrix; vector  $C(q, \dot{q}) \dot{q}$  presents the centrifugal and Coriolis torque;  $G(q)$ ,  $B(\dot{q})$  and  $\tau$  represent the gravitational torque, friction, and applied joint torque, respectively.  $D(q)$  ( $n \times n$  matrix) expressed as:

$$D(q) = \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ [A^k(q)]^T m_k A^k(q) + [B^k(q)]^T D_k(q) B^k(q) \right\} \quad (\text{A.4})$$

Where  $A^k$  and  $B^k$  represent  $3 \times n$  Jacobian submatrices,  $m_k$  is the mass of link  $k$  and  $D_k$  is the  $n \times n$  link inertia tensor which depends on  $q$ . The equation of velocity coupling vector  $C(q, \dot{q}, \dot{q})$  is:

$$C(q, \dot{q}) = \sum_{k=1}^n C_{kk}^i(q) \dot{q}_k^2 + \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{j=k}^n C_{kj}^i(q) \dot{q}_k \dot{q}_j \quad (\text{A.5})$$

The equation of gravity loading vector ( $n \times 1$ ) is:

$$G_i(q) = - \sum_{k=1}^3 \sum_{j=i}^n g_k m_j A_{ki}^j(q) \quad (\text{A.6})$$

and the frictional force model for joint  $k$  is expressed as:

$$B_k(\dot{q}) = b_k^v \dot{q}_k + \text{sgn}(\dot{q}_k) \left[ b_k^d + (b_k^s - b_k^d) e^{-\frac{|\dot{q}_k|}{\varepsilon}} \right] \quad (\text{A.7})$$

where:  $f = \frac{|\dot{q}_k|}{\varepsilon}$ ,  $b_k^v$  represent the coefficient of viscous friction,  $b_k^d$  is the coefficient of dynamic friction, and  $b_k^s$  is the coefficient of static friction for joint k and  $\varepsilon$  is a small positive parameter. The dynamic equation derived by using the Euler- Lagrangian method for the first two arms of the SCARA configuration will be as follows [6]:

**1st joint:**

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1 = & \left[ \left( \frac{m_1}{3} + m_2 \right) a_1^2 + m_2 a_1 a_2 C_2 + \frac{m_2}{3} a_2^2 \right] \ddot{q}_1 \\ & + \left[ \frac{m_2}{2} a_1 a_2 C_2 + \frac{m_2}{3} a_2^2 \right] \ddot{q}_2 - m_2 a_1 a_2 S_2 (\dot{q}_1 \dot{q}_2 + \frac{\dot{q}_2^2}{2}) + b_1(\dot{q}_1) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.8})$$

**2nd joint:**

$$\tau_2 = \left[ \frac{m_2}{2} a_1 a_2 C_2 + \frac{m_2}{3} a_2^2 \right] \ddot{q}_1 + \frac{m_2}{3} a_2^2 \ddot{q}_2 + \frac{m_2}{2} a_1 a_2 S_2 \dot{q}_1^2 + b_2(\dot{q}_2) \quad (\text{A.9})$$

Where  $m_i$  is the mass and  $a_i$  is the length of link i, C and S represent the cos(q) and sin(q), respectively. Let the state defines as  $x^T = [q^T, v^T]$ , where  $v = \dot{q}$ . Since n=2, the manipulator inertia tensor is a symmetric 2x2 matrix. From the coefficients of the joint accelerations, the distinct components of  $D(q)$  are:

$$D_{11}(q) = \left( \frac{m_1}{3} + m_2 \right) a_1^2 + m_2 a_1 a_2 C_2 + \frac{m_2}{3} a_2^2 \quad (\text{A.10})$$

$$D_{12}(q) = \frac{m_2}{2} a_1 a_2 C_2 + \frac{m_2}{3} a_2^2 \quad (\text{A.11})$$

Because  $D(q)$  is symmetric then

$$D_{12}(q) = D_{21}(q) \quad (\text{A.12})$$

$$D_{22}(q) = \frac{m_2}{3} a_2^2 \quad (\text{A.13})$$

$$\Delta(q) = D_{11} D_{22} - D_{12} D_{21} \quad (\text{A.14})$$

$$\dot{q}_1 = v_1, \quad \dot{q}_2 = v_2 \quad (\text{A.15})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{v}_1 = & \frac{1}{\Delta(q)} [D_{22}(q) \{ \tau_1 + a_1 a_2 S_2 m_2 (v_1 v_2 + \frac{1}{2} v_2^2) - b_1(\dot{q}_1) \} \\ & - D_{12}(q) \{ \tau_2 - \frac{m_2}{2} a_1 a_2 S_2 v_1^2 - b_2(\dot{q}_2) \}] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.16})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{v}_2 = & \frac{1}{\Delta(q)} [-D_{21}(q) \{ \tau_1 + a_1 a_2 S_2 m_2 (v_1 v_2 + \frac{1}{2} v_2^2) - b_1(\dot{q}_1) \} \\ & + D_{11}(q) \{ \tau_2 - \frac{m_2}{2} a_1 a_2 S_2 v_1^2 - b_2(\dot{q}_2) \}] \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.17})$$