

Hierarchical Global Fast Terminal Sliding Mode Control for A Bridge Traveling Crane System

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Abstract: The bridge crane system is a typical under-actuated system that is widely used in production and life. Although various scholars have conducted extensive research on the bridge crane system in recent years, there are still many problems, such as the trajectory planning of the cart and the anti-sway control of the payload. In order to tackle the problem of the anti-sway control of the payload, a hierarchical global fast terminal sliding mode control (H-GFTSMC) is developed in this paper. First, the Lagrange equations are used to model the system dynamics. Then, appropriate hierarchical global fast terminal sliding mode controller is designed to achieve anti-sway control of the payload and it is proven that each sliding mode surface is progressively stable. A series of simulations were implemented to verify the effectiveness of the control method. The simulation results show that the control method has better control performance than the traditional PID control method. At the same time, when changing the cable length or adding non-negligible noise to the system, the control method still has good robustness.

1 Introduction

The bridge crane system is widely used as an important loading equipment various industries, such as port transportation, and equipment manufacturing [1, 2]. During the transportation of the bridge crane system, the inertia caused by the acceleration and the deceleration of the cart and the trolley and the lifting action will cause the payload to swing back and forth. This not only increases the possibility of accidents, but also seriously affects the improvement of production efficiency. Currently, the solution to this problem rely on the actual operating experience of the operator, which can realize the safe transportation and unloading of the payload [3–6]. However, due to the long training period of the skilled technicians and the excessive work intensity, the working efficiency of the overall bridge traveling crane system is significantly restricted. Therefore, there is an urgent need for the automatic control system of the bridge crane system to solve the excessive dependence on operator experience [7–9]. The control of the bridge crane system includes many aspects, such as the positioning of the cart, the trajectory planning of the cart and the anti-sway control of the payload [10, 11]. The anti-sway control of the payload is the core problem of the automatic control of the bridge crane system [12, 13]. Numerous methods, including the PID control method have been proposed by scholars [14].

In recent years, numerous studies have been conducted on this issue. The traditional PID control method is relatively simple to implement and is currently the most widely used control method in practice. In [15–18], some improvements to traditional PID have been proposed. In [15, 16] Soukkou A and Ko C N combined the fuzzy control with the PID control and designed a Fuzzy-PID controller. Piccagli, S proposed a PID controller for Lagrange system in [17]. Recently, Cuoghi [18] proposed a new formulae for the design of the PID controller for better steady-state performance and robustness. In [19], Ahmad M A proposed a single input fuzzy control for a double-pendulum-type overhead crane. In [20], Konstantopoulos proposed an open-loop and a closed-loop control scheme and combined them together. Some scholars have applied a variety of intelligent control methods to control the bridge crane systems. J. A. Mendez [21] designed a neural network based self-tuning controller for an overhead crane. In [22], Zhu X presented a novel radial basis function neural network modeling method. In [23, 24],

Petrenko Y N and Jahedi G combined the idea of genetic algorithm and fuzzy control and achieved good results. Many scholars used the sliding mode control method to conduct the research. The sliding mode control offers a good capability to achieve high tracking performance and preserve strong robustness. Wang W presented two sliding-mode controller models for a class of under-actuated systems [25]. Liu D [26] designed an adaptive sliding mode fuzzy control approach. Sun [27] constructed a sliding-mode-like strategy as well as an integral manifold. In [28], Tuan L A proposed a second-order sliding mode controller for a three-dimensional overhead crane in an extremely complicated operation with uncertain system parameters. Moreover, for uncertain systems, Xi Z [29] proposed an integral sliding mode control method for discrete time systems. In [30], Lin F designed a robust fuzzy neural network (RFNN) sliding-mode control for a two-axis motion control system.

The sliding mode control has a good control performance in the control of general nonlinear systems. However, the traditional sliding mode method will have certain disadvantages for under-actuated systems, such as difficulty in eliminating the sliding surface chattering, or slow system response speed. Considering that the bridge crane system has a characteristic of being under-actuated, this paper proposes a H-GFTSMC referring to [31]. The main contributions of this paper are as follows:

- (i) A controller is designed and compared with the traditional methods. Moreover, the inherent error or the interference in the system is observed and compensated in the controller.
- (ii) Considering the performance of cable length on robustness, the proposed controller can adapt to a larger range of cable lengths and maintain robustness.
- (iii) Considering the influence of noise on the robustness of the system, the controller can still maintain good robustness under the condition of a certain range of noise.

The next section models the bridge crane system. In section III, a hierarchical global fast terminal sliding mode controller is established that is suitable for the bridge crane system. In section IV, the stability of the proposed controller is validated. A series of simulation results is presented in section V. Section VI contains the final conclusions.

2 Modeling of a bridge crane system

2.1 The main structure and characteristics of the bridge crane system

There are three driving devices for bridge cranes, including a cart operation mechanism, a trolley operation mechanism and a lifting mechanism. The cart runs along the tracks laid on both elevated sides. The track laid on the bridge runs in order to ensure that the payload can be carried in the three-dimensional space. Among them, the cart operating mechanism is responsible for moving the whole machine along the tracks laid on the two sides of the overhead, the trolley is responsible for the movement of the suspended object on the bridge, and the lifting mechanism is responsible for the vertical movement of the suspended object. While the operation of bridge crane, these three mechanisms may operate at the same time or in different combinations.

In the bridge crane system, if only a cart or a trolley is in operation, the crane will move in a two-dimensional plane, with the following two degrees of freedom: the displacement of the cart and the swing angle of the lifting payload, as shown in Fig.1(a). If the lifting mechanism also runs with the cart or the trolley, the bridge crane will have three degrees of freedom, as shown in Fig.1(b). When both the cart and the trolley are running at the same time, the bridge crane and the lifting payload will move in a three-dimensional space, as shown in Fig.1(c). If the lifting mechanism is operated together with the cart and the trolley, the bridge crane system will have five degrees of freedom, as shown in Fig.1(d).

In order to facilitate the modeling and simulation of the proposed controller, following assumptions are made:

- (i) The spreaders and the payload are treated as a particle.
- (ii) Air resistance and wind effects are ignored.
- (iii) The quality and the elasticity of the cable are ignored.
- (iv) The friction at the connection between the wire cable and the trolley is ignored.
- (v) The non-linearities of the transmission mechanism such as the trolley motor and the reducer are ignored. It is believed that the driving force of the trolley can be directly controlled by the output torque of the controller.

2.2 Dynamics modeling

It is difficult to modeling a crane system because it is an unstable under-actuated system. So the Lagrange equation is used to mathematically model the dynamic model of the bridge crane system.

The general form of the Lagrange equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = Q_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \quad (1)$$

where q_i is generalized coordinates, $K = \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{1}{2} m_t v_t^2$ is Lagrangian kinetic energy of particle system, P is potential energy of particles, $L = K - P$ is lagrange function, Q_i is generalized force of particle system.

Considering that the main part of the dissipative force in the system is friction, which cannot be ignored. So a dissipative force term is added to the general form of the Lagrange equation[32]. Then the Lagrange equation with dissipative force term can be got.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} + \frac{\partial F}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = Q_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \quad (2)$$

where F is dissipative force function.

A 3D, 4-dof model is been selected as the research object, as is shown in Fig.1(c), where M is total mass of the cart and trolley, m is the mass of the payload and its rotating system, l is the cable length, XYZ coordinate system is a fixed coordinate system with the initial position of the trolley as the origin, $X_M Y_M Z_M$ is a coordinate system with the cart's current position as the origin. The coordinate of

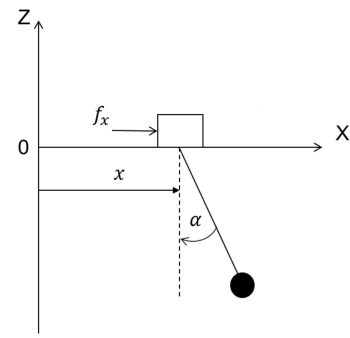
the trolley on the XYZ coordinate system is $(x, y, 0)$, at the same time each axis of the trolley coordinate system is parallel to the corresponding axis of the fixed coordinate system. And Y_M is defined along the main beam, the direction of movement of the trolley is Y_M , the direction of movement of the main beam is X_M . θ is the angle between the hoisting payload in any direction and the vertical direction. This angle has two components that can be decomposed into θ_x and θ_y . θ_x is the component of θ on the $X_M O Z_M$ plane, θ_y is the component of θ on the $Y_M O Z_M$ plane.

If it is assumed that the coordinate of the lifting payload in the XYZ coordinate system is (x_m, y_m, z_m) , which is given by

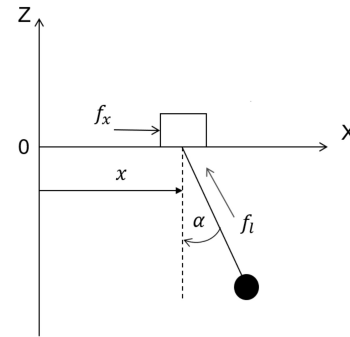
$$\begin{aligned} x_m &= x + l \sin \theta_x \cos \theta_y, \\ y_m &= y + l \sin \theta_y, \\ z_m &= -l \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where l is the cable length.

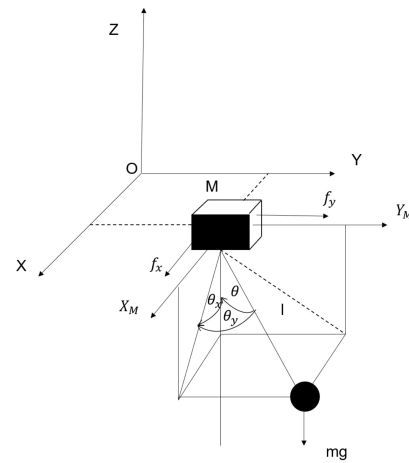
The kinetic energy of the crane and its payload, the potential energy of the payload and dissipative force function are given as



(a)



(b)



(c)

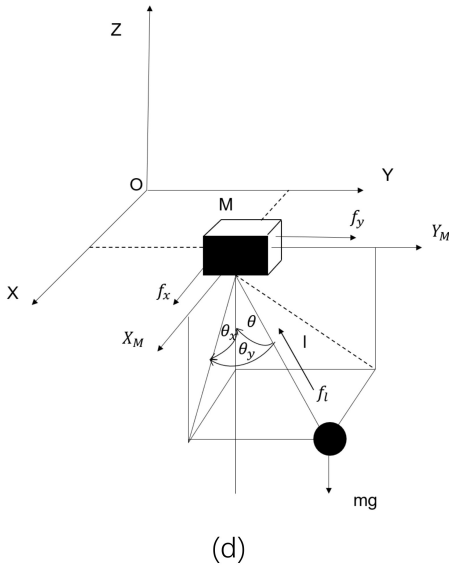


Fig. 1: Bridge crane system model: 2D, 2-dof(a), 2D, 3-dof(b), 3D, 4-dof(c), 3D, 5-dof(d)

follows

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \frac{1}{2}(M_x \dot{x}^2 + M_y \dot{y}^2 + M_l \dot{l}^2) + \frac{m}{2} v_m^2, \\ P &= mgl(1 - \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y), \\ F &= \frac{1}{2}(D_x \dot{x}^2 + D_y \dot{y}^2 + D_l \dot{l}^2). \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where v_m^2 is given as follows

$$\begin{aligned} v_m^2 &= \dot{x}_m^2 + \dot{y}_m^2 + \dot{z}_m^2 \\ &= \dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + l^2 \cos^2 \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x^2 + l^2 \dot{\theta}_y^2 + 2l \cos \theta_y \dot{\theta}_y \dot{y} \\ &\quad + 2(l \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x - l \sin \theta_x \sin \theta_y \dot{\theta}_y) \dot{x}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

The Lagrangian L is defined as $L = K - P$.

For the 4-dof bridge crane system model shown in Fig.1(c), that is to say the cable length will not change during the movement, so $\dot{l} = \ddot{l} = 0$, substituting it into Eqn.(3) and Eqn.(4) gives the Lagrange function L and dissipative Force Function F as follows

$$\begin{aligned} L &= K - P \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(M_x \dot{x}^2 + M_y \dot{y}^2) + \frac{m}{2} v_m^2 \\ &\quad - mgl(1 - \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y), \\ F &= \frac{1}{2}(D_x \dot{x}^2 + D_y \dot{y}^2). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where v_m^2 is given as follows

$$\begin{aligned} v_m^2 &= \dot{x}_m^2 + \dot{y}_m^2 + \dot{z}_m^2 \\ &= \dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + l^2 \cos^2 \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x^2 + l^2 \dot{\theta}_y^2 + 2l \cos \theta_y \dot{\theta}_y \dot{y} \\ &\quad + 2(l \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x - l \sin \theta_x \sin \theta_y \dot{\theta}_y) \dot{x}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where M_X and M_Y are the x (traveling) and y (traversing) components of the crane mass and the equivalent masses of the rotating parts such as the motors and their drive trains; the quantities m , g

and v_m denote the payload mass, the gravitational acceleration, and the payload speed, respectively.

The equations of motion of the crane system are obtained by substituting L and F into Lagrange's equations associated with the generalized coordinates x , θ_x , y , θ_y and l . After some manipulations, the following four second-order ordinary differential equations are obtained

$$\begin{aligned} (M_x + m)\ddot{x} + ml \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y \ddot{\theta}_x - ml \sin \theta_x \sin \theta_y \ddot{\theta}_y \\ + D_x \dot{x} - ml \sin \theta_x \cos \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x^2 - 2ml \cos \theta_x \sin \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x \dot{\theta}_y \\ - ml \sin \theta_x \cos \theta_y \dot{\theta}_y^2 = f_x, \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$(M_y + m)\ddot{y} + D_y \dot{y} + ml \cos \theta_y \ddot{\theta}_y - ml \sin \theta_y \dot{\theta}_y^2 = f_y, \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} ml^2 \cos^2 \theta_y \ddot{\theta}_x + ml \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y \ddot{x} + mgl \sin \theta_x \cos \theta_y \\ - 2ml^2 \sin \theta_y \cos \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x \dot{\theta}_y = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} ml \cos \theta_y \ddot{y} - ml \sin \theta_x \sin \theta_y \ddot{x} + ml^2 \cos \theta_y \sin \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x^2 \\ + mgl \cos \theta_x \sin \theta_y + ml^2 \dot{\theta}_y = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where f_x and f_y are the driving forces of the motions in the X-direction and the Y-direction.

The dynamic model of the 3D crane system in Eqn.(8)-(11) can be represented using the compact form

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + D\dot{q} + C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + G(q) = F. \quad (12)$$

where

$$q = [x \quad y \quad \theta_x \quad \theta_y]^T, \quad (13)$$

$$M(q) = \begin{bmatrix} M_{11} & M_{12} & M_{13} & M_{14} \\ M_{12} & M_{22} & M_{23} & M_{24} \\ M_{13} & M_{32} & M_{33} & M_{34} \\ M_{14} & M_{42} & M_{43} & M_{44} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (14)$$

$$C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & C_{13} & C_{14} \\ 0 & 0 & C_{23} & C_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & C_{33} & C_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & C_{43} & C_{44} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} D_x & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_y & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (16)$$

$$G(q) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ mgl \sin \theta_x \cos \theta_y \\ mgl \cos \theta_x \sin \theta_y \end{bmatrix}. \quad (17)$$

please refer to the Appendix 1 for details.

Combining $C(q, \dot{q})$ and D into $\bar{C}(q, \dot{q})$, then Eqn.(12) is simplified as follows

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + \bar{C}(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + G(q) = F. \quad (18)$$

where

$$\bar{C}(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} = \begin{bmatrix} D_x & 0 & C_{13} & C_{14} \\ 0 & D_y & C_{23} & C_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & C_{33} & C_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & C_{43} & C_{44} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (19)$$

3 Design of hierarchical global fast terminal sliding mode controller

The crane model given in Eqn.(8)-(11) represents the model of an under-actuated system. Generally speaking, the control of under-actuated systems is inconvenient. Therefore, a H-GFTSMC method

is used to solve this problem. For under-actuated systems, the basic idea of the H-GFTSMC method is to divide the actuated and the under-actuated parts of the system into different sub-systems, design the lower layer sub-sliding surfaces, and then construct the total sliding surface of the upper layer system from the sub-sliding surfaces as is shown in Fig.2. The global fast terminal sliding mode is selected as the sub-sliding mode surface. The global fast terminal sliding mode can ensure that the system reaches the sliding mode surface and the system state quickly converges to an equilibrium state. According to the sliding surfaces of the lower layer, the equivalent input in the sense of Filippov[33] is obtained, and the switching function is obtained using the feedback function[34] for the sliding surface of the upper layer. After the integration of the equivalent input terms and the switching control function term, the total system input that can ensure the stability of the overall sliding surface is obtained.

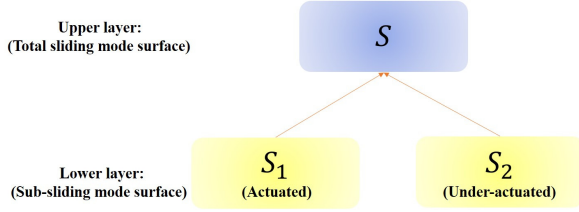


Fig. 2: Schematic diagram of Hierarchical sliding mode

3.1 Selection of target trajectory

In order to realize the stable control of the bridge crane system, a smooth s-shaped curve is used for the track of the vehicle. In this paper, the target trajectory of the trolley is designed by Fang et al[35], in the adaptive trajectory tracking and anti-pendulum control of 2D 2-dof bridge crane system model, which is given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_d &= \frac{P_{dx}}{2} + \frac{k_{vx}^2}{4k_{ax}} \ln(\cosh(2k_{ax}t/k_{vx} - \varepsilon_x)) \\ &\quad / \cosh(2k_{ax}t/k_{vx} - \varepsilon_x - 2P_{dx}k_{ax}/k_{vx}^2), \\ y_d &= \frac{P_{dy}}{2} + \frac{k_{vy}^2}{4k_{ay}} \ln(\cosh(2k_{ay}t/k_{vy} - \varepsilon_y)) \\ &\quad / \cosh(2k_{ay}t/k_{vy} - \varepsilon_y - 2P_{dy}k_{ay}/k_{vy}^2). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where x_d and y_d are target trajectory, P_{dx} and P_{dy} are target position of the vehicle, k_{vx} and k_{vy} are maximum speed of the vehicle, k_{ax} and k_{ay} are maximum acceleration of the vehicle, ε_x and ε_y are initial acceleration parameter of the vehicle, t is time.

3.2 Error function deformation

Considering the model defined by Eqn.(18), the input of the system are f_x and f_y ; hence, the number of inputs is $n_i = 2$. Clearly, the number of degrees of freedom of the crane system is $n = 4$.

Set the target values of the swing angles θ_x and θ_y to 0, then the target state vector of the system is given by

$$q_d = [x_d \quad y_d \quad 0 \quad 0]^T. \quad (21)$$

The dynamic equation of bridge crane system is transformed into error state equation, which is given by

$$\begin{aligned} M(q)(\ddot{q} - \ddot{q}_d) + \bar{C}(q, \dot{q})(\dot{q} - \dot{q}_d) &= F - G(q) \\ &\quad - M(q)\ddot{q}_d - \bar{C}(q, \dot{q})\dot{q}_d. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

We denote that

$$\begin{aligned} e &= q - q_d, \\ &= [x - x_d \quad y - y_d \quad \theta_x \quad \theta_y]^T, \\ &= [e_x \quad e_y \quad e_{\theta_x} \quad e_{\theta_y}]^T. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

$$\begin{aligned} U &= F - G(q) - M(q)\ddot{q}_d - \bar{C}(q, \dot{q})\dot{q}_d, \\ &= [\sigma_x \quad \sigma_y \quad \sigma_{\theta_x} \quad \sigma_{\theta_y}]^T. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_x &= f_x - (M_x + m)\ddot{x}_d - D_x\dot{x}_d, \\ \sigma_y &= f_y - (M_y + m)\ddot{y}_d - D_y\dot{y}_d, \\ \sigma_{\theta_x} &= -mgl \sin \theta_x \cos \theta_y - m\ddot{x}_d l \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y, \\ \sigma_{\theta_y} &= -mgl \cos \theta_x \sin \theta_y + m\ddot{y}_d l \sin \theta_x \sin \theta_y \\ &\quad - m\ddot{y}_d l \cos \theta_y. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

By using Eqn.(23), Eqn.(24) and Eqn.(25), Eqn.(18) can be written as follows:

$$M(q)\ddot{e} + \bar{C}(q, \dot{q})\dot{e} = U. \quad (26)$$

3.3 Hierarchical global fast terminal sliding mode controller design

The error equation of state of the bridge crane system in Eqn.(26) can be written as follows:

$$\ddot{e} = M^{-1}(q)[U - \bar{C}(q, \dot{q})\dot{e}]. \quad (27)$$

To further solve the controller equation, these parameters are defined

$$\begin{aligned} e_p &= [e_x \quad e_y]^T, e_\theta = [e_{\theta_x} \quad e_{\theta_y}]^T, \\ \sigma_p &= [\sigma_x \quad \sigma_y]^T, \sigma_\theta = [\sigma_{\theta_x} \quad \sigma_{\theta_y}]^T, \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

and

$$M^{-1}(q) = \begin{bmatrix} \Pi_{11} & \Pi_{12} \\ \Pi_{21} & \Pi_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (29)$$

where Π_{11} , Π_{12} , Π_{21} and Π_{22} are all second order matrices. At the same time, make $\Pi_1 = [\Pi_{11} \quad \Pi_{12}]$, $\Pi_2 = [\Pi_{21} \quad \Pi_{22}]$.

Substituting the above equation into Eqn.(27)

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{e}_p &= \Pi_{11}\sigma_p + \Pi_{12}\sigma_\theta - \Pi_1 C(q, \dot{q})\dot{e}, \\ \ddot{e}_\theta &= \Pi_{21}\sigma_p + \Pi_{22}\sigma_\theta - \Pi_2 C(q, \dot{q})\dot{e}. \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

The sliding surface of the lower layer is designed for the displacement error of the vehicle and the swing angle error of the lifting payload:

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \dot{e}_p + H_1 e_p + \alpha e_p^{n/p}, \\ S_2 &= \dot{e}_\theta + H_2 e_\theta + \beta e_\theta^{n/p}. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where, $H_1 = \begin{bmatrix} H_{1x} & 0 \\ 0 & H_{1y} \end{bmatrix}$, $H_2 = \begin{bmatrix} H_{2\theta_x} & 0 \\ 0 & H_{2\theta_y} \end{bmatrix}$, and designed parameters α , β , H_{1x} , H_{1y} , $H_{2\theta_x}$, $H_{2\theta_y}$ are all positive constants, n and p are positive odds.

According to the Filippov equivalence theory[36], we can know

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{S}_1 &= \ddot{e}_p + H_1 \dot{e}_p + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1} = 0, \\ \dot{S}_2 &= \ddot{e}_\theta + H_2 \dot{e}_\theta + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1} = 0.\end{aligned}\quad (32)$$

The equivalent sliding mode control input of the sub-system is given by bringing Eqn.(32) into Eqn.(30)

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1 &= -\Pi_{11}^{-1}[\Pi_{12}\sigma_\theta - \Pi_1 C(q, \dot{q})\dot{e} + H_1 \dot{e}_p + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1}], \\ \sigma_2 &= -\Pi_{21}^{-1}[\Pi_{22}\sigma_\theta - \Pi_2 C(q, \dot{q})\dot{e} + H_2 \dot{e}_\theta + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1}].\end{aligned}\quad (33)$$

The upper layer total sliding surface is defined as

$$S = I_1 S_1 + I_2 S_2. \quad (34)$$

where, $I_1 = \begin{bmatrix} i_{1x} & 0 \\ 0 & i_{1y} \end{bmatrix}$, $I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} i_{2\theta_x} & 0 \\ 0 & i_{2\theta_y} \end{bmatrix}$, and designed parameters $i_{1x}, i_{1y}, i_{2\theta_x}, i_{2\theta_y}$ are all positive constants.

Since the number of input control quantities of the under-actuated system is less than the number of output quantities that need to be controlled. Thus, even if each sub-system is guaranteed to move towards its own sliding surface, this does not apply to the entire system. If the total control input only includes the equivalent parts and the switching function part of each sub-system, it cannot ensure that the total system will reach the total sliding surface in a limited time. In other words, it is necessary to make each sub-sliding a die surface in order to ensure the stability of the overall sliding die surface, so the following total system input is defined

$$\sigma_{total} = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_{sw}, \quad (35)$$

where σ_{sw} is switch term.

For the convenience of the subsequent derivation process, Eqn.(27) is changed into the following form

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{e}_p &= A_1(e) + B_1(e)U, \\ \ddot{e}_\theta &= A_2(e) + B_2(e)U.\end{aligned}\quad (36)$$

where $\begin{bmatrix} A_1(e) \\ A_2(e) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -M^{-1}(q)\bar{C}(q, \dot{q}) \\ \end{bmatrix}$, $\begin{bmatrix} B_1(e) \\ B_2(e) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M^{-1}(q) \\ \end{bmatrix}$, $A_1(e), A_2(e), B_1(e), B_2(e) \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 4}$.

The sliding mode controller is designed by using Lyapunov feedback function. Firstly, a positive definite Lyapunov function $V = S^2/2$ is defined,

Take the derivative of both sides of the Lyapunov function with respect to time, the follow equation can be obtained

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &= S\dot{S} \\ &= S(I_1 \dot{S}_1 + I_2 \dot{S}_2) \\ &= S[I_1(\ddot{e}_p + H_1 \dot{e}_p + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1}) \\ &\quad + I_2(\ddot{e}_\theta + H_2 \dot{e}_\theta + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1})] \\ &= S[I_1(H_1 \dot{e}_p + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1} + (A_1(e) + B_1(e)U)) \\ &\quad + I_2(H_2 \dot{e}_\theta + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1} + (A_2(e) + B_2(e)U))] \\ &= S[I_2 \Pi_{21} \sigma_1 + I_1 \Pi_{11} \sigma_2 + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1} \\ &\quad + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1} + (I_1 \Pi_{11} + I_2 \Pi_{21})\sigma_{sw}].\end{aligned}\quad (37)$$

please refer to the Appendix 2 for details.

The exponential approach is taken as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{S} &= -WS - K\text{sgn}(S) \\ &= I_2 \Pi_{21} \sigma_1 + I_1 \Pi_{11} \sigma_2 + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1} \\ &\quad + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1} + (I_1 \Pi_{11} + I_2 \Pi_{21})\sigma_{sw}.\end{aligned}\quad (38)$$

where $W = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_{3x} & 0 \\ 0 & \omega_{3y} \end{bmatrix}$, $K = \begin{bmatrix} k_{4x} & 0 \\ 0 & k_{4y} \end{bmatrix}$, and designed parameters $\omega_{3x}, \omega_{3y}, k_{4\theta_x}, k_{4\theta_y}$ are all positive constants.

It can be obtained from Eqn.(38) that

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{sw} &= -(I_1 \Pi_{11} + I_2 \Pi_{21})^{-1}[I_2 \Pi_{21} \sigma_1 \\ &\quad + I_1 \Pi_{11} \sigma_2 + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1} \\ &\quad + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1} + WS + K\text{sgn}(S)].\end{aligned}\quad (39)$$

Substituting Eqn.(39) into Eqn.(63)

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &= S[-WS - K\text{sgn}(S)] \\ &= -SWS - SK\text{sgn}(S) \leq 0.\end{aligned}\quad (40)$$

If and only if $S = 0$, the equal sign is true. So the whole system is stable.

So the total input to the system is given as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x \\ \sigma_y \end{bmatrix} = \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_{sw} \\ &= (I_1 \Pi_{11} + I_2 \Pi_{21})^{-1}[I_1 \Pi_{11} \sigma_1 + I_2 \Pi_{21} \sigma_2 - \\ &\quad \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1} - \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1} - WS - K\text{sgn}(S)].\end{aligned}\quad (41)$$

Then, the control input of the system which is given in Eqn.(18) is obtained as follows

$$\begin{aligned}f_x &= \sigma_x + (M_x + m)\ddot{x}_d + D_x \dot{x}_d, \\ f_y &= \sigma_y + (M_y + m)\ddot{y}_d + D_y \dot{y}_d.\end{aligned}\quad (42)$$

4 Stability analysis

If all the sliding surfaces of a system are Lyapunov stable, at the same time they are all asymptotically stable, then the asymptotically stable system can reach equilibrium, so the stability and controllability of the system must be demonstrated.

4.1 Proof of the asymptotic stability of the total sliding surface of the system

Lemma 1: $\forall t \geq 0, \forall t_1 \geq 0$, we suppose $0 \leq t < t_1$, there must be a certain $t_2 \in (t, t_1)$, then you can get a conclusion that $\dot{S}_t - \dot{S}_{t_1} = \ddot{S}_{t_2}(t - t_1)$. Supposing the upper bound of $|\ddot{S}|$ is $\hat{\varepsilon} > 0$, let $\psi(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon/\hat{\varepsilon} > 0$. When it fills $|t - t_1| < \psi$, the equation $|\dot{S}_t - \dot{S}_{t_1}| = |\ddot{S}_{t_2}| |t - t_1| \leq \hat{\varepsilon} |t - t_1| < \hat{\varepsilon}(\varepsilon/\hat{\varepsilon}) = \varepsilon$ must be satisfied.

According to Babarlat's Lemma[37], the following three conditions are proposed

- 1) S is a differentiable function, and S is bounded.
- 2) \dot{S} is a differentiable function, and \dot{S} is bounded. \dot{S} is also uniformly continuous in the interval $t \in [0, \infty)$.
- 3) \ddot{S} is bounded.

Theorem 1: If S meets the above three conditions can be proved, then it is easy to get the conclusion of $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{S} = 0$.

Proof: According to Lemma 1 we can know \dot{S} is uniformly continuous in the interval $t \in [0, \infty)$ which is mentioned in condition 2. Next we prove the other parts of the above three conditions.

The Lyapunov function is redefined for the total sliding surface for the convenience of writing as follows

$$V_i = \frac{1}{2} S_i^2 \quad (i = x, y). \quad (43)$$

Considering whether it is S_x or S_y , its proof process is the same, so S_x is taken as an example.

From Eqn.(38)

$$\dot{S}_x = -\omega_{3x} S_x - k_{4x} \text{sgn}(S_x). \quad (44)$$

By Eqn.(40), the derivative of V_x is given by

$$\dot{V}_x = S_x \dot{S}_x = -\omega_{3x} S_x^2 - k_{4x} |S_x|. \quad (45)$$

Obviously, $\dot{V}_x \leq 0$ is satisfied, if and only if $S_x = 0$, the equal sign can be true.

Integrate both sides of Eqn.(45) at the same time

$$\int_0^t \dot{V}_x d\sigma = \int_0^t -\omega_{3x} S_x^2 - k_{4x} |S_x| d\sigma. \quad (46)$$

The above equation can be written as

$$V_x = V_x(0) + \int_0^\infty -\omega_{3x} S_x^2 - k_{4x} |S_x| d\sigma. \quad (47)$$

It can be concluded from the above equation that

$$V_x \leq V_x(0) - \int_0^\infty \omega_{3x} S_x^2 + k_{4x} |S_x| d\sigma < V_x(0). \quad (48)$$

According to the definition of the function V_x and the definition of the sliding surface function, we can get $0 < V_x(0) = \frac{1}{2} S_x^2(0)$. Because $S_x(0) = I_1 S_1(0) + I_2 S_2(0) = I_1 [\dot{e}_p(0) + H_1 e_p(0) + \alpha e_p^{n/p}(0)] + I_2 [\dot{e}_\theta(0) + H_2 e_\theta(0) + \beta e_\theta^{n/p}(0)] < \infty$.
So

$$0 < V_x(t) = \frac{1}{2} S_x^2 < V_x(0) < \infty. \quad (49)$$

Obviously, $S_x \in L_\infty$.

By Eqn.(40)

$$\dot{V}_x = S_x \dot{S}_x = -S_x W S_x - S_x K \text{sgn}(S) \leq 0. \quad (50)$$

We already proved that $S_x \in L_\infty$, if $\dot{S}_x \notin L_\infty$, the product of S_x and \dot{S}_x can't have an upper bound of 0. So, we can get the conclusion $\dot{S}_x \in L_\infty$. Which means \dot{S}_x is a differentiable function, and \dot{S}_x is bounded.

By Eqn.(48) and Eqn.(49), we can know that

$$0 \leq V_x(0) - \int_0^\infty \omega_{3x} S_x^2 + k_{4x} |S_x| d\sigma. \quad (51)$$

The above equation can be written as

$$\int_0^\infty \omega_{3x} S_x^2 + k_{4x} |S_x| d\sigma < V_x(0) < \infty. \quad (52)$$

By Eqn.(52), the sum of two positive factors is less than infinity, so that neither of these positive factors can go to infinity. Otherwise,

the above equation is not true. So we can get that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\infty \omega_{3x} S_x^2 d\sigma &< \infty, \\ \int_0^\infty k_{4x} |S_x| d\sigma &< \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

where ω_{3x} and k_{4x} are both constants greater than zero, so S is absolutely integrable and square integrable. Therefore, we can get $S_x \in L_1$ and $\dot{S}_x \in L_2$. Which means S_x is a differentiable function, and S_x is bounded.

So far, the three conditions in *Theorem 1* have been verified, and we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{S}_x = 0$.

Theorem 2: The limit of the total sliding surface function of the system as time approaches infinity is 0, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S_x = 0$.

Proof: We assume that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S_x \neq 0$. In *Theorem 1*, we already have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{S}_x = 0$, so that $\int_0^\infty S_x^2 d\sigma = \Omega + \int_t^\infty C^2 d\sigma$, where Ω means $\int_0^t S_x^2 d\sigma$, we denote $\forall T > t, \dot{S}_x = 0$. Because $S_x \in L_1$, that is $\sup_{t \geq 0} |S_x| = \|S_x\|_\infty < \infty$, the definite integral of its square function must also be less than infinity. So we have $\Omega = \int_0^t S_x^2 d\sigma < \infty$. obviously, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_t^\infty C^2 d\sigma = \infty$ is true. So that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty S_x^2 d\sigma = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (\Omega + \int_t^\infty C^2 d\sigma) = \infty$ either must be true. This contradicts $\int_0^\infty S_x^2 d\sigma < \infty$, which has been proved above, so the assumption is not true. There must be $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S_x = 0$.

It is easy to conclude that the total sliding surface of the system is not only Lyapunov stable but also asymptotically stable.

4.2 Proof of asymptotic stability of the subslip surface of the system

By Eqn.(31), the two sub-sliding surfaces are respectively S_1 and S_2 . For the bridge crane system, the equilibrium point of the system is obviously the stable equilibrium point. Therefore, we simulate the method of proving the stability of the total sliding surface to prove the stability of the sub-sliding surface.

It has been said before that the equilibrium point of the bridge crane system is the stable equilibrium point. That is to say, there is a field at the equilibrium point x_0 , and all trajectories in this neighborhood will eventually approach the equilibrium point rather than towards infinity. Since it is so, $S_1 \in L_\infty$ and $\dot{S}_1 \in L_\infty$ are easy to get, which can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \geq 0} |S_1| &= \|S_1\|_\infty < \infty, \\ \sup_{t \geq 0} |\dot{S}_1| &= \|\dot{S}_1\|_\infty < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

By Eqn.(34), it is easy to get that

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} |S| = \|S\|_\infty \leq \|I_1 S_1\|_\infty + \|I_2 S_2\|_\infty. \quad (55)$$

If the right end of the above formula goes to infinity, that is to say $\|I_2 S_2\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$. In other words, when the system's running time tends to infinity, when the asymptotically stable total sliding surface function reaches zero, and when there is an actuated sub-system that converges towards a small neighborhood near the equilibrium point, the under-actuated sub-systems tend to be infinite. This is clearly unreasonable. Therefore, the sliding surface function S_2 of the under-actuated sub-system must also satisfy the following equation

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t \geq 0} |S_2| &= \|S_2\|_\infty < \infty, \\ \sup_{t \geq 0} |\dot{S}_2| &= \|\dot{S}_2\|_\infty < \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

The following equations are going to be given

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &\in L_\infty, \dot{S}_1 \in L_\infty, \\ S_2 &\in L_\infty, \dot{S}_2 \in L_\infty. \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

It is easy to know $S_1 \in L_1$, by Eqn.(53)

$$\int_0^\infty |S| d\sigma \leq \int_0^\infty (I_1 |S_1| + I_2 |S_2|) d\sigma. \quad (58)$$

In a similar way, if the right end of this goes to infinity, then $\int_0^\infty I_2 |S_2| d\sigma \rightarrow \infty$, so we can figure out the sliding surface function S_2 of under-actuated sub-system must satisfy $S_2 \in L_1$.

By Eqn.(57) and $S_1 \in L_1$, we can know $\int_0^\infty |S_1| d\sigma < \infty$, that is to say $\sup_{t \geq 0} |S_1| = \|S_1\|_\infty < \infty$. At the same time, on the basis of $\int_0^\infty S_1^2 d\sigma = \int_0^\infty |S_1| \cdot |S_1| d\sigma \leq \int_0^\infty \|S_1\|_\infty \cdot |S_1| d\sigma \leq \|S_1\|_\infty \int_0^\infty |S_1| d\sigma < \infty$, it can be given as

$$\int_0^\infty S_1^2 d < \infty. \quad (59)$$

In a similar way, we can know

$$\int_0^\infty S_2^2 d\sigma < \infty. \quad (60)$$

which can be written as $S_1 \in L_2$ and $S_2 \in L_2$.

In conclusion, this article has proved $S_1 \in L_1$, $S_1 \in L_2$, $S_1 \in L_\infty$, $\dot{S}_1 \in L_\infty$ and $S_2 \in L_1$, $S_2 \in L_2$, $S_2 \in L_\infty$, $\dot{S}_2 \in L_\infty$ in turn.

By Eqn.(52) and Eqn.(53), same as the proof process in the previous section, these conclusions will be given as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{S}_1 &= 0, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{S}_2 = 0, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S_2 &= 0, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} S_2 = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

The above equation proves that the two sub-sliding surfaces of the system are not only stable but also asymptotically stable.

In summary, this paper proves the asymptotic stability of all sliding surfaces of the system, and shows that the controller can drive the system to the sliding surface in finite time and finally stabilize at the target position.

5 Simulation and analysis

Several simulations have been undertaken which are concerned with the 3D bridge crane system given by Eqn.(8)-(11) controlled using the H-GFTSMC given by Eqn.(42). The controller parameters used in the simulations are selected as

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}, H_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.016 \end{bmatrix}, \\ I_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 84 \end{bmatrix}, I_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 12 & 0 \\ 0 & 110 \end{bmatrix}, \\ W &= \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 0 \\ 0 & 50 \end{bmatrix}, K = \begin{bmatrix} 0.03 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.028 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

Some other related parameters are given by $g = 9.81\text{m/s}^2$, $m = 30\text{kg}$, $M_x = 1440\text{kg}$, $M_y = 110\text{kg}$, $D_x = 480\text{kg/s}$, $D_y = 40\text{kg/s}$, $P_{dx} = 50\text{m}$, $P_{dy} = 20\text{m}$, $k_{ax} = 0.25\text{m/s}^2$, $k_{ay} = 0.08\text{m/s}^2$, $k_{vx} = 1.05\text{m/s}$, $k_{vy} = 0.53\text{m/s}$, $\varepsilon_x = \varepsilon_y = 2.5$, $l = 10\text{m}$, $\alpha = 1$, $\beta = 0.5$, $n = 1$, $p = 5$.

The initial positions are taken to be $(x_0, y_0, \theta_{x0}, \theta_{y0}) = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ while the desired values are chosen to be $(x_d, y_d, \theta_{xd}, \theta_{yd}) = (50, 20, 0, 0)$.

According to the above parameters, the bridge crane system is simulated. The simulation results are analyzed below.

5.1 Simulation on H-GFTSMC performance

Fig.3 shows the track of the trolley and the swing angle diagram of the lifting payload.

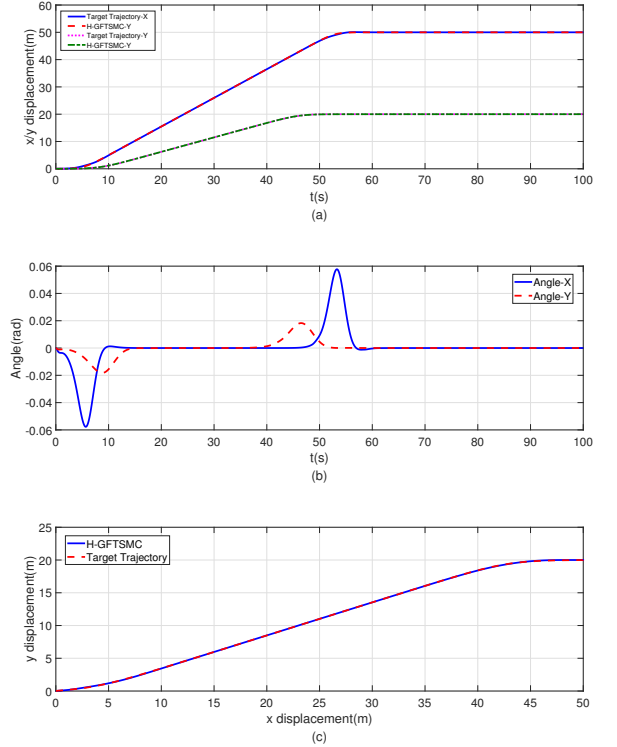


Fig. 3: Overall control renderings: track of the trolley and its target track(a), angular component of the payload suspended in the X and Y directions(b), top view of spatial displacement of the vehicle(c)

It can be seen in Fig.3(a) and Fig.3(c), the displacement trajectory of the vehicle is basically consistent with the target trajectory. It can also be seen in Fig.3(b) that the swing angle of the lifting payload has almost no swing outside the start and stop time. When the crane starts, the angle of the pendulum in the X direction reaches its maximum value of -0.06rad in about 5s. Meanwhile, the angle of the pendulum in the Y direction reaches the maximum value of -0.018rad in about 9s. When the crane stops, the angles in X and Y direction reach the maximum value of 0.058rad and 0.019rad in about 54s and 48s, respectively. Outside these two time periods, the angle decays rapidly to zero. Under the control of H-GFTSMC, the displacement tracking of the trolley is good, and the pendulum angles in both X and Y directions are limited to a small range.

Next, the simulation results of controller stability are analyzed. The results are shown in the following figures.

All the sliding surfaces of the entire system are shown in Fig.4, where Fig.4(a) and Fig.4(b) show the displacement dependent sub-sliding surface and the pendulum angle dependent sub-sliding surface, respectively. During the process of starting and stopping of bridge crane system, each sub-sliding surface will fluctuate, but it will converge to 0 soon. It can be seen from Fig.4(a) and Fig.4(b) that the two sub-sliding surfaces enter the sliding mode movement soon after the simulation starts, and then stabilize near the designed sliding surface. It can be seen from Fig.4(c) that the total sliding surface of the system is stable near 0 except for the start and stop phases. Hence, the simulation results verify the asymptotic stability of the designed hierarchical global fast terminal sliding mode controller.

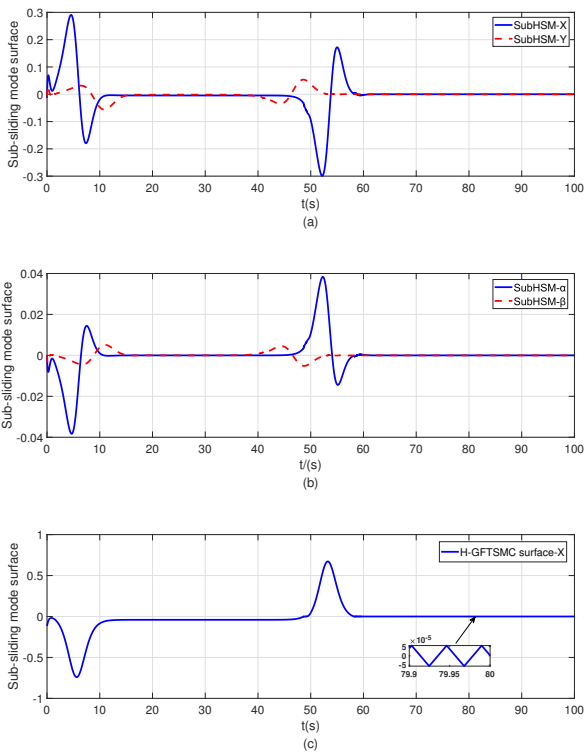


Fig. 4: All sliding mode surfaces: The sub-sliding surface of the displacement-dependent sub-system(a), sub-sliding surface of the sub-system related to the pendulum angle(b), total sliding surface of the whole system(c)

5.2 Simulation on comparison with PID

In order to show the superiority of the proposed control method, its control performance is compared with the traditional PID control method and the simulation results are as follows.

Because of the controller design process of the vehicle in X and Y directions is the same, the motion in the x direction is analyzed separately with PID.

Fig.5 shows the comparison of control performance of cart under H-GFTSMC and PID controllers. It can be seen from Fig.5(a) that the performance of trajectory tracking under the H-GFTSMC is excellent. The cart basically runs along the planned trajectory, and there is almost no overshooting when it stops. However, under the

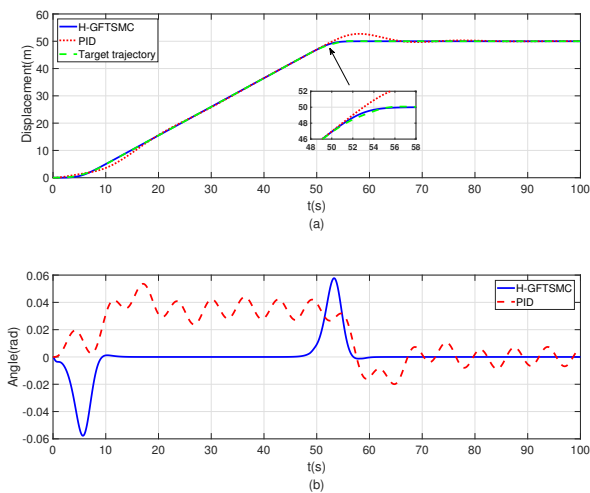


Fig. 5: Comparison of the displacement(a), comparison of the angles(b)

traditional PID control, the responding speed of cart is slow, and certain overshoot occurs when stopping. In Fig.5(b), the payload swings slightly at start and stop, and returns to 0 rapidly in the rest of the time. In contrast, the pendulum angle under the PID control is slightly lower than that under the H-GFTSMC control, but there is always a certain pendulum angle during operation process. Therefore, H-GFTSMC method has obvious advantages compared with the traditional PID control method.

5.3 Simulation on robustness when changing the length of the cable

Next, the controller robustness is simulated and analyzed. The robustness is verified by changing the length of the hanging cable. Fig.6 and Fig.7 show the simulation results of increasing and decreasing the length of hoisting cable respectively.

The cable length of the controller is set to 10m, on the other side, the actual cable length is set to be 5m and 15m.

Comparing with Fig.6(a) and Fig.3(a), the curve fluctuation in Fig.6(a) does not increase significantly. Even if the cable length is shortened, the controller can still obtain a better displacement tracking performance. It can also be seen from Fig.6(b) and Fig.3(b), there is no significant swing amplitude change in the swing angle of the lifting payload, and the anti-swing control performance is

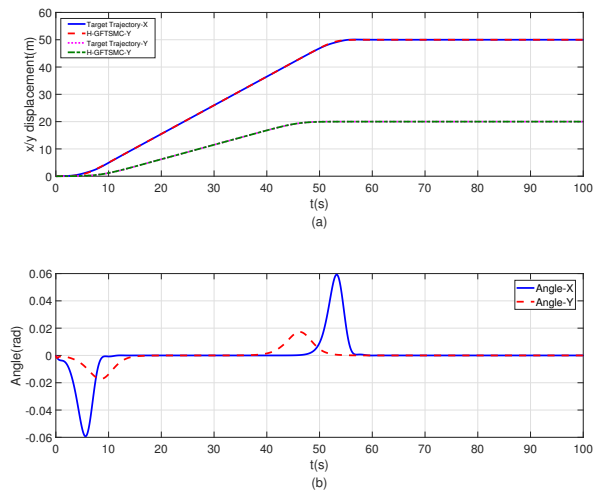


Fig. 6: The performance of shortening the length of hanging cable on the displacement(a) and angles(b)

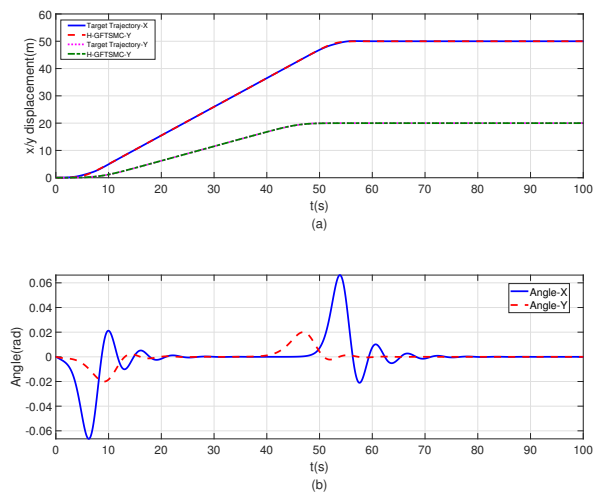


Fig. 7: The performance of lengthening the length of hanging cable on the displacement(a) and angles(b)

still good. Therefore, when the cable length is shortened, the control performance of the controller is still considerable.

When the cable length is increased, the displacement tracking performance is good, with no large tracking error as shown in Fig.7(a) and Fig.3(a). However, there are some problems with the angle. As shown in Fig.7(b), when the crane starts and stops, the pendulum angle has some small fluctuations and is unable to return to 0 quickly.

5.4 Simulation on adding white noise

All above simulations are conducted under the ideal conditions. Due to issues such as sensor accuracy, there must be a lot of noise that cannot be ignored in the process of system operation. Therefore, on the basis of the first simulation, Gaussian white noise is added to the feedback collected by the system to verify the robustness of the proposed control method proposed in the presence of interference. The simulation results are shown in Fig.8.

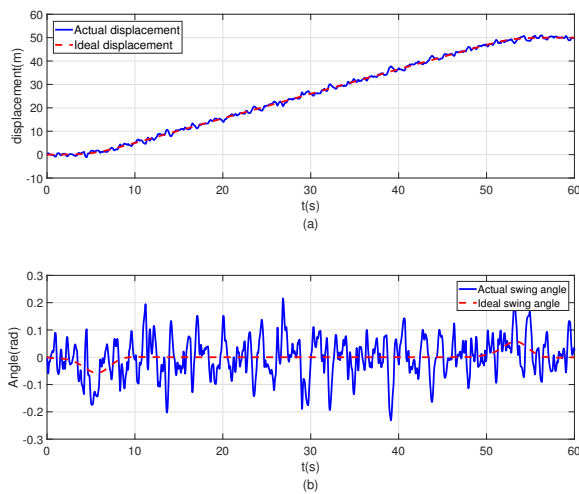


Fig. 8: The effect of white noise on the displacement(a) and angles(b)

In Fig.8(a), the blue curve and the red dotted line represent the actual and the ideal trajectories of the cart, respectively. It can be observed that the actual trajectory of the cart swings around the ideal trajectory and the swing amplitude is small. Fig.8(b) shows the comparison between the actual swing and the ideal swing angles. In the actual simulation, although the swing frequency is high, the swing amplitude is still limited to a small range.

6 Conclusion

In this paper, a H-GFTSMC is proposed to handle the problem of large payload swing during the operation of the bridge crane system. Firstly, the Lagrangian dynamic modeling of the bridge crane system is conducted. Then, the hierarchical sliding mode controller is designed according to the under-actuated characteristics of the system. The stability of the proposed controller is verified, and it is proved that all sliding surfaces of the controller tend to be gradually stable. Finally, the simulation results demonstrate that the controller has a good restraining performance on the swing angle of the payload, and at the same time, the controller still has good robustness when the cable length is changed. Moreover, the performance of the controller is still excellent even when the feedback signal contains noise.

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8 Appendix 1

Variables in (12)

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{11} &= M_x + m & M_{13} &= ml \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y \\
 M_{14} &= -ml \sin \theta_x \sin \theta_y & M_{21} &= 0 \\
 M_{22} &= M_y + m & M_{23} &= 0 \\
 M_{24} &= ml \cos \theta_y & M_{31} &= ml \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y \\
 M_{32} &= 0 & M_{33} &= ml^2 \cos^2 \theta_y \\
 M_{34} &= 0 & M_{41} &= -ml \sin \theta_x \sin \theta_y \\
 M_{42} &= ml \cos \theta_y & M_{43} &= 0 \\
 M_{44} &= ml^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{13} &= -ml \sin \theta_x \cos \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x - ml \cos \theta_x \sin \theta_y \dot{\theta}_y \\
 C_{14} &= -ml \cos \theta_x \sin \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x - ml \sin \theta_x \cos \theta_y \dot{\theta}_y \\
 C_{23} &= 0 \\
 C_{33} &= -ml \sin \theta_y \dot{\theta}_y \\
 C_{34} &= -ml^2 \sin \theta_y \cos \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x \\
 C_{43} &= ml^2 \cos \theta_y \sin \theta_y \dot{\theta}_x \\
 C_{44} &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Appendix 2

Variables in (37)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V} &= S\dot{S} \\
 &= S(I_1 \dot{S}_1 + I_2 \dot{S}_2) \\
 &= S[I_1(\ddot{e}_p + H_1 \dot{e}_p + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1}) \\
 &\quad + I_2(\ddot{e}_\theta + H_2 \dot{e}_\theta + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1})] \\
 &= S[I_1(H_1 \dot{e}_p + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1} + (A_1(e) + B_1(e)U)) \\
 &\quad + I_2(H_2 \dot{e}_\theta + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1} + (A_2(e) + B_2(e)U))] \\
 &= S[I_1(H_1 \dot{e}_p + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1} \\
 &\quad + (A_1(e) + B_1(e)(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_{sw}))) \\
 &\quad + I_2(H_2 \dot{e}_\theta + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1} \\
 &\quad + (A_2(e) + B_2(e)(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_{sw})))] \\
 &= S[I_1 \Pi_{11}(\sigma_2 + \sigma_{sw}) + I_2 \Pi_{21}(\sigma_1 + \sigma_{sw}) \\
 &\quad + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1} + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1}] \\
 &= S[I_2 \Pi_{21} \sigma_1 + I_1 \Pi_{11} \sigma_2 + \alpha(n/p)e_p^{n/p-1} \\
 &\quad + \beta(n/p)e_\theta^{n/p-1} + (I_1 \Pi_{11} + I_2 \Pi_{21})\sigma_{sw}].
 \end{aligned}$$