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### Abstract

This paper will present how to model the XYZ coordinates of a Discrete Manipulator with two-six discrete pneumatic actuators via artificial intelligence algorithm (AI) efficiently. The XYZ model is said efficient if mathematical calculation of the discrete states of manipulator related to XYZ

coordinates, with the inverse static analysis (ISA) problem, can be approximately done via AI. The research method used simulation software and hardware implementation with the case of massive manipulator with two level discrete actuators. Simulations with typical desired displacement inputs are presented and a good performance of the results via AI is obtained. The comparison showed that the parallel manipulator has the Root Mean Squared (RMS) error less than 2 %.

## Keywords

**Discrete manipulator      Artificial intelligence algorithm**

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# Introduction

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# Chapter 4

## Coordinates Modelling of the Discrete Hexapod Manipulator via Artificial Intelligence

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**Abstract** This paper will present how to model the XYZ coordinates of a Discrete Manipulator with two-six discrete pneumatic actuators via artificial intelligence algorithm (AI) efficiently. The XYZ model is said efficient if mathematical calculation of the discrete states of manipulator related to XYZ coordinates, with the inverse static analysis (ISA) problem, can be approximately done via AI. The research method used simulation software and hardware implementation with the case of massive manipulator with two level discrete actuators. Simulations with typical desired displacement inputs are presented and a good performance of the results via AI is obtained. The comparison showed that the parallel manipulator has the Root Mean Squared (RMS) error less than 2 %.

**Keywords** Discrete manipulator · Artificial intelligence algorithm · Inverse static analysis problem

### 4.1 Introduction

Discrete manipulator (DM) is a manipulator that consists of a number of actuators which are arranged in serial and/or parallel. In general, DM mechanism consists of a combination of joints, where the actuators can move and serve the manipulator like a prismatic joint. DM has been developed for a wide range of applications such as motion simulators and bio-mechanic applications.

To achieve variation range and accuracy, the architecture of DM practically requires a large number of discrete actuators that can be arranged in a hybrid series-parallel configuration. In designing a DM, the Jacobian matrix method is proposed in determining actuator states of the DM. However, this method has its

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disadvantages because Jacobian matrix can only control a few number of actuators. One method to overcome the complexity of the solutions that have been proposed to overcome the limitations of the Jacobian matrix in designing DM is using Inverse Static Analysis (ISA) [1], where one of the ISA solution is using AI [2].

A DM, which the actuators are assigned with a limited number of state, is intended to reduce the complexity of the mechanism and to develop a manipulator without sensors [1]. Several solution of using DM in the sense of ISA Problem, such as: exhaustive search mechanism via brute-force [3]; differential geometry and variation of calculus [4]; combinatorial of heuristics computation [5, 6]; genetic algorithm methods [7]; probability theory and computation [8]; Hopfield networks and Boltzmann machines algorithms [3]. Even though most of the proposed solution methods are relatively effective in reducing problem complexity (from exponential to polynomial time), the resulting of proposed solutions still have slow calculations in terms of real-time computation.

Previous studies which are closely linked to the control of DM using artificial intelligence was conducted by Pasila [2]. This study focused on controlling the 6 DOF parallel manipulator using neuro-fuzzy method. The parallel manipulators used in this research have more than six prismatic actuator with Spherical-Prismatic-Spherical -3D mechanism. Results obtained from this study is that the parallel manipulator twisted due to the way the actuators are arranged and still have big error in terms of RMS.

The goal of this research is to design a two-level discrete manipulator for bio-mechanical purposes with 12 discrete actuator. Here, the ISA solution uses Neuro-Fuzzy network. The second objective is to obtain a state approximation for each actuator to obtain efficient results with Root Mean Square (RMS) error of less than 5 %.

## 4.2 Research Methodology

### 4.2.1 *Design of the Discrete Manipulator*

The discrete manipulator model used in this paper consists of three parts of body, the upper and the medium platform that serve as moving body, and the lower platform that serves as a fixed body. All bodies are connected to the two-six pneumatic actuators. The bodies are circular and have similar diameters. Moreover, the simulation software used Solidworks Motion Study (SW) in order to determine the dimensions of the fixed and the moving platforms for the DM, as well as the location of each actuator. This trial and error method was done to obtain dimensions of the fixed and the moving platforms that accommodate the actuator arrangement. By doing this, the manipulator will not go to an unexpected twist. In this paper, the minimum number of actuators required in order to prevent a twist in the manipulator is 6 actuators for each level. This gives the number of actuator used was



determined to be double-six or 12 actuators. In order to determine the position of each actuator, a novel parallel manipulator was implemented which based on hexapod Stewart-Gough platform [9].

#### 4.2.2 Generating Data via SW Software

Data gathering was done via software simulation SW software, by measuring the position of a selected point on the upper platform. The motion simulation generates 1596 data, where each the data consists of coordinates along X, Y, and Z axis along with the combined states on the moving platform. Some of the extracted data can be seen in Table 4.1.

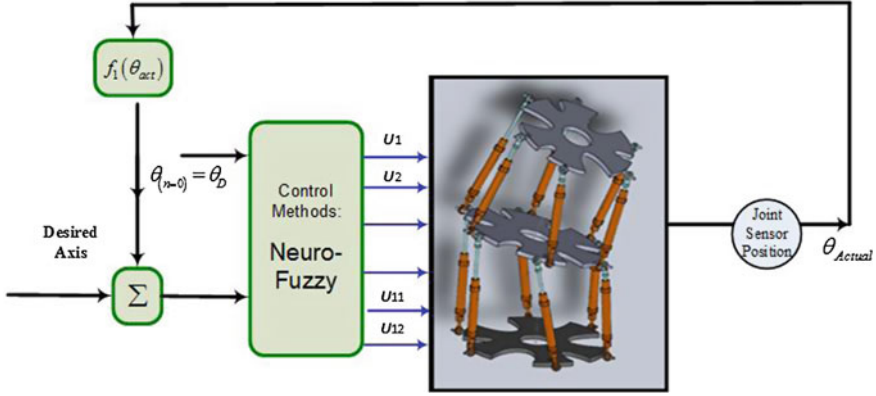
#### 4.2.3 Neuro-Fuzzy network as AI Method

This sub-section presents the diagram of the considered model, like shown in Fig. 4.1. The architecture, has three inputs (desired axes) and 12 outputs (actuator states), is called as feedforward Neuro-Fuzzy type Takagi-Sugeno [10].

In particular, the control method presents the Gaussian membership functions  $G_j^n$  ( $j = 1, 2, 3; n = 1, \dots, 12$ ), as a fuzzyfication variable for input pairs  $Z = [R_x, R_y, R_z]$ ,

**Table 4.1** Selected data of two-six hexapod mechanism (1 = extend, 0 = floating, -1 = retract)

| Lower Manipulator States |    |    |    |    |    | Upper Manipulator States |    |    |     |     |     | Axis Coordinates |     |     |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|--------------------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----|-----|
| S1                       | S2 | S3 | S4 | S5 | S6 | S7                       | S8 | S9 | S10 | S11 | S12 | X                | Y   | Z   |
| 0                        | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1                        | 0  | -1 | -1  | 0   | 1   | 6                | 24  | 627 |
| 0                        | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1                        | 1  | 0  | -1  | -1  | 0   | 6                | 27  | 623 |
| 0                        | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 1                        | 0  | -1 | -1  | 0   | 1   | -85              | -83 | 574 |
| 0                        | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0                        | 1  | 1  | 0   | -1  | -1  | -18              | -4  | 628 |
| 0                        | 1  | 1  | 0  | -1 | -1 | 0                        | 1  | 0  | 1   | 0   | 0   | 50               | 15  | 707 |
| -1                       | -1 | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 1                        | 0  | -1 | -1  | 0   | 1   | -9               | 19  | 623 |
| -1                       | -1 | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | -1                       | 0  | 1  | 1   | 0   | -1  | 9                | 51  | 574 |
| 1                        | 1  | 0  | -1 | -1 | 0  | 1                        | 0  | -1 | -1  | 0   | 1   | 10               | -22 | 627 |
| -1                       | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0  | -1 | 1                        | 1  | 0  | -1  | -1  | 0   | -11              | -12 | 619 |
| 0                        | -1 | -1 | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1                        | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 15               | -2  | 728 |



**Fig. 4.1** Control mechanism via Neuro-Fuzzy network, No. of set input = 3, No. output = 12, No. optimal membership function 6, training method: LMA

where  $R_x$ ,  $R_y$ ,  $R_z$  are the input set of the orientations with respect to the XYZ Euler coordinates,

$$G_j^n(Z_j) = \exp \left[ - \left( (Z_j - C_j^n / \sigma_j^n)^2 \right) \right] \quad (4.1)$$

with  $C_j^n$  and variance  $\sigma_j^n$  together with the corresponding fuzzy rules  $FR^n$  can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} FR^n : IF Z_1 \text{ is } G_1^n \text{ AND } Z_{21} \text{ is } G_{21}^n \\ THEN y_i^n = w_{0i}^n + w_{1i}^n Z_1 + w_{2i}^n Z_2 \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

where  $w_{0i}^n$ ,  $w_{1i}^n$  and  $w_{2i}^n$  (for  $i = 1, \dots, 10$ , and  $n = 1, \dots, M$ ,  $M$  is the number of optimized rules for the model, here  $M = 6$ ) being the Takagi-Sugeno parameters.

$$\bar{u}_i = \sum_{n=1}^M y_1^n \left[ \frac{\prod_{j=1}^3 G_j^n(Z_j)}{\sum_{n=1}^M \prod_{j=1}^3 G_j^n(Z_j)} \right] \quad (4.3)$$

$$U_{State\_i} = \text{round}(\bar{u}_i) \quad (4.4)$$

Equations (4.3), (4.4) are derived by approximating the actuator activation states  $u_i$  through possible states (+1, 0 or -1) via threshold processes. These give the actuator states as approximated solution.

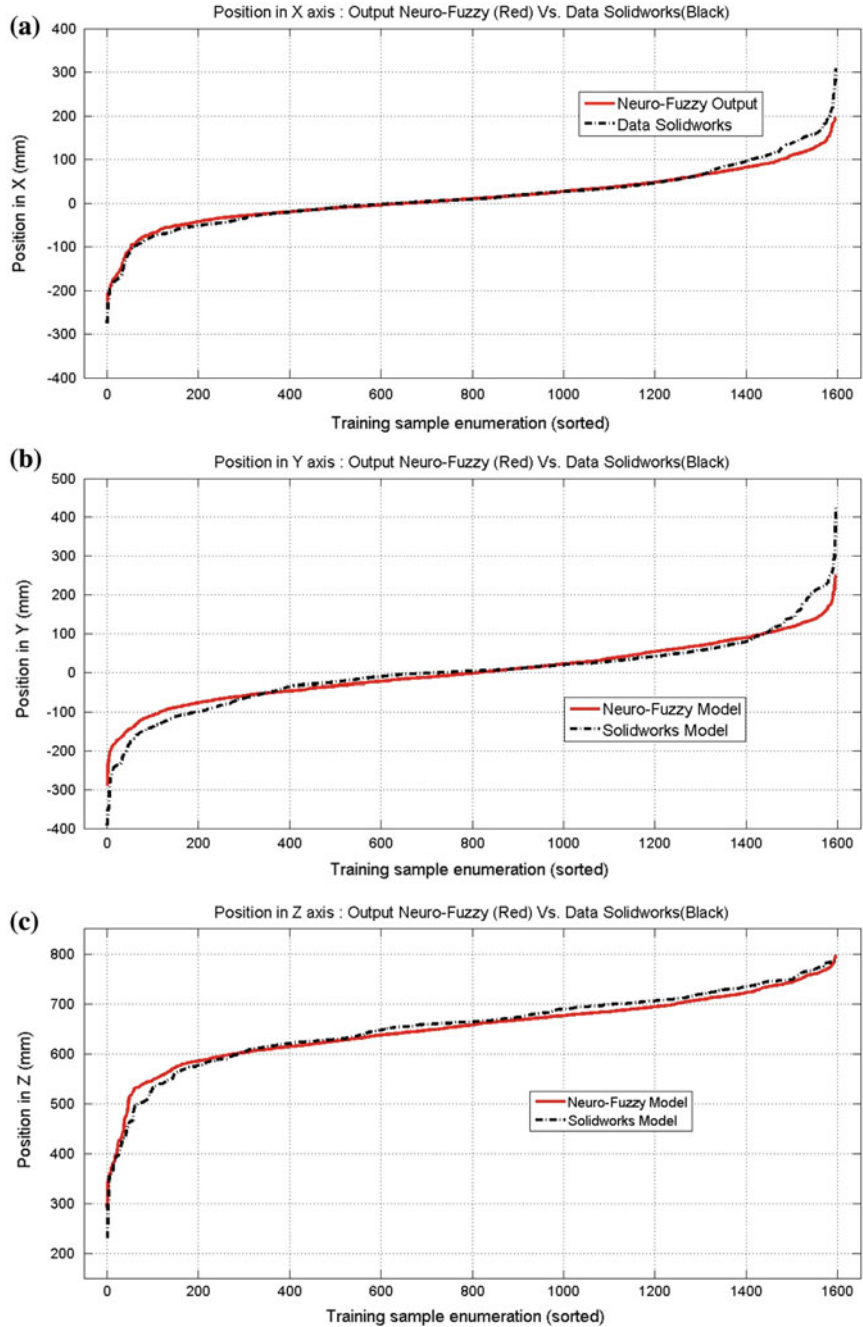
### 4.3 Results and Discussions

In this paper, the data simulation is generated from the 3D SW software. At this point, Figs. 4.2 and 4.3 show the implementation of the discrete manipulator with 12 actuators along with the graphs of data simulation results and their neuro-fuzzy model respectively. The total dataset for model use 1596 data which are already selected and sorted from the smallest to the largest value.

Moreover, Fig. 4.3 describes the comparison between the simulation results obtained with the SW software, which shows the approximate value when the actuator is discretely controlled. In addition, it can be seen that the position along X, Y and Z axis closely have generated similar value compared to the continuous controller form. As a result, the RMS error of coordinates modeling in X, Y and Z are 1.43, 1.34 and 1.75 % respectively. The total performance has, in average, 1.51 % of RMS error.

**Fig. 4.2** Implementation of Discrete Manipulator with 12 Discrete Actuators





**Fig. 4.3** Data graph showing comparison between software simulation result and manipulator measurement process result. **a** Position along the X axis, **b** Y axis, **c** Z axis

## 4.4 Conclusions

As conclusion, this paper presented: (1) twelve discrete actuators two-six three-state discrete actuators with six DOF; (2) Neuro-Fuzzy methods type Takagi Sugeno for the solution of inverse static analysis of the considered manipulator. The prediction of the XYZ coordinates and its relevant states via neuro-fuzzy methods is used as control mechanism for the 12 actuators manipulator. The simulation result obtained using SW software shows that the reference point on the moving platform can move along the X, Y, and Z axis, which indicated the position of the point along each axis. RMS error of the manipulator obtained by comparing software simulation data and the results of neuro-fuzzy method shows quite small values on the X, Y and Z axis, which are less than 2 %. Therefore it is most likely that neuro-fuzzy network can be used as an ISA solution on this manipulator.

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