

Two-degree-of-freedom Fuzzy Controllers for Servo Systems in Transportation Applications

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Abstract—Inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first fuzzy paper by Prof. László T. Kóczy and the 60th anniversary of the seminal fuzzy paper by Prof. Lotfi A. Zadeh, this paper covers issues related to the design, tuning, and implementation of two-degree-of-freedom (2-DOF) fuzzy controllers, focusing on 2-DOF Proportional-Integral fuzzy controllers and 2-DOF Proportional-Integral-Derivative fuzzy controllers in their Mamdani and Takagi-Sugeno-Kang forms. Tuning is based on mapping the parameters of the linear PI and PID controllers to the parameters of the fuzzy controllers in terms of the modal equivalence principle of Galichet and Foulloy (1995). The linear controllers are tuned by the Extended Symmetric Optimum method of Preidl and Precup (1999). The classical algebraic approach based on Diophantine equations and the mapping of the parameters of the 2-DOF linear controllers to the parameters of the 2-DOF fuzzy controllers are also treated. Nature-inspired optimization algorithm-based tuning of fuzzy controllers and their stable design are also covered. The controlled processes are servo systems and transportation applications are mentioned.

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