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FUZZY MEASURE OF RELIABILITY TO ANALYZE AIRCRAFT TECHNICAL CONDITION IN THE CONTEXT OF NON-STOCHASTIC UNCERTAINTY

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Increased level of aircraft complexity and toughened requirements for the efficiency of technical condition monitoring raised the topical issue of analysis automation. Separate results were obtained, for example, during the development of unified algorithms for automated analysis of telemetric information coming from the board of manned spacecrafts. The basis of algorithms was a set of control methods, in particular, the multilevel control method, condition search trees, condition matrices, etc. With their help it is possible to perform operational analysis of technical condition of the most aircraft systems; however, a significant drawback in this case is that it is impossible to quantitatively assess the reliability of conclusions regarding technical condition of the systems. Stochastic reliability measurement in aircraft control practice is used rather limitedly due to the lack of sufficient statistics, as well as resource and time constraints. In this regard the task to develop the methods for aircraft technical condition control that allow getting real-time conclusions about technical condition of the object under control with a quantitative assessment of reliability in the context of non-stochastic uncertainty, is critical at the present time. One of possible variants to resolve it is to use the fuzzy measure of reliability.

Subsystem of technical condition control is one of important components of any modern aircraft control system. In this case the term "control" refers to the process of collecting and processing information in order to predict events. In aircraft control practice the stage of measurement data processing in order to obtain conclusions about technical condition of the object under control is considered as technical condition analysis. The present paper discusses modifications of well-known methods of automated analysis of the technical condition of aircraft on-board systems that are used for various purposes, based on the use of fuzzy measure of reliability.

Keywords: *aircraft control system, technical condition, measure of reliability, stochastic uncertainty.*

Technical condition (TC) control implies the process of collecting and processing information in order to predict events [1, 3, 6]. In aircraft (AC) control practice the stage of measurement data processing in order to obtain conclusions about TC of the object under control is considered as TC analysis. It is possible to distinguish the following tasks among the current tasks of analysis:

- Analysis of the planned modes performance for the object as a whole
- Analysis of full-time systems performance
- Analysis of support systems mechanization performance and the process of dynamic operations
- Analysis of applied equipment mechanization performance
- Calculation of full-time systems characteristics
- Analysis of dynamic processes
- Analysis of applied measurements

Problem Statement

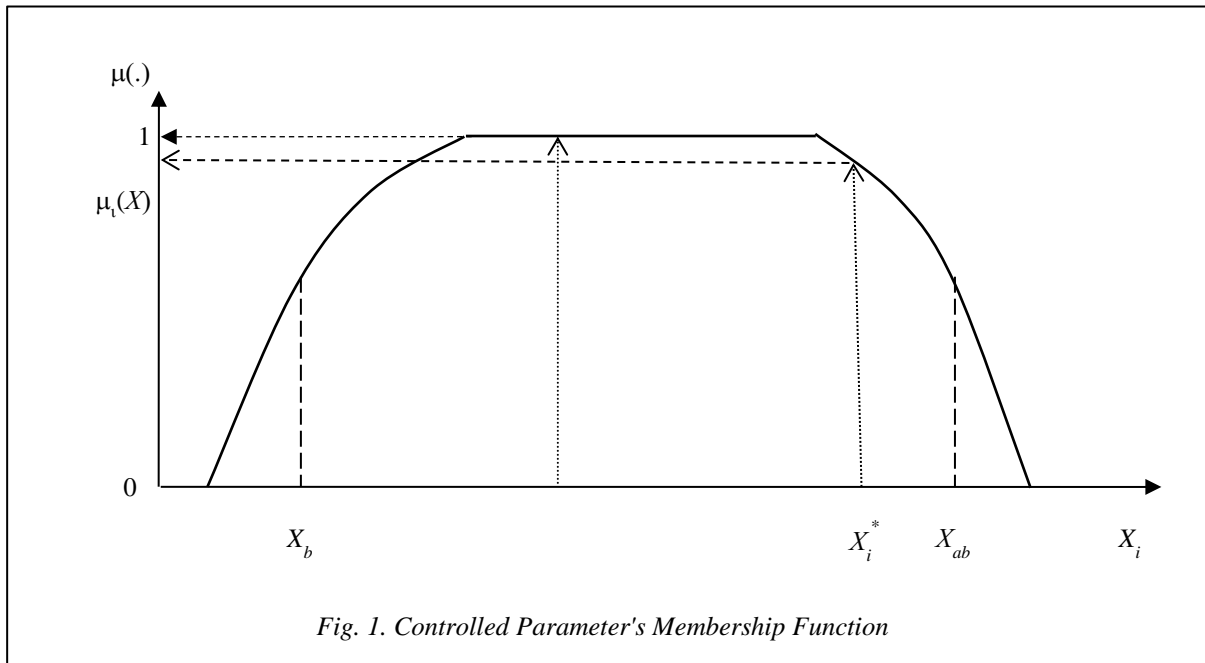
Let us state the problem of AC TC operating control with the use of fuzzy measurement. At the same time let us agree that in order to make a decision regarding TC, a priori and a posteriori data must be formalized in a single and united way, i.e. with the use of fuzzy measurement. Then, based on a preliminary analysis, let a set of classes of technical condition of objects under control be given $F = \{F_r\}$ ($r = 1, 2, \dots, n$) in the form of fuzzy sets $F = \sum \mu_r^F / F_r$ with the corresponding membership functions μ_r^F .

TC of the object under control is evaluated according to implementations of particular condition parameters – characteristics of control that form in the aggregate the set of control characteristics $X = \{X_i\}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, m$). Moreover, taking specific character of the object under control into consideration – remotely controlled aircraft – information about the object's condition will be received from the data measuring system in the form of teleme-

tered data set (TMD). Then, evaluation of every of the X_i^* characteristics will be formed based on appropriate processing of TMD results.

Sets of TC F classes and X control characteristics are in certain interrelations $F \rightarrow X$ that can be described with the help of a control matrix with elements $\{F_r, X_i\}$, i.e. every TC is mapped to the corresponding implementation of control characteristics.

Reliability indicators of control characteristics evaluation X_i^* were set in the form of the corresponding membership functions $\mu_i(x) = \mu_i(X_b, X_{ab}, X_i^*)$, where X_{ab}, X_b - are upper and lower threshold limit values of the controlled character, X_i^* - is its evaluation, obtained as a result of TMD processing (fig. 1).



Criterion and reliability indicator are known to resolve the problem of TC control in the form of $M_r^F \rightarrow \max |_{t \leq t_{nec.}}$, where $M_r^F = \{\mu_r^F, \mu_r^{F*}\}$ is a generalized membership function of the r-s technical condition obtained by way of composition of the a priori μ_r^F and a posteriori μ_r^{F*} membership functions of r-s technical condition; t and t_{nec} are indicator and criterion of operational control, acting as restrictions.

To solve the stated problem it is necessary to develop the method for evaluation of a posteriori reliability μ_r^{F*} of TC control results, expressed to a fuzzy extent. Then the general solution of the control problem in accordance with the given statement of the problem can be found in the form of $F_r^* = \arg \max M_r^F$.

Method to Solve the Problem

Developing the method to resolve the problem, let us use the methods of condition search tree and conditions matrix [2,7].

The algorithm for analysis of AC systems performance that uses the method of condition search trees, is based on sequential analysis of reliable and important values of controlled parameters $\{X_i\}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$) of AC systems and (or) of results of intermediate calculations performed on X_i^* actual values. The analysis consists in comparing each value with known threshold values X_{ith} , for example, $X_{in} < X_i^* < X_{ib}$. or $X_{iab} < X_i^*$; $X_i^* > X_{ith}$, and concluding "parameter X_i is normal (abnormal)". Searching for AC system current condition branches forth depending on step by step results of this analysis and ends up with the F_r definition of onboard AC system condition after a couple of steps of such sequential analysis. The control matrix in the method of condition tree search can, for example, look the following way (table 1):

Table 1

F_r, X_i	X_1	X_2	X_3
F_1	1	-	-
F_2	0	1	-
F_3	0	0	1

In the table it is assumed that "1" – indicates that the X_i parameter is normal; "0" - correspondingly, " X_i parameter is abnormal"; "-" - the present parameter is not controlled at this step.

The result of technical condition analysis using the algorithm of condition search trees can be interpreted as the event $\{F^*\}$ consisting in identification of the AC system current condition to a specific type of technical condition F_r . The event $\{F_r\}$ occurs if and only if k events occur that are the results of sequential analysis operations along the corresponding branch of the algorithm, for example,

$$\{F^*\} = \{X_1 \in |X_1| \cap X_2 \notin |X_2| \cap \dots \cap X_i \in |X_i|\}, \tag{1}$$

where $\{X_i \in |X_i|\}$ - is the event that the value of the parameter X_i is normal; $\{X_i \notin |X_i|\}$ - is the event that the value of the parameter X_i is abnormal. Reliability of such an event is determined by the logical conjunction of reliability of individual events and is expressed either as "1" or "0", which in practice is an unjustified idealization.

Using the fuzzy measure of reliability allows obtaining quantitative reliability estimation, reflecting the real degree of proximity to the estimation of the true TC. The intersection of events in the theory of fuzzy sets [5,8] corresponds to the min operation and according to (1), reliability of TC analysis results to a fuzzy extent, as the degree of truth of the statement "according to the results of measurements, the current TC refers to the F_r class of TC" can be represented as follows:

$$\mu^{F^*}\{F_r\} = \min[\mu_1\{X_1 \in |X_1|\}, \mu_2\{X_2 \in |X_2|\}, \dots, \mu_k\{X_k \in |X_k|\}, \mu_i'\{X_i \notin |X_i|\}], \tag{2}$$

where $\mu_k\{X_k \in |X_k|\}$, $\mu_i'\{X_i \notin |X_i|\}$ - are values of membership functions characterizing the degree of truth of the statement " X_k parameter is normal" or " X_i parameter is above (X_{iab}) or below (X_{ib}) the norm" accordingly.

The choice of corresponding modified algorithm branch of the condition search tree is carried out by the operation of comparison of μ_i with μ_i' . The branch is selected that corresponds to the larger value of the membership function $\max(\mu_i, \mu_i')$ and the choice rule taking into account the expression (2) can be represented as follows:

$$\mu^{F^*}\{F_r\} = \min[\max(\mu_1\{X_1 \in |X_1|\}, \mu_1'\{X_1 \notin |X_1|\}), \max(\mu_2\{X_2 \in |X_2|\}, \mu_2'\{X_2 \notin |X_2|\}), \dots, \max(\mu_i\{X_i \in |X_i|\}, \mu_i'\{X_i \notin |X_i|\})]. \tag{3}$$

Modified algorithm of AC system TC analysis that uses the method of condition search trees is shown in the Figure 2.

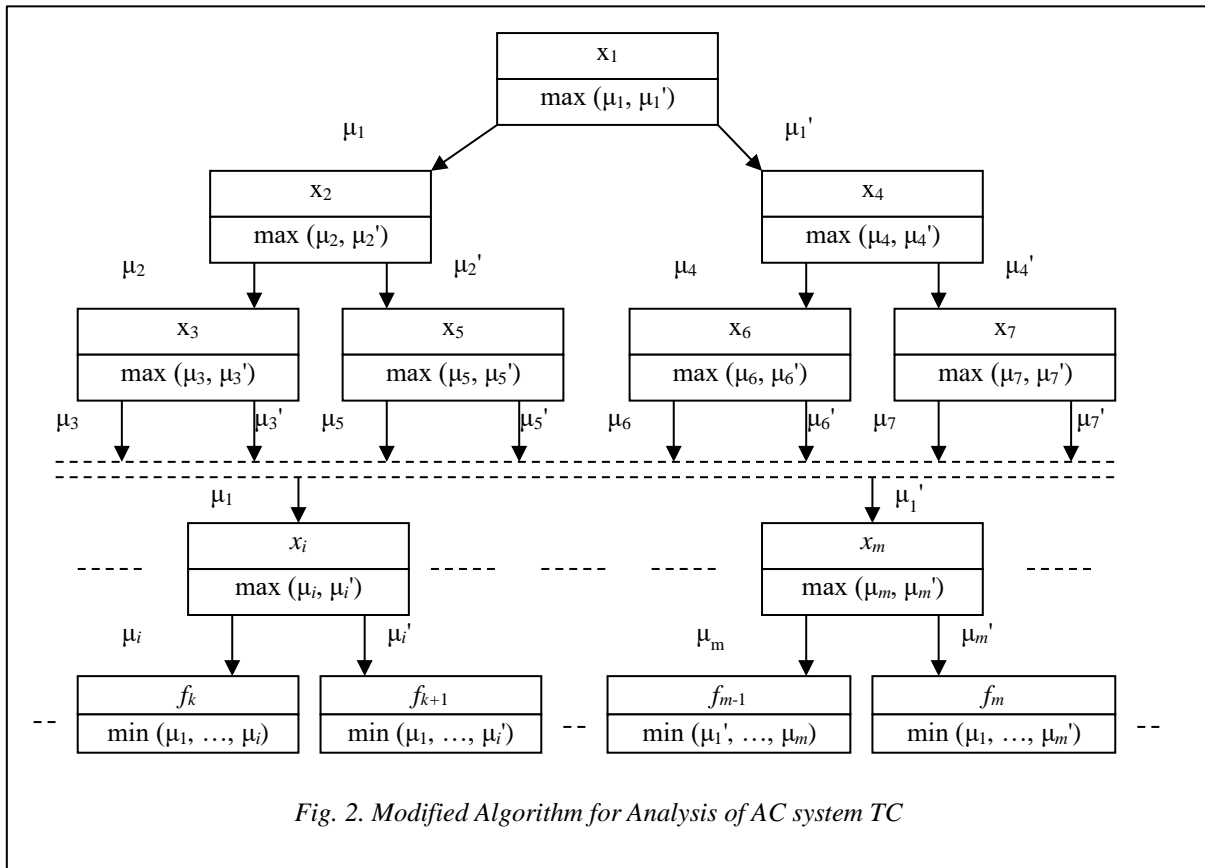


Fig. 2. Modified Algorithm for Analysis of AC system TC

Algorithms for AC systems performance analysis that are based on condition matrices [9,10] use the fact that F_r condition of a system can be determined by a set of X_i values of controlled parameters. Groups of functionally and logically interconnected parameters reflecting, in combination, possible conditions of AC device or system, form technical condition vectors (TCV). Every TCV describes one of possible technical conditions of the AC system, F_r , and forms a row of condition matrix. Moreover, controlled parameters X_i are subject to tolerance control and in fact TCV parameters are events " X_i parameter is normal (abnormal)" with reliability "1" or "0". Using

fuzzy measure of reliability every value of the measured parameter X_i corresponds to a particular value of the membership function $\mu_i(X_i)$ characterizing the degree of truth of the statement " X_i parameter is normal", " X_i parameter is above (below) the norm". In this case conditions matrix can be represented as in Table 2.

Reliability of TC analysis result obtained using the method of conditions matrix to a fuzzy extent, as shown above, will be determined with the expression (2) as reliability of events intersection.

Table 2

Controlled parameters	TCV -1		TCV -2		TCV -n	
	X_1	$X_1 \subset X_1 $	μ_1	$X_1 \subset X_1 $	μ_1	$X_1 \subset X_1 $
X_2	$X_2 \subset X_2 $	μ_2	$X_2 \subset X_2 $	μ_2'	$X_2 \subset X_2 $	μ_2
X_k	$X_k \subset X_k $	μ_k'	$X_k \subset X_k $	μ_k'	$X_k \subset X_k $	μ_k
Classes TC	F_1	$\mu^*(F_1)$	F_2	$\mu^*(F_2)$	F_n	$\mu^*(F_n)$

Consequently, according to analysis results either the method of condition search "tree", or the method of condition matrices form a posteriori set of classes of the controlled object technical condition $F = \{F_r\} (r = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ in the form of the fuzzy set $F = \sum \mu^{F_r^*} / F_r$ according to a posteriori membership functions $\mu^{F_r^*}$.

The final decision will be made by calculating the generalized membership function of the r-s TC in the form of $F_r^* = \arg \max M^{F_r}$ by one of composition variants of a priori μ^{F_r} and a posteriori $\mu^{F_r^*}$ membership functions, for example, from the optimistic perspective $M^{F_r} = \max\{\mu^{F_r}, \mu^{F_r^*}\}$, from the pessimistic perspective $M^{F_r} = \min\{\mu^{F_r}, \mu^{F_r^*}\}$ or from the objectivist's standpoint $M^{F_r} = \mu^{F_r} \bullet \mu^{F_r^*}$ [4].

Conclusion

The above discussed modifications to methods of TC analysis allow evaluating a posteriori reliability $\mu^{F_r^*}$ of control results, expressed as fuzzy measurement, and can be used as the basis for the synthesis of modified algorithms for automated analysis of TC of onboard AC systems. Advantage of the methods is the ability to obtain a quantitative assessment of reliability of each of the given TC. Practical implementation of the methods is possible through a certain refinement of the corresponding mathematical support and software.

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ПРИМЕНЕНИЕ НЕЧЕТКОЙ МЕРЫ ДОСТОВЕРНОСТИ ДЛЯ АНАЛИЗА ТЕХНИЧЕСКОГО СОСТОЯНИЯ ЛЕТАТЕЛЬНЫХ АППАРАТОВ В УСЛОВИЯХ НЕСТОХАСТИЧЕСКОЙ НЕОПРЕДЕЛЕННОСТИ

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В связи с повышением уровня сложности летательных аппаратов и ужесточением требований по оперативности контроля технического состояния остро стоит вопрос автоматизации решения задач анализа. Отдельные результаты были получены, например, при разработке унифицированных алгоритмов автоматизированного анализа телеметрической информации, поступающей с борта пилотируемых космических аппаратов. Основой алгоритмов явилась совокупность методов контроля, в частности, метода многоуровневого контроля, деревьев поиска состояний, матриц состояний и др. С их помощью удастся выполнить оперативный анализ технического состояния большинства систем летательных аппаратов, однако существенным недостатком при этом является невозможность количественной оценки достоверности заключений о техническом состоянии систем.

Рекомендуемая ГОСТ 19919 – 74 вероятностная мера достоверности в практике управления летательными аппаратами применяется ограниченно из-за отсутствия достаточной статистики, а также ресурсных и временных ограничений. В связи с этим задача разработки методов контроля технического состояния летательных аппаратов, позволяющих получать оперативные заключения о техническом состоянии контролируемого объекта с количественной оценкой достоверности в условиях нестохастической неопределенности, является актуальной. Возможным вариантом ее решения является использование нечеткой меры достоверности.

Важной составляющей современной системы управления летательными аппаратами различного назначения является подсистема контроля технического состояния. При этом под контролем понимается процесс сбора и обработки информации с целью определения событий. В практике управления летательными аппаратами этап обработки измерительной информации с целью получения заключения о техническом состоянии объекта контроля рассматривается как анализ технического состояния.

В статье рассмотрены модификации известных методов автоматизированного анализа технического состояния бортовых систем летательных аппаратов различного назначения, основанные на применении нечеткой меры достоверности.

Ключевые слова: система управления летательным аппаратом, техническое состояние, мера достоверности, стохастическая неопределенность.

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