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Abstract—In this paper, a linear parameter varying (LPV) adaptive observer is designed for state estimation and tire cornering stiffness identification based on lateral motorcycle model. The estimation is based on a general Lipschitz condition, Lyapunov function and is subjected to persistency of excitation conditions. Further, the LPV observer is transformed into Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy observer and sufficient conditions, for the existence of the estimator, are given in terms of linear matrix inequalities (LMIs). This method is designed assuming that some of the states are not available, since parametric identification is generally developed assuming that all the system states are available (measured or estimated). Finally, the effectiveness of the proposed estimation method is illustrated through test scenarios performed with the well-known motorcycle simulator "BikeSim" and by field test using data measurement carried out on experimental motorcycle.

Index Terms—Motorcycle, TS model, Luenberger Observer, Estimation, LMI.

I. INTRODUCTION

The technological progress of the powered two wheeled vehicles (PTWv) and its proliferation not only brought a noteworthy convenience to its users through a significant reduction of transportation time, but has given rise to serious safety issues as well. In the recent years, important researches [1] or [2] have been undertaken to investigate safer driving conditions in both normal and in critical situations, in order to improve security through the development of preventive and active safety systems. Complex riding assistance systems (ADAS) rely heavily on accurate and precise tools such as sensors that should be implemented on the motorcycle. While certain state variables, such as yaw rate, are measured directly, others, such as the tire cornering forces, cannot be measured due to high costs of some sensors leading inevitably to expensive new two wheelers. The ADAS systems are based on the lateral friction which its computing involves all the dynamic states of the motorcycle and a good modeling of the tire road contact. The use of model-based state estimators are therefore necessary to overcome previous shortcomings in order to provide estimates of unmeasured states and relevant parameters to achieve safety and handling.

The lateral slip conditions and the tire's adhesion limit are important for motorcycle stability in a turn, the capacity to maintain these conditions avoids dangerous side sliding leading to possible falls. The lateral tire forces are necessary

to hold motorcycle through a turn, they are generated by the lateral tire deformation in the road contact. The major limitation of motorcycle dynamics is due to nonlinear tire characteristics and to loss of friction between tire and road. The lateral friction mainly depends on road condition (dry, wet, snow, ice) and is related to the efforts at the tire level (cornering stiffness). The estimation of motorcycle wheel interaction forces with the ground are very important, because of their influence on the stability of the two wheeled vehicle. This study focuses especially on the state and tire cornering coefficient estimation.

Considerable attention has been given to the development of safety systems over the past few years. Authors have investigated and developed different methods and different strategies to estimate motorcycle dynamic states for enhancing two wheelers stability and handling ([3]-[11]). Concerning lateral estimation most of cited papers consider restrictive assumptions which regarding riding motorcycle practices or constant longitudinal speed.

To the best knowledge of the author, there is only a few works about the estimation of the tires cornering parameters of the PTWv ([12] [13] [14]) Main researches are based on regression methods to estimate the current road conditions or the tire road contact.

This paper aims to estimate both out of plane motorcycle motion and the tire cornering stiffness coefficient by using a tire model. The tire model describes the relationship between the tire force and the slip as a function of two parameters, namely, tire cornering stiffness and tire camber stiffness. This estimation method based on the two bodies motorcycle model and a certain number of valid measurements in order to estimate in accurate way the tire coefficient of lateral force and the state vector. We assume a prior knowledge or classification of the road surface, the tires dynamic behavior is taken into account when evaluating the generated lateral tire forces.

In order to show the effectiveness of the estimation method, a tests were carried out on an instrumented motorcycle in realistic riding situations.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Sec. II, describes and discusses the motorcycle out of plane model and the tire behavior. Sec. III, illustrates the observer design and presents the convergence analysis. In Sec. IV, discuss the results, compared to real experimental data and evaluate the estimated model. Finally Sec. V, we make some concluding remarks regarding our study and future perspectives.

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II. LATERAL DYNAMICS OF PTWV (OUT-OF-PLANE)

In this paper, the out-of-plane dynamics of the motorcycle (figure 1) are modeled as proposed in Sharp's 1971 model [15] which consist of the lateral and steering ones [16]. The main frame is subject to lateral motion, roll motion and yaw motion and the front frame is subject to steering motion.

Assumption 1: Let us consider the following assumptions:

- 1) The rider is supposed rigidly attached to the main frame.
- 2) The forward velocity v_x is the varying parameter and it is considered measurable,

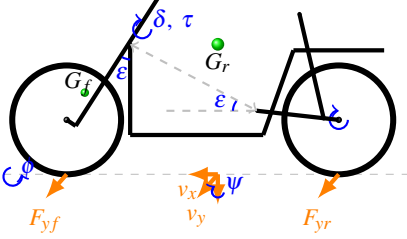


Fig. 1. Geometrical representation of the Sharp's motorcycle model

The motions of the motorcycle can be modeled by the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} e_{33}\dot{v}_y + e_{34}\dot{\psi} + e_{35}\dot{\phi} + e_{36}\dot{\delta} = a_{34}\psi + \Sigma F_y \\ e_{34}\dot{v}_y + e_{44}\dot{\psi} + e_{45}\dot{\phi} + e_{46}\dot{\delta} = a_{44}\psi + a_{45}\phi + a_{46}\dot{\delta} + \Sigma M_z \\ e_{35}\dot{v}_y + e_{45}\dot{\psi} + e_{55}\dot{\phi} + e_{56}\dot{\delta} = a_{54}\psi + a_{56}\dot{\delta} + \Sigma M_x \\ e_{36}\dot{v}_y + e_{46}\dot{\psi} + e_{56}\dot{\phi} + e_{66}\dot{\delta} = a_{64}\psi + a_{65}\phi + a_{66}\dot{\delta} + \Sigma M_s \\ \dot{F}_{yf} = a_{710}\phi + a_{720}\delta + a_{730}v_y + a_{740}\psi + a_{760}\dot{\delta} + a_{770}F_{yf} \\ \dot{F}_{yr} = a_{810}\phi + a_{830}v_y + a_{840}\psi + a_{880}F_{yr} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where:

$$\begin{cases} \Sigma F_y = F_{yf} + F_{yr} = Ma_y \\ \Sigma M_z = a_{47}F_{yf} + a_{48}F_{yr} \\ \Sigma M_x = a_{51}\sin(\phi) + a_{52}\sin(\delta) \\ \Sigma M_s = a_{61}\sin(\phi) + a_{62}\sin(\delta) + a_{67}F_{yf} + \tau \end{cases}$$

Where $(\phi, \delta, \psi, \dot{\phi}, \dot{\delta}, \dot{\psi})$ denote the roll, steering, yaw angles and respectively their time derivatives, whereas v_y is the lateral velocity, F_{yf} and F_{yr} are the cornering front and rear forces respectively, and τ is the torque applied to the handle bar. For further details on the motorcycle parameters (e_{ij}, a_{ij}) and expressions refer to table I.

A. The Tyre Forces

In this section a brief description of the tire/road contact forces are introduced to understand the tire dynamics and consequently the parameters of the tire model. The lateral tire forces are necessary to hold motorcycle through a turn, the major difficulties in motorcycle motion is the evaluation of the tire and road interaction [17]. The lateral front and rear forces F_{yf} and F_{yr} , are generated when there is simultaneously side slip angles α and camber angles γ . The mathematical formulas of these lateral forces and angles,

expressed in the motorcycle-related reference, are therefore given by :

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\sigma_f}{v_x} \dot{F}_{yf} = -F_{yf} + \Delta_{yf} \\ \frac{\sigma_r}{v_x} \dot{F}_{yr} = -F_{yr} + \Delta_{yr} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

with

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_{yf} = -C_{f1} \left(\underbrace{\left(\frac{v_y + l_f \dot{\psi} - \eta \dot{\delta}}{v_x} \right)}_{\alpha_f} - \delta \cos(\epsilon) \right) + C_{f2} \underbrace{(\phi + \delta \sin(\epsilon))}_{\gamma_f} \\ \Delta_{yr} = -C_{r1} \left(\underbrace{\left(\frac{v_y - l_r \dot{\psi}}{v_x} \right)}_{\alpha_r} \right) + C_{r2} \underbrace{\phi}_{\gamma_r} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

C_{fi} and C_{ri} refer to the tire forces coefficients (stiffness and camber coefficients $i = (1, 2)$), ϵ refers to the caster angle, η is the mechanical trail, l_f (resp. l_r) represents the distance between the center of mass and the front and rear axis. Considering the lateral forces in their linear form is not restrictive because we are targeting urban scenarios where the camber and slip angles remains in the linear domain of the lateral forces.

B. Linearized Model Of Motorcycle

From equations (1), we have a state representation with 8 states $x(t) = [\phi, \delta, v_y, \psi, \dot{\phi}, \dot{\delta}, F_{yf}, F_{yr}]^T$. Sensors allow us to get the following variables:

$\bar{y} = (\delta, \psi, \dot{\phi}, \dot{\delta}, a_y = \frac{F_{yf} + F_{yr}}{M})$. Let us consider the following $\rho(t) = v_x(t)$ known. Thus, the Linear Parameter Varying (LPV) structure is expressed by:

$$\begin{cases} E\dot{x}(t) = A(\rho)x(t) + B\tau(t) + f(x, v_x, \theta) \\ \bar{y} = \bar{C}x(t) \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where,

$$\bar{y} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{M} \\ & & & & & & & \frac{1}{M} \end{bmatrix}}_{\bar{C}} x(t) \quad (5)$$

Whereas $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y}$. The matrices $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$, $\bar{C} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_y \times n}$. $f(x, v_x, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ depend essentially on the tire dynamics and it can be rewritten in the following linear form with respect to tire parameters:

$$f(x, v_x, \theta) = D\chi(x, v_x)\theta \quad (6)$$

Where,

$$\chi = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{v_x}{\sigma_f} \alpha_f & \frac{v_x}{\sigma_f} \gamma_f & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{v_x}{\sigma_r} \alpha_r & \frac{v_x}{\sigma_r} \gamma_r \end{bmatrix}, \theta = \begin{bmatrix} C_{f1} - C_{f10} \\ C_{f2} - C_{f20} \\ C_{r1} - C_{r10} \\ C_{r2} - C_{r20} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{f1} \\ \theta_{f2} \\ \theta_{r1} \\ \theta_{r2} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

Where, $C_{(f,r)i0}$ are the prior value of the stiffness coefficient. The matrices E , A , D and B and a summary of variable nomenclature are given in the appendix.

by using the state estimation error dynamics (14), as follow:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V} &= \tilde{x}^T E P^T \tilde{x} + \tilde{x}^T P E \tilde{x} + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta} + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta} \\
\dot{V} &= (\Phi \tilde{x} + \tilde{f} + D\chi(\hat{x}, v_x) \tilde{\theta})^T P^T \tilde{x} + \tilde{x}^T P (\Phi \tilde{x} + \tilde{f} + D\chi(\hat{x}, v_x) \tilde{\theta}) \\
&\quad + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta} + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta} \\
\dot{V} &= \tilde{x}^T \Phi^T P^T \tilde{x} + \tilde{f}^T P^T \tilde{x} + \tilde{x}^T P \Phi \tilde{x} + \tilde{x}^T P \tilde{f} + \tilde{\theta}^T \chi^T(\hat{x}, v_x) D^T P \tilde{x} \\
&\quad + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta} + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta} + \tilde{x}^T P D \chi(\hat{x}, v_x) \tilde{\theta} \\
\dot{V} &= \tilde{x}^T (\Phi^T P^T + P \Phi) \tilde{x} + \tilde{f}^T P^T \tilde{x} + \tilde{x}^T P \tilde{f} + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta} + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta} + \\
&\quad \tilde{\theta}^T \chi^T(\hat{x}, v_x) D^T P \tilde{x} + \tilde{x}^T P D \chi(\hat{x}, v_x) \tilde{\theta}
\end{aligned}$$

Where $\Psi = \Phi^T P^T + P \Phi$.

Lemma 2: ([22]) For every matrix $G = G^T > 0$, the property below is true:

$$X^T Y + Y^T X \leq X^T G X + Y^T G^{-1} Y$$

Using the Lipschitz condition (1) and lemma (2), one obtain the following inequality :

$$\tilde{f}^T P^T \tilde{x} + \tilde{x}^T P \tilde{f} \leq \tilde{x}^T P Q^{-1} P^T \tilde{x} + \tilde{f}^T Q \tilde{f}$$

Now, the derivative of Lyapunov function is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{V}(t) &\leq \tilde{x}^T (\Psi + P Q^{-1} P^T + R) \tilde{x} + \tilde{\theta}^T \chi^T(\hat{x}, v_x) D^T P \tilde{x} + \\
&\quad \tilde{x}^T P D \chi(\hat{x}, v_x) \tilde{\theta} + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta} + \tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta}
\end{aligned}$$

B. The adaptive law :

The adaptive law is defined from the derivative of the Lyapunov function in order to guarantee state asymptotic convergence. Thus, if the condition $rank(CD) = rank(D)$ is checked, we can find a matrix Γ such that

$$\begin{cases}
\tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta} &= -\tilde{\theta}^T \chi^T(\hat{x}, v_x) D^T P \tilde{x} \\
\tilde{\theta}^T \Gamma^{-1} \tilde{\theta} &= -\tilde{x}^T P D \chi(\hat{x}, v_x) \tilde{\theta}
\end{cases} \quad (15)$$

Note that $\dot{\tilde{\theta}} = -\hat{\theta}$ ($\hat{\theta} = 0$) and the two equations above are equivalent, it is possible to find a matrix T , such that $D^T P = TC$ [25], then the parameters identification is done with the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{\theta}(t) &= \Gamma \chi^T(\hat{x}, v_x) T (y - \hat{y}) \\
&= \Gamma \chi^T(\hat{x}, v_x) T C (x - \hat{x}) \\
&= \Gamma \chi^T(\hat{x}, v_x) T C \tilde{x}
\end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Considering equality 15, the time derivative $\dot{V}(t)$ is

$$\dot{V}(t) \leq \tilde{x}^T (A^T P^T + P A - C^T K^T - K C + P Q^{-1} P^T + R) \tilde{x} \quad (17)$$

Where $K = PL$, $\Phi = A - LC$ and $\Psi = \Phi^T P^T + P \Phi$.

Theorem 1: The state estimation error asymptotically converges toward zero if there exist a symmetric positive definite matrix $P \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and a matrix $K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times ny}$ such that the following linear matrix inequality holds

$$P A(\rho) + A(\rho)^T P - K(\rho) C - C^T K(\rho)^T + P Q^{-1} P^T + R(\rho) < 0 \quad (18)$$

From theorem 1 and using the convex sum property of the weighting functions, sufficient conditions ensuring ($\dot{V}(\tilde{x}(t)) < 0$) are given by the following LMIs:

$$\begin{aligned}
A_i^T P + P A_i - C^T K_i^T - K_i C + P Q^{-1} P^T + R_i &< 0 \quad (19) \\
K_i &= P L_i
\end{aligned}$$

This equation is a Linear Matrix Inequality (LMI) and it can be solved easily with Yalmip toolbox of Matlab to ensure the convergence of the observer.

In order to complete the proof, it remains to establish some LMI conditions to ensure that :

$$\begin{cases}
D^T P &= TC \\
PE &= EP^T > 0
\end{cases} \quad (20)$$

We formulate the equality constraint $D^T P = TC$ as an optimization problem (introduced in [25]):

$$\min \eta$$

subject to

$$\begin{bmatrix}
\eta I & D^T P - TC \\
(D^T P - TC)^T & \eta I
\end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (21)$$

From the LMI inequality (19) and 21, one compute the matrices P , K_i , T and L_i . Then the observer given by the equations (12) will ensure the state estimation.

Moreover, if the Persistent Excitation Condition is checked, the unknown parameter convergence can also be obtained.

Definition 1: Persistence excitation [23]

The Persistent Excitation Condition is obtained if there exist c_1 , c_2 and c_3 such that for all t the following inequality holds:

$$c_1 I \leq \int_{t_0}^{t_0+c_3} D \chi(\hat{x}, v_x) \chi^T(\hat{x}, v_x) D^T dt \leq c_2 I$$

Remark 1: In practice, the excitation input is the rider torque, must be chosen in scenario as to well excited parameters to be identified.

V. SIMULATION RESULTS

The simulations are carried out on a nonlinear model which takes account the lateral dynamics of PTWv. The rider's steering torque is the excitation input. The gains of the observer are computed from equations (19) and (21). The adaptation law provide an on-line estimation of the unknown stiffness parameters.

A. Motorcycle BikeSim Simulation Test

The proposed approach is evaluated under different driving scenarios using the well-known motorcycle's simulator: *BikeSim* based on the nonlinear multibody Sharp's 2004 model [24]. For a slalom maneuver with a velocity of $v_x = 50 \text{ km/h}$, steering torque input and the motorcycle path are depicted in fig. 2. The obtained results are given in figure 3 which show the estimated tire coefficient of the lateral model between nominal and estimated one, the state estimation for this scenarios are depicted in the figures 4 5.

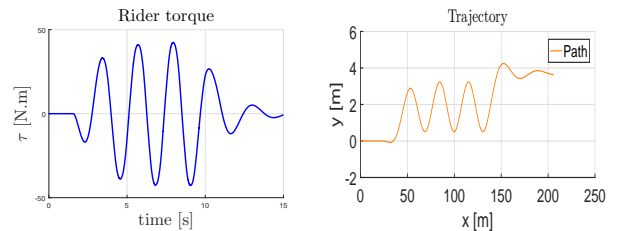


Fig. 2. (left) Rider torque τ (right) Longitudinal velocity - Path.

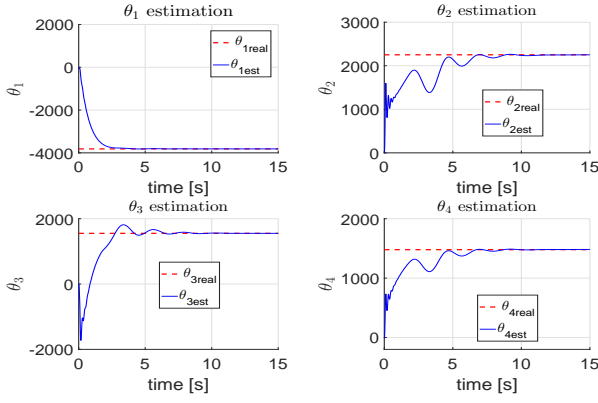


Fig. 3. Convergence of parameters estimates $\hat{\theta}_1$, $\hat{\theta}_2$, $\hat{\theta}_3$ and $\hat{\theta}_4$, real parameters value are shown by dashed.

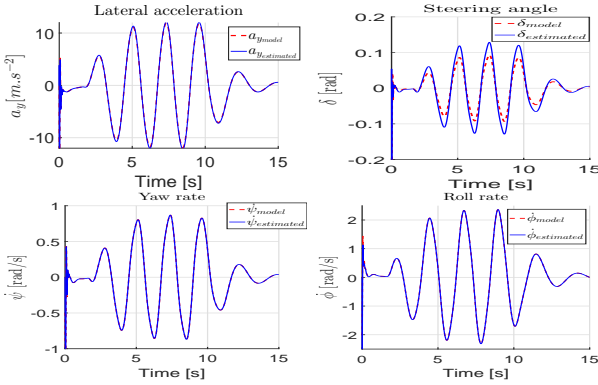


Fig. 4. States estimation compared to output state.

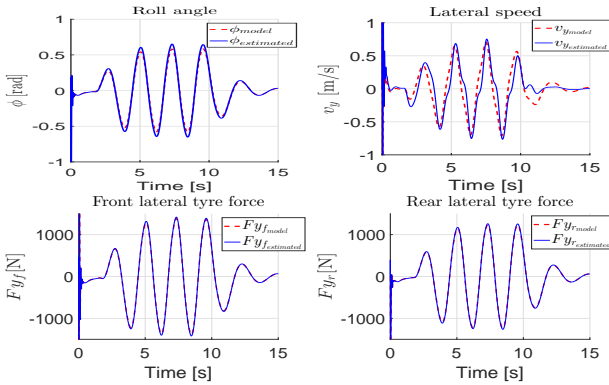


Fig. 5. States estimation compared to model state.

In figures (3,4,5), we see that the state and variables are well estimated except the lateral velocity which has relative error estimation, but it is still acceptable. The lateral velocity is difficult to estimate accurately. However, because of its low value compared to longitudinal velocity this error does not affect the performances of the state estimation.

B. Motorcycle riding scenario

This section aims to present experimental results using a scenario realized on urban scenic road and normal riding behavior to validate the proposed observer. The instrumented motorcycle is an Electric Scooter Peugeot model (figure 6) (please refer to [26] for data set and experimentation).

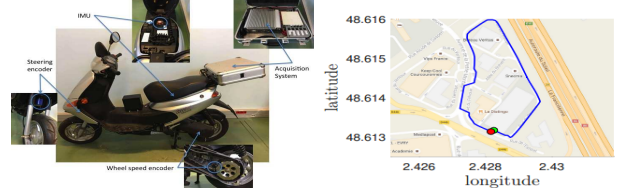


Fig. 6. Scooter and Vehicle trajectory

The observer estimate the lateral dynamics using the measured states ($\dot{\phi}$, ψ , a_y , $y_0 = C_0x$) given by the inertial unit and δ obtained from the steering encoder, longitudinal speed obtained from GPS data.

The scenario is considered with a varying longitudinal velocity from 10km/h on 40km/h, with the corresponding steering torque depicted in (fig. 7).

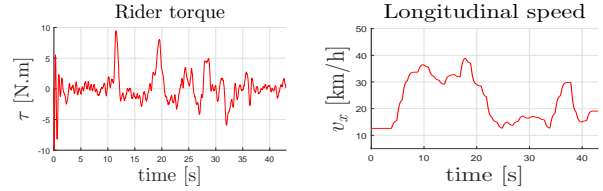


Fig. 7. (left) steering torque (right) longitudinal velocity

The actual signals given by the encoder and the IMU required in the observer design are depicted in (fig. 8).

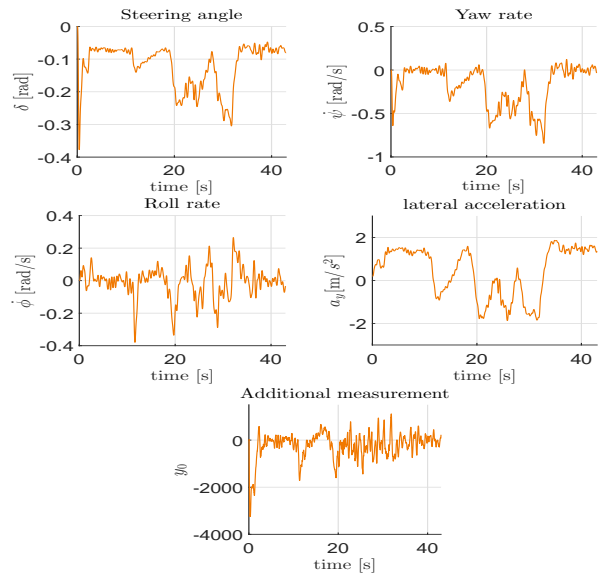


Fig. 8. Measured states

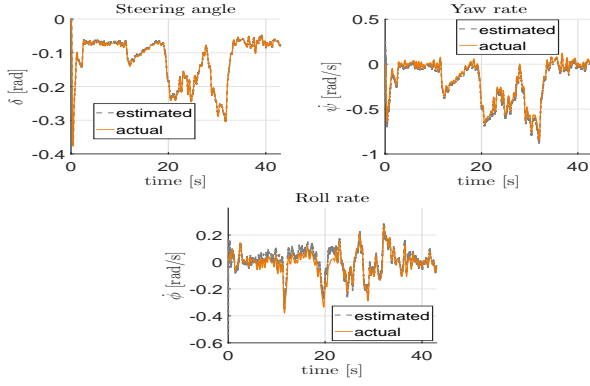


Fig. 9. Validated dynamic states: states estimation (gray) compared to actual measurement (orange).

(fig. 9 and fig. 10) shows the states estimation of the lateral dynamic model, whereas (fig. 12) illustrate the estimation of the tire cornering parameters.

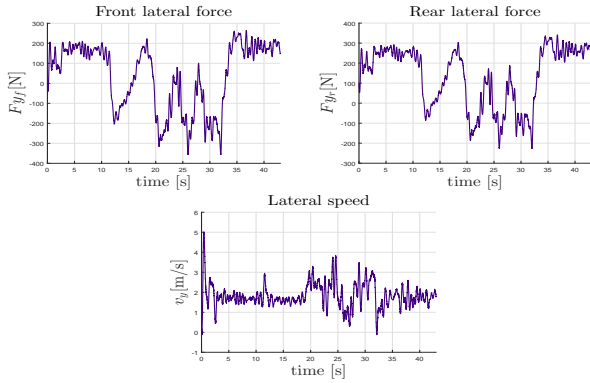


Fig. 10. Unmeasurable states estimation of the scooter.

Validated dynamic states

Since the actual state v_y and F_{yf}, F_{yr} are unknown, the state estimation cannot be checked directly as it was done in figure 9 in the above simulation. To validate the estimation, one can use the estimates state v_y and F_{yf}, F_{yr} to construct the lateral acceleration from equations (22) to compare with the measured acceleration as shown in (fig 11). Where, orange: measure a_y , gray: estimated with sum of the estimated lateral forces and dashed purple: estimated with lateral motion, the additional measure can also be used to verified the lateral forces using equations (8).

$$\hat{a}_y = \frac{(\hat{F}_{yf} + \hat{F}_{yr})}{M}, \quad \hat{a}_y = \hat{v}_y + v_x \psi \quad (22)$$

In (fig 11), the estimate roll angle (gray) is also validated with measured roll angle given by the IMU (orange measure).

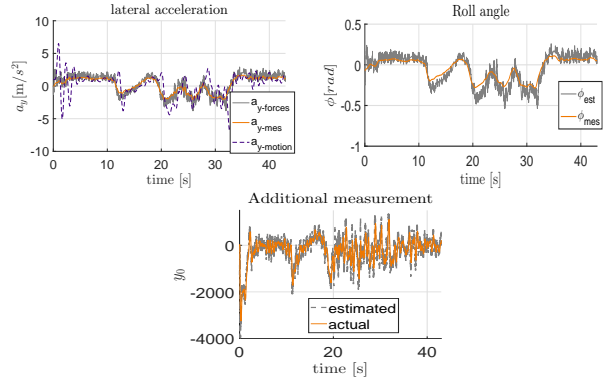


Fig. 11. Validated state estimation v_y, F_{yf}, F_{yr} from the lateral acceleration and the additional measurement; and ϕ from IMU roll angle.

These last figures demonstrate the ability of the adaptive observer to estimate the lateral dynamic states on a real riding scenario realized with normal riding behavior.

In figure 12, the tire cornering identification is carried out with motorcycle measurement. Since the ideal parameters in this case are unknown, we evaluate the performance of the adaptive law by comparing the state of the model with the actual output. To validate the identified parameters, one can inserted the identified coefficients into the related models adapted with the estimated coefficient ($\hat{C}_{f,r}$), to compare the updated state of the model with the corresponding measurement and checking the similarity (note that this validation is done without estimation), In figure 13, the lateral acceleration computed $Ma_y = \sum F_{yf,r}$ is compared with the actual a_y , also the roll rate measure compared to roll rate state are shown.

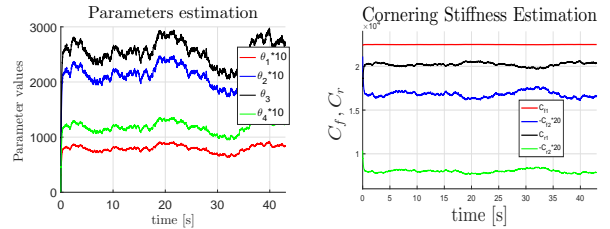


Fig. 12. (left) Convergence of parameters estimates $\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2, \hat{\theta}_3$ and $\hat{\theta}_4$ - (right) $\hat{C}_{(f,r)i} = \hat{\theta}_i + C_{(f,r)i0}$ ($f, r = \text{front, rear}$ and $i = (1, 2, 3, 4)$)

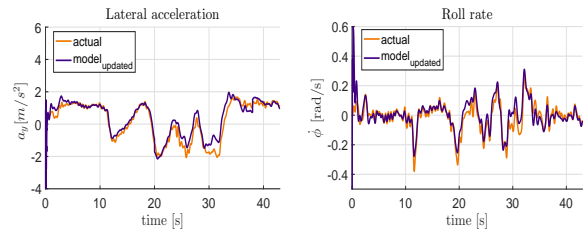


Fig. 13. Validated the tire cornering stiffness with the roll rate measure and lateral acceleration: orange: measure, purple: model updated with $\hat{C}_{f,r}$.

These figures show the performance of the used adaptive

observer to estimate simultaneously the motorcycle dynamics and the identification of tire cornering parameters.

According to the above simulation results, it can be seen that the observer has a good dynamic transition and an acceptable convergence to the estimated value. The simulation results show that the estimated model gives a good representation of the actual states. Note that the lateral velocity is difficult to estimate, however it remains acceptable, the roll and steer angles (ϕ , δ) and also the lateral forces are well estimated, there are some differences at the peak due to modeling errors. The model used for the observer design do not take into account large roll angles but the observer still gives acceptable results.

Remark 2: The major limitation of motorcycle dynamics is due to nonlinear tire characteristics and to loss of friction between tire and road. The lateral friction mainly depends on road condition (dry, wet, snow, ice) and is related to the efforts at the tire level (cornering stiffness). The estimate of the tire coefficient could be used in Advanced Rider Assistance Systems (ARAS) which are based on the detection of loss of tire/road friction in order to provide a warning of a possible loss of adhesion.

The small or negative cornering stiffness means that tire has reached their performance limit (the nonlinear effects like tire saturation), in this case, the ARAS systems derived for motorcycle, can't help the rider to master the critical situations.

The great value of cornering stiffness indicates that the tire characteristics is within the linear range and therefore the equations of the motorcycle model and the control laws obtained with this model are valid.

For this reason it is necessary to incorporate this important tire information into the control law.

VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, an estimation of out of plane motorcycle model and tire cornering stiffness coefficient have been proposed using an adaptive observer. The observer has been designed subject to Lyapunov theory and persistence excitation. The design takes into account the forward speed as a linear parameter varying. Sufficient conditions for the existence of the estimator are given in terms of linear matrix inequalities (LMIs). Then, the performance of the resulting observer has been evaluated by simulation using a realistic riding scenario.

Future works will be dedicated to the improvements of the observer performance by adding the rider motion and taking into account road feature. Furthermore a robustness observer analysis including parameters uncertainties on the motorcycle system could be carried out.

APPENDIX

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_{33} & e_{34} & e_{35} & e_{36} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_{34} & e_{44} & e_{45} & e_{46} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_{35} & e_{45} & e_{55} & e_{56} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_{36} & e_{46} & e_{56} & e_{66} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A(v_x) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{34} & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} & a_{45} & a_{46} & a_{47} & a_{48} \\ a_{51} & a_{52} & 0 & a_{54} & a_{55} & 0 & a_{56} & 0 \\ a_{61} & a_{62} & 0 & a_{64} & a_{65} & a_{66} & a_{67} & 0 \\ a_{710} & a_{720} & a_{730} & a_{740} & 0 & a_{760} & a_{77} & 0 \\ a_{810} & 0 & a_{830} & a_{840} & 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{88} \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof 1: The key step to define the Lipschitz condition for the unknown part of the model \tilde{f} :

- 1) The linear function \tilde{f} can be thought of as being written in the form

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f} &= D\chi(x, v_x)\theta - D\chi(\hat{x}, v_x)\theta \\ &= D\tilde{\chi}(\tilde{x}, v_x)\theta \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

- 2) From equation 7, ($\tilde{\chi}(\tilde{x}, v_x)\theta$) can be obtained:

$$\tilde{\chi}(\tilde{x}, v_x)\theta = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{v_x}{\sigma_f} \tilde{\alpha}_f \theta_{f1} + \frac{v_x}{\sigma_r} \tilde{\gamma}_r \theta_{r2} \\ -\frac{v_x}{\sigma_r} \tilde{\alpha}_r \theta_{r1} + \frac{v_x}{\sigma_f} \tilde{\gamma}_f \theta_{f2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\chi}_1 \\ \tilde{\chi}_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (24)$$

where, the following notation is used :

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{x} = (\tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\delta}, \tilde{v}_y, \tilde{\psi}, \tilde{\phi}, \tilde{\delta}, \tilde{F}_{yf}, \tilde{F}_{yr}) \\ = (\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \tilde{x}_3, \tilde{x}_4, \tilde{x}_5, \tilde{x}_6, \tilde{x}_7, \tilde{x}_8) \\ \tilde{\alpha}_f = \left(\frac{\tilde{x}_3 + \tilde{f} \tilde{x}_4 - \tilde{v}_x}{v_x} \right) - \tilde{x}_2 \cos(\varepsilon) \\ \tilde{\alpha}_r = \left(\frac{\tilde{x}_3 - \tilde{r} \tilde{x}_4}{v_x} \right) \\ \tilde{\gamma}_f = \tilde{x}_1 + \tilde{x}_2 \sin(\varepsilon) \\ \tilde{\gamma}_r = \tilde{x}_1 \\ \tilde{\alpha}_f = (\alpha_f - \hat{\alpha}_f) \\ \tilde{\alpha}_r = (\alpha_r - \hat{\alpha}_r) \\ \tilde{\gamma}_f = (\gamma_f - \hat{\gamma}_f) \\ \tilde{\gamma}_r = (\gamma_r - \hat{\gamma}_r) \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

- 3) If we choose $Q = I_8$, one obtain:

$$\tilde{f}^T Q \tilde{f} = \tilde{f}^T \tilde{f} = \tilde{\chi}_1^T \tilde{\chi}_1 + \tilde{\chi}_2^T \tilde{\chi}_2 = \tilde{\chi}_1^2 + \tilde{\chi}_2^2$$

- 4) Then, we can write the following quadratic form :

$$\tilde{f}^T Q \tilde{f} \leq \tilde{x}^T R \tilde{x} \quad (26)$$

Where,

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 & \frac{d_{12}}{2} & \frac{d_{13}}{2} & \frac{d_{14}}{2} & 0 & \frac{d_{16}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{d_{12}}{2} & d_2 & \frac{d_{23}}{2} & \frac{d_{24}}{2} & 0 & \frac{d_{26}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{d_{13}}{2} & \frac{d_{23}}{2} & d_3 & \frac{d_{34}}{2} & 0 & \frac{d_{36}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{d_{14}}{2} & \frac{d_{24}}{2} & \frac{d_{34}}{2} & d_4 & 0 & \frac{d_{46}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{d_{16}}{2} & \frac{d_{26}}{2} & \frac{d_{36}}{2} & \frac{d_{46}}{2} & 0 & d_6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The expressions of d_{ij} are :

$$\begin{cases} d_2 = a_{720}^2 \\ d_3 = a_{730}^2 + a_{830}^2 \\ d_4 = a_{740}^2 + a_{840}^2 \\ d_6 = a_{760}^2 \\ d_{12} = 2a_{710}a_{720} \\ d_{13} = 2a_{710}a_{730} + 2a_{810}a_{830} \\ d_{14} = 2a_{710}a_{740} + 2a_{810}a_{840} \\ d_{16} = 2a_{710}a_{760} \\ d_{23} = 2a_{720}a_{730} \\ d_{24} = 2a_{720}a_{740} \\ d_{26} = 2a_{720}a_{760} \\ d_{34} = 2a_{730}a_{740} + 2a_{830}a_{840} \\ d_{36} = 2a_{730}a_{760} \\ d_{46} = 2a_{740}a_{760} \end{cases} \quad (27)$$

NOMENCLATURE

M_f, M_r, M	mass of the front frame, the rear frame and the whole motorcycle
j, h, k, e, l_f, l_r	linear dimensions
i_{fy}, i_{ry}	polar moment of inertia of front and rear wheels
R_f, R_r	radius of front and rear wheels
K	damper coefficient of the steering mechanism
I_{fx}, I_{rx}	front and rear frame inertias about X axis
I_{fz}, I_{rz}	front and rear frame inertias about Z axis
C_{rxz}	rear frame product of inertia w.r.t. X and Z axis
Z_f	front vertical force
σ_f, σ_r	coefficients of relaxation of the front and rear pneumatic forces

TABLE I
MOTORCYCLE PARAMETERS EXPRESSIONS

$$\begin{aligned}
 e_{33} &= M, e_{35} = M_f j + M_r h, e_{46} = M_f e k + I_{fz} \cos \varepsilon, e_{34} = M_f k, \\
 e_{44} &= M_f k^2 + I_{rz} + I_{fx} \sin^2 \varepsilon + I_{fz} \cos^2 \varepsilon, a_{44} = -M_f k v_x, e_{36} = M_f e \\
 e_{45} &= M_f j k - C_{rxz} + (I_{fz} - I_{fx}) \sin \varepsilon \cos \varepsilon, a_{34} = -M v_x, a_{45} = \frac{i_{fy}}{R_f} + \frac{i_{ry}}{R_r}, \\
 a_{46} &= \frac{i_{fy}}{R_f} \sin \varepsilon v_x, e_{55} = M_f j^2 + M_r h^2 + I_{rx} + I_{fx} \cos^2 \varepsilon + I_{fz} \sin^2 \varepsilon, \\
 e_{56} &= M_f e j + I_{fz} \sin \varepsilon, a_{47} = l_f, a_{48} = -l_r, a_{51} = (M_f j + M_r h) g, \\
 a_{54} &= -(M_f j + M_r h + \frac{i_{fy}}{R_f} + \frac{i_{ry}}{R_r}) v_x, a_{56} = -\frac{i_{fy}}{R_f} \cos \varepsilon v_x, \\
 a_{52} &= M_f e g - \eta Z_f, a_{61} = M_f e g - \eta Z_f, a_{62} = (M_f e g - \eta Z_f) \sin(\varepsilon) \\
 e_{66} &= I_{fz} + M_f e^2, a_{64} = -(M_f e + \frac{i_{fy}}{R_f} \sin \varepsilon) v_x, a_{65} = \frac{i_{fy}}{R_f} \cos(\varepsilon) v_x, \\
 a_{66} &= -K, a_{67} = -\eta, a_{710} = \frac{C_{f20}}{\sigma_f} v_x, a_{730} = -\frac{C_{f10}}{\sigma_f}, a_{740} = -\frac{C_{f10}}{\sigma_f} l_f, \\
 a_{720} &= \frac{(C_{f10} \cos(\varepsilon) + C_{f20} \sin(\varepsilon))}{\sigma_f} v_x, a_{760} = \frac{C_{f10}}{\sigma_f} \eta; a_{770} = -\frac{1}{\sigma_f} v_x, a_{810} = \frac{C_{r20}}{\sigma_r} v_x, \\
 a_{83} &= -\frac{C_{r10}}{\sigma_r}, a_{840} = \frac{C_{r10}}{\sigma_r} l_r, a_{880} = -\frac{1}{\sigma_r} v_x,
 \end{aligned}$$

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