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MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF AUTOMATIC FLIGHT OF POLIKOPTER UAV NAU PKF "AURORA"

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Abstract

Purpose: Development of mathematical and experimental models of polikopter UAV NAU PKF "Aurora" of oktakopter scheme for experimental flights in manual, semi-automatic and unmanned mode. **Methods:** 14/03/2016 - 21/03/2016 held a serie of experiential flights (10 flights) of 10 rats on altitude 700 meters on polikopter (oktakopter) NAU PKF "Aurora" in germetic kabin with the study of his somatic, nevrological status after the flight. Flights also carried out with experimental animals on board for such a safety assessment. **Results:** The obtained logs of 'black box' of the autopilot indicate very small (almost invisible) fluctuations in pitch, roll and yaw during the flight, minor variations on altitude during almost stationary hovering of polikopter at different altitudes, and fully adequate to movements and maneuvers of aircraft vibrations and parameters of these sensors. **Discussion:** In the course of these studies demonstrated experimentally the possibility of completely safe flight of the mammals (rats) on polikopter vehicle, even in the open cockpit. With appropriate refinement possible in the future to raise the issue of the development and construction of passenger polikopter flyers for totally safe air transportation of people [6,7,8]. In terms of adverse mechanical effects on the human body (acceleration overload fluctuations, vibrations) polikopter transport is safer and less harmful to the passengers than road transport, which is particularly important in the delivery of patient of neurosurgical, politravmatological, cardiologycal and critical care profile at critical condition in intensive care units and operating hospitals and medical centers.

Keywords: oktakopter; passenger polikopter; polikopter; polikopter flyer; UAV.

1. Introduction

The number of cars over the past 10 years has almost increased, and the road infrastructure is almost unchanged, which led to a sharp increase in traffic jams. This in turn has significantly worsened road links and complicate the work of the municipal emergency services (police, emergency medical service and others.) [1]. This, in turn, does not allow the timely delivery of emergency patients directly at the operating health centers of third level to provide them with timely a specialty medical care, which increases the level of disability, mortality and leads to significant economic losses [6].

2. Analysis of the latest research and publications

To solve the problem of urban and long-distance communications in Ukraine solely through the repair and modernization of the road infrastructure is very difficult. A good solution to this problem could be the use of helicopter aviation [2]. But, unfortunately, today's large cities of Ukraine are not designed for use by police and medical helicopters, since they do not have a sufficient number of helipads for takeoffs and landings. [3] In addition, the helicopter has a very large size and very unsafe open propellers, which are almost impossible to hide under the protective grilles. [4] Unfortunately most of the helicopters are not able to carry out perfectly smooth vertical takeoff and landing,

"jewelry" precise maneuvering at different heights (especially at low altitudes) and carry absolutely still hang at different heights. [5]

3. Research tasks

To solve the problems of indicated vehicle needs with more independent support points, (Propellers VTOL), equipped with autopilot and adequate automatic flight stabilization system. Thus, for a more complete solution to this problem it is necessary to use the aerial multirotor vehicle or polikopter.

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$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + B_u u + B_f f \\ \dot{y} = C_y x + D_{yu} u + D_{yf} f \\ \dot{z} = C_z x + D_{zu} u + D_{zw} f, \end{cases}$$

where $x \in R^{11 \times 1}$ - the state vector; $u \in R^{4 \times 1}$ - the control vector; $y \in R^{11 \times 1}$ - the output vector, to generate feedback; $f \in R^{3 \times 1}$ - vector of atmospheric excitations that act on an aircraft in horizontal and vertical planes (three-axis); $z \in R^{3 \times 1}$ - vector of the output variables to assess the quality of the system; $A \in R^{11 \times 11}$, $B_u \in R^{11 \times 4}$, $B_f \in R^{11 \times 3}$, $C_y \in R^{11 \times 11}$, $D_{yu} \in R^{11 \times 4}$, $D_{yf} \in R^{11 \times 3}$, $C_z \in R^{3 \times 11}$, $D_{zu} \in R^{3 \times 4}$, $D_{zf} \in R^{3 \times 3}$ - matrix, which describe the model of the aircraft in the space of states.

State vector of polikopter comprises the following components [4]:

$$x = [V_x, V_y, V_z, \omega_x, \omega_z, \gamma, \delta, V_z, \omega_y, r_{3,3}]^T \quad [4]$$

where V_x, V_y, V_z - longitudinal, lateral and vertical linear velocities; δ, γ - angles of pitch and roll; $\omega_x, \omega_z, \omega_y$ - angular velocity of the pitch, roll and yaw; $r_{3,3}$ - the change of state feedback gyroscope.

Mathematical model of the automatic control of the polikopter UAV NAU PKF "Aurora":

$$\dot{E}x = Ax + Bu;$$

$$y = Cx,$$

where x - state vector; u - control vector; y - the vector of surveillance; A, B - matrix status and control; C - a matrix of observations, measurements for determining the output data to develop a control algorithm.

Model of longitudinal motion of polikopter is described as follows:

$$x = [V, \alpha, \zeta, \omega_z, H]^T; u = [\delta_{tr}, \delta_h]^T,$$

where V - air velocity (m / s); α - angle of attack (degrees); H - altitude of flight (m). When the longitudinal movement is controlled by increasing the speed of rotation of two rear electric motors of polikopter (oktakopter), which leads polikopter tilt forward so that the rear of polikopter rises, and the front part lowered.

Vector of external excitation for longitudinal movement of polikopter described as follows:

$$f_{ed} = [V_{dist}, \alpha_{dist}, \omega_{zdist}]^T,$$

where $\omega_z exc$ - turbulent incremental of angular pitch velocity.

$$\text{Turbulence angle of attack } \alpha_{exc} = V_{exc} / V.$$

Status and control vector for lateral movement of polikopter described as follows:

$$x = [\beta, \gamma, \omega_x, \omega_y, \psi]^T; u = [\delta_{el}, \delta_{rud}]^T,$$

where β - slip angle (degrees); γ - the roll angle (degrees); ω_x - the angular velocity of the roll (deg / s); ω_y - rate of change in yaw (degree); ψ - yaw angle (degrees). When the lateral movement of polikopter controlled by an increase in speed of the two left or right oktakopter motors, resulting in a tilt of the oktakopter platform right or left (as appropriate).

Vector of external excitation for lateral movement of polikopter described as follows:

$f_6 = [\beta_{dist}, \omega_{x\ dist}, \omega_{y\ dist}]^T$, where the turbulent slip angle is described as follows – $\beta_g = -V_z/V$, where V_z – the lateral component of the true airspeed.

The transfer functions of the longitudinal motion of the polikopter UAV described as follows [9]:

$$\begin{cases} s^2\theta(s) + a_1s\vartheta(s) + a_2\alpha(s) = -a_3\delta_h(s) + a_4M_{z\ dist}(s); \\ -s\alpha(s) + a_5\alpha(s) + s\vartheta(s) = a_6F_{y\ dist}(s), \end{cases}$$

where $s=d/dt$.

The transfer function of pitch movement under the control action is described as follows [8]:

$$W_{\vartheta}^{\delta h}(s) = \frac{\vartheta(s)}{\delta_h(s)} = \frac{a_3(s - a_5)}{s[s^2 + (a_1 - a_5)s + (a_2 - a_1a_5)]}$$

In standard form, according to the theory of automatic control a transfer function of the movement on the pitch under the control action is as follows:

$$W_{\vartheta}^{\delta h}(s) = \frac{K_h^{\delta h} (T_{h1}s + 1)}{s(T_h^2s^2 + 2\xi_h T_h s + 1)}$$

The transfer function of pitch movement under the disturbance is described as follows [10]:

$$W_{\vartheta}^{Mz\ dist}(s) = -\frac{\vartheta(s)}{M_{z\ dist}(s)} = \frac{a_4(s - a_5)}{s[s^2 + (a_1 - a_5)s + (a_2 - a_1a_5)]}$$

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In this transmission ratio manipulated variable pitch angle is described as follows [10]:

$$K_h^{\delta\theta} = -\frac{a_3a_5}{a_2 - a_1a_5},$$

transfer ratio of disturbance pitch angle is described as follows [9]:

$$K_B^{Mz\ dist} = -\frac{a_4a_5}{a_2 - a_1a_5},$$

time constant characterizing a maneuverability of polikopter on the pitch angle is described as follows [10]:

$$T_{h1} = \frac{1}{a_5},$$

the time constant is equal to the period of their own (undamped) vibrations of polikopter pitch is described as follows [8]:

$$T_h = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_2 - a_1a_5}},$$

the relative coefficient of damping of the natural oscillations of polikopter at pitch is described as follows [8]:

$$\xi_h = \frac{a_1 - a_5}{2\sqrt{a_2 - a_1a_5}}.$$

The transfer functions of motion of polikopter UAV at roll described as follows [10]:

$$W_{\gamma}^{\delta el}(s) = \frac{\gamma(s)}{\delta_{el}(s)} = \frac{K_{el}}{(T_{el}s + 1)s};$$

$$W_{\gamma}^{Mx\ dist}(s) = \frac{\gamma(s)}{M_{x\ dist}(s)} = \frac{c_3K_{el}}{(T_{el}s + 1)s},$$

where $K_{el}=c_2/c_1$ – transmission correction coefficient, a $T_{el} = 1/c_1$ – time constant of moving of polikopter at roll.

Yaw transfer functions of polikopter are described as follows [8]:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} W_{\psi}^{\delta rud}(s) &= -\frac{\psi(s)}{\delta_{rud}(s)} = \frac{K_{rud}^{\delta rud} (T_{rud1}s + 1)}{(T_{rud}^2s^2 + 2\xi_{rud} T_{rud}s + 1)s} \\ W_{\psi}^{My\ dist}(s) &= \frac{K_{rud}^{My\ dist} (T_{rud1}s + 1)}{(T_{rud}^2s^2 + 2\xi_{rud} T_{rud}s + 1)s} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

At the same time a ratio of the transmission of control influence of the angle of direction is described as follows:

$$K_{rud}^{\delta_{rud}} = \frac{b_3 b_5}{b_2 - b_1 b_5}$$

transmission ratio of the disturbing force to the angle direction is described as follows [9]:

$$K_{rud}^{M_{y\,dist}} = -\frac{b_4 b_5}{b_2 - b_1 b_5},$$

the time constant characterizing the maneuverability of polikopter at corner of yaw described as follows [10]:

$$T_{rud1} = \frac{1}{b_5},$$

the time constant is equal to the period of own non damped fluctuations of polikopter on the yaw axis is described as follows [8]:

$$T_{rud} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{b_2 - b_1 b_5}},$$

the relative coefficient of damping of the natural oscillations of polikopter on the yaw axis is described as follows [9]:

$$\xi_{rud} = \frac{b_1 - b_5}{2\sqrt{b_2 - b_1 b_5}}.$$

A series of test flights, including experimental animals on board to a height of 800 meters on the polikopter (oktakopter) NAU PKF "Aurora" in a sealed and an open cabin with a record of logs of "black box" of the autopilot, with audio and video recording of flight, with a further determination of physical, neurological status, and behavioral reactions of animals after such a flight. Results of aircraft technical testing and biomedical research of the experimental group of animals were compared with similar results of flyght in the control group of animals that were in the same cabin with working propellers, but without a flight. Statistical analysis of the results for validation studies.

6. Results and discussion

These logs of flight of "black box" of the autopilot indicate very small (almost invisible) fluctuations in pitch, roll and yaw during the flight, minor variations on altitude during almost

stationary hovering of polikopter at different altitudes, and fully adequate to the movements and maneuvers of aircraft vibrations of performances of these sensors. Analysis of video from an entrenched to the polikopter camera also shows the smooth and almost "jewelry" precision maneuvering of polikopter at different heights, which indicates almost entirely solving the technical problem.

Log files of the "black box" of the autopilot analyzed in program Matlab, and in the programs of flight simulation XPlane and FlightGear. We analyzed in detail video with three onboard cameras, namely 1 - with the navigation IP-cameras, which is directed downwards and that removes what is on the ground, that is, over what flies polikopter (it is necessary to orient the operator when controlling the aircraft) 2 - with sides IP-camera, which is directed downwards cockpit of the aircraft (which is necessary to observe the behavior of the top of the animal), and 3 - with side IP- camera which is located on the front of the cab and which is directed in the horizontal direction on the rear wall cabin (which is necessary to observe the behavior of the animal in the horizontal direction).

Here are the printed pages of "black box" of the autopilot of unmanned aircraft NAU PKF "Aurora", which shows changes to some of the most important parameters of automatic flight (6 of 200) that a frequency of 10 Hz simultaneously recorded during the experimental flight of polikopter. The left 4/5 of the graph displays automatically phase of flight, right 1/5 of the chart - the manual flight control. It is evident that during manual control - amplitude of the pitch, roll and yaw is the most than during the automatic flight due to shortcomings human pilot in comparison with electronic autopilot.

These experiments were carried out mainly for the study of the possibility of safe transport of patients with emergency conditions in the medical centers of the third level of the organization of Health especially in serious and critical condition, as well as to assess the risk of emergency depressurization of the cabin at a height of 800 meters, which can occur in a variety of abnormal and emergency situations. Such tests are important to provide the necessary human flight security measures and other living creatures on the futures better and more kinds of lifting of polikopter transport.

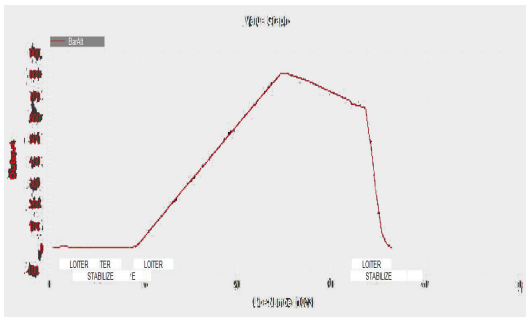


Fig. 1. Chart of changes in barometric height

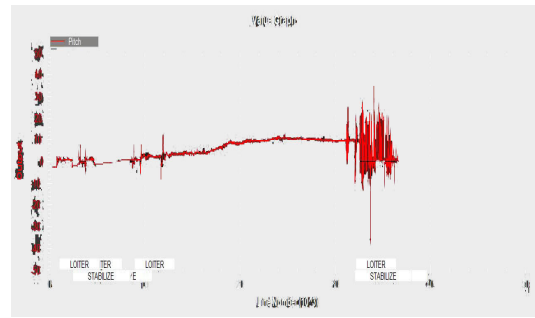


Fig. 2. Chart of axis pitch oscillations

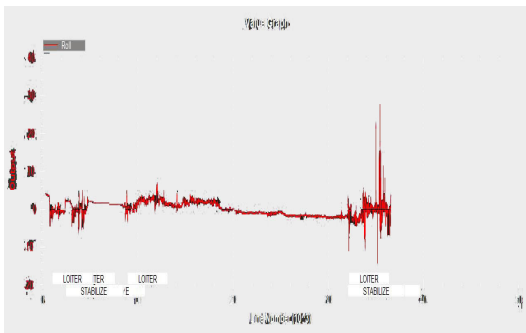


Fig. 3. Chart of axis roll oscillations

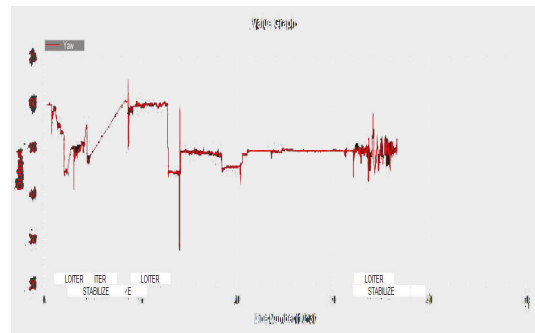


Fig. 4. Chart of yaw axis oscillations

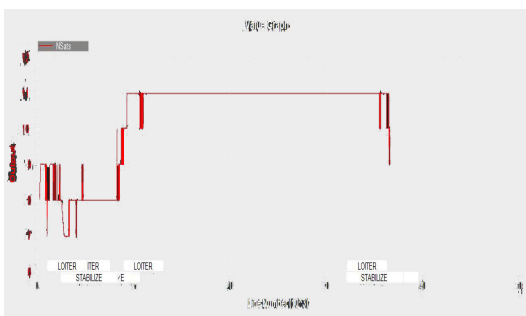


Fig. 5. Chart of change of the number of GPS - satellites

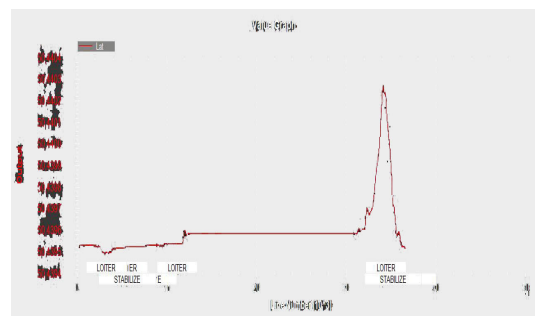


Fig. 6. Chart of deviation in latitude

The findings suggest that very low levels of accelerations, vibrations (on pitch, roll, yaw) and vibration compared with road transport, which can be extremely in demand for transportation of patients to medical centers of the third level of health care in serious and critical condition (eg patients with severe craniocerebral trauma, spinal trauma and other acute pathologies). This flight does not exceed the permissible levels of vibration and acceleration for this challenging category of passengers.

7. Conclusions

In the course of these studies demonstrated experimentally the possibility of completely safe flight of mammals (rats) on polikopter vehicle, even in the open cockpit. It also proves that the depressurization of the passenger cabin of polikopter at an altitude of 800 meters does not represent a serious threat to life and health of the crew. When comparing the results in the experimental and control groups of animals experimentally proved that the flight of the living beings on polikopter in the open cockpit to a height of 800 meters is almost does not cause adverse effects in somatic, neurological and behavioral status of animals, found only a slight increase of stress level (at 5-10%). With appropriate refinement possible in the future to raise the issue of the development and construction of passenger polikopter flyers for totally safe air transportation of people [6-13]. In terms of adverse mechanical effects on the human body (acceleration overload fluctuations, vibrations) polikopter transport is ten times safer and less harmful to the passengers than road transport, which is particularly important in the delivery of patient of neurosurgical, politravmatological, cardiological and critical care profile in cruiserweight and critical condition in intensive care units and operating hospitals and medical centers.

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Мета: Розробка математичної та експериментальної моделі експериментального полікоптерного БПЛА НАУ ПКФ «Аврора» октакоптерної схеми для проведення експериментальних польотів в ручному, напівавтоматичному і автоматичному безпілотному режимах. **Методи дослідження:** З 14.03.2016 по 21.03.2016 проведена серія експериментальних польотів (10 польотів) різних 10 шурів на висоті 700 метрів на полікоптері (октакоптері) НАУ ПКФ «Аврора» у герметичній кабіні із подальшим визначенням соматичного та неврологічного статусу а також із визначенням поведінкових реакцій тварин після такого польоту. **Результати:** Отримані логи польотів «чорного ящика» автопілота свідчать про зовсім незначні (практично непомітні) коливання по тангажу, крену і рісканію під час польоту, незначні коливання по висоті під час майже нерухомого зависання полікоптера на різних висотах, і повністю адекватні рухам і маневрам літального апарату коливання показників цих датчиків. Аналіз відеозаписів з жорстко закріплених камер полікоптеру також свідчить про плавність і про практично «ювелірну» точність маневрування полікоптера на різних висотах, що свідчить про практично стовідсоткове вирішення поставленого технічного завдання. **Обговорення:** У ході даних досліджень експериментально доведена повністю безпечна можливість польоту живої істоти класу ссавців (шурів) на полікоптерному транспортному засобі, навіть у відкритій кабіні. При відповідному доопрацюванні можливо у майбутньому ставити питання про розробку і будівництво пасажирських полікоптерних флаєрів для повністю безпечної повітряного перевезення людей [6,7,8]. За рівнем шкідливих механічних впливів на організм людини (перевантаження прискорення, коливання, вібрації) полікоптерний транспорт в десятки разів безпечніший і менш шкідливий для пасажирів, ніж автомобільний транспорт, що має особливе значення при доставці пацієнтів нейрохірургічного, політравматологічного, кардіологічного та реанімаційного профілю у важкому і вкрай важкому станах в операційні та реанімаційні відділення лікарень і медичних центрів.

Ключові слова: БПЛА; октакоптер; пасажирський полікоптер; полікоптер; полікоптерний флаєр.

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Цель: Разработка математической и экспериментальной модели экспериментального поликоптерного БПЛА НАУ ПКФ «Аврора» октакоптерной схемы для проведения экспериментальных полетов в ручном, полуавтоматическом и автоматическом беспилотном режимах. **Методы исследования:** З 14.03.2016 по 21.03.2016 проведена серія експериментальних польотів (10 польотів) різних 10 шурів на висоту 700 метрів на полікоптері (октакоптері) НАУ ПКФ «Аврора» у герметичній кабіні із подальшим визначенням соматичного та неврологічного статусу, а також із визначенням поведінкових реакцій тварин після такого польоту. Також проведені польоти з експериментальними животними на борту для оцінки безпеки таких польотів. **Результати:** Полученные логи полетов «черного ящика» автопилота свидетельствуют о совсем незначительных (практически незаметных) колебаниях по тангажу, крену и рисканию во время полета, незначительные колебания по высоте во время почти неподвижного зависания поликоптера на разных высотах, и полностью адекватные движениям и маневрам летательного аппарата колебания показателей этих датчиков. Анализ видеозаписей с жестко закрепленных камер поликоптера также свидетельствует о плавности и о практически «ювелирной» точности маневрирования поликоптера на разных высотах, что свидетельствует о практически стопроцентном решении поставленной технической задачи.

Обсуждение: В ходе данных исследований экспериментально доказана полностью безопасная возможность полета живого существа классу млекопитающих (крыс) на поликоптерном транспортном средстве, даже в открытой кабине. При соответствующей доработке возможно в будущем ставить вопрос о разработке и строительстве пассажирских поликоптерных фляеров для полностью безопасной воздушной перевозки людей [6,7,8]. По уровню вредных механических воздействий на организм человека (перегрузки ускорения, колебания, вибрации) поликоптерный транспорт в десятки раз более безопасный и менее вредный для пассажиров, чем автомобильный транспорт, что имеет особое значение при доставке пациентов нейрохирургического, политравматологического, кардиологического и реанимационного профиля в тяжелом и крайне тяжелом состояниях в операционные и реанимационные отделения больниц и медицинских центров.

Ключевые слова: БПЛА; октакоптер; пассажирский поликоптер; поликоптер; поликоптерный фляер,

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