

HYBRID GPS/SINS SYSTEM - AN OVERVIEW

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Abstract. *This paper describes a hybrid navigation system consisting of an integrated GPS/INS system. The integration of the navigation systems has been performed to improve the accuracy of the navigation parameters and it is a current trend in the world. The need for continuous navigation, during the change of position of the GPS receiver, during the closing time of the GPS receiving antenna, and during the appearance of interference, has imposed a solution that is achieved by the integration of GPS / INS. The role of SINS, which is part of the integrated GPS / INS navigation system, is to determine the navigation parameters at intervals between two adjacent measurements of GPS receivers, i.e., at times when there is no GPS navigation information for any reason. In this way, GPS and INS, when used together, complement and correct each other, significantly increasing the reliability and accuracy of the hybrid navigation system.*

Key words: *navigation systems, global positioning system, strapdown inertial navigation system, Kalman filter*

1. INTRODUCTION

The process of tracking a route on a map using predetermined and given geographic coordinates of the route points is called navigation, and the process of managing an aircraft to follow a given route is called guidance. The basic tasks of navigation are: Determining the current position of the aircraft in the reference coordinate system; Determination of the relative position of the aircraft relative to the point at which it is, at the intended task, to be at that moment; Maneuvering in order to reach a planned point

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(navigation in the broad sense); Determination of other navigation parameters for display and application in other avionics systems.

All aeronautical navigation systems can be subdivided according to the technical realization into [1]:

- Radio navigation systems (VOR, DME, LORAN, OMEGA, etc.)
- SNS satellite navigation systems (GPS, GALILEO, BEIDOU, GLONASS, etc.)
- Doppler Navigation Systems (DNS)
- Inertial Navigation Systems (INS)
- Hybrid or integrated navigation systems, which can be a combination of the above systems that are closed looped with or without the optimal filtration (Kalman filter), thereby significantly increasing the accuracy and reliability of the hybrid system.

VOR (Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range) system is used to measure the azimuth of an aircraft relative to a terrestrial transmitter (radio beacon). It consists of a ground-based VOR transmitter and an aeronautical VOR receiver. The performance of the VOR system is limited by two main factors: the local error due to reflection from objects near the ground transmitter and the error of measuring the phase difference of the 30 Hz signal in the aircraft VOR receiver.

DME (Distance Measuring Equipment) is an impulse system for measuring the distance from an airplane (DME transceiver) to a ground DME station (transceiver). Each DME station can serve 50 to 100 aircraft at a time. Terrestrial DME stations are usually located at the location of VOR stations, and together they make the system of closer navigation. This increases the reliability and availability of the entire VOR / DME system.

LORAN (LOORAN - LOng RAnge Navigation) is an impulse hyperbolic system of further navigation [1]. This system is based on measuring the difference of distances to earth stations. In this way, position lines (lines of constant parameters of object position) are determined, in which section the position of the aircraft is determined. For accurate measurement, the transmitting antenna signals must be synchronized in time or phase.

OMEGA is a continuous hyperbolic system of further navigation of very long range. It works in the range of 10 to 14 kHz. The complete system consists of 8 Earth stations [1]. OMEGA receivers can operate at three frequencies (10.2 kHz, 13.6 kHz and 11.33 kHz) and can be single channel, dual channel and three channel. By measuring the phase difference of the corresponding signals from two stations, one hyperbolic position line is determined. The intersection of the position lines determines the position of the aircraft.

GPS (Global Positioning System) is one of the satellite navigation systems. GPS provides two services. A service that provides standard positioning accuracy (SPS - Standard Positioning Service) and a service that provides high precision positioning service (PPS - Precise Positioning Service).

GALILEO is a European satellite navigation system. It consists of 27 active and 3 backup satellites, which are located in 3 orbital planes at an altitude of 23,222 km above the Earth's surface [2]. GALILEO provides 5 services:

1. Open service (1164 1214 MHz, accuracy 5-10 m)
2. Safety of life service (accuracy 5 10 m)
3. Commercial service (1260 1300 MHz, accuracy less than 1 m)
4. Public regulated service (4-6 m accuracy)
5. Search and rescue service.

The Inertial Navigation System (INS) is an autonomous system for determining navigation parameters [3]. Inertial sensors can be mounted on a servo-driven gyro-stabilized

platform, or firmly attached to the body of the object. In the first case it is an INS with a gyro-stabilized platform and in the second case it is a strapdown inertial navigation system (SINS).

2. REFERENCE COORDINATE SYSTEMS AND TRANSFORMATIONS

To solve the problem of satellite navigation, it is necessary to select a reference coordinate system in which it is possible to represent both the satellite and the user. Navigation requires at least two coordinate systems [4-7]. One, to show the position of the object and the other to display the navigation chart. Since accelerometer and gyroscope outputs provide acceleration and angular rotation data in a coordinate system of an object (Body frame), a transformation matrix is used to transform coordinates from a body coordinate system into geographical coordinates, to obtain information about the trajectory of an object relative to Earth.

The coordinate system of an object (Body frame) is a bound coordinate system, and it is determined by the type of the object. In the case where the observed object is an airplane, its coordinate system is defined as follows: the x-axis direction coincides with the longitudinal axis of the fuselage, while the y-axis is directed along the right-wing axis at right angles to the x-axis. The z-axis direction is normal to xy plane and its direction is in the direction of the floor of the plane. All components in this system will have an index b.

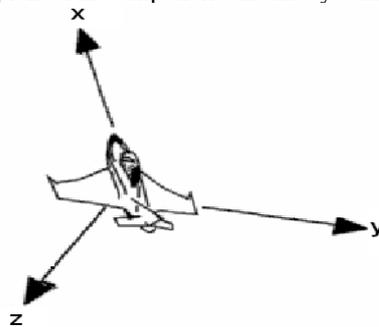


Fig. 1 Airplane coordinate system (Body frame)

The local coordinate system (NED frame) is linked to a local point on the Earth's sphere that is represented by its latitude and longitude used in navigation. The x-axis direction is a tangent to a given point and is directed north (N - North). The y-axis direction is also a tangent to the local point and is oriented east (E - East). The third, the z-axis, is normal to the xy-plane and is directed toward the center of the Earth, or down (D - Down). All components in this system will have an index of n .

The Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler showed that it is necessary to perform a maximum of three consecutive rotations about the coordinate axes for certain angles in order to transform (rotate) the vector from one coordinate system to another. This is done

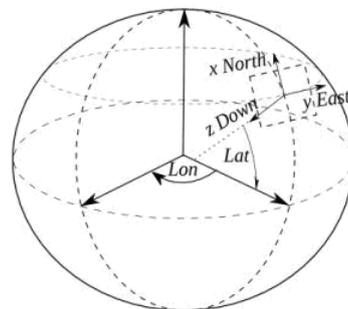


Fig. 2 The local coordinate system (NED frame)

by a simple DCM (Direction Cosine Matrix) trigonometric transformation around the individual axes. These angles are called Euler angles. They are defined in airplane navigation system as: roll angle - ϕ , pitch angle - θ , and yaw angle - ψ .

Roll angle ϕ

This angle represents the rotation about the longitudinal axis of the airplane, which is actually the rotation about the x-axis in the airplane (body) frame. The positive rolling angle is clockwise. Airplane wings are in the horizontal position when $\phi = 0^\circ$. The picture shows a 3D view of the roll angle:

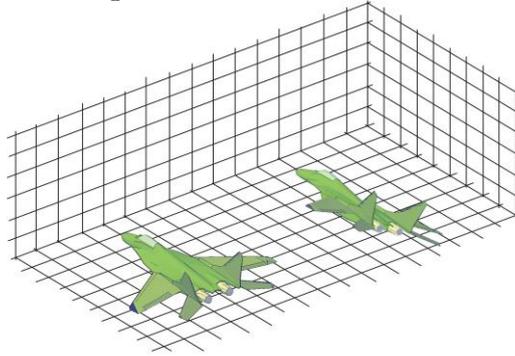


Fig. 3 Roll angle

Pitch angle θ

This angle represents the rotation about the y-axis in the airplane (body) frame. When the airplane is in a horizontal position, the pitch angle is $\theta = 0^\circ$. The next figure shows a 3D view of the pitch angle.

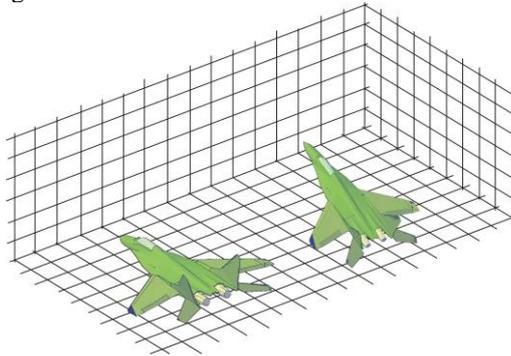


Fig. 4 Pitch angle

Yaw angle

The yaw angle represents the rotation about the z-axis in the airplane (body) frame. The positive rotation is clockwise around the z-axis. The figure gives a 3D view of the yaw angle.

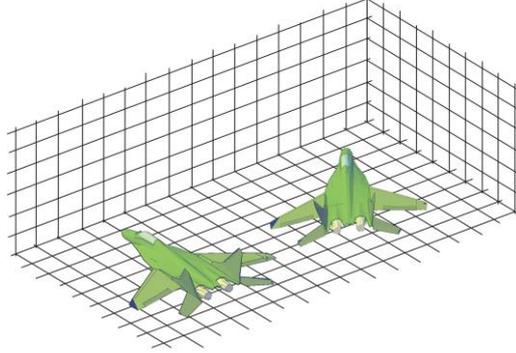


Fig. 5 Yaw angle

The elements of the transformation matrix C_b^n can be calculated if we know the Euler angles using Eq $C_b^n = R(\phi, \theta, \psi) = [C_n^b]^T = [R_\psi]^T \cdot [R_\theta]^T \cdot [R_\phi]^T$. We can transform angular velocities $[\omega_x, \omega_y, \omega_z]$ from a body to a navigational (NED) frame, and obtain derivations of Euler's angles $[\dot{\phi}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\psi}]$. Thereby, we must take into account the order of multiplication of Euler's angles. The relationship between the angular rotational speeds of the body frame and the derivation of the Euler angles is given by the equation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \\ \omega_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \cos \phi & \sin \phi \cos \theta \\ 0 & -\sin \phi & \cos \phi \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

The relations between the angular rotation speeds of the axis $\omega_N, \omega_E, \omega_D$ of the local NED frame and the derivation of the Euler angles $\dot{\phi}, \dot{\theta}, \dot{\psi}$ are given in the form:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega_N \\ \omega_E \\ \omega_D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta \cos \psi & -\sin \psi & 0 \\ \cos \theta \sin \psi & \cos \psi & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{\phi} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \dot{\psi} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

3. STRAPDOWN INERTIAL NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

With the rapid development of processors and digital components, there is the emergence and rapid development of AHRS (Attitude Heading Reference System) [8]. In platformless inertial systems (SINS), accelerometers and gyroscopes are firmly attached to the body of the object. Thereby, the number of sensors should be sufficient to obtain information about the vector of apparent acceleration (specific force) of the object on which the sensors are mounted, and the vector that characterizes the rotation of the object. This information, together with the gravity field data and the initial motion conditions, is sufficient to calculate the navigation parameters characterizing speed, location and

position. The basic equations of motion of an object in a body frame on the basis of which the speed and position of an object are calculated can be written in the form:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{V}_B}{dt} = -\boldsymbol{\omega}_B \times \mathbf{V}_B + \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{g} \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{R}_B}{dt} = -\boldsymbol{\omega}_B \times \mathbf{R}_B + \mathbf{V}_B \quad (4)$$

where are: \mathbf{V}_B - vector of absolute velocity, \mathbf{R}_B - vector of position of the center of mass of the object (geocentric radius), \mathbf{f} - vector of specific force, \mathbf{g} - acceleration caused by the gravitational field of the Earth and it is a function of the position of the object, and $\boldsymbol{\omega}_B$ - angular velocity of the object in body frame. In the task of determining the orientation parameters, the calculation of the orientation angles (Euler angles), whose knowledge is necessary to control the angular motion of the object, and the calculation of the "cosine of directions" between the axes of the body and inertial frame, can be singled out. The following operations performed on an INS "strapdown" computer refer to the determination of the geographical coordinates of the object's position and roll angle- ϕ , pitch angle- θ , and yaw angle- ψ . The basic information for determining the navigation parameters \mathbf{R} (position) and \mathbf{V} (velocity) in the selected coordinate system and determining the orientation of the object with respect to it, is the information obtained from accelerometers and gyroscopes that are firmly attached to the body of the object.

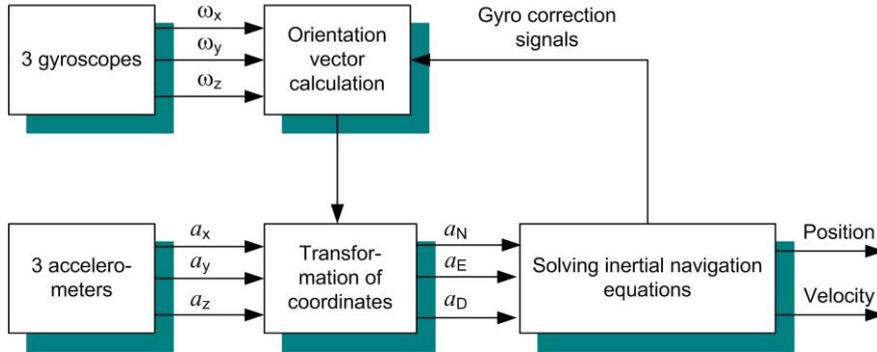


Fig. 6 Block diagram of the "strapdown" inertial navigation system

In addition to the acceleration information, $\mathbf{a} = [a_x \ a_y \ a_z]$ obtained from accelerometers positioned in the axis of the body frame, and information on the angular velocity of rotation of the axes of the body frame, $\boldsymbol{\omega} = [\omega_x \ \omega_y \ \omega_z]$ information is also needed on the Earth model used in the navigation system, on the basis of which the relative velocity and position of the object is determined. The information about the initial values for \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{R} is also entered into the "strapdown" INS computer. To determine the projection of specific forces on the axis of the reference navigation system N, it is necessary to determine the transformation matrix \mathbf{C}_B^N , which is used to transform the coordinates from the body frame B to the reference coordinate system N. The transformation matrix \mathbf{C}_B^N , is obtained by solving the orientation algorithm. Gyro scale rebalancing signals, which are referred to in

Figure 6 as "gyroscope correction signals," are also formed in the computer SINS thereby reducing the angle-of-magnitude limitations that gyroscopes can measure.

Modern linear estimation techniques require an adequate dynamic model of the system whose states are estimated. In addition to knowing the dynamics of the system, it is necessary to define an appropriate model of the system noise, so that the differential equations by which the given model of the system is described are complete. The system noise model can be described by knowing the sources of errors that exist in the inertial navigation system and by knowing their statistics. Most error sources are random variables, and therefore INS errors can be described as stochastic processes. Stochastic processes are random processes whose variables are a function of time. Most of these processes can be described by differential equations, which use the white noise function. White noise is the mathematical idealization of a signal that contains infinite energy and whose width of the frequency spectrum is infinite.

1. Errors in inertial navigation systems, depending on the source of the error, can be divided into:
2. Errors caused by imperfections of inertial sensors.
3. Errors as a result of initial ineligibility.
4. Errors as a result of errors in the calculation process in the navigation computer.
5. Errors due to environmental impact (influence of wind, temperature, vibration of the body of the object, phase of flight of the object, etc.).

4. GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM

The Global Positioning System (GPS) is an optimal positioning system that provides accurate, continuous and widely available information on three-dimensional position and speed to its users [9]. User is any person or agent who owns a GPS receiver. GPS also provides time synchronization for all users in GPS system time. GPS can be divided into three segments: spatial, control, and user. The space segment consists of 24 satellites, located in six orbital planes with four satellites in each plane. The satellites are so deployed that they provide at least four satellites in the field of view of the user at any time, anywhere. The control segment consists of the main control station and five monitoring stations. The basic function of the main control station is to track, monitor and control the position of GPS satellites. The user segment consists of a GPS antenna and a receiver, specifically designed to receive, decode and process code for distance measurement and navigation messages, which are contained in a satellite GPS signal. If the clock on the satellite and the clock in the GPS receiver are synchronized in time, the positioning of the user can be obtained based on measuring the distance from the user to three different satellites.

GPS uses the concept of measuring the propagation time of a signal, from one point to another point in space, to determine the position of the user. This concept involves measuring the time difference from the moment a signal is transmitted from a satellite, whose position is known, to the time the signal reaches the GPS receiver. The resulting time interval represents the time of spread of the GPS signal. Multiplying the measured time interval by its velocity gives the magnitude of the distance from the satellite to the GPS receiver. Based on the measured distances of several satellites whose locations are known, the receiver determines its position. If the user is measuring only with respect to one satellite, then the set of possible solutions of the user's position is on the circle of

radius R_1 . If the user measures the distance of two satellites in the same way, then the possible positions of the user will be obtained at the intersection of two circles, whose radii are R_1 and R_2 . The radius R_1 represents the distance from the first satellite, and the radius R_2 represents the distance from the second satellite. In this case, the solution to the user's position is not clearly defined. Solving the problem of non-equilibrium can be achieved by introducing distance measurements from the third satellite, as shown in Figure 7. From the figure, it can be observed that the intersection of all three circles is realized only at point A, which represents a uniquely determined position of the user.

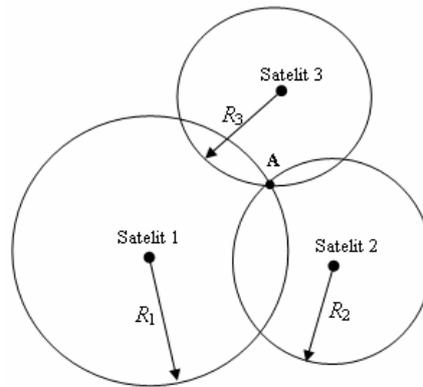


Fig. 7 Determining the position of the user by measuring the distance of three satellites

In the previous consideration, it was assumed that the GPS receiver clock and the satellite clock were time synchronized. However, this is practically not the case. In this case, the time interval of signal propagation, from satellite to user, will be incorrectly measured. Based on the error present in measuring signal propagation time intervals, there is an error in measuring the distance from the satellite to the user. The user position determination error can be eliminated by introducing a GPS receiver clock offset size compensation.

5. GPS / SINS INTEGRATION METHODS

Kalman's filtration is an optimal estimation technique that performs an optimal estimation of values given by a system. As a linear filter, a recursive algorithm is used to process the measurement information in a discrete time. It is a statistical technique that combines knowledge of the statistical nature of system errors with knowledge of system dynamics, which is represented by a model in the state space. Based on the knowledge of the dynamic system state model and the system noise model, the state of the system is evaluated. System states can include a number of variables. In navigation systems, it usually works with a minimum of two system states (position and speed). The estimated condition is derived from the Kalman amplification, which is optimized to obtain the minimal error variance. For this reason, the Kalman filter (KF) is the optimal filter. KF is designed to calculate corrections in a system based on external measurements. The magnitude of the correction corresponds to the current filter estimate. The Kalman filtration involves two major steps: prediction and correction. The correction represents

the estimation of the state vector at a given moment based on information about all previous measurements. Prediction is the process of estimating the state vector in the next moment, based on the dynamic model of the system.

Integration methods can be classified into two categories. The first category is based on the coupling type of the system and depends on the architecture of the system itself. This group of methods includes: loose coupling and tight coupling hybrid GPS / SINS configuration. The loosely coupled configuration includes a GPS receiver with KF, an IMU, and a navigation processor with KF. This configuration is shown in Figure 8.

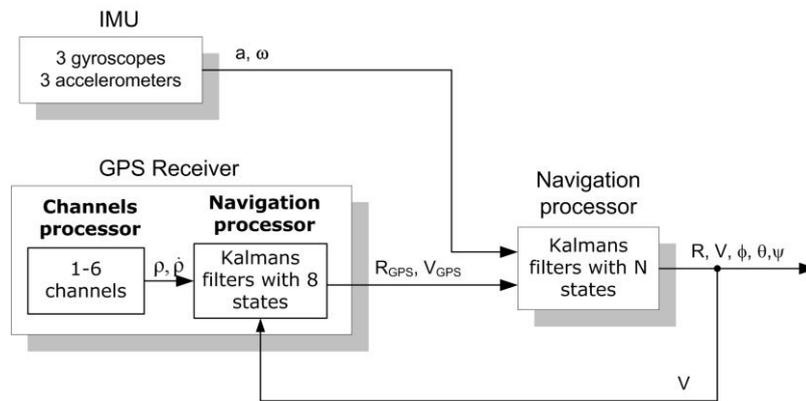


Fig. 8 Loosely coupled hybrid GPS / SINS configuration

Although used in many initial applications, this system has a forward loop in the navigation processor and two separate filters that create the possibility of instability caused by reciprocal feedbacks. The simulation for this configuration must be fully defined to ensure the continuity of operation of both filters. In situations where there is instability, the amplification of the filter decreases, which can result in slow system operation.

Another type of configuration is shown in Figure 9. In a tightly coupled system, KF sends data from the GPS navigation processor directly to the channel processor.

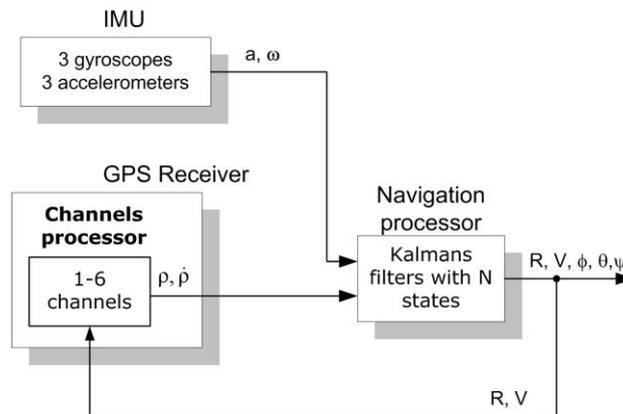


Fig. 9 Tightly coupled hybrid GPS / SINS configuration

In this configuration, the non-model errors that exist at the output of the Kalman GPS receiver filter are eliminated.

The second category of integration is based on the method of combining or processing GPS and SINS information to obtain navigation data. This group of methods includes: a centralized (closed) and a cascaded (open) GPS/SINS integration scheme. The centralized scheme involves the formation of a common navigation algorithm for an inertial and satellite navigation system with a general error model used in determining the navigation parameters. Since there are no universal algorithms for different accuracy classes of SINS, it is therefore necessary to modify the algorithm on a case-by-case basis.

In the cascade scheme of GPS/SINS integration only the correction of the navigation information at the output of the inertial navigation system is provided, based on the measured sizes of the navigation parameters by the GPS receiver, without changing the navigation algorithms for processing the information obtained from the inertial and GPS systems. Notwithstanding some of the advantages of this method in terms of practical implementation, this scheme is not suitable for use in conditions of application of low-accuracy inertial sensors, which exhibit feature instability and where accuracy may differ even for sensors within a single series.

The Global Positioning System (GPS) provides accurate, continuous and widely available information on three-dimensional position and speed of the user. GPS also provides time synchronization for all users in the GPS system time.

INS is an autonomous navigation system that is resistant to the effects of electronic interference and is therefore suitable for use in conditions of intense electronic interference. The inertial navigation system generally includes the IMU and all other equipment used to stabilize and process the output of the inertial sensors in order to obtain a three-dimensional position and speed in the selected coordinate system.

6. USE OF HYBRID GPS/SINS SYSTEM

Due to the large increase in the accuracy of determining navigation parameters, hybrid navigation has become a current trend in the field of navigation. It is known that the accuracy of SINS operation decreases over time. Integrated GPS/SINS compared to SINS, provides accuracy that is up to several tens of times higher. This system provides speed and position in real time. The system is intended for navigation in difficult GPS operating conditions, when multiple signal reflections from tall buildings in large cities occur. In addition, the performance of the GPS is enhanced by its integration with SINS, which enables faster reactivation of the signal after its loss.

A large number of manufacturers is engaged in the development of such systems. CMIGITS III is a product of Systron Donner, and is a miniature integrated GPS/SINS. The heart of the system is represented by small quartz MEMS (Micro Electro Mechanical System) inertial sensors. The basic characteristics of this device are: small dimensions and weight, obtaining navigation parameters with KF with 28 optimized states, stable design even for extreme working conditions (vibrations, temperature ...), programmable outputs that enable a combination of output data according to user needs. The device is intended for: geometric measurements, unmanned aerial vehicles, aiming systems, vehicle tracking, positioning of antenna systems, determination of navigation parameters, etc. AISA is one of

the systems in which integrated GPS/SINS is applied. The system itself is intended to obtain accurate and reliable information about the Earth's surface. AISA can be used for scientific and commercial purposes on land and in the air. There are three variants of this system: AISA +, AISA Eagle and AISA Hawk.

A large number of papers has been written on this topic. In addition to the initial purpose of this system in navigation, it is proposed to use this system to determine the trajectory of the vehicle during a collision in order to clarify the circumstances of traffic accidents [14]. In [18], the use of machine learning in the synthesis of rocket navigation, control and guidance algorithms, as an alternative to the traditional algorithm, was proposed. The proposed machine learning algorithm was created using neural networks.

7. CONCLUSION

The Global Positioning System provides accurate, continuous and widely available information on three-dimensional position and speed of the user. GPS also provides time synchronization for all users in GPS system time. Solving the task of determining the space-time coordinates of the user, is based on measuring the distance from the antenna of the GPS receiver to at least four satellites that are in the field of view of the user.

In general, GPS accuracy depends on the quality of the distance measurements and the data obtained from the satellite "ephemeris" (satellite position). System errors are errors that occur in the control segment, satellite, and user segment. To analyze the effect of errors on the accuracy of GPS measurements, it can be assumed that all errors attributed to individual satellites represent an equivalent error expressed in magnitude of the pseudorandom distance. GPS accuracy, as a magnitude that depends on the accuracy of the pseudorandom distance, is expressed on the basis of the UERE - User Equivalent Range Error. The UERE for a given satellite represents the (statistical) sum of individual errors that contribute to the total error. Typically, the individual components of the total error are considered independently, and the total UERE for a given satellite is represented as a Gaussian random variable with zero mean and variance equal to the sum of the variance of each individual component of the UERE error. UERE is usually assumed to be an independent and identically distributed error from satellite to satellite.

SINS is an autonomous navigation system that is resistant to the effects of electronic interference and is therefore suitable for use in conditions of intense electronic interference. The inertial navigation system generally includes IMU and all other equipment used to stabilize and process the output of the inertial sensors in order to obtain a three-dimensional position and speed in the selected coordinate system.

Errors in inertial navigation systems, depending on the source of the error, can be divided into: errors caused by imperfections of inertial sensors; errors as a consequence of an initial misalignment; errors as a consequence of errors in the calculation process in the navigation computer; errors as a consequence of environmental influences (influence of wind, temperature, vibrations of the body of the object, phases of flight of the object, etc.).

An important source of errors that affects the accuracy of the navigation solution are the errors of inertial sensors. The error model for any sensor, with some limitations, depends on the design of the sensor. The most commonly present errors of inertial sensors can be described as: "Bias Errors" error of the inertial sensor; Scale Factor Errors; misalignment error.

Based on the analysis of the SINS and the GPS, the advantages and disadvantages of individual navigation systems can be indicated. The SINS has the following advantages:

- full autonomy,
- high frequency of obtaining navigation information (from 2 Hz to 200 Hz),
- errors have the character of slow-changing oscillations, whose period is 84.46 min and are not a consequence of external influence,
- there is a possibility of measuring the orientation angles,
- and the following disadvantages:
- the accuracy of determining navigation parameters is relatively low (for "strapdown" INS middle class accuracy is 3 to 5 km in 1 hour of operation),
- SINS errors in determining coordinates increase with the operating time of the navigation system,
- SINS is a complex and relatively expensive electromechanical system.

The global orientation system has the following advantages:

- high accuracy in determining navigation parameters over a long period of time, especially using
- GPS based on the phase measurement of the carrier signal,
- the error in determining the navigation parameters does not increase over time,
- small dimensions and weight,
- relatively low price,
- and the following disadvantages:
- the system is non-autonomous,
- low frequency of obtaining navigation information (1 to 10 Hz),
- the accuracy of navigation measurements depends on the state of the atmosphere, the geometric position of the satellites in the field of view of the GPS receiver, the obscurity of the GPS antenna, the interference of the GPS signal and the presence of electronic interference.

The most commonly used method for integrating GPS/SINS is KF. The Kalman filtration is an optimal estimation technique that performs an optimal estimation of the values described by a system. It is a statistical technique that combines knowledge of the statistical nature of system errors with the knowledge of system dynamics, which is represented by a model in the state space. Based on the knowledge of the dynamic system state model and the system noise model, the state of the system is evaluated. The estimated condition is derived from Kalman amplification, which is optimized to obtain minimal error variance.

Based on the analysis of the accuracy of the integrated GPS/SINS, the following conclusions were obtained:

- the accuracy of the integrated GPS/SINS depends on the frequency of receiving navigation information (position and speed) by the GPS.
- if the integrated GPS/SINS navigation system has an error in the initial setting of the azimuth navigation system or an error in determining the turning angle, it has a greater impact on the operation of the navigation system, compared to the errors of constant deviation of accelerometers set in the horizontal plane.
- in the absence of navigation information from the GPS, the accuracy of the integrated GPS/SINS is significantly affected by the length of the interval in which the information is missing.
- if there are no accelerations in the navigation system, the positioning accuracy is less than 1m (RMS, 1σ), whereby during the operation of the navigation system

after every 4.8 seconds GPS information is lost in a time interval of 3.2 seconds. If there are accelerations in the navigation system, for the same conditions of absence of GPS information, the positioning error does not exceed 5m (RMS, 1σ).

It has been shown that by integrating two fundamentally different navigation systems, a high-accuracy navigation system can be obtained that takes advantage of individual systems to correct their shortcomings. In the future, the integration of navigation sensors with other sensors in the aircraft will be of great importance. In military systems, information received from many sensors will be stored in a central database to ensure their optimal use.

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