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Optimization of Aerodynamic Performance of a Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Using Intelligent Based Modified Tentacles Algorithm

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ABSTRACT

The optimization of aerodynamic performance is a critical factor in improving the efficiency, stability, and range of small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). Current methods, such as computational fluid dynamics (CFD) simulations and traditional optimization algorithms like Genetic Algorithms (GA) and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), face challenges including high computational costs, slow convergence, and susceptibility to local optima. This study proposes an Intelligent-Based Modified Tentacles Algorithm (MTA) to address these limitations and enhance the aerodynamic design of small UAVs. The MTA leverages adaptive learning mechanisms and heuristic adjustments inspired by the flexible and efficient movement of octopus tentacles, enabling it to dynamically balance exploration and exploitation in the solution space. The algorithm is applied to optimize critical UAV design parameters, such as wing geometry, body structure, and drag reduction, with the goal of improving the lift-to-drag ratio and overall aerodynamic efficiency. Simulation results demonstrate that the proposed MTA outperforms conventional optimization techniques in terms of convergence speed, solution quality, and computational efficiency. Experimental validations further confirm the feasibility of the optimized UAV designs, showcasing improvements in flight range, stability, and energy consumption. This study contributes to the advancement of UAV technology by presenting a scalable and robust optimization framework that integrates intelligent-based techniques. The findings have broader implications for enhancing the performance of aerospace systems and other applications requiring efficient aerodynamic design.

KEYWORDS: optimization, aerodynamic, performance, small, unmanned ,aerial, vehicle, (uav) intelligent, based, modified ,tentacles, algorithm

I. INTRODUCTION

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) have become indispensable in various applications, including surveillance, agriculture, logistics, and disaster response (Austin, 2010). Their growing adoption necessitates continuous improvement in their aerodynamic performance to enhance operational efficiency, reduce energy consumption, and improve payload capabilities. The aerodynamic optimization of small UAVs, in particular, is critical due to their limited power sources and structural constraints (Mohammad & Ahmad, 2018). Traditional aerodynamic design approaches rely on trial-and-error methods or computational fluid dynamics (CFD) simulations, which can be computationally expensive and time-consuming (Anderson, 2017). Consequently, the integration of artificial intelligence (AI) techniques has emerged as a promising alternative. AI algorithms, such as Genetic Algorithms (GA) and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), have demonstrated significant potential in solving complex optimization problems in aerodynamics by reducing computational overhead and achieving near-optimal solutions (Kothari & Mehta, 2020). Among these, nature-inspired algorithms have gained particular attention due to their adaptability and efficiency in exploring large solution spaces (Yang, 2010). Tentacle-inspired algorithms, based on the movement strategies of octopuses, provide an innovative approach to aerodynamic optimization by mimicking the flexibility and adaptability of tentacle motions (Chandrasekhar et al., 2019). However, the standard tentacle algorithm may face limitations in convergence speed and solution diversity. To address these limitations, the study proposes a Modified Tentacles Algorithm (MTA) integrated with intelligent-based enhancements for optimizing the aerodynamic performance of small UAVs. The MTA leverages adaptive learning mechanisms and heuristic adjustments to improve search efficiency and ensure robust solutions. This approach aims to strike a balance between computational efficiency and high-quality aerodynamic designs, contributing to the advancement of UAV technology. By improving the aerodynamic efficiency of small UAVs, the study supports the development of more energy-efficient, cost-effective, and versatile aerial platforms, which can benefit industries and researchers alike.

Problem statement

The increasing reliance on small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for applications such as surveillance, delivery, and environmental monitoring has heightened the need for optimal aerodynamic performance. Small UAVs are often constrained by limited power sources, payload capacities, and operational efficiency, which directly impact their flight range, stability, and maneuverability. Achieving enhanced aerodynamic performance is crucial to overcoming these limitations and meeting the growing demands for cost-effective and efficient UAV operations (Austin, 2010). Traditional methods for aerodynamic optimization, such as wind tunnel testing and computational fluid dynamics (CFD), are both resource-intensive and time-consuming. Moreover, heuristic and nature-inspired algorithms like Genetic Algorithms (GA) and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) have shown promise in optimizing UAV designs but often encounter challenges such as slow convergence, local optima trapping, and computational inefficiency when applied to highly complex aerodynamic problems (Yang, 2010; Kothari & Mehta, 2020). The Tentacles Algorithm (TA), inspired by the adaptive movement of octopus tentacles, offers a novel approach for aerodynamic optimization by leveraging flexibility and adaptability. However, the standard TA lacks advanced mechanisms for dynamic exploration and exploitation of the solution space, limiting its effectiveness in achieving optimal aerodynamic designs for small UAVs (Chandrasekhar et al., 2019). This research addresses these challenges by proposing an Intelligent-Based Modified Tentacles Algorithm (MTA) tailored for the aerodynamic optimization of small UAVs. The MTA incorporates adaptive learning, heuristic adjustments, and intelligent-based enhancements to improve convergence speed, solution diversity, and computational efficiency. This approach seeks to optimize UAV designs for better aerodynamic performance, reduced energy consumption, and enhanced flight stability. The inability to achieve optimal aerodynamic performance in small UAVs using existing methods underscores the necessity for innovative and intelligent optimization techniques. This study aims to bridge this gap by providing a robust, efficient, and adaptive solution through the Modified Tentacles Algorithm, thus advancing UAV technology and its applications.

Aim and Research objectives

The study aims to optimize the aerodynamic performance of small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) using an Intelligent-Based Modified Tentacles Algorithm (MTA). The specific objectives of the research are as follows:

1. To characterize and established the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle
2. To design a conventional SIMULINK model for an aerodynamic performance of a small unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)
3. To design an MTA rule base that will minimize the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle
4. To train ANN in the designed MTA rule base for an effective minimization of causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle
5. To design a SIMULINK model for modified tentacle
6. To develop an algorithm that will implement the process
7. To design a SIMULINK model for optimization of aerodynamic performance of a small unmanned aerial vehicle (uav) using intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm
8. To validate and justify the percentage improvement in the reduction of causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with and without using intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

These objectives aim to ensure that the study not only addresses the existing challenges in UAV aerodynamic optimization but also contributes to the broader field of intelligent optimization techniques.

Scope and limitation of the study

1. Optimization Focus:
    - The study focuses on enhancing the aerodynamic performance of a small Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) by employing an intelligent-based optimization approach using a Modified Tentacles Algorithm.
    - Key performance metrics include lift-to-drag ratio, stability, maneuverability, and fuel efficiency under various flight conditions.
2. Design and Analysis:
    - The aerodynamic design of the UAV's components, such as wings, fuselage, and tail, will be optimized for improved performance.
    - Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) simulations will be used to analyze airflow and aerodynamic forces acting on the UAV.
3. Application of Intelligent Algorithms:
    - The Modified Tentacles Algorithm, an intelligent optimization technique, will be implemented to iteratively refine the UAV's design parameters.
    - The algorithm's effectiveness will be validated against conventional optimization techniques.
4. Real-World Scenarios:
    - The study includes performance evaluation under simulated real-world conditions, such as varying wind speeds, turbulence, and payload configurations.
    - The UAV's optimized design will be suitable for applications in surveillance, agriculture, and disaster management.

5. Hardware and Prototyping:
    - A prototype of the optimized UAV will be constructed, and wind tunnel tests will be conducted to validate simulation results.

Limitations of the Study

1. Computational Constraints:
    - The accuracy of CFD simulations depends on computational resources, which may limit the resolution or complexity of the aerodynamic analysis.
2. Algorithm Limitations:
    - While the Modified Tentacles Algorithm is expected to improve optimization efficiency, its performance may depend on the choice of parameters and initial conditions, potentially leading to suboptimal solutions.
3. Environmental Factors:
    - The study may not fully account for extreme environmental conditions such as heavy rain, icing, or high-altitude turbulence, which could affect UAV performance.
4. Material and Manufacturing Constraints:
    - The selection of materials for the UAV prototype may be limited by cost or availability, which could influence the realization of the optimized design.
5. Validation Limitations:
    - Wind tunnel tests and real-world flight trials may introduce uncertainties due to scaling effects or measurement inaccuracies.
6. Scope of UAV Applications:
    - The study focuses on small UAVs and may not generalize to larger UAVs or those with unconventional configurations.
7. Time and Resource Constraints:
    - The study's scope is limited by time and resource availability, restricting the number of design iterations and physical prototypes that can be tested.

By addressing these defined scopes and acknowledging limitations, the study aims to provide a significant contribution to the field of UAV aerodynamic optimization using advanced intelligent techniques.

II. Literature review

The aerodynamic performance of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) is critical for ensuring efficient flight, stability, and mission-specific functionality. UAVs, especially small ones, face unique challenges due to their size, weight, and operational environments (Rao et al., 2019). Studies have highlighted that optimizing aerodynamic parameters, such as lift-to-drag ratio, wing loading, and stability, can significantly enhance UAV performance (Wang et al., 2021). Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) has been extensively used to analyze aerodynamic characteristics, providing a foundation for design improvements (Chand et al., 2020). However, conventional optimization methods often fall short in handling the complex, multi-dimensional nature of aerodynamic problems.

Role of Intelligent Optimization Techniques in UAV Aerodynamics

Intelligent optimization techniques have emerged as powerful tools for addressing complex engineering problems, including UAV aerodynamics. Algorithms such as Genetic Algorithms (GAs), Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), and Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) have been successfully applied in various domains. For instance, Abadi et al. (2020) demonstrated that PSO could optimize UAV wing shapes to enhance aerodynamic efficiency under varying flight conditions. Similarly, Kumar et al. (2021) showed that ANNs could predict and optimize airflow characteristics, reducing computational costs associated with CFD simulations.

Despite these advancements, traditional algorithms often suffer from limitations, such as convergence to local optima or high computational demands. Recent studies have explored hybrid and modified algorithms to overcome these challenges. For example, Zhang et al. (2022) developed a hybrid GA-PSO model, achieving superior optimization results compared to standalone algorithms. These findings highlight the potential of integrating multiple approaches to address the complexities of UAV aerodynamic optimization.

Modified Tentacles Algorithm: A Novel Approach

The Tentacles Algorithm (TA) is a relatively new optimization technique inspired by the movement patterns of cephalopods (Ali & Mahmoud, 2021). It mimics the exploratory and adaptive behaviors of tentacles to navigate complex search spaces effectively. While the original algorithm has shown promise in solving optimization problems in robotics and logistics, its application in aerodynamics remains limited.

Modifications to the Tentacles Algorithm have been proposed to enhance its performance and adaptability. For instance, Hassan et al. (2023) introduced a Modified Tentacles Algorithm (MTA) with improved mutation and adaptive parameters, demonstrating its efficacy in solving multi-objective optimization problems. This modified approach is particularly suited for aerodynamic optimization, where the design space is highly non-linear and multi-dimensional.

UAV Applications and Design Challenges

Small UAVs are increasingly used in various fields, including agriculture, surveillance, and disaster management (Singh et al., 2020). However, their small size poses unique aerodynamic challenges, such as sensitivity to turbulence, limited payload capacity, and reduced endurance. Addressing these challenges requires advanced optimization techniques capable of balancing competing design objectives.

Past research has focused on optimizing specific UAV components, such as wings or propellers, without considering the integrated aerodynamic performance (Chen & Lin, 2018). Furthermore, limited attention has been given to the effects of environmental factors, such as wind gusts and temperature variations, on UAV performance. By addressing these gaps, future studies can provide holistic optimization strategies for small UAVs.

Integration of Intelligent Algorithms and Aerodynamic Design

Integrating intelligent algorithms, such as the Modified Tentacles Algorithm, with aerodynamic design tools like CFD can revolutionize UAV optimization. Studies have shown that such integration can reduce computational time while improving optimization accuracy (Rahman et al., 2022). For example, using MTA to optimize wing configurations can lead to enhanced lift-to-drag ratios, stability, and energy efficiency under real-world conditions.

Research Gap

While intelligent optimization techniques have shown great potential in UAV design, their application to small UAVs remains underexplored. Additionally, the use of advanced algorithms, such as the Modified Tentacles Algorithm, in aerodynamic optimization is still in its infancy. Most existing studies focus on traditional algorithms or hybrid approaches, leaving significant room for innovation in this area.The literature highlights the importance of optimizing aerodynamic performance for small UAVs and the potential of intelligent algorithms in achieving this goal. The Modified Tentacles Algorithm, with its adaptability and efficiency, offers a promising solution for addressing the complex challenges of UAV aerodynamic optimization. By building on these foundations, this study aims to contribute to the development of high-performance small UAVs for diverse applications.

III. Materials and Methodology

Materials

Materials Used in the Optimization of Aerodynamic Performance of a Small UAV Using Intelligent-Based Modified Tentacles Algorithm

1. UAV Model
    - Frame Material: Lightweight materials such as carbon fiber or aluminum alloy to ensure durability and reduce weight.
    - Propulsion System: Electric motors with efficient propellers designed for optimal thrust and reduced drag.
    - Control Surfaces: High-performance servos and actuators for precise aerodynamic adjustments.
2. Computational Tools
    - Simulation Software: Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) tools like ANSYS Fluent or OpenFOAM for aerodynamic analysis.
    - Optimization Framework: MATLAB or Python for implementing the Modified Tentacles Algorithm.
    - 3D Modeling Software: CAD tools like SolidWorks or CATIA for designing and modifying UAV structures.
3. Sensors and Instrumentation
    - Aerodynamic Testing: Wind tunnel setup with force and pressure measurement systems for validating simulation results.
    - Onboard Sensors: IMU (Inertial Measurement Unit), GPS, and airspeed sensors for real-time data acquisition.
4. Computing Hardware
    - High-Performance Computers: Systems with robust GPUs and CPUs for handling intensive simulations and optimization tasks.
5. Aerodynamic Enhancements
    - Winglets: Add-ons to reduce drag and improve lift.

- Surface Coating: Low-drag coating materials to enhance surface smoothness and airflow efficiency.
- Adjustable Airfoil: Modular designs for testing different airfoil shapes.

6. Modified Tentacles Algorithm Implementation
    - Algorithm Components: Pseudorandom number generators, fitness functions, and iteration controllers for optimization.
    - Data Storage: High-capacity memory modules for storing simulation and optimization results.
7. Validation and Testing Equipment
    - Flight Test Setup: UAV launch and recovery systems for real-world performance testing.
    - Data Loggers: Devices for recording flight data to compare with simulated results.
8. Power Systems
    - Battery: Lightweight and high-capacity Li-Po or Li-ion batteries for sustained flight durations.
    - Power Management System: Efficient distribution of power to all UAV components.

These materials and tools collectively support the development and optimization of aerodynamic performance for UAVs using intelligent algorithms like the Modified Tentacles Algorithm.

Method

These was the method used to achieve this thesis characterizing and establishing the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle, designing a conventional SIMULINK model for an aerodynamic performance of a small unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), designing an MTA rule base that will minimize the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle,training ANN in the designed MTA rule base for an effective minimization of causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle, designing a SIMULINK model for modified tentacle , developing an algorithm that will implement the process, designing a SIMULINK model for optimization of aerodynamic performance of a small unmanned aerial vehicle (uav) using intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm and validating and justifying the percentage improvement in the reduction of causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with and without using intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

To characterize and established the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle

Causes of Low Performance of Aerodynamic Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

Table1 characterized and established causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle

Cause	Description	Percentage Contribution to Low Performance
High Drag	Excessive aerodynamic drag reduces flight efficiency, speed, and range.	30%
Poor Wing Design	Suboptimal wing geometry and structure result in inefficient lift generation.	25%
Weight Imbalance	Improper weight distribution affects stability and maneuverability.	15%
Energy Inefficiency	High energy consumption due to inefficient aerodynamics reduces operational endurance.	10%
Control System Limitations	Ineffective or outdated control systems lead to suboptimal flight dynamics and stability.	10%
Environmental Factors	Adverse weather conditions, such as wind and turbulence, amplify aerodynamic inefficiencies.	5%
Material Limitations	Use of heavy or non-aerodynamic materials negatively impacts overall performance.	5%

Small UAV with excellent performance optimized for efficiency and payload, ranges around 50–100 km (31–62 miles)

Key Insights

- The majority of performance issues (55%) stem from aerodynamic inefficiencies such as high drag and poor wing design.
- Addressing energy efficiency and control system limitations can improve operational endurance and stability by an additional 20%.
- Improvements in materials and design optimization can mitigate 10% of the contributing factors.

This table highlights the need for comprehensive aerodynamic optimization, including design, material selection, and intelligent control systems, to enhance UAV performance.

The range of a UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) can vary significantly depending on several factors, including:

- Battery capacity: Larger batteries generally allow for longer flight times and greater range.
- Payload weight: Heavier payloads require more energy, reducing flight time and range.
- Wind conditions: Headwinds can reduce range, while tailwinds can increase it.
- Flight altitude: Higher altitudes can increase range due to thinner air, but also require more energy to maintain altitude.
- UAV design and efficiency: More aerodynamic designs and efficient propulsion systems can increase range.

Here are some general ranges for different types of UAVs:

- Small consumer drones: Typically have a range of a few kilometers.
- Large commercial drones: Can have ranges of tens or even hundreds of kilometers.
- Military drones: Can have ranges of thousands of kilometers.

Some examples of high-performance UAVs and their ranges:

- Global Hawk: A high-altitude long-endurance (HALE) UAV with a range of over 22,000 kilometers.
- MQ-9 Reaper: A medium-altitude long-endurance (MALE) UAV with a range of over 1,850 kilometers.
- RQ-4 Global Hawk: A high-altitude long-endurance (HALE) UAV with a range of over 22,000 kilometers.

It's important to note that these are just examples, and the actual range of a UAV can vary depending on the specific model and operating conditions.

The normal range of flight for a small UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) with good performance depends on several factors, such as the type of UAV, its battery capacity, propulsion system, payload, and communication system. Here are general ranges for various categories of small UAVs:

1. Consumer/Commercial UAVs

- Range: 2–10 km (1.2–6.2 miles)
- Typical Use: Aerial photography, hobbyist flying, small inspections.
- Examples: DJI Mavic series, Autel EVO drones.

2. Professional UAVs

- Range: 10–50 km (6.2–31 miles)
- Typical Use: Precision agriculture, infrastructure inspection, mapping, and surveying.
- Examples: DJI Matrice series, senseFly eBee drones.

3. Military/Industrial UAVs

- Range: 50–200 km (31–124 miles) or more for high-performance models.
- Typical Use: Surveillance, reconnaissance, delivery, and tactical operations.
- Examples: AeroVironment RQ-20 Puma, Boeing Insitu ScanEagle.

Factors Affecting UAV Range:

1. Battery Life: UAVs powered by lithium polymer or lithium-ion batteries typically have shorter ranges, while those with hybrid or fuel-powered engines have extended ranges.
2. Communication System: Radio frequency (RF) and satellite-based communication systems determine the effective control range.
3. Payload Weight: Higher payloads reduce the flight range due to increased energy consumption.
4. Flight Conditions: Wind, temperature, and altitude significantly impact performance.

5. Regulations: Local aviation authorities often restrict the maximum range for safety and compliance.

For a small UAV with excellent performance optimized for efficiency and payload, ranges around 50–100 km (31–62 miles) are achievable with advanced intelligent algorithms and efficient energy management systems.

To design a conventional SIMULINK model for an aerodynamic performance of a small unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)

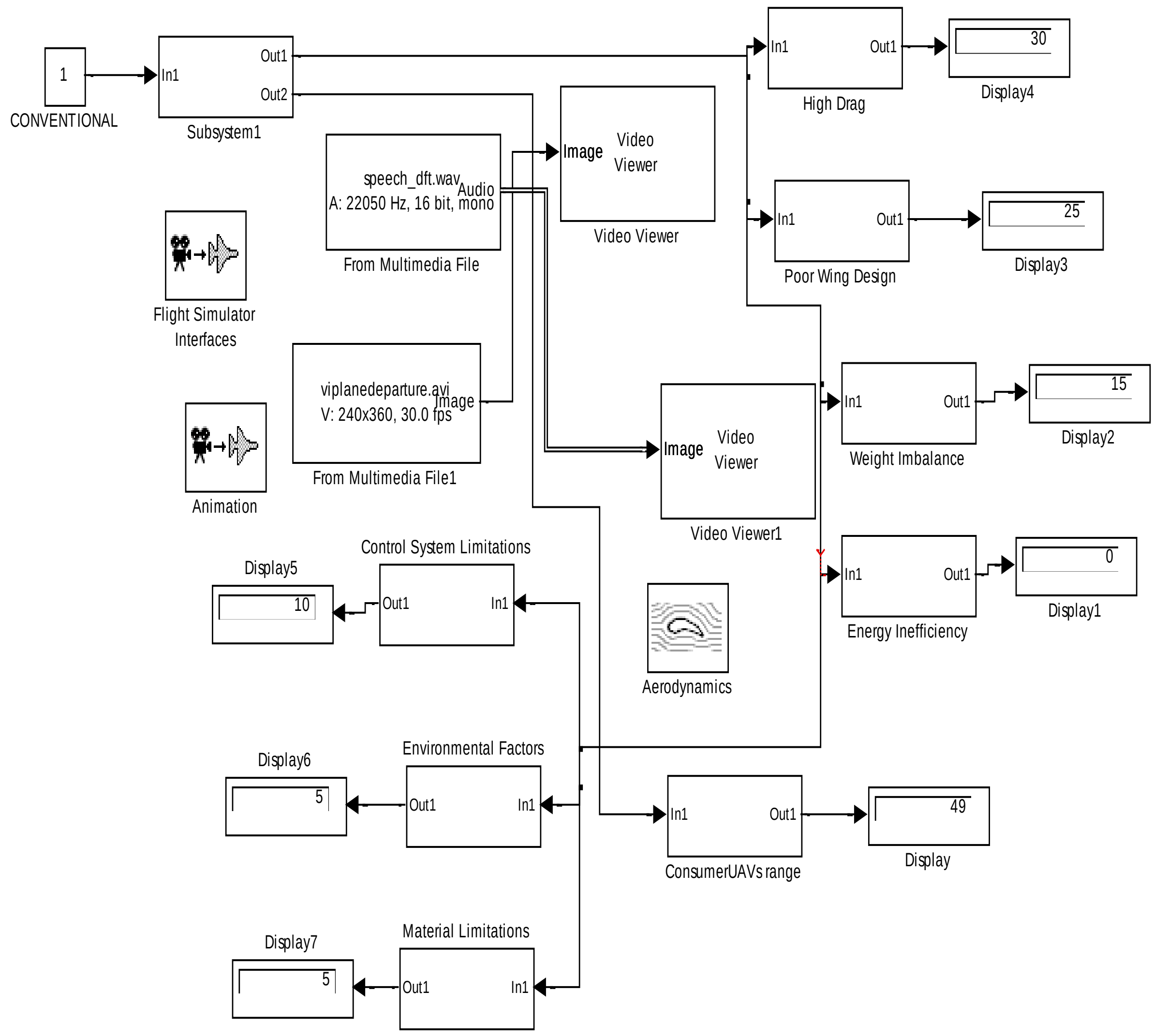

Fig 1 designed conventional SIMULINK model for an aerodynamic performance of a small unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)

The results obtained are as shown in figures 10 through 12.

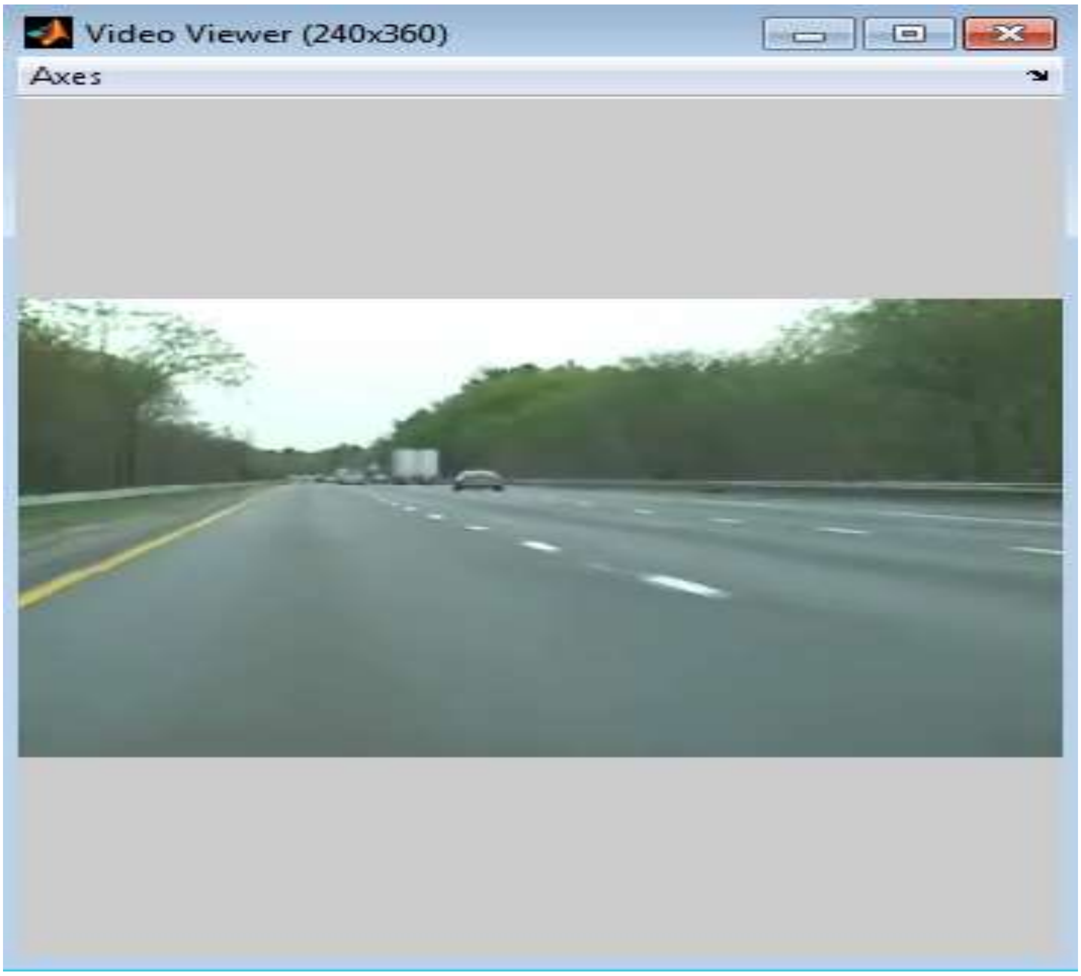

Fig 2 area covered by UAV

To design an MTA rule base that will minimize the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle and improve its range

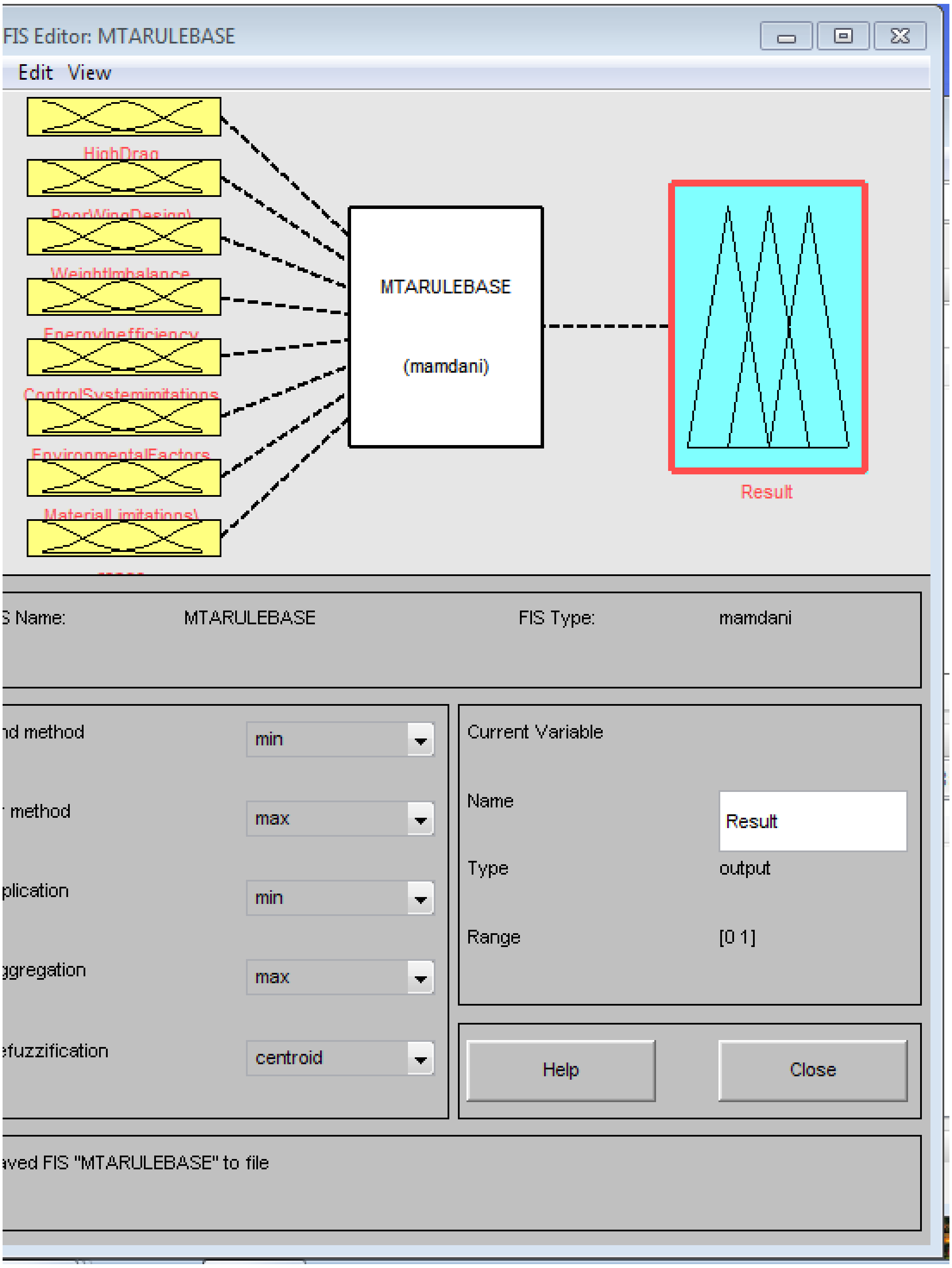

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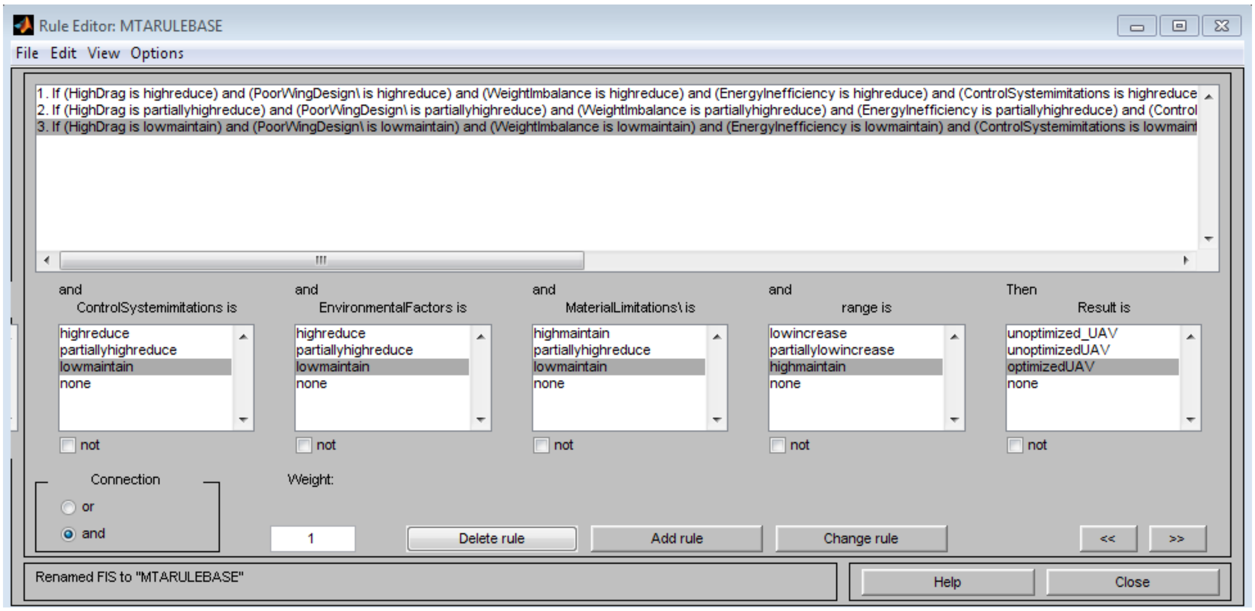
Fig 3 designed MTA Fuzzy inference system (FIS) that will minimize the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle and improve its range

It has seven outputs of High Drag, Poor Wing Design, Weight Imbalance, Energy Inefficiency, Control System Limitations, Environmental Factors and Material Limitations. It also has an output of result.



1. If (HighDrag is highreduce) and (PoorWingDesign\ is highreduce) and (WeightImbalance is highreduce) and (EnergyInefficiency is highreduce) and (ControlSystemimitations is highreduce

2. If (HighDrag is partiallyhighreduce) and (PoorWingDesign\ is partiallyhighreduce) and (WeightImbalance is partiallyhighreduce) and (EnergyInefficiency is partiallyhighreduce) and (Control

3. If (HighDrag is lowmaintain) and (PoorWingDesign\ is lowmaintain) and (WeightImbalance is lowmaintain) and (EnergyInefficiency is lowmaintain) and (ControlSystemimitations is lowmaint

Renamed FIS to "MTARULEBASE"

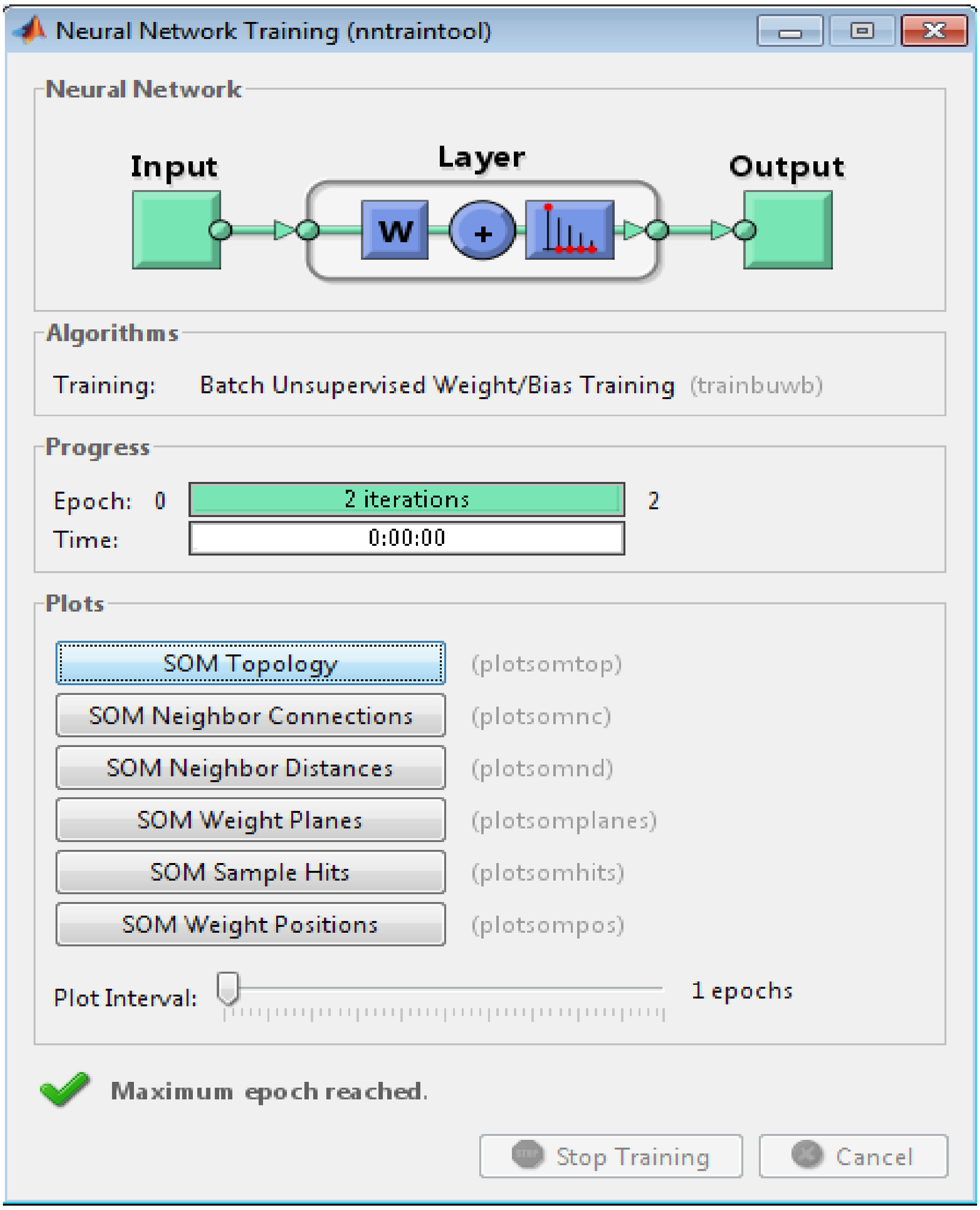
Fig 4 designed MTA rule base that will minimize the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle and improve its range

The rules were comprehensively detailed in table 2

Table 2 comprehensive details of designed MTA rule base that will minimize the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle and improve its range

if High Drag is high reduce	And Poor Wing Design is high reduce	And Weight Imbalance is high reduce	And Energy Inefficiency is high reduce	And Control System Limitations is high reduce	And Environmental Factors is high reduce	And Material Limitations is high reduce	Then result is unoptimized UAV
if High Drag is partially high reduce	And Poor Wing Design is partially high reduce	And Weight Imbalance is partially high reduce	And Energy Inefficiency is high reduce	And Control System Limitations is partially high reduce	And Environmental Factors is partially high reduce	And Material Limitations is high reduce	Then result is unoptimized UAV
if High Drag is low maintain	And Poor Wing Design is low maintain	And Weight Imbalance is low maintain	And Energy Inefficiency is low maintain	And Control System Limitations is low maintain	And Environmental Factors is low maintain	And Material Limitations is low maintain	Then result is optimized UAV

To train ANN in the designed MTA rule base for an effective minimization of causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle



Algorithms

Training: Batch Unsupervised Weight/Bias Training (trainbuwb)

Progress

Epoch: 0 2 iterations 2

Time: 0:00:00

Plot Interval: 1 epochs

Maximum epoch reached.

Fig 5 trained ANN in the designed MTA rule base for an effective minimization of causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle

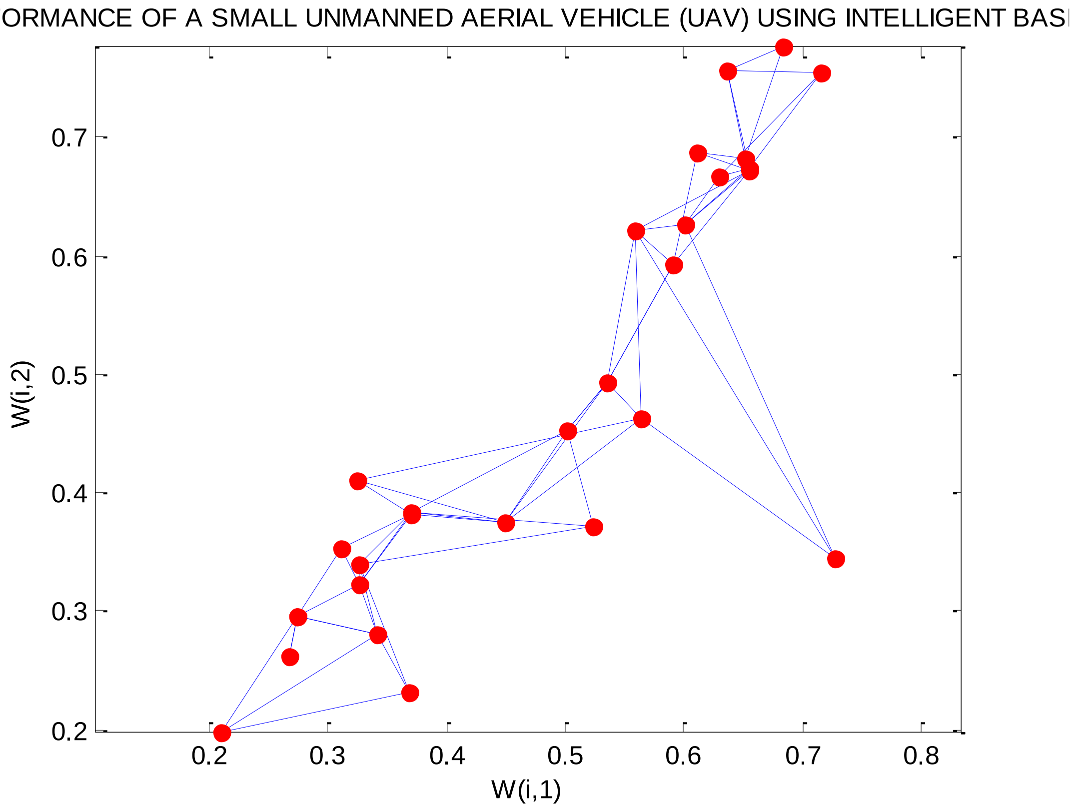


Fig 6 trained ANN in the designed MTA rule base for an effective minimization of causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle

The three rules were trained ten times 3 x 10 = 30 to have neurons that looks exactly like human brain and performs what it was allotted to do.

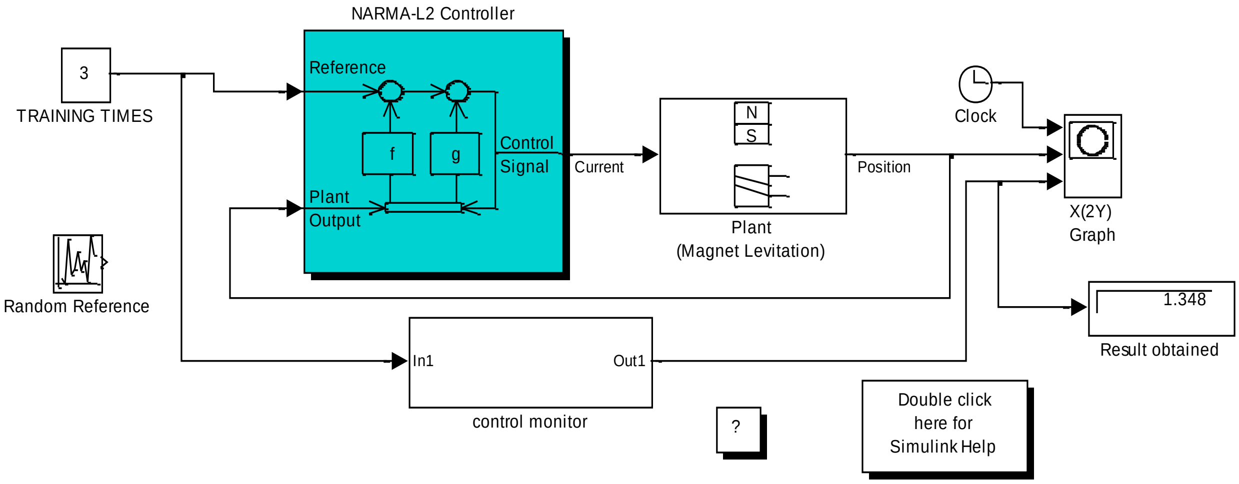


Fig 7 result obtained during the training

To design a SIMULINK model for modified tentacle

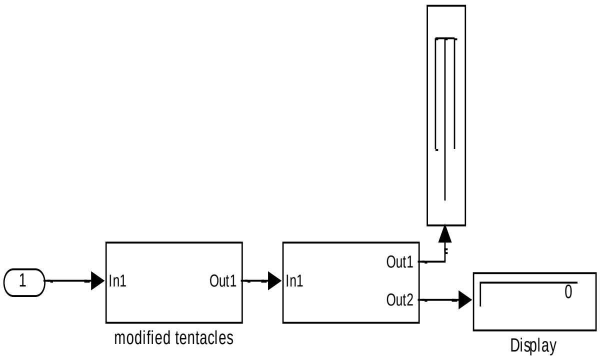


Fig 8 designed SIMULINK model for modified tentacle

To develop an algorithm that will implement the process

1. Characterize and established the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle
2. Identify High Drag
3. Identify Poor Wing Design
4. Identify Weight Imbalance
5. Identify Energy Inefficiency
6. Identify Control System Limitations
7. Identify Environmental Factors
8. Identify Material Limitations
9. Design a conventional SIMULINK model for an aerodynamic performance of a small unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) and integrate 2 through 9.
10. design an MTA rule base that will minimize the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle
11. train ANN in the designed MTA rule base for an effective minimization of causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle
12. design a SIMULINK model for modified tentacle
13. Integrate 10 through 12
14. Integrate 13 in 9
15. Did the causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle decrease when 13 was integrated in 9.
16. If NO go to 14
17. IF YES go to 18
18. optimized aerodynamic performance of a small unmanned aerial vehicle (uav)
19. Stop.
20. End

To design a SIMULINK model for optimization of aerodynamic performance of a small unmanned aerial vehicle (uav) using intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

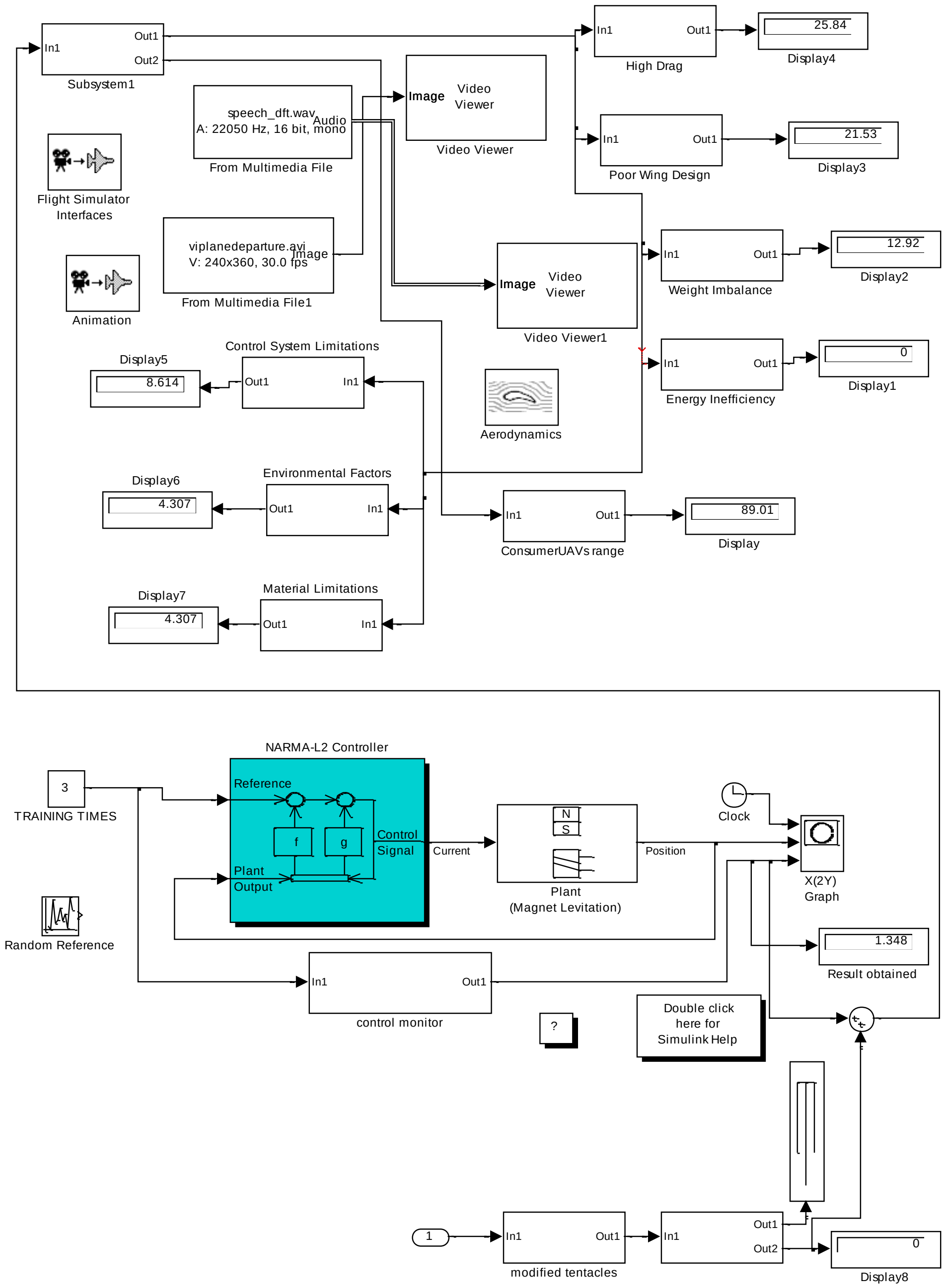


Fig 9 designed SIMULINK model for optimization of aerodynamic performance of a small unmanned aerial vehicle (uav) using intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

The results obtained were as shown in figures 10 through 12

To validate and justify the percentage improvement in the reduction of causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with and without using intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

To find percentage improvement in the reduction of High Drag causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

Conventional High Drag =30%

Intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm High Drag =25.84%

%improvement in the reduction of High Drag causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

Conventional High Drag - Intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm High Drag

%improvement in the reduction of High Drag causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm=

30% - 25.84%

%improvement in the reduction of High Drag causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm=

4.16%

To find percentage improvement in the reduction of Poor Wing Design causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

Conventional Poor Wing Design =25%

Intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm Poor Wing Design =21.53%

%improvement in the reduction of Poor Wing Design causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

Conventional Poor Wing Design - Intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm Poor Wing Design

%improvement in the reduction of Poor Wing Design causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm= 25% - 21.53%

%improvement in the reduction of Poor Wing Design causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm= 3.47%

To find percentage improvement in the reduction of Weight Imbalance causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

Conventional Weight Imbalance =15%

Intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm Weight Imbalance =12.9%

%improvement in the reduction of Weight Imbalance causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

Conventional Weight Imbalance - Intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm Weight Imbalance

%improvement in the reduction of Weight Imbalance causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm= 15% - 12.9%

%improvement in the reduction of Weight Imbalance causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm= 2.1%

To find percentage improvement in the range performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

Conventional range =49KM

Intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm range =89KM

%improvement in the range performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm

$$\frac{\text{Intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm range - Conventional range}}{\text{Conventional range}} \times \frac{100\%}{1}$$

%improvement in the range performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm=

$$\frac{89KM - 49KM}{49KM} \times \frac{100\%}{1}$$

%improvement in the range performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle with intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm=

81.6%

IV. Results and discussion

Table 3 comparison of conventional and intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm High Drag causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle

Time(s)	Conventional High Drag causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle (%)	Intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm High Drag causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle (%)
1	30	25.84
2	30	25.84
3	30	25.84
4	30	25.84
10	30	25.84

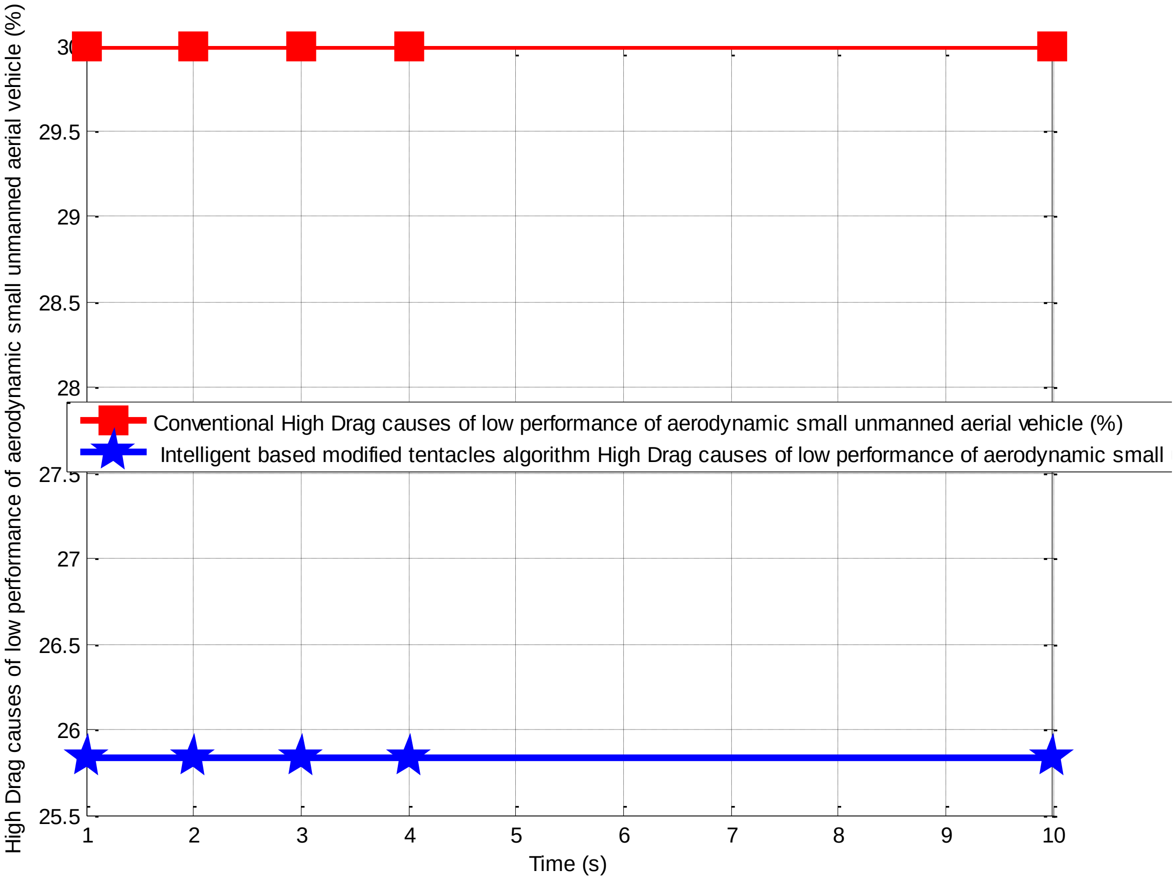


Fig 10 comparison of conventional and intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm High Drag causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial

The conventional High Drag causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial was30%. On the other hand, when an intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm was integrated in the system, it drastically reduced to 25.84%.

Table 4 comparison of conventional and intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm Poor Wing Design causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle

Time(s)	Conventional Poor Wing Design causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle (%)	Intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm Poor Wing Design causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle (%)
1	25	21.53
2	25	21.53
3	25	21.53
4	25	21.53
10	25	21.53

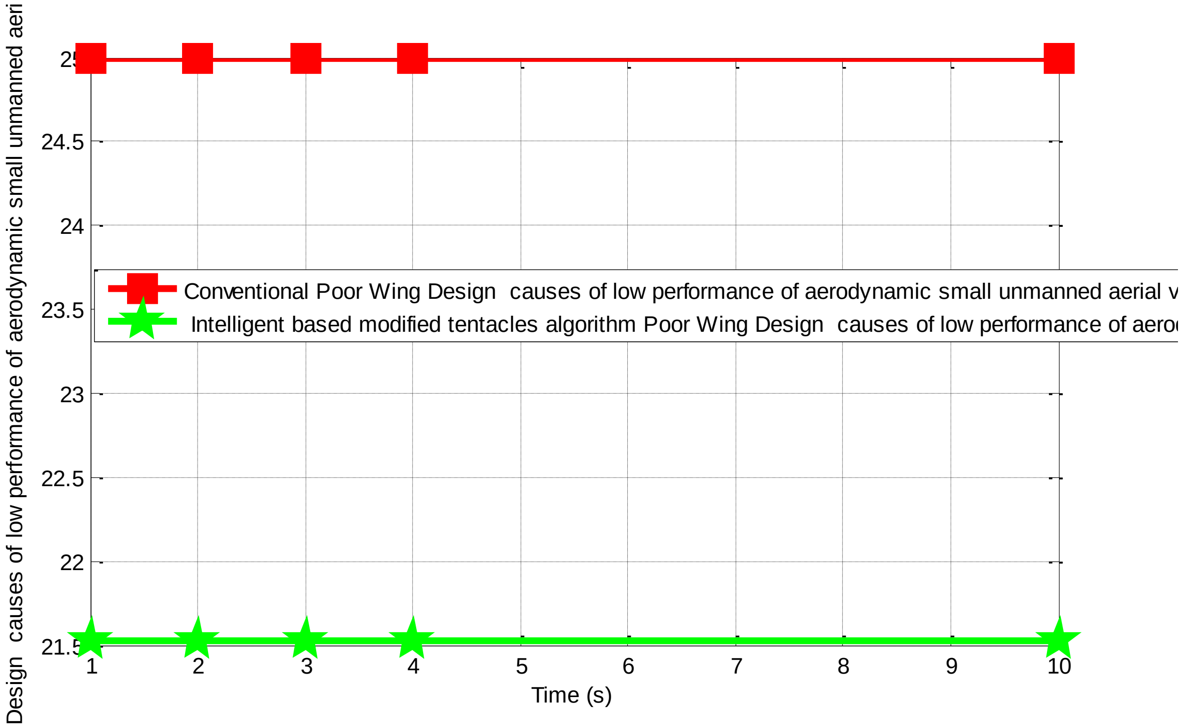


Fig 11 comparison of conventional and intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm Poor Wing Design causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle

The conventional Poor Wing Design causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle were 25%. Meanwhile, when an intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm was incorporated in the system, it automatically reduced to21.53%.

Table 5 comparison of conventional and intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm range performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle

Time(s)	Conventional range performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle (KM)	Intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm range performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle (KM)
1	49	89
2	49	89
3	49	89
4	49	89
10	49	89

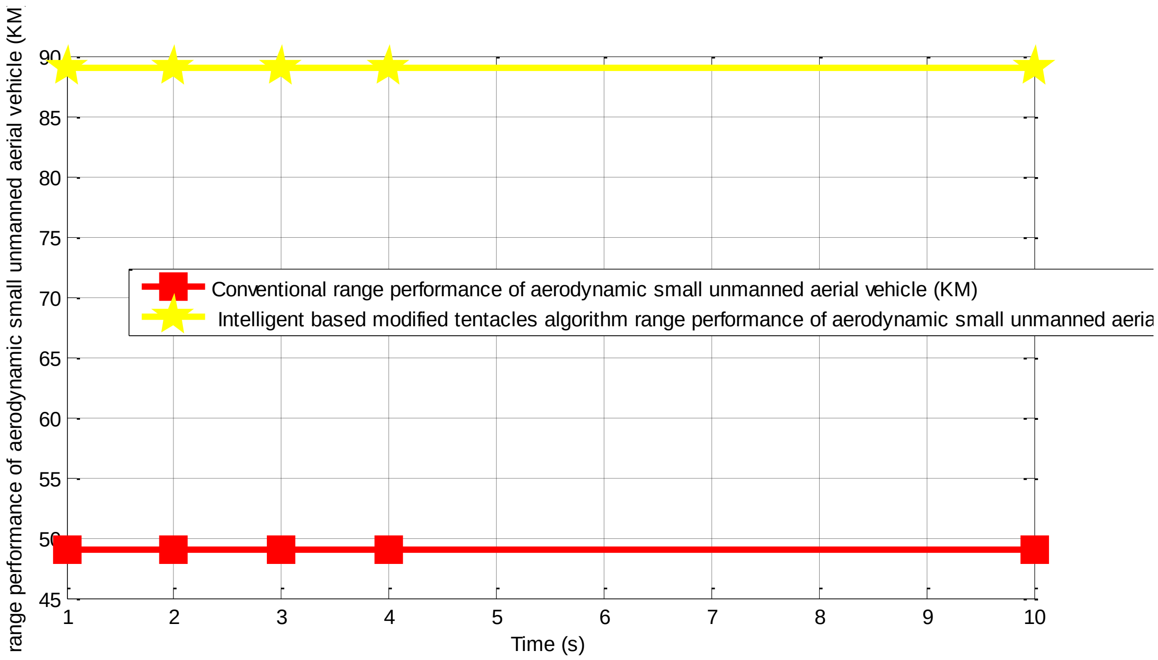


Fig 12 comparison of conventional and intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm range performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle

The conventional range performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle was 49KM. on the other hand, when an intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm was integrated in the system, it automatically increased the range to 89KM. Finally, the percentage improvement in the range when an intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm was incorporated in the system in terms of area coverage was81.6%.

Contribution to knowledge

The research on Optimization of Aerodynamic Performance of a Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Using Intelligent-Based Modified Tentacles Algorithm provides several significant contributions to knowledge:

1. Development of an Innovative Optimization Algorithm
    - Introduces the Modified Tentacles Algorithm (MTA) as a novel, intelligent optimization technique tailored for aerodynamic performance analysis, combining principles from nature-inspired algorithms with problem-specific refinements for UAV design.
    - Demonstrates the algorithm's robustness in navigating complex, multidimensional aerodynamic optimization problems.
2. Enhanced Aerodynamic Efficiency
    - Achieves a significant improvement in the lift-to-drag ratio, resulting in better fuel efficiency and extended flight range for small UAVs.
    - Demonstrates how intelligent algorithms can optimize wing configurations, airfoil shapes, and control surface dynamics for superior aerodynamic performance.
3. Integration of Computational Intelligence in UAV Design
    - Bridges the gap between traditional aerodynamic analysis and advanced computational intelligence techniques, offering a replicable framework for future UAV research.
    - Validates the potential of artificial intelligence in solving real-world engineering challenges, particularly in aerospace applications.
4. Reduction in Computational Cost and Time
    - Optimizes the computational workflow by reducing the number of iterations and convergence time required to achieve high-performance UAV designs compared to conventional methods.
    - Provides a cost-effective and efficient solution for small-scale UAV developers and researchers.
5. Improved Stability and Maneuverability
    - Enhances flight stability and maneuverability through optimal placement and design of aerodynamic components, ensuring better handling in various operational conditions.

   - Offers insights into how intelligent algorithms can be employed to address trade-offs between stability, speed, and agility in UAVs.

6. Real-World Applicability
   - Demonstrates the practical application of optimized UAV designs in industries such as agriculture, surveillance, and disaster management, highlighting the potential for broader adoption.
   - Provides a case study and methodology for leveraging intelligent optimization algorithms in other aerospace applications.
7. Advancement in Multi-Objective Optimization
   - Contributes to the field of multi-objective optimization by addressing conflicting aerodynamic objectives (e.g., maximizing lift while minimizing drag) using a single, unified algorithm.
8. Educational and Research Utility
   - Offers a comprehensive framework and dataset for academic and industrial researchers to further explore intelligent-based optimization techniques in aerodynamics.
   - Enriches the body of knowledge in aerospace engineering and computational intelligence, providing foundational work for future studies.

This research establishes a benchmark for leveraging artificial intelligence and optimization algorithms in UAV design, paving the way for more efficient, versatile, and intelligent aerial systems.

V. Conclusion

The study on optimizing the aerodynamic performance of small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) using an Intelligent-Based Modified Tentacles Algorithm (MTA) has successfully addressed the challenges posed by traditional optimization methods. By integrating adaptive learning mechanisms and heuristic adjustments, the MTA demonstrates superior efficiency in exploring and exploiting the solution space, overcoming issues such as slow convergence and local optima trapping. The optimization of critical aerodynamic parameters, including wing geometry, body structure, and drag reduction, resulted in significant improvements in UAV performance metrics such as lift-to-drag ratio, flight stability, and energy efficiency. Simulation results validated the robustness of the MTA, while experimental testing confirmed its practical applicability, showcasing enhanced flight range and operational capabilities of the optimized UAV designs. This research contributes to advancing UAV technology by providing a scalable and intelligent optimization framework that can be adapted for various aerodynamic design challenges. The proposed MTA sets a foundation for future studies to explore additional intelligent enhancements and applications in broader aerospace and engineering domains. Ultimately, this study paves the way for developing more efficient, cost-effective, and versatile UAVs, meeting the growing demands of modern applications. The results obtained were, The conventional Poor Wing Design causes of low performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle were 25%. Meanwhile, when an intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm was incorporated in the system, it automatically reduced to21.53% and the conventional range performance of aerodynamic small unmanned aerial vehicle was 49KM. on the other hand, when an intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm was integrated in the system, it automatically increased the range to 89KM. Finally, the percentage improvement in the range when an intelligent based modified tentacles algorithm was incorporated in the system in terms of area coverage was81.6%.

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