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Stability of Linear Time-Delay Systems

- Linear time delayed system:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A \mathbf{x}(t) + B \mathbf{x}(t - \tau), \quad \tau \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

is stable if the zeros of

$$\det(sI - A - Be^{-s\tau}) = 0$$

are in \mathcal{C}_g , (open left half s -plane, good region).

Lemma 1: The system (1) is stable if there exists $R = R'$ and $0 < P_1 = P'_1, P_2, P_3$, that satisfy the following LMI:

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_{11} & Y_{12} & \tau P'_2 B \\ Y'_{12} & Y_{22} & \tau_1 P'_3 B \\ \tau B' P_2 & \tau B' P_3 & -\tau R \end{pmatrix} < 0,$$

where $Y_{11} = (A + B)P_2 + P'_2(A + B)$, $Y_{12} = P_1 - P'_1 + (A + B)P_3$, and $Y_{22} = -P_3 - P'_3 + \tau R$.

Robust Stability

- Structured perturbation:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (A + E_A \Delta_A F_A) \mathbf{x}(t) + (B + E_B \Delta_B F_B) \mathbf{x}(t - \tau) \quad (2)$$

where $\Delta_A \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times p_A}$, $\Delta_B \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times p_B}$, $E_A, E_B \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times m}$, $F_A \in \mathcal{R}^{p_A \times n}$, and $F_B \in \mathcal{R}^{p_B \times n}$.

Theorem 1: If there exist $P > 0, Q > 0, X, Y$ and Z and positive scalars e_1 and e_2 such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_{11} & -Y + PB & \bar{\tau} A' Z & PE & PE \\ -Y' + B' P & -Q_{22} & \bar{\tau} B' Z & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{\tau} Z A & \bar{\tau} Z B & -\bar{\tau} Z & \bar{\tau} Z E & \bar{\tau} Z E \\ E' P & 0 & \bar{\tau} E' Z & -e_1 I & 0 \\ E' P & 0 & \bar{\tau} E' Z & 0 & -e_2 I \end{pmatrix} < 0, \quad \begin{pmatrix} X & Y \\ Y' & Z \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (3)$$

where $Y_{11} = A'P + PA + \bar{\tau}X + Y + Y' + Q + e_1 F'_0 F_0$, and $Q_{22} = Q - e_2 F'_1 F_1$. The system (2) is asymptotically stable for any time delay τ satisfying $0 \leq \tau \leq \bar{\tau}$ and all admissible uncertainties.

Stability Radius Preliminaries

- For the regular dynamical system with perturbation

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (A + E\Delta F)\mathbf{x}(t) \quad (4)$$

The (structured) real stability radius is defined as

$$r_R(A, E, F) = \inf_{s \in \mathcal{C}_0} \inf_{\Delta} \{\bar{\sigma}(\Delta) : \Delta \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times p} \mid |I - \Delta F(sI - A)^{-1} E| = 0\}.$$

Since $\mu_{\mathcal{R}}(M) = (\inf_{\Delta} \{\bar{\sigma}(\Delta) : \Delta \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times p} \mid |I - \Delta M| = 0\})^{-1}$ then, $r_R(A, E, F) = (\sup_{s \in \mathcal{C}_0} \mu_{\mathcal{R}}[F(sI - A)^{-1} E])^{-1}$

- Qui, L., Davison, E.J., Young, P.M., Doyle, J.C., and Bernhardson, B., (1995):

$$\mu_{\mathcal{R}}(M) := \inf_{\gamma \in (0,1]} \sigma_2 \left[\begin{pmatrix} Re(M) & -\gamma Im(M) \\ \gamma^{-1} Im(M) & Re(M) \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$\sigma_2(M)$ is the second largest singular values of $M \in \mathcal{C}^{p \times m}$.

Stability Radius of Single-Delay Systems

- The real stability radius of the system (2) is given by

$$r_R(A, B, E, F_A, F_B) = \inf_{s \in \mathcal{C}_0} \inf_{\Delta} \{\bar{\sigma}(\Delta) : \Delta \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times (p_A + p_B)}, |I - \Delta M(s)| = 0\}$$

where $\Delta = [\Delta_A \quad \Delta_B]$,

$$M(s) = \begin{pmatrix} M_1(s) \\ M_2(s) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_A \\ F_B e^{-\tau s} \end{pmatrix} (sI - A - B e^{-\tau s})^{-1} E. \quad (5)$$

Using Rekasius Transformation:

$$e^{-s\tau_i} = \frac{1-sT_i}{1+sT_i}, \quad \tau_i \in \mathcal{R}^+, \quad T_i \in \mathcal{R}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Exact for: $s = j\omega \Rightarrow \tau_i = \frac{2}{\omega} [\tan^{-1}(\omega T_i) + l\pi]$,

$l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ (5) becomes $M(w, \tau) = \begin{pmatrix} M_1(w, \tau) \\ M_2(w, \tau) \end{pmatrix}$, with

$$M_1(w, \tau) = [1 + j \tan(\frac{\tau w}{2} - l\pi)] F_A \times [j\omega I - (A + B)] + j \tan(\frac{\tau w}{2} - l\pi) [j\omega I - (A - B)]^{-1} E,$$

$$M_2(w, \tau) = [1 - \tan(\frac{\tau w}{2} - l\pi)] F_B \times [j\omega I - (A + B)] + j \tan(\frac{\tau w}{2} - l\pi) [j\omega I - (A - B)]^{-1} E, \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq \bar{\tau}.$$

Stability Radius of Metzlerian Systems

- Shafai, B. and Chen, J., (1993):

For a special class of nonnegative and metzlerian system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (A + E\Delta F)\mathbf{x}(t) \quad (6)$$

$E \geq 0, F \geq 0$, and $A \geq 0, A$ stable, $\Delta \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times p}$

Lemma 2: The real and complex stability radii coincide

$$r_{\mathcal{R}}(A, E, F) = r_{\mathcal{C}}(A, E, F) = \frac{1}{\|FA^{-1}E\|_2}.$$

Metzlerian Delay System

- Consider the class of positive delay dynamic systems

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{x}(t - \tau) \quad (7)$$

where A is metzlerian, B is nonnegative or metzlerian such that $A + B$ remains Metzlerian.

Theorem 2: The real and complex stability radii for the following uncertain Metzlerian delay system coincide

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (A + E\Delta F)\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{x}(t - \tau)$$

$$r_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B, E, F) = r_{\mathcal{R}}(A, B, E, F) = \frac{1}{\|F(A + B)^{-1}E\|}.$$

Example 1:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (A + E\Delta F)\mathbf{x}(t) + B\mathbf{x}(t - \tau),$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -22.3578 & 1.6015 & 0.0138 & 2.3068 \\ 1.0000 & -8.0777 & 1.7000 & 4.0013 \\ 2.4217 & 3.6563 & -9.9694 & 2.0000 \\ 13.2160 & 3.5504 & 0.0519 & -11.6325 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} -1.0000 & 1.0000 & 0.5000 & 2.0000 \\ 0.0000 & -1.0000 & 1.0323 & 1.7200 \\ 2.4000 & 2.2000 & -1.0000 & 0.5648 \\ 1.2000 & 1.0000 & 3.0000 & -1.0000 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E = F = I.$$

$$r_R(A, E, F) = \frac{1}{\|F(A + B)^{-1}E\|_2} = 0.4488.$$

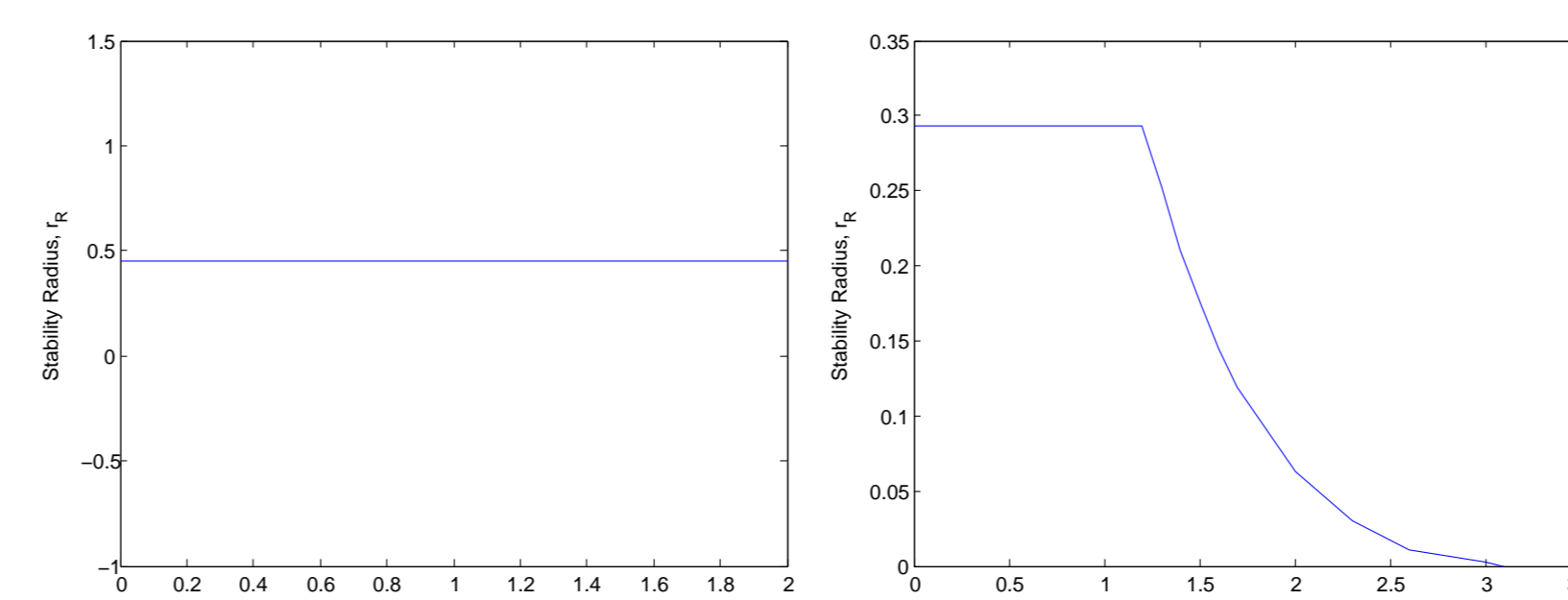
Example 2:

$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (A + E_A \Delta_A F_A) \mathbf{x}(t) + (B + E_B \Delta_B F_B) \mathbf{x}(t - \tau)$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E's = F's = I_2.$$

- Applying the LMI, the maximum time delay, $\bar{\tau} = \pi$.

- The real stability radius with respect to τ , $0 \leq \tau \leq \pi$.



Example 1

Example 2

Stability of Linear Two-Delay Systems

- Consider the two-delay retarded type linear system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A_0 \mathbf{x}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^2 A_i \mathbf{x}(t - \tau_i), \quad 0 \leq \tau_i \leq \bar{\tau}_i \quad (8)$$

The system (8) is said to be stable if the zeros of

$$\det(sI - A_0 - \sum_{i=1}^2 A_i e^{-s\tau_i}) = 0 \quad \text{are in } \mathcal{C}_g.$$

- Structure perturbation:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (A_0 + E_0 \Delta_0 F_0) \mathbf{x}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^2 (A_i + E_i \Delta_i F_i) \mathbf{x}(t - \tau_i) \quad (9)$$

$\Delta_i \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times p_i}$, $E_i \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times m}$, and $F_i \in \mathcal{R}^{p_i \times n}$, $i = 1, 2$

The characteristic equation: WLOG $E_i = E$

$$\det \left(I - \sum_{k=0}^2 \Delta_k F_k (sI - \sum_{i=1}^2 A_i e^{-s\tau_i})^{-1} E e^{s\tau_k} \right) = 0, \quad \tau_0 = 0$$

Stability Radius of Two-Delay Systems

- The real stability radius of the system (9)

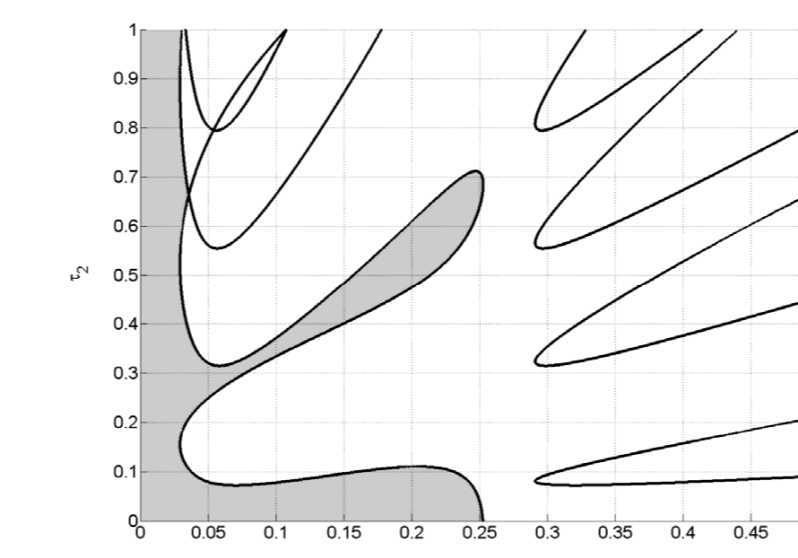
$$r_R(A_0, A_1, A_2, E, F_0, F_1, F_2) = \inf_{s \in \mathcal{C}_0} \inf_{\Delta} \{\bar{\sigma}(\Delta) : \Delta \in \mathcal{R}^{m \times (\sum_{k=0}^2 p_k)}, |I - \Delta M(s)| = 0\},$$

$$\Delta = [\Delta_0 \quad \Delta_1 \quad \Delta_2],$$

$$M(s) = \begin{pmatrix} F_0 \\ F_1 e^{-\tau_1 s} \\ F_2 e^{-\tau_2 s} \end{pmatrix} (sI - A_0 - \sum_{i=1}^2 A_i e^{-\tau_i s})^{-1} E$$

Definition 1: Fundamental Stability Region

Let the two time-delay system be zero delay stable. Then a subset of kernel and offspring curves such that any point on these curves can be connected to the origin by a continuous path in the stable region is called fundamental kernel and offspring curves. Furthermore, the region of stability bounded by τ_1, τ_2 axes and the fundamental kernel and offspring curves is called the fundamental stability region (FSR).



Fundamental Stability Region

Theorem 3: Let the two time delay system be zero delay robustly stable and let the box

$B = \{(\tau_1, \tau_2) : 0 \leq \tau_1 \leq \bar{\tau}_1, 0 \leq \tau_2 \leq \bar{\tau}_2\}$ be a subset of the FSR defined for (8). Then (9) is robustly stable if and only if the following two LMI's corresponding to two separate single delay systems are satisfied:

System 1 defined when $\tau_2 = 0$:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (A_{02} + E\Delta_{02}F_{02})\mathbf{x}(t) + (A_1 + E\Delta_1F_1)\mathbf{x}(t - \tau_1),$$

where $A_{02} = A_0 + A_2$, $\Delta_{02} = [\Delta_0 \quad \Delta_2]$, and $F_{02} = \begin{pmatrix} F_0 \\ F_2 \end{pmatrix}$,

i.e., if there exist $P > 0, Q > 0, X, Y$ and Z and positive scalars e_1 and e_2 such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_{11} & -Y + PA_1 & \bar{\tau}_1 A'_{02} Z & PE & PE \\ -Y' + A'_1 P & -Q_{22} & \bar{\tau}_1 A'_1 Z & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{\tau}_1 Z A_{02} & \bar{\tau}_1 Z A_1 & -\bar{\tau}_1 Z & \bar{\tau}_1 Z E & \bar{\tau}_1 Z E \\ E' P & 0 & \bar{\tau}_1 E' Z & -e_1 I & 0 \\ E' P & 0 & \bar{\tau}_1 E' Z & 0 & -e_2 I \end{pmatrix} < 0,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X & Y \\ Y' & Z \end{pmatrix} \geq 0,$$

where $Y_{11} = A'_{02} P + PA_{02} + \bar{\tau}_1 X + Y + Y' + Q + e_1 F'_0 F_0$, and $Q_{22} = Q - e_2 F'_1 F_1$.

System 2 defined when $\tau_1 = 0$:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (A_{01} + E\Delta_{01}F_{01})\mathbf{x}(t) + (A_2 + E\Delta_2F_2)\mathbf{x}(t - \tau_2),$$

where $A_{01} = A_0 + A_1$, $\Delta_{01} = [\Delta_0 \quad \Delta_1]$, and $F_{01} = \begin{pmatrix} F_0 \\ F_1 \end{pmatrix}$,

i.e., if there exist $P > 0, Q > 0, X, Y$ and Z and positive scalars e_1 and e_2 such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y_{11} & -Y + PA_2 & \bar{\tau}_2 A'_{01} Z & PE & PE \\ -Y' + A'_2 P & -Q_{22} & \bar{\tau}_2 A'_2 Z & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{\tau}_2 Z A_{01} & \bar{\tau}_2 Z A_2 & -\bar{\tau}_2 Z & \bar{\tau}_2 Z E & \bar{\tau}_2 Z E \\ E' P & 0 & \bar{\tau}_2 E' Z & -e_1 I & 0 \\ E' P & 0 & \bar{\tau}_2 E' Z & 0 & -e_2 I \end{pmatrix} < 0,$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X & Y \\ Y' & Z \end{pmatrix} \geq 0,$$

where $Y_{11} = A'_{01} P + PA_{01} + \bar{\tau}_2 X + Y + Y' + Q + e_1 F'_0 F_0$, and $Q_{22} = Q - e_2 F'_2 F_2$.

Example 3:

$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = (A_0 + E\Delta_0 F_0)\mathbf{x}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^2 (A_i + E\Delta_i F_i)\mathbf{x}(t - \tau_i)$, $0 \leq \tau_1 \leq 0.75, 0 \leq \tau_2 \leq 3$, where

$$E = F_i = I_2, A_0 = A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0.5 \\ -0.5 & -0.5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and } A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- System without uncertainties is stable when $\tau_1 = \tau_2 = 0$ and unstable when $\tau_1 > \pi$ and $\tau_2 > 5.71$ along τ_2 and τ_1 axis, respectively.

- The box $B_1 = \{(\tau_1, \tau_2) : 0 \leq \tau_1 \leq 0.75, 0 \leq \tau_2 \leq 3\}$ is entirely in the FSR

- The two LMI's are satisfied for $\bar{\tau}_1 = 0.75$, and $\bar{\tau}_2 = 3$.

- The largest possible box within the FSR is $B_2 = \{(\tau_1, \tau_2) : 0 \leq \tau_1 \leq 1.15, 0 \leq \tau_2 \leq 5.71\}$

