

Stability Analysis for Uncertain Delayed T-S Fuzzy Systems

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Abstract—This paper studies the global exponential stability for a Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy system with bounded uncertain delays. Most existing T-S method represent global nonlinear systems by connecting local linear systems with linguistic description. However, many complex systems cannot be represented by linear systems. In this paper, a class of local nonlinear systems having nice dynamic properties is employed to represent some global complex systems. Moreover, the delays are any uncertain bounded continuous functions. Sufficient conditions for global exponential stability of these delayed global complex systems are derived. Criteria for design of nonlinear fuzzy controllers to feedback control the stability of global nonlinear fuzzy systems are given.

Keywords—Fuzzy systems; Global exponential stability; Delays

I. INTRODUCTION

Since Tanaka and Sugeno [1] proposed Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy model in 1985, a great number of results have been reported for T-S systems [2], [3], [4], [5]. The T-S model gives an effective method to combine some simple local systems with their linguistic description to represent complex nonlinear dynamic systems. Stability of T-S model fuzzy systems is quite important for practical applications. It has been widely studied by many authors, see, for examples, [6], [7], [8].

Time delays in dynamic systems has been studied for many years. T-S model of fuzzy systems with delays was first introduced in [9]. It is well known that delays can affect dynamics of some nonlinear systems, a stable system may become unstable by introducing some delays [10]. In recent years, some authors have paid their attention to control of nonlinear systems with delays by using T-S fuzzy models. There exist two kinds of delays, one is continuous, see, for examples [11], [12], [13], [14]. The other is discrete, see, for examples, [15], [16]. In control engineering, delays are difficult to be known exactly, so stability for systems with uncertain delays are quite interesting [17]. In this paper, the delays are assumed to be any uncertain bounded continuous functions. Stability conditions will be derived, some of them will be represented by simple algebraic inequalities and are easy to check.

As we know, in most reported stability results of T-S model, simple linear systems are used to form global nonlinear fuzzy systems [18], [19], [20]. However, there are many complex nonlinear fuzzy systems cannot be connected by using local linear systems. In this paper, unlike using local linear systems

in previous study, a class of nonlinear systems with delays having nice dynamical properties [21] will be used as local systems to form some global complex nonlinear fuzzy systems by T-S method. Since global exponential stability (GES) is more interesting than global asymptotic stability, Our stability conditions will guarantee the global exponential stability of the global complex nonlinear fuzzy delayed systems.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section II, some preliminaries for delayed fuzzy control systems will be given. In Section III, conditions for global exponential stability of fuzzy systems with delays will be proposed and proved. In Section IV, simulations will be given. This paper will be concluded in Section V.

II. PRELIMINARIES

Consider a T-S fuzzy time-delay model which is composed of r plant rules. For each $s = 1, \dots, r$, the s th plant rule can be represented as follows:

Plant Rule s : IF $\alpha_1(t)$ is M_{1s} AND \dots AND $\alpha_p(t)$ is M_{ps} THEN

$$\dot{x}(t) = -x(t) + W_s g(x(t)) + J_s g(x(t - \tau_s(t))) \quad (1)$$

for $t \geq 0$, where $x(t) = (x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t))^T$ is the state vector, r is the number of IF-THEN rules, $\alpha_1(t), \dots, \alpha_p(t)$ are the premise variables and each M_{is} ($i = 1, \dots, p$) is the fuzzy set corresponding to $\alpha_i(t)$ and plant rule s . $u(t)$ is the control input vector, $\tau_s(t)$ is the time delay which satisfies $0 \leq \tau_s(t) \leq \tau$.

For any $x \in R^n$, $g(x) = (g(x_1), \dots, g(x_n))^T$, and the function g is defined as follows:

$$g(s) = \frac{|s + 1| - |s - 1|}{2}, \quad s \in R.$$

The function g is continuous but non-differentiable. So the local system is nonlinear which is the main feature of this paper different from others.

The system of (1) can be described as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_i(t) &= -x_i(t) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^n \left[W_{ij}^s g(x_j(t)) + J_{ij}^s g(x_j(t - \tau_s(t))) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

for $t \geq 0$ and $i = 1, \dots, n$. Where $W_s = (W_{ij}^s)_{n \times n}$, $J_s = (J_{ij}^s)_{n \times n}$ is the constant matrix.

Let $M_{is}(\alpha_i(t))$ be the membership function of the fuzzy set M_{is} at the position $\alpha_i(t)$ and denote

$$w_s(\alpha(t)) = \prod_{i=1}^p M_{is}(\alpha_i(t)),$$

$$h_s(\alpha(t)) = \frac{w_s(\alpha(t))}{\sum_{i=1}^r w_i(\alpha(t))} \geq 0$$

$$\sum_{s=1}^r h_s(\alpha(t)) = 1.$$

Then the overall delayed fuzzy control system is inferred as

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{s=1}^r h_s(\alpha(t)) \left[-x(t) + W_s g(x(t)) + J_s g(x(t - \tau_s(t))) \right] \quad (3)$$

for $t \geq 0$.

For each solution, the initial value is assumed to be

$$x(t) = \phi(t), \quad t \in [-\tau, 0]$$

where $\phi(t) = (\phi_1(t), \dots, \phi_n(t))^T$ is a vector continuous function. We define

$$\|\phi\| = \sup_{-\tau \leq \theta \leq 0} \sqrt{\phi_1^2(\theta) + \dots + \phi_n^2(\theta)}.$$

In this paper, for a matrix S , we will use $S > 0$ and $S < 0$ to denote that S is a symmetric positive matrix or a symmetric negative matrix, respectively.

D^+ is used to denote the *upper righthand Dini derivative* in this paper. For any continuous function $g : R \rightarrow R$, the *upper righthand Dini derivative* of $g(t)$ is defined as

$$D^+ g(t) = \limsup_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(t + \theta) - g(t)}{\theta}.$$

It is easy to see that if $g(t)$ is locally Lipschitz then $|D^+ g(t)| < +\infty$.

III. STABILITY ANALYSIS OF FUZZY DELAYED SYSTEMS

Consider the fuzzy system (3), we can see that it is a global nonlinear fuzzy system and its nonlinear local delayed systems are represented as follows

$$\dot{x}(t) = -x(t) + W_s g(x(t)) + J_s g(x(t - \tau_s(t))) \quad (4)$$

for $t \geq 0$.

In [17], we can see that the fuzzy system (3) is globally exponentially stable, if there exist constants $\epsilon > 0$ and $\Pi \geq 1$ such that

$$\|x(t)\| \leq \Pi \|\phi\| e^{-\epsilon t}$$

for all $t \geq 0$.

In the following Theorem, we will derive some global exponential stability conditions which will be presented in some simple algebraic inequalities.

Theorem 1: If

$$-1 + W_{ii}^s + \sum_{j=1}^n \left[|W_{ij}^s| (1 - \delta_{ij}) + |J_{ij}^s| \right] < 0$$

for all $i = 1, \dots, n$ and $s = 1, \dots, r$, where

$$\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ 0, & i \neq j, \end{cases}$$

then, the free fuzzy system (3) is globally exponentially stable.

proof For any delays $\tau_s(t)$ ($s = 1, \dots, r$), since $0 \leq \tau_s(t) \leq \tau$, the free fuzzy system of (3) can be rewritten as

$$\dot{x}_i(t) = -x_i(t) + \sum_{s=1}^r h_s(\alpha(t)) \left[\sum_{j=1}^n (W_{ij}^s g(x_j(t)) + J_{ij}^s g(x_j(t - \tau_s(t)))) \right]. \quad (5)$$

Then, it follows that

$$D^+ |x_i(t)| \leq -|x_i(t)| + \sum_{s=1}^r h_s(\alpha(t)) \left[W_{ii}^s |g(x_i(t))| + \sum_{j=1}^n (|W_{ij}^s| (1 - \delta_{ij}) |g(x_j(t))| + |J_{ij}^s| |g(x_j(t - \tau_s(t)))|) \right] \quad (6)$$

for all $t \geq 0$.

Since

$$-1 + W_{ii}^s + \sum_{j=1}^n \left[|W_{ij}^s| (1 - \delta_{ij}) + |J_{ij}^s| \right] < 0,$$

then there must exist a $\epsilon > 0$ such that

$$\epsilon - 1 + W_{ii}^s + \sum_{j=1}^n \left[|W_{ij}^s| (1 - \delta_{ij}) + e^{\epsilon \tau} |J_{ij}^s| \right] < 0.$$

Denote

$$\eta_{is} = - \left[\epsilon - 1 + W_{ii}^s + \sum_{j=1}^n \left[|W_{ij}^s| (1 - \delta_{ij}) + e^{\epsilon \tau} |J_{ij}^s| \right] \right]$$

and let

$$\sigma = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq s \leq r} (\eta_{is}).$$

Obviously, $\sigma > 0$. Define $z_i(t) = |x_i(t)| e^{\epsilon t}$, ($i = 1, \dots, n$) for all $t \geq -\tau$. Then, it follows from (6) that

$$D^+ z_i(t) \leq (\epsilon - 1) |x_i(t)| e^{\epsilon t} + \sum_{s=1}^r h_s(\alpha(t)) \left[W_{ii}^s |g(x_i(t))| + \sum_{j=1}^n (|W_{ij}^s| (1 - \delta_{ij}) |g(x_j(t))| + |J_{ij}^s| |g(x_j(t - \tau_s(t)))|) \right] e^{\epsilon t}$$

for all $t \geq 0$.

From the definition of function g , we can see that $|g(x_i(t))| \leq |x_i(t)|$, ($i = 1, \dots, n$).

So,

$$\begin{aligned}
D^+ z_i(t) &\leq (\epsilon - 1)|x_i(t)|e^{\epsilon t} + \sum_{s=1}^r h_s(\alpha(t)) \left[W_{ii}^s |x_i(t)| \right. \\
&\quad + \sum_{j=1}^n (|W_{ij}^s| (1 - \delta_{ij}) |x_j(t)| \\
&\quad \left. + |J_{ij}^s| |x_j(t - \tau_s(t))| \right) e^{\epsilon t} \\
&\leq (\epsilon - 1)z_i(t) + \sum_{s=1}^r h_s(\alpha(t)) \left[W_{ii}^s z_i(t) \right. \\
&\quad + \sum_{j=1}^n (|W_{ij}^s| (1 - \delta_{ij}) z_j(t) \\
&\quad \left. + e^{\epsilon \tau} |J_{ij}^s| z_j(t - \tau_s(t)) \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{s=1}^r h_s(\alpha(t)) \left[(-1 + W_{ii}^s + \epsilon) z_i(t) \right. \\
&\quad + \sum_{j=1}^n (|W_{ij}^s| (1 - \delta_{ij}) z_j(t) \\
&\quad \left. + e^{\epsilon \tau} |J_{ij}^s| z_j(t - \tau_s(t)) \right) \tag{7}
\end{aligned}$$

for all $t \geq 0$.

For any constant $a > 1$, it is easy to see that

$$z_i(t) = |\phi_i(t)|e^{\epsilon t} \leq \| \phi \| < a \| \phi \|$$

for all $t \in [-\tau, 0]$. We will prove that $z_i(t) < a \| \phi \|$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) for all $t \geq 0$. Otherwise, then there must exist some i and a time $t_1 > 0$ such that

$$z_i(t_1) = a \| \phi \|$$

and

$$z_j(t) \begin{cases} < a \| \phi \|, & j = i, \quad \text{for } t \in [-\tau, t_1) \\ \leq a \| \phi \|, & j \neq i, \quad \text{for } t \in [-\tau, t_1]. \end{cases}$$

Then, we have $D^+ z_i(t_1) \geq 0$. But on the other hand, it follows from (7) that

$$\begin{aligned}
D^+ z_i(t_1) &\leq \sum_{s=1}^r h_s(\alpha(t_1)) \left[(-1 + W_{ii}^s + \epsilon) a \| \phi \| \right. \\
&\quad \left. + a \| \phi \| \sum_{j=1}^n (|W_{ij}^s| (1 - \delta_{ij}) + e^{\epsilon \tau} |J_{ij}^s|) \right] \\
&= -a \| \phi \| \sum_{s=1}^r h_s(\alpha(t_1)) \cdot \eta_{is} \\
&\leq -\sigma a \| \phi \| \\
&< 0.
\end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction and it proves that $z_i(t) < a \| \phi \|$ ($i = 1, \dots, n$) for all $t \geq 0$.

Letting $a \rightarrow 1$, we have $z_i(t) \leq \| \phi \|$ for all $t \geq 0$. Then, it follows that

$$|x_i(t)| \leq \| \phi \| e^{-\epsilon t}$$

for all $t \geq 0$.

The proof is complete.

The above theorem provide some conditions to guarantee the exponential stability of the free fuzzy systems of (3) subject to any uncertain continuous bounded delays.

IV. SIMULATIONS

In this section, we will give an example to illustrate the above theory.

Consider the following nonlinear system with delay

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1(t) = -x_1(t) - g(x_1(t)) \cdot (1 + \sin^2 x_2(t)) \\ \quad + g(x_1(t - \tau(t))) + g(x_2(t - \tau(t))) \cdot \sin^2 x_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) = -x_2(t) - g(x_2(t)) \\ \quad + (g(x_1(t)) - g(x_2(t))) \cdot \cos^2 x_2(t) \\ \quad + g(x_1(t - \tau(t))) \cdot \cos^2 x_2(t) \\ \quad + g(x_2(t - \tau(t))) \cdot \sin^2 x_2(t) \end{cases} \tag{8}$$

for all $t \geq 0$.

Define some matrices

$$W_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad J_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$W_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad J_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and some functions

$$M_{11}(x_2(t)) = \sin^2 x_2(t), \quad M_{22}(x_2(t)) = \cos^2 x_2(t).$$

We can interpret $M_{11}(x_2(t))$ and $M_{22}(x_2(t))$ as membership functions of some fuzzy sets M_{11} and M_{22} , respectively. Using these fuzzy sets, the above nonlinear system (8) can be presented by the following TS fuzzy model

Plant Rule 1: IF $x_2(t)$ is M_{11} THEN

$$\dot{x}(t) = -x(t) + W_1 g(x(t)) + J_1 g(x(t - \tau(t))). \tag{9}$$

Plant Rule 2: IF $x_2(t)$ is M_{22} THEN

$$\dot{x}(t) = -x(t) + W_2 g(x(t)) + J_2 g(x(t - \tau(t))). \tag{10}$$

Using the Theorem 1, it is easy to check that the nonlinear system (8) is globally exponentially stable. The delay $\tau(t)$ could be any bounded continuous function, say, $\sin^2(t)$, $\cos^2(t)$, $1/(1 + |t|)$ (not differentiable), etc.

Fig. 1 shows the global exponential stability of the nonlinear system (8) with $\tau(t) = 1$.

Fig. 2 and Fig. 3 show the global exponential stability of the local systems (9) and (10) with $\tau(t) = 1$.

V. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, the global exponential stability analysis for a class of fuzzy systems with uncertain time delays has been studied. Some global exponential stability conditions for free delayed fuzzy systems have been proposed. Then an example has been used to illustrate the results. We believe that all of the results obtained in this paper can be extended to the fuzzy systems with multiple time delays or with time-varying delay.

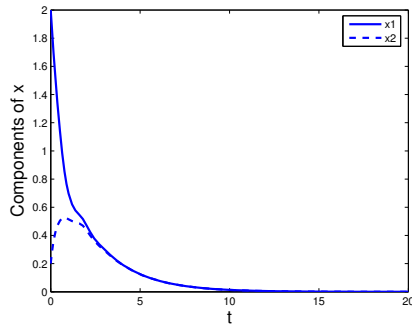


Fig. 1. Global exponential stability of (8) with $\tau(t) = 1$.

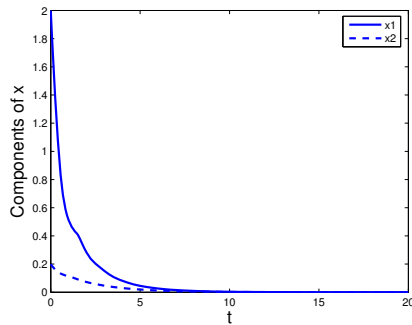


Fig. 2. Global exponential stability of (9) with $\tau(t) = 1$.

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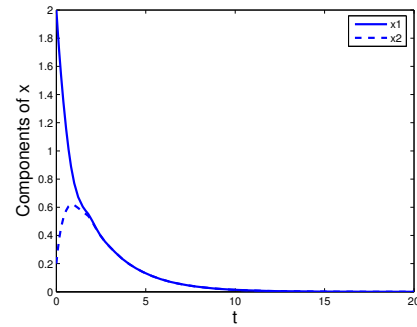


Fig. 3. Global exponential stability of (10) with $\tau(t) = 1$.

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