# Exponential stability analysis for delayed stochastic Cohen-Grossberg neural network

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#### Abstract

In this paper, the exponential stability problems are addressed for a class of delayed Cohen-Grossberg neural networks which are also perturbed by some stochastic noises. By employing the Lyapunov method, stochastic analysis and some inequality techniques, sufficient conditions are acquired for checking the pth(p > 1) and the 1*st* moment exponential stability of the network. Finally, One example is given to show the effectiveness of the proposed results.

*Keywords:* Exponential stability, Cohen-Grossberg neural networks, Lyapunov method, Razumikhin-type theorem, Brownian motion, Itô's formula.

# 1. Introduction

The Cohen-Grossberg neural network (CGNN) model was introduced by Cohen and Grossberg in 1983<sup>1</sup> and has been extensively studied by many scholars for its important applications such as pattern recognition, associative memory, etc. Much work has been done to investigate the stability, boundedness and other dynamical behaviors of the networks <sup>2,3,4</sup>, which are helpful for the design of the neural networks. In the literature, most research focuses on the deterministic model. However, it should be pointed out that neural networks often work in some kinds of noise circumstance which may bring stochastic disturbance to the inputs of the networks. Results in <sup>5,6</sup> suggested that the neural networks can be stabilized or destabilized by certain stochastic inputs, which implies that it is important to consider the noise effects in the stability analysis for the neural networks. Recently, the study of stochastic neural networks has drawn much attentions from researchers all over the world and some results can be found in <sup>7,8,9,10,11,12,13,22</sup> and the references cited therein <sup>15,16,17,19,21</sup>. But for the study of stochastic CGNN, up till now, there are only a few results <sup>10,11,14,20</sup>. For example, Zhao <sup>10</sup> discussed the almost sure exponential stability by using the semimartingale convergence theorem, and Wang *et al* <sup>11</sup> obtained several asymptotic stability criteria by applying the well-known Lyapunov functional approach <sup>18</sup>.

In this paper, the stochastic CGNN will be studied in a different way comparing to Zhao <sup>10</sup> or Wang <sup>11</sup>. Firstly, the stochastic version of Razumikhintype theorem constructed by Mao <sup>12</sup> is utilized to give some sufficient conditions ensuring the pth(p >1) moment exponential stability of the networks. Then, by employing a suitable Lyapunov function and some analysis techniques, a sufficient condition is derived for the 1*st* moment exponential stability of the CGNN. In the end of this paper, an example is demonstrated to illustrate the proposed criteria and a G. Wang, J. Liang

comparison with the criteria introduced in <sup>11</sup> is also provided.

*Notations:* Throughout this paper,  $R^+$  and  $R_+$ represent, respectively, the set of all positive real numbers and the set of all nonnegative real numbers.  $R^n$  is the *n*-dimensional Euclidean space. Let  $\tau > 0$  and  $C([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the family of continuous functions  $\varphi(\cdot)$  from  $[-\tau, 0]$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ with the norm defined by  $||\varphi|| = \sup_{\tau \leqslant \theta \leqslant 0} |\varphi(\theta)|$ , where  $|\cdot|$  is the Euclidean norm in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .  $|x(t)|_1 =$  $\sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i(t)|$  represents the 1-norm of vector  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and  $w(t) = (w_1(t), w_2(t), ..., w_n(t))^T$  means an *n*dimensional Brownian motion defined on a complete probability space  $(\Omega, \mathscr{F}, \mathscr{P})$  with a natural filtration  $\{\mathscr{F}_t\}_{t\geq 0}$ .  $C^b_{\mathscr{F}_0}([-\tau,0];\mathbb{R}^n)$  means the fam-ily of all bounded,  $\mathscr{F}_0$ -measurable,  $C([-\tau,0];\mathbb{R}^n)$ valued random variables. For  $p \ge 1$  and  $t \ge 1$ 0, denote by  $L^p_{\mathscr{F}_n}([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$  the family of all bounded,  $\mathscr{F}_t$ -measurable  $C([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ -valued random variables  $\varphi = \{\varphi(\theta) : -\tau \leq \theta \leq 0\}$  such that  $\sup_{-\tau \leq \theta \leq 0} E |\varphi(\theta)|^p < \infty.$ 

### 2. Model Formulation and Preliminaries

Consider the following delayed stochastic CGNN:

$$\begin{cases} dx_{i}(t) = -d_{i}(x_{i}(t))[c_{i}(x_{i}(t)) - \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij}f_{j}(x_{j}(t)) \\ -\sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{ij}f_{j}(x_{j}(t-\tau))]dt \\ +\sum_{j=1}^{n} \sigma_{ij}(x_{j}(t), x_{j}(t-\tau))dw_{j}(t), \\ x_{i}(t) = \xi_{i}(t), \quad -\tau \leqslant t \leqslant 0. \end{cases}$$
(1)

Throughout this paper, the following assumptions are made:

(*H*1) There exist positive constants  $m_i$  and  $M_i$  such that

$$0 < m_i \leq d_i(\cdot) \leq M_i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

(H2)  $c_i(\cdot)$  is differentiable and

$$\alpha_i = \inf_{x \in R} c'_i(x) > 0, \quad c_i(0) = 0, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

(H3) The nonlinear functions  $f_i(\cdot)$  (i = 1, 2, ..., n) are globally Lipschitz continuous and  $f_i(0) = 0$ , i.e.

there exist positive scalars  $\beta_i$  such that

$$|f_i(x)-f_i(y)| < \beta_i |x-y|, \quad \forall x,y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(*H*4) The nonlinear functions  $\sigma_{ij}(\cdot)$  (*i*, *j* = 1,2,...,*n*) is globally Lipschitz continuous and  $\sigma_{i,j}(0,0) = 0$ , i.e. there exist positive constants  $l_{ij}$  and  $k_{ij}$  such that

$$|\sigma_{ij}(x_2, y_2) - \sigma_{ij}(x_1, y_1)| \leq l_{ij}|x_2 - x_1| + k_{ij}|y_2 - y_1|$$

holds for all  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in R$ .

To prove our main results, we need the following lemmas and notations:

**Lemma 1.** [Young Inequality] For any  $x, y, p, q \in R^+$  with 1/p + 1/q = 1, one has

$$xy \leqslant \frac{1}{p}x^p + \frac{1}{q}y^q.$$

Consider a stochastic functional differential equation

$$\begin{cases} dx(t) = f(x_{\tau}, t)dt + g(x_{\tau}, t)dw(t), \\ x(t) = \xi(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad -\tau \leq t \leq 0. \end{cases}$$
(2)

Let  $C^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^n \times [-\tau,\infty);\mathbb{R}_+)$  be the family of all nonnegative functions which are continuously once differentiable in *t* and twice differentiable in *x*; for  $V \in C^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^n \times [-\tau,\infty);\mathbb{R}_+)$ , define the operator  $\mathscr{L}V$  for system (2) by

$$\mathcal{L}V(\phi,t) = V_t(\phi(0),t) + V_x(\phi(0),t)f(\phi,t) + \frac{1}{2}\text{trace}[g^T(\phi,t)V_{xx}(\phi(0),t)g(\phi,t)], \quad (3)$$

where

$$V_t(x,t) = \frac{\partial V(x,t)}{\partial t},$$
  

$$V_{xx}(x,t) = \left(\frac{\partial^2 V(x,t)}{(\partial x_i \partial x_j)}\right)_{n \times n},$$
  

$$V_x(x,t) = \left(\frac{\partial V(x,t)}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial V(x,t)}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial V(x,t)}{\partial x_n}\right).$$

**Lemma 2.** (*Razumikhin-type Theorem*<sup>5</sup>) For system (2), assume that f, g satisfy the Lipschitz condition and the linear growth condition. Let  $\lambda$ , p,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  be all positive numbers and q > 1. Assume that there

exists a function  $V(x,t) \in C^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^n \times [-\tau,\infty);\mathbb{R}_+)$ such that

$$c_1|x|^p \leq V(x,t) \leq c_2|x|^p, \ \forall \ (x,t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times [-\tau,\infty);$$

and also for all  $t \ge 0$ ,

$$E\mathscr{L}V(\phi,t) \leqslant -\lambda EV(\phi(0),t)$$

provided  $\phi = \{\phi(\theta) : -\tau \leq \theta \leq 0\} \in L^p_{\mathscr{F}_t}([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$  satisfying

$$EV(\phi(\theta), t+\theta) \leq qEV(\phi(0), t), \ \forall -\tau \leq \theta \leq 0.$$

Then for all  $\xi \in C^b_{\mathscr{F}_0}([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,

$$E|x(\xi,t)|^p \leq \frac{c_2}{c_1}E||\xi||^p e^{-\gamma t}, \quad \forall t \ge 0$$

where  $\gamma = \min\{\lambda, \log(q)/\tau\}$ .

**Definition 1.** <sup>12</sup> The trivial solution of system (1) is said to be *pth* moment exponentially stable if there exists a pair of positive constants  $\lambda$  and *C* such that

$$E|x(\xi,t)|^p \leq CE||\xi||^p e^{-\lambda t}, \quad t \ge 0$$

holds for any  $\xi \in L^p_{\mathscr{F}_l}([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ . Especially, when p = 2, it is usually called to be exponentially stable in mean square. When p = 1, it is called to be 1*st* moment exponentially stable.

# 3. Main Results

In this section, some stability criteria are obtained for the delayed stochastic CGNN (1).

**Theorem 3.** Let Assumptions (H1) - (H4) hold. For constant  $p \ge 2$ , system (1) is pth moment exponentially stable if  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2$ , where

$$\begin{split} \lambda_{1} &= \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \Big\{ p \alpha_{i} m_{i} - (p-1) M_{i} (\sum_{j=1}^{n} (|a_{ij}| + |b_{ij}|) \beta_{j}) \\ &- (p-1)(p-2) \sum_{j=1}^{n} (l_{ij}^{2} + k_{ij}^{2}) \\ &- \beta_{i} (\sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_{ji}| M_{j}) - 2(p-1) \sum_{j=1}^{n} l_{ji}^{2} \Big\}, \end{split}$$
(4)

$$\lambda_2 = \max_{1 \le i \le n} \left\{ \beta_i \left( \sum_{j=1}^n |b_{ji}| M_j \right) + 2(p-1) \sum_{j=1}^n k_{ji}^2 \right\}.$$
(5)

**Proof.** Define a Lyapunov function V(x,t) as follows:

$$V(x,t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i(t)|^p.$$
 (6)

Denote  $\Sigma = \text{diag}\{|x_1(t)|^{p-2}, |x_2(t)|^{p-2}, \dots, |x_n(t)|^{p-2}\}$ and  $\sigma(x(t), x(t-\tau)) = (\sigma_{ij}(x_j(t), x_j(t-\tau)))_{n \times n}$ , from formula (3) and Lemma 1 one can obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}V(x,t) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} p|x_{i}(t)|^{p-1} \mathrm{sign}(x_{i}(t)) \Big\{ -d_{i}(x_{i}(t)) \big[ c_{i}(x_{i}(t)) \\ &- \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{ij} f_{j}(x_{j}(t)) - \sum_{j=1}^{n} b_{ij} \times f_{j}(x_{j}(t-\tau)) \big] \Big\} \\ &+ \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \mathrm{trace} \big[ \sigma^{T}(x(t), x_{\tau}(t)) \Sigma \sigma(x(t), x_{\tau}(t)) \big] \\ &\leqslant -p \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i} m_{i} |x_{i}(t)|^{p} + p \sum_{i=1}^{n} M_{i} |x_{i}(t)|^{p-1} \\ &\times \big[ \sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_{ij}| \beta_{j} |x_{j}(t)| + \sum_{j=1}^{n} |b_{ij}| \beta_{j} \times |x_{j}(t-\tau)| \big] \\ &+ p(p-1) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |x_{i}(t)|^{p-2} \big[ l_{ij}^{2} |x_{j}(t)|^{2} \\ &+ k_{ij}^{2} |x_{j}(t-\tau)|^{2} \big] \\ &\leqslant -p \sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_{i} m_{i} |x_{i}(t)|^{p} \\ &+ (p-1) \sum_{i=1}^{n} M_{i} \big( \sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_{ij}| \beta_{j} \big) |x_{i}(t)|^{p} \\ &+ (p-1) \sum_{i=1}^{n} M_{i} \big( \sum_{j=1}^{n} |b_{ij}| \beta_{j} \big) |x_{i}(t)|^{p} \\ &+ (p-1) \sum_{i=1}^{n} M_{i} \big( \sum_{j=1}^{n} |b_{ij}| \beta_{j} \big) |x_{i}(t)|^{p} \\ &+ (p-1) (p-2) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} l_{ij}^{2} |x_{i}(t)|^{p} \\ &+ (p-1) (p-2) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} l_{ij}^{2} |x_{i}(t)|^{p} \end{aligned}$$

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$$+(p-1)(p-2)\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}k_{ij}^{2}|x_{i}(t)|^{p}$$
$$+2(p-1)\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}k_{ji}^{2}|x_{i}(t-\tau)|^{p}.$$

Taking the mathematical expectation on both sides of the above inequality and employing the expressions of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , one has

$$E\mathscr{L}V(x,t) \leq -\lambda_1 EV(x(t),t) + \lambda_2 EV(x(t-\tau),t-\tau).$$

Let  $q \in (1, \lambda_1/\lambda_2)$ ,  $\lambda = \lambda_1 - q\lambda_2$ , then

$$EV(s,x(s)) < qEV(t,x(t)), \quad t - \tau \leq s \leq t$$

which implies that

$$E\mathscr{L}V(t,x(t)) \leq -\lambda EV(t,x(t)).$$

From the Lemma 2, we can conclude that

$$E|x(t;\xi)|^{p} \leq \frac{c_{2}}{c_{1}}E||\xi||^{p}e^{-\gamma t}, \quad \forall t \geq 0$$
(7)

where  $\gamma = \min{\{\lambda, \log(q)/\tau\}}$ , which means that the trivial solution of system (1) is *pth* moment exponentially stable.

**Corollary 4.** Under Assumptions (H1) - (H4), system (1) is exponentially stable in mean square if  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2$ , where

$$\begin{split} \lambda_{1} &= \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \Big\{ 2\alpha_{i}m_{i} - M_{i}(\sum_{j=1}^{n} (|a_{ij}| \\ &+ |b_{ij}|)\beta_{j}) - \beta_{i}\sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_{ji}|M_{j} - 2\sum_{j=1}^{n} l_{ji}^{2} \Big\}, \\ \lambda_{2} &= \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \Big\{ \beta_{i}\sum_{j=1}^{n} |b_{ji}|M_{j} + 2\sum_{j=1}^{n} k_{ji}^{2} \Big\}. \end{split}$$

**Proof.** By taking p = 2 in Theorem 3, one can obtain the above result directly.

**Theorem 5.** Let Assumptions (H1) - (H4) hold, the trivial solution of system (1) is 1st moment exponentially stable, if

$$-m_i \alpha_i + \beta_i \sum_{j=1}^n M_j(|a_{ji}| + |b_{ji}|) < 0,$$
  
$$i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$
(8)

Proof. Consider the following Lyapunov function

$$V(x(t)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |x_i(t)|.$$
 (9)

By Itô's formula, the upper right Dini derivative  $D^+V$  of V along system (1) is

$$D^{+}(V(x(t))) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \operatorname{sign}(x_{i}(t)) dx_{i}(t)$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[-m_{i}\alpha_{i}|x_{i}(t)| + M_{i}\sum_{j=1}^{n}|a_{ij}|\beta_{j}|x_{j}(t)| + M_{i}\sum_{j=1}^{n}|b_{ij}|\beta_{j} \times |x_{j}(t-\tau)|\right] dt$$

$$+ M_{i}\sum_{i=1}^{n}|b_{ij}|\beta_{j} \times |x_{j}(t-\tau)|] dt$$

$$+ \sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}\operatorname{sign}(x_{i}(t))\sigma_{ij}(x_{j}(t),x_{j}(t-\tau)) dw_{j}(t).$$

Furthermore,

$$D^{+}(e^{\gamma V}(x(t)))$$

$$= e^{\gamma t}(\gamma V(x(t))dt + D^{+}(V(x(t))))$$

$$\leqslant e^{\gamma t}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left[(\gamma - m_{i}\alpha_{i})|x_{i}(t)| + M_{i}\sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_{ij}|\beta_{j}|x_{j}(t)| + M_{i}\sum_{j=1}^{n} |b_{ij}|\beta_{j}|x_{j}(t-\tau)|\right]dt$$

$$+M_{i}\sum_{j=1}^{n} |b_{ij}|\beta_{j}|x_{j}(t-\tau)|]dt$$

$$+\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n} \operatorname{sign}(x_{i}(t))\sigma_{ij}(x_{j}(t),x_{j}(t-\tau)))$$

$$\times dw_{j}(t)\right\}.$$

Using the Itô's formula again, one can derive that

$$e^{\gamma t} V(x(t))$$

$$\leq V(x(0)) + \int_0^t e^{\gamma s} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (\gamma - m_i \alpha_i) |x_i(s)| + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n M_i |a_{ij}| \beta_j |x_j(s)| \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}M_{i}|b_{ij}|\beta_{j}|x_{j}(s-\tau)|\Big]ds\\ &+\int_{0}^{t}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}e^{\gamma s}\mathrm{sign}(x_{i}(s))\sigma_{ij}(x_{j}(s),x_{j}(s-\tau))\\ &\times dw_{j}(s)\\ \leqslant \quad c+\int_{0}^{t}e^{\gamma s}\Big[\sum_{i=1}^{n}[(\gamma-m_{i}\alpha_{i})\\ &+\sum_{j=1}^{n}M_{j}|a_{ji}|\beta_{i}+e^{\gamma \tau}\sum_{j=1}^{n}M_{j}|b_{ji}|\beta_{i}\Big]\times|x_{i}(s)|ds\\ &+\int_{0}^{t}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}e^{\gamma s}\mathrm{sign}(x_{i}(s))\sigma_{ij}(x_{j}(s),x_{j}(s-\tau))\\ &\times dw_{i}(s),\end{aligned}$$

here

$$c = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |\varphi_i(0)| + e^{\gamma \tau} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} M_i |b_{ij}| \beta_j \int_{-\tau}^{0} |\varphi_j(s)| ds.$$

From condition (8), one knows that for any *i* ( $1 \le i \le n$ ), there exists a unique  $\gamma_i$  such that

$$(\gamma_i-m_i\alpha_i)+\sum_{j=1}^n M_j|a_{ji}|\beta_i+e^{\gamma_i\tau}\sum_{j=1}^n M_j|b_{ji}|\beta_i=0.$$

Let  $\gamma = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{\gamma_i\}$ , then

$$(\gamma - m_i \alpha_i) + \sum_{j=1}^n M_j |a_{ji}| \beta_i + e^{\gamma \tau} \sum_{j=1}^n M_j |b_{ji}| \beta_i$$
  
  $\leq 0, \qquad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$ 

Therefore, we can derive that

$$e^{\gamma t}V(x(t)) \leqslant c + \int_0^t \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n e^{\gamma s} \operatorname{sign}(x_i(s)) \\ \times \sigma_{ij}(x_j(s), x_j(s-\tau)) dw_j(s).$$

Taking the mathematical expectation on both sides of the above inequality, one has

$$e^{\gamma t}EV(x(t)) = e^{\gamma t}E|x(t)|_1 \leq c.$$

Hence, we can conclude that

$$E|x(t)|_1 \leqslant c e^{-\gamma t},\tag{10}$$

which means that the trivial solution of system (1) is 1st moment exponentially stable.

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#### 4. Illustrative Example

Consider the following delayed stochastic CGNN:

$$dx_{1}(t) = -d_{1}(x_{1})[c_{1}(x_{1}) - \sum_{j=1}^{2} a_{1j}f_{j}(x_{j}(t)) - \sum_{j=1}^{2} b_{1j}f_{j}(x_{j}(t-\tau))]dt + \sum_{j=1}^{2} \sigma_{1j}(x_{j}(t), x_{j}(t-\tau))dw_{j}(t), dx_{2}(t) = -d_{2}(x_{1})[c_{2}(x_{1}) - \sum_{j=1}^{2} a_{2j}f_{j}(x_{j}(t)) - \sum_{j=1}^{2} b_{2j}f_{j}(x_{j}(t-\tau))]dt + \sum_{j=1}^{2} \sigma_{2j}(x_{j}(t), x_{j}(t-\tau))dw_{j}(t);$$
(11)

Let the functions  $d_1(x_1) = 5 + \sin x$ ,  $d_2(x_2) = 4 + \cos x$ ,  $c_1(x_1) = 5x_1$ ,  $c_2(x_2) = 7x_2$ ,  $f_j(x_j) = \frac{1}{2}(|x_j + 1| - |x_j - 1|)$ ,  $\sigma_{ij}(x_j, y_j) = x_j + y_j$ , then one get  $m_1 = 4$ ,  $M_1 = 6$ ,  $m_2 = 3$ ,  $M_2 = 5$ ,  $\alpha_1 = 8$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 10$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 1$ ,  $l_{ij} = k_{ij} = 1$ . Taking  $a_{11} = a_{12} = a_{21} = a_{22} = 1$ ,  $b_{11} = b_{12} = b_{21} = b_{22} = 1$ , we can see that the conditions of Corollary 1 hold. So the trivial solution of system (11) is exponentially stable in mean square.

In Wang et al's work <sup>11</sup>, the global asymptotic stability conditions for the neural network (1) can be written in the following form:

$$diag\{\alpha_{1},...,\alpha_{n}\} + M^{2}[\varepsilon_{1}^{-1}\lambda_{\max}(AA^{T}) \\ + \varepsilon_{2}^{-1}\lambda_{\max}(BB^{T})]I + \rho[diag\{\sum_{j=1}^{n}l_{j1}^{2}, \\ ...,\sum_{j=1}^{n}l_{jn}^{2}\} + diag\{\sum_{j=1}^{n}k_{j1}^{2},...,\sum_{j=1}^{n}k_{jn}^{2}\}] \\ + \varepsilon_{1}diag\{\beta_{1}^{2},...,\beta_{n}^{2}\} + \varepsilon_{2}diag\{\beta_{1}^{2},...,\beta_{n}^{2}\} \\ < 0, \qquad (12)$$

where  $m = \min_{1 \le i \le n} \{m_i\}, M = \max_{1 \le i \le n} \{M_i\}$  and  $\rho > 1$  is a constant.

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Taking the same parameters as above and calculating the left side of (12), we have

$$-4 \times \begin{pmatrix} 32 & 0 \\ 0 & 31 \end{pmatrix} + 4^2 \times 4 \times (\varepsilon_1^{-1} + \varepsilon_2^{-1})I$$
$$+\rho \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} + (\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2) \times \begin{pmatrix} 16 & 0 \\ 0 & 25 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\geqslant \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 40 \end{pmatrix}.$$

One can see that the asymptotic stability condition of Wang et al <sup>11</sup> is not satisfied, and the stability problem of system (11) can not be solved by Wang et al's criterion <sup>11</sup>. On the other hand, through a simple calculation one can see that the stability conditions of Theorem 3 is satisfied, and then system (11) is exponentially stable in the mean square by Theorem 3. Hence, the stability criteria provided here is more effective than the previous one.

Letting  $d_1(x_1) = 5 + \sin x$ ,  $d_2(x_2) = 4 + \cos x$ ,  $c_1(x_1) = 6x_1$ ,  $c_2(x_2) = 8x_2$ ,  $f_j(x_j) = \frac{1}{2}(|x_j + 1| - |x_j - 1|)$ ,  $\sigma_{ij}(x_j, y_j) = x_j + y_j$ . one has  $m_1 = 4$ ,  $M_1 = 6$ ,  $m_2 = 3$ ,  $M_2 = 5$ ,  $\alpha_1 = 8$ ,  $\alpha_2 = 10$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 1$ ,  $l_{ij} = k_{ij} = 1$ . Further taking  $a_{11} = a_{12} = a_{21} = a_{22} = 1$ ,  $b_{11} = b_{12} = b_{21} = b_{22} = 1$ , it can be checked that the conditions of Theorem 5 is satisfied. So we can draw the conclusion that the trivial solution of system (11) is 1*st* moment exponentially stable.

### 5. Conclusions

In this paper, we have discussed the  $pth(p \ge 2)$ moment exponential stability and 1*st* moment exponential stability problem for the delayed stochastic CGNN. Instead of constructing Lyapunov functionals, we constructed some Lyapunov functions to derive the *pth* moment exponential stability criteria by using the stochastic version of Razumikhintype theorem which is more simple and can be easily checked. The 1*st* moment exponential stability criteria is derived in a straightforward way and is also easy to be verified. A simple example has been used to demonstrate the usefulness of the obtained results. A comparison with the result given by Wang et al <sup>11</sup> shows that our stability criterion is more effective than the existing one.

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