

H_∞ Control Based on LMIs for a Class of Time-delay Switched Systems

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Abstract – The problem of H_∞ stability analysis and control synthesis of switched systems with delayed states under arbitrary switching laws is considered. By means of Lyapunov function and linear matrix inequality tools, sufficient condition of H_∞ stability is presented in terms of linear matrix inequalities. Furthermore, the robust H_∞ control synthesis via state feedback and output feedback is studied. Finally, a numerical example is given to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed method.

Key words – time-delay switched systems; H_∞ performance; Lyapunov function; linear matrix inequality

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1 Introduction

Switched systems are an important class of hybrid systems consisting of a family of subsystems and a switching law that specifies which subsystem will be activated along the system trajectory at each instant of time^[1,2]. During the last decade, switched systems and switching control have gained much attention because this field is not only of practical importance, but also academically challenging. Many real-world processes and systems, including chemical processes, computer controlled systems, switched circuits, and so on. Moreover, switched systems find considerable applications in many other engineering fields^[3-5].

As is well known, time delays are very common phenomena in many real control systems which are a great source of instability and poor performance. During the past decades, the stability of control systems with time delay has received considerable attention. However, few existent results for switched systems have considered the factor of time delay. Ref. [6-8] established the necessary and sufficient criteria for controllability and reachability of switched linear systems with delayed control input. Ref. [9] studied the stability and L_2 gain analysis for switched linear systems with time delay. On the other hand, H_∞ control is one of the most active subfields of research and H_∞ performance is also an extremely important

performance. Unfortunately few results are concerned with H_∞ control of switched systems. Ref. [10] and [11] have studied disturbance attenuation of switched systems. Several other papers such as Ref. [12-14] were also dedicated to the study of H_∞ related problems for some kind of hybrid systems. Ref. [15] has studied robust H_∞ control of switched linear systems with norm-bounded time-varying uncertainties by using multiple Lyapunov functions method. Ref. [16] deals with the stabilization and robust H_∞ control of discrete switched system with time delay based on the average dwell time method.

This paper studies H_∞ stability analysis and control synthesis of continuous-time switched linear systems with delayed states by linear matrix inequality approach together with Lyapunov function method. Firstly, by constructing linear matrix inequalities via Schur complement formula, a sufficient condition of H_∞ stability is presented in terms of matrix inequality. Next, sufficient condition of H_∞ control is given under state feedback and output feedback. The results are formulated as linear matrix inequality conditions which can be partly considered as extension of existing results for linear time-invariant time-delay systems and partly considered as extension of existing results for switched linear systems without time delay.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2 we present preliminaries including system description, assumption and definition. Main results are presented in Section 3. A numerical example is included in Section 4. Finally, Section 5 briefly concludes the work.

2 Preliminaries

We consider the following switched systems with time delay:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= A_\sigma x(t) + A_{d\sigma} x(t-d) + B_{1\sigma} \omega(t) + B_{2\sigma} u(t), \\ z(t) &= C_{1\sigma} x(t) + D_\sigma \omega(t), \\ y(t) &= C_{2\sigma} x(t), \\ x(t) &= \varphi(t) \quad t \in [-d, 0]. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

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where $x(t) \in R^n$ is the state; $u(t) \in R^k$ is the control input; $\omega(t) \in R^m$ is the exogenous disturbance input which belongs to $L_2[0, \infty]$; $z(t) \in R^p$ is controlled output; $y(t) \in R^j$ is the measurement output; $\varphi(\cdot)$ is a initial function on $[-d, 0]$ and $d \geq 0$ is time delay of state; $\sigma: Z_{0+} \rightarrow M = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ is the switching signal, moreover, $\sigma = 1$ means that the i th subsystems is activated; $A_i, A_{di}, B_{1i}, B_{2i}, C_{1i}, C_{2i}$ and D_i are constant matrices of appropriate dimensions.

Without loss of generally, we make the following assumption.

Assumption: $C_{2i} (\forall i \in M)$ are all full row rank matrices. Let $u = K_i x$, then the closed-loop system of Eq. (1) is

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= (A_i + B_{2i}K_i)x(t) + A_{di}x(t-d) + B_{1i}\omega(t), \\ z(t) &= C_{1i}x(t) + D_i\omega(t). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Applying output feedback control $u = F_i y$, we get the closed-loop system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= (A_i + B_{2i}K_iC_{2i})x(t) + A_{di}x(t-d) + B_{1i}\omega(t), \\ z(t) &= C_{1i}x(t) + D_i\omega(t). \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

We first consider the non-input system of

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= A_\sigma x(t) + A_{d\sigma}x(t-d) + B_{1\sigma}\omega(t), \\ z(t) &= C_{1\sigma}x(t) + D_\sigma\omega(t). \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Definition: Given a constant $\gamma > 0$, the switched system (4) is said to be stabilizable with H_∞ disturbance attenuation γ via switching if there exists a switching rule σ such that under this switching, it satisfies

1) System (4) with $\omega = 0$ is globally asymptotically stabilizable.

2) With zero-initial condition $x(0)=0$, $\|z(t)\|_2 < \gamma \|\omega(t)\|_2$ holds for all nonzero exogenous disturbance input $\omega(t) \in L_2[0, \infty]$.

3 The main results

Theorem 1: Given a constant $\gamma > 0$, the switched system (4) is stabilizable with H_∞ disturbance attenuation γ for any arbitrary switching sequence if there exist symmetric matrices $P > 0$ and $S > 0$ such that the following matrix inequalities

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_i^T P + PA_i + S & PB_{1i} & C_{1i}^T & PA_{di} \\ B_{1i}^T P & -\gamma I & D_i^T & 0 \\ C_{1i} & D_i & -\gamma I & 0 \\ A_{di}^T P & 0 & 0 & -S \end{bmatrix} < 0, i \in M, \tag{5}$$

are satisfied.

Proof: If there exist symmetric positive matrices P and S such that Eq. (5) holds. We construct the following Lyapunov function

$$V(x) = x^T(t)Px(t) + \int_{t-d}^t x^T(\lambda)Sx(\lambda)d\lambda,$$

Then, $V(x)$ is positive-definitive. The time derivative of $V(x)$ along the trajectory of Eq. (4) with $\omega(t) = 0$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(t) &= \dot{x}^T(t)Px(t) + x^T(t)P\dot{x}(t) + \\ & x^T(t)Sx(t) - x^T(t-d)Sx(t-d) = \\ & \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ x(t-d) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A_i^T P + PA_i + S & PA_{di} \\ A_{di}^T P & -S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ x(t-d) \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

It can be easily verified from Eq. (5) that $\dot{V}(x) < 0$ holds. Therefore, $V(x)$ decreases along solutions of system (4), which implies asymptotic stability.

In the following, we verify disturbance attenuation property. For this sake, let us introduce the performance index

$$J_r = \int_0^\tau (\gamma^{-1} z^T z - \gamma \omega^T \omega) dt,$$

since $x(0) = 0$, for $\forall \omega \in L_2[0, \infty]$ we can get

$$\begin{aligned} J_\tau &= \int_0^\tau (\gamma^{-1} z^T z - \gamma \omega^T \omega + \dot{V}(t)) dt - V(x(\tau)) \leq \\ & \int_0^\tau (\gamma^{-1} z^T z - \gamma \omega^T \omega + \dot{V}(t)) dt, \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}(x) &= x^T(t)(PA_i + A_i^T P)x(t) + \\ & 2x^T(t)PA_{di}x(t-d) + 2x^T(t)PB_{1i}\omega(t) + \\ & x^T(t)Sx(t) - x^T(t-d)Sx(t-d) = \\ & \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ \omega(t) \\ x(t-d) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} A_i^T P + PA_i + S & PB_{1i} & PA_{di} \\ B_{1i}^T P & 0 & 0 \\ A_{di}^T P & 0 & -S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ \omega(t) \\ x(t-d) \end{bmatrix} \\ & \gamma^2 z^T z - \gamma \omega^T \omega = \\ & \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ \omega(t) \\ x(t-d) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \gamma^{-1} C_{1i}^T C_{1i} & \gamma^{-1} C_{1i}^T D_i & 0 \\ \gamma^{-1} D_i^T C_{1i} & \gamma^{-1} D_i^T D_i - \gamma I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ \omega(t) \\ x(t-d) \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

By Schur Complement Formula, matrix inequality (5) is equivalent to the following:

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_i^T P + PA_i + S + \gamma^{-1} C_{1i}^T C_{1i} & PB_i + \gamma^{-1} C_{1i}^T D_i & PA_{di} \\ B_i^T P + \gamma^{-1} D_i^T C_{1i} & \gamma^{-1} D_i^T D_i - \gamma I & 0 \\ A_{di}^T P & 0 & -S \end{bmatrix} < 0.$$

Then

$$J_r \leq \int_0^\tau (\gamma^{-1} z^T z - \gamma \omega^T \omega + \dot{V}(t)) dt = \int_0^\tau \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ \omega(t) \\ x(t-d) \end{bmatrix}^T \prod_i \begin{bmatrix} x(t) \\ \omega(t) \\ x(t-d) \end{bmatrix} dt < 0,$$

where

$$\prod_i = \begin{bmatrix} A_i^T P + PA_i + S + \gamma^{-1} C_{1i}^T C_{1i} & PB_i + \gamma^{-1} C_{1i}^T D_i & PA_{di} \\ B_i^T P + \gamma^{-1} D_i^T C_{1i} & \gamma^{-1} D_i^T D_i - \gamma I & 0 \\ A_{di}^T P & 0 & -S \end{bmatrix},$$

It can be shown that for $\forall \tau > 0$,

$$\int_0^\tau z^T z dt < \gamma^2 \int_0^\tau \omega^T \omega dt \leq \gamma^2 \int_0^\infty \omega^T \omega dt,$$

Hence, $\|z(t)\|_2 < \gamma \|\omega(t)\|_2$ for $\forall \omega \in L_2[0, \infty]$.

This concludes the proof.

Theorem 2: Given a constant $\gamma > 0$, the switched state feedback H_∞ control of system (2) is feasible if there exist symmetric matrices $\mathbf{X} > 0$, $\mathbf{Q} > 0$ and \mathbf{Y}_i , ($i \in M$) such that the following linear matrix inequalities

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i X + B_{2i} Y_i)^T + A_i X + B_{2i} Y_i + Q & B_{1i} & X C_{1i}^T & A_{di} X \\ B_{1i}^T & -\gamma I & D_i^T & 0 \\ C_{1i} X & D_i & -\gamma I & 0 \\ X A_{di}^T & 0 & 0 & Q \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (6)$$

are satisfied. The state feedback gain matrices are given by

$$\mathbf{K}_i = \mathbf{Y}_i \mathbf{X}^{-1}.$$

Proof: By theorem 1, the switched state feedback H_∞ control of system (2) is feasible if there exist matrices \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{S} such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_i + B_{2i} K_i)^T P + P(A_i + B_{2i} K_i) + Q & P B_{1i} & C_{1i}^T & P A_{di} \\ B_{1i}^T P & -\gamma I & D_i^T & 0 \\ C_{1i} & D_i & -\gamma I & 0 \\ A_{di}^T P & 0 & 0 & S \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad (7)$$

Multiplying the above inequality on both sides by $\text{diag}\{P^{-1}, I, I, P^{-1}\}$. Denote $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}$, $\mathbf{Y}_i = \mathbf{K}_i \mathbf{P}^{-1}$ and $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$, then matrix inequality (7) is equivalent to matrix inequality (6). This concludes the proof.

Theorem 3: Given a constant $\gamma > 0$, the switched output feedback H_∞ control of system (3) is feasible if there exist symmetric matrices $\mathbf{X} > 0$, $\mathbf{Q} > 0$ and \mathbf{U}_i , \mathbf{V}_i , ($i \in M$) such that the following linear matrix inequalities

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i X + B_{2i} U_i C_{2i})^T + A_i X + B_{2i} U_i C_{2i} + Q & B_{1i} & X C_{1i}^T & A_{di} X \\ B_{1i}^T & -\gamma I & D_i^T & 0 \\ C_{1i} X & D_i & -\gamma I & 0 \\ X A_{di}^T & 0 & 0 & Q \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (8)$$

are satisfied. The output feedback gain matrices are given by $\mathbf{F}_i = \mathbf{U}_i \mathbf{V}_i^{-1}$ and $\mathbf{V}_i C_{2i} = C_{2i} \mathbf{X}$.

Proof: By theorem 1, the switched output feedback H_∞ control of system (3) is feasible if there exist matrices \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{S} such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i + B_{2i} K_i C_{2i})^T P + P(A_i + B_{2i} F_i C_{2i}) + Q & P B_{1i} & C_{1i}^T & P A_{di} \\ B_{1i}^T P & -\gamma I & D_i^T & 0 \\ C_{1i} & D_i & -\gamma I & 0 \\ A_{di}^T P & 0 & 0 & S \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (9)$$

Pre- and post-multiply the left-hand side (9) by $\text{diag}\{P^{-1}, I, I, P^{-1}\}$. Note that $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{P}^{-1}$ and $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$, then we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} (A_i X + B_{2i} K_i C_{2i} X)^T + A_i X + B_{2i} F_i C_{2i} X + Q & B_{1i} & X C_{1i}^T & A_{di} X \\ B_{1i}^T & -\gamma I & D_i^T & 0 \\ C_{1i} X & D_i & -\gamma I & 0 \\ X A_{di}^T & 0 & 0 & Q \end{bmatrix} < 0. \quad (10)$$

Because C_{2i} is full row rank and X is positive-definite, it follows from $V_i C_{2i} = C_{2i} X$ that V_i is also full rank, and thus invertible. Because $V_i C_{2i} = C_{2i} X$ and $F_i = U_i V_i^{-1}$, we have $U_i C_{2i} = F_i C_{2i} X$. Replacing $U_i C_{2i}$ in (8) by $F_i C_{2i} X$ gains matrix inequalities (10). This concludes the proof.

4 Numerical example

Consider the following switched systems composed of two subsystems:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= \mathbf{A}_i x(t) + \mathbf{A}_{di} x(t-d) + \mathbf{B}_{1i} \omega(t) + \mathbf{B}_{2i} u(t), \\ z(t) &= \mathbf{C}_{1i} x(t) + \mathbf{D}_i \omega(t), \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = C_{2i}x(t) \quad (i = 1, 2).$$

where

$$\mathbf{A}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2.5 & 1 \\ 0 & -3.6 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{A}_{d1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.6 \\ 0.6 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0.8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B}_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.2 \\ 0.4 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{21} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.4 \\ 0.2 & 0.8 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{C}_{11} = [1 \quad 0],$$

$$\mathbf{D}_1 = 0.5,$$

$$\mathbf{A}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1.7 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{A}_{d2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0.5 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B}_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.4 \\ 0.8 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{C}_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.9 \\ 0.6 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{C}_{12} = [0 \quad 1],$$

$$\mathbf{D}_2 = 0.25.$$

Time delay $d = 0.5$. Given $\gamma = 0.5$, by using theorem 3 and Matlab-LMI toolbox, we can obtain the following symmetric positive-definite matrices

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0688 & -0.0763 \\ -0.0763 & 0.2882 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1927 & -0.0057 \\ -0.0057 & 0.2157 \end{bmatrix},$$

and matrices

$$\mathbf{U}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0057 & 0.0285 \\ 0.0156 & 0.0347 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{U}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0063 & 0.0085 \\ 0.0077 & 0.0086 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0247 & 0.0459 \\ -0.1264 & 0.0023 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{V}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6389 & -0.4945 \\ 0.3926 & -0.2819 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then, the output feedback gain matrices are

$$\mathbf{F}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3921 & 0.0316 \\ 0.6828 & 0.0100 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{F}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.3648 & 0.6098 \\ -0.3958 & 0.6637 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore, the switched system with time delay is asymptotically stable with the expected disturbance attenuation performance for arbitrary switching.

5 Conclusion

In this paper, the problem of H_∞ stability analysis and control synthesis of time-delay switched systems has been addressed. The existence of a Lyapunov function to ensure H_∞ stability is proved to be equivalent to LMI-

based conditions. Both the cases of state feedback and output feedback have been considered. All our results in this paper are expressed in terms of linear matrix inequalities, which can be easily solved by Matlab Toolbox.

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