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CONNECTED STABILITY ANALYSIS OF DELAY SYSTEMS VIA
THE MATRIX-VALUED LYAPUNOV FUNCTION

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Abstract. By the method of combining the matrix-valued Lyapunov functional and comparison theorem, connected Lyapunov stability and practical stability of large scale delay system are studied deeply. A series of new sufficient conditions are proposed. These results are not only of theoretical but also of practical value.

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1. Designations.

Let $C = C([-τ, 0], R^n)$, $J = [t_0, ∞)$, $t_0 ≥ 0$. For any $φ ∈ C$ the norm $||φ|| = \sup_{-τ ≤ s ≤ 0} |φ(s)|$ is used. For $x ∈ R^n$, $|x| = \max |x_r|$, $r = 1, 2, …, n$. If $x ∈ C([t_0 - τ, ∞), R^n)$, then $x_t ∈ C$ is determined as $x_t(s) = x(t + s)$, $-τ ≤ s ≤ 0$. We designate $C_n^H = \{φ ∈ C : ||φ|| < H\}$, where $H > 0$ or $H = ∞$.

2. Description of the system and decomposition.

Consider the large scale system modeled by functional differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x_t), x_{t_0} = φ_0 ∈ C_n^H, \quad (1)$$

where $f : J × C_n^H → R^n$. Provided that the vector-function f maps the bounded sets into the bounded sets, for each $t_0 ∈ J$ and $φ_0 ∈ C_n^H$ there exists a unique solution $x(t_0, x_{t_0})(t)$ determined on some interval $[t_0, t + α]$, $α > 0$, and if $H_1 < H$ is such that $|x(t_0, φ_0(t))| ≤ H_1$, then $α = ∞$.

The system (1) is decomposed into m interconnected subsystems

$$\frac{dx^i(t)}{dt} = f_i(t, x_t^i) + g_i(t, x_t^1, \dots, x_t^m), \quad (2)$$

where $i ∈ I_m \triangleq \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, $f_i ∈ (J × C_{n_i}^{H_i}, R^{n_i})$, $g_i ∈ C(J × C_n^H, R^{n_i})$ and $\sum_i n_i = n$. We assume that the functions $g_i(t, x_t)$ depend on $m × m$ -matrix of interconnections $E_i = [e_t^{ij}]$,

$$g_i(t, x_t) = g_i(t, e_t^{i1} x_t^1, e_t^{i2} x_t^2, \dots, e_t^{im} x_t^m), \quad (3)$$

when $i \in I_m$, where the elements $e_t^{ij} \in C([- \tau, 0], [0, 1])$ depend in general case on the delay $e_t^{ij} x_t = e^{ij}(t + \theta) x^i(t + \theta)$, $\theta \in [- \tau, 0]$.

We designate by \overline{E}_t the fundamental matrix of interactions with the elements $\overline{e}_t^{ij} = 1$ if x_j is contained in $g_i(t, x_t)$; $\overline{e}_t^{ij} = 0$ if x_j is not contained in $g_i(t, x_t)$.

For $E_t = 0$ we get from system (2) the independent subsystems of functional differential equations of smaller dimensions

$$\frac{dx^i(t)}{dt} = f_i(t, x^i), \quad x_{t_0}^i = \varphi_0^i \in C, \quad (4)$$

where $x_i \in R^{n_i}$ and $f_i \in J \times C_{n_i}^{H_i} \rightarrow R^{n_i}$. Moreover, we assume $f_i(t, 0) = 0$ and for subsystems (2) $f_i(t, 0) + g_i(t, 0) = 0$ for all $t \in J$ and $i \in I_m$, i.e. the state $x = x^1 = \dots = x^m = 0$ is the unique equilibrium state of system (1) and subsystems (2).

For subsystem (2), whose functions $g_i(t, x_t)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, depend on the matrix of interactions E_t , the problem on practical stability of motion is reduced to the establishment of conditions under which the solution $x(t_0, x_{t_0})$ (t) of system (2) possesses certain qualitative properties for given estimates of initial and subsequent deviations on the infinite interval.

3. Matrix-valued functional.

For system (2) we construct the matrix-valued functional

$$U(t, \varphi) = [v_{ij}(t, \varphi)], \quad i, j \in I_m \quad (5)$$

with the elements satisfying the following conditions.

H_1 . The elements $v_{ii}(t, \varphi^i) \in C(J \times C_{n_i}^{H_i}, R_+^{m_i})$, $1 \leq m_i \leq n_i$, $v_{ii}(t, 0) = 0$, are locally Lipschitz in φ^i ;

H_2 . The elements $v_{ij}(t, \varphi^i, \varphi^j) \in C(J \times C_{n_i}^{H_i} \times C_{n_j}^{H_j}, R^{m_i \times m_j})$, are locally Lipschitz in φ^i and φ^j for all $(i \neq j) \in I_m$.

By means of the real vector $\eta \in R_+^m$, $\eta > 0$, we construct the functional

$$V(t, \varphi, \eta) = \eta^T U(t, \varphi) \eta, \quad (6)$$

which is continuous and definite on the set $J \times C_n^H$ by conditions $H_1 - H_2$. The upper derivative of functional (6) along solutions of system (2) is determined by the formula

$$D^+ V(t, \varphi, \eta) = \eta^T D^+ U(t, \varphi) \eta, \quad (7)$$

where $D^+ U(t, \varphi) = \limsup_{\delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\delta} \{U(t + \delta, x_{t+\delta}(t, \varphi)) - U(t, \varphi)\}$. Note that $D^+ U(t, \varphi)$ is computed element-wise.

4. Definitions of connected stability of system (2).

Taking into account the results of paper [3] we shall cite the definitions of stability notion incorporated in this paper.

Definition 1. The equilibrium state $x = 0$ of system (1) is called

a) connectedly stable if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and $t_0 \geq 0$ there exists $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon, t_0)$, such that $\|x(t_0, \varphi)(t)\| < \varepsilon$ whenever $[\varphi \in C_n^\delta, t \geq t_0]$ for all $E_t \subset \overline{E}_t$;

b) uniformly connectedly stable if in definition (a) the value δ does not depend on t_0 ;

c) asymptotically connectedly stable if it is connectedly stable and for any $t_0 \geq 0$ there exists $\Delta > 0$ such that $\|x(t_0, \varphi(t))\| \rightarrow 0$, as $t \rightarrow \infty$, whenever $\varphi \in C_n^\Delta$, for all $E_t \subset \overline{E_t}$;

d) uniformly asymptotically connectedly stable if it is uniformly connectedly stable and there exists some $\eta > 0$ and for every $\gamma > 0$ there exists $\tau > 0$ such that $\|x(t_0, \varphi(t))\| < \gamma$, whenever $[\varphi_0 \in C_n^\delta, t \geq t_0]$ for all $E_t \subset \overline{E_t}$.

5. Conditions of connected stability of system (2).

Using matrix-valued functional (5) and its derivative (7) and applying the theorems of comparison principle for functional-differential equations (see [1]) we shall set out a series of sufficient conditions for connected stability of the equilibrium state $x = 0$ of system (1).

Theorem 1. Let system of functional-differential equations (1) be such that

1) there exists the matrix-valued functional $U(t, \varphi) \in C(J \times C_n^H, R^{m \times m})$, $U(t, 0) = 0$ for all $t \in J$ and $U(t, \varphi)$ is locally Lipschitz in φ for every $t \in J$;

2) there exist $m \times m$ constant matrices $A_1(\eta)$ and $B_1(\eta)$, real vector $\eta \in R_+^m$, $\eta > 0$ and comparison functions $u_{1i}(|\varphi^i(0)|)$, $u_{2i}(\|\varphi^i\|)$, $i \in I_m$, of Hahn class K so that $u_1^T(|\varphi(0)|) A_1(\eta) u_1(|\varphi(0)|) \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^m \eta_i \eta_j u_{ij}(t, \varphi) \leq u_2^T(\|\varphi\|) B_1(\eta) u_2(\|\varphi\|)$ for all $t \in J$ and $\varphi \in C_n^H$;

3) there exists the comparison function $W \in C(J \times R_+, R)$ such that

$$D^+V(t, \varphi, \eta) \leq W(t, V(t, \varphi, \eta)) \quad (8)$$

for all $(t, \varphi) \in J \times C_n^H$ and all matrices of interaction $E_t \subset \overline{E_t}$. Then the certain type of stability of zero solution to the comparison equation

$$\frac{du}{dt} = W(t, u), u(t_0) = u_0 \geq 0 \quad (9)$$

and the restrictions on the matrices $A_1(\eta), B_1(\eta)$ imply the corresponding type of connected stability of the equilibrium state of system (1) with decomposition (2).

Proof. Provided that the matrices $A_1(\eta)$ and $B_1(\eta)$ are positive definite, functional (6) is positive definite and decreasing. Further, we apply Theorem 4.4.3 from [1] and determine certain type of connected stability of system (1).

Corollary 1. Let

1) conditions (1) and (2) of Theorem 1 be satisfied;

2) the matrix $A_1(\eta)$ be positive definite, the matrix $B_1(\eta) \equiv 0$ and the comparison function $W(t, V(t, \varphi, \eta)) \equiv 0$.

Then the equilibrium state $x = 0$ of system (1) with decomposition (2) is connectedly stable.

Corollary 2. Let

1) conditions (1) and (2) of Theorem 1 be satisfied;

2) the matrices $A_1(\eta)$ and $B_1(\eta)$ be positive definite and the comparison function $W(t, V(t, \varphi, \eta)) \equiv 0$.

Then the equilibrium state $x = 0$ of system (1) with decomposition (2) is uniformly connectedly stable.

Corollary 3. Let

1) conditions (1) and (2) of Theorem 1 be satisfied;

2) the matrices $A_1(\eta)$ and $B_1(\eta)$ be positive definite;

3) the zero solution of comparison equation (9) be uniformly asymptotically stable.

Then the equilibrium state $x = 0$ of system (1) with decomposition (2) is uniformly asymptotically connectedly stable.

Theorem 2. Let system of functional differential equations (1) be such that

1) conditions (1) and (2) of Theorem 1 are satisfied;

2) there exist a constant $m \times m$ matrix $C_1(\eta)$, $\eta \in R_+^m$, $\eta > 0$ and functions $u_{3i}(\|x_t^i\|)$, u_{3i} is of class K for all $i \in I_m$, such that $D^+V(t, \varphi, \eta) \leq u_3^T(\|x_t\|)C_1(\eta)u_3(\|x_t\|)$ for any $(t, \varphi) \in J \times C_n^H$ and any matrices of interactions $E_t \subset \overline{E}_t$, where $u_3^T(\|x_t\|) = (u_{31}(\|x_t^1\|), \dots, u_{3m}(\|x_t^m\|))$;

3) the matrices $A_1(\eta)$ and $B_1(\eta)$ are positive definite and the matrix $C_1(\eta)$ is negative definite.

Then the equilibrium state $x = 0$ of system (1) with decomposition (2) is uniformly asymptotically connectedly stable.

Theorem 3. Let in system of equations (1) the vector function $f(t, \phi)$ be bounded in ϕ and

1) conditions (1) and (2) of Theorem 1 are satisfied;

2) there exist a constant $m \times m$ matrix $C_2(\eta)$, $\eta \in R_+^m$, $\eta > 0$ and functions $u_{4i}(|x_t^i|)$ of class K for all $i \in I_m$ such that $D^+V(t, \varphi, \eta) \leq u_4^T(|x_t|)C_2(\eta)u_4(|x_t|)$ for all $(t, \varphi) \in J \times C_n^H$ and any matrices of interconnections $E_t \subset \overline{E}_t$;

3) the matrices $A_1(\eta)$ and $B_1(\eta)$ are positive definite and the matrix $C_2(\eta)$ is negative definite.

Then the equilibrium state $x = 0$ of system (1) with decomposition (2) is uniformly asymptotically connectedly stable.

6. Matrix-valued function on space product.

For system (4) we construct the matrix-valued function

$$U(t, x, x_t) = [v_{ij}(t, x, x_t)], \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m, \quad (10)$$

with the elements satisfying the following conditions.

H_3 . The elements $v_{ii} \in C(J \times C_{n_i}^{H_i} \times C, R_+)$, $v_{ii}(t, 0, 0) = 0$ are locally Lipschitz in x_i ;

H_4 . The elements $v_{ij} \in C(J \times C_{n_i}^{H_i} \times C_{n_j}^{H_j} \times C \times C, R)$, $v_{ij}(t, 0, 0, 0) = 0$ are locally Lipschitz in x_i, x_j for all $(i \neq j) \in I_m$.

By means of the real vector $\eta \in R_+^m$, $\eta > 0$, we construct the function

$$V(t, x, x_t, \eta) = \eta^T U(t, x, x_t) \eta, \quad (11)$$

which is definite on the space product $R^n \times C$ and locally Lipschitz in x , providing conditions of assumptions H_3 and H_4 are satisfied. Further we define

$$D^+V(t, x, x_t, \eta) = \eta^T D^+U(t, x, x_t) \eta, \quad (12)$$

where

$$D^+U(t, x, x_t) = \lim \left\{ \sup [U(t + \theta, x + \theta f(t, x_t), x_{t+h}(\cdot)) - U(t, x, x_t)] \theta^{-1} : \theta \rightarrow 0^+ \right\}. \quad (13)$$

Note that when formula (12) is properly applied, $D^+U(t, x, x_t)$ is computed element-wise.

7. Conditions of connected practical stability of system (2).

In view of the results from [1, 4] we shall formulate the following definitions.

Definition 2. System (2) is called

a) connectedly practically stable, if given estimates of (λ, A) , $0 < \lambda < A$, the condition $\varphi_0 \in C_n^\lambda$ implies $|x(t_0, \varphi_0)(t)| < A$ for all $t \geq t_0$ and all $E_t \subset \overline{E_t}$;

b) connectedly asymptotically practically stable, if conditions of definition (a) are satisfied and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x(t_0, \varphi_0)(t)| = 0$.

The other definitions of connected practical stability can be formulated in terms of Definition 2.

Theorem 4. Let system of functional differential equations (1) be such that

1) there exists a matrix-valued function $U \in C(J \times C_n^H \times C, R^{m \times m})$, $U(t, 0, 0) = 0$ for all $t \in J$ and $U(t, x, x_t)$ is locally Lipschitz in x for $(t, x, x_t) \in J_+ \times S(A) \times C(A)$;

2) there exist a real vector $\eta \in R^+$, $\eta > 0$, constant $m \times m$ matrices $A(\eta)$ and $B(\eta)$ and a comparison function $u_{1i}(|x|)$, $u_{2i}(|x_t(\cdot)|)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, $u_{1i}, u_{2i} \in K$, such that $u_1^T(|x|)A(\eta)u_1(|x|) \leq \sum_{i,j=1}^m \eta_i \eta_j v_{ij}(t, x, x_t) \leq u_2^T(|x_t(\cdot)|)B(\eta)u_2(|x_t(\cdot)|)$ for all $(t, x, x_t) \in J \times S(A) \times C(A)$;

3) there exists a comparison function $W \in C(J \times R_+ \times R)$ such that $D^+V(t, x, x_t, \eta) \leq W(t, V(t, x, x_t, \eta))$ for all $(t, x, x_t) \in J \times S(A) \times C(A)$ and all matrices of interactions $E_t \subset \overline{E_t}$;

4) the matrices A and B are positive definite and $\lambda_M(B) a(\lambda) < \lambda_m(A) b(\lambda)$ where $\lambda_m(A)$ is the minimal and $\lambda_M(B)$ is the maximal eigenvalues of the matrices A and B respectively and a, b are of class K .

Then the certain type of practical stability of zero solution to the equation

$$\frac{du}{dt} = W(t, u), u(t_0) = u_0 \geq 0 \quad (14)$$

implies the certain type of connected practical stability of system (2).

Proof. Note first that under conditions (1) and (2) of Theorem 4 for the function $V(t, x, x_t)$ determined by (11) the estimate

$$\lambda_m(A) b(|x|) < V(t, x, x_t) < \lambda_M(B) a(|x_t(\cdot)|) \quad (15)$$

is true. This follows from the fact that for function $u_{1i}, u_{2i} \in K$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, there exist functions $a(|x_t(\cdot)|)$ and $b(|x|)$ of class K such that $b(|x|) \leq u_1^T(|x|)u_1(|x|)$ and $a(|x_t(\cdot)|) \geq u_2^T(|x_t(\cdot)|)u_2(|x_t(\cdot)|)$. Further we have from condition (3) of Theorem 4 for the function $m(t) = V(t, x(t_0, x_{t_0})(t), x_t(t_0, x_{t_0}))$ $D^+m(t) \leq W(t, m(t))$ which together with the condition $V(t, x_0, x_{t_0}) \leq u_0$ yield the estimate

$$V(t, x(t_0, x_{t_0})(t), x_t(t_0, x_{t_0})) \leq r(t, t_0, u_0), t \geq t_0 \quad (16)$$

according to the comparison principle (see[1] Theorem 4.1.1). Let the zero solution of equation (14) be practically stable. Given $(\lambda_M(B) a(\lambda), \lambda_m(A) b(A))$, we have

$$u(t, t_0, u_0) < \lambda_m(A) b(A), \quad (17)$$

provided that

$$u_0 < \lambda_M(B) a(\lambda). \quad (18)$$

Let

$$|x_0| < \lambda \text{ and } |x_{t_0}(\cdot)| < \lambda. \quad (19)$$

We shall demonstrate that $|x(t_0, x_{t_0})(t)| < A$ for all $t \geq t_0$.

Assume that this is not true and that there exists $t_1 > t_0$ such that for the solution $x(t_0, x_{t_0})(t)$ with initial condition (19) the correlations $|x(t_0, x_{t_0})(t_1)| = A$ and $|x(t_0, x_{t_0})(t)| \leq A$ hold for $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$.

Estimate (15) yields

$$V(t_1, x(t_0, x_{t_0})(t_1), x_{t_1}(t_0, x_{t_0})) \geq \lambda_m(A) b(A) \quad (20)$$

Let $u_0 = V(t_0, x(t_0, x_{t_0})(t_0), x_{t_0}(t_0, x_{t_0}))$. Then for all $t_0 \leq t \leq t_1$, estimate (16) is valid, where $r(t, t_0, u_0)$ is the maximal solution of equation (14). Since $u_0 < \lambda_M(B) u_2^T \times \times (|x_{t_0}(\cdot)|) u_2 (|x_{t_0}(\cdot)|) < \lambda_M(B) a(\lambda)$, we find by the comparison principle and inequalities (15).

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_m(A) b(A) &\leq \lambda_m(A) u_1^T (|x_0|) u_1 (|x_0|) \leq \\ &\leq V(t_1, x(t_0, x_{t_0})(t_1), x_{t_1}(t_0, x_{t_0})) \leq r(t_1, t_0, u_0) < \lambda_m(A) b(A). \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

The obtained contradiction shows that $t_1 \notin J$ and therefore system (2) is connectedly practically stable.

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