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Stability Analysis of Grey Discrete Time Time-Delay Systems: A Sufficient Condition

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1. Introduction

Uncertainties in a control system may be the results modeling errors, measurement errors, parameter variations and a linearization approximation. Most physical dynamical systems and industrial process can be described as discrete time uncertain subsystems. Similarly, the unavoidable computation delay may cause a delay time, which can be considered as time-delay in the input part of the original systems. The stability of systems with parameter perturbations must be investigated. The problem of robust stability analysis of a nominally stable system subject to perturbations has attracted wide attention (Mori and Kokame, 1989). Stability analysis attempts to decide whether a system that is pushed slightly from a steady-state will return to that steady state. The robust stability of linear continuous time-delay system has been examined (Su and Hwang, 1992; Liu, 2001). The stability analysis of an interval system is very valuable for the robustness analysis of nominally stable system subject to model perturbations. Therefore, there has been considerable interest in the stability analysis of interval systems (Jiang, 1987; Chou and Chen, 1990; Chen, 1992).

Time-delay is often encountered in various engineering systems, such as the turbojet engine, microwave oscillator, nuclear reactor, rolling mill, chemical process, manual control, and long transmission lines in pneumatic and hydraulic systems. It is frequently a source of the generation of oscillation and a source of instability in many control systems. Hence, stability testing for time-delay has received considerable attention (Mori, et al., 1982; Su, et al., 1988; Hmamed, 1991). The time-delay system has been investigated (Mahmoud, et al., 2007; Hassan and Boukas, 2007).

Grey system theory was initiated in the beginning of 1980s (Deng, 1982). Since then the research on theory development and applications is progressing. The state-of-the-art development of grey system theory and its application is addressed (Wevers, 2007). It aims to highlight and analysis the perspective both of grey system theory and of the grey system methods. Grey control problems for the discrete time are also discussed (Zhou and Deng, 1986; Liu and Shyr, 2005). A sufficient condition for the stability of grey discrete time systems with time-delay is proposed in this article. The proposed stability criteria are simple

to be checked numerically and generalize the systems with uncertainties for the stability of grey discrete time systems with time-delay. Examples are given to compare the proposed method with reported (Zhou and Deng, 1989; Liu, 2001) in Section 4.

The structure of this paper is as follows. In the next section, a problem formulation of grey discrete time system is briefly reviewed. In Section 3, the robust stability for grey discrete time systems with time-delay is derived based on the results given in Section 2. Three examples are given to illustrate the application of result in Section 4. Finally, Section 5 offers some conclusions.

2. Problem formulation

Considering the stability problem of a grey discrete time system is described using the following equation

$$x(k+1) = A(\otimes)x(k) \quad (1)$$

where $x(k) \in R^n$ represents the state, and $A(\otimes)$ represents the state matrix of system (1). The stability of the system when the elements of $A(\otimes)$ are not known exactly is of major interest. The uncertainty can arise from perturbations in the system parameters because of changes in operating conditions, aging or maintenance-induced errors.

Let \otimes_{ij} ($i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$) of $A(\otimes)$ cannot be exactly known, but \otimes_{ij} are confined within the intervals $e_{ij} \leq \otimes_{ij} \leq f_{ij}$. These e_{ij} and f_{ij} are known exactly, and $\hat{\otimes}_{ij} \in [\underline{\otimes}, \overline{\otimes}]$. They are called white numbers, while \otimes_{ij} are called grey numbers. $A(\otimes)$ has a grey matrix, and system (1) is a grey discrete time system.

For convenience of descriptions, the following Definition and Lemmas are introduced.

Definition 2.1

From system (1), the system has

$$A(\otimes) = [\otimes_{ij}]_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} \otimes_{11} & \otimes_{12} & \cdots & \otimes_{1n} \\ \otimes_{21} & \otimes_{22} & \cdots & \otimes_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \otimes_{n1} & \otimes_{n2} & \cdots & \otimes_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$E = [e_{ij}]_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} e_{11} & e_{12} & \cdots & e_{1n} \\ e_{21} & e_{22} & \cdots & e_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ e_{n1} & e_{n2} & \cdots & e_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

$$F = [f_{ij}]_{n \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} f_{11} & f_{12} & \cdots & f_{1n} \\ f_{21} & f_{22} & \cdots & f_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ f_{n1} & f_{n2} & \cdots & f_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

where E and F represent the minimal and maximal punctual matrices of $A(\otimes)$, respectively. Suppose that A represents the average white matrix of $A(\otimes)$ as

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n} = \left[\frac{e_{ij} + f_{ij}}{2} \right]_{n \times n} = \frac{E + F}{2} \quad (5)$$

and

$$A_G = [a_{gij}]_{n \times n} = [\tilde{\otimes}_{ij} - a_{ij}]_{n \times n} = A(\otimes) - A \quad (6)$$

$$M = [m_{ij}]_{n \times n} = [f_{ij} - a_{ij}]_{n \times n} = F - A \quad (7)$$

where A_G represents a bias matrix between $A(\otimes)$ and A ; M represents the maximal bias matrix between F and A . Then we have

$$|A_G|_m \leq |M|_m \quad (8)$$

where $|M|_m$ represents the modulus matrix of M ; $r[M]$ represents the spectral radius of matrix M ; I represents the identity matrix, and $\lambda(M)$ is the eigenvalue of matrix M . This assumption enables some conditions to be derived for the stability of the grey discrete system. Therefore, the following Lemmas are provided.

Lemma 2.1 (Chen, 1984)

The zero state of $x(k+1) = Ax(k)$ is asymptotically stable if and only if

$$|\det(zI - A)| > 0, \quad \text{for } |z| \geq 1.$$

Lemma 2.2 (Ortega and Rheinboldt, 1970)

For any $n \times n$ matrices R , T and V , if $|R|_m \leq V$, then

- $r[R] \leq r[|R|_m] \leq r[V]$
- $r[RT] \leq r[|R|_m |T|_m] \leq r[V |T|_m]$
- $r[R + T] \leq r[|R + T|_m] \leq r[|R|_m + |T|_m] \leq r[V + |T|_m]$.

Lemma 2.3 (Chou, 1991)

If $G(z)$ is a pulse transfer function matrix, then

$$|G(z)|_m \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} |G(k)|_m \equiv H(G(k)), \quad \text{for } |z| \geq 1,$$

where $G(k)$ is the pulse-response sequence matrix of the multivariable system $G(z)$.

Lemma 2.4 (Chen, 1989)

For an $n \times n$ matrix R , if $r[R] < 1$, then $|\det(I \pm R)| > 0$.

Theorem 2.1

The grey discrete time systems (1) is asymptotically stable, if $A(\otimes)$ is an asymptotically stable matrix, and if the following inequality is satisfied,

$$r[H(G(k))|M|_m] < 1 \quad (9)$$

where $H(G(k))$ and $|M|_m$ are defined in Lemma 2.3 and equation (8), and $G(k)$ is the pulse-response sequence matrix of the system

$$G(z) = (zI - A)^{-1}$$

Proof

By the identity

$$\det[RT] = \det[R]\det[T],$$

for any two $n \times n$ matrices R and T , we have

$$|\det[zI - A(\otimes)]| = |\det[zI - (A + A_G)]| = |\det[I - (zI - A)^{-1}(A_G)]| |\det[zI - A]| \quad (10)$$

Since A represents an asymptotically stable matrix, then applying Lemma 2.1 clearly shows that

$$|\det[zI - A]| > 0, \text{ for } |z| \geq 1 \quad (11)$$

If inequality (9) is satisfied, then Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3 give

$$\begin{aligned} r[(zI - A)^{-1}(A_G)] &= r[G(z)(A_G)] \leq r[G(z)]_m |A_G|_m \\ &\leq r[G(z)]_m |M|_m \\ &\leq r[H(G(K))|M|_m] \\ &< 1, \text{ for } |z| \geq 1 \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

From equations (10)-(12) and Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\det[zI - A(\otimes)]| &= |\det[zI - (A + A_G)]| \\ &= |\det[I - (zI - A)^{-1}(A_G)]| |\det[zI - A]| > 0, \text{ for } |z| \geq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the grey discrete time system (1) is asymptotically stable by Lemma 2.1.

3. Grey discrete time systems with time-delay

Considering the grey discrete time system with a time-delay as follows:

$$x(k+1) = A_I(\otimes)x(k) + B_I(\otimes)x(k-1) \quad (13)$$

where $A_I(\otimes)$ and $B_I(\otimes)$ denotes interval matrices with the properties as

$$A_I(\otimes) = [\otimes_{ij}^a]_{n \times n} \text{ and } B_I(\otimes) = [\otimes_{ij}^b]_{n \times n} \quad (14)$$

where $a_{ij}^1 \leq \otimes_{ij}^a \leq a_{ij}^2$ and $b_{ij}^1 \leq \otimes_{ij}^b \leq b_{ij}^2$.

Indicate

$$A_1 = [a_{ij}^1]_{n \times n}, A_2 = [a_{ij}^2]_{n \times n}, B_1 = [b_{ij}^1]_{n \times n}, B_2 = [b_{ij}^2]_{n \times n}. \quad (15)$$

and let

$$A = [a_{ij}]_{n \times n} = \frac{[a_{ij}^1 + a_{ij}^2]_{n \times n}}{2} = \frac{(A_1 + A_2)}{2} \quad (16a)$$

and

$$B = [b_{ij}]_{n \times n} = \frac{[b_{ij}^1 + b_{ij}^2]_{n \times n}}{2} = \frac{(B_1 + B_2)}{2} \quad (16b)$$

where A and B are the average matrices between A_1 and A_2 , B_1 and B_2 , respectively. Moreover,

$$\Delta A_m = [a_{ij}^m]_{n \times n} = [\otimes_{ij}^a - a_{ij}]_{n \times n} = A_I(\otimes) - A \quad (17a)$$

and

$$\Delta B_m = [b_{ij}^m]_{n \times n} = [\otimes_{ij}^b - b_{ij}]_{n \times n} = B_I(\otimes) - B \quad (17b)$$

where ΔA_m and ΔB_m are the bias matrices between A_I and A , and B_I and B , respectively. Additionally,

$$M_1 = [m_{ij}^1]_{n \times n} = [a_{ij}^2 - a_{ij}]_{n \times n} = A_2 - A \quad (18a)$$

and

$$N_1 = [n_{ij}^1]_{n \times n} = [b_{ij}^2 - b_{ij}]_{n \times n} = B_2 - B \quad (18b)$$

where M_1 and N_1 are the maximal bias matrices between A_2 and A , and B_2 and B , respectively. Then we have

$$|\Delta A_m|_m \leq |M_1|_m \text{ and } |\Delta B_m|_m \leq |N_1|_m. \quad (19)$$

The following theorem ensures the stability of system (13) for all admissible matrices $A, \Delta A_m, B$ and ΔB_m with constrained (19).

Theorem 3.1

The grey discrete time with a time-delay system (13) is asymptotically stable, if nominal system $A_I(\otimes)$ is an asymptotically stable matrix, and if the following inequality is satisfied,

$$r[H(G_d(K))(|M_1|_m + |B|_m + |N_1|_m)] < 1 \quad (20)$$

where $H(G_d(K))$ are as defined in Lemma 2.3, and $G_d(K)$ represents the pulse-response sequence matrix of the system

$$G_d(z) = (zI - A)^{-1}$$

Proof

By the identity

$$\det[RT] = \det[R]\det[T],$$

for any two $n \times n$ matrices R and T , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \det[zI - (A_I(\otimes) + B_I(\otimes)z^{-1})] \right| = \left| \det[zI - (A + \Delta A_m + (B + \Delta B_m)z^{-1})] \right| \\ & = \left| \det[I - (zI - A)^{-1}(\Delta A_m + (B + \Delta B_m)z^{-1})] \right| \left| \det[zI - A] \right| \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Since A is an asymptotically stable matrix, then applying Lemma 2.1 clearly shows that

$$|\det[zI - A]| > 0, \text{ for } |z| \geq 1 \quad (22)$$

If inequality (20) is satisfied, then Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3 give

$$\begin{aligned} r[(zI - A)^{-1}(\Delta A_m + (B + \Delta B_m)z^{-1})] &= r[G_d(z)(\Delta A_m + (B + \Delta B_m)z^{-1})] \\ &\leq r[|G_d(z)|_m(|\Delta A_m + (B + \Delta B_m)z^{-1}|_m)] \\ &\leq r[|G_d(z)|_m(|\Delta A_m|_m + |(B + \Delta B_m)z^{-1}|_m)] \\ &\leq r[|G_d(z)|_m(|\Delta A_m|_m + |(B + \Delta B_m)|_m|z^{-1}|_m)] \quad (23) \\ &\leq r[|G_d(z)|_m(|\Delta A_m|_m + |(B + \Delta B_m)|_m)] \\ &\leq r[|G_d(z)|_m(|\Delta A_m|_m + |B|_m + |\Delta B_m|_m)] \\ &\leq r[H(G_d(K))(|M_1|_m + |B|_m + |N_1|_m)] \\ &< 1, \text{ for } |z| \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Equations (21)-(23) and Lemma 2.4 give

$$\begin{aligned} |\det[zI - (A_I(\otimes) + B_I(\otimes)z^{-1})]| &= |\det[zI - (A + \Delta A_m + (B + \Delta B_m)z^{-1})]| \\ &= |\det[I - (zI - A)^{-1}(\Delta A_m + (B + \Delta B_m)z^{-1})]| |\det[zI - A]| > 0, \text{ for } |z| \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 2.1, the grey discrete time with a time-delay system (13) is asymptotically stable.

4. Illustrative examples

Example 4.1

Consider the stability of grey discrete time system (1) as follows:

$$x(k+1) = A(\otimes)x(k),$$

where

$$A(\otimes) = \begin{bmatrix} \otimes_{11}^a & \otimes_{12}^a \\ \otimes_{21}^a & \otimes_{22}^a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{with } -0.5 \leq \otimes_{11}^a \leq 0.5, 0.1 \leq \otimes_{12}^a \leq 0.8, -0.3 \leq \otimes_{21}^a \leq 0.2, -0.4 \leq \otimes_{22}^a \leq 0.5.$$

From equations (2)-(5), the average matrices is

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.45 \\ -0.05 & 0.05 \end{bmatrix},$$

and from equations (6)-(7), the maximal bias matrix M is

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.35 \\ 0.25 & 0.45 \end{bmatrix}.$$

By Lemma 2.3, we obtain

$$H(G(K)) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0241 & 0.4826 \\ 0.0536 & 1.0725 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then, the equation (9) is

$$r[H(G(K))|M|_m] = 0.9843 < 1.$$

Therefore, the system (1) is asymptotically stable in terms of Theorem 2.1.

Remark 1

Zhou and Deng (1989) have illustrated that the grey discrete time system (1) is asymptotically stable if the following inequality holds:

$$\rho(k) < 1 \quad (24)$$

By applying the condition (24) as given by Zhou and Deng, the sufficient condition can be obtained as $\rho(k) = 0.9899 < 1$ to guarantee that the system (1) is still stable.

The proposed sufficient condition (9) of Theorem 2.1 is less conservative than the condition (24) proposed by Zhou and Deng.

Example 4.2

Considering the grey discrete time with a time-delay system (Shyr and Hsu, 2008) is described by (13) as follows:

$$x(k+1) = A_I(\otimes)x(k) + B_I(\otimes)x(k-1)$$

where

$$A_I(\otimes) = \begin{bmatrix} \otimes_{11}^a & \otimes_{12}^a \\ \otimes_{21}^a & \otimes_{22}^a \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_I(\otimes) = \begin{bmatrix} \otimes_{11}^b & \otimes_{12}^b \\ \otimes_{21}^b & \otimes_{22}^b \end{bmatrix}, \quad (25)$$

with

$$-0.2 \leq \otimes_{11}^a \leq 0.2, -0.2 \leq \otimes_{12}^a \leq 0.1, -0.1 \leq \otimes_{21}^a \leq 0.1, -0.1 \leq \otimes_{22}^a \leq 0.2$$

and

$$0.1 \leq \otimes_{11}^b \leq 0.2, 0.1 \leq \otimes_{12}^b \leq 0.2, 0.1 \leq \otimes_{21}^b \leq 0.15, 0.2 \leq \otimes_{22}^b \leq 0.25.$$

Equation (15) and (25) give

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.2 & -0.2 \\ -0.1 & -0.1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.15 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}$$

From equations (16), the average matrices are

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -0.05 \\ 0 & 0.05 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.15 & 0.15 \\ 0.125 & 0.225 \end{bmatrix},$$

and from equations (18), the maximal bias matrices M_1 and N_1 are

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.15 \\ 0.1 & 0.15 \end{bmatrix}, \quad N_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.05 & 0.05 \\ 0.025 & 0.025 \end{bmatrix}.$$

By Lemma 2.3, we obtain

$$H(G_d(K)) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0526 & 0.0526 \\ 0 & 1.0526 \end{bmatrix}.$$

From Theorem 3.1, the system (13) is stable, because

$$r[H(G_d(K))(|M_1|_m + |B|_m + |N_1|_m)] = 0.4462 < 1.$$

Example 4.3

Considering the grey discrete time-delay systems (Zhou and Deng, 1989) is described by (13), where

$$A_I(\otimes) = \begin{bmatrix} \otimes_{11}^a & \otimes_{12}^a \\ \otimes_{21}^a & \otimes_{22}^a \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_I(\otimes) = \begin{bmatrix} \otimes_{11}^b & \otimes_{12}^b \\ \otimes_{21}^b & \otimes_{22}^b \end{bmatrix},$$

with $-0.24 \leq \otimes_{11}^a \leq 0.24$, $0.12 \leq \otimes_{12}^a \leq 0.24$, $-0.12 \leq \otimes_{21}^a \leq 0.12$, $0.12 \leq \otimes_{22}^a \leq 0.24$ and
 $0.12 \leq \otimes_{11}^b \leq 0.24$, $0.12 \leq \otimes_{12}^b \leq 0.24$, $0.12 \leq \otimes_{21}^b \leq 0.18$, $0.24 \leq \otimes_{22}^b \leq 0.30$.

Equation (15) and (25) give

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.24 & 0.12 \\ -0.12 & 0.12 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.24 & 0.24 \\ 0.12 & 0.24 \end{bmatrix}, B_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.12 & 0.12 \\ 0.12 & 0.24 \end{bmatrix}, B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.24 & 0.24 \\ 0.18 & 0.30 \end{bmatrix}.$$

From (16)-(18), we obtain the matrices

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.18 \\ 0 & 0.18 \end{bmatrix}, \quad M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.24 & 0.06 \\ 0.12 & 0.06 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.18 & 0.18 \\ 0.15 & 0.27 \end{bmatrix}, \quad N_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.06 & 0.06 \\ 0.03 & 0.03 \end{bmatrix}$$

By Lemma 2.3, we obtain

$$H(G_d(K)) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5459 & 0.3790 \\ 0.3659 & 0.4390 \end{bmatrix}.$$

From Theorem 3.1, the system (13) is stable, because

$$r[H(G_d(K))(|M_1|_m + |B|_m + |N_1|_m)] = 0.8686 < 1$$

According to Theorem 3.1, we know that system (13) is asymptotically stable.

Remark 2

If the following condition holds (Liu, 2001)

$$\min \left\{ \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n (e_{ij} + f_{ij}), \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n (e_{ji} + f_{ji}) \right\} < 1 \quad (26)$$

then system (13) is stable $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where

$$E = [e_{ij}], \quad e_{ii} = a_{ii}^2, \quad e_{ij} = \max\{|\otimes_{ij}^a|, |a_{ij}^2|\} \quad \text{for } i \neq j$$

and

$$F = [f_{ij}], \quad f_{ii} = b_{ii}^2, \quad f_{ij} = \max\{|\otimes_{ij}^a|, |b_{ij}^2|\} \quad \text{for } i \neq j$$

The foregoing criterion is applied in our example and we obtain

$$\min \left\{ \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n (e_{ij} + f_{ij}), \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n (e_{ji} + f_{ji}) \right\} = 1.02 > 1$$

which cannot be satisfied in (26).

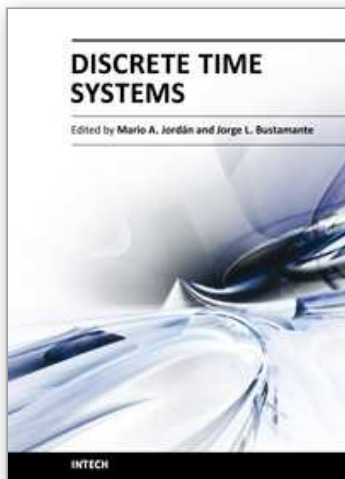
5. Conclusions

This paper proposes a sufficient condition for the stability analysis of grey discrete time systems with time-delay whose state matrices are interval matrices. A novel sufficient condition is obtained to ensure the stability of grey discrete time systems with time-delay. By mathematical analysis, the stability criterion of the proposed is less conservative than those of previous results. In Remark 1, by mathematical analysis, the presented criterion is less conservative than that proposed by Zhou and Deng (1989). In Remarks 2, by mathematical analysis, the presented criterion is to be less conservative than that proposed by Liu (2001). Therefore, the results of this paper indeed provide an additional choice for the stability examination of the grey discrete time time-delay systems. The proposed examples clearly demonstrate that the criteria presented in this paper for the stability of grey discrete time systems with time-delay are useful.

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