



Check for updates

Finite-time interval observer design for discrete-time switched systems: A linear programming approach

Measurement and Control 2020, Vol. 53(7-8) 1388-1394 © The Author(s) 2020 Article reuse guidelines: sagepub.com/journals-permissions DOI: 10.1177/0020294020923074 journals.sagepub.com/home/mac

(\$)SAGE

Fei Sun, Jun Huango, Xiang Ma and Xiao Wen

Abstract

This paper deals with the finite-time interval observer design method for discrete-time switched systems subjected to disturbances. The disturbances of the system are unknown but bounded. The framework of the finite-time interval observer is established and the sufficient conditions are derived by the multiple linear copositive Lyapunov function. Furthermore, the conditions which are expressed by the forms of linear programming are numerically tractable by standard computing software. One example is simulated to illustrate the validity of the designed observer.

Keywords

Finite-time interval observers, discrete-time switched systems, linear programming

Date received: 4 March 2020; accepted: 7 April 2020

Introduction

State estimation is very important since it can be used in stabilization, synchronization, fault diagnosis and detection and so on. As we know, the uncertainties always exist in the real systems. When we design the observers for uncertain systems, the uncertainties should be taken into account. For the purpose of estimation of bounds of the states, the definition of interval observer (IO) was first introduced by Gouze et al.¹ Then, the IO design method has been established for a large amount of systems, such as linear systems, 2,3 linear parameter varying systems, 4.5 singular systems, 6.7 discrete systems, 8,9 impulsive systems 10 and so on.

If we consider a linear discrete system without disturbance, that is, x(k + 1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), the task of IO design is to find a gain L such that the corresponding upper (or lower) error $e^{+(-)}(k+1) = (A - LC)e^{+(-)}(k)$ is both positive and stable. Equivalently, it is desired that A - LC is both non-negative and Schur stable. Whereas it only requires that A - LC is Schur stable in the context of conventional observers. From the aspect of computation, the nonnegative of A - LC is not easy to be verified by existing toolbox. Thus, the design of IO is much more complicated than that of conventional observer. 11,12 In order to overcome the drawback, Mazenc and Bernard,3 Chebotarev et al.,5 Zheng et al.7 and Wang et al.9 employed the coordinate transformation method to get more freedom of the construction of the IO. Actually, the IOs designed in these works are a class of asymptotical IOs.

The investigation of switched systems has drawn considerable attention in recent years. 13-15 Switched systems are ubiquitous in many practical systems, such as traffic networks, 16 chemical engineering systems, 17 circuit systems¹⁸ and so on. It is known that the works on IOs of switched systems are still challenging. 19-22 He and Xie¹⁹ and Ifqir et al.²⁰ designed the IOs for switched systems under the assumption that $A_i - L_i C_i$ is the Metzler matrix. In order to improve the former results, Guo and Zhu²¹ and Ethabet et al.²² presented the IO design approaches for uncertain discrete-time and continuous-time switched systems using coordinate transformation, respectively. Recently, Huang et al.23 improved the result of Guo and Zhu²¹ using the zonotope method,²⁴ designed an asynchronous IO for switched systems. In addition, the functional IO for linear discrete-time systems with disturbances and fixedtime observer for switched systems were also studied by Che et al.²⁵ and Gao et al.²⁶ respectively. However the finite-time interval observer (FTIO) for discrete-time switched systems has not been reported.

School of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Soochow University, Suzhou, China

Corresponding author:

Jun Huang, School of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering, Soochow University, Suzhou 215131, China. Email: cauchyhot@163.com



Sun et al. 1389

Motivated by above discussion, the goal of this paper is to design FITO for discrete-time switched systems. In the light of definition of finite-time stability, 27-29 the observer gains are selected such that the observation errors are bounded in finite time. The contribution of this work can be concluded as the following aspects:

- The bounds of the original systems can be recovered in a prescribed time interval.
- 2. The existence conditions of the IO are derived by the multiple linear copositive Lyapunov function (MLCLF), which is a useful tool when dealing with switched systems.
- The derived conditions are given by linear programming (LP) constraints which are more tractable than linear matrix inequalities.

The rest of paper is organized as follows. In section "Problem statement and preliminary," the plant as well as the structure of FTIO is given. In section "Main result," using MLCLF, sufficient conditions in the forms of LP are presented. Finally, in section "Numerical example," two examples are simulated to demonstrate the validity of the proposed method.

Notations: throughout this paper, x^T is the transposition of the vector x, and A^T is the transposition of the matrix A. $||x||_1$ represents the 1-norm of the vector x. The symbols \leq , <, \geqslant and > are understood component-wise for any vector or matrix. E^+ represents $\max\{E,O\}$, where O is the zero matrix, and $E^$ equals to $E^+ - E$. $\bar{\kappa}(x)$ and $\kappa(x)$ denote the maximum value and the minimum value of the elements of x, respectively.

Problem statement and preliminary

Consider the following plant

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = A_{\theta(k)}x(k) + B_{\theta(k)}u(k) + E_{\theta(k)}w(k), \\ y(k) = C_{\theta(k)}x(k), \\ \underline{x}(0) \leq x(0) \leq \bar{x}(0). \end{cases}$$

(1)

where $x(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $u(k) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ and $y(k) \in \mathbb{R}^q$ are the state, input and output, respectively. $w(k) \in R^r$ is the perturbation with $w^- \leq w(k) \leq w^+$, where w^- and w^+ are the given vectors. $\theta(k)$ is the switching signal and $\theta(k) \in S = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}.$ $A_{\theta(k)} \in R^{n \times n}, B_{\theta(k)} \in R^{n \times m},$ $E_{\theta(k)} \in R^{n \times r}$ and $C_{\theta(k)} \in R^{q \times n}$ are the given matrices. $\underline{x}(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $\bar{x}(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ are the known vectors. For simplicity, $\theta(k)$ is short for θ , and the system (1) becomes

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = A_{\theta}x(k) + B_{\theta}u(k) + E_{\theta}w(k), \\ y(k) = C_{\theta}x(k), \\ \underline{x}(0) \leqslant x(0) \leqslant \overline{x}(0). \end{cases}$$
 (2)

Definition 1. The interval frame $\{\bar{x}(k), \underline{x}(k)\}$ is called an asymptotical IO for (1) if for $\forall k > 0^2$

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{k \to \infty} \|\overline{x}(k) - x(k)\|_1 = \alpha, \\ \lim_{k \to \infty} \|x(k) - \underline{x}(k)\|_1 = \beta, \end{cases}$$

where α and c_2 are the positive constants.

Remark 1. Definition 1 is just the extension of Definition 2 in Rami et al.² when the discrete case is discussed. In the light of positive switched system, 30,31 we use the MLCLF to analyze stability of the error; thus, 1-norm is employed to describe the bound of the error in this paper.

Definition 2. The interval frame $\{\bar{x}(k), \underline{x}(k)\}$ is called an FTIO if there exists K > 0 such that

$$\|\overline{x}(0) - x(0)\|_1 \leqslant \alpha_1 \Rightarrow \|\overline{x}(k) - x(k)\|_1 \leqslant \alpha_2, \forall k \in [0, K],$$
(3)

$$||x(0) - x(0)||_1 \le \beta_1 \Rightarrow ||x(k) - \underline{x}(k)||_1 \le \beta_2, \forall k \in [0, K],$$
(4)

where α_1 , α_2 , β_1 and β_2 are the positive constants, and $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2, \beta_1 < \beta_2.$

Remark 2. From the aspect of application, the FTIO is necessary. Definition 1 is known to characteristic of the error in infinite-time interval, but Definition 2 is with respect to the boundedness of the error in finite time. In fact, an FTIO may not be an asymptotical IO and vice

We now extend the results of Farina and Rinaldi³² to positive switched systems. The system is considered as

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = M_{\vartheta}x(k) + f_{\vartheta}(k), \\ x(0) = x_0 \geqslant 0, \end{cases}$$
 (5)

where $x(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and θ is the switched law. $M_{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is the constant matrix, and $f_{\theta}(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n \geqslant 0$.

Lemma 1. The system (5) is positive if and only if the matrix $M_{\theta} \geqslant 0$.

Then, we construct the IO for the system (2), which has the following form

$$\begin{cases} \bar{x}(k+1) = A_{\theta}\bar{x}(k) + B_{\theta}u(k) + E_{\theta}^{+}w^{+} - E_{\theta}^{-}w^{-} \\ + L_{\theta}(y(k) - C_{\theta}\bar{x}(k)), \\ \underline{x}(k+1) = A_{\theta}\underline{x}(k) + B_{\theta}u(k) + E_{\theta}^{+}w^{+} - E_{\theta}^{-}w^{-} \\ + L_{\theta}(y(k) - C_{\theta}\underline{x}(k)), \\ \bar{x}(0) = x^{+}(0), \\ \underline{x}(0) = x^{-}(0). \end{cases}$$
(6)

Let $\bar{x}(k) \leq x(k) \leq \underline{x}(k)$ and $e^{-}(k) = x(k) - \underline{x}(k)$.

Comparing (6) with (2), we have

$$\begin{cases} e^{+}(k+1) = (A_{\theta} - L_{\theta}C_{\theta})e^{+}(k) + \Gamma_{\theta}^{+} - E_{\theta}w(k) \\ e^{-}(k+1) = (A_{\theta} - L_{\theta}C_{\theta})e^{-}(k) + E_{\theta}w(k) - \Gamma_{\theta}^{-}, \\ e^{-}(0) \geqslant 0, e^{+}(0) \geqslant 0, \end{cases}$$

(7

where $\Gamma_{\theta}^+ = E_{\theta}^+ w^+ - E_{\theta}^- w^-$ and $\Gamma_{\theta}^- = E_{\theta}^+ w^- - E_{\theta}^- w^+$.

Definition 3. Consider the system (7). Let c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, K and h be the positive constants with $c_1 < c_2$ and $c_3 < c_4$. If $\forall w(k) : \sum_{k=0}^{K-1} ||w(k)||_1 \le h^{27,28}$

$$||e^{+}(0)||_{1} \leq c_{1} \Rightarrow ||e^{+}(k)||_{1} \leq c_{2}, \forall k \in [0, K],$$
 (8)

$$||e^{-}(0)||_{1} \leq c_{3} \Rightarrow ||e^{-}(k)||_{1} \leq c_{4}, \forall k \in [0, K],$$
 (9)

then the upper and lower error system (7) is finite-time bound (FTB).

Definition 4. Denote the switching number of θ on the interval $[l_1, l_2)$ by $N_{\theta}(l_1, l_2)$. If³³

$$N_{\theta}(l_1, l_2) \leq N_0 + (l_2 - l_1)/\tau^*$$

holds for given $N_0 \ge 0$ and $\tau^* > 0$, then τ^* is the average dwell time (ADT). In what follows, N_0 is supposed to be 0.

Lemma 2. Let $\Theta(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\Theta^-(k) \leq \Theta(k) \leq \Theta^+(k)$, then the following holds 34

$$W^{+}\Theta^{-}(k) - W^{-}\Theta^{+}(k) \leqslant W\Theta(k) \leqslant W^{+}\Theta^{+}(k)$$

- $W^{-}\Theta^{-}(k)$,

where $W \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ is any given constant matrix.

Main result

In this section, the performance analysis of the error system (7) is presented.

Theorem 1. Let $\nu > 1$ and $\varrho > 1$ be the two constants. If there are vectors $v_i \in R^n > 0$, $v_j \in R^n > 0$, $z_i \in R^q$, and the prescribed vector $\xi_i \in R^n \neq 0$ for $i, j \in S$, $i \neq j$ such that

$$(A_i^T - \nu I)v_i + C_i^T z_i < 0 \tag{10}$$

$$v_i \leqslant \varrho v_i \tag{11}$$

$$\xi_i^T v_i (\xi_i^T v_i A_i + \xi_i z_i^T C_i) \geqslant 0 \tag{12}$$

and the observer gain L_i has the following form

$$L_i = -\frac{\xi_i z_i^T}{\xi_i^T v_i} \tag{13}$$

then the upper and lower error system (7) satisfies the property of positive and FTB. Furthermore, denote that

$$\max_{i \in S} \left\{ \left(\Gamma_i^+ \right)^T v_i \right\} = \lambda \tag{14}$$

$$\max_{i \in S} \left\{ \left(\Gamma_i^- \right)^T v_i \right\} = \delta \tag{15}$$

$$\max_{i \in S} \left\{ \left\| E_i^T v_i \right\|_1 \right\} = \gamma \tag{16}$$

where λ,δ and $\gamma > 0$ are the constants, then ADT satisfies

$$\tau^* \geqslant \max \left\{ \frac{K \ln \varrho}{\ln \mu_1 - \ln \zeta_1 - K \ln \nu}, \frac{K \ln \varrho}{\ln \mu_2 - \ln \zeta_2 - K \ln \nu} \right\}$$

$$\tag{17}$$

where $\mu_1 = c_2 l_1$, $\mu_2 = c_4 l_1$, $\zeta_1 = c_1 l_2 + \gamma h + |\lambda| K$, $\zeta_2 = c_3 l_2 + \gamma h + |\delta| K$ with $l_1 = \min_{i \in S} \{ \underline{\kappa}(v_i) \}$, $l_2 = \overline{\kappa}(v_{\theta(0)})$, $\mu_1 > \zeta_1 \nu^K$ and $\mu_2 > \zeta_2 \nu^K$.

Proof. From Definition 2 and Definition 3, the following proof will be divided into steps:

First, by (13), we obtain

$$A_{i} - L_{i}C_{i} = A_{i} + \frac{\xi_{i}z_{i}^{T}}{\xi_{i}^{T}v_{i}}C_{i}$$
 (18)

which follows from (12) that

$$A_{i} - L_{i}C_{i} = A_{i} + \frac{\xi_{i}z_{i}^{T}}{\xi_{i}^{T}v_{i}}C_{i} \geqslant 0$$
 (19)

By Lemma 2, we have $\Gamma_i^+ - E_i w(k) \ge 0$ and $E_i w(k) - \Gamma_i^- \ge 0$. That means $e^-(0) \ge 0$ and $e^+(0) \ge 0$, so that the residual error of the system is bounded by the designed observer. Thus, in view of Lemma 1, the error system (7) is positive. We have

$$x(k) \leqslant x(k) \leqslant \bar{x}(k)$$

Second, the following error system is considered

$$\begin{cases} e^{+}(k+1) = (A_{\theta} - L_{\theta}C_{\theta})e^{+}(k) + \Gamma_{\theta}^{+} - E_{\theta}w(k), \\ e^{+}(0) \geqslant 0. \end{cases}$$
(20)

Let $\{k_p, p = 1, 2, ...\}$ with $0 < k_1 < k_2 < ...$ be the switching time sequence. If $\theta(k_s) = i \in S$, then the MLCLF is chosen as follows

$$V_t(K) = (e^+(K))^T v_t, i \in S.$$
 (21)

When $K \in [k_p, k_{p+1})$, taking the backward difference of $V_i(K)$ yields

$$\nabla V_{t}(K) = V_{t}(K) - V_{t}(K-1)$$

$$= (e^{+}(K-1))^{T} (A_{t}^{T} - C_{t}^{T} L_{t}^{T}) v_{1} - (e^{+}(K-1))^{T} v_{t}$$

$$+ (\Gamma_{t}^{+})^{T} v_{t} - (w(K-1))^{T} E_{t}^{T} v_{t}.$$
(22)

Substituting (13) into (22) results in

$$\nabla V_{i}(K) = \left(e^{+}(K-1)\right)^{T} \left(A_{i}^{T} v_{i} + C_{i}^{T} z_{i} - v_{i}\right) + \left(\Gamma_{i}^{+}\right)^{T} v_{i} - \left(w(K-1)\right)^{T} E_{i}^{T} v_{i}$$
(23)

By (10), (14) and (16), we can obtain

Sun et al. 1391

$$\nabla V_{t}(K) \leq (v-1)(e^{+}(K-1))^{T}v_{t} + \lambda + \|w(K-1)\|_{1}$$

$$\|E_{t}^{T}v_{t}\|_{1}$$

$$\leq (v-1)V_{t}(K-1) + \lambda + \gamma \|w(K-1)\|_{1},$$
(24)

that is

$$V_t(K) \le vV_t(K-1) + \lambda + \gamma ||w(K-1)||_1.$$
 (25)

For the interval $[k_p, K)$, it is concluded that

$$V_{t}(K) \leq v^{K-k_{p}} V_{t}(k_{p}) + \gamma \sum_{s=k_{p}}^{K-1} v^{K-1-z} \|w(s)\|_{1} + \lambda \sum_{s=k_{p}}^{K-1} v^{K-1-z}.$$
(26)

Suppose that $\theta(k_{p-1}) = j$, it follows from (11) and (26) that

$$V_{t}(K) \leq \varrho v^{K-k_{p}} V_{t}(k_{p}) + \gamma \sum_{s=k_{p}}^{K-1} v^{K-1-s} \|w(s)\|_{1} + \lambda \sum_{s=k_{p}}^{K-1} v^{K-1-z}.$$
(27)

Repeating (26) and (27) yields

$$V_{i}(K) \leq \varrho v^{K-k_{p}} V_{\theta(k_{p}-1)}(k_{p}) + \gamma \sum_{s=k_{p}}^{K-1} v^{K-1-s} \|w(s)\|_{1}$$

$$+ \lambda \sum_{s=k_{p}}^{K-1} v^{K-1-s}$$

$$\leq \varrho^{N_{\theta}(0, K)} v^{K} V_{\theta(0)}(0) + \gamma \sum_{s=0}^{K-1} \varrho^{N_{\theta}(s, K)} v^{K-1-s} \|w(s)\|_{1}$$

$$+ \lambda \sum_{s=0}^{K-1} \varrho^{N_{\theta}(s, K)} v^{K-1-s}$$

$$\leq \varrho^{N_{\theta}(0, K)} v^{K} V_{\theta(0)}(0) + \gamma \sum_{s=0}^{K-1} \varrho^{N_{\theta}(s, K)} v^{K-1-s} \|w(s)\|_{1}$$

$$+ |\lambda| \sum_{s=0}^{K-1} \varrho^{N_{\theta}(s, K)} v^{K-1-s}.$$
(28)

From Definition 4, we have $N_{\theta} \leq N_0 + K/\tau^*/\tau^*$. Since $\nu > 1$ and $\sum_{s=0}^{K-1} ||w(s)||_1 \leq h$, the above equality (28) becomes

$$V_{i}(K) \leq \varrho^{N_{\theta}(0, K)} v^{K} (V_{\theta(0)}(0) + \gamma h + |\lambda| K)$$

$$\leq \varrho^{\frac{K}{r^{2}}} v^{K} (V_{\theta(0)}(0) + \gamma h + |\lambda| K).$$
(29)

It is the fact that

$$\begin{cases}
V_i(K) = (e^+(K))^T v_i \geqslant l_1 || e^+(K) ||_1, \\
V_{\theta(0)}(0) = (e^+(0))^T v_{\theta(0)} \geqslant l_2 || e^+(0) ||_1.
\end{cases}$$
(30)

Substituting (30) into (29) results in

$$|l_1||e^+(K)||_1 \le \varrho^{\frac{K}{r^*}} \nu^K (|l_2||e^+(0)||_1 + \gamma h + |\lambda|K)$$
 (31)

In view of (17) and $\varrho > 1$, (31) implies that

$$\|e^{+}(K)\|_{1} \leq \frac{\mu_{1}}{l_{1}\zeta_{1}} \left(l_{2}\|\left(e^{+}(0)\right)\|_{1} + \gamma h + |\lambda|K\right)$$
 (32)

When $||e^+(0)||_1 \le c_1$, it is deduced from (32) that

$$\|e^{+}(K)\|_{1} \leq \frac{\mu_{1}}{l_{1}\zeta}(c_{1}l_{2} + \gamma h + |\lambda|K).$$
 (33)

Considering the expressions $\mu_1 = c_2 l_1$, $\zeta_1 = c_1 l_2 + \gamma h + |\lambda| K$, (33) means

$$\|e^+(K)\|_1 \leqslant c_2 \tag{34}$$

Let us turn to the following error system

$$\begin{cases} e^{-}(k+1) = (A_{\theta} - L_{\theta}C_{\theta})e^{-}(k) + E_{\theta}w(k) - \Gamma_{\theta}^{-}, \\ e^{-}(0) \geqslant 0. \end{cases}$$

(35)

The MLCLF candidate is chosen as

$$\widetilde{V}_i(K) = (e^-(K))^T v_i, \ i \in S. \tag{36}$$

By the same treatment as that in the upper error system, one can get

$$\tilde{V}_i(K) \leqslant \varrho^{N_{\theta}(0,K)} \nu^K (\tilde{V}_{\theta(0)}(0) + \gamma h + |\delta|K) \tag{37}$$

By (17), we have

$$\|e^{-}(K)\|_{1} \le \frac{\mu_{2}}{l_{1}\zeta_{2}} (l_{2}\|(e^{-}(0))\|_{1} + \gamma h + |\delta|K)$$
 (38)

In view of $\mu_2 = c_4 l_1$, $\zeta_2 = c_3 l_2 + \gamma h + |\delta| K$, when $||e^-(0)||_1 \le c_3$, we obtain

$$||e^{-}(K)||_{1} \leqslant c_{4} \tag{39}$$

In view of Definition 3, the system (7) satisfies the property of FTB. Thus, we can conclude that (6) is an FTIO for the system (2).

Remark 3. The constraints (10)–(12) are the existence conditions of the FTIO (6), while the expressions (14)–(16) are used for the estimation of the boundness of the error. However, the feasible solutions cannot be solved from the conditions (10)–(12) by the MATLAB because of the term $(\xi_i^T v_i)^2$ in (12). Thus, we need to derive the equivalent forms instead of (10)–(12).

We now give the following theorem, which is necessary from the aspect of computation.

Theorem 2. Let $\nu > 1$ and $\varrho > 1$ be the two constants. Assume that L_i is determined by (13) and τ^* satisfies (17). If there exist vectors $v_i \in R^n > 0$, $v_j \in R^n > 0$, $z_i \in R^q$, and the prescribed vector $\xi_i \in R^n \neq 0$ for $i, j \in S$, $i \neq j$ such that

$$(A_i^T - \nu I)v_i + C_i^T z_i < 0 (40)$$

$$v_i \leq \varrho v_i$$
 (41)

$$\xi_i^T v_i > 0 \tag{42}$$

$$\xi_i^T v_i A_i + \xi_i z_i^T C_i \geqslant 0 \tag{43}$$

or

$$(A_i^T - \nu I)v_i + C_i^T z_i < 0 \tag{44}$$

$$v_i \leqslant \varrho v_i \tag{45}$$

$$\xi_i^T v_i < 0 \tag{46}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\xi}_{i}^{T} \boldsymbol{v}_{i} \boldsymbol{A}_{i} + \boldsymbol{\xi}_{i} \boldsymbol{z}_{i}^{T} \boldsymbol{C}_{i} \leqslant 0 \tag{47}$$

the upper and lower error system (7) is positive and FTB.

Proof. Let us consider the bilinear constraint (12). If $\xi_i^T v_i > 0$, then (12) means that $\xi_i^T v_i A_i + \xi_i z_i^T C_i \geqslant 0$. If $\xi_i^T v_i < 0$, then (12) implies that $\xi_i^T v_i A_i + \xi_i z_i^T C_i \leqslant 0$. Thus, the conditions (40)–(43) or (44)–(47) indicate (10)–(12).

Remark 4. In order to design the IO (6) and give the estimation of the error, we employ the following steps:

Step 1: solve z_i , v_i (40)–(43) or (44)–(47) by LP in MATLAB.

Step 2: determine L_i by (13) and λ , δ , γ by (14)–(16), respectively.

Step 3: compute μ_1 , ζ_1 , μ_2 and ζ_2 with $\mu_1 > \zeta_1 \nu_1^K$ and $\mu_2 > \zeta_2 \nu_2^K$.

Step 4: estimate c_2 and c_4 .

From Remark 4, c_2 and c_4 are only the bounded constants when we obtain the feasible solutions from the sufficient conditions. From the aspect of practice, c_2 and c_4 are both expected to be minimal. Thus, the following theorem is stated.

Theorem 3. If the following convex optimization problem can be solved

$$\begin{cases}
\min c_2, c_4 \\
\text{subject to:} \\
(A_i^T - \nu I)v_i + C_i^T z_i < 0 \\
v_i \leq \varrho v_j \\
\xi_i^T v_i > 0 \\
\xi_i^T v_i A_i + \xi_i z_i^T C_i \geqslant 0
\end{cases}$$
(48)

or

$$\begin{cases}
\min c_2, c_4 \\
\text{subject to:} \\
(A_i^T - \nu I)v_i + C_i^T z_i < 0 \\
v_i \leq \varrho v_j \\
\xi_i^T v_i < 0 \\
\xi_i^T v_i A_i + \xi_i z_i^T C_i \leq 0
\end{cases}$$
(49)

then the IO (6) is an optimal FTIO.

Remark 5. By Theorem 1, c_2 is dependent on γ , δ , l_2 and c_1 , while c_4 is dependent on γ , δ , l_2 and c_3 . It is also the fact that γ , λ , δ , l_2 are determined, once v_i is fixed. In order to minimize the error estimation, c_2 should be

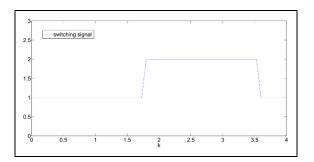


Figure 1. Switching signal $\theta(k)$ with ADT property.

chosen as small as possible by computing (48) or (49), and it is the same with c_4 . A suggested algorithm is given as follows: the first step updates all the parameters such as ν , ϱ by the path-following method proposed in Hassibi et al.,³⁵ and the second step fixes the parameters ν , ϱ to solve ν_i . We repeat the above two steps until c_2 and c_4 reach the minimum values.

Numerical example

Consider the system (2) with two modes, and the system matrices are given as

$$A_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.2 & 2.2 \\ 1.8 & 1.6 \end{bmatrix}, A_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 & 1.6 \\ 2.5 & 2.3 \end{bmatrix}, B_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.3 & 1.2 \\ 1.5 & 1.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.1 & 1.9 \\ 1.8 & 1.4 \end{bmatrix}, C_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 & 1.4 \\ 1.1 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}, C_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.3 & 1.6 \\ 1.5 & 1.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & -1 \\ -0.8 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}, E_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.6 & 0.5 \\ 0.4 & -0.9 \end{bmatrix}$$

For the purpose of simulation, u(k), $\omega(k)$, x_0 , x_0^+ and x_0^- are chosen as follows

$$u(k) = \begin{bmatrix} \sin^2 k \\ \cos 2k \end{bmatrix}, \omega(k) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1\cos^2 k \\ 0.1\sin k \end{bmatrix}, x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 5\\ 10 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$x_0^+ = \begin{bmatrix} 10\\ 20 \end{bmatrix}, x_0^- = \begin{bmatrix} 0\\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Let $\xi_1 = [1; 2]$, $\xi_2 = [2; 1]$, K = 4. By solving the sufficient conditions of Theorem 3, we have

$$v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 49.656 \\ 52.4553 \end{bmatrix}, z_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -58.4805 \\ -23.2261 \end{bmatrix}, v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 53.543 \\ 40.9385 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$z_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -19.9887 \\ -44.6094 \end{bmatrix}, \nu = 1.775, \varrho = 1.3$$

Thus, we can determine the observer gain

$$L_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3784 & 0.1503 \\ 0.7567 & 0.3005 \end{bmatrix}, L_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2701 & 0.6027 \\ 0.135 & 0.3014 \end{bmatrix}$$

the ADT $\tau^* \ge 1.8$, $c_2 \le 24.8142$ and $c_4 \le 23.3343$. In the sequel, we use the Simulink in MATLAB to complete the simulation. The switching signal $\theta(k)$ is depicted in Figure 1. The performance of the IO (6) is given in

Sun et al. 1393

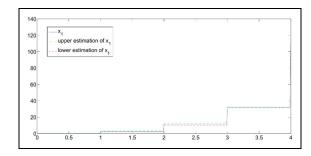


Figure 2. Response of $x_1(k)$, $\bar{x}_1(k)$ and $\underline{x}_1(k)$.

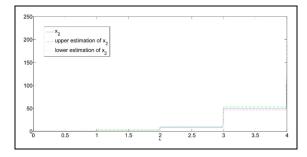


Figure 3. Response of $x_2(k)$, $\bar{x}_2(k)$ and $\underline{x}_2(k)$.

Figure 2. We can see that $\bar{x}_1(k) - x_1(k)$ and $x_1(k) - \underline{x}_1(k)$ are always positive and bounded. And it is the same in Figure 3. The response of errors is presented in Figures 4 and 5, where the errors are bounded within 1.5 and 4 s. Thus, the errors are FTB.

Conclusion

An FTIO design framework for discrete-time switched systems subjected to disturbances is presented. The framework of the FTIO is constructed and the stability conditions are obtained using the MLCLF. Different from the works herein, such as in the literature, ^{19–22} all the conditions established are given by the forms of LP. Besides, the errors can be kept in a bounded neighborhood for a given time interval. In the future, the FTIO design method for nonlinear switched systems will be investigated.

Declaration of conflicting interests

The author(s) declared no potential conflicts of interest with respect to the research, authorship and/or publication of this article.

Funding

The author(s) disclosed receipt of the following financial support for the research, authorship and/or publication of this article: This work was supported by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (grant no. 61403267) and the Undergraduate Training Program for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Soochow University (grant no. 2019102 85033Z).

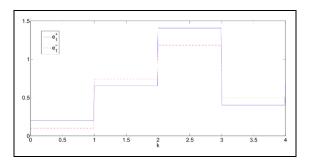


Figure 4. Response of the errors $e_1^+(k)$, $e_1^-(k)$.

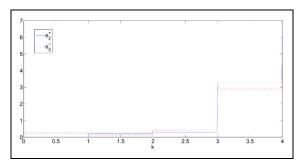


Figure 5. Response of the errors $e_2^+(k)$, $e_2^-(k)$.

ORCID iD

Jun Huang (D) https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1389-5128

References

- 1. Gouze J, Rapaport A and Hadj-Sadok Z. Interval observers for uncertain biological systems. *Ecol Modell* 2000; 133(1–2): 45–56.
- 2. Rami M, Cheng C and Prada C. Tight robust interval observers: an LP approach. In: *Proceedings of IEEE conference on decision and control*, Cancun, Mexico, 9–11 December 2008, pp. 2967–2972. New York: IEEE.
- Mazenc F and Bernard O. Interval observers for linear time-invariant systems with disturbances. *Automatica* 2011; 47(1): 140–147.
- Wang Y, Bevly D and Rajamani R. Interval observer design for LPV systems with parametric uncertainty. *Automatica* 2015; 60(10): 79–85.
- 5. Chebotarev S, Efifimov D, Raissi T, et al. Interval observers for continuous time LPV systems with L1/L2 performance. *Automatica* 2015; 58(8): 82–89.
- Efimov D, Perruquetti W, Raissi T, et al. Interval observers for time-varying discrete-time systems. *IEEE Trans Autom Control* 2013; 58(12): 3218–3224.
- 7. Zheng G, Efimov D, Bejarano F, et al. Interval observer for a class of uncertain nonlinear singular systems. *Automatica* 2016; 71(9): 159–168.
- 8. Briat C and Khammash M. Interval peak-to-peak observers for continuous-and discrete-time systems with persistent inputs and delays. *Automatica* 2016; 74(12): 206–213.
- Wang Z, Lim C and Shen Y. Interval observer design for uncertain discrete-time linear systems. Syst Control Lett 2018; 116(6): 41–46.

- H. Degue K, Efimov D, Ny J L. Interval Observer Approach to Output Stabilization of Linear Impulsive Systems. IFAC PapersOnLine, 2017; 50(1): 5085–5090.
- Zhang W, Su H, Zhu F, et al. Improved exponential observer design for one-sided Lipschitz nonlinear systems. *Int J Robust Nonlinear Control* 2016; 26: 3958– 3973.
- Ding S, Ju HP and Chen C. Second-order sliding mode controller design with output constraint. *Automatica* 2020; 112: 108704.
- Hamdi F, Manamanni N, Messai N, et al. Hybrid observer design for linear switched system via differential Petri nets. *Nonlinear Anal Hybrid Syst* 2009; 3(3): 310–322.
- 14. Liberzon D. Switching in systems and control. Berlin: Springer, 2012.
- 15. Zhao Y, Zhang W, Su H, et al. Observer-based synchronization of chaotic systems satisfying incremental quadratic constraints and its application in secure communication. *IEEE Trans Syst Man Cybern Syst*. Epub ahead of print 26 September 2018. DOI: 10.1109/TSMC.2018.2868482.
- Antsaklis P. A brief introduction to the theory and applications of hybrid systems. *Proc IEEE* 2000; 88(7): 879–887.
- Kowalewski S, Schulz C and Strusberg O. Continuousdiscrete interactions in chemical processing plants. *Proc IEEE* 2000; 88(7): 1050–1068.
- Buisson J, Richard P and Cormerais H. On the stabilisation of switching electrical power converters. In: *Proceedings of Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control*, Zurich, 9–11 March 2005, pp. 184–197. Berlin: Springer.
- 19. He Z and Xie W. Control of non-linear switched systems with average dwell time: interval observer-based framework. *IET Control Theory Appl* 2016; 10(1): 10–16.
- Ifqir S, Oufroukh N, Ichalal D, et al. Switched interval observer for uncertain continuous-time systems. In: *Pro*ceedings of 20th IFAC WC, Toulouse, 9–14 July 2017.
- Guo S , Zhu F. Interval observer design for discrete-time switched system. IFAC PapersOnLine, 2017; 50(1): 5073–5078
- 22. Ethabet H, Rabehi D, Efifimov D, et al. Interval estimation for continuous-time switched linear systems. *Automatica* 2018; 90(4): 230–238.
- 23. Huang J, Ma X, Che H, et al. Further result on interval observer design for discrete-time switched systems and application to circuit systems. *IEEE Trans Circuits Syst*

- *II Expr Br.* Epub ahead of print 5 December 2019. DOI: 10.1109/TCSII.2019.2957945.
- Huang J, Ma X, Zhao X, et al. An interval observer design method for asynchronous switched systems. *IET Control Theory Appl* 2020; 14(8): 1082–1090.
- Che H, Huang J, Zhao X, et al. Functional interval observer for the discrete-time systems with disturbances. *Applied Mathematics and Computation*. Epub ahead of print 2020; DOI: 10.1016/j.amc.2020.125352.
- 26. Gao F, Wu Y and Zhang Z. Global fixed-time stabilization of switched nonlinear systems: a time-varying scaling transformation approach. *IEEE Trans Circuits Syst II Expr Br* 2019; 66(11): 1890–1894.
- 27. Du H, Lin X and Li S. Finite-time stability and stabilization of switched linear systems. In: *Proceedings of the 48th IEEE conference on decision and control (CDC)*, Shanghai, China, 15–18 December 2010, pp. 1938–1943. New York: IEEE.
- 28. Zhang J, Han Z and Zhu F. Robust finite-time stability and stabilisation of switched positive systems. *IET Control Theory Appl* 2014; 8(1): 67–75.
- Fang L, Ma L, Ding S, et al. Finite-time stabilization for a class of high-order stochastic nonlinear systems with an output constraint. *Appl Math Comput* 2019; 358: 63-79.
- Zhang J, Raïssi T and Li S. Non-fragile saturation control of nonlinear positive Markov jump systems with time-varying delays. *Nonlinear Dyn* 2019; 97(2): 1495–1513.
- Zhang J, Zhang L and Raissi T. A linear framework on the distributed model predictive control of positive systems. Syst Control Lett 2020; 138: 104665.
- 32. Farina L and Rinaldi S. *Positive linear systems: theory and applications*. New York: John Wiley & Sons, 2000.
- Zhao X, Zhang L, Shi P, et al. Stability and stabilization of switched linear systems with mode-dependent average dwell time. *IEEE Trans Autom Control* 2012; 57(7): 1809–1815.
- 34. Denis E and Leonid F. Interval estimation for LPV systems applying high order sliding mode techniques. *Automatica* 2012; 48(9): 2365–2371.
- 35. Hassibi A, How J and Boyd S. A path-following method for solving BMI problems in control. In: *Proceedings of the 1999 American control Conference*, San Diego, CA, 2–4 June 1999, pp. 1385–1389. New York: IEEE.