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# Exponential tracking of adaptive control systems

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## Appendix A Proof of Lemma 2

Proof. Let a gain K be chosen such that (2) has a solution P > 0. Defining  $S = P^{-1} > 0$  and multiplying the inequality (2) on both sides by S yield  $S(A + BK)^T + (A + BK)S + 2\sigma S < 0$ . Hence, for  $z \in R^n$  and  $z \neq 0$ , we have  $z^T[S(A + BK)^T + (A + BK)S + 2\sigma S]z < 0$ , that is,

$$z^{T}(SA^{T} + AS + 2\sigma S)z + 2z^{T}BKSz < 0. \tag{A1}$$

Let  $X = BB^T, Y = -(SA^T + AS + 2\sigma S)$ , which implies that  $X = X^T \geqslant 0, Y = Y^T$ . If  $z \neq 0, z^T X z = 0$ , i.e.  $z^T BB^T z = 0, z^T B = 0$ , then it follows from (A1) that  $z^T (SA^T + AS + 2\sigma S)z < 0$ , i.e.  $z^T Y z > 0$ . According to Lemma 1, there exists a constant  $\tau > 0$  such that  $Y + \tau X > 0$ , i.e.  $SA^T + AS + 2\sigma S - \tau BB^T < 0$ . By multiplying P on both sides, it is obtained that (3) holds.

On the other hand, we suppose that there exists a constant  $\tau > 0$  such that (3) has a symmetric positive definite solution P. We rewrite (3) as  $P\left(A - \frac{\tau}{2}BB^TP\right) + \left(A^T - \frac{\tau}{2}PBB^T\right)P + 2\sigma P < 0$ . Letting  $K = -\frac{\tau}{2}B^TP$ , we have  $P(A + BK) + (A^T + K^TB^T)P + 2\sigma P < 0$ , which immediately leads to (2). This completes the proof.

# Appendix B Proof of Lemma 3

*Proof.* Multiplying (4) on both sides by P, we have  $PA + A^TP + 2\sigma P - \tau PBB^TP < 0$ , i.e. (3) holds. According to the proof of the second part in Lemma 2, the choice  $K = -\frac{\tau}{2}B^TP$  can guarantee that (2) has a symmetric positive definite solution P.

#### Appendix C Proof of Lemma 5

*Proof.* From Lemma 4, we know that  $(A + \sigma I, B)$  is a controllable pair. Thus, there exists a constant matrix K satisfying that  $(A + \sigma I) + BK$  is stable. Hence,  $P = P^T > 0$  can be found such that the following Lyapunov equation holds:

$$[(A + \sigma I) + BK]^T P + P[(A + \sigma I) + BK] = -Q,$$
 (C1)

for any given  $Q = Q^T > 0$ , that is,  $(A + BK)^T P + P(A + BK) = -Q - 2\sigma P < -2\sigma P$ 

#### Appendix D Proof of Lemma 7

Proof. From Lemma 6, we have

$$V(t) \leqslant \exp(-\sigma t)V(0) + \int_{0}^{t} \exp[-\sigma(t-\tau)]l \exp(-\lambda \tau)d\tau$$

$$= \exp(-\sigma t)V(0) + \frac{l \exp(-\sigma t)}{\lambda - \sigma} \left[1 - \exp(-(\lambda - \sigma)t)\right], \quad \forall t \geqslant 0. \tag{D1}$$

By noting  $\lambda > \sigma$ , (D1) can be rewritten as

$$V(t) \leqslant \exp(-\sigma t) V(0) + \frac{l \exp(-\sigma t)}{\lambda - \sigma} = \left(V(0) + \frac{l}{\lambda - \sigma}\right) \exp(-\sigma t), \quad \forall t \geqslant 0.$$

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### Appendix E Proof of Theorem 1

Proof. We first rewrite (5) as

$$\dot{e} = (A + BK)e + B\left[-\sum_{i=1}^{r} a_i Y_i(X) + bu(t) - x_d^{(n)} - Ke\right]. \tag{E1}$$

Define a positive Lyapunov function

$$V = e^T P e + \frac{b}{\gamma} \exp(-2\sigma t)\tilde{\theta}^2(t), \quad \tilde{\theta}(t) = \theta^* - \hat{\theta}(t), \tag{E2}$$

whose derivative is

$$\dot{V} = e^T \left[ P(A+BK) + (A+BK)^T P \right] e^{-\frac{2\sigma b}{\gamma}} \exp(-2\sigma t)\tilde{\theta}^2$$

$$-\frac{2b}{\gamma} \exp(-2\sigma t)\tilde{\theta}\dot{\hat{\theta}} + 2e^T P B \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^r a_i Y_i(X) + bu(t) - x_d^{(n)} - Ke \right]. \tag{E3}$$

Substituting (2) and (10) into (E3) and noting (E2), we have

$$\dot{V} \leqslant -2\sigma e^{T} P e^{-\frac{2\sigma b}{\gamma}} \exp(-2\sigma t) \tilde{\theta}^{2} - 2b\tilde{\theta} | e^{T} P B | f(X,t) + 2e^{T} P B \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^{r} a_{i} Y_{i}(X) - x_{d}^{(n)} - K e \right] + 2b e^{T} P B u(t) 
= -2\sigma V - 2b\tilde{\theta} | e^{T} P B | f(X,t) + 2b e^{T} P B u(t) + 2e^{T} P B \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^{r} a_{i} Y_{i}(X) - x_{d}^{(n)} - K e \right].$$
(E4)

Noting the definitions in (7) and (8), we have

$$e^{T}PB\left[-\sum_{i=1}^{r}a_{i}Y_{i}(X)-x_{d}^{(n)}-Ke\right] \leqslant |e^{T}PB|\left[\sum_{i=1}^{r}|a_{i}|\cdot|Y_{i}(X)|+\|K\|\cdot\|e\|+\sup_{t\geqslant0}|x_{d}^{(n)}|\right]$$

$$\leqslant |e^{T}PB|\theta\left(\sum_{i=1}^{r}|Y_{i}(X)|+\|e\|+1\right)$$

$$\leqslant |e^{T}PB|\theta f(X,t)=b|e^{T}PB|\theta^{*}f(X,t). \tag{E5}$$

Combining (E4) and (E5) implies that

$$\dot{V} \leqslant -2\sigma V - 2b\tilde{\theta}|e^T PB|f(X,t) + 2be^T PBu(t) + 2b|e^T PB|\theta^* f(X,t) 
= -2\sigma V + 2be^T PBu(t) + 2b|e^T PB|\hat{\theta}f(X,t).$$
(E6)

Then, substituting (9) into (E6) results in

$$\dot{V} \leqslant -2\sigma V + 2b|e^T P B|\hat{\theta}f(X,t) - \frac{2b(e^T P B)^2 \hat{\theta}^2 f^2(X,t)}{e^T P B \tanh\left[l^{-1} e^T P B \exp(2\lambda t)\right] \hat{\theta}f(X,t) + l \exp(-2\lambda t)}.$$
 (E7)

Using the inequality  $0 \le x \tanh\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) \le |x|, \forall x \in R, a > 0$ , and noting the nonnegativeness of  $b, \hat{\theta}(t)$  and f(X, t), we have

$$\dot{V} \leqslant -2\sigma V + 2b|e^T P B|\hat{\theta}f(X,t) - \frac{2b(e^T P B)^2 \hat{\theta}^2 f^2(X,t)}{|e^T P B|\hat{\theta}f(X,t) + l\exp(-2\lambda t)}$$

$$= -2\sigma V + 2bl\exp(-2\lambda t) \frac{|e^T P B|\hat{\theta}f(X,t)}{|e^T P B|\hat{\theta}f(X,t) + l\exp(-2\lambda t)}.$$
(E8)

Applying the inequality  $\frac{a}{a+b} \le 1, \forall a \ge 0, b > 0$  or  $\forall a > 0, b \ge 0$ , to (E8), we get  $\dot{V} \le -2\sigma V + 2bl \exp(-2\lambda t)$ . Thus, using Lemma 7, we obtain  $V(t) \le \left(V(0) + \frac{bl}{\lambda - \sigma}\right) \exp(-2\sigma t)$ . Owing to (E2), we conclude that

$$e^T Pe \leqslant \left(V(0) + \frac{bl}{\lambda - \sigma}\right) \exp(-2\sigma t), \quad \frac{b}{\gamma} \exp(-2\sigma t)\tilde{\theta}^2 \leqslant \left(V(0) + \frac{bl}{\lambda - \sigma}\right) \exp(-2\sigma t),$$
 (E9)

which further implies that  $||e|| \leqslant \sqrt{\frac{V(0) + \frac{bl}{\lambda - \sigma}}{\lambda_{\min}(P)}} \exp(-\sigma t), |\tilde{\theta}| \leqslant \sqrt{\frac{\gamma\left(V(0) + \frac{bl}{\lambda - \sigma}\right)}{b}}$ . Clearly, it can be seen that the tracking error converges to zero exponentially, and the convergence rate is not less than  $\sigma$ . Moreover, it follows that the parameter estimate  $\hat{\theta}(t)$  is bounded. By Assumption 1, it is shown that X is bounded. Examining (7), we obtain the boundedness of f(X,t). Next, we will prove u(t) is bounded. Using (9) and then applying Lemma 8, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |u(t)| &\leqslant \hat{\theta}^2 f^2(X,t) \frac{|e^T P B|}{e^T P B \tanh \left[l^{-1} e^T P B \exp(2\lambda t)\right] \hat{\theta} f(X,t) + l \exp(-2\lambda t)} \\ &\leqslant \hat{\theta}^2 f^2(X,t) \frac{e^T P B \tanh \left[l^{-1} e^T P B \exp(2\lambda t)\right] + \kappa l \exp(-2\lambda t)}{e^T P B \tanh \left[l^{-1} e^T P B \exp(2\lambda t)\right] \hat{\theta} f(X,t) + l \exp(-2\lambda t)} \\ &= \hat{\theta} f(X,t) \frac{e^T P B \tanh \left[l^{-1} e^T P B \exp(2\lambda t)\right] \hat{\theta} f(X,t)}{e^T P B \tanh \left[l^{-1} e^T P B \exp(2\lambda t)\right] \hat{\theta} f(X,t) + l \exp(-2\lambda t)} \\ &+ \kappa \hat{\theta}^2 f^2(X,t) \frac{l \exp(-2\lambda t)}{e^T P B \tanh \left[l^{-1} e^T P B \exp(2\lambda t)\right] \hat{\theta} f(X,t) + l \exp(-2\lambda t)}, \end{aligned} \tag{E10}$$

which leads to  $|u(t)| \leq \hat{\theta}f(X,t) + \kappa \hat{\theta}^2 f^2(X,t)$ . Noting the boundedness of  $\hat{\theta}$  and f(X,t), we can obtain the boundedness of u(t). Therefore, all the closed-loop signals are bounded. This completes the proof.

# Appendix F Simulation results

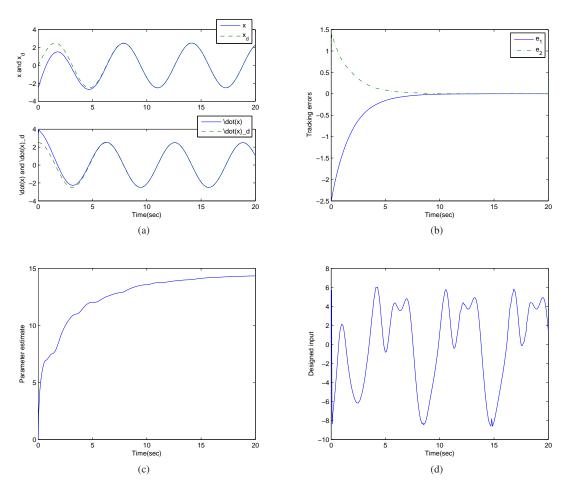


Figure F1 (a) plant states and reference signals  $x, x_d$  (top),  $\dot{x}, \dot{x}_d$  (bottom); (b) tracking errors  $e_1, e_2$ ; (c) parameter estimate  $\hat{\theta}$ ; (d) designed input u