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## Quantized tracking control for nonlinear systems with unstable linearization

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### Appendix A Proof of Theorem 1

The following lemmas are the key tools for the proof of Theorem 1, which can be found in [4,6].

*Lemma A.1* For any  $p \in R_{odd}^{\geq 1} := \{s \in R: s \geq 1 \text{ and } s \text{ is a ratio of odd integers}\}$ , the following inequality holds:

$$e[(-e+a)^p - a^p] \leq -2^{1-p}e^{p+1}, \forall e, a \in R.$$

*Lemma A.2* Let  $x, y$  be real variables. For any positive real numbers  $m$  and  $n$ , and positive real numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , the following inequality holds:

$$ax^m y^n \leq b|x|^{m+n} + \frac{n}{m+n} \left(\frac{m+n}{m}\right)^{-m/n} a^{(m+n)/n} b^{-m/n} |y|^{m+n}.$$

*Lemma A.3* Let  $p \in R_{odd}^{\geq 1}$ , and  $x, y$  be real-valued functions. Then

$$|x^p - y^p| \leq p|x - y|(x^{p-1} + y^{p-1}).$$

**Proof of Theorem 1.** The proof includes two steps.

**Step 1.** Define  $z_1 = x_1 - v_1$  and choose  $V_1 = \frac{1}{2}z_1^2$ , then from (1)-(2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_1 &= d(t)z_1(x_2^{*p_1} - v_2^{q_1}) + d(t)z_1(x_2^{p_1} - x_2^{*p_1}) \\ &= d(t)z_1(x_2^{*p_1} - (v_2^{\gamma_1})^{p_1}) + d(t)z_1(x_2^{p_1} - x_2^{*p_1}), \end{aligned} \quad (M.1)$$

where  $\gamma_1 = \frac{q_1}{p_1} \geq 1$ .

Choosing the virtual controller  $x_2^*$  as

$$x_2^* = -k_1 z_1 + v_2^{\gamma_1}, \quad (M.2)$$

where  $k_1 > 0$  is a constant. By (M.1)-(M.2) and Lemma A.1 we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_1 &\leq -2^{1-p_1} d(t) k_1^{p_1} z_1^{p_1+1} + d(t) z_1 (x_2^{p_1} - x_2^{*p_1}) \\ &= -\frac{k_1^{p_1}}{2^{p_1-1}} d(t) z_1^{p_1+1} + d(t) z_1 (x_2^{p_1} - x_2^{*p_1}). \end{aligned} \quad (M.3)$$

**Step 2.** Define  $z_2 = x_2 - x_2^*$ , from (1)-(2) and (M.2) we have

$$\dot{z}_2 = \dot{x}_2 - \dot{x}_2^* = q(u^{p_2}) + \gamma_1 v_2^{\gamma_1-1} v_1^{q_2} + k_1 d(t) (x_2^{p_1} - v_2^{q_1}). \quad (M.4)$$

Choosing  $V = V_1 + \frac{1}{2}z_2^2$ , from (M.3)-(M.4) we get

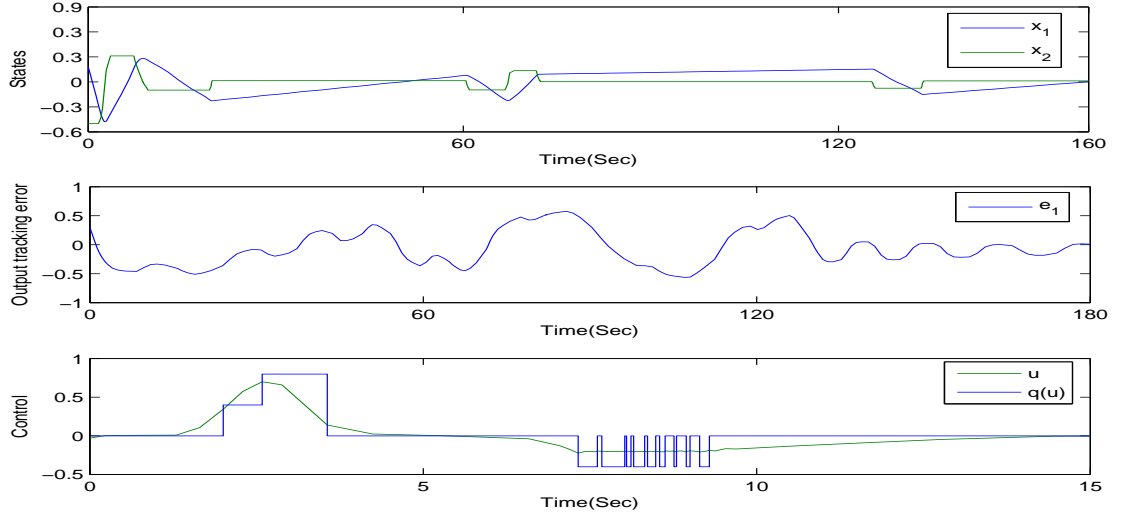
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \dot{V}_1 + z_2 \dot{z}_2 \\ &\leq -\frac{k_1^{p_1}}{2^{p_1-1}} d(t) z_1^{p_1+1} + d(t) z_1 (x_2^{p_1} - x_2^{*p_1}) \\ &\quad + z_2 (q(u^{p_2}) + \gamma_1 v_2^{\gamma_1-1} v_1^{q_2} + k_1 d(t) (x_2^{p_1} - v_2^{q_1})). \end{aligned} \quad (M.5)$$

By Lemmas A.2 and A.3, there exists a real function  $\rho_1(x_2, x_2^*) \geq 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} z_1(x_2^{p_1} - x_2^{*p_1}) &\leq \rho_1(x_2, x_2^*) |z_1| |z_2| \\ &\leq \frac{k_1^{p_1}}{2^{p_1-1}} z_1^{p_1+1} + \beta_1(k_1, \rho(\cdot)) z_2^{\frac{1}{p_1}+1}, \end{aligned} \quad (M.6)$$

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**Figure B1** The responses of closed-loop system (M.10)-(M.12).

where

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_1(\cdot) &= p_1(x_2^{p_1-1} + x_2^{*p_1-1}), \\ \beta_1(\cdot) &= \frac{2}{k_1} \frac{p_1}{p_1+1} \left( \frac{1}{p_1+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{p_1}} \rho_1^{\frac{p_1+1}{p_1}}(\cdot).\end{aligned}$$

Substituting (M.6) into (M.5) yields

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &\leq -\frac{k_1^{p_1}}{2^{p_1-1}} d(t) z_1^{p_1+1} + \frac{k_1^{p_1}}{2^{p_1}} d(t) z_1^{p_1+1} + \beta_1(\cdot) d(t) z_2^{\frac{1}{p_1}+1} + z_2(q(u^{p_2}) + \gamma_1 v_2^{\gamma_1-1} v_1^{q_2} \\ &\quad + k_1 d(t)(x_2^{p_1} - v_2^{q_1})) \\ &= -\frac{k_1^{p_1}}{2^{p_1}} d(t) z_1^{p_1+1} + \beta_1(\cdot) d(t) z_2^{\frac{1}{p_1}+1} + z_2(q(u^{p_2}) + \gamma_1 v_2^{\gamma_1-1} v_1^{q_2} + k_1 d(t)(x_2^{p_1} - v_2^{q_1})).\end{aligned}\quad (M.7)$$

By (M.7) and Assumption 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V} &\leq -\frac{k_1^{p_1}}{2^{p_1}} \lambda z_1^{p_1+1} + \mu \beta_1(\cdot) z_2^{\frac{1}{p_1}+1} + z_2(q(u^{p_2}) + \gamma_1 v_2^{\gamma_1-1} v_1^{q_2} + k_1 \mu |x_2^{p_1} - v_2^{q_1}| \text{sign}(z_2)) \\ &\leq -\frac{k_1^{p_1}}{2^{p_1}} \lambda z_1^{p_1+1} - \left( \frac{k_1^{p_1-1}}{2^{p_1}} \lambda + k_d \right) z_2^2 + z_2 \bar{v} + z_2 q(u^{p_2}),\end{aligned}\quad (M.8)$$

where  $k_d > 0$  is a design parameter and

$$\bar{v} = \mu \beta_1(\cdot) z_2^{\frac{1}{p_1}} + \left( \frac{k_1^{p_1-1}}{2^{p_1}} \lambda + k_d \right) z_2 + \gamma_1 v_2^{\gamma_1-1} v_1^{q_2} + k_1 \mu |x_2^{p_1} - v_2^{q_1}| \text{sign}(z_2).\quad (M.9)$$

## Appendix B A Simulation Example

Consider the following system

$$\dot{x}_1 = \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin(t) \right) x_2, \quad \dot{x}_2 = q(u), \quad y = x_1.\quad (M.10)$$

The reference signal  $v_1$  is generated by the following exosystem

$$\dot{v}_1 = \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \sin(t) \right) v_2^3, \quad \dot{v}_2 = -v_1.\quad (M.11)$$

Obviously,  $0 < \lambda = \frac{1}{4} \leq d(t) \leq \frac{3}{4} = \mu$ , Assumption 1 is satisfied. Let  $e_1 = x_1 - v_1$  denote the output tracking error. By following the design procedure developed in Theorem 1, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{v} &= \left( \frac{3\rho_1^2}{8k_1} + \frac{k_1}{8} + k_d \right) z_2 + 3v_2^2 v_1 + \frac{3}{4} k_1 \sqrt{(x_2 - v_2^3)^2 \text{sign}(z_2)}, \\ u &= -\frac{z_2 \bar{v}^2}{(1-\delta) \sqrt{z_2^2 \bar{v}^2 + \eta^2}}.\end{aligned}\quad (M.12)$$

In the simulation, we choose  $\delta = 0.4, \eta = \sqrt{40}, k_1 = 2, \rho_1 = 1, k_d = 1$  and the initial values  $x_1(0) = 0.18, x_2(0) = -0.5, v_1(0) = -0.12, v_2(0) = 0.05$ . Fig. 1 describe the responses of closed-loop system (M.10)-(M.12), which proves the effectiveness of the proposed scheme.