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Abstract -This paper deals with the stabilization of Takagi-Sugeno (T-S) models using state feedback controllers. Relaxed sufficient exponential stability conditions are given for both continuous and discrete multiple models. The stability conditions of the closed loop multiple models are expressed in linear matrix inequalities (LMI) form. To optimize the degree of stability, a formulation in term of generalized eigenvalues problem (GEVP) is proposed.

I. INTRODUCTION

A lot of theoretical researches on the design of T-S model controller has been reported. Using a Common Quadratic Lyapunov Function (CQLF), sufficient conditions for the stability and stabilizability have been established [3][5][7][11][12][14][15][19]. These stability conditions may be expressed in linear matrix inequalities (LMI) form [6]. To obtain relaxed stability conditions, nonquadratic Lyapunov functions are used [1][7][10][18][17]. Some results use the properties of M-matrices to study subclass of multiple models which admit a CQLF [20, 13] and sufficient conditions in LMI form for global exponential stability are established [2]. LMI constraints have been also used for pole assignment in LMI regions to achieve desired performances of multiple controllers and T-S observers

[8][16]. This approach includes the multiple models [7] and can be also seen also as polytopic linear differential inclusion [6].

This paper is organized as follows. Section 2 recalls the structure of continuous-time and discrete-time T-S models. In section 3, under the assumption that the T-S model is locally controllable, sufficient conditions for the global exponential stability are derived in LMI form for T-S model controller. The designed controller guarantees not only stability but also decay rate constraint. In section 4, the derived conditions are extended to discrete-time multiple

model case. These results are formulated as a Generalized Eigen-Value Problem (GEVP).

The following notation is used: $\lambda_{\min}(\cdot)$ and $\lambda_{\max}(\cdot)$ denote respectively the minimum and the maximum eigenvalues of (\cdot) , $X > 0$ denotes a symmetric positive definite matrix, r is the maximum number of submodels simultaneously activated, $\sum_{i < j}^n (\cdot) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1, i < j}^n (\cdot)$, $I_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and

$$L_c(X_{ij}, P) = \left(\frac{X_{ij} + X_{ji}}{2} \right)^T P + P \left(\frac{X_{ij} + X_{ji}}{2} \right)$$

$$L_d(X_{ij}, P) = \left(\frac{X_{ij} + X_{ji}}{2} \right)^T P \left(\frac{X_{ij} + X_{ji}}{2} \right) - P$$

II. T-S MODEL REPRESENTATION

A T-S model [4][9], proved to be universal approximator [13][17], is based on the interpolation between several LTI local models as follows:

Continuous time case :

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(z(t))(A_i x(t) + B_i u(t))$$

$$y(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(z(t))C_i x(t) \quad (1)$$

Discrete time case :

$$x(k+1) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(z(k))(A_i x(k) + B_i u(k))$$

$$y(k) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(z(k))C_i x(k) \quad (2)$$

where n is the number of submodels. $(u(t), x(t), y(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^l$ are respectively the control input, the state and the output vector, $(A_i, B_i, C_i) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p} \times \mathbb{R}^{p \times m} \times \mathbb{R}^{l \times p}$ describes the i^{th} LTI submodel and $z(\cdot) \in \mathbb{R}^q$ is the decision variable vector, depending on the measurable state variables and possibly on the input. The normalized activation function $\mu_i(\cdot)$ in relation with the i^{th} submodel is such that:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(z) = 1, \mu_i(z) \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in I_n \quad (3)$$

More details about this type of representation can be found in [7][9].

III. STABILISATION OF CONTINUOUS T-S MODELS

The closed loop model of (1) with the control law

$$u(t) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(z(t)) K_i x(t) \quad (4)$$

is as follows

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_i(z(t)) \mu_j(z(t)) G_{ij} x(t) \quad (5)$$

where

$$G_{ij} = A_i - B_i K_j \quad (6)$$

Assumption 1 : It is assumed that the system (1) is locally controllable, i.e. the pairs (A_i, B_i) , $\forall i \in I_n$ are controllable.

The decay rate, also called degree of stability, in the continuous time case, is defined to be the largest $\alpha \geq 0$ such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{\alpha t} \|x(t)\| = 0 \quad (7)$$

holds for all nonzero trajectories $x(t)$ of the system (5). For the controller design, it is supposed that the system (1) is locally controllable.

In order to guaranteeing a certain decay rate, the authors of [19] proposed additional constraints utilizing the *dominant terms* ($G_{ii} = A_i - B_i K_i$) and the *coupled terms* ($G_{ij} = A_i - B_i K_j$). These additive constraints on the level of the *coupled terms* lead, obviously, to more conservative conditions.

In the following, the decay rate is guaranteed by deferring the problem only on the dominant terms naturally supposed controllable (assumption 1). Thus the idea to maintain the relaxation of the coupled terms is respected.

The following proposition is needed to prove the result of theorem 1.

Proposition 1 : Taking into account the properties of the activation functions (3), the following inequality holds :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2(z) \geq \frac{1}{r}, \quad \forall r \in \{2, \dots, n\} \quad (8)$$

where r is the maximum number of submodels simultaneously activated.

Proof : From the properties of the activation functions (3)

$$1 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(z) \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2(z) + 2 \sum_{i < j}^n \mu_i(z) \mu_j(z) \quad (9)$$

$$\text{and the property [3] : } \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2(z) \geq \frac{2}{r-1} \sum_{i < j}^n \mu_i(z) \mu_j(z)$$

the result (8) is easily derived. ■

The following theorem establishes global exponential stability of the model (5) with prescribed degree of stability.

Theorem 1 : Suppose that there exist symmetric matrices $P > 0$ and $Q \geq 0$, matrices K_i and scalar $\alpha > 0$ such that $\forall i < j \in I_n$:

$$L_c(G_{ii}, P) + (r-1)Q + 2\alpha r P < 0 \quad (10a)$$

$$L_c(G_{ij}, P) - Q \leq 0 \quad (10b)$$

and $\mu_i(z(t)) \mu_j(z(t)) \neq 0$. Then the closed-loop multiple model (5) is globally exponentially stable with, at least, a decay rate equal to α .

Proof: Taking into account the properties of the activation functions (3), we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i^2(z) (L_c(G_{ii}, P) + (r-1)Q + 2\alpha r P) + \\ & 2 \sum_{i < j}^n \mu_i(z) \mu_j(z) (L_c(G_{ij}, P) - Q) < 0 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

which gives with the property (9) :

$$G(z)^T P + PG(z) + \left(r \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(z)^2 - 1 \right) Q + 2\alpha r P \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(z)^2 < 0 \quad (12)$$

where

$$G(z) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_i(z) \mu_j(z) G_{ij} \quad (13)$$

The proposition 1 allows to write :

$$G(z)^T P + PG(z) + 2\alpha P < 0 \quad (14)$$

which corresponds to

$$\dot{V}(x(t)) + 2\alpha V(x(t)) < 0 \quad (15)$$

with $V(x(t)) = x(t)^T P x(t)$, $P > 0$. Finally, we obtain:

$$\|x(t)\| \leq e^{-\alpha t} \kappa(P) \|x(0)\|$$

$$\text{where } \kappa(P) = \left(\frac{\lambda_{\max}(P)}{\lambda_{\min}(P)} \right)^{1/2} \quad (16)$$

which constitutes the proof of theorem 1. ■

The largest lower bound on the decay rate may be found by solving the following GEVP in X , Y , N_i and α :

Maximize α

Subject to

$$\begin{cases} X > 0 \\ XA_i^T + A_i X - N_i^T B_i^T - B_i N_i + (r-1)Y + 2\alpha r X < 0 \\ X(A_i^T + A_j^T) + (A_i + A_j)X - N_i^T (B_i^T + B_j^T) - (B_i + B_j)N_i - 2Y \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

with $Y = XQX$, $K_i = N_i X^{-1}$, $i \in I_n$

The result given in [19] is proved to be less conservative than the one given in [3] when $r = n$, i.e. when the activation functions have global support. In the following we extend the result of [19] to exponential stability with prescribed decay rate.

Theorem 2 : Suppose that there exists symmetric matrices $P > 0$ and Q_{ij} , matrices K_i and scalar $\alpha \geq 0$ such that $\forall i < j \in I_n$:

$$L_c(G_{ii}, P) + Q_{ii} + 2\alpha r P < 0 \quad (18a)$$

$$L_c(G_{ij}, P) + Q_{ij} \leq 0 \quad (18b)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} Q_{11} & Q_{12} & \cdots & Q_{1n} \\ Q_{12} & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & Q_{nn} \end{pmatrix} > 0 \quad (18c)$$

and $\mu_i(z(t))\mu_j(z(t)) \neq 0$. Then the closed-loop T-S model (5) is globally exponentially stable with at least a decay rate equal to α .

Proof: It can be easily established as in theorem 1. ■

It should be noted that in theorem 1 and theorem 2 the relaxation of the coupled terms (G_{ij}) is maintained which is not the case of that given in [3].

IV. DISCRETE T-S MODEL CASE

The closed loop model of (2) with the control law $u(k) = -\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i(z(k)) K_i x(k)$ is :

$$x(k+1) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_i(z(k)) \mu_j(z(k)) G_{ij} x(k) \quad (19)$$

where G_{ij} is defined in (6).

The decay rate in the discrete time case is defined to be the largest $\beta \geq 1$ such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \beta^k \|x(k)\| = 0 \quad (20)$$

holds for all nonzero trajectories $x(k)$ of the system (19). The following theorem establishes sufficient global exponential stability conditions of the system (19) with prescribed degree of stability.

Theorem 3 : Suppose that there exists symmetric matrices $P > 0$ and $Q \geq 0$, matrices K_i and scalar $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ such that $\forall i < j \in I_n$:

$$L_d(G_{ii}, P) + (r-1)Q + r(1-\alpha)P < 0 \quad (21a)$$

$$L_d(G_{ij}, P) - Q \leq 0 \quad (21b)$$

and $\mu_i(z(t))\mu_j(z(t)) \neq 0$. Then the closed-loop T-S model (19) is globally exponentially stable with at least a decay rate equal $\alpha^{1/2}$.

Proof: After multiplying (21a) by $\mu_i^2(z(t))$ and (21b) by $2\mu_i(z(t))\mu_j(z(t))$ and summation, with the use of proposition 1, we obtain :

$$G(z)^T PG(z) - \alpha P < 0 \quad (22)$$

where $G(z)$ is defined in (13), which corresponds to

$$V(z(k+1), x(k+1)) - \alpha V(z(k), x(k)) < 0 \quad (23)$$

with $V(z(k), x(k)) = x(k)^T P x(k)$, $P > 0$. Finally, we obtain:

$$\|x(k)\| \leq \alpha^{k/2} \kappa(P) \|x(0)\| \quad (24)$$

where $\kappa(P)$ is defined in (16). ■

The largest lower bound on the decay rate may be found by solving the following GEVP in X , Y , N_i and α :

Minimize α

Subject to

$$X > 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} (1-r(1-\alpha))X - (r-1)Y & * \\ A_i X - B_i N_i & X \end{pmatrix} > 0 \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} X + Y & * \\ \frac{1}{2}((A_i + A_j)X - B_i N_j - B_j N_i) & X \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$$

with $Y = XQX$, $K_i = N_i X^{-1}$, $i \in I_n$. Let us note that $\alpha = 1$ corresponds to global asymptotic stability of (19) which is the classic asymptotic stability conditions.

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the stabilization with prescribed degree of stability is considered for both continuous and discrete T-S model. Using CQLF, sufficient conditions for the global exponential asymptotic stability are derived. The maximization of the decay rate is formulated as a generalized eigenvalues problem. These results could be directly applied to design a T-S observer.

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