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Abstract: This paper addresses a mode-dependent state-feedback \mathcal{H}_∞ control for descriptor hybrid systems, considering both the absence and presence of actuator saturation. Firstly, the necessary and sufficient conditions for the stochastic admissibility criterion with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ of the closed-loop system is proposed. Given the proposed non-convex condition, the author reformulates it into linear matrix inequalities (LMIs). Then, to extend the result to the systems with actuator saturation, the actuator saturated control input is expressed as a linear combination of given state-feedback control input and a virtual control input that remains under the saturation level. To verify this expression, the set invariant condition is also suggested by using the singular mode-dependent Lyapunov function candidate. Therefore, the LMI conditions for the existence of the mode-dependent state-feedback \mathcal{H}_∞ control and the ellipsoidal shape of invariant set are successfully derived. Two numerical examples demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed approach in optimizing \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ and identifying the largest invariant set.

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1. Introduction

In the field of control theory, researches have focused on the analysis of system stability and the design of controllers using state-space equations [1–3]. Linear systems, being the most fundamental form, have been extensively investigated due to the ease of obtaining numerical solutions to problems [4–6]. Hence, researchers have sought to represent real-world systems through variations of linear systems. One well-known example is the descriptor system, also referred to as a generalized state-space system. The descriptor system is characterized by having only some parts of the state vector described by differential equations, while the remaining components are determined by algebraic equations based on the interrelations of the state vector [7–9]. To represent the differential and algebraic equations of the system state in a single form, a square matrix of order n is utilized, where n represents the length of the state vector. This square matrix is used to identify the part of the states having the differential equations. Therefore, its rank is equal to the number of differential equations in the state vector, which is always smaller than n . While the advantage of expressing both dynamic and static characteristics of the system in a single form exists, the presence of a singular matrix introduces challenges in system analysis, necessitating additional considerations compared to regular systems.

On the other hand, hybrid systems have also garnered significant attention over the past few decades. Hybrid systems represent systems undergoing changes in both continuous and discrete time properties. An example is the stochastic jump system, representing cases where continuous-time systems experience sudden changes in system parameters due to stochastic processes [10–12]. Systems possessing the characteristics of both hybrid systems and descriptor systems are known as descriptor hybrid systems (DHSs). Due to the advantage of DHS that can express both abrupt changes on the descriptor systems, it can be used to express various phenomena such as DC motor systems undergoing random load changes and grid systems with network structures [13–15]. For the analysis of DHS in the field of control theory, studies on deriving stochastically admissible conditions and researches on controller and filter design have progressed over the past several decades. The authors of the paper [16] presented the stochastic admissibility conditions for DHS in strict linear matrix inequalities

(LMIs). In the context of such research, results on controllers and filters for continuous-time DHS also exist [17–19]. Among them, [17] and [18] proposed necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of state feedback controllers and dynamic output feedback controllers for DHS.

On the other hand, as the presence of disturbances in real world is inevitable, \mathcal{H}_∞ controllers and \mathcal{H}_∞ filters have been extensively researched both theoretically and practically [20,21]. In its theoretical approach, finding optimal \mathcal{H}_∞ control or \mathcal{H}_∞ filter has been one of attractive topics [22]. In the view of optimal control, LMIs have been widely employed due to their ease in finding optimal solutions. In the case of \mathcal{H}_∞ control for DHSs, research usually started from the stochastic admissibility criterion with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ [23–25]. This criterion, if both necessary and sufficient, is commonly referred to as the bounded real lemma [26]. The bounded real lemma defines an upper bound on the ratio of the norm between the desired output and the disturbance, referred to as \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ , and aims to minimize this value since it can minimize the worst-case impact of disturbances. Generally, the desired output depends on both the system state and external disturbance. For linear DHSs, [24] first presented necessary and sufficient conditions for the bounded real lemma of DHS with disturbance-affected desired output in LMI form. Previous studies have mainly dealt with optimal \mathcal{H}_∞ control and \mathcal{H}_∞ filter for DHSs with disturbance-unaffected desired output [25,27] or provided only sufficient conditions for the existence of \mathcal{H}_∞ control in cases with disturbance-affected desired output [25,28]. This implies that there is still a room for improvement in the \mathcal{H}_∞ control for DHS with a general desired output, serving as one of the motivations for this study.

Another motivation for this study is the need to investigate \mathcal{H}_∞ control for DHSs experiencing input saturation. In practical situations, the actuator in every control system has its limits, which result in input saturation [29]. It is known that the input saturation can lead to performance degradation or even instability in the system. To ensure the stable operation of a control system under input saturation, it is necessary to design controllers that guarantee stability in the presence of saturation phenomena. The input saturation in hybrid systems [30,31] or in descriptor systems [32,33] has been addressed through various studies. Recent research for DHSs with input saturation is covered in the papers [34,35]. However, to the best of the author's knowledge, no prior research has addressed the combined aspects of \mathcal{H}_∞ control and actuator saturation for DHSs. Therefore, this serves as an additional motivation for this study.

This paper addresses the synthesis problem of \mathcal{H}_∞ control for DHSs both absence and presence of actuator saturation. First, the author assumes that only the states governed by differential equations, i.e., those with dynamics, are considered controllable. Thus, a structure for differentiable state-feedback \mathcal{H}_∞ control is proposed. Then, by utilizing the closed-loop system with the proposed control, the stochastic admissibility criterion with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ is derived. As the proposed criterion is a non-convex formula, challenging to solve directly, the equivalent condition is suggested in terms of LMIs. Then, this paper extends its focus to DHSs with actuator saturation. By introducing a virtual control input, structured similarly to the proposed control and remaining within the saturation level, the closed-loop system is successfully reformulated as a linear DHS even in the presence of the actuator saturation. Since an assumption about the range of states for this expression is required, a set invariant condition is also examined. By accounting for the structure of the state-feedback control, the ellipsoidal shape of the set invariant is obtained, with dimensions matching the number of components corresponding to states with differential equations. Since both \mathcal{H}_∞ control and actuator saturation phenomena are considered, the results can address two optimization problems: 1) Finding the optimal \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ , and 2) Identifying the largest invariant set, representing the set of initial states ensuring stochastic convergence to zero. The effectiveness of the proposed approach is demonstrated through two numerical examples, illustrating the optimization results for both scenarios.

The notations used in this paper are standard. For a vector x or matrix X , the superscript T denotes its transpose. For symmetric matrices X and Y , the notation $X \leq (<) Y$ signifies that $Y - X$ is semi-positive (positive) definite. For any square matrix X , the symbol $\text{sym}(X) \triangleq X + X^T$. The matrix I denotes the identity matrix with appropriate dimensions, and I_r represents the identity matrix with

dimensions $r \times r$. For matrix X , the notation $[X]_{ij}$ specifies the (i, j) -th component. Similarly, for vector x , the notation $[x]_i$ denotes the i -th component. The vector e_i indicates a unit vector with a single nonzero element at the i -th position, i.e., $[e_i]_i = 1$, $[e_i]_k = 0 \forall k \neq i$. For symmetric matrices, the symbol $(*)$ serves as an ellipsis for terms induced by symmetry.

2. Problem Statements

Consider the following descriptor hybrid systems:

$$E\dot{x}(t) = A(\theta_t)x(t) + B(\theta_t)u(t) + F(\theta_t)w(t), \quad (1)$$

$$z(t) = C(\theta_t)x(t) + D(\theta_t)u(t) + G(\theta_t)w(t), \quad (2)$$

where the notations $x(t) \in \mathcal{R}^{n_x}$, $u(t) \in \mathcal{R}^{n_u}$, $z(t) \in \mathcal{R}^{n_z}$, $w(t) \in \mathcal{R}^{n_w}$ denote the system state, control input, desired output, and external disturbance, respectively. The matrix $E \in \mathcal{R}^{n_x \times n_x}$ is a square matrix whose rank is smaller than its dimension, i.e., $\text{rank}(E) \triangleq r < n_x$. The notation θ_t denotes a continuous-time Markov process defined on a probability space with outcomes in a finite set $N_+ = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$. The mode transition rate of the Markov process from mode i to mode j is defined as π_{ij} . Subsequently, the mode transition probability from mode i at time t and mode j at time $t + \Delta t$ are defined as follows:

$$\Pr\{\theta_{t+\Delta t} = j | \theta_t = i\} \triangleq \begin{cases} \pi_{ij}\Delta t + o(\Delta t) & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 + \pi_{ii}\Delta t + o(\Delta t) & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}, \quad (3)$$

where $\Delta t > 0$ and $\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{o(\Delta t)}{\Delta t} \right) = 0$. The transition rate matrix $\Pi \in \mathcal{R}^{N \times N}$ can be defined as $[\Pi]_{ij} = \pi_{ij}$, where $\sum_{j \in N_+} \pi_{ij} = 0$, $\pi_{ij} \geq 0$ for $i \neq j$ and $\pi_{ii} < 0$. To simplify the notations, the mode-dependent matrices at $\theta_t = i$ will be represented by using subscript i , i.e.,

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_i & B_i & F_i \\ C_i & D_i & G_i \end{bmatrix} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} A(\theta_t = i) & B(\theta_t = i) & F(\theta_t = i) \\ C(\theta_t = i) & D(\theta_t = i) & G(\theta_t = i) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

Also, to prevent issues arising from the singularity of matrix E , let us define of full-column matrices $E_L, E_R \in \mathcal{R}^{n_x \times r}$, $R, S^T \in \mathcal{R}^{(n_x-r) \times n_x}$ which hold the following properties regarding the singular matrix E :

$$E_L^T E_R = E, RE = 0, ES = 0. \quad (5)$$

Then, by using the matrices in (5), we will use the following lemma.

Lemma 1. [36] For a symmetric matrix $P \in \mathcal{R}^{n_x \times n_x}$ which satisfies $E_L^T P E_L > 0$, and an of full-rank matrix $Q \in \mathcal{R}^{(n_x-r) \times (n_x-r)}$, the term $(PE + R^T Q S^T) \in \mathcal{R}^{n_x \times n_x}$ is of full-rank, and its inversion can be expressed as follows:

$$(PE + R^T Q S^T)^{-1} = \bar{P} E^T + S \bar{Q} R, \quad (6)$$

where \bar{P} and \bar{Q} defined as

$$E_R^T \bar{P} E_R = (E_L^T P E_L)^{-1}, \bar{Q} = (S^T S)^{-1} Q^{-1} (R R^T)^{-1}. \quad (7)$$

The objective of this study is to analyze the DHS with disturbances and synthesize a state-feedback \mathcal{H}_∞ control that is robust to disturbances and actuator saturation. Therefore, the ensuing lemma and definition are employed in the next section to analyze the system with disturbances.

Definition 1. [37] The descriptor hybrid system (1)-(2) with $u(t) = 0$ can be called stochastically admissible with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ if the system holds following two conditions:

- i) At $w(t) = 0$, the DHS (1)-(2) with $u(t) = 0$ is stochastically admissible.
- ii) At $x(0) = 0$, the DHS (1)-(2) with $u(t) = 0$ holds the following inequality:

$$\|T(s)\|_\infty \triangleq \sup_{\theta(0) \in N_+} \sup_{0 \neq w(t) \in \mathcal{L}_2^+} \frac{\|z(t)\|_2}{\|w(t)\|_2} < \gamma, \quad (8)$$

where the notation \sup means supremum.

Lemma 2. [24] The descriptor hybrid system (1)-(2) with $u(t) = 0$ is stochastically admissible with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ if and only if there exist the matrices $P_i \in \mathcal{R}^{n_x \times n_x}$, $W_i \in \mathcal{R}^{(n_x-r) \times n_w}$ and of full-rank matrices $Q_i \in \mathcal{R}^{(n_x-r) \times (n_x-r)}$ such that for all $i \in \mathcal{N}_+$

$$0 < E_L^T P_i E_L, \quad (9)$$

$$0 > \begin{bmatrix} \text{sym}\{A_i^T(P_i E + R^R Q_i S^T)\} + \sum_{j \in N_+} \pi_{ij} E^T P_j E & (*) & (*) \\ F_i^T(P_i E + R^R Q_i S^T) + W_i^T R A_i & -\gamma^2 I + \text{sym}\{F_i^T R^T W_i\} & (*) \\ C_i & G_i & -I \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

To synthesize a mode-dependent state-feedback \mathcal{H}_∞ control for DHSs, let us contemplate the following structure:

$$u(t) = K_i E x(t), \quad (11)$$

where K_i is a mode-dependent control gain to be determined. Then the closed-loop system (1)-(2) with the control input (11) is defined as

$$E \dot{x}(t) = (A_i + B_i K_i E) x(t) + F_i w(t), \quad (12)$$

$$z(t) = (C_i + D_i K_i E) x(t) + G_i w(t). \quad (13)$$

This paper serves two main objectives. Firstly, it aims to determine the control gains K_i that satisfy the stochastic admissibility criterion with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ for the closed-loop system (12)-(13). Secondly, the focus is on finding control gains K_i that still valid under the actuator saturation phenomena in the system (1)-(2). When the DHS (1)-(2) has actuator saturation, it can be represented as follows:

$$E \dot{x}(t) = A_i x(t) + B_i \rho(u(t)) + F_i w(t), \quad (14)$$

$$z(t) = C_i x(t) + D_i \rho(u(t)) + G_i w(t). \quad (15)$$

The symbol $\rho(\cdot)$ denotes the saturation operator such that

$$[\rho(u(t))]_k \triangleq \text{sign}([u(t)]_k) \min(|[u(t)]_k|, \mu), \quad (16)$$

where $\mu > 0$ is a saturation level. Although saturation is a common phenomenon, it induces nonlinearity even when the input signal $u(t)$ maintains linearity. To address this issue, the subsequent representation will prove to be beneficial.

Lemma 3. [38] For any state $x(t) \in \mathcal{L}(H)$, the saturated control input $\rho(Kx(t))$ can belong the following convex-hull:

$$\rho(Kx(t)) \in \mathbf{Co}\{(M_k K + M_k^- H)x(t), k \in [0, 2^{n_u} - 1]\}. \quad (17)$$

The set $\mathcal{L}(H)$ is a set of states where every component the vector Hx is less than the saturation level, i.e., $\mathcal{L}(H) \triangleq \{x | |e_l^T Hx| \leq \mu, l \in [1, n_u]\}$. The notation \mathbf{Co} denotes the convex hull, and the matrix M_k denotes a diagonal matrix whose diagonal elements have all possible combination of 1 and 0, and $M_k^- \triangleq I - M_k$.

With the help of Lemma 3, the term $\rho(K_i Ex(t))$ in (14)-(15) can be expressed as follows for the states belonging to $\mathcal{L}(H_i E)$:

$$\rho(K_i Ex) = \sum_{k=1}^{2^{n_u}} \zeta_k \{M_k K_i Ex(t) + M_k^- H_i Ex(t)\}, \quad (18)$$

where ζ_k holds the following property:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2^{n_u}} \zeta_k = 1, \quad 0 \leq \zeta_k \leq 1, \quad \forall k \in [1, 2^{n_u}]. \quad (19)$$

Utilizing the aforementioned lemmas, the following section will present two theorems aimed at determining the control gains K_i under conditions of both absence and presence of actuator saturation.

3. Main Result

In this section, the conditions for the existence of control gains for the closed-loop system to be stochastically admissible with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ will be presented. Firstly, by applying the closed-loop system (14)-(15) to Lemma 2, the stochastic admissibility with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ of the closed-loop system (12)-(13) is ensured if and only if there exist the solutions P_i , Q_i , W_i such that for all $i \in N_+$

$$0 < E_L^T P_i E_L, \quad (20)$$

$$0 > \begin{bmatrix} \text{sym}\{(A_i + B_i K_i E)^T \Lambda_i\} + \sum_{j \in N_+} \pi_{ij} E^T P_j E & (*) & (*) \\ F_i^T \Lambda_i + W_i^T R A_i & -\gamma^2 I + \text{sym}\{F_i^T R^T W_i\} & (*) \\ C_i + D_i K_i E & G_i & -I \end{bmatrix}, \quad (21)$$

$$\Lambda_i \triangleq P_i E + R^T Q_i S^T. \quad (22)$$

However, finding the solution for (20)-(21) is challenging due to the variable coupled term $K_i^T \Lambda_i$ in (21). To address this challenge, the following theorem presents an equivalent condition for (20)-(21) in terms of strict linear matrix inequalities.

Theorem 1. The assurance of the existence of solutions P_i , Q_i , W_i and K_i for the conditions (20)-(21), representing the stochastic admissibility criterion with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ for the closed-loop system (12)-(13), is established if and only if there exist matrices $\bar{P}_i \in \mathcal{R}^{n_x \times n_x}$, $\bar{Q}_i \in \mathcal{R}^{(n_x-r) \times (n_x-r)}$, $\bar{W}_i \in \mathcal{R}^{(n_x-r) \times n_w}$, $\bar{K}_i \in \mathcal{R}^{n_u \times n_x}$ for all $i \in N_+$, satisfying the following linear matrix inequalities:

$$0 < E_R^T \bar{P}_i E_R, \quad (23)$$

$$0 > \begin{bmatrix} \text{sym}\{A_i \bar{\Lambda}_i + B_i \bar{K}_i E^T\} + \pi_{ii} E^T \bar{P}_i E & (*) & (*) & (*) \\ F_i^T - \bar{W}_i^T S^T A_i^T & -\gamma^2 I & (*) & (*) \\ C_i \bar{\Lambda}_i + D_i \bar{K}_i E^T & G_i - C_i S \bar{W}_i & -I & (*) \\ \mathcal{X}_i & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{Y}_i \end{bmatrix}, \quad (24)$$

$$\bar{\Lambda}_i \triangleq \bar{P}_i E^T + S \bar{Q}_i R, \quad (25)$$

$$\mathcal{X}_i \triangleq [\sqrt{\pi_{ij}} E \bar{P}_i E_R]^T_{j \in N_+ / \{i\}}, \quad (26)$$

$$\mathcal{Y}_i \triangleq -\text{diag}[E_R^T \bar{P}_j E_R]_{j \in N_+ / \{i\}}. \quad (27)$$

Proof. Firstly, let us define the inversion of Λ_i in (22) by using Lemma 1:

$$(P_i E + R^T Q_i S^T)^{-1} = (\bar{P}_i E^T + S \bar{Q}_i R) \triangleq \bar{\Lambda}_i, \quad (28)$$

where \bar{P}_i and \bar{Q}_i satisfy the following conditions:

$$(E_L^T P_i E_L)^{-1} = E_R^T \bar{P}_i E_R, \quad (29)$$

$$\bar{Q}_i = (S^T S)^{-1} Q_i^{-1} (R R^T)^{-1}. \quad (30)$$

Then the condition (20) is equivalent to (23) through the relation (29). Next, to reformulate the condition (21) as (24), we will employ the following full-rank matrix:

$$\mathcal{T}_i \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\Lambda}_i & -\bar{\Lambda}_i R^T W_i & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \end{bmatrix}. \quad (31)$$

Then we can apply the congruence transform to (21) using the matrix \mathcal{T}_i in (31):

$$0 > \begin{bmatrix} \text{sym}\{A_i \bar{\Lambda}_i + B_i K_i E \bar{\Lambda}_i\} + \sum_{j \in N_+} \pi_{ij} \bar{\Lambda}_i^T E^T P_j E \bar{\Lambda}_i & (*) & (*) \\ F_i^T - W_i^T R (A_i \bar{\Lambda}_i + B_i K_i E \bar{\Lambda}_i)^T & -\gamma^2 I & (*) \\ C_i \bar{\Lambda}_i + D_i K_i E \bar{\Lambda}_i & G_i - (C_i \bar{\Lambda}_i + D_i K_i E \bar{\Lambda}_i) R^T W_i & -I \end{bmatrix}. \quad (32)$$

Taking into account the properties $RE = 0$ and $ES = 0$, the condition (32) transforms into the proposed condition (24) by putting

$$\bar{K}_i \triangleq K_i E \bar{P}_i, \quad (33)$$

$$\bar{Q}_i R R^T W_i \triangleq \bar{W}_i, \quad (34)$$

and applying Schur complement. The proof is complete.

Remark 1. The control gain $K_i E$ in the mode-dependent state-feedback \mathcal{H}_∞ control (11) can be determined through the following relation:

$$K_i E = \bar{K}_i E^T (\bar{P}_i E^T + S \bar{Q}_i R)^{-1}, \quad (35)$$

where \bar{P}_i , \bar{K}_i , \bar{Q}_i are the solutions of Theorem 1.

Remark 2. The synthesis problem of \mathcal{H}_∞ control for DHSs has been under considered for several decades. However, before the introduction of the new bounded real lemma for DHSs with disturbance affected output (2) (Lemma 2), the existing research focused on establishing the sufficient conditions of controllers or exclusively examined scenarios with disturbance-unaffected output, i.e., $w(t) = 0$ in (2). Hence, it is noteworthy to emphasize that Theorem 1 provides the necessary and sufficient condition of the controller (11), ensuring the stochastic admissibility of the closed-loop system with the proposed controller (11) under disturbance-affected output.

The next topic involves deriving the condition to determine control gains considering actuator saturation. Therefore, let us define the following closed-loop system with saturated control input $\rho(K_i E x(t))$:

$$E \dot{x}(t) = A_i x(t) + B_i \rho(K_i E x(t)) + F_i w(t), \quad (36)$$

$$z(t) = C_i x(t) + D_i \rho(K_i E x(t)) + G_i w(t). \quad (37)$$

By utilizing the formula (18), an alternative representation of the saturated input, the closed-loop system (36)-(37) can be expressed as follows:

$$E\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{2^{n_u}} \zeta_k \bar{A}_{i,k} x(t) + F_i w(t), \quad (38)$$

$$z(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{2^{n_u}} \zeta_k \bar{C}_{i,k} x(t) + G_i w(t), \quad (39)$$

$$\bar{A}_{i,k} \triangleq A_i + B_i(M_k K_i + M_k^- H_i)E, \quad (40)$$

$$\bar{C}_{i,k} \triangleq C_i + D_i(M_k K_i + M_k^- H_i)E \quad (41)$$

since $\sum_{k=1}^{2^{n_u}} \zeta_k = 1$. By applying the closed-loop system (38)-(39) into Lemma 2, the criterion for stochastic admissibility with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ for the closed-system (38)-(39) is obtained as follows: for all $i \in N_+$, $k \in [1, 2^{n_u}]$

$$0 < E_L^T P_i E_L, \quad (42)$$

$$0 > \begin{bmatrix} \text{sym}\{\bar{A}_{i,k}^T \Lambda_i\} + \sum_{j \in N_+} \pi_{ij} E^T P_j E & (*) & (*) \\ F_i^T \Lambda_i & -\gamma^2 I + \text{sym}\{W_i^T R F_i\} & (*) \\ \bar{C}_{i,k} & G_i & -I \end{bmatrix}, \quad (43)$$

where Λ_i is defined in (22). This representation is valid only for the states within the set $\mathcal{L}(H_i E)$. To ensure that the range of states belongs to the set $\mathcal{L}(H_i E)$, we need to consider a set-invariant condition for the set $\mathcal{L}(H_i E)$. Before deriving it, let us define an ellipsoid using the condition (42):

$$\mathcal{E}(E^T P_i E) \triangleq \{x(t) \in \mathcal{R}^{n_x} | x^T(t) E^T P_i E x(t) \leq 1\} \quad (44)$$

Utilizing the ellipsoid, the set invariant condition for the $\mathcal{L}(H_i E)$ and the equivalent condition of (42)-(43) are provided in the following theorem.

Theorem 2. For all states $x(t) \in \mathcal{E}(E^T P_i E)$ in (44), the conditions (42)-(43) are feasible if and only if there exist symmetric matrices $\bar{P}_i \in \mathcal{R}^{n_x \times n_x}$, non-singular matrices $\bar{Q}_i \in \mathcal{R}^{(n_x-r) \times (n_x-r)}$, matrices $\bar{W}_i \in \mathcal{R}^{(n_x-r) \times n_w}$, $\bar{K}_i, \bar{H}_i \in \mathcal{R}^{n_u \times n_x}$ such that for all $i \in N_+$, $l \in [1, n_u]$ and $k \in [1, 2^{n_u}]$

$$0 < \begin{bmatrix} E_R^T \bar{P}_i E_R & (*) \\ e_l^T \bar{H}_i E_R & \mu^2 I \end{bmatrix}, \quad (45)$$

$$0 > \begin{bmatrix} (1,1) & (*) & (*) & (*) \\ F_i^T - \bar{W}_i^T S^T A_i^T & -\gamma^2 I & (*) & (*) \\ C_i \bar{\Lambda}_i + D_i(M_k \bar{K}_i E + M_k^- \bar{H}_i) E^T & G_i - C_i S \bar{W}_i & -I & (*) \\ \mathcal{X}_i & 0 & 0 & \mathcal{Y}_i \end{bmatrix}, \quad (46)$$

$$(1,1) \triangleq \text{sym}\{A_i \bar{\Lambda}_i + B_i(M_k \bar{K}_i E^T + M_k^- \bar{H}_i E^T)\} + \pi_{ii} E^T \bar{P}_i E, \quad (47)$$

where \mathcal{X}_i and \mathcal{Y}_i are defined in (26),(27).

Proof. Firstly, let us establish the set invariant condition for the set $\mathcal{L}(K_i E)$. If the ellipsoid (44) is within the linear region $\mathcal{L}(H_i E)$, the expression for the saturated input (18) is valid for states within the ellipsoid. Therefore, we can derive the following set invariant condition: for all $l \in [1, n_u]$,

$$\mu^{-2} x^T(t) E^T K_i^T e_l e_l^T K_i E x(t) \leq x^T(t) E^T P_i E x(t), \quad (48)$$

which is equivalent to

$$\mu^{-2} E^T K_i^T e_l e_l^T K_i E \leq E^T P_i E. \quad (49)$$

The condition (49) is equivalent to the following inequality:

$$\mu^{-2} \bar{\Lambda}_i^T E^T K_i^T e_l e_l^T K_i E \bar{\Lambda}_i \leq \bar{\Lambda}_i^T E^T P_i E \bar{\Lambda}_i, \quad (50)$$

where $\bar{\Lambda}_i$ is defined in (25). By utilizing the property $ES = 0$, the condition (50) concludes to the following inequality:

$$\mu^{-2} E_L E_R^T \bar{H}_i^T e_l e_l^T \bar{H}_i E_R E_L^T < E_L E_R^T \bar{P}_i E_R E_L^T, \quad (51)$$

by putting $\bar{H} \triangleq H_i E_L E_R^T \bar{P}_i$. Applying Schur complement to (51) leads to the proposed condition (45), considering the full-column rank E_L .

Secondly, we can derive the equivalent condition for (43) by applying the congruence transformation using \mathcal{T}_i in (31):

$$0 > \begin{bmatrix} (1, 1) & (*) & (*) \\ F_i^T - W_i^T R (A_i \bar{\Lambda}_i)^T & -\gamma^2 I & (*) \\ C_i \bar{\Lambda}_i + D_i (M_k K_i + M_k^- H_i) E \bar{\Lambda}_i & G_i - (C_i \bar{\Lambda}_i) R^T W_i & -I \end{bmatrix}, \quad (52)$$

$$(1, 1) \triangleq \text{sym}\{A_i \bar{\Lambda}_i + B_i (M_k K_i + M_k^- H_i) E \bar{\Lambda}_i\} + \sum_{j \in N_+} \pi_{ij} E \bar{P}_i E^T P_j \bar{P}_i E^T. \quad (53)$$

Similar to the proof of Theorem 1, the condition (52) leads to (46) by defining

$$\bar{K}_i \triangleq K_i E \bar{P}_i, \quad \bar{H}_i \triangleq H_i E \bar{P}_i, \quad \bar{Q}_i R R^T W_i \triangleq \bar{W}_i. \quad (54)$$

This completes the proof.

Remark 3. The control gain K_i that renders the closed-loop system with actuator saturation (38)-(39) stochastically admissible with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ can be constructed using the solutions from Theorem 2, and the formula remains the same as in (35).

Remark 4. To achieve a less conservative result in terms of \mathcal{H}_∞ performance, the minimal γ can be determined by solving an optimization problem that minimizes γ^2 while satisfying LMIs suggested in Theorem 1 or Theorem 2.

Remark 5. With the aid of Lemma 3, the saturated input $\rho(K_i Ex(t))$ can be expressed as a linear combination of two state feedback controls: $K_i Ex(t)$ and $H_i Ex(t)$. This enables us to consider the closed-loop system as a linear system even when subjected to actuator saturation. However, this alternative representation is only valid for states belonging to the given set $\mathcal{L}(H_i E)$. Therefore, the set-invariant condition is proposed in (45). It implies that only the initial states within the invariant set $\mathcal{E}(E^T P_i E)$ in (44) are guaranteed to stochastically converge to zero. Therefore, maximizing the area of the invariant set is an essential issue. The largest invariant set can be found by solving an optimization problem that maximizes α subject to:

$$i) \text{ LMIs (45)-(46),} \quad (55)$$

$$ii) \alpha x_0^w \in \bigcap_{i=1}^N \mathcal{E}(E_L^T P_i E_L), \quad \forall w \in [1, g], \quad (56)$$

where x_0^w is the component to express the region of initial states, i.e., $x(0) \in X_0 \in \mathbf{Co}\{x_0^w, w \in [1, g]\}$, $x_0^w \in \mathcal{R}^{n-r}$. The condition (56) is equivalent to

$$1 \geq \alpha^2 (x_0^w)^T E_L^T P_i E_L x_0^w = \alpha^2 (x_0^w)^T (E_R^T \bar{P}_i E_R)^{-1} x_0^w, \quad (57)$$

and it can be expressed as the following LMIs after applying Schur complement:

$$0 \geq \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\alpha} & x_0^w \\ x_0^w & E_R^T \bar{P}_i E_R \end{bmatrix}, \quad \forall w \in [1, g], i \in N_+, \quad (58)$$

where $\bar{\alpha} \triangleq \alpha^{-2}$.

4. Numerical Example

In this section, two numerical examples are considered to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed mode-dependent state-feedback \mathcal{H}_∞ control with actuator saturation.

Example 1. Consider the following DHS with input saturation (14)-(15) with following parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7 & -0.3 & 0 \\ 0.7 & -0.7 & -0.5 \\ 0.1 & 0 & 1.2 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.5 & 1.8 & 1.3 \\ -0.2 & -2.1 & -0.1 \\ 1.2 & 2.5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \\ B_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.2 \\ 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, B_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.6 & 0 \\ -0.1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, C_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, C_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ D_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, D_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.9 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, F_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0.1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ G_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0.1 \\ 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, G_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}, \mu = 3. \end{aligned}$$

The mode transition rate matrix is defined as

$$\Pi = \begin{bmatrix} -1.4 & 1.4 \\ 1.1 & -1.1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and the matrices E_L , E_R , R and S for the matrix E are defined as follows:

$$E_L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, E_R = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}^T, S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Figure 1 shows the state trajectories for the unforced case, i.e., $u(t) = 0$. It indicates that the DHS with the given system parameters is unstable. To render the closed-loop system stochastically admissible, control input derived from Theorem 2 is applied. In this example, we solve an optimization problem that minimizes γ^2 in Theorem 2, and the following control gains with minimal $\gamma = 1.4525$ are obtained:

$$K_1 E = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1743 & 0.1546 & 0 \\ -0.9417 & -0.1837 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (59)$$

$$K_2 E = \begin{bmatrix} -1.9441 & -2.1215 & 0 \\ 0.2144 & -1.9336 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (60)$$

The state trajectories of the closed-loop system are depicted in Figure 2. The initial state $x(0) = [5, -5, -6.5]^T$ is considered, and mode evolution and disturbance are also illustrated in Figure 2. Since saturation level of 3 is considered, control input cannot exceed over this limit.

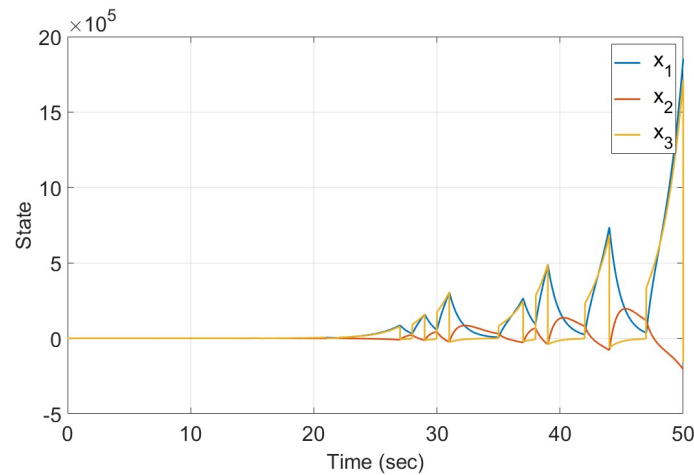


Figure 1. The unforced response of systems in Example 1.

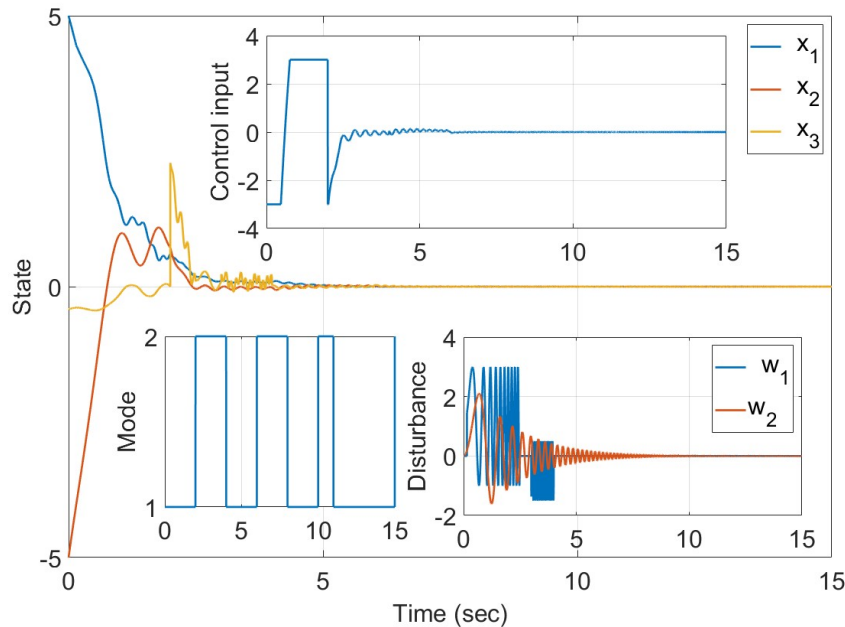


Figure 2. The state trajectories, mode evolution and control input of the closed-loop system in Example 1.

Example 2. In this example, the DHS with the same system parameters as in Example 1 is considered. We solve an optimization problem to minimize $\bar{\alpha}$ in Remark 5 subject to (55)-(56). The original goal of this optimization

problem is to maximize α in (56). Instead of maximizing α , we consider the minimization problem of $\bar{\alpha} = \alpha^{-2}$. By solving the LMIs in Theorem (2) via the optimization problem, the solutions of \bar{P}_i , $i \in [1, 2]$ are obtained. Then, using the relation $E_L^T P_i E_L = (E_R^T \bar{P}_i E_R)^{-1}$, we can determine the largest invariant set. Figure 3 shows the region of attraction obtained from the ellipsoids $\mathcal{E}(E_L^T P_i E_L)$, and the state trajectories starting from the boundary of the ellipsoids successfully converge to zero. Figure 4 shows the state trajectories over time, the control input and the mode evolution. In this simulation, the disturbance is considered to be 1/10th of the scale of Example 1.

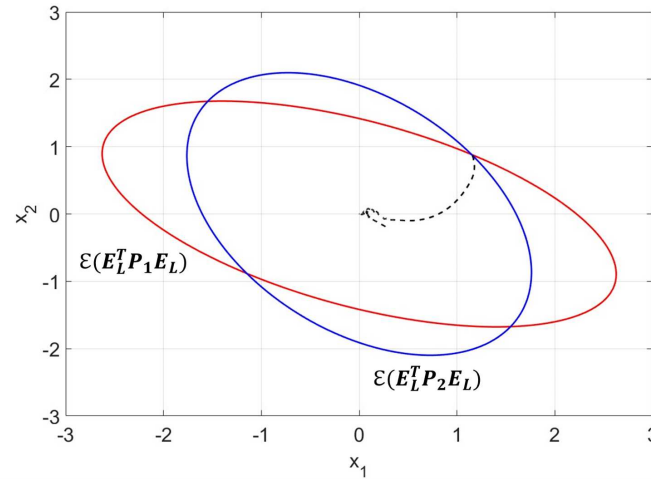


Figure 3. The ellipsoid $\mathcal{E}(E_L^T P_i E_L)$ and the state trajectory starting from the boundary of the ellipsoid.

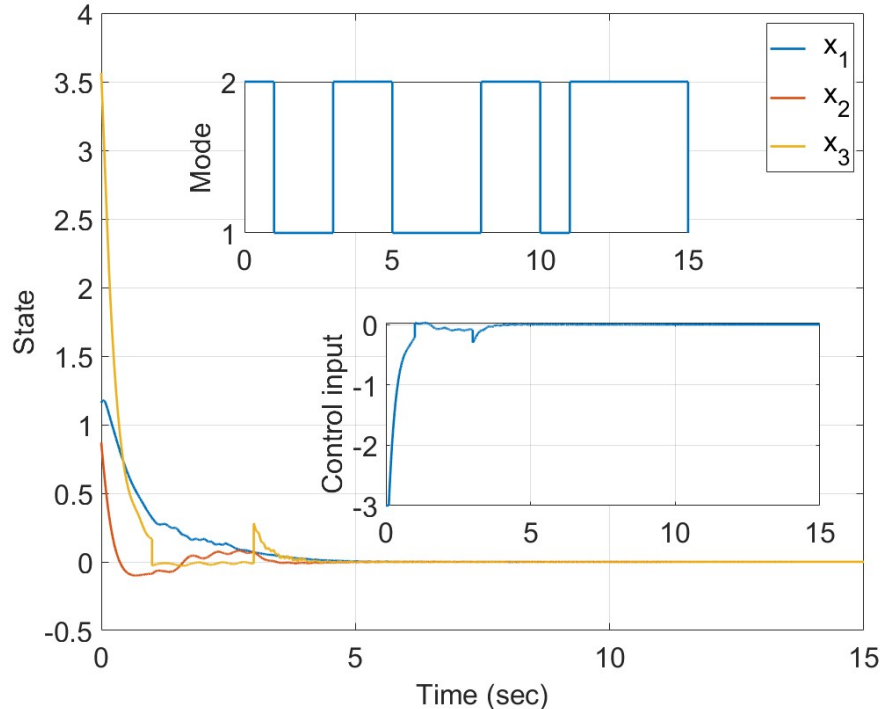


Figure 4. The state trajectories over time, the control input and the mode evolution of Example 2.

5. Conclusions

This paper considered the mode-dependent state-feedback \mathcal{H}_∞ control for DHSs, considering both the absence and presence of actuator saturation. Firstly, we established the necessary and sufficient condition for the stochastic admissibility criterion with \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ of the closed-loop system

using the proposed non-saturated control input. Since the proposed condition was expressed as a non-convex formula, we reformulated it into the LMIs. Next, we extended our result to the closed-loop system with actuator saturation, expressing it as DHSs with linear state-feedback control inputs through the introduction of a virtual control input that always remains under the saturation level. To verify this expression, the set invariant condition was also considered. By utilizing the singular mode-dependent Lyapunov function candidate, we suggested the ellipsoidal shape of invariant set, and provided a method to determine the largest invariant set. Two numerical example demonstrated the effectiveness of the proposed approach concerning the optimal \mathcal{H}_∞ performance γ and the largest invariant set.

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