Abstract: This paper deals with the problem of $H_\infty$ detection filter design for discrete-time systems with multiple time delays, where methods for decoupling the fault effects from unknown inputs including model uncertainties and external plant disturbances are not available. Through the appropriate choice of the filter gain, the filter is convergent if there is no fault in the system, and the effect of disturbances on residual is minimized in the sense of $H_\infty$ norm. The problem of achieving satisfactory sensitivity of the residual to faults and its solution are formulated. The detection threshold of the filter is also discussed. Finally, simulation of a numerical example is made to illustrate the efficiency of the proposed method.

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problem of \( H^\infty \) detection filter design for state delayed linear continuous-time systems.

In this paper, we extend the work in (Liu and Frank, 1999) to discrete-time systems with multiple time delays, in which the effects of faults and unknown inputs (including model uncertainties and external disturbance) cannot be decoupled from each other. The detection filter gains are designed so that if there is no fault in the system, the filter is convergent. The transfer function from the unknown input to the residual satisfies a prescribed \( H^\infty \) norm upper bound. The design freedom in filter gain can be used to assure satisfactory sensitivity of the residual to faults. The detection threshold of the filter is also discussed and simulation of a numerical example is made to illustrate the efficiency.

This paper is organized as follows. Section 2 includes system description, definition of the design problem and useful lemma. A sufficient condition under which the \( H^\infty \) detection filter exists is given in section 3. Section 4 characterizes the set of the desired filtering gains. Simulation result of a numerical example is included in Section 5, followed by some concluding remarks in Section 6.

2. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION AND PROBLEM FORMULATION

Consider the following linear discrete-time system with multiple time delays described by

\[
x(k + 1) = A x(k) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i x(k - \tau_i) + Bu(k) + F_1 f(k) + D\omega(k) \\
y(k) = C x(k) + F_2 f(k) 
\]  

where \( x(k) \in R^n \) is the system state vector, \( u(k) \in R^m \) is the control input, \( y(k) \in R^r \) is the measurement vector, \( k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots \), and \( \tau_i (i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots) \) are the time-delays. Since this paper deals with fault detection filter design which is not affected by control input delays, only state delays are considered in the model. The matrices \( A, B, C, D, F_1, F_2 \) and \( A_i (i = 1, \ldots, N) \) are real matrices of appropriate dimensions, and \( C \) is of full row rank. The unknown input vector \( \omega(k) \in R^d \) including model uncertainties and external plant disturbances is a \( l_2 \) sequence each of which components has norm less than one. The unknown fault vector is \( f(k) \in R^d \). Many discrete-time systems can be described by the above model (Shen and Hsu, 1998).

The filter considered in this paper is written as

\[
\dot{x}(k + 1) = \hat{A} \dot{x}(k) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{A}_i \dot{x}(k - \tau_i) + Bu(k) + Ky(k)
\]

where \( \dot{x}(k) \in R^n \) is the state estimation vector, \( \hat{A} \triangleq A - KC \) and \( K \) is the filter’s gain matrix to be designed. Let the filter error be \( e(k) = x(k) - \dot{x}(k) \), then the error dynamics is described by

\[
e(k + 1) = \hat{A} e(k) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{A}_i e(k - \tau_i) + (F_1 - K F_2) f(k) + D\omega(k)
\]  

The residual vector \( \epsilon(k) \) is defined as

\[
\epsilon(k) = Se(k)
\]

where \( S \) is a suitable weighting matrix designed to assure isolability properties. The disturbance transfer matrix \( H_{\omega}(z) \) from \( \omega(k) \) to \( \epsilon(k) \) and fault transfer matrix \( H_f(z) \) from \( f(k) \) to \( \epsilon(k) \) can be described as

\[
H_{\omega}(z) \triangleq S[zI_n - \hat{A} - \sum_{i=1}^{N} z^{-\tau_i} A_i]^{-1} D
\]

\[
H_f(z) \triangleq S[zI_n - \hat{A} - \sum_{i=1}^{N} z^{-\tau_i} A_i]^{-1} F,
\]

\[
F \triangleq F_1 - K F_2
\]

Now, we describe the design problem as follows:

\( H^\infty \) detection filter problem: Given the state delayed discrete-time system (1) and (2) with the detection filter (3), determine the filter gain matrix \( K \) such that

(i) The filter (3) is convergent for all \( \tau_i (i = 1, \ldots, N) \) and \( f(k) = 0 \); i.e. the filter error dynamics is asymptotically stable.

(ii) The \( H^\infty \) norm of the disturbance transfer matrix \( H_{\omega}(z) \) satisfies the constraint

\[
\| H_{\omega}(z) \|_{\infty} \leq \gamma
\]  

where \( \gamma \) is a given positive scalar, and

\[
\| H_{\omega}(z) \|_{\infty} = \sup_{\omega \in l_2} \frac{\| \epsilon \|_2}{\| \omega \|_2} = \sup_{\theta \in [0,2\pi]} \sigma_{\max}[H_{\omega}(e^{i\theta})].
\]

(iii) The satisfactory sensitivity of the residuals to the faults can be achieved using the design freedom of the gains.

Lemma 1: Suppose that \( x_i \ (i = 1, \ldots, n) \) are vectors with appropriate dimensions, then for any symmetric positive definite matrix \( P > 0 \), the following inequality holds

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^T P (\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i) \leq n (\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^T P x_i).
\]
3. SUFFICIENT CONDITION FOR $H^\infty$ DETECTION FILTER

In this section, we develop a Riccati equation framework that guarantees the filter (3) to be convergent for all $\tau_i$ ($i = 1, \cdots, N$) when $f(k) = 0$, and satisfies the disturbance attenuation constraint (8).

Theorem 1: If there exist symmetric positive definite matrices $P$, $Q$ and scalar $\epsilon > 0$ such that

$$G_i \triangleq Q - N A_i^T P A_i > 0, \quad i = 1, \cdots, N.$$  \hfill (9)  

$$H \triangleq \gamma^2 I_d - D^T P D > 0$$  \hfill (10)  

$$P = \bar{A}^T P \bar{A} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \bar{A}^T P A_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P \bar{A} + \sum_{i=1}^{N} P A_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P + \bar{A}^T P D H^{-1} D^T P \bar{A} + S^T S + N Q + \epsilon I_n$$  \hfill (11)  

hold, then

(a) Filter error system (4) is asymptotically stable for all $\tau_i$ ($i = 1, \cdots, N$) and $f(k) = 0$.
(b) The $H^\infty$ norm of the disturbance transfer matrix $H(z)$ satisfies constraint (8).

Proof: The Lyapunov function is chosen as

$$V(e(k)) = e^T(k) P e(k) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{l=k-\tau_i}^{k-1} e^T(l) Q e(l)$$  \hfill (12)  

The corresponding Lyapunov difference along the trajectories $e(k)$ of the error system (4) with $\omega(k) = 0$ and $f(k) = 0$ is given by

$$\Delta V(k) = V(e(k+1)) - V(e(k)) = e^T(k+1) P e(k+1) - e^T(k) P e(k) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^T(k) Q e(k) - e^T(k-\tau_i) Q e(k-\tau_i)$$

$$= e^T(k) [\bar{A}^T P \bar{A}] e(k) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i e(k-\tau_i) [^T P \sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i e(k-\tau_i)]$$

$$+ 2e^T(k) \bar{A}^T P \sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i e(k-\tau_i) - e^T(k) P e(k) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^T(k) Q e(k) - e^T(k-\tau_i) Q e(k-\tau_i)$$

$$= e^T(k) [\bar{A}^T P \bar{A} - P + N Q] e(k) + 2e^T(k) \bar{A}^T P \sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i e(k-\tau_i)$$

$$+ \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i e(k-\tau_i) \right]^T P \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i e(k-\tau_i) \right]$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^T(k-\tau_i) Q e(k-\tau_i)$$  \hfill (13)  

According to Lemma 1 and (9), equation (13) can be rewritten as

$$\Delta V(k) \leq e^T(k) [\bar{A}^T P \bar{A} - P + N Q] e(k) + 2e^T(k) \bar{A}^T P \sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i e(k-\tau_i)$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^{N} e(k-\tau_i) G_i e(k-\tau_i)$$  \hfill (14)  

Adding and subtracting

$$e^T(k) \sum_{i=1}^{N} \bar{A}^T P A_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P \bar{A} e(k)$$

to equation (14) yields

$$\Delta V(k) \leq e^T(k) [\bar{A}^T P \bar{A} - P + N Q] e(k) + 2e^T(k) \bar{A}^T P \sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i e(k-\tau_i)$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^{N} e(k-\tau_i) G_i e(k-\tau_i)$$  \hfill (15)  

At last, considering (11), one can get

$$\Delta V(k) \leq -e^T(k) W e(k)$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left[ G_i^{-1/2} \bar{A}^T P \bar{A} e(k) - G_i^{-1/2} e(k-\tau_i) \right]^T \left[ G_i^{-1/2} \bar{A}^T P \bar{A} e(k) - G_i^{-1/2} e(k-\tau_i) \right]$$  \hfill (16)  

where

$$W \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^{N} P A_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P + \bar{A}^T P D H^{-1} D^T P \bar{A} + S^T S + \epsilon I_n$$  \hfill (17)  

Since $W > 0$, it follows that $\Delta V(k) < 0$ for $x(k) \neq 0$ and hence the filter error dynamics described by (4) is asymptotically stable.

Next, to prove condition (8), one can rewrite equation (11) as

$$S^T S = e^{j \theta} P e^{-j \theta} - \bar{A}^T P \bar{A}$$

$$- \sum_{i=1}^{N} \bar{A}^T P A_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P - \sum_{i=1}^{N} P A_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P$$
Define \( z \triangleq e^{j\theta}, \bar{z} \triangleq e^{-j\theta} \), equation (18) becomes

\[
S^T S = [zI_n - \bar{A} - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \bar{z}^{-\tau_i} A_i]^T 
\]

\[
\times P[zI_n - A - \sum_{i=1}^{N} z^{-\tau_i} A_i] 
\]

\[
-\bar{A}^T P\bar{A} - NQ - \sum_{i=1}^{N} \bar{A}^T P A_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P \bar{A} 
\]

\[-\sum_{i=1}^{N} PA_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P - \bar{A}^T P \bar{D} \bar{H}^{-1} D^T P \bar{A} 
\]

\[-\epsilon I_n - \bar{A}^T P \bar{A} + zP \bar{A} + z\bar{A}^T P 
\]

\[+ \sum_{i=1}^{N} [zPA_i z^{-\tau_i} + z^{-\tau_i} A_i^T P z] 
\]

\[-z^{-\tau_i} \bar{A}^T P A_i - z^{-\tau_i} \bar{A}^T P \bar{A} 
\]

\[-(\sum_{i=1}^{N} z^{-\tau_i} A_i^T P (\sum_{i=1}^{N} A_i z^{-\tau_i}) (19) \]

Let \( L(z) \triangleq (zI_n - \bar{A} - \sum_{i=1}^{N} z^{-\tau_i} A_i) \), then equation (19) can be rewritten as

\[
S^T S = L^*(z) P L(z) + L^*(z) P \bar{A} + \bar{A}^T P L(z) 
\]

\[-\bar{A}^T P \bar{D} \bar{H}^{-1} D^T P \bar{A} 
\]

\[-M - U^*(z) U(z) - \epsilon I_n \]

where

\[U(z) \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^{N} (zG_i^{-1/2} A_i^T P - z^{-\tau_i} G_i^{1/2}) \]

\[M \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^{N} (2NA_i^T P A_i + \bar{A}^T P A_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P \bar{A}) \]

and \((\cdot)^*\) stands for complex conjugate transpose. Substituting (20) into (6) yields

\[
H^*_\omega(z)H_\omega(z) = D^T (L^{-1})^* (z) S^T S L^{-1}(z) D 
\]

\[= D^T P D + D^T P \bar{A} L^{-1}(z) D + D^T (L^{-1})^* (z) \bar{A}^T P D 
\]

\[= -D^T (L^{-1})^* (z) M + U^*(z) U(z) L^{-1}(z) D 
\]

\[= -D^T (L^{-1})^* (z) \bar{A}^T P \bar{D} \bar{H}^{-1} D^T P \bar{A} L^{-1}(z) D 
\]

\[-\epsilon D^T (L^{-1})^* (z) L^{-1}(z) D \]

From (10) and (21), one can obtain

\[
H^*_\omega(z)H_\omega(z) - \gamma^2 I_d 
\]

\[= -Y^*(z) Y(z) 
\]

\[-D^T (L^{-1})^* (z) [U^*(z) U(z) + M] L^{-1}(z) D 
\]

\[-\epsilon D^T (L^{-1})^* (z) L^{-1}(z) D \leq 0 \]

where

\[
Y(z) \triangleq H^{-1/2} D^T P \bar{A} L^{-1}(z) D - H^{1/2} \]

Therefore (8) holds. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

\[\Box\]

Remark 1: Although the structure of the proposed filter in equation (3) is standard, the conditions (9)-(11) under which the filter is convergent are novel. As it can be seen in the proof of Theorem 1, extension of detection filter design for continuous-time systems to the case of discrete-time systems is not trivial.

4. CHARACTERIZATION OF THE FILTER GAIN

First, we derive the sufficient condition for the existence of an achievable \((P, Q, \epsilon)\), that is, the set of filter gains \( K \) can be found such that the matrix inequalities (9), (10) and (11) hold.

**Theorem 2:** For a given \( H^\infty \) attenuation constraint \( \gamma \), \((P, Q, \epsilon)\) is achievable if \((P, Q, \epsilon)\) satisfy (9), (10) and the following algebraic matrix inequality

\[
R \triangleq P + A^T \Delta A - NQ - S^T S - \epsilon I_n 
\]

\[\geq 0 \]

where

\[\Delta = P + \sum_{i=1}^{N} PA_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P \]

\[+ PDH^{-1} D^T P \]

\[\geq 0 \]

**Proof:** Substituting \( \bar{A} = A - KC \) into (11) yields

\[
P = C^T K^T \Delta KC - A^T \Delta KC - C^T K^T \Delta A 
\]

\[+ NQ + S^T S + \epsilon I_n \]

\[+ \sum_{i=1}^{N} PA_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P \]

Equation (26) can be rewritten as

\[
(\Delta_1 K - \Delta_1 A)^T (\Delta_1 KC - \Delta_1 A) 
\]

\[= P + A^T \Delta A - NQ 
\]

\[-S^T S - \epsilon I_n - \sum_{i=1}^{N} PA_i G_i^{-1} A_i^T P \]

Since matrix \( C \) is full row rank, from (27), there exists a solution \( K \) to (11) (i.e. the \((P, Q, \epsilon)\) is achievable) if (9) and (10) hold and the right-hand
Theorem 2 gives the existence condition of an achievable \((P, Q, \epsilon)\) in terms of matrix inequality.

The following theorem characterizes the algebraic expression of all filter gains \(K\) related to the achievable \((P, Q, \epsilon)\).

**Theorem 3:** If \((P, Q, \epsilon)\) is achievable, the set of filtering gain can be characterized as follows

\[
K = AC^\dagger + \Delta_1 X R_1 C^\dagger \tag{28}
\]

where \((\cdot)^\dagger\) stands for the pseudo-inverse of a matrix, \(R_1\) is the square root of \(R\) (i.e. \(R_1^T R_1 = R\)), and \(X\) is an arbitrary orthogonal matrix.

**Proof:** It follows from (27) that

\[
\Delta_1 K C - \Delta_1 A = X R_1 \tag{29}
\]

where \(X\) and \(R_1\) are given by Theorem 3. Since \(\Delta_1\) is of full column rank and \(C\) is of full row rank, (28) follows immediately from (29). This complete the proof of Theorem 3. \(\square\)

**Remark 2:** It can be seen from the above theorem that there exists large freedom in the design process, such as the choice of \((P, Q, \epsilon)\) and the arbitrary orthogonal matrix \(X\). This design freedom can be used to reach satisfactory value of \(\epsilon\), as in (Patton and Hou, 1997), i.e.

\[
\begin{align*}
\operatorname{tr}\left\{ [S(KC - A - \sum_{i=1}^{N} z^{-\tau_i} A_i)^{-1} F]^T \right\} \\
\times [S(KC - A - \sum_{i=1}^{N} z^{-\tau_i} A_i)^{-1} F] \right\} &\geq \beta^2 \tag{30}
\end{align*}
\]

where \(\beta > \gamma > 0\) is a prescribed scalar.

**Remark 3:** By substituting (28) into (30), the \(H^\infty\) fault detection filter design can be reformulated as a constrained optimization problem

\[
\begin{align*}
\min_X & \operatorname{tr}\left\{ [S(KC - A - \sum_{i=1}^{N} z^{-\tau_i} A_i)^{-1} F]^T \right\} \\
\times [S(KC - A - \sum_{i=1}^{N} z^{-\tau_i} A_i)^{-1} F] \right\}
\end{align*}
\]

s.t. \(X^T X = I \tag{31}\)

where \(K\) is an explicit function of \(X\), given by (28). This is a special type of constrained nonlinear optimization. Some effective nonlinear programming algorithms can be used to solve this problem.

**Remark 4:** If \(\| \omega \|_2 \leq \omega_0\), and the desired filter sensitivity against worst-case disturbance \(\omega(k)\) could be achieved which means that

\[\| H_\infty(z) \|_\infty < < H_f(z) \|_\infty, \] then the detection threshold of the filter can be given as (Edelmayer et al., 1994)

\[T_\epsilon = \gamma \omega_0 \tag{32}\]

As a result, fault detection can be carried out as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\| \epsilon(k) \| < T_\epsilon, \text{ no fault occurs} \\
\| \epsilon(k) \| \geq T_\epsilon, \text{ fault has occurred}
\end{align*} \tag{33}
\]

From (32), it can be seen that the threshold \(T_\epsilon\) is proportional to the performance index \(\gamma\). Thus \(\gamma\) can be determined (estimated) based on the minimization of criteria such as false alarm rate and missed detection rate.

**Remark 5:** This paper is an extension of the work in (Liu and Frank, 1999). The main differences between the obtained results in this paper and that in (Liu and Frank, 1999) are in three aspects. (i) \(H^\infty\) detection filter design for discrete-time systems with multiple time delays is investigated in this paper, which is more complex than the case of continuous-time systems in (Liu and Frank, 1999). (ii) The detection threshold of the filter is proposed in this paper, which was not discussed at all in (Liu and Frank, 1999), the simulation result of a numerical example will be presented in next section to illustrate the efficiency. (iii) The problem of achieving satisfactory sensitivity of the residual to faults and its solution are explicitly described in Remarks 1-2 of this paper.

5. AN ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE

Consider a perturbed state delayed linear discrete-time system described by (1) and (2), where the parameters are given by

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}; \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix}; \quad F_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad F_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}.
\]

In this example, the performance index is:

\[\gamma = 0.95.\]

One may choose \(Q\) and \(\epsilon\) as follows

\[Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \epsilon = 0.001.\]

A solution of the positive definite matrix \(P\) can be obtained from the matrices inequalities (9), (10) and (24):

\[P = \begin{bmatrix} 2.83 & -0.18 \\ -0.18 & 2.79 \end{bmatrix}\]
By simple calculation, one can get

\[
G_1 = G_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7736 & 0.0072 \\ 0.0072 & 0.9434 \end{bmatrix}, \quad H = 0.8742;
\]

\[
\Delta = \begin{bmatrix} 3.6597 & -0.2525 \\ -0.2525 & 3.0952 \end{bmatrix},
\]

\[
\Delta_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1.9118 & -0.0688 \\ -0.0688 & 1.7580 \end{bmatrix},
\]

\[
R = \begin{bmatrix} 14.3884 & -7.4327 \\ -7.4327 & 4.0651 \end{bmatrix},
\]

\[
R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3.4473 & -1.5826 \\ -1.5826 & 1.2492 \end{bmatrix}.
\]

Therefore the above \((P, Q, \epsilon)\) is achievable according to Theorem 2.

Choose the orthogonal matrix as follows

\[
X = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.
\]

Substituting the above matrix into (28) yields the corresponding desired filtering gain matrix

\[
K = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4132 \\ 0.8085 \end{bmatrix}.
\]

In the simulation, the sampling period is 0.01s, the disturbance \(\omega = 0.5\ rand\), the fault considered is created as follows

\[
f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 2 \\ 0.5 & \text{for } 2 < t \leq 6 \end{cases} \quad (34)
\]

Figure 1 shows the response of the detection signal \(\epsilon(k)\) when there is a fault as described by (34) in the system. It can be seen that fault detection shows good performance despite the disturbance \(\omega\) in the system.

6. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the problem of \(H^\infty\) detection filter design for a class of discrete-time systems with multiple time delays is investigated. Simulation of a numerical example is made to show the applicability of the proposed method. Based on linear matrix inequalities approaches, to derive convergent conditions of detection filter which can be solved more efficiently will be investigated in the future.

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Fig. 1. Detection signal \(|\epsilon(k)|\)


