

Exponential Quasi-Incremental-(Q, S, R)-Dissipativity and Practically Incremental Stability for Switched Nonlinear Systems

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ABSTRACT This paper addresses the problems of exponentially quasi-incremental-(Q, S, R)-dissipativity and practically incremental stability analysis for a switched nonlinear system. First, exponential quasi-incremental-(Q, S, R)-dissipativity for switched nonlinear systems is first defined. Each subsystem may be not exponentially quasi-incremental-(Q, S, R)-dissipative. Based on this dissipativity property, practically incremental stability is obtained for switched nonlinear systems. Second, a state-dependent switching law is designed to establish exponential quasi-incremental-(Q, S, R)-dissipativity criterion. Finally, the effectiveness of the obtained results is verified by a numerical example.

INDEX TERMS Switched nonlinear systems, exponentially quasi-incremental-(Q, S, R)-dissipativity, practically incremental stability.

I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the dissipativity introduced by Willems [1] has received more attention from nonlinear control areas due to its practical applications. In general, a dissipative system does not produce energy by itself. Since the storage functions of dissipative systems often can be selected as Lyapunov function candidates, dissipativity is closely related to stability [2]–[5]. Especially, (Q, S, R)-dissipativity was investigated in [4]. In [6] and [7], dissipativity was extended to exponential dissipativity. Corresponding to the dissipativity, exponential stability was obtained. However, the conventional dissipativity theory can only apply to the stability of nonlinear system with respect to one particular equilibrium. For a more broad physical system with an equilibrium point or not, incremental passivity and some preliminary properties in state space form were studied in [8]. It was originally defined from an input-output of view in [9]. The concept of incremental passivity was extended to incremental dissipativity [10]. In particular, the supply rate in (Q, S, R) form implies the gain and phase-related conditions [10], [11]. The incremental

dissipativity was verified to preserve under feedback interconnection in [11]. Moreover, incremental dissipativity was often applied to output tracking [12], output regulation [8], network synchronization [10]. Nevertheless, it was difficult to achieve dissipativity due to the large disturbance in practical systems. Hence, the quasi-dissipativity, or almost dissipativity was proposed in [13]–[15]. Compared with dissipative systems, quasi-dissipative systems may contain sources of energy. Hence, the trajectories of quasi-dissipative systems were bounded by a simple output feedback. Similar concept, semi-passivity was studied to derive set stability [16], [17]. Many physical or biological systems are semi-passive.

On the other hand, switched systems have been widely studied due to their application in recent years [18]–[23]. Stability has been focused on the study of switched systems [20], [21], [24]–[31]. However, switched systems do not inherit the property of subsystems. Even if each subsystem is stable, the switched system may be unstable. Hence, [20], [22] verify stability, when each subsystem was stable. In [19], [28], and [29], at least a subsystem was assumed to be stable, stability was obtained via average dwell time method. Nevertheless, many practical systems are stable. Hence, [20], [30], [31] solved stability problem,

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even if all subsystems were unstable. Incremental stability of switched systems is one of the hot issues [32]–[36]. Incremental stability means that the distance between any two solutions of switched systems with bounded input variables has stable behavior and converges to zero under the same switching signal. The methods to verify stability for switched systems were also useful for incremental stability of switched nonlinear systems, such as the common Lyapunov function [32], [34], [36], multiple Lyapunov functions [32], [34], [37], average dwell time method [33], [35].

Dissipativity is a useful tool to obtain stability as nonswitched systems [37]–[39]. Incremental dissipativity was expected to be useful for switched nonlinear systems [40]–[43]. In [40], incremental passivity theory and the incremental passivity-based output tracking problem for switched nonlinear systems were established using multiple storage functions and multiple incremental supply rates. But the adjacent storage functions were required to be connected at each switching time, which was a strong requirement. Hence, [41]–[44] extended incremental passivity to incremental dissipativity, which allowed the adjacent storage functions to increase. Moreover, the corresponding incremental stability was obtained for switched nonlinear systems. Nevertheless, it is hard to achieve incremental dissipativity due to large uncertainties or switching. As the quasi-dissipativity for switched systems investigated in [45] and [46], this paper will study quasi-incremental dissipativity. Unlike incremental dissipative systems which do not produce energy by itself, quasi-incrementally dissipative systems often contain energy sources. Thus, it is impossible to obtain incremental stability. Therefore, it is necessary to address how to achieve stability for a quasi-incremental dissipative system. This motivates the present study.

In this paper, we will investigate exponential quasi-incremental-(Q, S, R)-dissipativity and practically incremental stability. The contributions are in three aspects. First, an exponential quasi-incremental-(Q, S, R)-dissipativity concept for switched nonlinear systems is first proposed. Weakening the incremental dissipativity concept in [41]–[44] leads to a broader perspective application. Second, compared with [19], where the common Lyapunov function method was adopted, while in this paper, practically incremental stability is obtained using multiple Lyapunov functions, which provides us a new method to verify incremental stability. Third, an exponential quasi-incremental-(Q, S, R)-dissipativity criterion is established. It is a generalization of the nonlinear versions of the Kalman-Yakubovich-Popov lemma and Hamilton–Jacobi Inequality. The designed state-dependent switching law is more general than [19], [41]–[44]. Compared with [19], this switching law allows the storage functions to increase at each switching point. Compared with [41]–[44], which requires the selection of active region is dependent on a storage function, the selection of active region here is dependent on a continuous function associated with a storage function. This provides more freedom for the design of the switching law.

Notations: U : a set of any measurable, locally essentially bounded function of time; $\|x\| = (x^T x)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$: the norm of a vector $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$; I_m : m -order identity matrix;

II. PRELIMINARIES AND PROBLEM FORMULATION

Consider a switched nonlinear system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x} &= f_\sigma(x, u_\sigma), \\ y &= h_\sigma(x, u_\sigma)\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

with the state $x \in R^n$ and a switching signal $\sigma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow I = \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$, which has a finite number of switches in any finite time interval. $u_i \in R^p$ and $h_i(x, u_i) \in R^m$ are the input vector and the output vector of the i -th subsystem, respectively. f_i, h_i are continuous functions for all $i \in I$. The switching sequence generated by the switching signal can be characterized as follows:

$$\Sigma = \{(i_0, t_0), (i_1, t_1), \dots, (i_k, t_k) \dots | i_k \in I, k \in N\}, \quad (2)$$

where t_0 denotes the initial time and N is the set of nonnegative integers. When $\sigma(t) = i_k$, the i_k -th subsystem is active on $[t_k, t_{k+1})$. In addition, the state of system (1) is assumed to be continuous at the switching instants.

We first review the definition of class \mathcal{GK} function.

Definition 1 [47]: A function $\alpha : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ is said to be a class \mathcal{GK} function if it is increasing and right continuous at the origin with $\alpha(0) = 0$.

Many real systems can be modeled as switched systems. We take a switched RLC circuit for example [41].

Example 1: Consider a switched RLC circuit with M input power sources, M resistances R_i and M capacitors C_i that could be switched between each other. The models are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= \frac{1}{L_\sigma} x_2, \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\frac{1}{C_\sigma} x_1 - \frac{R_\sigma}{L_\sigma} x_2 + u_\sigma + v_d, \\ y &= \frac{1}{L_\sigma} x_2,\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

where the two state variables are the charge in the capacitor and the flux in the inductance $x = [q_{C_i}, \phi_{L_i}]^T$, the input u_i and v_d denote the voltage and the bounded disturbance with $\|v_d\| \leq d$ and d is a positive constant, $I = \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$.

The energy function of i th submode is given as $S_i = \frac{1}{2C_i} (x_1 - \hat{x}_1)^2 + \frac{1}{2L_i} (x_2 - \hat{x}_2)^2$.

When $\sigma(t) = i$, i.e. the i th submode is active, differentiating S_i yields

$$\dot{S}_i \leq (1 - R_i) (y - \hat{y})^2 + (u_i - \hat{u}_i) (y - \hat{y}) + d^2.$$

Thus, the active submode is quasi-incrementally (Q, S, R) -dissipative.

Now, we define exponential quasi-incremental-dissipativity for system (1) as follows:

Definition 2: System (1) is said to be quasi-incremental-dissipative if for a given switching signal $\sigma(t)$, there exists a nonnegative function $V(\sigma(t), x, \hat{x}) : I \times \mathbb{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$, called storage function, and class \mathcal{GK} function α and locally integrable functions $w_i(\Delta u_i, \Delta y)$, called incremental supply rates, where $\Delta u_i = u_i - \hat{u}_i$, $\Delta y = y - \hat{y}$, constants $\lambda > 0$, $c \geq 0$ such that for any two inputs u_σ, \hat{u}_σ and any two solutions of system (1) x, \hat{x} corresponding to these inputs, the respective outputs $y = h_\sigma(x, u_\sigma)$ and $\hat{y} = h_\sigma(\hat{x}, \hat{u}_\sigma)$ satisfy the inequality

$$e^{\lambda t} V(\sigma(t), x(t), \hat{x}(t)) - e^{\lambda t_0} V(\sigma(t_0), x(t_0), \hat{x}(t_0)) \leq \int_{t_0}^t e^{\lambda \tau} (w_{\sigma(\tau)}(\Delta u_{\sigma(\tau)}(\tau), \Delta y(\tau)) + c_{\sigma(\tau)}) d\tau + e^{\lambda t_0} \alpha(\|x_0 - \hat{x}_0\|), \quad (4)$$

where x_0 and \hat{x}_0 are the initial states. If the incremental supply rates are given by

$$w_i(\Delta u_i, \Delta y) = \Delta y^T Q_i \Delta y + 2\Delta y^T S_i \Delta u_i + \Delta u_i^T R_i \Delta u_i, \quad (5)$$

then, system (1) is said to be exponentially quasi-incrementally (Q, S, R) -dissipative, where $Q = (Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_M)$, $Q_i = Q_i^T \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$, $S = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_M)$, $R = (R_1, R_2, \dots, R_M)$, $S_i \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p}$, $R_i = R_i^T \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ are constant matrices.

Remark 1: (4) means that the overall system is quasi-incremental-dissipative. Each subsystem of a quasi-incremental-dissipative switched system may contain a source of energy with c_i being seen as the interior supply rate. This dissipativity property balances the total energy throughout the overall process, while each active subsystem is not required to be quasi-incremental dissipative. In many practical systems, some active subsystems are not incrementally dissipative due to fault or external disturbance, such as power system or network control system. According to Definition 2, the energy may increase at some switching time. The item $e^{\lambda t_0} \alpha(\|x_0 - \hat{x}_0\|)$ is used for bounding the total change of ‘‘energy’’ at the switching times. If $c_i = 0$ then Definition 2 can degenerate into the exponential quasi-dissipativity definition in [44]. If $c_i = 0, \lambda = 0$ then Definition 2 can degenerate into the incremental quasi-dissipativity definition in [41].

Remark 2: For system with an equilibrium $(0, 0)$, Definition 2 is reduced to the quasi-dissipativity definition in [46] by setting $\hat{x} = 0$ and $\hat{u} = 0$.

Next, based on Definition 2, exponentially incremental finite power gain and exponentially incremental quasi-passivity are defined:

Definition 3: System (1) is said to have exponentially vector quasi-incremental finite power gain $(\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_M)$, if system (1) is exponentially quasi-incrementally dissipative with $Q_i = -I_m, R_i = \gamma_i^2 I_p, S_i = 0$ for some constants $\gamma_i > 0$ and $\forall i \in I$.

Definition 4: System (1) with $m = p$ is said to be exponentially quasi-incrementally passive if system (1) is

exponentially quasi-dissipative with $Q_i = 0, R_i = 0, S_i = \frac{1}{2} I_m$ for $\forall i \in I$.

Remark 3: The quasi-incremental (Q, S, R) -dissipativity is more general than the quasi-incremental passivity and vector quasi-incremental L_2 -gain, since its incremental supply rate carries the information on both the incremental phase (given by the bilinear term $2\Delta y^T S_i \Delta u_i$) and the incremental gain (given by the quadratic terms $\Delta y^T Q_i \Delta y$ and $\Delta u_i^T R_i \Delta u_i$).

This paper will study quasi-incremental- (Q, S, R) -dissipativity and practically incremental stability for switched nonlinear systems.

III. PRACTICAL INCREMENTAL STABILITY ANALYSIS

This section will show practically incremental stability based on quasi-incremental (Q, S, R) -dissipativity.

First, a concept of practically incremental stability is proposed as follows:

Definition 5: System (1) is practically incrementally stable, if for any given constant $\delta \geq 0$, a switching signal $\sigma(t)$ and any $u_i \in U, i \in I$, the closed-loop system possesses the following properties

(a) (Uniform boundedness) there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that for all $t_0 \geq 0, \|x(t, x_0, u_\sigma) - \hat{x}(t, \hat{x}_0, u_\sigma)\| < \varepsilon$, when $\|x_0 - \hat{x}_0\| < \delta$.

(b) (Uniform ultimate boundedness) for every initial condition $x(t_0), \hat{x}(t_0)$, there exist constants $R > 0$ and $T = T(x_0, \hat{x}_0, R) \geq 0$ such that $\|x(t) - \hat{x}(t)\| \leq R$ holds for $t \geq t_0 + T$.

Remark 4: If all vector fields share a common equilibrium, system (1) is practical stability. In particular, system (1) with equilibrium 0 is practical stable.

Next, we will show that an quasi-incrementally (Q, S, R) -dissipative switched system is practically incrementally stable.

Theorem 1: Suppose that there exist class K_∞ functions α_1, α_2 and nonnegative continuous functions $V_i(x, \hat{x}), i \in I$ satisfying $\alpha_1(\|x - \hat{x}\|) \leq V_i(x, \hat{x}) \leq \alpha_2(\|x - \hat{x}\|)$. If system (1) is quasi-incrementally (Q, S, R) -dissipative with $Q_i \leq 0, i \in I$ and $V(\sigma(t), x, \hat{x}) = V_{\sigma(t)}(x, \hat{x})$ then system (1) is practically incrementally stabilized.

Proof: For $t \geq t_0, \forall t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}), k \in N$, substituting $\hat{u}_i = u_i \in U$ into the inequality (4) gives

$$e^{\lambda t} V(\sigma(t), x(t), \hat{x}(t)) - e^{\lambda t_0} V(\sigma(t_0), x(t_0), \hat{x}(t_0)) \leq \int_{t_0}^t e^{\lambda \tau} c_{\sigma(\tau)} d\tau + e^{\lambda t_0} \alpha(\|x_0 - \hat{x}_0\|), \quad (6)$$

For $t > t_0$, there exists positive integer k such that $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1})$. By (5), we get:

$$e^{\lambda t} V(\sigma(t), x(t), \hat{x}(t)) - e^{\lambda t_0} V(\sigma(t_0), x(t_0), \hat{x}(t_0)) = e^{\lambda t} V_{i_k}(x(t), \hat{x}(t)) - e^{\lambda t_0} V_{i_0}(x(t_0), \hat{x}(t_0)) \leq \int_{t_0}^t e^{\lambda \tau} c_{\sigma(\tau)} d\tau + e^{\lambda t_0} \alpha(\|x_0 - \hat{x}_0\|), \quad (7)$$

Combining $\alpha_1 (\|x - \hat{x}\|) \leq V_i(x, \hat{x}) \leq \alpha_2 (\|x - \hat{x}\|)$ with (7) gives:

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_1 (\|x(t) - \hat{x}(t)\|) \\ & \leq V_{i_k}(x(t), \hat{x}(t)) \\ & \leq e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)} V_{i_0}(x(t_0), \hat{x}(t_0)) + e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)} \alpha (\|x_0 - \hat{x}_0\|) \\ & \quad + \frac{c}{\lambda} (1 - e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)}) \\ & \leq e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)} \left(V_{i_0}(x(t_0), \hat{x}(t_0)) - \frac{c}{\lambda} + \alpha (\|x_0 - \hat{x}_0\|) \right) + \frac{c}{\lambda} \\ & \leq e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)} \bar{\alpha} (\|x_0 - \hat{x}_0\|) + \frac{c}{\lambda}, \end{aligned}$$

where $c = \max_{i \in I} \{c_i\}$, $\bar{\alpha} = \alpha + a_2$.

- i) For $\forall \delta > 0$, there exists $\varepsilon = \alpha_1^{-1} (\bar{\alpha}(\delta) + \frac{c}{\lambda})$ such that $\|x(t, x_0, u_\sigma) - \hat{x}(t, \hat{x}_0, u_\sigma)\| \leq \varepsilon$, when $\|x_0 - \hat{x}_0\| \leq \delta$.
- ii) When $t \rightarrow \infty$, $\|x(t) - \hat{x}(t)\| \leq \alpha_1^{-1} (\frac{c}{\lambda})$.

By Definition 5, system (1) is practically incrementally stabilized.

IV. SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS OF QUASI-INCREMENTAL-(Q, S, R)-DISSIPATIVITY

In this section, a state-dependent switching law will be designed to achieve exponential quasi-incremental-(Q, S, R)-dissipativity.

Theorem 2: Suppose that there exist nonnegative smooth functions $V_i(x, \hat{x})$, functions $\beta_{ij}(x, \hat{x}) \leq 0$, smooth functions $\mu_{ij}(x - \hat{x})$ with $\mu_{ij}(0) = 0$ and $\mu_{ii}(x - \hat{x}) = 0$, matrices $Q_i = Q_i^T \in R^{m \times m}$, $S_i \in R^{m \times p}$, $R_i = R_i^T \in R^{p \times p}$ and constants $c_i \geq 0$, $\lambda_i > 0$ for all $i, j \in I$ such that for any two inputs u_i and \hat{u}_i , any two solutions of system (1) x and \hat{x} corresponding to these two inputs and the respective outputs y and \hat{y}

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} f_i(x, u_i) + \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial \hat{x}} f_i(\hat{x}, \hat{u}_i) + \sum_{j=1}^M \beta_{ij}(x, \hat{x}) (V_i - V_j + \mu_{ij}) \\ & \leq \Delta y^T Q_i \Delta y + 2 \Delta y^T S_i \Delta u_i + \Delta u_i^T R_i \Delta u_i + c_i - \lambda_i V_i, \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \mu_{ij}}{\partial x} f_i(x, u_i) + \frac{\partial \mu_{ij}}{\partial \hat{x}} f_i(\hat{x}, \hat{u}_i) + \mu_{ij} \lambda \leq 0, \lambda = \min_{i \in I} \{\lambda_i\}, \quad (9)$$

$$\mu_{ij}(x - \hat{x}) + \mu_{jk}(x - \hat{x}) \leq \min \{0, \mu_{ik}(x - \hat{x})\}, \forall i, j, k \quad (10)$$

hold, where $\Delta u_i = u_i - \hat{u}_i$, $\Delta y = y - \hat{y}$. Design the state-dependent switching law as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(t) &= i \text{ if } \sigma(t^-) = i \text{ and } (x(t), \hat{x}(t)) \in \Omega_i, \\ \sigma(t) &= \min \{j \mid (x(t), \hat{x}(t)) \in \Omega_{ij}\} \text{ if } \sigma(t^-) \\ &= i \text{ and } (x(t), \hat{x}(t)) \in \tilde{\Omega}_{ij}, \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

where $\Omega_i = \{(x, \hat{x}) \mid V_i(x, \hat{x}) - V_j(x, \hat{x}) + \mu_{ij}(x - \hat{x}) \leq 0, j \in I\}$ and

$$\tilde{\Omega}_{ij} = \{(x, \hat{x}) \mid V_i(x, \hat{x}) - V_j(x, \hat{x}) + \mu_{ij}(x - \hat{x}) = 0, i \neq j\}. \quad (12)$$

Then, system (1) is quasi-incrementally (Q, S, R) -dissipative under the switching law (11).

Proof: Similar to [47], we can show that $\{\Omega_i \mid i \in I\}$ makes a partition of R^{2n} .

When $V_i(x, \hat{x}) - V_j(x, \hat{x}) + \mu_{ij}(x - \hat{x}) \leq 0$, namely, $(x, \hat{x}) \in \Omega_i$, differentiating $V_i(x, \hat{x})$ together with (8) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_i &= \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} f_i(x, u_i) + \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial \hat{x}} f_i(\hat{x}, \hat{u}_i) \\ &\leq -\lambda V_i + \Delta y^T Q_i \Delta y + 2 \Delta y^T S_i \Delta u_i + \Delta u_i^T R_i \Delta u_i + c_i, \quad (13) \end{aligned}$$

where $\lambda = \min_{i \in I} \{\lambda_i\}$. Multiplying both sides of (13) by $e^{\lambda t}$, respectively, yields:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} (e^{\lambda t} V_i) \\ & \leq e^{\lambda t} (\Delta y^T Q_i \Delta y + 2 \Delta y^T S_i \Delta u_i + \Delta u_i^T R_i \Delta u_i + c_i). \quad (14) \end{aligned}$$

Integrating (14) over $[s, t]$ for $\forall t > s \geq t_0$ gives:

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{\lambda t} V_i(x(t), \hat{x}(t)) - e^{\lambda s} V_i(x(s), \hat{x}(s)) \\ & \leq \int_s^t e^{\lambda \tau} (\Delta y^T Q_i \Delta y + 2 \Delta y^T S_i \Delta u_i + \Delta u_i^T R_i \Delta u_i + c_i) d\tau \quad (15) \end{aligned}$$

By the switching law (11), we can obtain the switching sequence (2) with the property

$$\begin{aligned} & V_{i_{k+1}}(x(t_{k+1}), \hat{x}(t_{k+1})) - V_{i_k}(x(t_{k+1}), \hat{x}(t_{k+1})) \\ & = \mu_{i_k i_{k+1}}(x(t_{k+1}) - \hat{x}(t_{k+1})). \quad (16) \end{aligned}$$

(9) tells us that $e^{\lambda t} \mu_{i_k i_j}(x(t) - \hat{x}(t))$ are decreasing on $[t_k, t_{k+1})$.

Let $V(\sigma(t), x, \hat{x}) = V_{\sigma(t)}(x, \hat{x})$. For $t_0 \leq t < \infty$, there exists positive integer k such that $t \in [t_k, t_{k+1})$. From (15) and (16), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & e^{\lambda t} V(\sigma(t), x(t), \hat{x}(t)) - e^{\lambda t_0} V(\sigma(t_0), x(t_0), \hat{x}(t_0)) \\ & = e^{\lambda t} V_{i_k}(x(t), \hat{x}(t)) - e^{\lambda t_k} V_{i_k}(x(t_k), \hat{x}(t_k)) \\ & \quad + \sum_{p=0}^{k-1} (e^{\lambda t_{p+1}} V_{i_p}(x(t_{p+1}), \hat{x}(t_{p+1})) \\ & \quad \quad - e^{\lambda t_p} V_{i_p}(x(t_p), \hat{x}(t_p))) \\ & \quad + \sum_{p=1}^k e^{\lambda t_p} (V_{i_p}((x(t_p), \hat{x}(t_p))) - V_{i_{p-1}}((x(t_p), \hat{x}(t_p)))) \\ & \leq \int_{t_0}^t e^{\lambda \tau} (\Delta y^T Q_\sigma \Delta y + 2 \Delta y^T S_\sigma \Delta u_\sigma + \Delta u_\sigma^T R_\sigma \Delta u_\sigma + c_\sigma) d\tau \\ & \quad + \sum_{p=1}^k e^{\lambda t_p} \mu_{i_{p-1} i_p}(x(t_p) - \hat{x}(t_p)) \quad (17) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \begin{cases} \int_{t_0}^t e^{\lambda\tau} \left(\Delta y^T Q_\sigma \Delta y + 2\Delta y^T S_\sigma \Delta u_\sigma + \Delta u_\sigma^T R_\sigma \Delta u_\sigma + c_\sigma \right) d\tau \text{ if } k \text{ is odd} \\ \int_{t_0}^t e^{\lambda\tau} \left(\Delta y^T Q_\sigma \Delta y + 2\Delta y^T S_\sigma \Delta u_\sigma + \Delta u_\sigma^T R_\sigma \Delta u_\sigma + c_\sigma \right) d\tau \\ + e^{\lambda t_0} \mu_{i_0 i_1} (x_0 - \hat{x}_0) \text{ if } k \text{ is even} \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

where $\alpha(s) = \max_{\|x-\hat{x}\| \leq s} \{ |\mu_{ij}(x-\hat{x})| | i, j \in I \}$ is a class \mathcal{GK} function. Then, system (1) is exponentially quasi-incrementally (Q, S, R) -dissipative under switching law (11).

Consider a switched system of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= f_\sigma(x) + g_\sigma(x) u_\sigma, \\ y &= h_\sigma(x) + J_\sigma(x) u_\sigma. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Theorem 3: Suppose that there exist nonnegative smooth functions $V_i(x, \hat{x})$, continuous functions $\beta_{ij}(x, \hat{x}) \leq 0$, $l_i(x, \hat{x}) : R^{2n} \rightarrow R^q$, $W_i(x, \hat{x}) : R^{2n} \rightarrow R^{q \times m}$, constants $c_i \geq 0$, $\lambda_i > 0$ and smooth functions $\mu_{ij}(x - \hat{x})$ with $\mu_{ij}(0) = 0$ and $\mu_{ii}(x - \hat{x}) = 0$ for all $i, j \in I$ and some integer q such that inequality (10) and

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} f_i(x) + \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial \hat{x}} f_i(\hat{x}) - (h_i(x) - h_i(\hat{x}))^T Q_i (h_i(x) - h_i(\hat{x})) \\ &\quad + \lambda_i V_i + \sum_{j=1}^M \beta_{ij} (V_i(x, \hat{x}) - V_j(x, \hat{x}) + \mu_{ij}(x - \hat{x})) \\ &\leq -l_i^T l_i + c_i, \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{2} g_i^T(x) \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} - \hat{S}_i^T(x, \hat{x}) (h_i(x) - h_i(\hat{x})) \\ &= W_i^T(x, \hat{x}) l_i(x, \hat{x}), \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} g_i(x) + \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial \hat{x}} g_i(\hat{x}) = 0, \hat{R}_i(x, \hat{x}) \\ &= W_i^T(x, \hat{x}) W_i(x, \hat{x}), \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\partial \mu_{ij}}{\partial x} f_i(x) + \frac{\partial \mu_{ij}}{\partial \hat{x}} f_i(\hat{x}) + \mu_{ij} \lambda \leq 0, \frac{\partial \mu_{ij}}{\partial x} g_i(x) \\ &= \frac{\partial \mu_{ij}}{\partial \hat{x}} g_i(\hat{x}) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

hold, where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_i(x, \hat{x}) &= R_i + (J_i(x) - J_i(\hat{x}))^T S_i + S_i^T (J_i(x) - J_i(\hat{x})) \\ &\quad + (J_i(x) - J_i(\hat{x}))^T Q_i (J_i(x) - J_i(\hat{x})) \\ \hat{S}_i(x, \hat{x}) &= Q_i (J_i(x) - J_i(\hat{x})) + S_i. \end{aligned}$$

Then, system (19) is exponentially quasi-incrementally (Q, S, R) -dissipative under the switching law (11).

Proof: When $V_i(x, \hat{x}) - V_j(x, \hat{x}) + \mu_{ij}(x - \hat{x}) \leq 0$, differentiating $V_i(x, \hat{x})$ together with (20), (21) and (22) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_i &- \left(\Delta y^T Q_i \Delta y + 2\Delta y^T S_i \Delta u_i + \Delta u_i^T R_i \Delta u_i \right) \\ &= \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} f_i(x) + \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial \hat{x}} f_i(\hat{x}) + \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} g_i(x) \Delta u_i \\ &\quad - \left(\Delta y^T Q_i \Delta y + 2\Delta y^T S_i \Delta u_i + \Delta u_i^T R_i \Delta u_i \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -\Delta u_i^T \hat{R}_i(x, \hat{x}) \Delta u_i + \frac{1}{2} B_i(x, \hat{x}) \Delta u_i + \frac{1}{2} \Delta u_i^T B_i^T(x, \hat{x}) \\ &\quad + C_i(x, \hat{x}) \\ &\leq -\left(l_i(x, \hat{x}) + W_i(x, \hat{x}) \Delta u_i \right)^T \\ &\quad \times \left(l_i(x, \hat{x}) + W_i(x, \hat{x}) \Delta u_i \right) + c_i - \lambda V_i \\ &\leq c_i - \lambda V_i, \end{aligned}$$

where $\Delta u_i = u_i - \hat{u}_i$, $\Delta y = y - \hat{y}$, $B_i(x, \hat{x}) = \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} g_i(x) + 2(h_i(x) - h_i(\hat{x}))^T \hat{S}_i$ and

$$\begin{aligned} C_i(x, \hat{x}) &= \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} f_i(x) + \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial \hat{x}} f_i(\hat{x}) \\ &\quad - (h_i(x) - h_i(\hat{x}))^T Q_i (h_i(x) - h_i(\hat{x})). \end{aligned}$$

The rest proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.

If $\hat{R}_i(x, \hat{x}) > 0$ the Hamilton-Jacobi inequalities to judge quasi-incremental (Q, S, R) -dissipativity property of system (19) can be obtained as follows.

Theorem 4: Suppose that there exist nonnegative smooth functions $V_i(x, \hat{x})$, continuous functions $\beta_{ij}(x, \hat{x}) \leq 0$ and smooth functions $\mu_{ij}(x - \hat{x})$ with $\mu_{ij}(0) = 0$ and $\mu_{ii}(x - \hat{x}) = 0$ for $i, j \in I$ such that (10), (23) and

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} f_i(x) + \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial \hat{x}} f_i(\hat{x}) - (h_i(x) - h_i(\hat{x}))^T Q_i (h_i(x) - h_i(\hat{x})) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} g_i - (h_i(x) - h_i(\hat{x}))^T \hat{S}_i \right) \hat{R}_i^{-1} \\ &\quad \times \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} g_i - (h_i(x) - h_i(\hat{x}))^T \hat{S}_i \right)^T + \lambda_i V_i \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^M \beta_{ij}(x, \hat{x}) (V_i(x, \hat{x}) - V_j(x, \hat{x}) + \mu_{ij}(x - \hat{x})) \leq c_i, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{\partial V_i}{\partial x} g_i(x) + \frac{\partial V_i}{\partial \hat{x}} g_i(\hat{x}) = 0, \quad \hat{R}_i(x, \hat{x}) > 0 \quad (25)$$

hold, where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_i(x, \hat{x}) &= R_i + (J_i(x) - J_i(\hat{x}))^T S_i + S_i^T (J_i(x) - J_i(\hat{x})) \\ &\quad + (J_i(x) - J_i(\hat{x}))^T Q_i (J_i(x) - J_i(\hat{x})) \end{aligned}$$

and $\hat{S}_i(x, \hat{x}) = Q_i (J_i(x) - J_i(\hat{x})) + S_i$. Then, system (19) is incrementally (Q, S, R) -dissipative under the switching law (11).

Proof: Similar to the proof of Theorem 3, when $V_i(x, \hat{x}) - V_j(x, \hat{x}) + \mu_{ij}(x - \hat{x}) \leq 0$, differentiating $V_i(x, \hat{x})$ together with (24) and (25) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_i &- \left(\Delta y^T Q_i \Delta y + 2\Delta y^T S_i \Delta u_i + \Delta u_i^T R_i \Delta u_i \right) \\ &= -\Delta u_i^T \hat{R}_i(x, \hat{x}) \Delta u_i + \frac{1}{2} B_i(x, \hat{x}) \Delta u_i + \frac{1}{2} \Delta u_i^T B_i^T(x, \hat{x}) \\ &\quad + C_i(x, \hat{x}) = - \left(\Delta u_i^T \hat{R}_i^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} B_i(x, \hat{x}) \hat{R}_i^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ &\quad \times \left(\Delta u_i^T \hat{R}_i^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2} B_i(x, \hat{x}) \hat{R}_i^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{1}{4} B_i(x, \hat{x}) \hat{R}_i^{-1}(x, \hat{x}) B_i^T(x, \hat{x}) + C_i(x, \hat{x}) \\
 & \leq c_i - \lambda V_i.
 \end{aligned}$$

The rest of proof is similar to that of Theorem 3.

Remark 5: (8), or (20) or (24) tells us that exponentially quasi-incremental (Q, S, R)-dissipativity is unnecessary for each subsystem. If $c_i = 0, \lambda = 0$ in (8) then the conditions in Theorem 3 can degenerate into incremental (Q, S, R)-dissipativity conditions [41].

Remark 6: The conditions (8), (20), (24) are commonly adopted for switched nonlinear systems [39]–[47]. However, checking these conditions may be difficult in practice, so that some literatures proposed an associated sufficient condition corresponding to a feasibility problem over Linear Matrix Inequalities. In general, it is very hard to get the exact analytical solution of PDIs (Partial Differential Inequalities). Hence, several methods for finding approximate solutions on a compact set or numeral solutions were proposed in [48]–[53]. In some special cases, this problem can be recasted as a convex optimization problem or state-dependent matrix inequality problem over bilinear matrix inequality. These problems can be solved by the developed approaches in [48] and [49]. Moreover, Sum of Squares method is an effective analytic tool for constructing storage functions of systems described by polynomial vector fields [50]–[53].

V. EXAMPLE

Example 2: This section will give an example to demonstrate the effectiveness of the results. Consider system (1) with two subsystems described by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f_1(x, u_1) \\
 & = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1(x_1^2 + 4.3) + 0.5x_2 - 0.6x_2^2 + 3.2 + 0.45u_1 \\ 0.3x_1 + 0.6x_2 + 7.8x_1^2 + 0.3u_1 \end{pmatrix}, \\
 & y = x_1 + 2x_2 + 0.5u_1, \\
 & f_2(x, u_2) \\
 & = \begin{pmatrix} 0.78x_1 + 0.781111x_2 - 2.984 + 0.549u_2 \\ 1.6x_1 - 20.39798x_2 + 38.4 + 0.92u_2 \end{pmatrix}, \\
 & y = x_1 + 0.99495x_2 - 0.2u_1.
 \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

The storage functions are selected as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & V_1(x, \hat{x}) = \frac{1}{2} (x - \hat{x})^T P_1 (x - \hat{x}) \text{ and} \\
 & V_2(x, \hat{x}) = \frac{1}{2} (x - \hat{x})^T P_2 (x - \hat{x}),
 \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

where $P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -0.01 \\ -0.01 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

The derivative of S_i is given as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V}_1 & \leq -\beta_{12} (V_1 - V_2) - 2V_1 + 1.2 + 0.6 (y - \hat{y})^2 \\
 & \quad + 0.5 (u_1 - \hat{u}_1) (y - \hat{y}) - 0.3 (u_1 - \hat{u}_1)^2, \\
 \dot{V}_2 & \leq -\beta_{21} (V_2 - V_1) - V_2 + 1 \\
 & \quad + 1.2 (u_2 - \hat{u}_2) (y - \hat{y}) + 0.3 (u_2 - \hat{u}_2)^2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

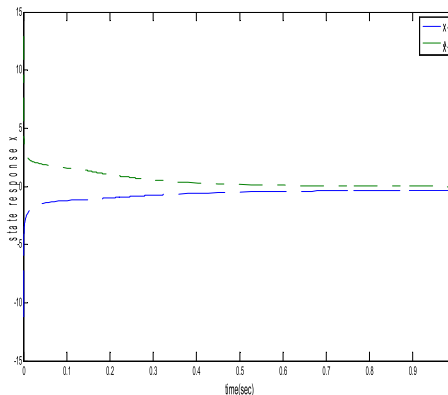


FIGURE 1. State response x_1, \hat{x}_1 of the switched system.

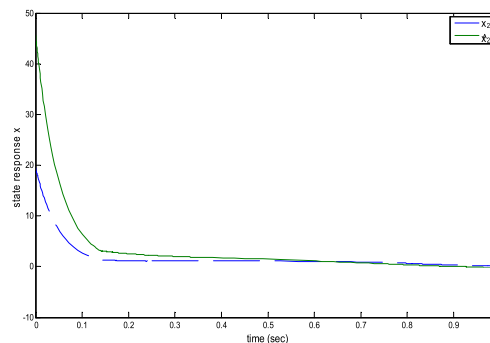


FIGURE 2. State response x_2, \hat{x}_2 of the switched system.

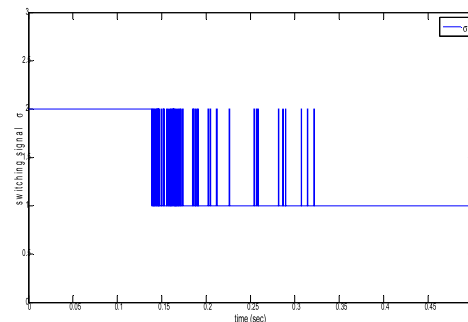


FIGURE 3. Switching signal.

where $\beta_{12} = -3.5, \beta_{21} = -10$. The switching law is designed as

$$\sigma(t) = 1, \text{ when } V_1 - V_2 \leq 0, \sigma(t) = 2, \text{ when } V_2 - V_1 \leq 0. \tag{29}$$

By Theorem 2, system (26) is quasi-incrementally (Q, S, R)-dissipative.

According to Theorem 1, the resulting closed-loop system is practically incrementally stable.

Let $u_1 = \hat{u}_1 = -10, u_2 = \hat{u}_2 = 2.59$ and the initial states $(x_1(0), x_2(0)) = (-11.2, 19.4), (\hat{x}_1(0), \hat{x}_2(0)) = (-12.9, 45.5)$. The simulation of system (26) was performed in MATLAB using the "ode45s" solver. The simulation results are presented in Figs. 1 - 3. Figs.1, 2 show the state

response of the switched system is bounded under the switching signal described by Fig. 3. Figs. 1, 2 imply that two system trajectories $x(t)$ and $\hat{x}(t)$ converge to a ball, which indicates that the closed-loop system is practically incrementally stable. Thus, the simulation results well illustrate the theory presented.

VI. CONCLUSION

This paper has investigated quasi-incremental (Q, S, R) -dissipativity and practically incremental stability for switched nonlinear systems. A state-dependent switching law has been designed to establish exponential quasi-incremental-(Q, S, R)-dissipativity criterion. The designed state-dependent switching law is more general than the well-known min-switching or max-switching. This gives more design freedom of stabilizing switched systems. However, the state-dependent switching law may cause frequent switching. How to design a state-dependent switching law with a desirable dwell time is a significant issue. This issue will be our future topic of research.

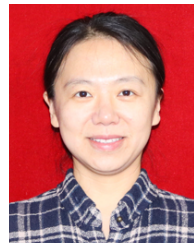
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