

# Stability Analysis of Time-Varying Delay T–S Fuzzy Systems via Quadratic-Delay-Product Method

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**Abstract**—The stability of Takagi–Sugeno (T–S) fuzzy systems with time-varying delay is investigated in this article. First of all, a novel Lyapunov–Krasovskii functional (LKF) is proposed by fully utilizing single integral polynomial-delay-product terms and membership-function-dependent matrices, where more delay information is considered. Second, by introducing negative integral estimation inequalities and polynomial inequality, the estimation gap of derivatives is further decreased. As consequence, the criterion with less conservatism is presented. Finally, the examples are utilized for verifying the validity of the stability approach.

**Index Terms**—Linear matrix inequality, quadratic-delay-product method, T–S fuzzy systems, time-varying delay.

## I. INTRODUCTION

MAJORITY of industrial systems and physical processes are modeled as the complex forms, which drive us to develop more powerful nonlinear system control strategies. Since the T–S fuzzy systems combines the abundance of linear system theory with fuzzy logic theory into a weighed sum of linear subsystems to approximate the sophisticated nonlinear systems, amount of attempts have done with using Takagi–Sugeno (T–S) fuzzy model successfully [1]–[4]. However, time-delay is undoubtedly generated in the different practical systems owing to inherent network communication, chemical processes,

etc., where oscillation, performance damage, or instability commonly outcome [5]–[7]. Since stability is a fundamental demand of the system, the stability analysis has theoretic sense and realistic sense simultaneously. The primary purpose of time-varying system stability is trying to decide the maximum allowable delay upper bound, under the condition of ensuring the stability of the system. Similarly, there exist time delays when nonlinear systems are represented in the form of a T–S fuzzy model. As a consequence, stability study about time delay T–S fuzzy systems turns out a crucial subject and it becomes a popular field in recent decades.

Lyapunov–Krasovskii functional (LKF) method as a standard and efficient method is used popularly to get criteria with time delay [8], [9]. However, how to obtain the maximum upper bound at the same time ensuring stability of the system is still an important issue. The permissible delay bound by the related criterion is commonly used to measure conservatism. Furthermore, the main roots of conservativeness reduction come from two sides: one is the structure of the LKF, another one is the estimation of the derivatives. In consequence, how to select LKF and how to approximate their derivatives are largely responsible for the conservativeness decrease.

On the one hand, constructing LKF is the critical matter to deal with time-delay T–S systems. Multiple integral terms method [10], delay-partitioning technology [11], and the augmented LKF approach [12], [13] were widely applied in the LKFs. In [14], negative quadratic terms were introduced to improve LKF, where the positive definiteness was ensured by combining the original terms and the additional negative term. In recent years, delay-product-type terms were introduced [14]–[16], where the delay and delay-related cross-terms have come out. In [15], the product of delayed-product-matrices and the augmented vectors became part of the LKF, where the integral states and delayed states were introduced to reduce conservatism. In [14], by bringing in delay-produced-type integral terms, more delay cross-terms and delay derivative cross-terms were generated as part of derivative of the LKF. Based on the previous research on the delay-product-type method, how to further reduce conservatism stimulates us to work more.

On the other hand, conservative estimation of LKF derivative have been studied for years. Jensen inequality [17], free-weighting matrices method [18], and free-matrix-based integral inequality [19] were widely used in estimation of single integral term to promote the result. In addition, the convex property plays a significant character in reducing conservatism. The simplest strategy is replacing time-varying delay with bounds [20].

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In [21], the reciprocally convex combination lemma came up for the first time. In these years, plenty of works [22]–[25] were developed to make the improvement over the original reciprocally convex inequality. Sometimes, the derivative of LKF is expressed as a quadratic form like  $f(x) = A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2$ , where  $x \in [0, h]$ . In [26], a sufficient condition was proposed for handling it from the convexity. Furthermore, several methods to deal with the negative definite determination of second-order polynomial with insightful analysis [27]–[29]. However, the abovementioned works still exist conservatism. Therefore, these methods should be further improved.

Inspired by the aforementioned materials, this article further studies the delay-dependent stability analysis of time delay T–S systems. By using integral quadratic delay-product-type terms and membership function based method, a novel LKF is constructed. This LKF together with Wirtinger inequality, extended reciprocally convex inequality and matrix-valued polynomial inequality, leads to the criterion with powerful performance. The major contributions are summarized as follows:

- 1) A new LKF is established, in which a single integral polynomial-delay-product method is devised. The derivatives of the LKF contain not only the delay-related cross terms, but also the delay-derivative-related terms and single integral quadratic-delay-related terms. Consequently, the delay-related information can be used more efficiently in the generated criterion.
- 2) Based on the inherent nature of membership function, a switched scheme is applied to construct the LKF. That is, the membership function is considered. Although some matrix constraints are added, a criterion with less conservatism can be obtained.
- 3) A new condition on a quadratic matrix inequality is used, which provides a powerful tool to delay with the quadratic inequality to formulate a novel criterion with less conservatism.

The rest of this article is organized as follows. The problem formulation of time delay T–S fuzzy systems is illustrated in Section II. The stability analysis is shown in Section III. Examples for demonstrating the validity of the presented method and the conclusion are separately shown in Sections IV and V.

*Notations:* Throughout this article,  $\mathcal{R}$  represents the set of all real numbers;  $\mathcal{S}_+^n$  means the set of all  $n \times n$  symmetric positive definite matrices;  $P > 0$  ( $P \geq 0$ ) stands  $P$  is a symmetric definite (semidefinite) matrix;  $\text{diag}\{\cdot\}$  refers a block-diagonal matrix;  $\text{col}\{\cdot\}$  stands a column vector or matrix.

## II. PROBLEM FORMULATION

Consider a time-delay T–S fuzzy system represented as follows:

*Plant Rule  $i$ :* If  $z_1(t)$  is  $M_{i1}$  and  $\dots$  and  $z_p(t)$  is  $M_{ip}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= A_i x(t) + A_{di} x(t-h(t)) \\ x(t) &= \phi(t), \quad t \in [-h, 0] \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $x(t) \in \mathcal{R}^n$  represents the state variable;  $A_i \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $A_{di} \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $B_i \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times m}$  are system matrices;  $z_j(t)$  ( $j = 1, \dots, p$ ) is the premise variable;  $M_{ij}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, r; j =$

$1, \dots, p$ ) is fuzzy set;  $r$  is the number of fuzzy rules;  $h(t)$  is time delay with the conditions as follows:

$$0 \leq h(t) \leq h, \mu_1 \leq \dot{h}(t) \leq \mu_2, \mu_1 = -\mu_2. \quad (2)$$

By making use of the fuzzy inference approach, system (1) can be denoted as

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(z(t)) (A_i x(t) + A_{di} x(t-h(t))) \quad (3)$$

and

$$\lambda_i(z(t)) = \frac{\omega_i(z(t))}{\sum_{i=1}^r \omega_i(z(t))}, \quad \omega_i(z(t)) = \prod_{j=1}^p M_{ij}(z_j(t))$$

with  $\lambda_i(z(t))$  referring the normalized membership function,  $M_{ij}(z_j(t))$  referring the grade of membership of  $z_j(t)$  in  $M_{ij}$ . Suppose  $\omega_i(z(t)) > 0$  for  $t \geq 0$ , then we obtain the nature of the membership function

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(z(t)) = 1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^r \dot{\lambda}_i(z(t)) = 0. \quad (4)$$

Before presenting the major result of this article, some useful lemmas are presented as follows:

*Lemma 1* [30], [31]: For a differentiable vector  $x(s) \in \mathcal{R}^n$ ,  $a < b$  and a matrix  $R \in \mathcal{S}_+^n$ , we have the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} c \int_a^b x^T(s) R x(s) ds \geq \hat{\psi}_1^T R \hat{\psi}_1 + 3\hat{\psi}_2^T R \hat{\psi}_2 \\ c \int_a^b \dot{x}^T(s) R \dot{x}(s) ds \geq \psi_1^T R \psi_1 + 3\psi_2^T R \psi_2 + 5\psi_3^T R \psi_3 \end{cases} \\ & \frac{c^2}{2} \int_a^b \int_\theta^b x^T(s) R x(s) ds d\theta \\ & \geq \int_a^b \int_\theta^b x^T(s) ds d\theta R \int_a^b \int_\theta^b x(s) ds d\theta + 2\psi_4^T R \psi_4 \end{aligned}$$

where  $c = b - a$  and

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\psi}_1 = \int_a^b x(s) ds \\ \hat{\psi}_2 = \int_a^b x(s) ds - \frac{2}{c} \int_a^b \int_\theta^b x(s) ds d\theta \\ \psi_1 = x(b) - x(a) \\ \psi_2 = x(b) + x(a) - \frac{2}{c} \int_a^b x(s) ds \\ \psi_3 = x(b) - x(a) + \frac{6}{c} \int_a^b x(s) ds - \frac{12}{c^2} \int_a^b \int_\theta^b x(s) ds d\theta \\ \psi_4 = - \int_a^b \int_\theta^b x(s) ds d\theta + \frac{3}{c} \int_a^b \int_\theta^b \int_s^b x(v) dv ds d\theta. \end{cases}$$

*Lemma 2* [23]: Let  $R_1, R_2 \in \mathcal{S}_+^n$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , matrices  $X_1, X_2 \in \mathcal{S}^n$  and real matrices  $Y_1, Y_2 \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$ , if the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 - X_1 & Y_1 \\ * & R_2 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0, \quad \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & Y_2 \\ * & R_2 - X_2 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0.$$

In this way, the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\alpha} R_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{1-\alpha} R_2 \end{bmatrix} \geq \begin{bmatrix} R_1 + (1-\alpha)X_1 & \alpha Y_1 + (1-\alpha)Y_2 \\ * & R_2 + \alpha X_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Lemma 3 [32]:** For matrices  $Z_h = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(z(t))Z_i$  and  $X_h = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(z(t))X_i$  with  $Z_i > 0$  and  $X_i > 0$ . We have  $Z_h \leq 0$  and  $X_h \leq 0$  if the following equalities (5) is satisfied:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\lambda}_j(z(t)) < 0 : & Z_j - Z_r > 0, X_j - X_r > 0 \\ \dot{\lambda}_j(z(t)) \geq 0 : & Z_j - Z_r \leq 0, X_j - X_r \leq 0 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $j = 1, \dots, r-1$ .

**Lemma 4 [33]:** The matrix polynomial inequality

$$A_0 + A_1 h(t) + A_2 h^2(t) < 0$$

with  $A_0, A_1, A_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  holds for arbitrary  $h(t) \in [0, h]$  if and only if there are a skew-symmetric matrix  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $D \in S_n^+$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_0 & \frac{1}{2}A_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}A_1 & A_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C \\ J \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} D & G \\ G^T & -D \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ J \end{bmatrix} < 0$$

where  $C = [hI \ 0]$  and  $J = [hI \ -2I]$ .

**Remark 1:** In [33], a necessary and sufficient condition about deciding negative definiteness of matrix polynomial inequality was established. A similar result was formulated in [34], where the decision variables are same as those in [33]. The condition of positive definiteness of matrix polynomial inequality can be easily obtained from Lemma 4, which will be used later.

### III. MAIN RESULT

This article devotes to study the stability of the time delay T-S fuzzy systems with making use of membership function based matrices and single integral quadratic-delay-related terms. For simplicity, some expressions are listed as follows:

$$e_0 = 0_{n \times 10n}$$

$$e_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n \times (i-1)n} & I_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times (10-i)n} \end{bmatrix}, i = 1, \dots, 10$$

$$T_\zeta = T_\zeta(h(t), \dot{h}(t)), T_{\zeta 0} = T_{\zeta 0}(\dot{h}(t)), T_{\zeta 1} = T_{\zeta 1}(\dot{h}(t))$$

$$\hat{T}_\zeta = \hat{T}_\zeta(h(t), \dot{h}(t)), \hat{T}_{\zeta 0} = \hat{T}_{\zeta 0}(\dot{h}(t)), \hat{T}_{\zeta 1} = \hat{T}_{\zeta 1}(\dot{h}(t))$$

$$h_t = h - h(t), \zeta = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

$$\eta_1(t) = \text{col}\{x(t), h(t)v_6(t), h_t v_7, h(t)v_8(t), h_t v_9\}$$

$$\eta_2(t, s) = \text{col}\{x(s), \dot{x}(s), x(t)$$

$$x(t-h(t)), x(t-h), \int_s^t x(u)du\}$$

$$\eta_3(t, s) = \text{col}\{x(s), \dot{x}(s), x(t)$$

$$x(t-h(t)), x(t-h), \int_s^{t-h(t)} x(u)du\}$$

$$v_6(t) = \int_{t-h(t)}^t \frac{x(s)}{h(t)} ds, v_7(t) = \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} \frac{x(s)}{h_t} ds$$

$$v_8(t) = \int_{t-h(t)}^t \int_s^t \frac{x(u)}{h^2(t)} dudt$$

$$v_9(t) = \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} \int_s^{t-h(t)} \frac{x(u)}{h_t^2} dudt$$

$$\xi(t) = \text{col}\{x(t), x(t-h(t)), x(t-h), \dot{x}(t-h(t))$$

$$\dot{x}(t-h), v_6, v_7, v_8, v_9, \dot{x}(t)\}.$$

**Theorem 1:** Given  $h, \mu_k$ , system (3) is asymptotically stable if there are symmetric matrices with appropriate dimension  $P_i > 0, Q_{1i} > 0, Q_{2i} > 0, R_\zeta > 0, H > 0, Z_{11}, Z_1, Z_2, Z_{22}, Z_3, Z_4, M_{11}, M_1, M_2, M_{22}, M_3, M_4, X_1, X_2, D_{1\zeta}, D_{2i}$ , any matrices  $Y_1, Y_2, K_\iota$ , and skew-symmetric matrices  $G_{1\zeta}, G_{2i}$ , for  $k = 1, 2, i = 1, \dots, r, \zeta = 1, 2, 3, 4, \iota = 1, 2, 3, \nu = 0, 1$  or none, satisfying the following equalities:

$$\dot{P}_h \leq 0, \dot{Q}_{1h} \leq 0, \dot{Q}_{2h} \leq 0 \quad (6)$$

$$ZM_\zeta + \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ J_1 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} D_{1\zeta} & G_{1\zeta} \\ G_{1\zeta}^T & -D_{1\zeta} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ J_1 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (7)$$

$$T_\zeta(h(t), u_k) > 0 \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{T}_1 - X_1 & Y_1 \\ * & \hat{T}_2 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \quad \begin{bmatrix} \hat{T}_1 & Y_2 \\ * & \hat{T}_2 - X_2 \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_i^0(u_k) & \frac{1}{2}A_i^1(u_k) \\ * & A_i^2(u_k) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} C_2 \\ J_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} D_{2i} & G_{2i} \\ G_{2i}^T & -D_{2i} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_2 \\ J_2 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (10)$$

where other equations are listed in Appendix.

**Proof:** Considering the following LKF:

$$V(t) = \sum_{i=1}^5 V_i(t) \quad (11)$$

where

$$V_1(t) = \eta_1^T(t) P_h \eta_1(t)$$

$$V_2(t) = \int_{t-h(t)}^t \eta_2^T(t, s) Q_{1h} \eta_2(t, s) ds$$

$$+ \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} \eta_3^T(t, s) Q_{2h} \eta_3(t, s) ds$$

$$V_3(t) = \int_{t-h(t)}^t \dot{x}^T(s) (h^2(t) Z_{11} + h(t) Z_1 + Z_2) \dot{x}(s) ds$$

$$+ \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} \dot{x}^T(s) (h_t^2 Z_{22} + h_t Z_3 + Z_4) \dot{x}(s) ds$$

$$+ \int_{-h(t)}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) R_1 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta$$

$$+ \int_{-h}^{-h(t)} \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) R_2 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta,$$

$$V_4(t) = \int_{t-h(t)}^t x^T(s) (h^2(t) M_{11} + h(t) M_1 + M_2) x(s) ds$$

$$+ \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} x^T(s) (h_t^2 M_{22} + h_t M_3 + M_4) x(s) ds$$

$$+ \int_{-h(t)}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t x^T(s) R_3 x(s) ds d\theta$$

$$+ \int_{-h}^{-h(t)} \int_{t+\theta}^t x^T(s) R_4 x(s) ds d\theta$$

$$V_5(t) = \int_{t-h}^t \int_{\theta}^t \int_u^t \dot{x}^T(s) H \dot{x}(s) ds du d\theta$$

with  $P_h = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(z(t)) P_i$ ,  $Q_{1h} = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(z(t)) Q_{1i}$  and  $Q_{2h} = \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(z(t)) Q_{2i}$ .

The positive definiteness of  $V_1(t)$ ,  $V_2(t)$  can be proved by  $P_i > 0$ ,  $Q_{1i} > 0$  and  $Q_{2i} > 0$ . The positive definiteness of  $V_3(t)$ ,  $V_4(t)$  and  $V_5(t)$  can be guaranteed by (7),  $R_\zeta > 0$  ( $\zeta = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) and  $H > 0$ .

Next, calculating the derivatives yields

$$\dot{V}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^5 \dot{V}_i(t) \quad (12)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_1(t) &= \text{sym}\{\eta_1^T(t) P_h \dot{\eta}_1(t)\} + \eta_1^T(t) \dot{P}_h \eta_1(t) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(z(t)) \xi^T(t) (\Phi_{10} + h(t) \Phi_{11}) \xi(t) \\ \dot{V}_2(t) &= \eta_2^T(t, t) Q_{1h} \eta_2(t, t) - (1 - \dot{h}(t)) \eta_2^T(t, h_t) Q_{1h} \eta_2(t, h_t) \\ &\quad + \text{sym} \left\{ \int_{t-h(t)}^t \eta_2^T(t, s) Q_{1h} \frac{\partial \eta_2(t, s)}{\partial t} ds \right\} \\ &\quad + \int_{t-h(t)}^t \eta_2^T(t, s) \dot{Q}_{1h} \eta_2(t, s) ds \\ &\quad + (1 - \dot{h}(t)) \eta_3^T(t, h_t) Q_{2h} \eta_3(t, h_t) \\ &\quad - \eta_3^T(t, t-h) Q_{2h} \eta_3(t, t-h) \\ &\quad + \text{sym} \left\{ \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} \eta_3^T(t, s) Q_{2h} \frac{\partial \eta_3(t, s)}{\partial t} ds \right\} \\ &\quad + \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} \eta_3^T(t, s) \dot{Q}_{2h} \eta_3(t, s) ds \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(z(t)) \xi^T(t) (\Phi_{20}(\dot{h}(t)) + h(t) \Phi_{21}(\dot{h}(t)) \\ &\quad + h^2(t) \Phi_{22}(\dot{h}(t))) \xi(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_3(t) &= \dot{x}^T(t) [h^2(t) Z_{11} + h(t) Z_1 + Z_2 + h(t) R_1 + h_t R_2] \\ &\quad \times \dot{x}(t) + (1 - \dot{h}(t)) \dot{x}^T(t-h(t)) [-h^2(t) Z_{11} \\ &\quad - h(t) Z_1 - Z_2 + h_t^2 Z_{22} + h_t Z_3 + Z_4] \dot{x}(t-h(t)) \\ &\quad + \dot{x}^T(t-h) [-h_t^2 Z_{22} - h_t Z_3 - Z_4] \dot{x}(t-h) \\ &\quad - \int_{t-h(t)}^t \dot{x}^T(s) \left( (1 - \dot{h}(t)) R_1 + \dot{h}(t) R_2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2h(t) \dot{h}(t) Z_{11} - \dot{h}(t) Z_1 \right) \dot{x}(s) ds \\ &\quad - \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} \dot{x}^T(s) T_2 \dot{x}(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \xi^T(t) (\Phi_{30}(\dot{h}(t)) + h(t) \Phi_{31}(\dot{h}(t)) + h^2(t) \Phi_{32}(\dot{h}(t))) \\ &\quad \times \xi(t) - \int_{t-h(t)}^t \dot{x}^T(s) \left( (1 - \dot{h}(t)) R_1 + \dot{h}(t) R_2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2h(t) \dot{h}(t) Z_{11} - \dot{h}(t) Z_1 \right) \dot{x}(s) ds \\ &\quad - \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} \dot{x}^T(s) T_2 \dot{x}(s) ds \\ \dot{V}_4(t) &= x^T(t) [h^2(t) M_{11} + h(t) M_1 + M_2 + h(t) R_3 \\ &\quad + h_t R_4] x(t) + (1 - \dot{h}(t)) x^T(t-h(t)) \\ &\quad \times [-h^2(t) M_{11} - h(t) M_1 - M_2 + h_t^2 M_{22} \\ &\quad + h_t M_3 + M_4] x(t-h(t)) \\ &\quad + x^T(t-h) [-h_t^2 M_{22} - h_t M_3 \\ &\quad - M_4] x(t-h) - \int_{t-h(t)}^t x^T(s) T_3 x(s) ds \\ &\quad - \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} x^T(s) T_4 x(s) ds \\ &= \xi^T(t) (\Phi_{40}(\dot{h}(t)) + h(t) \Phi_{41}(\dot{h}(t)) + h^2(t) \Phi_{42}(\dot{h}(t))) \\ &\quad \times \xi(t) - \int_{t-h(t)}^t x^T(s) T_3 x(s) ds \\ &\quad - \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} x^T(s) T_4 x(s) ds \\ \dot{V}_5(t) &= \frac{h^2}{2} \dot{x}^T(t) H \dot{x}(t) - \int_{t-h(t)}^t \int_{\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) H \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\ &\quad - \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} \int_{\theta}^{t-h(t)} \dot{x}^T(s) H \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\ &\quad - h_t \int_{t-h(t)}^t \dot{x}^T(s) H \dot{x}(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 1 to calculate the above double integral terms, then the following holds:

$$\dot{V}_5(t) \leq \xi^T(t) \Phi_{50} \xi(t) - h_t \int_{t-h(t)}^t \dot{x}^T(s) H \dot{x}(s) ds.$$

Based on convex combination technique, inequalities (8) can ensure the positiveness of  $T_\zeta$ . Next, utilizing Lemma 1 to estimate  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$  related integral terms yields

$$\begin{aligned} &- \int_{t-h(t)}^t \dot{x}^T(s) T_1 \dot{x}(s) ds - \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} \dot{x}^T(s) T_2 \dot{x}(s) ds \\ &\leq -\xi^T(t) \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{h(t)} \hat{T}_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{h_t} \hat{T}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{bmatrix} \xi(t). \quad (13) \end{aligned}$$



Applying Lemma 2, if there exist suitable dimensional symmetrical matrices  $X_1, X_2$ , any matrices  $Y_1, Y_2$  satisfying condition (9), then the following holds:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{h(t)}\hat{T}_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{h_t}\hat{T}_2 \end{bmatrix} \\
 & \leq -\frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} \hat{T}_1 + (1 - \frac{h(t)}{h})X_1 & \frac{h(t)}{h}Y_1 + (1 - \frac{h(t)}{h})Y_2 \\ * & \hat{T}_2 + \frac{h(t)}{h}X_2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (14)
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying the Lemma 1 to estimate  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \int_{t-h(t)}^t x^T(s)T_3x(s)ds - \int_{t-h}^{t-h(t)} x^T(s)T_4x(s)ds \\
 & \leq -\xi^T(t) \begin{bmatrix} E_3 \\ E_4 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} h(t)\hat{T}_3 & 0 \\ 0 & h_t\hat{T}_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_3 \\ E_4 \end{bmatrix} \xi(t). \quad (15)
 \end{aligned}$$

For any proper dimensional matrices  $K_1, K_2$ , and  $K_3$ , we can easily obtain the below constant zero term (16)

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(z(t))\Gamma(t)[- \dot{x}(t) + A_i x(t) + A_{di}x(t-h(t))] = 0 \quad (16)$$

in which  $\Gamma(t) = \xi^T(t)(e_1^T K_1 + e_2^T K_2 + e_{10}^T K_3)$ .

By combing the above formulations (11)–(16), we can get the following inequalities:

$$\dot{V}(t) \leq \sum_{i=1}^r \lambda_i(z(t))\xi^T(t)A_i\xi(t) \quad (17)$$

where  $A_i = A_i^1 + h(t)A_i^1 + h^2(t)A_i^2$ .

Based on Lemma 4, inequality  $A_i < 0$  holds if there are skew-symmetric matrices  $G_{2i}$ , symmetric matrices  $D_{2i}$  and fixed matrices  $C_2$  and  $J_2$  such that inequalities (10) hold. This completes the proof. ■

*Remark 2:* As previously stated in [15], [16], and [35], delay and delay derivative related terms may effectively reveal the delay information, which can help reduce the conservatism. In [14], delay-product-type terms were employed. In our work, we consider the single integral quadratic-delay-related terms in  $V_3(t)$  and  $V_4(t)$ . As a result, there are delay and delay derivative dependent terms that can be produced, as well as a number of single integral quadratic-delay-related terms such as  $\dot{h}(t) \int_{t-h(t)}^t \dot{x}^T(s)Z_1\dot{x}(s)ds$ ,  $2\dot{h}(t)h(t) \int_{t-h(t)}^t \dot{x}^T(s)Z_{11}\dot{x}(s)ds$ .

*Remark 3:* In order to make LKF (11) keep positive, the positiveness of  $h^2(t)Z_{11} + h(t)Z_1 + Z_2$ ,  $h_t^2Z_{22} + h_tZ_3 + Z_4$ ,  $h^2(t)M_{11} + h(t)M_1 + M_2$  and  $h_t^2M_{22} + h_tM_3 + M_4$  can be guaranteed by condition (7), which can be easily obtained by Lemma 4.

*Remark 4:* A few publications used membership function information to address stability issues about T-S fuzzy systems [16]. Different from the LKFs employed in the previous studies, the developed LKF in this article employs a membership function-dependent matrix approach, resulting in a superior

TABLE I  
MAXIMUM UPPER BOUNDS

Methods	[36]	[16]	[37]	[38]	Theorem 1
u=0	1.9011	2.3269	2.5932	3.6167	3.6446
u=0.1	1.7411	2.1190	2.3268	-	3.2464

stability criterion with a larger time delay upper bound when compared to the existing literature. In spite of some constraints on matrices increasing, the criterion also reduces the conservatism.

*Remark 5:* To fully utilize the membership function information, we employ the method proposed in [32], which is on account of the essence of the membership function. In this way, a new time-varying matrices are constructed by using the membership function, and the matrices are negative definite after derivation. There exist  $2^{r-1}$  situations, the finally largest upper bound is obtained by  $h = \min_{1 \leq q \leq 2^{r-1}} \{h_q\}$ . For example, we can get two different upper bounds under two circumstances in Example 1. When  $\dot{\lambda}_1(t) < 0$ , the sampling interval is  $h_1$ ; When  $\dot{\lambda}_1(t) \geq 0$ , the sampling interval is  $h_2$ . The ultimate largest upper bound is  $h = \min\{h_1, h_2\}$ .

#### IV. SIMULATION EXAMPLES

Two examples are shown for verifying the validity of the suggested strategy. The maximal upper bounds are given in Tables, which embodies the superiority.

*Example 1:* The widely studied time-delay fuzzy system is considered [32], [38]

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i(z(t))[A_i x(t) + A_{di}x(t-h(t))]$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0.5 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\
 A_{d1} &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{d2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0.1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

and the membership functions are

$$\lambda_1(t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-2x_1(t)}}, \quad \lambda_2(t) = 1 - \lambda_1(t).$$

The upper bound of maximum delay  $h$  is computed via Theorem 1. First, making  $u_1 = 0$  means the system is studied as constant delay system. When  $\{P_1 > P_2, Q_{11} > Q_{12}, Q_{21} > Q_{22}\}$ ,  $h_1 = 3.7439$ ; when  $\{P_1 \leq P_2, Q_{11} \leq Q_{12}, Q_{21} \leq Q_{22}\}$ ,  $h_2 = 3.6446$ , so the final maximum sample interval  $h = \min\{h_1, h_2\} = 3.6446$ . Second, making  $u_1 = 0.1$  means the system is studied as the time-varying delay system. When  $\{P_1 > P_2, Q_{11} > Q_{12}, Q_{21} > Q_{22}\}$ ,  $h_1 = 3.3210$ ; when  $\{P_1 \leq P_2, Q_{11} \leq Q_{12}, Q_{21} \leq Q_{22}\}$ ,  $h_2 = 3.2464$ , so the final maximum sample interval  $h = \min\{h_1, h_2\} = 3.2464$ . By making  $u_1 = \{0, 0.1\}$ , Table I displays the different values and shows Theorem 1 is less conservative.

TABLE II  
MAXIMUM UPPER BOUNDS

Methods	[39]	[40]	[37]	[41]	Theorem 1
u=0	3.82	4.37	5.5826	5.5973	5.6897
u=0.1	3.09	3.41	4.2044	4.2928	4.4982
u=0.5	1.95	1.95	2.0685	2.2571	2.9666

The responses of the system is demonstrated in Fig. 1. The curves shows the system stays stable with  $h(t) = \frac{3.2464}{2}\sin(\frac{0.2}{3.2464}t) + \frac{3.2464}{2}$  and  $x_0(t) = [-1; 1.5]$ .

*Example 2:* The widely studied time-delay fuzzy system is considered [39]–[41]

$$\dot{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i(z(t)) [A_i x(t) + A_{di} x(t-h(t))]$$

where

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -2.1 & 0.1 \\ -0.2 & -0.9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1.9 & 0 \\ -0.2 & -1.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{d1} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.1 & 0.1 \\ -0.8 & -0.9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A_{d2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.9 & 0 \\ -1.1 & -1.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and the membership functions are

$$\lambda_1(t) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-2x_1(t)}}, \quad \lambda_2(t) = 1 - \lambda_1(t).$$

The maximum delay bounds for different derivatives are given in Table II based on the method in Theorem 1. In this way, this novel method can offer less conservative results compared with the results in Example 2.

*Remark 6:* There are some papers that have shown the effectiveness of the result may be greatly affected by the type of the antecedent set [42]–[44]. The CNO type antecedents and SNNN type antecedents are used to test the generality of the method. The obtained CNO related results provide better performance than the T-S related results. In the future, we may focus on how to select fuzzy antecedents to gain better results.

## V. CONCLUSION

In this article, stability analysis of time delay T-S fuzzy systems is investigated. A new LKF makes full use of single integral polynomial-delay-product terms and membership-function-dependent matrices. To cope with the derivatives of the LKF, Wirtinger inequality, auxiliary function-based integral inequality, and matrix-valued polynomial inequalities are utilized. Then, the novel stability criterion with less conservatism is constructed using the Lyapunov stability theory. Ultimately, two examples are utilized for verifying the advantage of the criterion. However, how to further minimize conservatism of the stability and reduce the computation still matters. Based on the existing works, designing a more powerful method with using membership function information to deal with the T-S fuzzy system is our future research plan

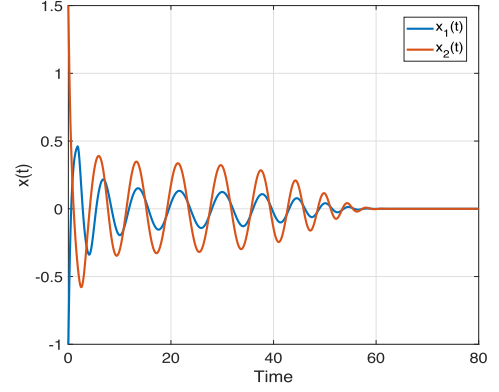


Fig. 1. Responses with  $h(t) = \frac{3.2464}{2}\sin(\frac{0.2}{3.2464}t) + \frac{3.2464}{2}$ .

## APPENDIX

$$A_i^0 = \Phi_{10} + \Phi_{20} + \Phi_{30} + \Phi_{40} + \Phi_{50} + \Phi_{60} + \Phi_{70} + \Phi_{80}$$

$$A_i^1 = \Phi_{11} + \Phi_{21} + \Phi_{31} + \Phi_{41} + \Phi_{61} + \Phi_{71}$$

$$A_i^2 = \Phi_{22} + \Phi_{32} + \Phi_{42} + \Phi_{72}$$

$$\Phi_{10} = \text{sym}\{f_{10}^T P_i f_2\}, \quad \Phi_{11} = \text{sym}\{f_{11}^T P_i f_2\}$$

$$\Phi_{20}(\dot{h}(t)) = F_1^T Q_{1i} F_1 - (1 - \dot{h}(t)) F_{20}^T Q_{1i} F_{20} - F_{40}^T Q_{2i} F_{40} + (1 - \dot{h}(t)) F_3^T Q_{2i} F_3 + \text{sym}\{F_{50}^T Q_{1i} F_6 + F_{70}^T Q_{2i} F_8\}$$

$$\Phi_{21}(\dot{h}(t)) = \text{sym}\{-(1 - \dot{h}(t)) F_{21}^T Q_{1i} F_{20} - F_{41}^T Q_{2i} F_{40} + F_{51}^T Q_{1i} F_6 + F_{71}^T Q_{2i} F_8\}$$

$$\Phi_{22}(\dot{h}(t)) = -(1 - \dot{h}(t)) F_{21}^T Q_{1i} F_{21} - F_{41}^T Q_{2i} F_{41} + \text{sym}\{F_{52}^T Q_{1i} F_6 + F_{72}^T Q_{2i} F_8\}$$

$$\Phi_{30}(\dot{h}(t)) = e_{10}^T (Z_2 + hR_2) e_{10} + (1 - \dot{h}(t)) e_4^T (-Z_2 + Z_4 + h^2 Z_{22} + hZ_3) e_4 - e_5^T (h^2 Z_{22} + hZ_3 + Z_4) e_5$$

$$\Phi_{31}(\dot{h}(t)) = e_{10}^T (Z_1 + R_1 - R_2) e_{10} + (1 - \dot{h}(t)) e_4^T (-Z_1 - 2hZ_{22} - Z_3) e_4 + e_5^T (2hZ_{22} + Z_3) e_5$$

$$\Phi_{32}(\dot{h}(t)) = e_{10}^T Z_{11} e_{10} + (1 - \dot{h}(t)) e_4^T (-Z_{11} + Z_{22}) e_4 - e_5^T Z_{22} e_5$$

$$\Phi_{40}(\dot{h}(t)) = e_1^T (M_2 + hR_4) e_1 + (1 - \dot{h}(t)) e_2^T (-M_2 + M_4 + h^2 M_{22} + hM_3) e_2 - e_3^T (h^2 M_{22} + hM_3 + M_4) e_3$$

$$\Phi_{41}(\dot{h}(t)) = e_1^T (M_1 + R_3 - R_4) e_1 + (1 - \dot{h}(t)) e_2^T (-M_1 - 2hM_{22} - M_3) e_2 + e_3^T (2hM_{22} + M_3) e_3$$

$$\Phi_{42}(\dot{h}(t)) = e_1^T M_{11} e_1 + (1 - \dot{h}(t)) e_2^T (-M_{11} + M_{22}) e_2 - e_3^T M_{22} e_3$$

$$\Phi_{50} = \frac{h^2}{2} e_{10}^T H e_{10} - 2f_3^T H f_3 - f_4^T H f_4 - 2f_5^T H f_5 - f_6^T H f_6$$

$$\Phi_{60} = -\frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \hat{T}_{10} + X_1 & Y_2 \\ * & \hat{T}_{20} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi_{61} = -\frac{1}{h} \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \hat{T}_{11} - \frac{1}{h} X_1 & \frac{1}{h} Y_1 - \frac{1}{h} Y_2 \\ * & \hat{T}_{21} + \frac{1}{h} X_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi_{70} = -h E_4^T \hat{T}_{40} E_4$$

$$\Phi_{71} = -E_3^T \hat{T}_{30} E_3 - h E_4^T \hat{T}_{41} E_4 + E_4^T \hat{T}_{40} E_4$$

$$\Phi_{72} = -E_3^T \hat{T}_{31} E_3 + E_4^T \hat{T}_{41} E_4$$

$$\Phi_{80} = \text{sym}\{\Gamma_0 \times (e_{10} - A_i e_1 - A_{di} e_2)\}$$

$$\Gamma_0 = e_1^T K_1 + e_2^T K_2 + e_{10}^T K_3$$

$$T_1 = (1 - \dot{h}(t)) R_1 + \dot{h}(t) R_2 - 2h(t) \dot{h}(t) Z_{11} - \dot{h}(t) Z_1 + h_t H$$

$$T_2 = R_2 + 2h_t \dot{h}(t) Z_{22} + \dot{h}(t) Z_3$$

$$T_3 = (1 - \dot{h}(t)) R_3 + \dot{h}(t) R_4 - 2h(t) \dot{h}(t) M_{11} - \dot{h}(t) M_1$$

$$T_4 = R_4 + 2h_t \dot{h}(t) M_{22} + \dot{h}(t) M_3$$

$$T_{10} = (1 - \dot{h}(t)) R_1 + \dot{h}(t) R_2 - \dot{h}(t) Z_1 + h H$$

$$T_{11} = -2\dot{h}(t) Z_{11} - H$$

$$T_{20} = R_2 + 2h \dot{h}(t) Z_{22} + \dot{h}(t) Z_3$$

$$T_{21} = -2\dot{h}(t) Z_{22}$$

$$T_{30} = (1 - \dot{h}(t)) R_3 + \dot{h}(t) R_4 - \dot{h}(t) M_1$$

$$T_{31} = -2\dot{h}(t) M_{11}$$

$$T_{40} = R_4 + 2h \dot{h}(t) M_{22} + \dot{h}(t) M_3$$

$$T_{41} = -2\dot{h}(t) M_{22}$$

$$\hat{T}_{1\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{1\nu} & 0 & 0 \\ * & 3T_{1\nu} & 0 \\ * & * & 5T_{1\nu} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{T}_{3\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{3\nu} & 0 \\ * & 3T_{3\nu} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{T}_{2\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{2\nu} & 0 & 0 \\ * & 3T_{2\nu} & 0 \\ * & * & 5T_{2\nu} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{T}_{4\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} T_{4\nu} & 0 \\ * & 3T_{4\nu} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_1 = [hI_{n \times n} \ 0_{n \times n}]; C_2 = [hI_{10n \times 10n} \ 0_{10n \times 10n}]$$

$$J_1 = [hI_{n \times n} \ -2I_{n \times n}]; J_2 = [hI_{10n \times 10n} \ -2I_{10n \times 10n}]$$

$$F_1 = \text{col}\{e_1, e_{10}, e_1, e_2, e_3, e_0\}$$

$$F_{20} = \text{col}\{e_2, e_4, e_1, e_2, e_3, e_0\}$$

$$F_{21} = \text{col}\{e_0, e_0, e_0, e_0, e_0, e_6\}$$

$$F_3 = \text{col}\{e_2, e_4, e_1, e_2, e_3, e_0\}$$

$$F_{40} = \text{col}\{e_3, e_5, e_1, e_2, e_3, h e_7\}$$

$$F_{41} = \text{col}\{e_0, e_0, e_0, e_0, e_0, -e_7\}$$

$$F_{50} = \text{col}\{e_0, e_1 - e_2, e_0, e_0, e_0, e_0\}$$

$$F_{51} = \text{col}\{e_6, e_0, e_1, e_2, e_3, e_0\}$$

$$F_{52} = \text{col}\{e_0, e_0, e_0, e_0, e_0, e_8\}$$

$$F_6 = \text{col}\{e_0, e_0, e_{10}, (1 - \dot{h}(t))e_4, e_5, e_1\}$$

$$F_{70} = \text{col}\{h e_7, e_2 - e_3, h e_1, h e_2, h e_3, h^2 e_9\}$$

$$F_{71} = \text{col}\{-e_7, e_0, -e_1, -e_2, -e_3, -2h e_9\}$$

$$F_{72} = \text{col}\{e_0, e_0, e_0, e_0, e_0, e_9\}$$

$$F_8 = \text{col}\{e_0, e_0, e_{10}, (1 - \dot{h}(t))e_4, e_5, (1 - \dot{h}(t))e_2\}$$

$$f_{10} = \text{col}\{e_1, e_0, h e_7, e_0, h e_9\}$$

$$f_{11} = \text{col}\{e_0, e_6, -e_7, e_8, -e_9\}$$

$$f_2 = \text{col}\{e_{10}, e_1 - (1 - \dot{h}(t))e_2, (1 - \dot{h}(t))e_2 - e_3, e_1 - (1 - \dot{h}(t))e_6 - \dot{h}(t)e_8, (1 - \dot{h}(t))e_2 - e_7 + \dot{h}(t)e_9\}$$

$$f_3 = e_1 - e_6$$

$$f_4 = e_1 + 2e_6 - 6e_8$$

$$f_5 = e_2 - e_7$$

$$f_6 = e_2 + 2e_7 - 6e_9$$

$$E_1 = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 - e_2 \\ e_1 + e_2 - 2e_6 \\ e_1 - e_2 + 6e_6 - 12e_8 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_3 = \begin{bmatrix} e_6 \\ e_6 - 2e_8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$E_2 = \begin{bmatrix} e_2 - e_3 \\ e_2 + e_3 - 2e_7 \\ e_2 - e_3 + 6e_7 - 12e_9 \end{bmatrix}, \quad E_4 = \begin{bmatrix} e_7 \\ e_7 - 2e_9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$ZM_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -Z_2 & -\frac{1}{2}Z_1 \\ * & -Z_{11} \end{bmatrix}, \quad ZM_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -Z_4 & -\frac{1}{2}Z_3 \\ * & -Z_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$ZM_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -M_2 & -\frac{1}{2}M_1 \\ * & -M_{11} \end{bmatrix}, \quad ZM_4 = \begin{bmatrix} -M_4 & -\frac{1}{2}M_3 \\ * & -M_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

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