Delay-independent criterion of absolute stability for nonautonomous systems with variable delays

Pierre-Alexandre Bliman
I.N.R.I.A. – Rocquencourt
Domaine de Voluceau, B.P. 105
78153 Le Chesnay Cedex, France
pierre-alexandre.bliman@inria.fr

Phone: (33) 1 39 63 55 68, Fax: (33) 1 39 63 57 86

Abstract: This paper deals with absolute stability conditions for multivariable systems with time-varying memoryless nonlinearities subject to sector conditions, and with variable delays. Assuming essentially a sector condition on the rate of variation of the nonlinearities and a bound on the derivative of the delays, we provide a stability criterion independent upon the size of the delays, expressed as a LMI condition. A numerical example of application is treated.

Key-words: delay systems, variable delays, absolute stability, delay-independent conditions, time-varying nonlinearities.

1 Introduction

We consider here a multivariable nonlinear control system given by the following delay differential equation:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + \sum_{l=1}^{L} A_l x(t - h_l(t)) - B\psi(t, y), \\ y = Cx + \sum_{l=1}^{L} C_l x(t - h_l(t)), \ x_0^{(h)} = \phi \end{cases},$$
(1)

where $n, p \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$, $L \in \mathbb{N}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $y \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $A_l \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$, $C_l \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$, $0 < h_1(t) < \cdots < h_L(t) \le h$ for any $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$, for a certain $h \in \mathbb{R}$, and $x_t^{(h)}(s) = x(t+s)$ for $s \in [-h, 0]$. For constant delays, sufficient conditions for absolute stability of system (1) are provided in [12, 11] for stationary nonlinearities, and in [2] for nonstationary nonlinearities. Also, a generalization of circle criterion is provided in [5] for systems with variable delays. The previous results are delay-dependent, in the sense that their hypotheses take into account explicitly the magnitude of the delays.

On the other hand, when the latter are unknown, one may be interested [8] by delay-independent conditions, more precisely by results independent upon the size of the delay. Delay-independent absolute stability results have been given in [6, 14], in the case where the nonlinearity is stationnary with undelayed input (y = Cx(t)) in (1). A generalization to general inputs and nonstationary nonlinearities is given in [3].

In the present paper, the previous results are now generalized, in order to apply to systems with variable delays. As in [3], the conditions are expressed in terms of Linear Matrix Inequalities [4]. Also, the nonstationarity of the nonlinearities is taken into account by assuming a generalized sector inequality on the derivative of the nonlinearity, an idea borrowed from [13, 7] (for rational systems) and expressed under a slightly weaker form in [1]. The main hypothesis on the delays is that their variation wrt time is bounded.

For the sake of simplicity, the results are given only for a system with two delays, namely (2).

Extending the method to general case (1) only (H1) The nonlinearity ψ is measurable, decennecessitates some (cumbersome) computations. tralized [9] (that is: $\forall i = \overline{1, p}, \ \psi_i(t, y) = \overline{1, p}$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + A_{\alpha}x(t - h_{\alpha}(t)) - B\psi(t, y), \\ y = Cx + C_{\beta}x(t - h_{\beta}(t)) \end{cases}$$
 (2)

In Section 2 are formulated criteria without restrictions on the variations of ψ wrt time (Theorems 1 to 3). Stronger criteria are given in Section 3 (Theorems 4 to 6). In Theorems 1 and 4, h_{α} and h_{β} are independent, sharper results are provided in the case where $h_{\alpha} = h_{\beta}$ (system (3), Theorems 2 and 5) or $h_{\alpha} = 2h_{\beta}$ (system (4), Theorems 3 and 6). Finally, an example illustrating the method is provided in Section 4.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + A_{\alpha}x(t - h(t)) - B\psi(t, y), \\ y = Cx + C_{\beta}x(t - h(t)). \end{cases}$$
 (3)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax + A_{\alpha}x(t - 2h(t)) - B\psi(t, y), \\ y = Cx + C_{\beta}x(t - h(t)) \end{cases}$$
 (4)

We do not consider here the issues of existence and uniqueness of the solutions, as they have been extensively studied: in the sequel, we only assume the existence of global solutions of (1), i.e. $\forall \phi \in \mathcal{C}([-h,0];\mathbb{R}^n), \ \exists x \in \mathcal{C}([-h,+\infty)), x$ absolutely continuous (AC) on $[0,+\infty)$, s.t. $x_0^{(h)} = \phi$ and (1) holds almost everywhere (a.e.) on $[0,+\infty)$. The results given below concern the asymptotic behavior of these global solutions.

Notations For the sake of simplicity, one writes $x, x_{\alpha}, x_{\beta}, x_{\alpha\beta}, x_{\beta\beta}, y_{\beta}, \psi, \psi_{\beta}$ instead of $x(t), x(t-h_{\alpha}(t)), x(t-h_{\beta}(t)), x(t-h_{\alpha}(t)-h_{\beta}(t)), x(t-2h_{\beta}(t)), y(t-h_{\beta}(t)), \psi(t, y(t)), \psi(t-h_{\beta}(t), y(t-h_{\beta}(t)))$. Also, I_n denotes the $n \times n$ identity matrix, $0_{n \times p}$ a null $n \times p$ matrix $(0_n$ when p = n). Last, for M_k square matrices, $k = \overline{1, K}$, diag $\{M_1, \ldots, M_K\}$ is defined recursively by

$$egin{pmatrix} M_1 & 0 \ 0 & \mathrm{diag}\{M_2,\ldots,M_K\} \end{pmatrix} \; .$$

2 Delay-independent LMI criterion

Theorem 1 (General case). Assume that the following Hypotheses hold.

11) The nonlinearity ψ is measurable, decentralized [9] (that is: $\forall i = \overline{1,p}, \ \psi_i(t,y) = \psi_i(t,y_i)$), and there exists a diagonal matrix $K \geq 0$ such that, $\forall (t,y) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^p$,

$$\psi(t,y)^T(\psi(t,y)-Ky)\leq 0.$$

(H2) The functions h_{α} , h_{β} are AC, and there exists $\delta \in (0,1]$ such that

$$\dot{h}_{\alpha}, \dot{h}_{\beta} \leq 1 - \delta \quad t - a.e.$$

Assume that LMI (5,6) is feasible (where the symmetric matrices $P, Q_{\alpha}, Q_{\beta} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ are the variables). Then the origin of system (2) is uniformly globally asymptotically stable.

$$P > 0, \quad Q_{\alpha}, Q_{\beta} \ge 0, \quad R < 0 . \tag{5}$$

Sketch of the proof. Consider the following Liapunov function candidate

$$V(t,\phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi(0)^T P \phi(0) + \int_{-h_{\alpha}(t)}^0 \phi(s)^T Q_{\alpha} \phi(s) \ ds$$
$$+ \int_{-h_{\beta}(t)}^0 \phi(s)^T Q_{\beta} \phi(s) \ ds \ .$$

To prove Theorem 1, differentiate $V(t,x_t^{(h)})$ wrt time and, adding the term $-2\psi^T(\psi-Ky)$ (which is nonnegative, due to sector condition (H1)), write that $\dot{V} \leq X(t)^T R X(t)$ t-a.e., where $X(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (x^T \ \psi^T \ x_{\alpha}^T \ x_{\beta}^T)^T$. Now, the hypotheses on the regularity of the global solutions and of the delays imply that the map $t \mapsto V(t)$ is AC, so $\exists c > 0$ "small", such that $V(t) + c \int_0^t \|x(s)\|^2 \ ds = V(0) + \int_0^t \frac{dV}{ds} \ ds + c \int_0^t \|x(s)\|^2 \ ds$ is a nonincreasing function of t, as its derivative is a.e. nonpositive. On the other hand, $\exists c' > 0$ such that, $\forall (t,\phi) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathcal{C}([-h,0]), \ c'\|\phi(0)\| \leq V(t,\phi) \leq \frac{1}{c'}\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{C}([-h,0])}$. One then achieves the proof as in [10, Theorem 31.1].

It is also possible to get local stability results, see [2, 3]. Results may be extended without difficulty when (H2) is replaced by: $\dot{h}_{\alpha} \leq 1 - \delta_{\alpha}$, $\dot{h}_{\beta} \leq 1 - \delta_{\beta}$.

We provide now two sharper results, in the case where $h_{\alpha} = h_{\beta}$ (in which case $x_{\alpha} = x_{\beta}$) or $h_{\alpha} = 2h_{\beta}$ (and then $\dot{h}_{\beta} = \frac{\dot{h}_{\alpha}}{2} \leq \frac{1-\delta}{2}$).

$$R \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} A^{T}P + PA + Q_{\alpha} + Q_{\beta} & C^{T}K - PB & PA_{\alpha} & 0_{n} \\ KC - B^{T}P & -2I_{p} & 0_{p \times n} & KC_{\beta} \\ A_{\alpha}^{T}P & 0_{n \times p} & -\delta Q_{\alpha} & 0_{n} \\ 0_{n} & C_{\beta}^{T}K & 0_{n} & -\delta Q_{\beta} \end{pmatrix}.$$
(6)

$$R_{2} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} A^{T}P + PA + Q_{\alpha} + Q_{\beta} & C^{T}K - PB & PA_{\alpha} & 0_{n} \\ KC - B^{T}P & -2I_{p} & 0_{p \times n} & KC_{\beta} \\ A_{\alpha}^{T}P & 0_{n \times p} & -\delta Q_{\alpha} & 0_{n} \\ 0_{n} & C_{\beta}^{T}K & 0_{n} & -\frac{1+\delta}{2}Q_{\beta} \end{pmatrix} .$$
 (7)

Theorem 2 (Case $h_{\alpha} = h_{\beta}$). Assume that Hypotheses (H1), (H2) hold and that LMI (8,9) is feasible. Then the origin of system (3) is uniformly globally asymptotically stable.

$$P > 0, \quad Q \ge 0, \quad R_1 < 0.$$
 (8)

$$R_{1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{pmatrix} A^{T}P + PA + Q & C^{T}K - PB & PA_{\alpha} \\ KC - B^{T}P & -2I_{p} & KC_{\beta} \\ A_{\alpha}^{T}P & C_{\beta}^{T}K & -\delta Q \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} V_{\beta}(t,\phi) = V(t,\phi) + \phi(-h_{\beta}(t))^{T}P_{\beta}\phi \\ + \int_{-h_{\alpha}(t) - h_{\beta}(t)}^{0} \phi(s)^{T}Q_{\alpha\beta}\phi(s) ds \\ + \int_{-h_{\alpha}(t) - h_{\beta}(t)}^{0} \phi(s)^{T}Q_{\alpha\beta}\phi(s) ds \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem 3 (Case $h_{\alpha} = 2h_{\beta}$). Assume that Hypotheses (H1), (H2) hold and that LMI (7,10) is feasible. Then the origin of system (4) is uniformly globally asymptotically stable.

$$P > 0$$
, $Q_{\alpha}, Q_{\beta} > 0$, $R_2 < 0$. (10)

3 Delay-independent LMI criterion for nonlinearities with restricted time-variations

The results of Theorems 1 to 3 are in a sense analog to *circle criterion*: they use as Lyapunov function a quadratic function of the state $x_t^{(h)}$, and are valid for systems with nonstationary nonlinearities as well. In order to refine the analysis, one may try to mimick the argument leading to $Popov\ criterion$ and add to V a Lur'e term, namely $2\sum_{i=1}^p \eta_i K_i \int_0^{y_i(t)} \psi_i(t,z)\ dz$.

However, when the input of the nonlinearity is delayed $(C_{\beta} \neq 0)$, this operation introduces in \dot{V} terms in $x_{\alpha\beta}$ and $x_{\beta\beta}$. To counterbalance them,

that one is led to introduce new terms in V, in order (3,9) now to bound \dot{V} by a negative definite quadratic form in $(x, \psi, x_{\alpha}, x_{\beta}, \psi_{\beta}, x_{\alpha\beta}, x_{\beta\beta})$. The following result is proved by considering the evolution of $V_{\beta}(t, x_t^{(2h)})$, where the Lyapunov function V_{β} is defined (for $t \geq h$) by

$$V_{\beta}(t,\phi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} V(t,\phi) + \phi(-h_{\beta}(t))^{T} P_{\beta} \phi(-h_{\beta}(t))$$

$$+ \int_{-h_{\alpha}(t)-h_{\beta}(t)}^{0} \phi(s)^{T} Q_{\alpha\beta} \phi(s) ds$$

$$+ \int_{-2h_{\beta}(t)}^{0} \phi(s)^{T} Q_{\beta\beta} \phi(s) ds$$

$$+ 2 \sum_{i=1}^{p} \eta_{i} K_{i} \int_{0}^{(C\phi)_{i}(0)} \psi_{i}(t,z) dz .$$

Theorem 4 (General case). Assume that Hypotheses (H1), (H2) hold, together with

(H0) For any $y \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $t \mapsto \psi(t, y)$ is locally Lipschitz (and hence t-a.e. differentiable), with a Lipschitz constant locally integrable wrt y.

Assume that there exists diagonal matrices D_j , $j = \overline{1,3}$ such that LMI (6,12,15) is feasible and that the following Hypothesis holds (with the same η and D_j)

(H3) For almost any $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$, $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $\forall i = \overline{1, p}$,

$$\eta_{i} \left(\int_{0}^{y_{i}} \frac{\partial \psi_{i}}{\partial t}(t, z) \ dz - D_{1,i} y_{i}^{2} - D_{2,i} y_{i} \psi_{i}(t, y_{i}) - D_{3,i} \psi_{i}(t, y_{i})^{2} \right) \leq 0 . \quad (11)$$

Then the origin of system (2) is uniformly globally asymptotically stable.

$$P > 0$$
, $P_{\beta}, Q_{\alpha}, Q_{\beta}, Q_{\alpha\beta}, Q_{\beta\beta} \ge 0$, $\eta = \operatorname{diag}\{\eta_i\}, \zeta = \operatorname{diag}\{\zeta_i\} \ge 0$, $R_{\beta} < 0$. (12)

$$P > 0$$
, $P_{\beta}, Q, Q_{\beta} \ge 0$, $\eta = \text{diag}\{\eta_i\}, \zeta = \text{diag}\{\zeta_i\} \ge 0$, $R_{\beta,1} < 0$. (13)

$$P > 0$$
, $P_{\beta}, Q_{\alpha}, Q_{\beta}, Q_{\alpha\beta}, Q_{\beta\beta} \ge 0$, $\eta = \operatorname{diag}\{\eta_i\}, \zeta = \operatorname{diag}\{\zeta_i\} \ge 0$, $R_{\beta,2} < 0$. (14)

Sketch of proof. First, that $V_{eta}(t,x_t^{(2h)})$ is AC, map t \mapsto essentially because $\forall t, t' \in \mathbb{R}^+, \forall i =$ $\left| \int_0^{y_i(t)} \psi_i(t,z) \ dz - \int_0^{y_i(t')} \psi_i(t',z) \ dz \right| \le$ $|t'| \int_0^{y_i(t)} \lambda_i(z) \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t')|\} \; |y_i(t) - t'| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|\} \; |y_i(t)| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|\} \; |y_i(t)| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|\} \; |y_i(t)| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|\} \; |y_i(t)| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|\} \; |y_i(t)| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|\} \; |y_i(t)| \; dz + K_i \max\{|y_i(t)|, |y_i(t)|, |y$ $y_i(t')$, where λ_i is the Lispchitz constant of ψ , defined by Hypothesis (H0). Also, as $-1 + h_{\alpha} + h_{\beta}, -1 + 2h_{\beta} \le 1 - 2\delta, \text{ one}$ gets, by addition of $-2\psi_{\beta}^{T}\zeta(\psi_{\beta}-Ky_{\beta}) \geq 0$, that $\dot{V}_{\beta} \leq X_{\beta}(t)^T R_{\beta} X_{\beta}(t)$ t-a.e., where $X_{\beta}(t) \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} (x^T \ \psi^T \ x^T_{\alpha} \ x^T_{\beta} \ \psi^T_{\beta} \ x^T_{\alpha\beta} \ x^T_{\beta\beta})^T. \quad \mathrm{Esti-}$ mates as in the proof of Theorem 1 (but now in space $\mathcal{C}([-2h,0])$ lead to the conclusion, again by [10, Theorem 31.1].

Theorem 1 appears as a subcase of Theorem 4. In the case where the delays are constant and do not appear in the input nonlinearity $(C_{\beta} = 0)$, the results given in [6, 14] are found.

Hypothesis (H3) is a generalized sector condition, fulfilled e.g. when there exists a measurable map Δ with diagonal matrix values, s.t. t-a.e. in \mathbb{R}^+ , $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $y^T \eta \left(\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t}(t,y) - \Delta(t)y \right) \leq 0$, and the matrices D_j are then given by $D_1 = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{ess\ sup}\{\Delta(t): t \geq 0\}, \ D_2 = D_3 = 0$. Multiplication by η_i in (11) indicates that this constraint is inactive when $\eta_i = 0$. If such a formula is fulfilled for $\eta \geq 0$, consider the nonlinearity $\operatorname{sgn} \eta \ \psi(t,y) + \frac{1}{2}(1-\operatorname{sgn} \eta)Ky$ instead of $\psi(t,y)$, see [2, 3].

Sharper results are given in the sequel, in the case where $h_{\alpha} = h_{\beta}$ (and then $x_{\alpha} = x_{\beta}$, $x_{\alpha\beta} = x_{\beta\beta}$) or $h_{\alpha} = 2h_{\beta}$ ($x_{\alpha} = x_{\beta\beta}$, $1 - \dot{h}_{\alpha} - \dot{h}_{\beta} \le \frac{1 - 3\delta}{2}$).

Theorem 5 (Case $h_{\alpha} = h_{\beta}$). Assume that Hypotheses (H0), (H1), (H2) hold, that there exists diagonal matrices D_j , $j = \overline{1,3}$ such that LMI (9,13,16) is feasible, and that Hypothesis (H3) holds (with the same η and D_j). Then

the origin of system (3) is uniformly globally asymptotically stable.

Theorem 6 (Case $h_{\alpha} = 2h_{\beta}$). Assume that Hypotheses (H0), (H1), (H2) hold, that there exists diagonal matrices D_j , $j = \overline{1,3}$ such that LMI (7,14,17) is feasible, and that Hypothesis (H3) holds (with the same η and D_j). Then the origin of system (4) is uniformly globally asymptotically stable.

4 Illustrative numerical example

As an illustration, let us consider the following scalar equation

$$\dot{x} = -x + 0.9x_{\alpha} - \psi(t, x + 0.1x_{\beta}) , \qquad (18)$$

which may be written under the form (2) with

$$A=-1,\ A_{\alpha}=0.9,\ B=1,\ C=1,\ C_{\beta}=0.1$$
 ,

and suppose that $D_2 = D_3 = 0$. All computations to be presented have been achieved using the Scilab package LMITOOL¹.

For given values of D_1 and δ , the maximal value of K allowed for using the Theorems is shown in Tables 1 to 3. This defines a robustness margin, which is larger when δ is closer to 1 or when D_1 is closer to 0, as could be foreseen. Also, linking h_{α} and h_{β} leads to larger margins. Remark that $\delta=1.00$ e.g. when $\dot{h}_{\alpha}=\dot{h}_{\beta}=0$, and $D_1=0$ e.g. when $\partial\psi/\partial t\equiv 0$.

¹Scilab is a free software developed by INRIA, which is distributed with all its source code. For the distribution and details, see Scilab's homepage on the web at the address http://www-rocq.inria.fr/scilab/

$D_1ackslash \delta$	1.00	0.95	0.90
0 (Th. 4)	225	158	96.0
1 (Th. 4)	103	37.1	18.4
$+\infty$ (Th. 1)	39.9	29.1	18.4

Table 1: Maximal value of K permitted for proving absolute stability of (18) – General case.

$D_1ackslash \delta$	1.00	0.95	0.90
0 (Th. 5)	713	602	488
1 (Th. 5)	695	584	468
$+\infty$ (Th. 2)	305	280	254

Table 2: Maximal value of K permitted for proving absolute stability of (18) – Case $h_{\alpha} = h_{\beta}$.

$D_1ackslash \delta$	1.00	0.95	0.90
0 (Th. 6)	276	202	128
1 (Th. 6)	106	38.9	19.5
$+\infty$ (Th. 3)	39.9	29.8	19.5

Table 3: Maximal value of K permitted for proving absolute stability of (18) – Case $h_{\alpha} = 2h_{\beta}$.

References

- G. Bertoni, C. Bonivento, E. Sarti, A graphical method for investigating the absolute stability of time-varying systems, Atti Accad. Sci. Ist. Bologna Cl. Sci. Fis. Rend. (12) 7, fasc. 1, 54-71, 1969/1970
- [2] P.-A. Bliman, Extension of Popov absolute stability criterion to nonautonomous systems with delays, IN-RIA Report no 3625 (downloadable at [http://www.inria.fr/RRRT/RR-3625.html), February 1999
- [3] P.-A. Bliman, Absolute stability of nonautonomous delay systems: delay-dependent and delay-independent criteria, submitted, February 1999
- [4] S. Boyd, L. El Ghaoui, E. Feron, V. Balakrishnan, Linear matrix inequalities in system and control theory, SIAM Studies in Applied Mathematics vol. 15, 1994

- [5] M.Yu. Churilova, An analogue of the circular criterion of absolute stability for systems with variable delay *Automat. Remote Control* **56** (1995), no 2, part 1, 195-198, 1995
- [6] P.S. Gromova, A.F. Pelevina, Absolute stability of automatic control systems with lag, *Differential Equations* 13 (1977), no 8, 954-960, 1978
- [7] H.H. Hul'chuk, M.M. Lychak, Absolute stability of nonlinear control systems with nonstationary nonlinearities and tachometer feedback, *Soviet Automat. Control* 5 (1972), no 4, 6-9, 1972
- [8] E.W. Kamen, On the relationship between zero criteria for two-variable polynomials and asymptotic stability of delay differential equations *IEEE Trans. Automat. Control* **25**, no 5, 983-984, 1980
- [9] H.K. Khalil, *Nonlinear systems*, Macmillan Publishing Company, 1992
- [10] N.N. Krasovskii, Stability of motion, Stanford University Press, 1963
- [11] X.-J. Li, On the absolute stability of systems with time lags, Chinese Math. 4, 609-626, 1963
- [12] V.M. Popov, A. Halanay, On the stability of nonlinear automatic control systems with lagging argument, Automat. Remote Control 23, 783-786, 1962
- [13] Z.V. Rekasius, J.R. Rowland, A stability criterion for feedback systems containing a single time-varying nonlinear element, IEEE Trans. Automatic Control, 352-354, 1965
- [14] E.I. Verriest, W. Aggoune, Stability of nonlinear differential delay systems, Delay systems (Lille, 1996) Math. Comput. Simulation 45, no 3-4, 257-267, 1998

$$\begin{split} R_{\beta} & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & \operatorname{diag}\{R, 0_{2n+p}\} + \operatorname{diag} \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2C^T \eta D_1 K C & C^T \eta D_2 K & 0_n & 2C^T \eta D_1 K C_{\beta} \\ \eta D_2 K C & 2\eta D_2 K & 0_{p \times n} & \eta D_2 K C_{\beta} \\ 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n & 0_n \\ 2C_{\beta}^T \eta D_1 K C & C_{\beta}^T \eta D_2 K & 0_n & 2C_{\beta}^T \eta D_1 K C_{\beta} \\ 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n & 0_n \\ 2C_{\beta}^T \eta D_1 K C & C_{\beta}^T \eta D_2 K & 0_n & 2C_{\beta}^T \eta D_1 K C_{\beta} \\ 2K C_{\beta} & C^T K \zeta - P_{\beta} B & P_{\beta} A_n & 0_n \\ 2K C_{\beta} & 0_{n \times n} & (1 - 2\delta)Q_{\alpha\beta} & 0_n \\ 2C_{\beta}^T K \zeta & 0_{n \times p} & (1 - 2\delta)Q_{\alpha\beta} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_{p \times n} & -B^T C_{\beta}^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_{p \times n} & -B^T C_{\beta}^T K \eta & 0_{n & 0} & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_{p \times n} & -B^T C_{\beta}^T K \eta & 0_{p \times n} & 0_{p \times n} & 0_p & 0_{p \times n} \\ 0_{n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_{p \times n} & -B^T C_{\beta}^T K \eta & 0_{p \times n} & 0_{p \times n} & 0_{p \times n} \\ 0_{n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_{n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_{n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_{p \times n} & 0_{p \times n} & 0_{p \times n} & 0_{p \times n} \\ 0_{n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} \\ 0_{n & A_{\alpha}^T C^T K \eta & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n \\ 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times p} & 0_n & 0_{n \times p} \\ 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times p} & 0_{n \times p} & 0_{n \times p} \\ 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times p} & 0_{n \times p} & 0_{n \times p} \\ 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0$$