An analytical approach to finite time $H_{\infty}$ event-triggered state feedback control of fractional order systems with delay

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Abstract

This paper investigates finite time $H_{\infty}$ event-triggered state feedback control problem of fractional-order systems with delay. Based on Laplace transform and “inf-sup” norm, a delay-dependent sufficient condition for designing $H_{\infty}$ event-triggered control is established in terms of the Mittag-Leffler function and Linear matrix inequalities. A numerical example is given to show the effectiveness of the obtained result.

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1. Introduction

Nowadays, fractional calculus for delay systems is one of the hot topics in the qualitative theory of dynamical systems (see [1, 2]).

There are some main methods used to study stability analysis of fractional order systems with delay such as Lyapunov functionals [3], Fractional-order Hanalay inequality [4], and Gronwall inequality [5]. The Lyapunov function well known method gives a very effective approach to investigate the stability problem of ordinary differential equations. But it is more difficult to apply the
method for delay systems. Gronwall inequality approach or fractional-order Hanalay inequality does not give satisfactory solution because its conditions are always time delay independent and it is difficult in estimating the delay solution \( ||x|| \). To the best knowledge of authors, for stabilizability of fractional order systems with delay, controllers in many existing papers are state feedback \( u(t) = Kx(t) \) or output feedback control \([6, 7, 8, 9]\). Moreover, there are few results for finite time stability of those systems. This inspires us to propose a new effective approach for the finite time \( H_\infty \) event-triggered state feedback control problem of fractional-order systems with delay in this paper.

The present paper contributes as the following:

+ A novel approach based on the fractional techniques and using event-triggered state feedback controller are proposed for solving the problem of finite time \( H_\infty \) control of fractional order systems with delay.

+ A new dependent time delay sufficient condition for the problem of finite time \( H_\infty \) event-triggered state feedback control is derived. And the condition is provided into solving LMI, in which the event-triggered state feedback controllers can be effectively designed.

The layout of this article is organized: section 2, we provide some preliminaries on fractional derivatives, finite-time stability problem and some auxiliary lemmas needed in next section; section 3, a sufficient condition to design finite time \( H_\infty \) event-triggered state feedback control for fractional order systems with delay are presented.

Notations: For any matrix \( A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \), \( A > 0 \) or \( A < 0 \) means that it is positive-definite or negative-definite matrix, respectively; \( \lambda_{\max}(A) \) and \( \lambda_{\min}(A) \) denote the maximal and the minimal eigenvalues, respectively; The symbol \( * \) stands for symmetric block elements in a matrix.

2. Problem statement and preliminaries

Firstly, we give some basic concepts of fractional calculus \([1,2]\) as follows.

For \( \alpha \in (0,1] \), the Riemann-Liouville integral and the Caputo fractional derivative of a function \( f(t) \) are defined as

\[
I^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s)ds,
\]

\[
D^\alpha f(t) = D^\alpha_R \left[ f(t) - f(0) \right],
\]

respectively, where \( D^\alpha_R f(t) = \frac{d}{dt} t^{1-\alpha} f(t) \), the Gamma function \( \Gamma(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-t} t^{s-1} dt \).

Consider the fractional order control system with uncertainties:

\[
D^\alpha x(t) = Ax(t) + Dx(t-h) + W\omega(t) + Bu(t),
\]

\[
z(t) = Cx(t),
\]

\[
x(\theta) = \varphi(\theta), \quad \theta \in [-h,0],
\]

(2.1)
where $\alpha \in (0,1]$, the state vector $x(t)$, the controller $u(t)$, the disturbance $\omega(t)$, the observer $z(t)$, the system matrices $A,B,C,D,W$ are given constant matrices, the constant time delay $h > 0$, the initial function $\varphi \in C([-h,0],R^n)$ and $\|\varphi\| = \sup_{s\in[-h,0]}\|\varphi(s)\|.$

**Definition 1.** ([10]) Given positive scalars $c_1,c_2,T$. The system (2.1) without controller $u(t)$ is robustly finite-time stable with respect to $(c_1,c_2,T)$ if for all $t \in [0,T]$, we have $\|\varphi\|^2 < c_1 \Rightarrow \|x(t)\|^2 < c_2$.

In this paper, we use an event-triggered state feedback controller as follows:

$$u(t) = Kx(t_k), \quad t \in [t_k,t_{k+1})$$

where the feedback gain matrix $K$ is determined later and the triggering sequence defined by $t_0 = 0$, $t_{k+1} = \inf \{ t > t_k : \|x(t) - x(t_k)\| \geq \eta \|x(t)\| \}$.

**Definition 2.** Given positive scalars $c_1,c_2,T$. The finite-time $H_\infty$ control problem for system (2.1) is solvable if there exist the event-triggered state feedback controller $u(t) = Kx(t_k)$, $t \in [t_k,t_{k+1})$, such that following closed loop system:

$$D^ax(t) = Ax(t) + Dx(t-h) + W \omega(t) + BKx(t_k), \quad t \in [t_k,t_{k+1}),$$

$$x(\theta) = \varphi(\theta), \quad \theta \in [-h,0],$$

is robustly finite-time stable w.r.t $(c_1,c_2,T)$ and the $\gamma-$optimal level condition holds

$$\sup_{t \in [0,T]} \frac{\|z(t)\|^2}{\sup_{t \in [0,T]} \|\omega(t)\|^2} \leq \gamma,$$

where the supremum is taken over zero initial condition and all admissible disturbances $\omega(t)$ satisfying $\|\omega(t)\|^2 \leq d$, $\forall t \geq 0$ (2.3)

**Remark 1.** It is notable that for $\alpha = 1$, $T = \infty$, the $\gamma-$optimal level condition:

$$\sup_{t \in [0,T]} \frac{\|z(t)\|^2}{\sup_{t \in [0,T]} \|\omega(t)\|^2} \leq \gamma \Leftrightarrow \sup_{t \in [0,T]} \frac{\int_0^\infty \|z(t)\|^2 \, dt}{\int_0^\infty \|\omega(t)\|^2 \, dt} \leq \gamma,$$

which is widely known [11, 12].

**Proposition 1.** ([13]) Let $V : R^n \to R^n$ be a convex and differentiable function on $R^n$ such that $V(0) = 0$. If $\alpha \in (0,1]$, $x(t) \in R^n$ be a continuous function on $[0,\infty)$, a matrix $P = P^T > 0$, then $D^a[x^T(t)Px(t)] \leq 2x^T(t)PD^ax(t)$, $\forall t \geq 0$.

**Proposition 2.** (Schur lemma, [14]) For $X,Y,Z \in R^{n\times n}$, and positive definite matrices
\[ Y = Y^T, \text{ we have } X + Z^T Y Z < 0 \iff \begin{bmatrix} X & Z^T \\ Z & -Y \end{bmatrix} < 0. \]

3. Main results

In this section, we will give sufficient conditions for designing the feedback gain matrix \( K \) of the event-triggered state feedback controller \( u(t) = Kx(t_k), t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}) \), for system (2.1). The following notations are defined for simplicity:

The Mittag–Leffler function \( E_{\alpha, \beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)} \), \( E_{\alpha}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + 1)} \),

\[
a = E_{\alpha}(hT^\alpha), \quad \beta_2^* = \sum_{j=0}^{\lceil \frac{T}{h} \rceil} (a-1)^j E_{\alpha, \alpha}(hT^\alpha) \Gamma(\alpha), \quad \gamma_1 = \frac{\gamma}{2h^{\beta_2^*} T^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1) + 1},
\]

\[
\beta_1 = \lambda_{\text{max}}(P^{-1})a \sum_{j=0}^{\lceil \frac{T}{h} \rceil} (a-1)^j, \quad \beta_2 = \gamma_1 \beta_2^* \sup_{\omega \in [0,T]} \left\| \omega(s) \right\|^2, \quad K = YP^{-1}.
\]

**Theorem 1.** For positive scalars \( \gamma, c_1, c_2, T \), finite-time \( H_{\infty} \) control problem for the system (2.1) is solvable if there exists a symmetric positive definite matrix \( P \) and a free-weight matrix \( Y \) such that the following conditions hold:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
BY + AP & [BY + AP]^T - hP + I & DP & W & 0 & PC^T & \eta P & 0 \\
* & -hP & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
* & * & -\gamma_1 I & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
* & * & I - 2P & 0 & 0 & [BY]^T & 0 & 0 \\
* & * & * & * & -I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
* & * & * & * & * & * & -I & 0 \\
* & * & * & * & * & * & * & -I
\end{bmatrix} < 0,
\]

(3.1)

\[
\frac{\beta_1 c_1 + \gamma_1 \beta_2^* T^\alpha}{\lambda_{\text{min}}(P^{-1}) \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \leq c_2.
\]

(3.2)

The event-triggered state feedback controller \( u(t) = YP^{-1}x(t_k), t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}) \).

**Proof.** Consider the functional \( V(t) = x(t)^T P^{-1} x(t) \). Take the Caputo derivative of \( V(t) \) along the solution of (2.2), we have for \( t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}) \),

\[
D^\alpha V(t) \leq 2x(t)^T P^{-1} \left( Ax(t) + Dx(t-h) + W\omega(t) + BKx(t_k) \right) - 2x(t)^T P^{-1} \left( BK + A \right) x(t_k) - x(t) - x(t) + \omega(t) + BK \left[ x(t_k) - x(t) \right]
\]

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\[-hx(t-h)P^{-1}x(t-h)+hV(t-h)\]
\[-hx(t)P^{-1}x(t)+hV(t)+\|Cx(t)\|^2 - \gamma_1\|\omega(t)\|^2 + \left(-\|Cx(t)\|^2 + \gamma_1\|\omega(t)\|^2\right). \tag{3.3}\]

From (3.3) and the following inequalities
\[x(t)^TP^{-1}BK[x(t_k)-x(t)] \leq x(t)^T\left(P^{-1}\right)^2x(t) + [x(t_k)-x(t)]^T[BK]^TPK[x(t_k)-x(t)],\]
\[0 \leq \eta^2\|x(t)\|^2 - \|x(t_k) - x(t)\|^2, \text{ for all } t \in [t_k,t_{k+1}),\]
it follows that:
\[D^\alpha V(t) \leq \mu^T\Omega\mu + hV(t) + hV(t-h) - \|Cx(t)\|^2 + \gamma\|\omega(t)\|^2\]
where \(\mu = [x,x_h,\omega,v_k]^T, x := x(t), x_h := x(t-h), v_k := x(t_k) - x(t), \omega := \omega(t), \Omega = \left[\Omega_{ij}\right]_{4 \times 4}, \Omega_{11} = P^{-1}[BK + A] + [BK + A]^TP^{-1} - hP^{-1} + C^TP^{-1}C + \eta^2I; \Omega_{12} = P^{-1}D; \Omega_{13} = P^{-1}W; \Omega_{14} = 0; \Omega_{22} = -hP^{-1}; \Omega_{23} = 0; \Omega_{24} = 0; \Omega_{33} = -\gamma_1I; \Omega_{44} = [BK]^TPK - I;\]

Noting that \(K = YP^{-1}\) and
\[\Omega < 0 \iff \text{diag}(P, P, I, P) \times \Omega \times \text{diag}(P, P, I, P) = \Omega := \left[\Omega_{ij}\right]_{4 \times 4} < 0, \]
where \(\Omega_{11} = [BY + AP] + [BY + AP]^T - hP + PC^TCP + I + \eta^2P^2; \Omega_{12} = DP; \Omega_{13} = W; \Omega_{14} = 0; \Omega_{22} = -hP; \Omega_{23} = 0; \Omega_{24} = 0; \Omega_{33} = -\gamma_1I; \Omega_{44} = [BY]^TBK - P^2.\)

Using Schur lemma and \(-P^2 \leq I - 2P\), the condition (3.1) leads to \(\Omega < 0.\)

Hence \(D^\alpha V(t) \leq hV(t) + hV(t-h) - \|Cx(t)\|^2 + \gamma_1\|\omega(t)\|^2. \tag{3.4}\)

**Step 1. Robustly finite-time stability.**

From \(-\|Cx(t)\|^2 \leq 0\), we have
\[D^\alpha V(t) - hV(t) \leq hV(t-h) + \gamma_1\|\omega(t)\|^2.\]

Let \(G(t) = D^\alpha V(t) - hV(t).\) Applying the Laplace transform to the both sides of the expression, we have
\[
L[G(t)](s) = L[D^{\alpha}V(t)](s) - hL[V(t)](s) \\
= s^\alpha L[V(t)](s) - V(0)s^{\alpha-1} - hL[V(t)](s),
\]
and hence
\[
L[V(t)](s) = (s^\alpha - h)^{-1} \left( V(0)s^{\alpha-1} + L[G(t)](s) \right).
\]
Using the inverse Laplace transform to the above identity gives the following:
\[
V(t) = V(0)E_\alpha(ht^\alpha) + \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha,\alpha}(h(t-s)^\alpha)G(s)ds.
\]
Thus, we obtain for all \( t \in [0,T] \),
\[
V(t) = V(0)E_\alpha(ht^\alpha) + \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha,\alpha}(h(t-s)^\alpha)\left[ D^{\alpha}V(s) - hV(s) \right]ds \\
\leq V(0)E_\alpha(ht^\alpha) + \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha,\alpha}(h(t-s)^\alpha)\left[ hV(s-h) + \gamma_1\|\omega(s)\|^2 \right]ds \\
= V(0)E_\alpha(ht^\alpha) + \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha,\alpha}(h(t-s)^\alpha)hV(s-h)ds \\
+ \gamma_1\int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha,\alpha}(h(t-s)^\alpha)\|\omega(s)\|^2 ds \\
\leq V(0)E_\alpha(ht^\alpha) + [E_\alpha(ht^\alpha) - 1] \sup_{s \in [-h,t-h]} V(s) + \gamma_1E_{\alpha,\alpha}(ht^\alpha)\Gamma(\alpha) I^\alpha \|\omega(t)\|^2 \\
\leq V(0)E_\alpha(ht^\alpha) + [E_\alpha(ht^\alpha) - 1] \sup_{s \in [-h,t-h]} V(s) \\
+ \gamma_1E_{\alpha,\alpha}(ht^\alpha)\Gamma(\alpha) \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \|\omega(s)\|^2.
\]
Since the function \( H(t) := \sup_{s \in [-h,t]} V(s) \) is non-decreasing with respect to \( t \), letting \( a = E_\alpha(ht^\alpha) \), we obtain that:
\[
H(t) \leq aH(0) + (a-1)H(t-h) + \gamma_1E_{\alpha,\alpha}(ht^\alpha)\Gamma(\alpha) \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \|\omega(s)\|^2, \ t \in [0,T].
\]
By induction and the inequalities \( E_\alpha(ht^\alpha) \geq 1 \), we have
\[
H(0) \leq \lambda_{\max}(P^{-1})\|\phi\|^2 \leq \beta_1\|\phi\|^2 + \beta_2, \\
H(t) \leq \beta_1\|\phi\|^2 + \beta_2, \ \forall t \in [0,T],
\]
then
\[ V(t) \leq \sup_{s \in [-h,T]} V(s) \leq \beta_1 \| \phi \|^2 + \beta_2, \forall t \in [-h,T]. \quad (3.5) \]

where \( \beta_1 = \lambda_{\max} \left( P^{-1} \right) a \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor T/h \rfloor} (a-1)^j \), \( \beta_2^* = \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor T/h \rfloor} (a-1)^j E_{\alpha,\alpha} (hT^\alpha) \Gamma(\alpha) \),

\[ \beta_2 = \gamma_1 \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor T/h \rfloor} (a-1)^j E_{\alpha,\alpha} (hT^\alpha) \Gamma(\alpha) \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \| \omega(s) \|^2 = \gamma_1 \beta_2^* \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \| \omega(s) \|^2. \]

Besides, since \( V(t) \geq \lambda_{\min} \left( P^{-1} \right) \| x(t) \|^2 \) and the inequalities (2.3) and (3.2) if \( \| \phi \|^2 \leq c_1 \), the inequality holds:

\[ \| x(t) \|^2 \leq \frac{V(t)}{\lambda_{\min} \left( P^{-1} \right)} \leq \frac{H(t)}{\lambda_{\min} \left( P^{-1} \right)} \leq \frac{\beta_1 \| \phi \|^2 + \beta_2}{\lambda_{\min} \left( P^{-1} \right)} \]

\[ \leq \frac{\beta_1 c_1 + \gamma_1 \beta_2^* \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \| \omega(s) \|^2}{\lambda_{\min} \left( P^{-1} \right)} \leq \frac{\beta_1 c_1 + \gamma_1 \beta_2^* \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} d}{\lambda_{\min} \left( P^{-1} \right)} \leq c_2, \forall t \in [0,T]. \]

Therefore, the closed loop system (2.2) is robustly finite-time stable w.r.t \( (c_1, c_2, T) \).

**Step 2. The \( \gamma \)-optimal level condition**

From (3.4), it follows that:

\[ \| z(t) \|^2 \leq \| Cx(t) \|^2 \leq -D^\alpha V(t) + hV(t) + (t-h) + \gamma_1 \| \omega(t) \|^2. \]

Hence and the zero initial condition \( \phi \equiv 0 \) and (3.5), we have

\[ I^\alpha \| z(t) \|^2 \leq -I^\alpha D^\alpha V(t) + hI^\alpha V(t) + hI^\alpha V(t-h) + \gamma_1 I^\alpha \| \omega(t) \|^2 \]

\[ = -[V(t)-V(0)] + hI^\alpha V(t) + hI^\alpha V(t-h) + \gamma_1 I^\alpha \| \omega(t) \|^2 \]

\[ \leq V(0) + 2h \beta_1 \| \phi \|^2 + \beta_2 \gamma_1 I^\alpha \| \omega(t) \|^2 \]

\[ = V(0) + 2h \left( \beta_1 \| \phi \|^2 + \beta_2 \right) \frac{I^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \gamma_1 I^\alpha \| \omega(t) \|^2 \]

\[ \leq 2h \beta_2 \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \gamma_1 \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \| \omega(s) \|^2 \]

\[ = 2h \gamma_1 \beta_2^* \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \| \omega(s) \|^2 \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \gamma_1 \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \| \omega(s) \|^2 \]

\[ \leq \left( 2h \gamma_1 \beta_2^* \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \gamma_1 \right) \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \| \omega(s) \|^2 \]

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\[
\begin{align*}
&= \gamma_1 \left(2h \beta^2 + \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + 1\right) \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \|\omega(s)\|^2 = \gamma \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \|\omega(s)\|^2.
\end{align*}
\]

Consequently,
\[
\sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \|z(s)\|^2 \leq \gamma \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \|\omega(s)\|^2 \iff \sup_{s \in [0,T]} I^\alpha \|\omega(s)\|^2 \leq \gamma.
\]

This completes the proof.

**Remark 1.** In Theorem 1, the scalars \(c_1, c_2, T, \gamma, d\) are given positive. Therefore, to check the conditions of the theorem, we prescribe these parameters firstly. Since the scalars \(c_1, c_2,\) are not involved in (3.1) we first find the unknowns of LMI (3.1) by using LMI Tollbox algorithm and then verify the inequality (3.2).

**Remark 2.** The system (2.1) as \(D = 0\) can be simplified to
\[
\begin{align*}
D^\alpha x(t) &= A x(t) + W \omega(t) + B u(t), \\
z(t) &= C x(t), \\
x(0) &= x_0.
\end{align*}
\]

In [15], the authors discuss the problem of finite time \(H_\infty\) state feedback control \((u(t) = K x(t))\) for the system (3.6). Their approach, however, is not suitable for fractional-order delayed systems. Furthermore, it is unable to utilize event-triggered state feedback control to address the \(H_\infty\) control problem for system (3.6). It is worth noting that Theorem 1 can be used to obtain a sufficient condition for solving the finite-time \(H_\infty\) control problem for the system (3.6). This demonstrates the usefulness of Theorem 1 in the paper.

**4. A numerical example**

Example 4.1. Consider the system (2.1), where \(\alpha = 0.1, h = 0.1, \eta = 0.1, \gamma = 1, d = 1,\)

\[
\begin{align*}
A &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, & D &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.01 & 0. \\ 0 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix}, & W &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.4 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}, \\
B &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, & C &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}.
\end{align*}
\]

By using LMI Toolbox in Matlab, the LMI (3.1) is feasible with

\[
\begin{align*}
P &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.9963 & 0.0411 \\ 0.0411 & 0.9963 \end{bmatrix}, & Y &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.5481 & -0.3743 \\ -0.3743 & 0.2807 \end{bmatrix}.
\end{align*}
\]
For $c_1 = 1$, $c_2 = 3$, $T = 10$, we can calculate

$$a = E_{\alpha}(hT^\alpha) = 1.1521, \quad \beta_2^* = \sum_{j=0}^{\lceil T/h \rceil} (a-1)^j E_{\alpha\alpha}(hT^\alpha) \Gamma(\alpha) = 1.5585,$$

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{\gamma}{2h\beta_2^* \left( \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + 1 \right)} = 0.7080, \quad \beta_1 = \lambda_{\max}(P^{-1})a \sum_{j=0}^{\lceil T/h \rceil+1} (a-1)^j = 1.4225.$$

And the condition (3.2) satisfies due to

$$\frac{\beta_1 c_1 + \gamma_1 \beta_2^* \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} d}{\lambda_{\min}(P^{-1})} = 2.9906 \leq c_2 = 3.$$

Hence finite - time $H_{\infty}$ control problem for the system (2.1) is solvable w.r.t. (1, 3, 10) with the event-triggered state feedback controller:

$$u(t) = Kx(t_k) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5666 & -0.3990 \\ -0.3880 & 0.2978 \end{bmatrix} x(t_k), \quad t \in [t_k, t_{k+1}).$$

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