

Exponential stability and Exponential synchronization results for fractional order impulsive Neural Networks

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Abstract: In this paper we focus on exponential stability analysis of Caputo fractional order impulsive neural network using convex Lyapunov function and obtain the suitable LMI conditions. We have also included exponential synchronization of error system that is derived from the drive-response system. The obtained results are verified using examples.

Keywords: Fractional Order Caputo Derivative, Impulsive Control, Neural Network Lyapunov Function, Exponential Synchronization, Exponential Stability, Linear Matrix Inequality.

1. INTRODUCTION

Fractional calculus is a mathematical field which studies about integrals and derivatives of arbitrary order. It has applications in science and engineering fields like mathematical biology, analytical science, electrochemistry, electromagnetics, physics, economics, fluid mechanics, signal processing, viscoelasticity, image processing, Robotics, mechanic and dynamic systems, telecommunication etc. (Debnath, 2003), (Yang Q. C., 2016), (Manoj Kumar, 2016), (Sun, 2018), (Matlob, 2019).

Mathematical models that are based on fractional calculus has the ability to describe the real-world systems more accurately than models based on integer order calculus. (Wajdi M Ahmad, 2004), (Hammouch, 2015), (Rivero, 2013) outlines some of the major research works that were carried out in the area of stability analysis of fractional order systems. The stability of nonlinear systems can be studied by using Lyapunov direct method, which is an efficient tool to analyze the system stability without solving the system. In (Liu K. a., 2016) and (Weisheng Chen, 2017) nonlinear Caputo type fractional order dynamic systems are looked upon to analyze the stability by using fractional Lyapunov method.

Neural networks are parallel computing devices which are basically an attempt to make a computer model of brain. Neural networks have widespread applications in different fields such as cybersecurity, optimization problems, system identification & control, signal and image processing, data mining, pattern recognition etc. These broad areas of applications make it an active research area.

Over the past few years, some researchers incorporated fractional calculus to neural networks to frame fractional order neural network models. Properties of fractional calculus like long-term memory, nonlocality, weak singularity characteristics and its potential to depict the memory and hereditary properties of the neural network enables fractional order neural models describe numerous phenomena more accurately. A great deal of literatures on exponential stability and synchronization of neural networks are on integer order networks than fractional order. A dynamic analysis of fractional-order neural networks is given in (Chen, 2013).

In majority of systems impulsive effects are common phenomenon due to instantaneous perturbations at certain moments. Impulsive control is used for stabilization and synchronization of systems that cannot be controlled using continuous control. Lyapunov stability of impulsive fractional-order nonlinear systems is investigated in (Song X. Y., 2017). Methods such as active control (Khan, 2018), global synchronization, adaptive control (Jajarmi, 2017), linear and nonlinear control etc. are used for synchronization. The impulsive synchronization is explored on fractional-order neural networks in (Yang, 2018) and on fractional-order discrete-time chaotic systems (i.e., systems that are sensitive to initial conditions), in (Megherbi, 2017). Exponential synchronization of chaotic system along with its application in the area of secure communication is examined in (Naderi, 2016). Exponential synchronization is being employed in domains such as associative memory, image encryption and combinational optimization also.

LMI Conditions are formulated for global stability of fractional order neural networks in (Shuo Zhang, 2017) and a generalized projective synchronization method is also drawn from it. In (Stamova, 2014) global Mittag-Leffler stability of an impulsive Caputo fractional-order cellular neural networks with time-varying delays is studied by applying fractional Lyapunov method. The synchronization of fractional chaotic networks by employing non-impulsive linear controller was also considered. (Wu, 2016) has investigated global Mittag-Leffler stability for fractional-order Hopfield neural networks with impulse effects in terms of LMIs. Global exponential stability of complex-valued neural networks is analyzed in (Song Q. e., 2016) via Lyapunov functional method by adopting matrix inequality method. Fixed-time Synchronization of Neural Networks

with discrete delay is studied in (Liu S. C., 2020).

Motivated by above discussion, in this paper we consider a fractional order impulsive Neural Networks and analyze its exponential stability using Lyapunov function. Further the exponential synchronization of this system is also discussed.

This paper is structured as follows: Section 2 states some definitions and Lemmas that are fundamental for our research. A model for fractional order impulsive Neural Networks is also proposed. In section 3 conditions under which system achieves exponential stability and synchronization are discussed. Section 4 consists of examples.

Notations: In this manuscript $\mathbb{R}^+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 0\}$, \mathbb{R}^n denotes n -dimensional Euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ denotes the set of real $n \times n$ matrices, $\|\cdot\|$ denotes Euclidean norm.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1. The Caputo fractional order derivative of order $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ on the half axis \mathbb{R}^+ is defined as follows

$${}^c D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \alpha)} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{f^{(n)}(\tau)}{(t - \tau)^{\alpha - n + 1}} d\tau$$

for $t > t_0$ with $n = \min\{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid k > \alpha > 0\}$, where $f^{(n)}(t)$ is the n -order derivative of $f(t)$, and $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the Gamma function.

Definition 2.2. The Reimann-Liouville fractional derivative of order α of function $f(t)$ is defined as

$${}^{RL} D_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \alpha)} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{f(\tau)}{(t - \tau)^{\alpha - n + 1}} d\tau$$

where $n - 1 \leq \alpha < n, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \Gamma(\cdot)$ denotes the Gamma function.

Definition 2.3. A function f defined on $D \subseteq \mathbb{R}^+$ is said to satisfy the Lipschitz condition if there is a constant L such that

$$\|f(y) - f(y_n)\| \leq L \|y - y_n\| \quad \forall y, y_n \in D$$

Model description

Let us consider the Caputo fractional order impulsive neural networks of the following form:

$${}^c D_t^\alpha \mathbf{y}(t) = -A\mathbf{y}(t) + B\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}(t)) + I; t \neq t_k$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t_k^+) = B_k \mathbf{y}(t_k^-); t = t_k$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0, \tag{1}$$

where: $\alpha \in (0, 1), \mathbf{y}(t) = (y_1(t), y_2(t), \dots, y_n(t))^T \in \mathbb{R}^n, A = \text{dia}(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ and $B = (b_{ij})_{n \times n}$. For $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n, y_i(t)$ is the state of the i^{th} neuron, $f_i(y_i(t))$ is the activation function of the i^{th} neuron, $a_i > 0$ is the charging rate for the i^{th} neuron. $I = (I_1, I_2, \dots, I_n)^T$, a constant vector, is the external input. $B_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is impulsive gain matrix, $t_1 < t_2 < t_3 \dots < t_k$ with $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} t_k = +\infty$. Assume that $\mathbf{y}(t)$ is right continuous at $t = t_k$ and $\mathbf{y}(t_k) = \mathbf{y}(t_k^+)$.

Assumption 1. The function f is continuous on \mathbb{R} and satisfy the Lipschitz condition in \mathbb{R} , there exist a linear matrix $L = \text{dia}\{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n\} > 0$, such that:

$$\|f(x) - f(y)\|_2 \leq L \|x - y\|_2 \quad \forall y, x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Lemma 2.1. For the given vectors $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and any positive constant $\varepsilon > 0$, the following inequality holds

$$2\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{x} \leq \varepsilon \mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{y} + \varepsilon^{-1} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}$$

Lemma 2.2. Let $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^n$. If $V(\mathbf{y}(t)): \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbf{y}(t): [0, \infty) \rightarrow \Omega$ are two continuous and differentiable functions and $V(\mathbf{y}(t))$ is convex over Ω , then

$${}^c D_t^\alpha V(y(t)) \leq \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial y}\right)^T {}^c D_t^\alpha (y(t)), \forall \alpha \in (0,1), \forall t \geq 0$$

Specially, for any $P > 0$ when $V(y(t)) = y^T(t)Py(t)$, then the following well known holds:

$${}^c D_t^\alpha (y^T(t)Py(t)) \leq 2y^T(t)P {}^c D_t^\alpha (y(t))$$

Lemma 2.3. For all $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and a real valued continuous function $G(t)$ on $[a, \infty)$, if there exist a constant θ such that

$${}^c D_t^\alpha G(t) \leq \theta G(t); \alpha \in (0,1]$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} G(t) &\leq G(a)e^{\int_a^t \frac{\theta}{\Gamma(\alpha)}(t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau} \\ &= G(a)e^{\frac{\theta}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}(t-a)^\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

3.MAIN RESULTS

In this section we examine exponential stability and synchronization results for fractional order impulsive Neural Networks via convex Lyapunov function.

3.1 Exponential Stability

Theorem 3.1. Let P be a positive definition matrix. If there exist constants $\gamma, \mu > 0$ and $\zeta^k > 1$ such that the following conditions

(i) $-PA - A^T P + \varepsilon PBB^T P + \varepsilon^{-1}L^2 \leq -\gamma P$

(ii) $B_k^T P B_k < e^{-\mu} P$

(iii) $\zeta^k e^{-\mu k} e^{\frac{-\gamma}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}(t_k - t_{k-1})^\alpha} < 1$

are satisfied. Then the system (1) is exponentially stable.

Proof. Let us assume the solution of equation (1) is piece-wise right continuous function. Consider the convex Lyapunov function:

$$W(t) = y^T(t)Py(t),$$

Taking Caputo derivative and using Lemma 2.2 when $t \in (t_k, t_{k+1})$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\begin{aligned} {}^c D_t^\alpha W(t) &\leq 2y^T(t)P\{{}^c D_t^\alpha (y(t))\} \\ &= 2y^T(t)P[-Ay(t) + Bf(y(t))] \\ &= -2y^T(t)PAy(t) + 2y^T(t)PBf(y(t)) \\ &\leq -y^T(t)PAy(t) - y^T(t)A^T Py(t) + 2y^T(t)PBB^T f(y(t)) \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1

$${}^c D_t^\alpha W(t) \leq -y^T(t)PAy(t) - y^T A^T Py(t) + \varepsilon y^T(t)PBB^T y(t) + \varepsilon^{-1}f^T(y(t))f(y(t))$$

By assumption (1), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} {}^c D_t^\alpha W(t) &\leq -y^T(t)PAy(t) - y^T(t)A^T Py(t) + \varepsilon y^T(t)PBB^T Py(t) + \varepsilon^{-1}Ly^T(t)Ly(t) \\ &= -y^T(t)PAy(t) - y^T(t)A^T Py(t) + \varepsilon y^T(t)PBB^T Py(t) + \varepsilon^{-1}L^2 y(t) \\ &= y^T(t)[-PA - A^T P + \varepsilon PBB^T P + \varepsilon^{-1}L^2]y(t) \end{aligned}$$

Let $-PA - A^T P + \varepsilon PBB^T P + \varepsilon^{-1}L^2 \leq -\gamma P$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} {}^c D_t^\alpha W(t) &\leq y^T(t)(-\gamma P)y(t) \\ &\leq -\gamma y^T Py(t) \end{aligned}$$

That is

$${}^C D_t^\alpha W(t) \leq -\gamma W(t) \text{ for } t \neq t_k.$$

When $t = t_k$, it follows from second equation of (1) that

$$\begin{aligned} W(t_k) &= \mathbf{y}^T(t_k) P \mathbf{y}(t_k) \\ &= (B_k \mathbf{y}(t_k^-))^T P (B_k \mathbf{y}(t_k^-)) \\ &= \mathbf{y}^T(t_k^-) (B_k)^T P (B_k) \mathbf{y}(t_k^-), \end{aligned}$$

Now take $B_k^T P B_k < e^{-\mu} P$ Then

$$W(t_k) \leq \mathbf{y}^T(t_k^-) e^{-\mu} P \mathbf{y}(t_k^-)$$

Thus $W(t_k) \leq e^{-\mu} W(t_k^-)$

By using Lemma 2.3, we can write for any $t \in (t_0, t_1)$

$$W(t) \leq W(t_0) e^{\frac{-\gamma}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}(t-t_0)^\alpha}$$

Similarly, for any $t \in (t_1, t_2)$

$$W(t) \leq W(t_0) e^{-\mu} e^{\frac{-\gamma}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}[(t-t_1)^\alpha + (t_1-t_0)^\alpha]}$$

Similarly, for any $t \in (t_k, t_{k+1})$

$$W(t) \leq W(t_0) \prod_{i=1}^k e^{-\mu_i} e^{\frac{-\gamma}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}(t_i-t_{i-1})^\alpha} \times e^{\frac{-\gamma}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}(t-t_k)^\alpha}$$

From condition (iii), we get

$$W(t) \leq W(t_0) \frac{1}{\zeta^k} e^{\frac{-\gamma}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}(t-t_k)^\alpha}$$

Where $\frac{1}{\zeta^k} \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, then $W(t) \leq 0$. Then system (1) is exponentially stable.

3.2 Exponential Synchronization

Consider the drive system:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^C D_t^\alpha \mathbf{y}(t) &= -A \mathbf{y}(t) + B \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}(t)) ; t \neq t_k, t \geq t_0 \\ \mathbf{y}(t_k^+) &= C \mathbf{y}(t_k^-) ; t = t_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \\ \mathbf{y}(t_0) &= \mathbf{y}_0 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

The corresponding Response system can be described as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} {}^C D_t^\alpha \mathbf{z}(t) &= -A \mathbf{z}(t) + B \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z}(t)) ; t \neq t_k, t \geq t_0 \\ \mathbf{z}(t_k^+) &= C \mathbf{z}(t_k^-) ; t = t_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \\ \mathbf{z}(t_0) &= \mathbf{z}_0 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Define error variable as $\boldsymbol{\theta}(t) = \mathbf{z}(t) - \mathbf{y}(t)$. Then we obtain error system from (5)-(4), it is defined as :

$$\begin{aligned} {}^C D_t^\alpha \boldsymbol{\theta}(t) &= -A \boldsymbol{\theta}(t) + B \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\theta}(t)) ; t \neq t_k, t \geq t_0 \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}(t_k^+) &= C \boldsymbol{\theta}(t_k^-) ; t = t_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \\ \boldsymbol{\theta}(t_0) &= \boldsymbol{\theta}_0 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

where $\mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\theta}(t)) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z}(t) + \mathbf{y}(t)) - \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}(t))$

Theorem 3.2. Let P be a positive definition matrix. If there exist constants $\gamma, \mu > 0$ and $\zeta^k > 1$ such that the following conditions

$$(iv) -PA - A^T P + \varepsilon P B B^T P + \varepsilon^{-1} L^2 \leq -\gamma P$$

$$(v) B_k^T P B_k < e^{-\mu} P$$

$$(vi) \zeta^k e^{-\mu k} e^{\frac{-\gamma}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}(t_k - t_{k-1})^\alpha} < 1$$

are satisfied. Then the system (6) is exponentially synchronized

Proof. The proof is similar to Theorem 3.1, so we omit it.

4.EXAMPLES

In this section, we give two examples to verify the effectiveness of exponential stability and exponential synchronization results that we obtained.

Example 1: In system (1) consider the following impulsive neural network with $\alpha=0.98$, $\mathbf{y}(t) = (y_1, y_2, y_3)^T$
 $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) = (\tanh(y_1), \tanh(y_2), \tanh(y_3))^T, I = (0,0,0)^T, \mathbf{A} = \text{diag}(1,1,1), \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1.2 & 0 \\ 1.8 & 1.71 & 1.15 \\ -4.75 & 0 & 1.1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{B}_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}.$

Under parameters $\varepsilon=0.1, \gamma=0.1, \mu_k=0.1$ and Lipschitz constant $L = \text{diag}(0.1,0.1,0.1)$, with $P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ the LMI conditions of Theorem (3.1) are satisfied. Thus, by Theorem (3.1) this neural network is exponentially stable.

Example 2 : Consider the Drive system:

$${}^C D_t^\alpha \mathbf{y}(t) = -A \mathbf{y}(t) + B \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}(t)) ; t \neq t_k, t \geq t_0$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t_k^+) = C \mathbf{y}(t_k^-) ; t = t_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0 ; t=t_0$$

The corresponding Response system can be described as :

$${}^C D_t^\alpha \mathbf{z}(t) = -A \mathbf{z}(t) + B \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z}(t)) ; t \neq t_k, t \geq t_0$$

$$\mathbf{z}(t_k^+) = C \mathbf{z}(t_k^-) ; t = t_k, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\mathbf{z}(t_0) = \mathbf{z}_0 ; t=t_0$$

Where $\alpha=0.98, \mathbf{y}(t) = (y_1, y_2, y_3)^T, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) = (\tanh(y_1), \tanh(y_2), \tanh(y_3))^T, \mathbf{z}(t) = (z_1, z_2, z_3)^T, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{z}) = (\tanh(z_1), \tanh(z_2), \tanh(z_3))^T, \mathbf{A} = \text{diag}(1,1,1), \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1.2 & 0 \\ 1.8 & 1.71 & 1.15 \\ -4.75 & 0 & 1.1 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{C} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}.$

Under parameters $\varepsilon = 0.1, \gamma = 0.1, \mu_k = 0.1$ and Lipschitz constant $L = \text{diag}(0.1,0.1,0.1)$, with $P = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ the LMI conditions of Theorem (3.2) are satisfied. Thus, by Theorem (3.2) the given system achieves exponential synchronization.

5.CONCLUSION

In this paper we have considered a Caputo fractional order impulsive Neural Networks. By using convex Lyapunov function, the exponential stability conditions for the fractional order impulsive neural networks are derived and the results are formulated in terms of linear matrix inequalities (LMIs).

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