# Impulsive Control for Exponential Stability of Neural Networks with Time-varying Delay

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# Abstract

In this paper we investigate the exponential stability of impul-sive control for neural networks with time-varying delay by using a Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional. One numerical example is given to demonstrate the effectiveness of the obtained results.

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# Introduction

Neural networks has been used in various fields, such as pattern recognition, signal processing and other fields [1-2]. In recent years, time delays has been occurred frequently. Therefore, some authors pay more attention to neural networks with time-varying delay [3-6], such as

$$x'(t) = -Cx(t) + Af(x(t)) + Bf(x(t - d(t))),$$
(1)

where  $x(.) = [x_1(.), x_2(.), ..., x_n(.)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the neuron state vector;  $f(x(.)) = [f_1(x(.)), f_1(x(.))]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ 

 $vspace5mmf_2(x(.)), ..., f_n(x(.))]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$  denotes the neuron activation function;  $C = diag(c_1, c_2, ..., c_n)$  is a diagonal matrix with  $c_i > 0$ ; and A and B are the connection weight matrix and the delayed connection weight matrix. respectively, the time delay d(t) is a time-varying differentiable function.

Impulsive control which reduces the control cost is an effective and ideal control technique [7-9]. Impulsive effect exists widely in many evolutionary processes. The paper investigates a delayed neural networks with impulses, which is neither purely continuous-time nor purely discrete-time ones.

In this paper, we consider the system (1) subjected to certain impulsive state displacements at fixed moments of time:

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = -Cx(t) + Af(x(t)) + Bf(x(t-d(t))), t \neq t_k, \\ x(t^+) = Rx(t), \quad t = t_k, \end{cases}$$
(2)

where R is positive definite block-diagonal matrix.  $x_j(t_k^-) = x_j(t_k)$ , which mean  $x_j(t)$  is left continuous at each  $t_k$ . The moments of impulsive satisfy  $t_1 < t_2 < \cdots < t_k < t_{k+1} < \ldots$  and  $\lim_{k \to +\infty} t_k = \infty$ .

The paper constructs a new Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional (LKF) firstly. Then, we can obtain the LKF which is non-increasing . And a stability condition is established by integral inequality. What's different from the exists is that we are going to consider the impulsive differential equations. Finally, a numerical example is given to demonstrate the effectiveness of the obtained results.

#### 2. Preliminaries

In this paper, we assume that the time delay d(t) is a time-varying differentiable function that satisfies

$$0 \le d(t) \le h, d'(t) \le \mu, \tag{3},$$

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where h and  $\mu$  are constants.

In addition, it is assumed that each neuron activation function  $f_j(.)$  satisfies the following condition

$$0 \le \frac{f_j(x_j)}{x_j} \le L_j, \quad f_j(0) = 0, \forall x_j \ne 0, j = 1, 2, .., n.$$
(4)

**Definition 1**The system (2) is said to be exponentially stable if there exist constants k > 0 and  $M \ge 1$  such that

$$|x(t)|| \le M\phi e^{-kt},\tag{5}$$

where  $\phi = \sup_{-h \le \theta \le 0} ||x(\theta)||$ , k is called the exponential convergence rate. Lemma 1/3 For any vector  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , the inequality

$$2a^T b \le a^T X a + b^T X^{-1} b \tag{6}$$

holds, in which X is any positive matrix (i. e, X > 0).

**Lemma 2**[3] Suppose that (4) holds, then

$$\int_{v}^{u} [f_{j}(s) - f_{j}(v)] ds \le [u - v] [f_{j}(u) - f_{j}(v)], \quad j = 1, 2, ..., n.$$
(7)

**Lemma 3**[4] Assume that (4) holds, then we have

$$\int_{v}^{u} [f_{j}(s) - f_{j}(v)] ds \ge \frac{1}{2L_{j}} [f_{j}(u) - f_{j}(v)]^{2}, \quad j = 1, 2, ..., n.$$
(8)

#### 3. Main results

**Theorem 1.** The system (2) with (4) and a time-varying delay satisfying condition (3) is exponential stable and have the exponential convergence rate k, if there exist  $P = P^T > 0, M = M^T > 0, W = W^T > 0, N = N^T > 0, D = diag(d_1, d_2, ..., d_n) \ge 0$ , such that the following matrix is feasible

$$\Gamma_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_{1} & & & \\ & \Theta_{2} & & \\ & & \Theta_{3} & \\ & & & \Theta_{4} \end{bmatrix} < 0,$$
$$\Gamma_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} \Theta_{5} & & \\ & & \Theta_{6} \end{bmatrix} < 0,$$

where

 $\Theta_1=2kP-2PC+2PAL+P^2+4kLD+e^{2kh}M+hN,$ 

$$\Theta_2 = -2DCL^{-1} + 2DA + D^2 + e^{2kh}W,$$

$$\Theta_3 = (\mu - 1)M, \Theta_4 = 2B^T B + (\mu - 1)W,$$

$$\Theta_5 = R^T P R - P + 2R^T L D R, \Theta_6 = -DL^{-1},$$

 $L = diag(L_1, L_2, ..., L_n).$ 

*Proof*.Construct the following Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional

$$V(x(t)) = V_1(x(t)) + V_2(x(t)) + V_3(x(t))$$
$$V_1(x(t)) = e^{2kt} x^T(t) Px(t) + 2\sum_{j=1}^n d_j e^{2kt} \int_0^{x_j} f_j(s) ds,$$

$$\begin{split} V_2(x(t)) &= e^{2kh} \int_{t-d(t)}^t e^{2ks} [x^T(s)Mx(s) + f^T(x(s))Wf(x(s))] ds, \\ V_3(x(t)) &= \int_{-h}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t e^{2ks} x^T(s)Nx(s) ds d\theta, \\ \text{where } P &= P^T > 0, M = M^T > 0, W = W^T > 0, N = N^T > 0, D = diag(d_1, d_2, ..., d_n) \ge 0 \text{ are to be determined.} \end{split}$$

Firstly, we define the following vector

$$\eta_1(t) = [x^T(t) \ f^T(x(t)) \ x^T(t - d(t)) \ f^T(x(t - d(t)))],$$
$$\eta_2(t) = [x^T(t) \ f^T(x(t))].$$

For  $t \neq t_k$ , by using Lemma 1 and 2, calculating the derivative of  $V_i(x(t))(i = 1, 2, 3)$  along the trajectories of the system (2) yields.

$$\begin{split} V_1^{'}(x(t)) &= 2ke^{2kt}x^T(t)Px(t) + 2e^{2kt}x^T(t)Px^{'}(t) + 4\sum_{j=1}^n kd_je^{2kt}\int_0^{x_j} f_j(s)ds \\ &+ 2\sum_{j=1}^n d_je^{2kt}f_j(x_j(t))x_j^{'}(t) \\ &\leq 2ke^{2kt}x^T(t)Px(t) + 2e^{2kt}x^T(t)Px^{'}(t) + 4ke^{2kt}f^T(x(t))Dx(t) \\ &+ 2e^{2kt}f^T(x(t))Dx^{'}(t) \\ &\leq 2ke^{2kt}x^T(t)Px(t) - 2e^{2kt}x^T(t)PCx(t) + 2e^{2kt}x^T(t)PALx(t) \\ &+ e^{2kt}x^T(t)P^2x(t) + e^{2kt}f^T(x(t-d(t)))B^TBf(x(t-d(t))) \\ &+ 4ke^{2kt}x^T(t)LDx(t) - 2e^{2kt}f^T(x(t)DCL^{-1}f(x(t)) \\ &+ 2e^{2kt}f^T(x(t))DAf(x(t)) + e^{2kt}f^T(x(t))D^2f(x(t)) \\ &+ e^{2kt}f^T(x(t)(2kP - 2PC + 2PAL + P^2 + 4kLD)x(t) \\ &+ f^T(x(t))(-2DCL^{-1} + 2DA + D^2)f(x(t)) \\ &+ f^T(x(t-d(t))(2B^TB)f(x(t-d(t)))]. \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} V_{2}^{'}(x(t)) &= e^{2kh}e^{2kt}(x^{T}(t)Mx(t) + f^{T}(x(t)Wf(x(t))) - e^{2kh}e^{2k(t-d(t))} \\ &\quad (1-d^{'}(t))[x^{T}(t-d(t))Mx(t-d(t)) + f^{T}(x(t-d(t))Wf(x(t-d(t)))] \\ &\leq e^{2kt}[x^{T}(t)e^{2kh}Mx(t) + f^{T}(x(t))e^{2kh}Wf(x(t)) + x^{T}(t-d(t)) \\ &\quad (\mu-1)Mx(t-d(t)) + f^{T}(x(t-d(t))(\mu-1)Wf(x(t-d(t)))]. \end{split}$$

$$V_{3}^{'}(x(t)) = he^{2kt}x^{T}(t)Nx(t) - \int_{t-h}^{t} e^{2ks}x^{T}(s)Nx(s)ds \le e^{2kt}x^{T}(t)hNx(t).$$

From the previous expression, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} V^{'}(x(t)) &\leq e^{2kt} [x^{T}(t)(2kP-2PC+2PAL+P^{2}+4kLD+e^{2kh}M+hN)x(t) \\ &+f^{T}(x(t))(-2DCL^{-1}+2DA+D^{2}+e^{2kh}W)f(x(t))+x^{T}(t-d(t))(\mu-1) \\ &Mx(t-d(t))+f^{T}(x(t-d(t))(2B^{T}B+(\mu-1)W)f(x(t-d(t)))] \\ &= e^{2kt}\eta_{1}(t)\Gamma_{1}\eta^{T}(t). \end{aligned}$$

From  $\Gamma_1<0$  , we have  $V^{'}(x(t))<0.$  When  $t=t_k(k=1,2,\ldots),$  by using Lemmas 2 and 3 , we can obtain

$$V_{1}(x(t_{k}^{+})) - V_{1}(x(t_{k})) = e^{2kt_{k}^{+}}x^{T}(t_{k}^{+})Px(t_{k}^{+}) + 2\sum_{j=1}^{n}d_{j}e^{2kt_{k}^{+}}\int_{0}^{x_{j}^{+}}f_{j}(s)ds$$
$$-e^{2kt_{k}}x^{T}(t_{k})Px(t_{k}) - 2\sum_{j=1}^{n}d_{j}e^{2kt_{k}}\int_{0}^{x_{j}}f_{j}(s)ds$$

$$\leq e^{2kt_k} x^T(t_k) (R^T P R - P) x(t_k) + 2e^{2kt_k} f^T(x(t_k^+)) Dx(t_k^+) - e^{2kt_k} f^T(x(t_k)) DL^{-1} f(x(t_k)) = e^{2kt_k} [x^T(t_k) (R^T P R - P + 2R^T L D R) x(t_k) - f^T(x(t_k)) DL^{-1} f(x(t_k))],$$

$$V_{2}(x(t_{k}^{+})) - V_{2}(x(t_{k})) = e^{2kh} \int_{t_{k}^{+}-d(t_{k}^{+})}^{t_{k}^{+}} e^{2ks} (x^{T}(s)Mx(s) + f^{T}(x(s))Wf(x(s)))ds$$
  
$$-e^{2kh} \int_{t_{k}-d(t_{k})}^{t_{k}} e^{2ks} (x^{T}(s)Mx(s) + f^{T}(x(s))Wf(x(s)))ds$$
  
$$= 0,$$

$$V_{3}(x(t_{k}^{+})) - V_{3}(x(t_{k})) = \int_{-h}^{0} \int_{t_{k}^{+}+\theta}^{t_{k}^{+}} e^{2ks} x^{T}(s) Nx(s) ds d\theta - \int_{-h}^{0} \int_{t_{k}+\theta}^{t_{k}} e^{2ks} x^{T}(s) Nx(s) ds d\theta$$
  
= 0,

then, we can obtain

$$V(x(t_k^+)) - V(x(t_k)) \leq e^{2kt_k} [x^T(t_k)(R^T P R - P + 2R^T L D R)x(t_k) - f^T(x(t_k))DL^{-1}f(x(t_k))] \\ = e^{2kt_k} \eta_2(t_k) \Gamma_2 \eta_2^T(t_k),$$

 $\Gamma_2 < 0 \text{ implies } V(x(t_k^+)) \le V(x(t_k)).$ It follows from V'(x(t)) < 0 and  $V(x(t_k^+)) \le V(x(t_k))$  that  $V(x(t)) \le V(x(0))$  for any  $t \ge 0$ . However, from Lemma 2 we have

$$\begin{split} V(x(0)) &= x^{T}(0)Px(0) + 2\sum_{j=1}^{n} d_{j} \int_{0}^{x_{j}} f_{j}(s)ds + e^{2kh} \int_{-d(0)}^{0} e^{2ks} [x^{T}(t)Mx(t) \\ &+ f^{T}(x(t))Wf(x(t))]ds + \int_{-h}^{0} \int_{\theta}^{0} e^{2ks} x^{T}(t)Nx(t)dsd\theta \\ &\leq \lambda_{max}(P)||\phi||^{2} + 2\sum_{j=1}^{n} d_{j}x_{j}(0)f_{j}(x_{j}(0)) + e^{2kh}\lambda_{max}(M) \int_{-d(0)}^{0} x^{T}(s)x(s)ds \\ &+ e^{2kh}\lambda_{max}(W) \int_{-d(0)}^{0} f^{T}(x(s))f(x(s))ds + \lambda_{max}(N) \int_{-h}^{0} \int_{\theta}^{0} x^{T}(s)x(s)dsd\theta \\ &\leq \lambda_{max}(P)||\phi||^{2} + 2\lambda_{max}(DL)||\phi||^{2} + he^{2kh}\lambda_{max}(M)||\phi||^{2} \\ &+ he^{2kh}\lambda_{max}(W)\lambda_{max}(L^{2})||\phi||^{2} + h^{2}\lambda_{max}(N)||\phi||^{2} \\ &= \Lambda ||\phi||^{2}, \end{split}$$

where

$$\Lambda = \lambda_{max}(P) + 2\lambda_{max}(DL) + he^{2kh}\lambda_{max}(M) + he^{2kh}\lambda_{max}(W)\lambda_{max}(L^2) + h^2\lambda_{max}(N),$$
$$\phi = \sup_{-h \le \theta \le 0} ||x(\theta)||.$$

On the other hand, we get

$$V(x(t)) \ge e^{2kt} x^T(t) P x(t) \ge e^{2kt} \lambda_{min}(P) ||x(t)||^2.$$

Therefore

$$||x(t)|| \le \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{\lambda_{\min}(P)}} ||\phi|| e^{-kt},$$

which shows that system (2) is exponentially stable and has the exponential convergence rate k. The proof is completed.

## 4. Examples

Consider the following neural networks system

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) = -Cx(t) + Af(x(t)) + Bf(x(t - d(t))), t \neq t_k \\ x(t^+) = Rx(t), \quad t = t_k, \end{cases}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \qquad C = diag(2, 3),$$
$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad L_1 = L_2 = 1,$$
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then we can construct a LKF. Let

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad P = D = diag(1, 1),$$
$$N = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad k = \frac{1}{8},$$
$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{8}{3} & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{8}{3} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \mu = \frac{1}{4}.$$

It follows from  $\Gamma_1 < 0$  and  $\Gamma_2 < 0$  that the all conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied, so the neural networks system is exponential stability.

# Conclusions

We investigate the impulsive neural networks with time-varying delay. By constructing a new Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional (LKF), a exponential stability condition is established, which extend some previous results. One numerical example is given to demonstrate the effectiveness of the obtained results.

# **Conflicts of Interest**

Authors declare that there is no conflict of interest.

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