

## Robust Stabilization of Uncertain Linear System with Distributed State Delay\*

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**ABSTRACT** – In this paper, we present the theoretical development to stabilize a class of uncertain time-delay system. The system under consideration is described in state space model containing distributed delay, uncertain parameters and disturbance. The main idea is to transform the system state into an equivalent one, which is easier to analyze its behavior and stability. Then, a computational method of robust controller design is presented in two parts. The first part is based on solving a Riccati equation arising in the optimal control theory. In the second part, the finite dimensional Lyapunov min-max approach is employed to cope with the uncertainties. Finally, we show how the resulting control law ensures asymptotic stability of the overall system..

**KEY WORDS** -- Robust Stabilization, Time-delay System, Control System Design.

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### 1. Introduction

It is well known that uncertain parameters and disturbance in practical control system such as modeling errors, linearization approximations, etc., are always found and disturb the system. On the other hand, the time delay which commonly encountered in various engineering systems is frequently a source of instability. Therefore, the problem of robust stabilization of state delayed system with uncertain parameters have received considerable attention of many researchers, and many solution approaches have been proposed, see, for example [1~9] and reference therein. One approach which frequently applied to deterministic robust control is by means of the so-called “second method” of Lyapunov. The design is based on a nominal linearization of given system with time-varying, non-linear uncertain elements of the system and the extraneous disturbances grouped into an unknown but bounded function. Only knowledge of compact sets bounding the system uncertainties is required. Furthermore, if they satisfy certain matching conditions, complete insensitivity to the system variations can be achieved, see, for example [1~8] and reference therein. Other often-used approach is based

on  $H_\infty$  control theory of which resulting control law is linear [9][10]

In this paper, A class of linear system containing constant known distributed state delay, uncertain parameters and additive disturbances are presented. Determination of controller parameters can be divided into two parts. First, base on the improved Fiagbedzi and Pearson theorem [11~13], the linear transformation is utilized to reduce the original problem into an equivalent one which is easier to find the solution. Next, by using the well-known Lyapunov min-max approach of numerical example in section 4 demonstrates the proposed control method. Gutman [14], a suitable stabilizing control law is derived.

This paper is organized as follow. In the next section, we introduce the uncertain system considered here and the state-feedback based transformation technique. In section 3, we derive the required robust control law. A Some final remarks and conclusion appear in Section 5.

### 2. Problem Formulation

Consider a class of uncertain time-delay systems ( $S_d$ ) which is defined by the following state equations

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$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) = & [A + \Delta A(t)]x(t) + [A_h + \Delta A_h(t)]x(t-h) \\ & + \int_{-r}^0 A_r(\theta)x(t-r-\theta)d\theta \\ & + \int_{-r}^0 \Delta A_r(t)x(t-r-\theta)d\theta \\ & + [B + \Delta B(t)]u(t) + Bw(t)\end{aligned}\quad (2.1)$$

where  $x \in R^n$  is the current value of the system state,  $u(t) \in R^m$  is the control function,  $\omega(t) \in R^l$  is the additive disturbance  $A$ ,  $A_h$ ,  $B$  are known constant matrices of appropriate dimensions,  $A_r \in L_1([-r,0]; R^{n \times n})$  is a matrix whose elements are integrable functions on  $[-r,0]$ ,  $\Delta A(t)$ ,  $\Delta A_h(t)$ ,  $\Delta A_r(t)$ ,  $\Delta B(t)$  are matrices whose elements are continuous, unknown but bounded functions,  $h, r \in R^+$  is a known constant delay time and the initial function of system be specified as  $x_0(\eta) \in C_d([-t_f, 0]; R^n)$ ,  $t_f = \max(h, r)$ .

#### ASSUMPTIONS

Before proposing our controllers, the following assumptions are made throughout here.

**Assumption 2.1:** The nominal system of  $(S_d)$ ; i.e., the system  $(S_d)$  which  $\Delta A(t) = \Delta A_h(t) = \Delta A_r(t) = 0$ ,  $\Delta B(t) = 0$ ,  $w(t) = 0$  are spectrally stabilizable.

**Assumption 2.2:** For all  $t \in R^+$ , there are exist continuous matrix functions  $H(t)$ ,  $H_h(t)$ ,  $H_r(t)$ , and  $E(t)$  of appropriate dimensions such that

- $\Delta A(t) = BH(t)$ ,
- $\Delta A_h(t) = BH_h(t)$ ,
- $\Delta B(t) = BE(t)$ ,
- $I + \frac{1}{2}(E(t) + E^T(t)) \geq \delta I$  for some scalar  $\delta > 0$ ,
- $\Delta A_r(t) = BH_r(t)$
- there are scalar  $\mu(x_t)$  and  $\mu_E(t)$  such that  $\mu(x_t) \geq \|H(t)x(t) + H_h(t)x(t-h) + \int_{-r}^0 H_r(t)x(t-r-\theta)d\theta + \omega(t)\|$ ,

and

$$\mu_E(t) \geq \|E(t)\|$$

- information  $\delta$ ,  $\mu$  and  $\mu_E$  are available

Note here that physical meaning of matching conditions defined in Assumption 2.2 is all disturbance and uncertainty effects disturb into the system though the same channel as the control. And if matching conditions are satisfies, we can rewrite system  $(S_d)$  to the form

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) = & Ax(t) + A_hx(t-h) + \int_{-r}^0 A_r(\theta)x(t-r-\theta)d\theta \\ & + B(u(t) + v(t))\end{aligned}\quad (2.2)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}v(t) = & H(t)x(t) + H_h(t)x(t-h) \\ & + \int_{-r}^0 H_r(t)x(t-r-\theta)d\theta + E(t)u(t) + w(t)\end{aligned}\quad (2.3)$$

#### Transformation Technique

We begin with the linear transformation  $T_c$  defined by

$$\begin{aligned}z(t) = & (T_c(x))(t) \\ = & x(t) + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c\theta} A_hx(t-h-\theta)d\theta \\ & + \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-\theta}^0 e^{A_c\tau} A_r(-r-\theta)x(t-r+\theta)d\tau d\theta\end{aligned}\quad (2.4)$$

where  $A_c \in R^{n \times n}$  is a matrix yet to be defined.

#### Proposition 2.1 :

Let the matrix  $A_c$  be defined by

$$\begin{aligned}A_c = & A + e^{-hA_c} A_h \\ & + \int_{-r}^0 e^{-(r+\theta)A_c} A_r(\theta)d\theta,\end{aligned}\quad (2.5)$$

and

$$\sigma_u(S_d) \subset \sigma(A_c) \subset \sigma(S_d) \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(S_d) = & \{s \in C; \det(sI - A - e^{-hs} A_h \\ & - \int_{-r}^0 e^{-(r+\theta)s} A_r(\theta)d\theta) = 0\},\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sigma_u(S_d) = \{s \in \sigma(S_d); \operatorname{Re}(s) \geq 0\},$$

Then,  $\dot{x}(t)$  satisfies (2.1) and hence (2.2), if and only if  $\dot{z}(t)$  satisfies the system of the form  $(S_o)$

$$\dot{z}(t) = A_c z(t) + B(u(t) + v(t)) \quad (2.7)$$

Furthermore, the following properties are true:

- $(A_c, B)$  is a stabilizable pair,

(b) if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|z(t)\| = 0$ , then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x(t)\| = 0$

(c) if  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|z(t)\| \leq k_1$ ,  $\exists k_1 < \infty$ , then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x(t)\| \leq k_2, \quad \exists k_2 < \infty,$$

Proof.

By using the *Leibniz's formula* [15], it is straightforward to verify that (2.2) in conjunction with the transformation (2.4) yields (2.7); see Appendix. Property (a) follows from Theorem 3.2 of [8]. To show the property (b) and (c), are obtained using Laplace transform (2.4) to obtain, after some rearrangement,

$$\begin{aligned} X(s) &= \Delta^{-1}(s)(sI - A_c)Z(s) \\ &\quad + \Delta^{-1}(s)(sI - A_c)\Psi(s) \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\Delta(s) = [sI - A - e^{-hs}A_h]$ , and

$$\Psi(s) = \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c\theta} A_h \int_{-(h+\theta)}^0 e^{-s(\tau+h+\theta)} x_0(\tau) d\tau d\theta.$$

Next by setting  $t = \tau + h + \theta$ , Observe that

$$\int_{-(h+\theta)}^0 e^{-s(\tau+h+\theta)} x_0(\tau) d\tau = \int_0^{(h+\theta)} e^{-st} x_0(t-h-\theta) dt$$

Since  $x_0(\tau) = 0, \forall \tau \notin [-h, 0]$ , we

$$\begin{aligned} \text{have } \int_{-(h+\theta)}^0 e^{-s(\tau+h+\theta)} x_0(\tau) d\tau &= \int_0^\infty e^{-st} x_0(t-h-\theta) dt \\ &= L\{x_0(t-h-\theta)\}. \end{aligned}$$

where the operator  $L\{\cdot\}$  is defined as the Laplace Transform.

Furthermore, by setting  $t = \tau + r + \alpha + \theta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-(r+\alpha+\theta)}^0 e^{-s(\tau+r+\alpha+\theta)} x_0(\tau) d\tau \\ = \int_0^{(r+\alpha+\theta)} e^{-st} x_0(t-r-\alpha-\theta) dt \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x_0(\tau) = 0, \forall \tau \notin [-t_f, 0]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-(r+\alpha+\theta)}^0 e^{-s(\tau+r+\alpha+\theta)} x_0(\tau) d\tau \\ = \int_0^\infty e^{-st} x_0(t-r-\alpha-\theta) dt \\ = L\{x_0(t-r-\alpha-\theta)\} \end{aligned}$$

This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(t) &= L^{-1}\{\Psi(s)\} \\ &= L^{-1}\left\{\int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c\theta} A_h L\{x_0(t-h-\theta)\} d\theta\right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ L^{-1}\left\{\int_{-r}^0 \int_{-(r+\theta)}^0 e^{A_c\alpha} A_r(\theta) L\{x_0(t-r-\alpha-\theta)\} d\alpha d\theta\right\} \\ &= \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c\theta} A_h x_0(t-h-\theta) d\theta \\ &+ \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-(r+\theta)}^0 e^{A_c\alpha} A_r(\theta) x_0(t-r-\alpha-\theta) d\alpha d\theta \end{aligned}$$

and hence,

$$\psi(t) = 0, \quad \forall t > t_f = \max(h, r).$$

Note here that (2.6) implies that all eigenvalues of the transfer function  $\Delta^{-1}(s)(sI - A_c)$  are stable. Consequently, it can be verified that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|x(t)\| &\leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|L^{-1}\{\Delta^{-1}(s)(sI - A_c)Z(s)\}(t)\| \\ &+ \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|L^{-1}\{\Delta^{-1}(s)(sI - A_c)\Psi(s)\}(t)\| \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|L^{-1}\{\Delta^{-1}(s)(sI - A_c)Z(s)\}(t)\|. \end{aligned}$$

The above analysis imply that  $\psi(t)$  does not influence stability of  $x(t)$ . Furthermore, asymptotic stability of  $z(t)$  implies asymptotic stability of  $x(t)$  since  $\Delta^{-1}(s)(sI - A_c)$  is stable.  $\square$

### 3. Controller Design

In this section we present a suitable controller design, which is based on the Min-Max Approach of Gutman, to stabilize  $z(t)$ . Next we will proof that the controller can make the system asymptotically stable.

**Theorem 3.1** : Suppose there exists a transformation satisfying the hypothesis of proposition 2.1. Then, for given  $Q > 0$ , there exist a positive definite solution P to the Riccati equation

$$A_c^T P + P A_c - P B B^T P + Q = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

Furthermore, a control law, which render closed-loop systems asymptotically stable, is given by

$$u(t) = u_L(t) + u_N(t) \quad (3.2)$$

where

$$u_L(t) = -\frac{1}{2} B^T P z(t) \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$u_N(t) = -\frac{\rho^2(x_t) B^T P z(t)}{\delta(\rho(x_t)) \|B^T P z(t)\| + e^{-\rho t}} \quad (3.4)$$

where the nonlinear gain

$$\rho(x_t) = \mu_E \|u_L(t)\| + \mu(x_t), \quad (3.5)$$

and  $\phi \in R^+$  and  $\delta$  is the positive scalar defined in Assumption 2-d.

*Proof.*

First, we take the positive definite function

$$V_z(t) = z^T(t)Pz(t) \quad (3.6)$$

as Lyapunov function candidate for the system (2.7) with control (3.2). Applying with the Riccati equation, the following is obtained of the derivative of  $V_z$

$$\dot{V}_z = -z^T(t)[A_c^T P + P A_c]z(t) + 2z^T(t)PB(u(t) + v(t))$$

Substitute  $u_L(t)$  in the above equality to get

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_z &= -z^T(t)[A_c^T P + P A_c - P B B^T P]z(t) \\ &\quad + 2z^T(t)PB(u_N(t) + v(t)) \\ &= -z^T(t)Qz(t) + 2z^T(t)PB(u_N(t) + v(t)) \end{aligned}$$

since  $v(t)$  still has same value as defined in (2.3), we have

$$\dot{V}_z = -z^T(t)Qz(t) + \alpha(t) + \beta(t)$$

where

$$\alpha(t) = 2z^T(t)PB(I + E(t))u_N(t)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(t) &= 2z^T(t)PB \left\{ H(t)x(t) + H_h(t)x(t-h) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{-r}^0 H_r(t)x(t-r-\theta)d\theta + \omega(t) + E(t)u_L(t) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Consequently from  $u_N(t)$  defined in (3.4),  $\alpha(t)$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(t) &= -2k(t)z^T(t)PB(I + E(t))B^T Pz(t) \\ &= -2k(t)z^T(t)PB \left( I + \frac{1}{2}(E^T(t) + E(t)) \right) B^T Pz(t) \\ &\leq -2k(t)z^T(t)PB\delta B^T Pz(t) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$k(t) = \frac{\rho^2(x_t)}{\delta(\rho(x_t))\|B^T Pz(t)\| + e^{-\phi t}} \quad (3.7)$$

Hence

$$\alpha(t) \leq -2k(t)\delta\|B^T Pz(t)\|^2 \quad (3.8)$$

On the other hand,

$$\beta(t) \leq 2\|B^T Pz(t)\|\rho(x_t) \quad (3.9)$$

Combining (3.8) with (3.9) to get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(t) + \beta(t) &\leq 2 \left( -k(t)\delta\|B^T Pz(t)\|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \rho(x_t)\|B^T Pz(t)\| \right) \quad (3.10) \end{aligned}$$

(3.7) and (3.10) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(t) + \beta(t) &\leq 2 \left( -\frac{\rho^2\|B^T Pz(t)\|^2}{\rho\|B^T Pz(t)\| + e^{-\phi t}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \rho(x_t)\|B^T Pz(t)\| \right) \\ &\leq 2 \left( \frac{e^{-\phi t}\rho\|B^T Pz(t)\|}{\rho\|B^T Pz(t)\| + e^{-\phi t}} \right) \\ &\leq 2e^{-\phi t} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_z(t) &= -z^T(t)Qz(t) + \alpha(t) + \beta(t) \\ &\leq -z^T(t)Qz(t) + 2e^{-\phi t} \end{aligned}$$

By using [17], It can be verified that closed-loop system (2.7) with control law (3.2) is asymptotically stable.  $\square$

## 4. Numerical Example and Simulation

Consider the following uncertain system with distributed time delay with its linear part as defined in

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + [A_h + \Delta A_h(t)]x(t-h) \\ &\quad + \int_{-r}^0 A_r(\theta)x(t-r-\theta)d\theta + Bu(t) + \omega(t) \quad (4.1) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A = \frac{8e^{-\frac{\pi}{4}} - 8}{65}, \quad A_h = e, \quad A_r(\theta) = \sin(8\theta), \quad B = 1,$$

$$|\Delta A_h(t)| \leq 3, \quad |\omega(t)| \leq 0.5, \quad h = 1, \quad r = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Therefore, it can be verified by using the numerical algorithm proposed in [15] that  $\sigma_u = \{1\}$ , consequently  $A_c$  has chosen to be 1. Next, we choose  $Q$  to be 3 then  $P$  becomes 3 and the nonlinear gain

$$\rho(x_t) = \mu(x_t) = \|3 \cdot x(t-h) + 0.5\| \quad (4.2)$$

Using the controller described and let  $\phi$  be 0.15, the response of the system (4.1) with controller are given in the figure 1 shown below

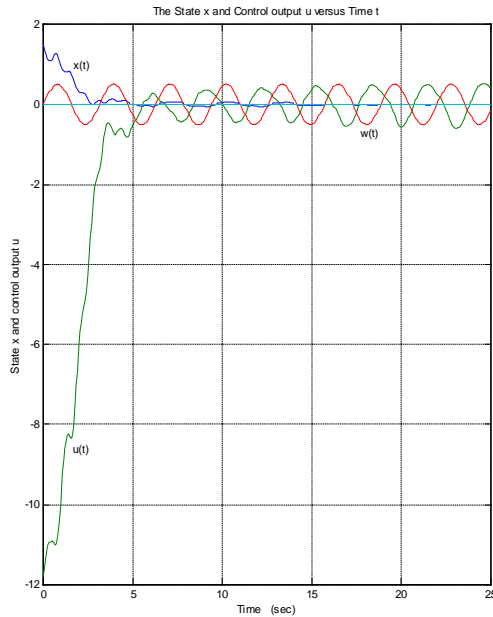


Fig 1. Simulation Result,

Furthermore, figure 2 shows the response of system (4.1) with only linear control law (3.3). It can be observed that the control law without nonlinear part can not stabilize the system. In the other hand, the nonlinear part is sufficient to control the effect of uncertainties and disturbance for stabilizing the system

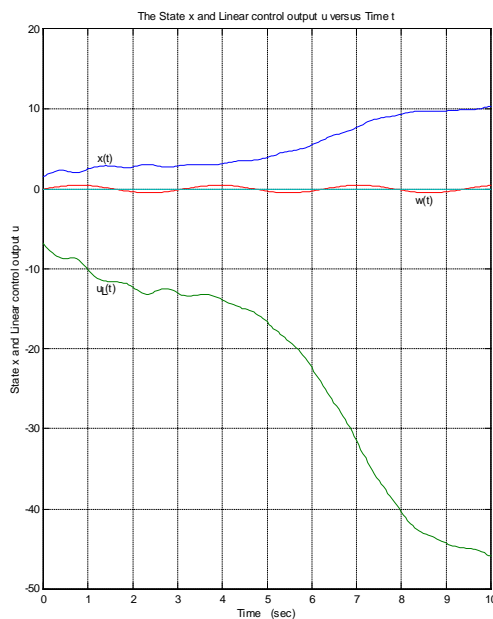


Fig 2. Simulation Result without nonlinear control law

## 5. Concluding Remarks

We have presented a method to stabilize uncertain system with distributed time delay. By using matching condition defined in *Assumption 2.2*, we can change system model (2.1) into new model (2.7) that easier to be applied with the special linear transformation. The transformation is used to reduce the system state model so that we can obtain a stabilizing condition as shown in *Proposition 2.1*. In the other word, choosing  $A_c$ , such that  $\Delta^{-1}(s)(sI - A_c)$  stable, paves the way to feasible design of the robust controller. And it explains why stability of  $z(t)$  can imply stability of  $x(t)$ . As a consequence, we obtain a new design of robustly stabilizing controller for the system.

In General, the problem of determining the roots of systems has been considered by many authors. Base on Manitius method [16], Fiagbedzi and Pearson had proposed the solution for distributed systems in 1987, see [13] for references.

Finally, we note that the applicability of our approach is not limited to stabilization problem. For instance, it is feasible to extend our result in section 3 to cope with the model-following control of which concept is proposed in [7].

## 6. APPENDIX

### Supplementary proof of Proposition 2.1

From the hypothesis of Proposition 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) = & Ax(t) + A_h x(t-h) + \int_{-r}^0 A_r(\theta) x(t-r-\theta) d\theta \\ & + B(u(t) + v(t)) \end{aligned} \quad (A.1)$$

with the auxiliary output

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) = & (T_c(x))(t) \\ = & x(t) + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h x(t-h-\theta) d\theta \\ & + \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-\theta}^0 e^{A_c \tau} A_r(-r-\theta) x(t-r+\theta) d\tau d\theta \end{aligned} \quad (A.2)$$

where the matrix  $A_c$  be defined by

$$A_c = A + e^{-hA_c} A_h + \int_{-r}^0 e^{-(r+\theta)A_c} A_r(\theta) d\theta, \quad (A.3)$$

By using the *Leibniz's formula* [12], it can be verified that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h x(t-h-\theta) d\theta \\ = e^{-hA_c} A_h x(t) - A_h x(t-h-\theta) \\ + A_c \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h x(t-h-\theta) d\theta \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-\theta}^0 e^{A_c \tau} A_r (-r-\theta) x(t-r+\theta) d\tau d\theta \\ = \int_{-r}^0 \left[ e^{-\theta A_c} A_r (-r-\theta) x(t) - A_r (-r-\theta) x(t+\theta) \right. \\ \left. + A_c \int_{-\theta}^0 e^{A_c \tau} A_r (-r-\theta) x(t-\tau+\theta) d\tau \right] d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}(t) &= \dot{x}(t) + \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h x(t-h-\theta) d\theta \\ &\quad + \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-\theta}^0 e^{A_c \tau} A_r (-r-\theta) x(t-r+\theta) d\tau d\theta \\ &= Ax(t) + A_h x(t-h) \\ &\quad + \int_{-r}^0 A_r(\theta) x(t-r-\theta) d\theta + B(u(t) + v(t)) \\ &\quad + e^{-hA_c} A_h x(t) - A_h x(t-h-\theta) \\ &\quad + A_c \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h x(t-h-\theta) d\theta \\ &\quad + \int_{-r}^0 \left[ e^{-\theta A_c} A_r (-r-\theta) x(t) - A_r (-r-\theta) x(t+\theta) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + A_c \int_{-\theta}^0 e^{A_c \tau} A_r (-r-\theta) x(t-\tau+\theta) d\tau \right] d\theta \\ &= A_c \left[ x(t) + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h x(t-h-\theta) d\theta \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-\theta}^0 e^{A_c \tau} A_r (-r-\theta) x(t-r+\theta) d\tau d\theta \right] \\ &\quad + B(u(t) + v(t)) \\ &\quad + \left[ A + e^{-hA_c} A_h + \int_{-r}^0 e^{-(r+\theta)A_c} A_r(\theta) d\theta - A_c \right] x(t) \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\dot{z}(t) = A_c z(t) + B(u(t) + v(t))$$

owning to (A.2) and (A.3).

Next, to show (2.8), Laplace transform (A.2) to obtain

$$Z(s) = L\{z(t)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= L \left\{ x(t) + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h x(t-h-\theta) d\theta \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-\theta}^0 e^{A_c \alpha} A_r (-r-\theta) x(t-\alpha+\theta) d\alpha d\theta \right\} \\ &= X(s) + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h L\{x(t-h-\theta)\} d\theta \\ &\quad + \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-\theta}^0 e^{A_c \alpha} A_r (-r-\theta) L\{x(t-\alpha+\theta)\} d\alpha d\theta \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} Z(s) &= X(s) + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h e^{-s(h+\theta)} d\theta X(s) \\ &\quad + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h \int_{-(h+\theta)}^0 e^{-s(\tau+h+\theta)} x_0(\tau) d\tau d\theta \\ &\quad + \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-(r+\theta)}^0 e^{A_c \alpha} A_r(\theta) e^{-s(r+\alpha+\theta)} d\alpha d\theta X(s) \\ &\quad + \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-(r+\theta)}^0 e^{A_c \alpha} A_r(\theta) \int_{-(r+\alpha+\theta)}^0 e^{-s(r+\alpha+\theta)} x_0(\tau) d\tau d\alpha d\theta \\ &= \left[ I + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h e^{-s(h+\theta)} d\theta \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-(r+\theta)}^0 e^{A_c \alpha} A_r(\theta) e^{-s(r+\alpha+\theta)} d\alpha d\theta \right] X(s) \\ &\quad + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h \int_{-(h+\theta)}^0 e^{-s(\tau+h+\theta)} x_0(\tau) d\tau d\theta \\ &\quad + \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-(r+\theta)}^0 e^{A_c \alpha} A_r(\theta) \int_{-(r+\alpha+\theta)}^0 e^{-s(r+\alpha+\theta)} x_0(\tau) d\tau d\alpha d\theta \end{aligned} \quad (A.4)$$

Note here that

$$\begin{aligned} I + \int_{-h}^0 e^{A_c \theta} A_h e^{-s(h+\theta)} d\theta + \int_{-r}^0 \int_{-(r+\theta)}^0 e^{A_c \alpha} A_r(\theta) e^{-s(r+\alpha+\theta)} d\alpha d\theta \\ = (sI - A_c)^{-1} \Delta(s) \end{aligned} \quad (A.5)$$

where

$$\Delta(s) = \left[ sI - A - e^{-hs} A_h - \int_{-r}^0 e^{-(r+\theta)A_c} A_r(\theta) d\theta \right],$$

This can be verified easily by direct integration and then using (A.3). Finally, direct substitution (A.5) in (A.4) yields the required result.

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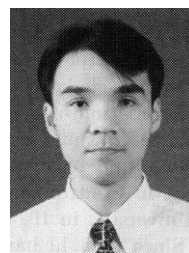
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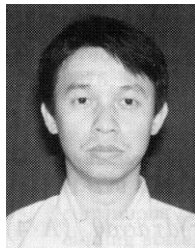
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