

Stability Criteria for Neural Networks with Two Additive Time-varying Delay Components

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Abstract—This paper is concerned with the stability problem with two additive time-varying delay components. By choosing one augmented Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional, using some new zero equalities, and combining linear matrix inequalities (LMI) techniques, two new sufficient criteria ensuring the global stability asymptotic stability of DNNs is obtained. These stability criteria are present in terms of linear matrix inequalities and can be easily checked. Finally, some examples are showed to demonstrate the effectiveness and less conservatism of the proposed method.

Keywords—Neural networks, Globally asymptotic stability, LMI approach, Additive time-varying delays.

I. INTRODUCTION

IN the past few decades, neural networks have found a way into many engineering and scientific areas such as model identification, optimization problem and pattern recognition. The existence of time delay may cause instability and oscillation of neural networks. Since stability is an important property to many systems, much effort has been done to analysis the stability problem of of neural networks with time delay [1-20].

It is known that, according to dependence on the size of the delays, the stability criteria for delayed neural networks can be classified into two types: delay-independent stability criteria [1-3] and delay-dependent stability criteria [4-25]. Generally speaking, the later one has less conservatism than the former one, especially when the delay size is small [23,24]. [26] point out that in some situations, signals transmissions may experience a few segments of networks. Since the conditions of networks transmission may be different, it can possibly induce successive delays with different properties. In [26] the model of neural networks with two additive time-varying delays. By constructing a new Lyapunov functional and using a convex polyhedron method to estimate the derivative of the Lyapunov functional, some new delay-dependent stability criteria are derived in [27,28].

In this paper, the problem of stability criteria of neural networks with two additive time-varying delays has been investigated. By choosing new Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional which contains some new integral terms and establishing some new zero equalities, two new sufficient criteria ensuring the global stability asymptotic stability of

DNNs is obtained. Finally, some examples are showed to demonstrate the effectiveness and less conservatism of the proposed method.

II. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Consider a class of delay neural networks described by the following equation:

$$\dot{x}(t) = -Ax(t) + Bg(x(t)) + Dg(x(t-d_1(t)-d_2(t))) + \mu \quad (1)$$

where $x(t) = [x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_n(t)]^T \in R^n$ is the neuron state vector. $g(x(t)) = [g_1(x_1(t)), g_2(x_2(t)), \dots, g_n(x_n(t))]^T$ denotes the neuron activation function, and a constant input vector $\mu = [\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n]^T$. $A = \text{diag}\{a_i\}$ with $a_i > 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. $B, D \in R^{n \times n}$ are the connection weight matrix and the delayed connection weight matrix, respectively. The following assumptions are adopted throughout the paper.

Assumption 1: The delay $d_1(t), d_2(t)$ are time-varying continuous function and satisfy:

$$0 \leq d_1(t) \leq d_1, \dot{d}_1(t) \leq \mu_1, 0 \leq d_2(t) \leq d_2, \dot{d}_2(t) \leq \mu_2. \quad (2)$$

where d_1, d_2 and μ_1, μ_2 are constants. we denote

$$d(t) = d_1(t) + d_2(t), d = d_1 + d_2, \mu = \mu_1 + \mu_2 \quad (3)$$

Assumption 2: Each neuron activation function $g_i(\cdot), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, in (1) satisfies the following condition:

$$0 \leq \frac{g_i(\alpha) - g_i(\beta)}{\alpha - \beta} \leq l_i, \forall \alpha, \beta \in R, \alpha \neq \beta \quad (4)$$

where $l_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are constants, and denote matrix $L = \text{diag}\{l_i\}$.

Based on Assumption 1-2, it can be easily proven that there exists one equilibrium point for (1) by Brouwer's fixed-point theorem. Assuming that $x^* = [x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots, x_n^*]^T$ is the equilibrium point of (1) and using the transformation $z(\cdot) = x(\cdot) - x^*$, system (1) can be converted to the following system :

$$\dot{z}(t) = -Az(t) + Bf(z(t)) + Df(z(t-d_1(t)-d_2(t))) \quad (5)$$

where $z(t) = [z_1(t), z_2(t), \dots, z_n(t)]^T, f(z(t)) = [f_1(z_1(t)), f_2(z_2(t)), \dots, f_n(z_n(t))]^T, f_i(z_i(\cdot)) = g_i(x_i(\cdot) + x_i^*) - g_i(x_i^*), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

From Eq.(4), $f_i(\cdot)$ satisfies the following condition:

$$0 \leq \frac{f_i(\alpha)}{\alpha} \leq l_i, \forall \alpha \neq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (6)$$

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Lemma 1 [29]. For any constant matrix $P = P^T > 0$ and $0 \leq h_1 < h_2$ such that the following integrations are well defined, then

$$-h_{12} \int_{t-h_2}^{t-h_1} x^T(s) P x(s) ds \leq - \left(\int_{t-h_2}^{t-h_1} x(s) ds \right)^T P \left(\int_{t-h_2}^{t-h_1} x(s) ds \right) \quad (7)$$

where $h_{12} = h_1 - h_2$.

Lemma 2 [30]. Let $\zeta \in R^n, \Gamma = \Gamma^T \in R^{n \times n}$, and $B \in R^{m \times n}$ such that $rank(G) < n$. Then, the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) $\zeta^T \Gamma \zeta < 0, G\zeta = 0, \zeta \neq 0$,
- (2) $(G^\perp)^T \Gamma G^\perp < 0$,

where G^\perp is a right orthogonal complement of G .

III. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, a new Lyapunov functional is constructed and a less conservative delay-dependent stability criterion is obtained.

Theorem 1 Given that the Assumption 1-2 hold, the system (5) is globally asymptotic stability if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices $P, Q_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 7, \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ * & G_{22} \end{bmatrix}, R_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, 6$, positive diagonal matrices $\Lambda = diag\{\lambda_i\}, T_1, T_2$, and any symmetric matrix $S_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, such that the following LMIs hold:

$$(\Gamma^\perp)^T \Omega \Gamma^\perp < 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 & S_i \\ * & \frac{d_1}{2} R_2 \end{bmatrix} > 0, \quad i = 1, 2 \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_3 & S_i \\ * & \frac{d_2}{2} R_4 \end{bmatrix} > 0, \quad i = 3, 4 \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_5 & S_i \\ * & \frac{d}{2} R_6 \end{bmatrix} > 0, \quad i = 5, 6 \quad (12)$$

where

$$\Gamma = [-A \quad O_{n \times 6n} \quad B \quad D]$$

$$\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{11} & 0 & \frac{R_6}{2} & 0 & \frac{R_2}{2} & 0 & \Omega_{17} & \Omega_{18} & \Omega_{19} \\ * & \Omega_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & T_2 L \\ * & * & \Omega_{33} & 0 & -G_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & \Omega_{44} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & \Omega_{55} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{66} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{77} & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{88} & \Omega_{89} \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & \Omega_{99} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_{11} = & -PA - AP + Q_1 + Q_3 + Q_4 + Q_5 + Q_6 + Q_7 \\ & + G_{11} + d_1 R_1 + d_2 R_3 + d R_5 - S_1 - S_3 - S_5 \\ & - \frac{1}{2}(R_2 + R_4 + R_6) + A^T \bar{R} A \end{aligned}$$

$$\Omega_{17} = \frac{R_4}{2} + G_{12}$$

$$\Omega_{18} = PB - A\Lambda - A^T \bar{R} B + T_1 L$$

$$\Omega_{19} = PD - A^T \bar{R} D$$

$$\Omega_{22} = -(1 - \mu)Q_1 + S_5 - S_6$$

$$\Omega_{33} = -Q_7 - G_{22} + S_6 - \frac{R_6}{2}$$

$$\Omega_{44} = -(1 - \mu_1)Q_3 + S_1 - S_2$$

$$\Omega_{55} = -Q_4 - G_{11} + S_2 - \frac{R_2}{2}$$

$$\Omega_{66} = -(1 - \mu_2)Q_5 + S_3 - S_4$$

$$\Omega_{77} = -Q_2 + G_{22} + S_4 - \frac{R_4}{2}$$

$$\Omega_{88} = \Lambda B + B^T \Lambda + Q_2 + B^T \bar{R} B - 2T_1$$

$$\Omega_{89} = \Lambda D + B^T \bar{R} D$$

$$\Omega_{99} = -(1 - \mu)Q_2 + D^T \bar{R} D - 2T_2$$

$$\bar{R} = d_1^2 R_2 + d_2^2 R_4 + d^2 R_6$$

Proof: Construct a new class of Lyapunov functional candidate as follow:

$$V(z_t) = \sum_{i=1}^4 V_i(z_t)$$

with

$$V_1(z_t) = z^T(t) P z(t) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \int_0^{z_i(t)} f_i(s) ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_2(z_t) = & \int_{t-d(t)}^t (z^T(s) Q_1 z(s) + f^T(z(s)) Q_2 f(z(s))) ds \\ & + \int_{t-d_1(t)}^t z^T(s) Q_3 z(s) ds + \int_{t-d_1}^t z^T(s) Q_4 z(s) ds \\ & + \int_{t-d_2(t)}^t z^T(s) Q_5 z(s) ds + \int_{t-d_2}^t z^T(s) Q_6 z(s) ds \\ & + \int_{t-d}^t z^T(s) Q_7 z(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

$$V_3(z_t) = \int_{t-d_1}^t \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ z(s-d_2) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ * & G_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ z(s-d_2) \end{bmatrix} ds$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_4(z_t) &= \int_{-d_1}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t (z^T(s)R_1z(s) + d_1\dot{z}^T(s)R_2\dot{z}(s))ds \\
 &+ \int_{-d_2}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t (z^T(s)R_3z(s) + d_2\dot{z}^T(s)R_4\dot{z}(s))ds \\
 &+ \int_{-d}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t (z^T(s)R_5z(s) + d\dot{z}^T(s)R_6\dot{z}(s))ds
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, taking the time derivative of $V(t)$ with respect to t along the system (5) yield

$$\dot{V}(z_t) = \sum_{i=1}^4 \dot{V}_i(z_t)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V}_1(z_t) &= 2z^T(t)P\dot{z}(t) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i f_i(z_i(t))\dot{z}_i(t) \\
 &= 2z^T(t)P\dot{z}(t) + 2f^T(z(t))\Lambda\dot{z}(t)
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V}_2(z_t) &\leq z^T(t)(Q_1+Q_3+Q_4+Q_5+Q_6+Q_7)z(t) \\
 &+ f^T(z(t))Q_2f(z(t)) - z^T(t-d_1)Q_4z(t-d_1) \\
 &- (1-\mu)z^T(t-d(t))Q_1z(t-d(t)) \\
 &- (1-\mu)f^T(z(t-d(t)))Q_2f^T(z(t-d(t))) \\
 &- (1-\mu_1)z^T(t-d_1(t))Q_3z(t-d_1(t)) \\
 &- (1-\mu_2)z^T(t-d_2(t))Q_5z(t-d_2(t)) \\
 &- z^T(t-d_2)Q_2z(t-d_2) - z^T(t-d)Q_7z(t-d)
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V}_3(z_t) &= \begin{bmatrix} z(t) \\ z(t-d_2) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ * & G_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z(t) \\ z(t-d_2) \end{bmatrix} \\
 &- \begin{bmatrix} z(t-d_1) \\ z(t-d) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ * & G_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z(t-d_1) \\ z(t-d) \end{bmatrix}
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V}_4(z_t) &= z^T(t)(d_1R_1 + d_2R_2 + dR_5)z(t) + \dot{z}(t)\bar{R}\dot{z}(t) \\
 &- \int_{t-d_1}^t (z^T(s)R_1z(s) + d_1\dot{z}(s)R_2\dot{z}(s))ds \\
 &- \int_{t-d_2}^t (z^T(s)R_3z(s) + d_2\dot{z}(s)R_4\dot{z}(s))ds \\
 &- \int_{t-d}^t (z^T(s)R_5z(s) + d\dot{z}(s)R_6\dot{z}(s))ds
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma 1, we can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &-d_1 \int_{t-d_1}^t \dot{z}^T(s) \frac{R_2}{2} \dot{z}(s) ds \leq \\
 &- (z(t) - z(t-d_1))^T \frac{R_2}{2} (z(t) - z(t-d_1)) \\
 &-d_2 \int_{t-d_2}^t \dot{z}^T(s) \frac{R_4}{2} \dot{z}(s) ds \leq \\
 &- (z(t) - z(t-d_2))^T \frac{R_4}{2} (z(t) - z(t-d_2))
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &-d \int_{t-d}^t \dot{z}^T(s) \frac{R_6}{2} \dot{z}(s) ds \leq \\
 &- (z(t) - z(t-d))^T \frac{R_6}{2} (z(t) - z(t-d))
 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

The following six zero equalities with any symmetric matrix $S_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$ are considered:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &z^T(t)S_1z(t) - z^T(t-d_1(t))S_1z(t-d_1(t)) \\
 &-2 \int_{t-d_1(t)}^t z^T(s)S_1\dot{z}(s) ds = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &z^T(t-d_1(t))S_2z(t-d_1(t)) - z^T(t-d_1)S_2z(t-d_1) \\
 &-2 \int_{t-d_1}^{t-d_1(t)} z^T(s)S_2\dot{z}(s) ds = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &z^T(t)S_3z(t) - z^T(t-d_2(t))S_3z(t-d_2(t)) \\
 &-2 \int_{t-d_2(t)}^t z^T(s)S_3\dot{z}(s) ds = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &z^T(t-d_2(t))S_4z(t-d_2(t)) - z^T(t-d_2)S_4z(t-d_2) \\
 &-2 \int_{t-d_2}^{t-d_2(t)} z^T(s)S_4\dot{z}(s) ds = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &z^T(t)S_5z(t) - z^T(t-d(t))S_5z(t-d(t)) \\
 &-2 \int_{t-d(t)}^t z^T(s)S_5\dot{z}(s) ds = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &z^T(t-d(t))S_6z(t-d(t)) - z^T(t-d)S_6z(t-d) \\
 &-2 \int_{t-d}^{t-d(t)} z^T(s)S_6\dot{z}(s) ds = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

From (6), we can get that there exist positive diagonal matrices T_1, T_2 , such that the following inequalities holds:

$$-2f^T(z(t))T_1f(z(t)) + 2z^T(t)T_1Lf(z(t)) \geq 0 \tag{26}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &-2f^T(z(t-d(t)))T_2f(z(t-d(t))) \\
 &+ 2z^T(t-d(t))T_2Lf(z(t-d(t))) \geq 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

From (13)-(27), we can obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V}(z_t) &\leq \xi^T(t)\Omega\xi(t) - \int_{t-d_1(t)}^t \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & S_1 \\ * & \frac{d_1}{2}R_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix} ds \\
 &- \int_{t-d_1}^{t-d_1(t)} \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & S_2 \\ * & \frac{d_1}{2}R_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix} ds
 \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &- \int_{t-d_2(t)}^t \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} R_3 & S_3 \\ * & \frac{d_2}{2}R_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix} ds \\
 &- \int_{t-d_2}^{t-d_2(t)} \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} R_3 & S_4 \\ * & \frac{d_2}{2}R_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix} ds
 \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &- \int_{t-d(t)}^t \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} R_5 & S_5 \\ * & \frac{d}{2}R_6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix} ds \\
 &- \int_{t-d}^{t-d(t)} \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} R_5 & S_6 \\ * & \frac{d}{2}R_6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z(s) \\ \dot{z}(s) \end{bmatrix} ds
 \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

where

$$\xi^T(t) = [z^T(t), z^T(t-d(t)), z^T(t-d), z^T(t-d_1(t)), z^T(t-d_1), z^T(t-d_2(t)), z^T(t-d_2), f^T(z(t)), f^T(z(t-d(t)))]^T$$

By Lemma 2, $\xi^T(t)\Omega\xi(t) < 0$ with $\Gamma\xi(t) = 0$ is equivalent to $(\Gamma^\perp)^T\Omega\Gamma^\perp < 0$. Therefore, if LMIs (9)-(12) hold, we can obtain $\dot{V}(z_t) < 0$. then the neural networks (5) is asymptotically stable. This completes the proof. ■

Remark 1 Theorem 1 require the upper bound μ_1, μ_2 of time-delay $d_1(t), d_2(t)$ to be known. if μ_1, μ_2 is unknown, by setting $Q_1 = Q_2 = Q_3 = Q_5 = 0$ in $V_2(z_t)$ and employing same methods in Theorem 1, we can derive the delay-dependent and delay-derivative-dependent stability criteria.

Remark 2 It is noted that a novel term $V_4(z_t)$ is included in the Lyapunov functional $V(z_t)$, which plays an important role in reducing conservativeness of our results.

Theorem 2 Given that the Assumption 1-2 hold, the system (5) is globally asymptotic stability if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices $\begin{bmatrix} G_{11} & G_{12} \\ * & G_{22} \end{bmatrix}, R_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, 6, P, Q_4, Q_6, Q_7$, positive diagonal matrices $\Lambda = \text{diag}\{\lambda_i\}, T_1, T_2$, and any symmetric matrix $S_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, such that the following LMIs hold:

$$(\Gamma^\perp)^T\Phi\Gamma^\perp < 0 \tag{29}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_1 & S_i \\ * & \frac{d_1}{2}R_2 \end{bmatrix} > 0, \quad i = 1, 2 \tag{30}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_3 & S_i \\ * & \frac{d_2}{2}R_4 \end{bmatrix} > 0, \quad i = 3, 4 \tag{31}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_5 & S_i \\ * & \frac{d}{2}R_6 \end{bmatrix} > 0, \quad i = 5, 6 \tag{32}$$

where

$$\Gamma = [-A \quad O_{n \times 6n} \quad B \quad D]$$

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{11} & 0 & \frac{R_6}{2} & 0 & \frac{R_2}{2} & 0 & \Phi_{17} & \Phi_{18} & \Phi_{19} \\ * & \Phi_{22} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & T_2L \\ * & * & \Phi_{33} & 0 & -G_{12} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & \Phi_{44} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & \Phi_{55} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & \Phi_{66} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & \Phi_{77} & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & \Phi_{88} & \Phi_{89} \\ * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & \Phi_{99} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi_{11} = -PA - AP + Q_4 + Q_6 + Q_7 + G_{11} + d_1R_1 + d_2R_3 + dR_5 - S_1 - S_3 - S_5 + A^T\bar{R}A - \frac{1}{2}(R_2 + R_4 + R_6)$$

$$\Phi_{17} = \frac{R_4}{2} + G_{12}, \quad \Phi_{18} = PB - A\Lambda - A^T\bar{R}B + T_1L$$

TABLE I
ADMISSIBLE UPPER BOUND d_2 FOR DIFFERENT d_1 WITH $\mu_1 = 0.7$ AND $\mu_2 = 0.1$.

Method	$d_1 = 0.8$	$d_1 = 1$	$d_1 = 1.2$
[26]	0.8831	0.6832	0.4843
[27]	1.5666	1.3668	1.1664
[31]	0.8831	0.6831	0.4831
Theorem 1	2.0214	1.9275	1.7816

TABLE II
ADMISSIBLE UPPER BOUND d_1 FOR DIFFERENT d_2 WITH $\mu_1 = 0.7$ AND $\mu_2 = 0.1$.

Method	$d_2 = 0.8$	$d_2 = 1$	$d_2 = 1.2$
[26]	2.1564	1.6464	1.4365
[27]	2.6928	2.2389	2.0639
[31]	1.5831	1.4831	1.3831
Theorem 1	3.0768	2.9013	2.5612

$$\Phi_{19} = PD - A^T\bar{R}D, \quad \Phi_{22} = S_5 - S_6$$

$$\Phi_{33} = -Q_7 - G_{22} + S_6 - \frac{R_6}{2}, \quad \Phi_{44} = S_1 - S_2$$

$$\Phi_{55} = -Q_4 - G_{11} + S_2 - \frac{R_2}{2}, \quad \Phi_{66} = S_3 - S_4$$

$$\Phi_{77} = -Q_2 + G_{22} + S_4 - \frac{R_4}{2}$$

$$\Phi_{88} = \Lambda B + B^T\Lambda + Q_2 + B^T\bar{R}B - 2T_1$$

$$\Phi_{89} = \Lambda D + B^T\bar{R}D, \quad \Phi_{99} = D^T\bar{R}D - 2T_2$$

$$\bar{R} = d_1^2R_2 + d_2^2R_4 + d^2R_6$$

Proof: The proof of the Theorem 2 is consequence of Theorem 1 by choosing $Q_1 = Q_2 = Q_3 = Q_5 = 0$ in $V(z_t)$. Hence the proof is omitted. ■

IV. EXAMPLE

In this section, we provide a numerical examples to demonstrate the effectiveness and less conservatism of our delay-dependent stability criteria.

Example 1 Consider the system (5) with the following parameters:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0.88 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f_1(s) = 0.4 \tanh(s), \quad f_2(s) = 0.8 \tanh(s), \quad L = \text{diag}\{0.4, 0.8\}.$$

According to Table I and Table II, we can see that Theorem 1 in our paper can indeed provide much larger admissible upper bounds than the stability criteria in [26,27,31]. In Table III, we consider the other case with different d_2 , unknown μ_1, μ_2 , according to this Table, we can see this example shows that the stability condition gives much less conservative results in this paper.

TABLE III
ADMISSIBLE UPPER BOUND d_1 FOR DIFFERENT d_2 WITH UNKNOWN μ_1, μ_2 .

Method	$d_2 = 0.8$	$d_2 = 1$	$d_2 = 1.2$
Theorem 2	2.3147	2.02160	1.9856

V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, the problem of stability analysis for delayed neural networks with two additive time-varying delay components has been investigated. By choosing new Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional, using some new zero equalities, and combining linear matrix inequalities (LMI) techniques, two new sufficient criteria ensuring the global stability asymptotic stability of DNNs is obtained. Finally, some examples are given to show the effectiveness of our obtained criteria.

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