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Abstract

A family of continuous-time observable nonlinear systems with input and output is considered. A new technique of estimation of the state variables is proposed. It relies on the use of past values of the output, as done to construct some observers which converge in finite time, and on a recent technical result pertaining to the theory of the monotone systems. It applies to systems with additive disturbances and disturbances in the output. The nonlinear terms are not supposed to be globally Lipschitz, but it is requested that they depend only on the input and output variables.

Key Words: state estimation, delay, finite time observer, robustness

1 Introduction

The problem of estimating the value of the solutions of a system when some variables are not accessible by measurements is a fundamental problem, which has been addressed by many techniques in many contributions. Traditional state estimators, such as for instance the Luenberger observer [13], are very popular. They compute point estimates of the state from input-output data, possibly supplemented by an estimate of the dispersion of the possible values of the state around this point estimate. Guaranteed state estimators [2], [10], also known as set-membership estimators [1], [18], compute sets guaranteed to contain the actual value of the state if some hypotheses on the state perturbation and measurement noise are satisfied. Guaranteed state estimation can be traced back to the seminal work of F.C. Schweppe [23]. His idea was recursively to compute ellipsoids guaranteed to contain the actual state (of course, other types of containers than ellipsoids could and have been used). In the last two decades, a new technique of guaranteed state estimations has been proposed. It is based on tools called interval observers and is developed and applied in many studies, see, for instance, [8], [15], [21], [24], [16] and the references therein. Typically, interval observers bound the actual state between two functions which take advantage of the solutions of two deterministic and possibly coupled dynamical systems. A key feature of the interval observers is that they can be applied only when an approximate knowledge of the initial conditions (in terms of an upper and a lower bound) is known. By contrast with all the mentioned results, some observers make it possible to determine the value of the solutions of continuous-time systems in finite time. This is the case in particular of the observers designed in [4], [20], [11] [22] and [19] which converge to the solutions in finite time. Some papers present finite-time convergent observers for nonlinear systems that are linearizable up to output injection. This is case of [22] and [19]. All the above works consider systems without additive disturbances in the measurements. Recently finite time observers were designed for a class of nonlinear systems with unknown inputs [12]. The latter results are confined to the case where the number of unknown inputs is not greater than the number of outputs.

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The aim of the present work is to propose a new approach of guaranteed state estimations for estimating state variables of nonlinear systems in the case where no approximate knowledge of the initial conditions is known and the systems have no monotonicity property. It is based on formulas incorporating past values of the input and the output of the studied system, which are reminiscent of the formulas proposed in [4], [12] and [22] and uses a recent technical result stated and proved in [17], which makes it possible to express a function without monotonicity property as another function (with domain of definition of dimension larger than the domain of the considered function) which is increasing with respect to some of its variables and decreasing with respect to others. We consider the systems for which two types of bounded deterministic time-varying disturbances are present: in the dynamics and in the output. Usually, these disturbances are present in applications; notice in particular that in general the measures are inaccurate. The results we obtain are of two types: some of the formulas of estimation we propose are functions of the past values of the input and the output only and have terms with distributed delays and others take advantage of dynamic extensions and have terms with pointwise constant delays only. In the absence of unknown uncertainties, the formulas we exhibit provide with the exact values of the solutions, after a finite time interval. When unknown disturbances are present and upper and lower bounded by known constant vectors, then, the formulas we propose give, after a finite time interval, upper and lower bounds for each component of the solutions, as interval observers do. The difference between these bounds is bounded as long as the disturbances are bounded. Finally, it is worth mentioning that we consider systems with nonlinear terms which are not supposed to be globally Lipschitz, but it is required that they depend only on the inputs and outputs.

The paper is organized as follows. The family of systems studied is presented in Section 2. The main results are stated and proved in Sections 3 and 4. They are illustrated through examples in Section 5. Concluding remarks are given in Section 6.

Notation, definitions and prerequisites.

The notation will be simplified whenever no confusion can arise from the context. Any $k \times n$ matrix, whose entries are all 0 is simply denoted 0. The Euclidean norm of vectors of any dimension and the induced norm of matrices of any dimension are denoted $|\cdot|$. All the inequalities must be understood *componentwise* (partial order of \mathbb{R}^r) *i.e.* $v_a = (v_{a1}, \dots, v_{ar})^\top \in \mathbb{R}^r$ and $v_b = (v_{b1}, \dots, v_{br})^\top \in \mathbb{R}^r$ are such that $v_a \leq v_b$ if and only if, for all $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, $v_{ai} \leq v_{bi}$. A symmetric matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is positive (resp. negative) semidefinite if for all vectors $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $v^\top M v \geq 0$ (resp. $v^\top M v \leq 0$). Then we denote $M \succeq 0$ (resp. $M \preceq 0$). A matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is said to be Schur stable if its spectral radius is smaller than 1. For two matrices $M = (m_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times s}$ and $N = (n_{ij}) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times s}$ of same dimension, $\max\{M, N\}$ is the matrix where each entry is $\max\{m_{ij}, n_{ij}\}$. For a matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times s}$, $M^+ = \max\{M, 0\}$, $M^- = \max\{-M, 0\}$. A matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times s}$ is said to be *nonnegative* if $M^+ = M$. A sequence (u_i) is *nonnegative* if for all integer k , u_k is nonnegative. If a matrix M is Metzler, then for all $t \geq 0$, $e^{Mt} \geq 0$. For any continuous function $\varphi : [-\tau, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ and all $t \geq 0$, we define φ_t by $\varphi_t(m) = \varphi(t+m)$ for all $m \in [-\tau, 0]$, *i.e.*, $\varphi_t \in C_{\text{in}}$ is the translation operator.

2 Family of studied systems

Throughout the paper, we consider the nonlinear system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) &= F(x(t), u(t), \epsilon_2(t)) \\ y(t) &= Cx(t) + \epsilon_1(t), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the state, and $C \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times n}$, $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^q$ is the output, $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^p$ is a possible known input, F is a nonlinear function of class C^1 , and $\epsilon_1 : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^q$ and $\epsilon_2 : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ are disturbances, which are supposed to be piecewise continuous and bounded.

We introduce the following assumption:

Assumption A. *The function F is such that there exist a matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and a function f of class C^1 such that, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n, u \in \mathbb{R}^p, \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^m$*

$$F(x, u, \epsilon) = Ax + f(Cx, u, \epsilon) \quad (2)$$

and the pair (A, C) is observable.

We will also use the following assumption:

Assumption B. *There are known constant vectors $\bar{\epsilon}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^q$, $\underline{\epsilon}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^q$ and $\bar{\epsilon}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\underline{\epsilon}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that, for $i = 1, 2$, and for all $t \geq 0$, the inequalities*

$$\underline{\epsilon}_i \leq \epsilon_i(t) \leq \bar{\epsilon}_i \quad (3)$$

are satisfied.

Discussion of the assumptions.

- Notice that, along the trajectories of (1), $f(Cx(t), u(t), \epsilon_2(t)) = f(y(t) - \epsilon_1(t), u(t), \epsilon_2(t))$. Thus Assumption A implies that in the system (1), f can be seen as a function which depends only on y , u , ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 . Therefore, the family of systems (1) satisfying Assumption A belongs to the family of the systems affine in the unmeasured part of the state. For these systems, many constructions of asymptotic observers (see for instance [5]) and interval observers (see for instance [8], [7]) have been proposed.

- All the results of our paper can be extended straightforwardly to the case where the function f depends on t explicitly. For the sake of simplicity, we restrict ourselves to time-invariant systems.

- The decomposition (2) of the function F is not unique. In particular, let us notice for later use that when Assumption A is satisfied, a matrix A with real negative eigenvalues can always be selected.

- We prove in Appendix B that, under Assumption A, for any selected matrix A , there is a matrix $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$ such that the matrix

$$H = A + LC \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad (4)$$

is Hurwitz and there is a constant $\tau > 0$ such that the matrix

$$e^{-\tau H} - e^{-\tau A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad (5)$$

is invertible. See also [4], where it is proved that L can be chosen such that $e^{-\tau H} - e^{-\tau A}$ is invertible for arbitrarily small constants $\tau > 0$.

- We will use the following notation:

$$E_\tau = (e^{-\tau H} - e^{-\tau A})^{-1}. \quad (6)$$

- Assumption B is realistic and is frequently satisfied in practice. Moreover, it can be relaxed by allowing the bounds $\bar{\epsilon}_i$, $\underline{\epsilon}_i$ to depend on t . However, for the sake of simplicity, we restrict ourselves to the case where they are constant.

3 Exact estimation

The results of this section provide with exact estimations of the solutions in finite time, but they can be applied only when the functions ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 are known. Moreover, it is important to keep in mind that since Assumption A does not imply that the function f is globally Lipschitz, the finite escape time-phenomenon may occur even if $u(t)$ is a bounded function. The results of the present section owe a great deal to the contributions [4] and [22]. However, they are very different from those of [4], which are devoted to linear systems without functions ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 . The results in [22] are also concerned with systems without functions ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 , but they apply to systems (1) when they satisfy Assumption A.

3.1 Exact estimation, direct approach

Let us state and prove the following result:

Theorem 1. *Let the system (1) satisfy Assumption A. Let $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$ and $\tau > 0$ be such that the corresponding matrix $e^{-\tau H} - e^{-\tau A}$ is invertible. Then, for a given piecewise continuous input $u(t)$, any solution $x(t)$ of the system (1) which exists over $[0, +\infty)$ satisfies, for all $t \geq \tau$,*

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = & -E_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l-\tau)A} f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l)) dl \\ & + E_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l-\tau)H} [f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l)) - Ly(l)] dl + E_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l-\tau)H} L \epsilon_1(l) dl. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Proof. From the definition of the output y and the definition of H , we deduce that the system (1) admits the following representations:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + f(y(t) - \epsilon_1(t), u(t), \epsilon_2(t)), \\ \dot{x}(t) &= Hx(t) + f(y(t) - \epsilon_1(t), u(t), \epsilon_2(t)) - Ly(t) + L\epsilon_1(t).\end{aligned}\quad (8)$$

By integrating these two systems between two values $s_1 \geq 0$ and $s_2 \geq 0$, we obtain the equalities

$$\begin{aligned}x(s_1) &= e^{A(s_1-s_2)}x(s_2) + \int_{s_2}^{s_1} e^{A(s_1-l)}f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l))dl, \\ x(s_1) &= e^{H(s_1-s_2)}x(s_2) + \int_{s_2}^{s_1} e^{H(s_1-l)}[f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l)) - Ly(l) + L\epsilon_1(l)]dl.\end{aligned}\quad (9)$$

Now, consider a value $t \geq \tau$. Then selecting $s_2 = t$ and $s_1 = t - \tau$, the equalities (9) give

$$\begin{aligned}x(t - \tau) &= e^{-\tau A}x(t) + \int_t^{t-\tau} e^{(t-l-\tau)A}f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l))dl, \\ x(t - \tau) &= e^{-\tau H}x(t) + \int_t^{t-\tau} e^{(t-l-\tau)H}[f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l)) - Ly(l) + L\epsilon_1(l)]dl.\end{aligned}\quad (10)$$

As an immediate consequence, we have

$$\begin{aligned}(e^{-\tau H} - e^{-\tau A})x(t) &= -\int_t^{t-\tau} e^{(t-l-\tau)A}f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l))dl \\ &\quad + \int_t^{t-\tau} e^{(t-l-\tau)H}[f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l)) - Ly(l) + L\epsilon_1(l)]dl.\end{aligned}\quad (11)$$

Since $e^{-\tau H} - e^{-\tau A}$ is invertible, we deduce that (7) is satisfied.

3.2 Exact estimation with dynamic extensions

The formula (7) includes terms with distributed delays, which in practice can be difficult to evaluate. To overcome this drawback, we propose the result below, which relies on a formula without distributed terms. This theorem is reminiscent of the main results of [4] and [22].

Theorem 2. *Let the system (1) satisfy Assumption A, let L and τ be defined as in Theorem 1 and let u be a piecewise continuous function. Consider the dynamic extensions*

$$\dot{\hat{x}}(t) = A\hat{x}(t) + f(y(t) - \epsilon_1(t), u(t), \epsilon_2(t)) \quad (12)$$

and

$$\dot{x}_*(t) = Hx_*(t) + f(y(t) - \epsilon_1(t), u(t), \epsilon_2(t)) - Ly(t) + L\epsilon_1(t). \quad (13)$$

where y is the output of (1). Consider a solution $x(t)$ of (1) defined over $[0, +\infty)$. Then, for all $t \geq \tau$,

$$x(t) = E_\tau (e^{-H\tau}x_*(t) - x_*(t - \tau) - e^{-A\tau}\hat{x}(t) + \hat{x}(t - \tau)). \quad (14)$$

Remark 1. When one of the eigenvalues of the matrix A has a positive real part, then even when a bounded solution $x(t)$, a bounded input $u(t)$ and bounded functions $\epsilon_i(t)$ are considered, the system (12) admits exponentially unstable solutions. This can be a drawback in applied cases. Fortunately, as mentioned in the discussion of Assumptions A and B, it is always possible to choose a decomposition of F so that the corresponding matrix A has real negative eigenvalues. Notice also that in the absence of disturbance, the system (13) is a classical observer for (1) when A is Hurwitz.

Proof. Consider a solution $(\hat{x}(t), x_*(t))$ of (12)-(13) associated with the solution $x(t)$ defined over $[0, +\infty)$. Then, $f(y(t) - \epsilon_1(t), u(t), \epsilon_2(t))$ and $f(y(t) - \epsilon_1(t), u(t), \epsilon_2(t)) - Ly(t) + L\epsilon_1(t)$ are piecewise continuous functions of t and are defined over $[0, +\infty)$. By integrating (12) and (13), we deduce that, for all constants $s_1 \geq 0$ and $s_2 \geq 0$, the equalities

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}(s_1) &= e^{A(s_1-s_2)}\hat{x}(s_2) + \int_{s_2}^{s_1} e^{A(s_1-l)}f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l))dl, \\ x_*(s_1) &= e^{H(s_1-s_2)}x_*(s_2) + \int_{s_2}^{s_1} e^{H(s_1-l)}[f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l)) - Ly(l) + L\epsilon_1(l)]dl\end{aligned}\quad (15)$$

are satisfied. It follows that, for all $t \geq \tau$,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{t-\tau}^t e^{A(t-\tau-l)}f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l))dl &= e^{-A\tau}\hat{x}(t) - \hat{x}(t - \tau), \\ \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{H(t-\tau-l)}[f(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), u(l), \epsilon_2(l)) - Ly(l) + L\epsilon_1(l)]dl &= e^{-H\tau}x_*(t) - x_*(t - \tau).\end{aligned}\quad (16)$$

From (7) and (16), it follows that, for all $t \geq \tau$,

$$E_\tau^{-1}x(t) = e^{-H\tau}x_*(t) - x_*(t - \tau) - e^{-A\tau}\hat{x}(t) + \hat{x}(t - \tau). \quad (17)$$

This allows us to conclude.

4 Approximate estimation

Theorems 1 and 2 give in finite time the exact value of any solution $x(t)$ of (1) that is defined for all $t \geq 0$. The limitation of these results is that they cannot be used when the disturbances ϵ_1 and ϵ_2 are unknown. The purpose of this section is to overcome this limitation by assuming only that the bounds $\bar{\epsilon}_i$ and $\underline{\epsilon}_i$ in Assumption B are known. To the best of our knowledge no result of the type of those proposed in this section are available in the literature.

Let us recall that Assumption A ensures that the matrix A in the decomposition of F can be chosen such that all its eigenvalues are negative real numbers, which implies that its Jordan form is Metzler and Hurwitz. Then there are an invertible matrix $R_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and a Metzler and Hurwitz matrix $M_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that

$$M_1 = R_1 A R_1^{-1}. \quad (18)$$

For the same reason, there is a matrix $L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times q}$ such that the matrix

$$H = A + LC \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad (19)$$

has real negative eigenvalues and then there exist an invertible matrix $R_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ and a Metzler and Hurwitz matrix $M_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ such that

$$M_2 = R_2 H R_2^{-1}. \quad (20)$$

In this section, we consider the case where Assumption A is satisfied and the matrices A and L are selected as described above.

4.1 Approximate estimation, direct approach

Since the function f is of class C^1 , Lemma 2, proved in [17] and recalled in Appendix B, ensures that there are Lipschitz continuous function $\varphi_i : \mathbb{R}^q \times \mathbb{R}^q \times \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $i = 1, 2$, such that

$$\varphi_1(y, \epsilon_2, y, \epsilon_2, u) = -R_1 f(y, u, \epsilon_2) \quad , \quad \varphi_2(y, \epsilon_2, y, \epsilon_2, u) = R_2 f(y, u, \epsilon_2) \quad , \quad \forall (y, u, \epsilon_2) \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times p \times m} \quad (21)$$

and $\varphi_1(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, u)$ and $\varphi_2(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, u)$ are increasing with respect to a_1 and a_2 and decreasing with respect to b_1 and b_2 . Next, we define the following functions for $i = 1, 2$,

$$\bar{\psi}_i(y, u) = \varphi_i(y - \underline{\epsilon}_1, \bar{\epsilon}_2, y - \bar{\epsilon}_1, \underline{\epsilon}_2, u) \quad , \quad \underline{\psi}_i(y, u) = \varphi_i(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1, \underline{\epsilon}_2, y - \underline{\epsilon}_1, \bar{\epsilon}_2, u), \quad (22)$$

$$\epsilon_3(t) = e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L \epsilon_1(t), \quad (23)$$

the matrices

$$F_\tau = E_\tau R_1^{-1} e^{-\tau M_1} \quad , \quad G_\tau = E_\tau R_2^{-1} e^{-\tau M_2} \quad (24)$$

and the operators

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mathcal{T}}_1(y_t, u_t) &= F_\tau^+ \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_1} \bar{\psi}_1(y(l), u(l)) dl - F_\tau^- \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_1} \underline{\psi}_1(y(l), u(l)) dl, \\ \underline{\mathcal{T}}_1(y_t, u_t) &= F_\tau^+ \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_1} \underline{\psi}_1(y(l), u(l)) dl - F_\tau^- \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_1} \bar{\psi}_1(y(l), u(l)) dl, \\ \bar{\mathcal{T}}_2(y_t, u_t) &= G_\tau^+ \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \bar{\psi}_2(y(l), u(l)) dl - G_\tau^- \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \underline{\psi}_2(y(l), u(l)) dl, \\ \underline{\mathcal{T}}_2(y_t, u_t) &= G_\tau^+ \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \underline{\psi}_2(y(l), u(l)) dl - G_\tau^- \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \bar{\psi}_2(y(l), u(l)) dl, \\ \bar{\mathcal{S}}(y_t, u_t) &= \bar{\mathcal{T}}_1(y_t, u_t) + \bar{\mathcal{T}}_2(y_t, u_t), \\ \underline{\mathcal{S}}(y_t, u_t) &= \underline{\mathcal{T}}_1(y_t, u_t) + \underline{\mathcal{T}}_2(y_t, u_t). \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

We are ready to state and prove the following result:

Theorem 3. *Let the system (1) satisfy Assumptions A and B and let the matrix A be such that, for some matrices L , M_1 , M_2 , R_1 , R_2 and a constant $\tau > 0$ the equalities (18) and (20) are satisfied and E_τ defined in (6) is well-defined. Let u be piecewise continuous and consider a solution (1) defined over $[0, +\infty)$. Then, for all $t \geq \tau$, the inequalities*

$$\underline{\mathcal{S}}(y_t, u_t) - E_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l-\tau)H} Ly(l) dl + \epsilon_S \leq x(t) \leq \bar{\mathcal{S}}(y_t, u_t) - E_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l-\tau)H} Ly(l) dl + \epsilon_L \quad (26)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_L &= [(E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ M_3 (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^+ + (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^- M_3 (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^-] \bar{\epsilon}_1 \\ &\quad - [(E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ M_3 (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^- + (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^- M_3 (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^+] \underline{\epsilon}_1, \\ \epsilon_S &= [(E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ M_3 (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^+ + (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^- M_3 (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^-] \underline{\epsilon}_1 \\ &\quad - [(E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ M_3 (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^- + (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^- M_3 (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^+] \bar{\epsilon}_1,\end{aligned}\tag{27}$$

with $M_3 = M_2^{-1} (e^{\tau M_2} - I)$, are satisfied.

Proof. From (7) and the definitions of φ_1 and φ_2 in (21), we deduce immediately that, for all $t \geq \tau$,

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= E_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l-\tau)A} R_1^{-1} \varphi_1(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), \epsilon_2(l), y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), \epsilon_2(l), u(l)) dl \\ &\quad + E_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l-\tau)H} [R_2^{-1} \varphi_2(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), \epsilon_2(l), y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), \epsilon_2(l), u(l)) - Ly(l)] dl \\ &\quad + E_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l-\tau)H} L \epsilon_1(l) dl.\end{aligned}\tag{28}$$

From (18) and (20), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= F_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_1} \varphi_1(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), \epsilon_2(l), y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), \epsilon_2(l), u(l)) dl \\ &\quad + G_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \varphi_2(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), \epsilon_2(l), y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), \epsilon_2(l), u(l)) dl - E_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l-\tau)H} Ly(l) dl \\ &\quad + E_\tau R_2^{-1} \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \epsilon_3(l) dl.\end{aligned}\tag{29}$$

From Assumption B and the monotonicity properties of the functions φ_1 and φ_2 , it follows that, for $i = 1, 2$, the inequalities

$$\underline{\psi}_i(y(t), u(t)) \leq \varphi_i(y(t) - \epsilon_1(t), \epsilon_2(t), y(t) - \epsilon_1(t), \epsilon_2(t), u(t)) \leq \bar{\psi}_i(y(t), u(t))\tag{30}$$

hold for all $t \geq 0$. Using the fact that the matrices M_1 and M_2 are Metzler and the definitions of $\underline{\psi}_i$ and $\bar{\psi}_i$, it follows that, for $i = 1, 2$, and all $t \geq \tau$, the inequalities

$$\int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_i} \underline{\psi}_i(y(l), u(l)) dl \leq \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_i} \varphi_i(\cdot) dl \leq \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_i} \bar{\psi}_i(y(l), u(l)) dl\tag{31}$$

with $\varphi_i(\cdot) = \varphi_i(y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), \epsilon_2(l), y(l) - \epsilon_1(l), \epsilon_2(l), u(l))$ are satisfied. We deduce easily that for all $t \geq \tau$,

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{\mathcal{T}}_1(y_t, u_t) &\leq F_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_1} \varphi_1(\cdot) dl \leq \bar{\mathcal{T}}_1(y_t, u_t), \\ \underline{\mathcal{T}}_2(y_t, u_t) &\leq G_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \varphi_2(\cdot) dl \leq \bar{\mathcal{T}}_2(y_t, u_t).\end{aligned}\tag{32}$$

In Appendix A, we prove that, for all $t \geq \tau$,

$$\epsilon_S \leq E_\tau R_2^{-1} \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \epsilon_3(l) dl \leq \epsilon_L.\tag{33}$$

It follows from (29), (32) and (33) that (26) is satisfied.

4.2 Approximate estimation with dynamic extensions

The motivations of Theorem 2 also motivate the following result:

Theorem 4. *Let the system (1) satisfy the conditions in Theorem 3. Let $u(t)$ be piecewise continuous and consider a solution (1) defined over $[0, +\infty)$. Let us introduce several dynamic extensions:*

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{z}_a(t) &= Hz_a(t) + Ly(t), \\ \dot{z}_b(t) &= M_1 z_b(t) + \bar{\psi}_1(y(t), u(t)), \\ \dot{z}_c(t) &= M_1 z_c(t) + \underline{\psi}_1(y(t), u(t)), \\ \dot{z}_d(t) &= M_2 z_d(t) + \bar{\psi}_2(y(t), u(t)), \\ \dot{z}_e(t) &= M_2 z_e(t) + \underline{\psi}_2(y(t), u(t)),\end{aligned}\tag{34}$$

where y and u are the output and input in (1). Then, for all $t \geq \tau$, the inequalities

$$\underline{\mathcal{V}}(Z_t) \leq x(t) \leq \bar{\mathcal{V}}(Z_t)\tag{35}$$

with $Z = (z_a, z_b, z_c, z_d, z_e)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\mathcal{V}}(Z_t) = & F_\tau^+ [z_b(t) - e^{\tau M_1} z_b(t - \tau)] + F_\tau^- [e^{\tau M_1} z_c(t - \tau) - z_c(t)] + G_\tau^+ [z_d(t) - e^{\tau M_2} z_d(t - \tau)] \\ & + G_\tau^- [e^{\tau M_2} z_e(t - \tau) - z_e(t)] + E_\tau e^{-\tau H} [e^{\tau H} z_a(t - \tau) - z_a(t)] + \epsilon_L, \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mathcal{V}}(Z_t) = & F_\tau^+ [z_c(t) - e^{\tau M_1} z_c(t - \tau)] + F_\tau^- [e^{\tau M_1} z_b(t - \tau) - z_b(t)] + (G_\tau)^+ [z_e(t) - e^{\tau M_2} z_e(t - \tau)] \\ & + G_\tau^- [e^{\tau M_2} z_d(t - \tau) - z_d(t)] + E_\tau e^{-\tau H} [e^{\tau H} z_a(t - \tau) - z_a(t)] + \epsilon_S, \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

where ϵ_S and ϵ_L are the constants given in (27), are satisfied.

Proof. Consider a solution $x(t)$ of (1) defined over $[0, +\infty)$. Since y and u are bounded on any compact time interval, by integrating (34), we obtain, for all $t \geq \tau$,

$$\begin{aligned} z_a(t) &= e^{\tau H} z_a(t - \tau) + \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)H} Ly(l) dl, \\ z_b(t) &= e^{\tau M_1} z_b(t - \tau) + \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_1} \overline{\psi}_1(y(l), u(l)) dl, \\ z_c(t) &= e^{\tau M_1} z_c(t - \tau) + \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_1} \underline{\psi}_1(y(l), u(l)) dl, \\ z_d(t) &= e^{\tau M_2} z_d(t - \tau) + \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \overline{\psi}_2(y(l), u(l)) dl, \\ z_e(t) &= e^{\tau M_2} z_e(t - \tau) + \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \underline{\psi}_2(y(l), u(l)) dl. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

These equalities rewrite as

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)H} Ly(l) dl &= z_a(t) - e^{\tau H} z_a(t - \tau), \\ \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_1} \overline{\psi}_1(y(l), u(l)) dl &= z_b(t) - e^{\tau M_1} z_b(t - \tau), \\ \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_1} \underline{\psi}_1(y(l), u(l)) dl &= z_c(t) - e^{\tau M_1} z_c(t - \tau), \\ \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \overline{\psi}_2(y(l), u(l)) dl &= z_d(t) - e^{\tau M_2} z_d(t - \tau), \\ \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \underline{\psi}_2(y(l), u(l)) dl &= z_e(t) - e^{\tau M_2} z_e(t - \tau). \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

It follows that, for all $t \geq \tau$, the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\mathcal{T}}_1(y_t, u_t) &= F_\tau^+ [z_b(t) - e^{\tau M_1} z_b(t - \tau)] + F_\tau^- [e^{\tau M_1} z_c(t - \tau) - z_c(t)], \\ \underline{\mathcal{T}}_1(y_t, u_t) &= F_\tau^+ [z_c(t) - e^{\tau M_1} z_c(t - \tau)] + F_\tau^- [e^{\tau M_1} z_b(t - \tau) - z_b(t)], \\ \overline{\mathcal{T}}_2(y_t, u_t) &= G_\tau^+ [z_d(t) - e^{\tau M_2} z_d(t - \tau)] + G_\tau^- [e^{\tau M_2} z_e(t - \tau) - z_e(t)], \\ \underline{\mathcal{T}}_2(y_t, u_t) &= G_\tau^+ [z_e(t) - e^{\tau M_2} z_e(t - \tau)] + G_\tau^- [e^{\tau M_2} z_d(t - \tau) - z_d(t)] \\ &\quad - E_\tau \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l-\tau)H} Ly(l) dl = -E_\tau e^{-\tau H} [z_a(t) - e^{\tau H} z_a(t - \tau)]. \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

are satisfied. Evidently, Theorem 3 applies. Then from the inequalities (26) and the equalities (40), we deduce that the inequalities (35) are satisfied.

5 Illustration

5.1 First example

In this section, we illustrate Theorems 2 and 4 with the two dimensional system:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 + x_1^2 \sin(x_1) + \epsilon_2, \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_1^2 \sin(x_1) + \epsilon_2, \\ y &= x_1 + \epsilon_1. \end{cases} \quad (41)$$

This system is of the form (1) with $C = (1 \ 0)$. Notice that the function $x_1^2 \sin(x_1)$ is not globally Lipschitz. We can choose

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} & 1 \\ -\frac{3}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f(y, u, \epsilon_2) = \begin{pmatrix} y^2 \sin(y) + \frac{5}{2}y + \epsilon_2 \\ y^2 \sin(y) + \frac{3}{2}y + \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (42)$$

Notice that A is Hurwitz, the pair (A, C) is observable and the function f is of class C^1 . Next, let us check that Assumption A3 is satisfied. Let

$$R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$R_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$R_1 A R_1^{-1} = M_1$$

with

$$M_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{3}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Selecting $L = -\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, we obtain

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 \\ -6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (43)$$

Notice that

$$R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is such that $R_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and

$$R_2 H R_2^{-1} = M_2 \quad (44)$$

with

$$M_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (45)$$

Therefore Assumption A3 is satisfied. Next, let us check that Assumption A2 is satisfied.

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-\tau H} - e^{-\tau A} &= R_2^{-1} e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 - R_1^{-1} e^{-\tau M_1} R_1 \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{3\tau} - 2e^{2\tau} - 3e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} + 2e^\tau & e^{2\tau} - e^{3\tau} + 2e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} - 2e^\tau \\ 6e^{3\tau} - 6e^{2\tau} - 3e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} + 3e^\tau & 3e^{2\tau} - 2e^{3\tau} + 2e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} - 3e^\tau \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (46)$$

This matrix is invertible when τ is sufficiently large. Therefore Assumption A2 is satisfied. Defining

$$\delta_\tau = \det(e^{-\tau H} - e^{-\tau A}), \quad (47)$$

we have

$$\delta_\tau = 2e^{4\tau} - 3e^{3\tau} + e^{5\tau} + e^{\frac{5\tau}{2}} + 2e^{\frac{7\tau}{2}} - 3e^{\frac{9\tau}{2}}. \quad (48)$$

Then,

$$E_\tau = (e^{-\tau H} - e^{-\tau A})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4e^{\frac{\tau}{2}} + 2e^\tau + 3}{e^{2\tau} - e^{3\tau} - e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} + e^{\frac{5\tau}{2}}} & -\frac{2e^{\frac{\tau}{2}} + e^\tau + 2}{e^{2\tau} - e^{3\tau} - e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} + e^{\frac{5\tau}{2}}} \\ -3\left(2e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} + 2e^\tau - 1\right) & \frac{e^{\frac{\tau}{2}} + 3e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} + 3e^\tau - 2}{2e^{2\tau} - 2e^{3\tau} - e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} + e^{\frac{7\tau}{2}}} \\ \frac{2e^{2\tau} - 2e^{3\tau} - e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} + e^{\frac{7\tau}{2}}}{2e^{2\tau} - 2e^{3\tau} - e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} + e^{\frac{7\tau}{2}}} & \frac{e^{\frac{\tau}{2}} + 3e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} + 3e^\tau - 2}{2e^{2\tau} - 2e^{3\tau} - e^{\frac{3\tau}{2}} + e^{\frac{7\tau}{2}}} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (49)$$

We apply Theorem 2 with $\epsilon_1(t) = \frac{1}{9} \sin(t)$, $\epsilon_2(t) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(t^2)$. We obtain the output $y(t)$ shown in Figure 1 for the initial values $x_1(0) = 2.3$ and $x_2(0) = 1$

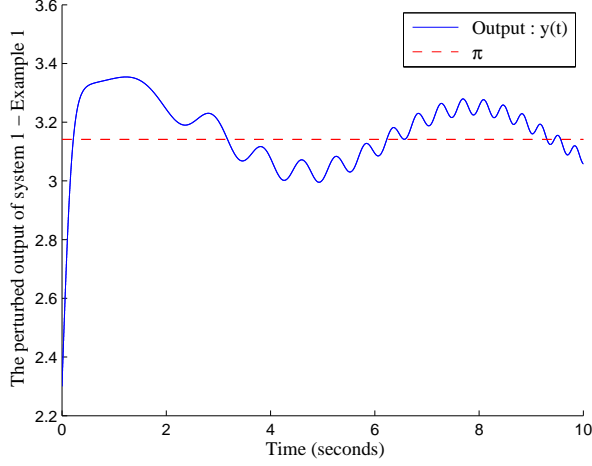


Figure 1: The perturbed output $y(t)$ of system (41)

First, we implement the dynamic extensions \hat{x} and x_* given respectively by equations (12) and (13). Then, for different values of the delay τ , we implement the exact estimation of the stat x given by (14).

Numerical examples and simulation results:

- Choosing $\tau = 0.1$, for $t \geq 0.1$, the exact estimation for given by (14) is equivalent to

$$x(t) = 10^4 \begin{bmatrix} -0.1774 & 0.0995 \\ -3.8992 & 2.1813 \end{bmatrix} x_*(t) - 10^4 \begin{bmatrix} -0.1775 & 0.0995 \\ -3.8992 & 2.1812 \end{bmatrix} \hat{x}(t) + 10^4 \begin{bmatrix} -0.1503 & 0.0831 \\ -3.3007 & 1.8220 \end{bmatrix} (\hat{x}(t - 0.1) - x_*(t - 0.1)). \quad (50)$$

- Choosing $\tau = 0.5$, then

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -66.11 & 38.80 \\ -405.89 & 234.66 \end{bmatrix} x_*(t) - \begin{bmatrix} -67.11 & 38.80 \\ -405.89 & 233.66 \end{bmatrix} \hat{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} -29.31 & 15.94 \\ -176.86 & 95.51 \end{bmatrix} (\hat{x}(t - 0.5) - x_*(t - 0.5)). \quad (51)$$

- Choosing $\tau = 1$, then

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -14.61 & 9.31 \\ -64.65 & 39.45 \end{bmatrix} x_*(t) - \begin{bmatrix} -15.61 & 9.31 \\ -64.65 & 38.45 \end{bmatrix} \hat{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} -3.01 & 1.60 \\ -12.40 & 6.56 \end{bmatrix} (\hat{x}(t - 1) - x_*(t - 1)). \quad (52)$$

Figure 2 illustrates these 3 numerical examples. We observe that the estimation is exact for all $t \geq \tau$.

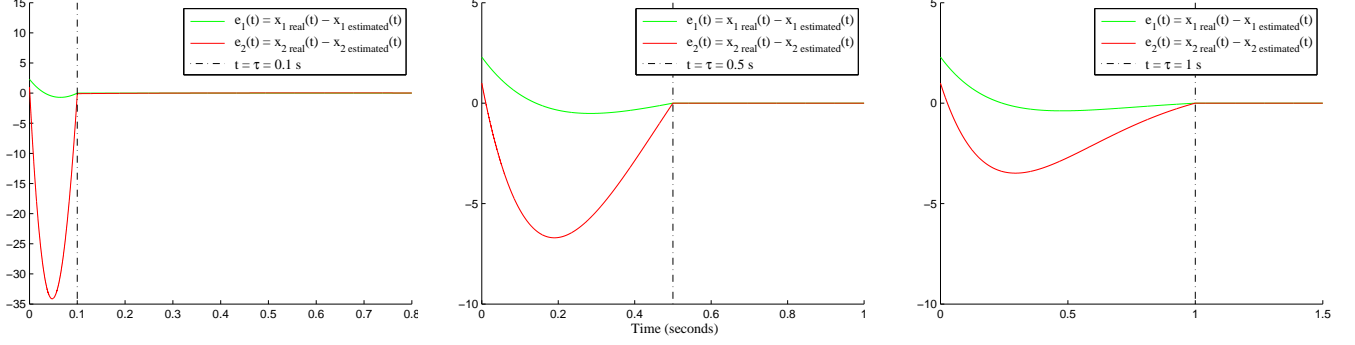


Figure 2: The errors between the real state and the exact estimation for $\tau = 0.1$, $\tau = 0.5$ and $\tau = 1$

Now, we assume that Assumption B is satisfied and apply Theorem 4. We have

$$-R_1 f(y, u, \epsilon_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^2 \sin(y) + \frac{5}{2}y + \epsilon_2 \\ y^2 \sin(y) + \frac{3}{2}y + \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -y^2 \sin(y) - \frac{9}{2}y - \epsilon_2 \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}. \quad (53)$$

Therefore $-R_1 f(y, u, \epsilon_2) = \varphi_1(y, \epsilon_2, y, \epsilon_2)$ with

$$\varphi_1(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 2a_1^3 + 2a_1 - a_1^2 \sin(a_1) - 2b_1^3 - \frac{13}{2}b_1 - b_2 \\ 2a_1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (54)$$

We also have

$$R_2 f(y, u, \epsilon_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y^2 \sin(y) + \frac{5}{2}y + \epsilon_2 \\ y^2 \sin(y) + \frac{3}{2}y + \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -y^2 \sin(y) - \frac{7}{2}y - \epsilon_2 \\ 2y^2 \sin(y) + 6y + 2\epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (55)$$

Therefore $R_2 f(y, u, \epsilon_2) = \varphi_2(y, \epsilon_2, y, \epsilon_2)$ with

$$\varphi_2(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 2a_1^3 + 2a_1 - a_1^2 \sin(a_1) - 2b_1^3 - \frac{11}{2}b_1 - b_2 \\ 2a_1^3 + 8a_1 - 2b_1^3 - 2b_1 + 2a_1^2 \sin(a_1) + 2a_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (56)$$

Both φ_1 and φ_2 satisfy the required monotonicity properties.

For $i = 1, 2$, we assume that $\bar{\epsilon}_i = -\epsilon_i$. Then

$$\bar{\psi}_1(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 + 2(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - (y + \bar{\epsilon}_1)^2 \sin(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 2(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 - \frac{13}{2}(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - \epsilon_2 \\ 2(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (57)$$

$$\underline{\psi}_1(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 + 2(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - (y - \bar{\epsilon}_1)^2 \sin(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 2(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 - \frac{13}{2}(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - \bar{\epsilon}_2 \\ 2(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) \end{pmatrix}, \quad (58)$$

$$\bar{\psi}_2(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 + 2(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - (y + \bar{\epsilon}_1)^2 \sin(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 2(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 - \frac{11}{2}(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - \epsilon_2 \\ 2(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 + 8(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 2(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 - 2(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 2(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1)^2 \sin(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 2\bar{\epsilon}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (59)$$

$$\underline{\psi}_2(y) = \begin{pmatrix} 2(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 + 2(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - (y - \bar{\epsilon}_1)^2 \sin(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 2(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 - \frac{11}{2}(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - \bar{\epsilon}_2 \\ 2(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 + 8(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 2(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1)^3 - 2(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 2(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1)^2 \sin(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 2\bar{\epsilon}_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (60)$$

Now, we have

$$F_\tau = E_\tau R_1^{-1} e^{-\tau M_1}, \quad (61)$$

$$G_\tau = E_\tau R_2^{-1} e^{-\tau M_2}, \quad (62)$$

$$M_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2\tau} - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-3\tau} - 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1-e^{-2\tau}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1-e^{-3\tau}}{3} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (63)$$

We implement the dynamic extensions z_a, z_b, z_c, z_d and z_e given by equations (34), as well as the lower and upper bounds dynamics given by (35). The following figures illustrate our results for several values of $\bar{\epsilon}_1, \bar{\epsilon}_2$ and τ .

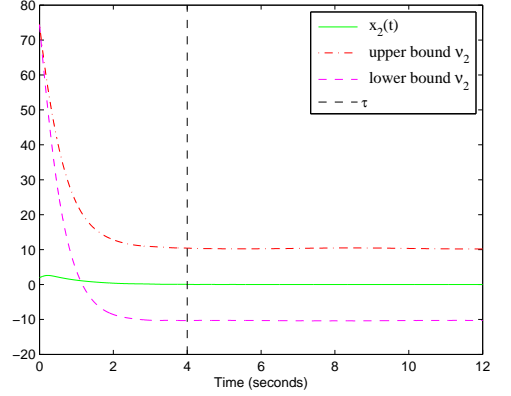
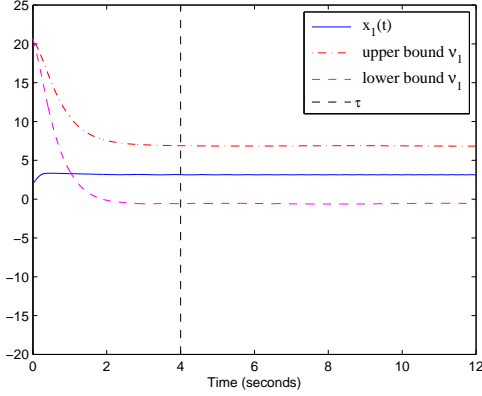


Figure 3: Finite time interval estimation with upper and lower bounds for $\tau = 4$, $\bar{\epsilon}_1 = 0.02$, $\bar{\epsilon}_2 = 0.2$.

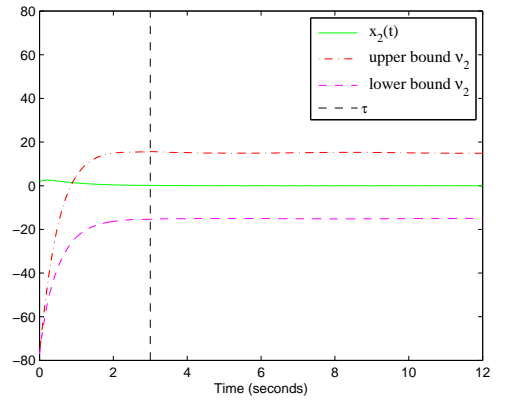
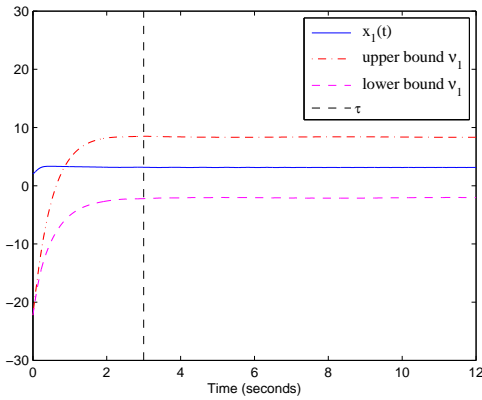


Figure 4: Finite time interval estimation with upper and lower bounds for $\tau = 3$, $\bar{\epsilon}_1 = 0.01$, $\bar{\epsilon}_2 = 0.02$.

5.2 Second example

In this section, we illustrate our results with the model of electromechanical system described in [6]:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2, \\ \dot{x}_2 = b_1 x_3 - a_1 \sin(x_1) - a_2 x_2, \\ \dot{x}_3 = b_0 u - a_3 x_2 - a_4 x_3, \end{cases} \quad (64)$$

with $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3$, with the output $y = x_1$ and where the b_i 's and the a_i 's are positive real numbers. Assuming that the variable x_1 is measured is realistic from an applied point of view because x_1 represents the angular motor position of the device.

We let $b_0 = 40$, $b_1 = 15$, $a_1 = 35$, $a_2 = 1$, $a_3 = 36.4$ and $a_4 = 200$. These values are close to the numerical values given in [6]. With the notation of the previous sections, we can choose

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 15 \\ 0 & -36.4 & -200 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f(y, u) = \begin{pmatrix} 2y \\ -35 \sin(y) \\ 40u \end{pmatrix}, \quad (65)$$

Selecting

$$L = - \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (66)$$

we obtain

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} -10 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & -1 & 15 \\ -1 & -36.4 & -200 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (67)$$

Then

$$M_1 = R_1 A R_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3.7826 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -197.2174 \end{bmatrix} \quad (68)$$

and

$$M_2 = R_2 H R_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -9.8186 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3.9635 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -197.2179 \end{bmatrix} \quad (69)$$

with

$$R_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5690 & 0.0431 \\ 0 & 1.1782 & 0.0901 \\ 0 & 0.1887 & 1.0173 \end{bmatrix}, \quad R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1.0485 & 0.1763 & 0.0139 \\ -0.1922 & 1.0779 & 0.0825 \\ 0.0064 & 0.1887 & 1.0173 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (70)$$

Choosing $\tau = 0.1$, Theorem 2 gives the exact estimate of the state $x(t)$ for $t \geq 0.1$:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = & 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} 0.0032 & 0.0159 & 0.1891 \\ 0.4214 & -2.5809 & 6.0261 \\ -0.0782 & 0.4788 & -1.1179 \end{bmatrix} x_*(t) - 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} 0.0022 & 0.0159 & 0.1891 \\ 0.4214 & -2.5819 & 6.0261 \\ -0.0782 & 0.4788 & -1.1189 \end{bmatrix} \hat{x}(t) \\ & + 10^3 \begin{bmatrix} 0.0018 & -0.0131 & -0.0010 \\ 0.3450 & -2.5390 & -0.1942 \\ -0.0640 & 0.4710 & 0.0360 \end{bmatrix} (\hat{x}(t - 0.1) - x_*(t - 0.1)), \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

where $\hat{x}(t)$ and $x_*(t)$ are the solutions of the dynamic extensions given by (12) and (13) with the matrices and functions we have selected in this section. We considered the case where the input is $u(t) = (2t + 1) \sin(50t)$ and obtained the simulations:

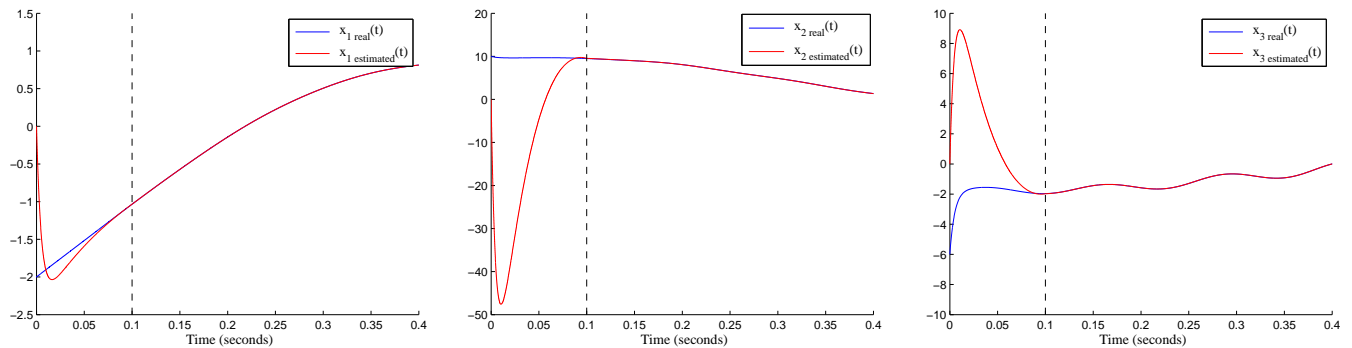


Figure 5: The real states and the exact estimations for $\tau = 0.1s$.

Now, we add to the example (64) some disturbances: we consider:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 + \epsilon_2, \\ \dot{x}_2 &= b_1 x_3 - a_1 \sin(x_1) - a_2 x_2 + \epsilon_2, \\ \dot{x}_3 &= b_0 u - a_3 x_2 - a_4 x_3 + \epsilon_2, \\ y &= x_1 + \epsilon_1. \end{cases} \quad (72)$$

under Assumption B. Moreover, for the numerical implementation, we suppose that, for all $t \geq 0$ and $i \in \{1, 2\}$, $\bar{\epsilon}_i \geq 0$, $\epsilon_i(t) = \bar{\epsilon}_i \sin(t^2)$ and $\underline{\epsilon}_i = -\bar{\epsilon}_i$.

For the values of $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, b_0, b_1$ indicated above and the matrix A given in (65), the corresponding function f is

$$f(y, u, \epsilon_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 2y + \epsilon_2 \\ -35 \sin(y) + \epsilon_2 \\ 40u + \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (73)$$

Then

$$-R_1 f(y, u, \epsilon_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -2y + 19.9138 \sin(y) - 1.7241u - 1.6121\epsilon_2 \\ 41.2376 \sin(y) - 3.6028u - 1.2683\epsilon_2 \\ 6.6054 \sin(y) - 40.6938u - 1.2061\epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (74)$$

and

$$R_2 f(y, u, \epsilon_2) = \begin{bmatrix} -2.0971y - 6.1702 \sin(y) + 0.5562u - 0.8583\epsilon_2 \\ -0.3844y - 37.7256 \sin(y) + 3.2990u + 0.9681\epsilon_2 \\ 0.0129y - 6.6042 \sin(y) + 40.6936u + 1.2125\epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (75)$$

We choose

$$\varphi_1(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, u) = \begin{bmatrix} 20a_1 + 19.9138 \sin(a_1) - 22b_1 - 1.7241u - 1.6121b_2 \\ 41.5a_1 + 41.2376 \sin(a_1) - 41.5b_1 - 3.6028u - 1.2683b_2 \\ 7a_1 + 6.6054 \sin(a_1) - 7b_1 - 40.6938u - 1.2061b_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (76)$$

and

$$\varphi_2(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2, u) = \begin{bmatrix} 6.5a_1 - 6.1702 \sin(a_1) - 8.5971b_1 + 0.5562u - 0.8583b_2 \\ 38a_1 - 37.7256 \sin(a_1) - 38.3844b_1 + 3.2990u + 0.9681a_2 \\ 6.8129a_1 - 6.6042 \sin(a_1) - 6.8b_1 + 40.6936u + 1.2125a_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (77)$$

Notice that φ_1 and φ_2 satisfy the required monotonicity properties. As an immediate consequence of our definitions, we have

$$\bar{\psi}_1(y, u) = \begin{bmatrix} 20(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 19.9138 \sin(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 22(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 1.7241u - 1.6121\epsilon_2 \\ 41.5(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 41.2376 \sin(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 41.5(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 3.6028u - 1.2683\epsilon_2 \\ 7(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 6.6054 \sin((y + \bar{\epsilon}_1)) - 7(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 40.6938u - 1.2061\epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (78)$$

$$\underline{\psi}_1(y, u) = \begin{bmatrix} 20(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 19.9138 \sin(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 22(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 1.7241u - 1.6121\bar{\epsilon}_2 \\ 41.5(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 41.2376 \sin(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 41.5(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 3.6028u - 1.2683\bar{\epsilon}_2 \\ 7(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 6.6054 \sin((y - \bar{\epsilon}_1)) - 7(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 40.6938u - 1.2061\bar{\epsilon}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (79)$$

$$\bar{\psi}_2(y, u) = \begin{bmatrix} 6.5(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 6.1702 \sin(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 8.5971(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 0.5562u - 0.8583\epsilon_2 \\ 38(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 37.7256 \sin(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 38.3844(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 3.2990u + 0.9681\bar{\epsilon}_2 \\ 6.8129(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 6.6042 \sin(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 6.8(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 40.6936u + 1.2125\bar{\epsilon}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (80)$$

$$\underline{\psi}_2(y, u) = \begin{bmatrix} 6.5(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 6.1702 \sin(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 8.5971(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 0.5562u - 0.8583\bar{\epsilon}_2 \\ 38(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 37.7256 \sin(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 38.3844(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 3.2990u + 0.9681\epsilon_2 \\ 6.8129(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 6.6042 \sin(y - \bar{\epsilon}_1) - 6.8(y + \bar{\epsilon}_1) + 40.6936u + 1.2125\epsilon_2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (81)$$

Finally we implement the dynamic extensions z_a, z_b, z_c, z_d and z_e given by equations (34), and the lower and upper bounds dynamics given by (35). The following figures illustrate an example where $\tau = 0.1$, $\bar{\epsilon}_1 = 0.001$, $\bar{\epsilon}_2 = 0.02$ and the input $u(t) = (2t + 1) \sin(50t)$.

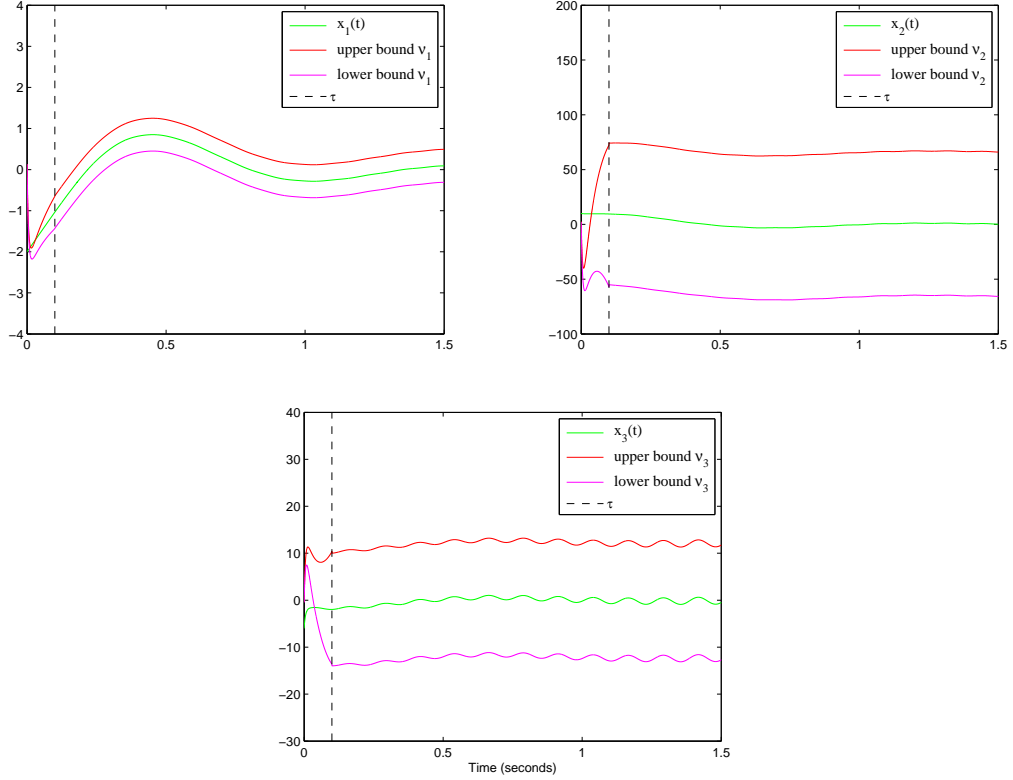


Figure 6: Example 2 with $\tau = 0.1s$, $u(t) = (2t + 1) \sin(50t)$, $\bar{\epsilon}_1 = 0.001$ and $\bar{\epsilon}_2 = 0.02$

5.3 Third example

In order to show that the size of the estimation intervals provided by the observer (34), i.e. its performance, strongly depends on the size of the entries of the matrix A and on the type of nonlinearities present in the dynamics of the studied system, we consider:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 &= -x_1 + x_2 + \epsilon_2, \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\frac{x_1}{2} \cos(x_1) + u + \epsilon_2, \\ y &= x_1 + \epsilon_1. \end{cases} \quad (82)$$

Now, let us apply Theorem 4. We can choose

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{5}{2} & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f(y, u, \epsilon_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{2}y + \epsilon_2 \\ y - \frac{y}{2} \cos(y) + u + \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (83)$$

We observe that the nonlinear term $\frac{y}{2} \cos(y)$ is not globally Lipschitz, but bounded in norm by a linear function of the norm. We observe also that the entries of A are neither very small nor very big. Since $C = [1 \ 0]$, the pair (A, C) is observable. Moreover, the matrix A is Hurwitz and the function f is of class C^1 . For $L = -\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$, we obtain

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} -3.5 & 1 \\ -1.4 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (84)$$

One can check readily that:

$$R_1 A R_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = M_1 \quad \text{and} \quad R_2 H R_2^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -3.039 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.460 \end{bmatrix} = M_2 \quad (85)$$

with

$$R_1 = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad R_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1.297 & 0.426 \\ 0.571 & -1.240 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Consequently,

$$-R_1 f(y, 0, \epsilon_2) = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2y + \frac{y}{2} \cos(y) + \epsilon_2 \\ \frac{y}{2} - y \cos(y) + \epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (86)$$

Thus $-R_1 f(y, 0, \epsilon_2) = \varphi_1(y, \epsilon_2, y, \epsilon_2)$ with

$$\varphi_1(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2) = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a_1^3}{6} + 2a_1 + \frac{a_1}{2} \cos(a_1) - \frac{b_1^3}{6} + a_2 \\ a_1^3 + 2a_1 - a_1 \cos(a_1) - b_1^3 - \frac{3}{2}b_1 + a_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (87)$$

We also have

$$R_2 f(y, 0, \epsilon_2) = \begin{pmatrix} -1.5195y - 0.2135y \cos(y) - 0.8707\epsilon_2 \\ -0.3835y + 0.6204y \cos(y) - 0.6692\epsilon_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (88)$$

Therefore $R_2 f(y, 0, \epsilon_2) = \varphi_2(y, \epsilon_2, y, \epsilon_2)$ with

$$\varphi_2(a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a_1^3}{12} - \frac{b_1^3}{12} - 1.5195b_1 - 0.2135b_1 \cos(b_1) - 0.8707b_2 \\ \frac{a_1^3}{3} + a_1 - \frac{b_1^3}{3} - 1.3835b_1 + 0.6204b_1 \cos(b_1) - 0.6692b_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (89)$$

Both φ_1 and φ_2 satisfy the required monotonicity properties. Moreover we assume that $\bar{\epsilon}_i = -\epsilon_i$, for $i = 1, 2$. Then we implement the dynamic extensions z_a, z_b, z_c, z_d and z_e , as well as the lower and upper bounds. The following figures illustrate our results for $\bar{\epsilon}_1 = 0.1$, $\bar{\epsilon}_2 = 0.2$ and $\tau = 4$.

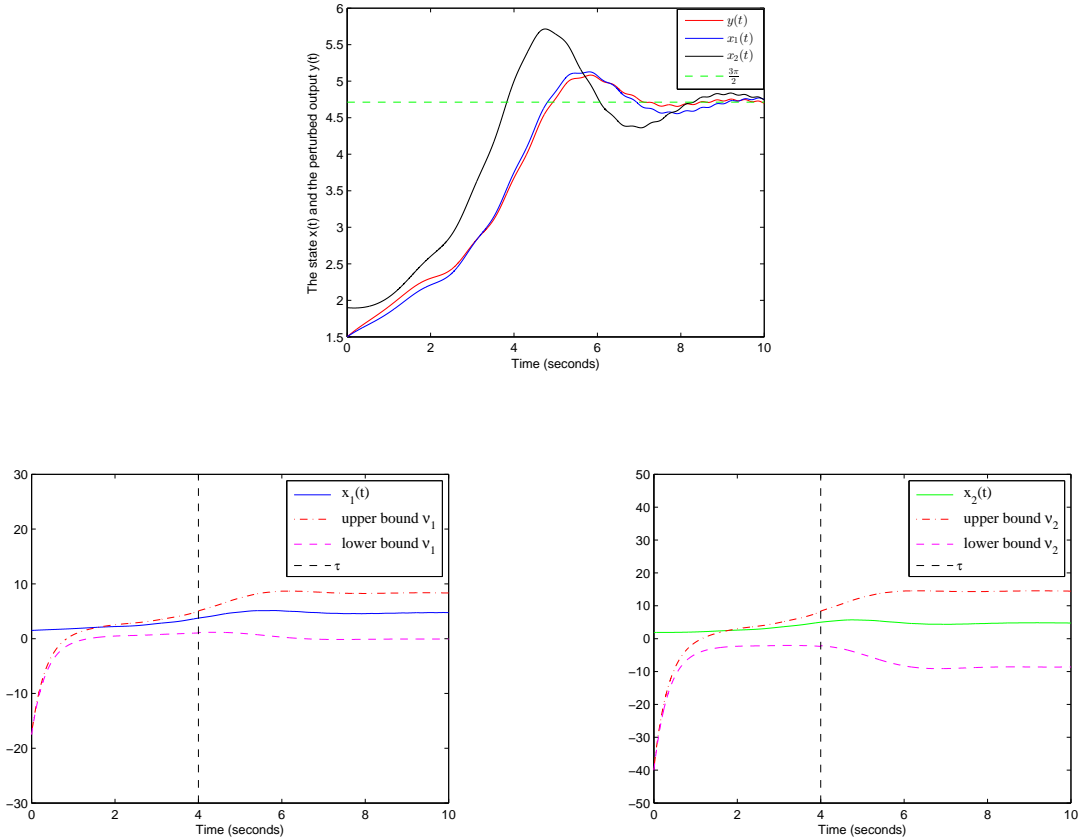


Figure 7: Finite time interval estimation with upper and lower bounds for $\tau = 4$, $\bar{\epsilon}_1 = 0.1$, $\bar{\epsilon}_2 = 0.2$.

In this example, although the disturbances on the output are considerably stronger than the ones of Example 1 (five times greater, see Figure 3), it turns out that the performance, in terms of size of estimation interval, of the observer is better than the one of the observer we proposed for the Example 1. We observe also that Example 2 leads to matrices A and H with rather large entries, which produce matrices F_τ , G_τ and $E_\tau e^{-\tau H}$ with large entries, (between 0 and 62055). This fact is the reason why the performance of the observer for Example 2 is worst than the one of the observer we propose for Example 3. We conclude that the performance of the observers we propose strongly depends on the nature of the observed system, but certainly also on the selections of τ , A , H and on the choices of functions φ_1 and φ_2 .

6 Conclusion

We have developed a new technique of estimation of the solutions of nonlinear continuous-time observable systems. Its key features are that it applies in the absence of the knowledge of bounds on the initial conditions and provides, after a finite time interval, with the exact value of the solutions if there is no disturbances and with a lower and an upper bounds when disturbances are present. We conjecture that these results can be used to solve output feedback stabilization of systems. We plan to extend our results to discrete-time systems.

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A Expressions of ϵ_L and ϵ_S in Inequalities (33)

From (3), we deduce that the function ϵ_3 defined in (23) satisfies, for all $t \geq 0$,

$$\epsilon_3 \leq \epsilon_3(t) \leq \bar{\epsilon}_3, \quad (90)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\epsilon}_3 &= (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^+ \bar{\epsilon}_1 - (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^- \underline{\epsilon}_1, \\ \underline{\epsilon}_3 &= (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^+ \underline{\epsilon}_1 - (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^- \bar{\epsilon}_1. \end{aligned} \quad (91)$$

Since M_2 is Metzler, the inequalities

$$\int_0^\tau e^{lM_2} dl \epsilon_3 \leq \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \epsilon_3(l) dl \leq \int_0^\tau e^{lM_2} dl \bar{\epsilon}_3 \quad (92)$$

are satisfied. We deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ M_3 \underline{\epsilon}_3 &\leq (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \epsilon_3(l) dl \leq (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ M_3 \bar{\epsilon}_3, \\ (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^- M_3 \underline{\epsilon}_3 &\leq (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^- \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \epsilon_3(l) dl \leq (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^- M_3 \bar{\epsilon}_3, \end{aligned} \quad (93)$$

with $M_3 = M_2^{-1} (e^{\tau M_2} - I)$. As an immediate consequence,

$$(E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ M_3 \underline{\epsilon}_3 - (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^- M_3 \bar{\epsilon}_3 \leq E_\tau R_2^{-1} \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \epsilon_3(l) dl \leq (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ M_3 \bar{\epsilon}_3 - (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^- M_3 \underline{\epsilon}_3. \quad (94)$$

It follows that

$$\epsilon_S \leq E_\tau R_2^{-1} \int_{t-\tau}^t e^{(t-l)M_2} \epsilon_3(l) dl \leq \epsilon_L \quad (95)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_L &= (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ M_3 \bar{\epsilon}_3 - (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^- M_3 \epsilon_3, \\ \epsilon_S &= (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ M_3 \epsilon_3 - (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^- M_3 \bar{\epsilon}_3.\end{aligned}\tag{96}$$

Using the expressions of $\bar{\epsilon}_3$ and ϵ_3 , we obtain (27).

Remark 2. In the particular case where $\bar{\epsilon}_1 = -\epsilon_1$, the expressions of ϵ_L and ϵ_S simplify as

$$\begin{aligned}\epsilon_L &= [(E_\tau R_2^{-1})^+ + (E_\tau R_2^{-1})^-] M_3 [(e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^+ + (e^{-\tau M_2} R_2 L)^-] \bar{\epsilon}_1, \\ \epsilon_S &= -\epsilon_L.\end{aligned}\tag{97}$$

B Technical lemmas

B.1 First result

Lemma 1. *Let (A, C) be an observable pair. Then there is a matrix L such that the matrix $H = A + LC$ is Hurwitz and there is τ_* such that, for all $\tau \geq \tau_*$, the matrix $e^{-\tau H} - e^{-\tau A}$ is invertible.*

Proof. Since the pair (A, C) is observable, there is a matrix L so that all the eigenvalues of H are real, negative and smaller than the smallest of the real parts of the eigenvalues of $-A$. Then $\lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} |e^{Hr}| |e^{-Ar}| = 0$. Consequently, there is $\tau_* > 0$ such that, for all $\tau \geq \tau_*$, $|e^{H\tau}| |e^{-A\tau}| < 1$. Now, observe that the matrix $e^{-\tau H} - e^{-\tau A}$ is invertible if and only if $e^{\tau H} e^{-\tau A} - I$ is invertible. Since $|e^{H\tau}| |e^{-A\tau}| < 1$, it does not exist a vector $V \neq 0$ such that $(e^{\tau H} e^{-\tau A} - I)V = 0$. Therefore $e^{\tau H} e^{-\tau A} - I$ is invertible. This concludes the proof.

B.2 Second result

We recall Lemma 6 of [17].

Lemma 2. *Let $g : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function of class C^1 . Then there exists a function $g_c : \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ nondecreasing with respect to each of its k first variables and nonincreasing with respect to each of its k last variables such that, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$, the equality*

$$g_c(x, x) = g(x)\tag{98}$$

is satisfied.