Cascade observer design for a class of uncertain nonlinear systems with delayed outputs ${ }^{a}$
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## Problem formulation

- Class of systems diffeomorphic to

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\dot{x}(t)=A x(t)+\varphi(u(t), x(t))+B \varepsilon(t) \\
y_{d}(t)=C x(t-d)=x^{(1)}(t-d)
\end{array}\right.
$$

$\bullet x=\left(\begin{array}{c}x^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ x^{(q-1)} \\ x^{(q)}\end{array}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{n}, x^{(i)} \in \mathbb{R}^{p}, i=1, \ldots, q$,

- $A=\left(\begin{array}{cc}0_{(q-1) p, p} & I_{(q-1) p} \\ 0_{p} & 0_{p,(q-1) p}\end{array}\right)$,
- $B=\left(\begin{array}{llll}0_{p} & 0_{p} & \ldots & I_{p}\end{array}\right)^{T}, C=\left(\begin{array}{llll}I_{p} & 0_{p} & \ldots & 0_{p}\end{array}\right)$,
$\bullet \varphi(u, x)=\left(\begin{array}{c}\varphi^{(1)}\left(u, x^{(1)}\right) \\ \varphi^{(2)}\left(u, x^{(1)}, x^{(2)}\right) \\ \vdots \\ \varphi^{(q-1)}\left(u, x^{(1)}, \ldots, x^{(q-1)}\right) \\ \varphi^{(q)}(u, x)\end{array}\right)$ triangular nonlinearity,
- The input $u \in U$ a compact subset of $\mathbb{R}^{m}$ and the delayed output $y_{d} \in \mathbb{R}^{p}$,
- $d>0$ is the constant (known) measurement delay,
- $\varepsilon:\left[-d,+\infty\left[\mapsto \mathbb{R}^{p}\right.\right.$ the system uncertainties.


## Objective

- To design a cascade observer providing an estimation of the actual state by using the delayed output
- Two main obstacles have to be handled simultaneously

1. The presence of a time delay in the output measurements,
2. The presence of the uncertainties in the state equations.

- A third obstacle will also be considered when the outputs are available only at (not equally spaced) sampling instants.


## Assumptions

- The state $x(t)$ and the control $u(t)$ are bounded, i.e. $x(t) \in X$ and $u(t) \in U$ for all $t \geq 0$ where $X \subset \mathbb{R}^{n}$ and $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{s}$ are compact sets.
- The function $\varphi$ is Lipschitz with respect to $x$ uniformly in $u$, i.e.

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\forall \rho>0 ; \exists L_{\varphi}>0 ; \forall u \text { s.t. }\|u\| \leq \rho ; \forall(x, \bar{x}) \in X \times X \\
\left\|\varphi^{(i)}(u, x)-\varphi^{(i)}(u, \bar{x})\right\| \leq L_{\varphi}\|x-\bar{x}\| .
\end{array}
$$

- The unknown function $\varepsilon$ is essentially bounded, i.e.

$$
\exists \delta_{\varepsilon}>0 ; \text { ess } \sup _{t \geq-d}\|\varepsilon(t)\| \leq \delta_{\varepsilon} .
$$

## Notations

- For $j=0, \ldots, m$ and $t \geq-\frac{j}{m} d$ where $m$ is a positive integer,
$x_{j}(t)=x\left(t-d+\frac{j}{m} d\right), u_{j}(t)=u\left(t-d+\frac{j}{m} d\right), \varepsilon_{j}(t)=\varepsilon\left(t-d+\frac{j}{m} d\right)$,
The following property is to be emphasized (the rational behind the cascade structure of the observer)

$$
x_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)=x_{j-1}(t) \text { and } u_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)=u_{j-1}(t), j=1, \ldots, m .
$$

- $\Delta_{\theta}=\operatorname{diag}\left(I_{p}, \frac{1}{\theta} I_{p}, \ldots, \frac{1}{\theta^{q-1}} I_{p}\right), \theta>0$ a positif real.


## Cascade observer equations

$$
\left\{\begin{aligned}
\begin{array}{rl}
\dot{\hat{x}}_{j}(t)= & A \hat{x}_{j}(t)+\varphi\left(u_{j}(t), \hat{x}_{j}(t)\right)-G_{j}(t), j=0, \ldots, m \\
G_{0}(t)= & \theta \Delta_{\theta}^{-1} K C\left(\hat{x}_{0}(t)-y_{d}(t)\right) \text { and for } j=1, \ldots, m \\
G_{j}(t)= & e^{\bar{A} \frac{d}{m}}\left(G_{j-1}(t)+(A-\bar{A})\left(\hat{x}_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)-\hat{x}_{j-1}(t)\right)\right. \\
& \left.\quad+\varphi\left(u_{j-1}(t), \hat{x}_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)\right)-\varphi\left(u_{j-1}(t), \hat{x}_{j-1}(t)\right)\right)
\end{array}
\end{aligned}\right.
$$

- $K=\left(\begin{array}{c}k_{1} I_{p} \\ \vdots \\ k_{q} I_{p}\end{array}\right), k_{i}>0, i=1, \ldots, q$, s.t. $\tilde{A} \triangleq A-K C$ is Hurwitz, i.e. there
exist a positive constant $\nu$ and a SDP matrix $P$ such that

$$
\tilde{A}^{T} P+P \tilde{A} \leq-2 \nu I_{n}
$$

- $\bar{A}, n \times n$ Hurwitz matrix,
- $\bar{A}, K$ and $\theta$ are the observer design parameters,
- Observer initialization
$\hat{x}_{0}(0)=\hat{x}(-d)$ and $\hat{x}_{j}(s)=\hat{x}\left(s-d+\frac{j}{m} d\right), s \in\left[-\frac{j}{m} d, 0\right], j=1, \ldots, m$.
$\hat{x}(s), s \in[-d, 0]$, any a priori selected estimate of the state vector.


## Some remarks

- The cascade observer is composed by $m+1$ chained subsystems

1. The first subsystem is a high gain observer for the delayed state $x(t-d)$
2. Each one of the $m$ remaining subsystems predicts the state of the preceding subsystem over an horizon of $\frac{d}{m} \Longrightarrow$ the state of the $m^{\prime} t h$ predictor is an estimate of the system actual state.
3. The rational behind the cascade observer design is based upon the following properties

$$
x_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)=x_{j-1}(t) \text { and } u_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)=u_{j-1}(t), j=1, \ldots, m
$$

- Observation error, $\tilde{x}_{j}(t) \triangleq \hat{x}_{j}(t)-x_{j}(t)$, related to the predictor at rank $1 \leq j \leq m$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}_{j}(t) & =A x_{j}(t)+\varphi\left(u_{j}(t), x_{j}(t)\right)+B \varepsilon_{j}(t) \\
& =\bar{A} x_{j}(t)+\varphi\left(u_{j}(t), x_{j}(t)\right)+(A-\bar{A}) x_{j}(t)+B \varepsilon_{j}(t)
\end{aligned}
$$

$\bar{A}$ a design matrix parameter, to be chosen Hurwitz.

Hence,
$x_{j}(t)=e^{\bar{A} \frac{d}{m}} x_{j-1}(t)+\int_{t-\frac{d}{m}}^{t} e^{\bar{A}(t-s)}\left(\varphi\left(u_{j}(s), x_{j}(s)\right)+(A-\bar{A}) x_{j}(s)+B \varepsilon_{j}(s)\right) d s$,
since $x_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)=x_{j-1}(t)$.

The state of the predictor $\hat{x}_{j}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\dot{\hat{x}}_{j}(t) & =A \hat{x}_{j}(t)+\varphi\left(u_{j}(t), \hat{x}_{j}(t)\right)-G_{j}(t), \\
& =\bar{A} \hat{x}_{j}(t)+\varphi\left(u_{j}(t), \hat{x}_{j}(t)\right)+(A-\bar{A}) \hat{x}_{j}(t)-G_{j}(t)
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence,
$\hat{x}_{j}(t)=e^{\bar{A} \frac{d}{m}} \hat{x}_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)+e^{\bar{A} t} \int_{t-\frac{d}{m}}^{t} e^{-\bar{A} s}\left(\varphi\left(u_{j}(s), \hat{x}_{j}(s)\right)+(A-\bar{A}) \hat{x}_{j}(s)-G_{j}(s)\right) d s$.
Miming the relationship between the states $x_{j}(t)$ and $x_{j-1}(t)$, one imposes a similar relationship between $\hat{x}_{j}$ and $\hat{x}_{j-1}, j=1, \ldots, m$

$$
\hat{x}_{j}(t)=e^{\bar{A} \frac{d}{m}} \hat{x}_{j-1}(t)+r_{j}(t)+e^{\bar{A} t} \int_{t-\frac{d}{m}}^{t} e^{-\bar{A} s}\left(\varphi\left(u_{j}(s), \hat{x}_{j}(s)\right)+(A-\bar{A}) \hat{x}_{j}(s)\right) d s
$$

the $r_{j}$ 's, $j=1, \ldots, m$, vector functions, shall be determined simultaneously with the correction terms $G_{j}$ 's. This is achieved by equating the above two equations

$$
e^{\bar{A} \frac{d}{m}}\left(\hat{x}_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)-\hat{x}_{j-1}(t)\right)-r_{j}(t)=e^{\bar{A} t} \int_{t-\frac{d}{m}}^{t} e^{-\bar{A} s} G_{j}(s) d s
$$

Differentiating with respect to time each side of the above equation

$$
\begin{aligned}
G_{j}(t)= & e^{\bar{A} \frac{d}{m}}\left(G_{j-1}(t)+(A-\bar{A})\left(\hat{x}_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)-\hat{x}_{j-1}(t)\right)\right. \\
& \left.+\varphi\left(u_{j-1}, \hat{x}_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)\right)-\varphi\left(u_{j-1}, \hat{x}_{j-1}(t)\right)\right)-\left(\dot{r}_{j}(t)-\bar{A} r_{j}(t)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence, if one chooses $r_{j}$ such that

$$
\dot{r}_{j}(t)=\bar{A} r_{j}(t),
$$

then, the expression of the correction term $G_{j}$ specializes

$$
\begin{aligned}
G_{j}(t)= & e^{\bar{A} \frac{d}{m}}\left(G_{j-1}(t)+(A-\bar{A})\left(\hat{x}_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)-\hat{x}_{j-1}(t)\right)\right. \\
& \left.\quad+\varphi\left(u_{j-1}(t), \hat{x}_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)\right)-\varphi\left(u_{j-1}(t), \hat{x}_{j-1}(t)\right)\right), 1 \leq j \leq m \\
& \quad \theta \Delta_{\theta}^{-1} K C\left(\hat{x}_{0}(t)-y_{d}(t)\right) \text { (High Gain Observer) }
\end{aligned}
$$

- Observation error, $\tilde{x}_{0}(t) \triangleq \hat{x}_{0}(t)-x_{0}(t)$, related to the first subsystem (high gain observer)

$$
\left\|\tilde{x}_{0}(t)\right\| \leq \mu(\theta) e^{-a_{\theta} t}\left\|\tilde{x}_{0}(0)\right\|+\frac{M}{\theta} \delta_{\varepsilon}
$$

- $\mu(\theta)$, polynomial in $\theta$,
- $a_{\theta}=\frac{\theta \nu}{2 \lambda_{M}(P)}, \quad\left(\tilde{A}^{T} P+P \tilde{A} \leq-2 \nu I_{n}, \tilde{A}=A-K C\right)$
- $M=2 \frac{\lambda_{M}(P) \sigma(P)}{\nu}$ with $\sigma(P)=\sqrt{\lambda_{M}(P) / \lambda_{m}(P)}$,
- $\delta_{\varepsilon}$, essential bound of the uncertainties.
- Since the matrix $\bar{A}$ is Hurwitz, there exists a positive number $\beta \geq 1$ such that

$$
\forall t \geq 0:\left\|e^{\bar{A} t}\right\| \leq \beta e^{-\bar{a} t}
$$

$\bar{a}=\min _{i \in\{1, \ldots, n\}}\left|\Re\left(\lambda_{i}(\bar{A})\right)\right|, \lambda_{i}(\bar{A}), i=1, \ldots, n$, the $n$ eigenvalues of $\bar{A}$ (with negative real parts).

## Theorem 1

If the matrix $\bar{A}$ is chosen such that $\bar{a} \leq a_{\theta}$ and if the number $m$ is selected such that

$$
\eta \frac{d}{m}<1, \text { with } \eta=\beta\left(L_{\varphi}+\|\bar{A}-A\|\right)
$$

$L_{\varphi}$ is the Lipschitz constant of $\varphi$, then one has for $j=1, \ldots, m$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\left\|\tilde{x}_{j}(t)\right\| \leq \rho_{j} e^{-\bar{a} t}+M_{j} \delta_{\varepsilon}, t \geq 0 \\
& \rho_{j}= \frac{\eta}{1-\eta \frac{d}{m}} \int_{-\frac{d}{m}}^{0}\left\|\tilde{x}_{j}(s)\right\| d s+\beta \chi_{m}^{j} \mu(\theta)\left\|\tilde{x}_{0}(0)\right\|+\frac{\beta}{1-\eta \frac{d}{m}} \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \chi_{m}^{k}\left\|r_{j-k}(0)\right\|, \\
& M_{j}= \beta \chi_{m}^{j} \frac{M}{\theta}+\frac{\beta \frac{d}{m}}{1-\eta \frac{d}{m}} \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \chi_{m}^{i}, \quad \chi_{m}=\frac{e^{-\bar{a} \frac{d}{m}}}{1-\eta \frac{d}{m}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Remarks

- The convergence of the cascade observer is closely related to the observer dynamics of the first subsystem as well as the prediction dynamics of the remaining subsystems.
- The delayed state observer dynamics can be appropriately assigned by the observer design parameters $\theta$ and $K$,
- The prediction dominant dynamics can be tuned by the prediction design parameter $\bar{A}$ and the number of subsystems in the cascade.
- In the uncertainty-free case, the estimation error related to each predictor at the rank $j$ and in particular to the last one i.e. at rank $m$, converges exponentially to zero. In the presence of uncertainties, the estimation error remains bounded and the underlying ultimate bound is proportional to the uncertainties essential bound $\delta_{\varepsilon}$.
- Lemma. Let $A$ be the $n \times n$ anti-shift block matrix and let $\bar{A}$ be a $n \times n$ Hurwitz matrix with eigenvalues $\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{n}$ ordered such that

$$
0<-\Re\left(\lambda_{1}\right) \leq \ldots \leq-\Re\left(\lambda_{n}\right)
$$

$\Re(\cdot)$ is the real part of the complex number $(\cdot)$. Then, one has

$$
\left|\Re\left(\lambda_{1}\right)\right| \leq\|A-\bar{A}\| .
$$

- Proposition. Let $M_{m} \delta_{\varepsilon}$ be the ultimate bound of the error between the actual state $x(t)$ and the state of the last subsystem $\hat{x}_{m}(t)$ in the cascade observer, i.e. $\lim \sup _{t \rightarrow \infty}\left\|\hat{x}_{m}(t)-x(t)\right\| \leq M_{m} \delta_{\varepsilon}$. Then, the sequence $\left(M_{m}\right)_{m \in \mathbb{N}^{\star}}$ is non increasing with

$$
\lim _{m \rightarrow \infty} M_{m}=\beta \frac{M}{\theta} e^{(\eta-\bar{a}) d}+\beta \frac{e^{(\eta-\bar{a}) d}-1}{\eta-\bar{a}}
$$

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$$

- The right hand side of the above equation is constituted by two terms
- The first, $\beta \frac{M}{\theta} e^{(\eta-\bar{a}) d}$ can be made as small as desired by choosing values of $\theta$ high enough.
- The second, $\beta \frac{e^{(\eta-\bar{a}) d}-1}{\eta-\bar{a}}$, is fixed and is the limit of the ultimate bound when the length of the cascade, i.e. $m$, is chosen sufficiently high.
- The term $\eta-\bar{a}$ appearing in the expression of the ultimate bound is directly related to the Lipschitz constant of the system nonlinearities

$$
\begin{aligned}
\eta-\bar{a} & =\beta\left(L_{\varphi}+\|A-\bar{A}\|\right)-\bar{a} \\
& \geq \beta L_{\varphi} \text { since } \beta \geq 1 \text { and }\|A-\bar{A}\|-\bar{a} \geq 0 \text { according to the lemma. }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\lim _{m \rightarrow \infty} M_{m}=\beta \frac{M}{\theta} e^{(\eta-\bar{a}) d}+\beta \frac{e^{(\eta-\bar{a}) d}-1}{\eta-\bar{a}}, \text { with } \eta-\bar{a} \geq \beta L_{\varphi}
$$

- Since the function $\alpha \mapsto \frac{e^{\alpha}-1}{\alpha}$ is increasing for $\alpha \geq 0$, one has

$$
\lim _{m \rightarrow \infty} M_{m} \geq \beta \frac{M}{\theta} e^{\beta L_{\varphi} d}+\frac{e^{\beta L_{\varphi} d}-1}{L_{\varphi}}
$$

i.e. the lower bound of the limit is an increasing function of the Lipschitz constant of the system nonlinearities.

- The cascade observer provides an estimate of the delayed state (first subsystem of cascade), as well as an estimate of the actual state (last subsystem):
- The ultimate bound of the observation error related to the delayed state can be made as small as desired (by choosing values of $\theta$ sufficiently high).
- This property is no longer true with for the actual state. Nevertheless, the smallest values of this bound can be reached by choosing values of $m$ sufficiently high.


## The sampled output case

- The outputs are available at the sampling instants $0 \leq t_{0}<\ldots<t_{l}<\ldots$ with $\lim _{l \rightarrow+\infty} t_{l}=+\infty$
- There exist $0<\tau_{m} \leq \tau_{M}<+\infty$ such that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 0<\tau_{m} \leq \tau_{k}=t_{k+1}-t_{k} \leq \tau_{M}, \quad \forall k \geq 0 \\
& \left\{\begin{array}{l}
\dot{x}(t)=A x(t)+\varphi(u(t), x(t))+B \varepsilon(t) \\
y_{d}\left(t_{k}\right)=C x\left(t_{k}-d\right)=x^{(1)}\left(t_{k}-d\right)
\end{array}\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

## Some recalls

In the delay-free case $\left(y_{d}\left(t_{k}\right)=y\left(t_{k}\right)\right)$, a continuous-discrete time high gain observer has been proposed (Automatica 55, pp. 78-87,2015)

$$
\dot{\hat{x}}(t)=A \hat{x}(t)+\varphi(u(t), \hat{x}(t))-\theta \Delta_{\theta}^{-1} K e^{-k_{1} \theta\left(t-t_{k}\right)}\left(C \hat{x}\left(t_{k}\right)-y\left(t_{k}\right)\right),
$$

The upper bound of the sampling partition diameter, $\tau_{M}$, has to satisfy

$$
\tau_{M} \chi(\theta)<1, \text { with } \chi(\theta)=\frac{\nu \sqrt{\lambda_{m}(P)}}{2\left(L_{\varphi}+\theta\right)\|K\| \lambda_{M}^{3 / 2}(P)}
$$

The underlying estimation error satisfies

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\|\hat{x}(t)-x(t)\| \leq \mu(\theta) e^{-\eta_{\theta}\left(\tau_{M}\right) t}\|\hat{x}(0)-x(0)\|+N_{\theta}\left(\tau_{m}, \tau_{M}\right) \frac{\delta_{\varepsilon}}{\theta} \\
& \eta_{\theta}\left(\tau_{M}\right)=a_{\theta} e^{-a_{\theta} \tau_{M}}-\frac{\left(1-e^{-a_{\theta} \tau_{M}}\right)}{\chi_{\theta}}, \quad a_{\theta}=\frac{\theta \nu}{2 \lambda_{M}}, \\
& N_{\theta}\left(\tau_{m}, \tau_{M}\right)=\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{M}}{\lambda_{m}}} \theta \tau_{M} \frac{2-e^{-\eta_{\theta}\left(\tau_{M}\right) \tau_{m}}}{1-e^{-\eta_{\theta}\left(\tau_{M}\right) \tau_{m}}}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\tau_{m}$ and $\tau_{M}$, the lower and upper bounds of the sampling partition diameter.

If the sampling period is constant, i.e. $\tau_{m}=\tau_{M}=T_{s}$, then $\eta_{\theta}\left(T_{s}\right)$ and $N_{\theta}\left(T_{s}\right)$ are respectively a decreasing and non decreasing functions of $T_{s}$ and one has

$$
\lim _{T_{s} \rightarrow 0} \eta_{\theta}\left(T_{s}\right)=a_{\theta} \text { and } \lim _{T_{s} \rightarrow 0} N_{\theta}\left(T_{s}\right)=M
$$

## Cascade observer equations - Sampled outputs

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(\dot{\hat{z}}_{j}(t)=A \hat{z}_{j}(t)+\varphi\left(u_{j}(t), \hat{z}_{j}(t)\right)-H_{j}(t), j=0, \ldots, m,\right. \\
& H_{0}(t)=\theta \Delta_{\theta}^{-1} K e^{-k_{1} \theta\left(t-t_{k}\right)}\left(C \hat{z}_{0}\left(t_{k}\right)-y_{d}\left(t_{k}\right)\right) \text { for } t \in\left[t_{k}, t_{k+1}[,\right. \\
& \text { and for } j=1, \ldots, m \text {, } \\
& H_{j}(t)=e^{\bar{A} \frac{d}{m}}\left(H_{j-1}(t)+(A-\bar{A})\left(\hat{z}_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)-\hat{z}_{j-1}(t)\right)\right. \\
& \left.+\varphi\left(u_{j-1}(t), \hat{z}_{j}\left(t-\frac{d}{m}\right)\right)-\varphi\left(u_{j-1}(t), \hat{z}_{j-1}(t)\right)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

## Theorem 2

If

- the upper bound of the sampling partition diameter $\tau_{M}$ satisfies

$$
\tau_{M} \chi(\theta)<1 \text { with } \chi(\theta)=\frac{\nu \sqrt{\lambda_{m}}}{2\left(L_{\varphi}+\theta\right)\|K\| \lambda_{M}^{3 / 2}}
$$

- the matrix $\bar{A}$ is chosen such that $\bar{a} \leq \eta_{\theta}\left(\tau_{M}\right)$,
- the number $m$ of the cascaded systems is chosen such that $\eta \frac{d}{m}<1$, $\left(\eta=\beta\left(L_{\varphi}+\|\bar{A}-A\|\right)\right)$,
then,
one has for $j=1, \ldots, m$,

$$
\left\|\tilde{z}_{j}(t)\right\| \triangleq\left\|\hat{z}_{j}(t)-x_{j}(t)\right\| \leq \bar{\rho}_{j} e^{-\bar{a} t}+\bar{M}_{j} \delta_{\varepsilon}, t \geq 0
$$

$$
\bar{\rho}_{j}=\frac{\eta}{1-\eta \frac{d}{m}} \int_{-\frac{d}{m}}^{0}\left\|\tilde{z}_{j}(s)\right\| d s+\beta \chi_{m}^{j} \mu(\theta)\left\|\tilde{z}_{0}(0)\right\|+\frac{\beta}{1-\eta \frac{d}{m}} \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \chi_{m}^{k}\left\|r_{j-k}(0)\right\|
$$

$$
\bar{M}_{j}=\beta \chi_{m}^{j} \frac{N\left(\tau_{m}, \tau_{M}\right)}{\theta}+\frac{\beta \frac{d}{m}}{1-\eta \frac{d}{m}} \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \chi_{m}^{i}, \quad\left(\chi_{m}=\frac{e^{-\bar{a} \frac{d}{m}}}{1-\eta \frac{d}{m}}\right)
$$

## Example

- $q=3$ and $p=2$, i.e. $x=\left(\begin{array}{c}x^{(1)} \\ x^{(2)} \\ x^{(3)}\end{array}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{6}, x^{(1)}=\binom{z_{1}}{z_{2}}, x^{(2)}=\binom{z_{3}}{z_{4}}$,
$x^{(3)}=\binom{z_{5}}{z_{6}}, z_{i} \in \mathbb{R}$,
- $u=\binom{u_{1}=10 \cos ((t)}{u_{2}=10 \sin (t)}, u_{1}, u_{2} \in \mathbb{R}, y=x^{(1)}=\binom{z_{1}}{z_{2}} \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$,
- $\varphi^{(1)}(u, x)=\binom{-0.2 z_{1}+u_{1}}{-0.2 z_{2}+u_{2}}, \varphi^{(2)}(u, x)=\binom{-0.05 z_{3}^{3}+u_{2} z_{3}}{-0.05 z_{4}^{3}+u_{1} z_{4}}$,
- $\varphi^{(3)}(u, x)=\binom{-0.1 z_{5}+2 \tanh \left(z_{5}\right)}{-0.1 z_{6}+2 \tanh \left(z_{6}\right)}, \varepsilon(t)=\binom{\varepsilon_{1}(t)=0.5 \cos (0.1 t)}{\varepsilon_{2}(t)=0.5 \sin (0.1 t)}$
- The objective is to estimate the actual state components $z_{k}(t), k=1, \ldots, 6$, from the delayed sampled outputs $z_{1}\left(t_{k}-d\right)$ and $z_{2}\left(t_{k}-d\right)$,
- This shall be achieved by using a continuous-discrete time cascade observer,
- In all the simulations,
- $\theta=5, K=\left[\begin{array}{lll}3 I_{2} & 3 I_{2} & I_{2}\end{array}\right]^{T}$,
- $\bar{A}=A-\lambda I_{6}, A$ is the $6 \times 6$ anti-shift matrix and $\lambda>0$ is a positive real.
- Continuous estimates of the system actual states: $d=0.3 s, \lambda=10, m=5$.

- Time evolution of the estimation error obtained with three values of $\bar{A}=A-\lambda I_{6}$

- Relatively high values for $\lambda$ have to be avoided $\Longrightarrow$ high values for $\|A-\bar{A}\| \Longrightarrow$ the condition $\beta\left(L_{\varphi}+\|\bar{A}-A\|\right) \frac{d}{m}<1$ may be violated if $m$ is not augmented.
- Zoom on the ultimate bound of the estimation error obtained with two values of $m$

- Time evolution of the estimation error obtained with two values of $d$ ( $\lambda=10, m=50$ )


