



# Fuzzy Observer Stabilization for Discrete-Time Takagi–Sugeno Uncertain Systems with $k$ -Samples Variations

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## Abstract

In this paper, we analyze the problem of the stabilization for discrete-time Takagi–Sugeno fuzzy parametric uncertain systems. The stabilization conditions of these systems are investigated with two observers and two different Lyapunov functions: nonquadratic and delayed nonquadratic. The stabilization conditions are analyzed between  $k$  and  $k + t$  sample variations in the Lyapunov function. The obtained stabilization results represent an extension of previous works with one-sample variation in discrete time. All the results are obtained in the form of linear matrix inequalities which are solved by using various convex optimization algorithms. Two theorems are proposed, and comparison via simulation is given to demonstrate the robustness of the proposed approaches. Nevertheless, this paper shows that the second proposed observer gives the less conservative results (less restrictive). These reduced conservative results are demonstrated by a larger feasible area of stabilization (stabilization domain) and a fast convergence of estimation errors compared to the first.

**Keywords** Linear matrix inequalities · Observers · Robust control · Stability analysis · Takagi–Sugeno model · Convex optimization algorithms

## 1 Introduction

Takagi–Sugeno (T–S) fuzzy systems, called sector nonlinearity approach (Takagi and Sugeno 1985), allow us to describe a nonlinear model as collection of linear time-invariant models that are blended together with nonlinear positive functions sharing the convex sum property. The obtained T–S model is not unique for a given nonlinear model, and the number of linear models exponentially increases with the number of nonlinearities involved in the model (Taniguchi et al. 2001).

One of the most important issues in the study of T–S fuzzy systems is the analysis of the stability/stabilization of these systems in both continuous and discrete time with or without uncertainties, with state feedback or outputs feedback con-

trollers and Lyapunov functions (Chadli and Guerra 2012; Wang et al. 2015; Guerra and Vermeiren 2004; Jia et al. 2015; Jo et al. 2015; Guerra et al. 2012; Cao and Frank 2001). Via various approaches, a great number of stability/stabilization results for T–S fuzzy systems have been reported in the literature (Mozelli et al. 2009; Lee and Kim 2009; Latrach et al. 2015).

Many researches have been investigated with non-quadratic Lyapunov functions with T–S nonlinear systems (Lin et al. 2006; Tanaka et al. 2003; Manai and Benrejeb 2012a; Hui et al. 2015) to reduce the conservatism of the quadratic Lyapunov function. Conservatism comes from different sources: the type of T–S fuzzy model, the way the membership functions (MFs) are dropped off to obtain LMI expressions (Lin et al. 2006; Tanaka et al. 2003), the integration of MFs information (Koo et al. 2011; Fang et al. 2006) and the choice of Lyapunov function (Lee and Kim 2009; Tanaka and Wang 2001; Kruszewski et al. 2008; Manai and Benrejeb 2012b).

Several candidates of Lyapunov function have been proposed in the literature attempting to obtain the less conservative results and have received increasing attention as they attempt to relax the conservatism of stability and stabilization results like the piecewise Lyapunov functions (Ke

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et al. 2011; Feng 2004, 2006; Zhang and Feng 2008; Qiu et al. 2010; Johansson et al. 1999). Others introduce decision variables (slack variables) in order to provide additional degrees of freedom to the LMI problem (Sala and Ariño 2007; Bouyahya et al. 2016, 2017). Some recent works investigate a delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov function. They proved that a little modification in the Lyapunov function gives a huge feasible area of stabilization (Guerra et al. 2012; Kruszewski et al. 2008; Daafouz and Bernussou 2001; Lendek et al. 2015; Xie et al. 2014). All these works have been investigated with the asymptotic stability/stabilization problems which represent the aim of this paper. Other works are recently investigated with the pointwise-in-time eigenvalue condition (Yueying et al. 2019) and novel time-dependent Lyapunov functional (Jun and Huai-Ning 2018; Eksin 2004) for exponential stability/stabilization analysis of T–S systems. Many researchers investigate the problems of stability/stabilization with controllers and observers.

In past decades, there have been many approaches investigating on observer synthesis for T–S fuzzy systems, such as Ma et al. (1998), Xie et al. (2014) and Zhang et al. (2012). An observer for fault estimation for discrete-time T–S fuzzy systems was investigated in Dang and Wang (2011) in which fuzzy full-order and reduced-order fault estimation observers were taken into account. In Boulkroune et al. (2014), an augmented technique was used to design an observer for a T–S fuzzy system in the presence of disturbances. With T–S fuzzy uncertain systems, several approaches have been developed also. Among of them, the observer-based controller was necessary, where the observer and controller have been built simultaneously (Gassara et al. 2010; Kchaou et al. 2010). However, the uncertainties in these studies must be bounded and satisfy some assumptions. Other work investigates the sliding mode observer to estimate the state variables for a T–S fuzzy system with uncertainties (Dang et al. 2012), but their uncertainties must be bounded and the conditions of the uncertainties must be given from the beginning. Furthermore, the influence of the uncertainties was handled by adding extra parts to the conventional Luenberger observer in Dang et al. (2012). Recently, a new approach for the observer synthesis based on the unknown input method was developed in Yeh et al. (2015) to estimate the state variables of an uncertain T–S fuzzy system. Their method not only eliminates the influence of the uncertainties but also guarantees that the estimation error converges asymptotically to the equilibrium point zero. The works presented in this paper is focused about the design of two new fuzzy observers for the discrete-time parametric T–S systems. In this work, these two observers are based on the interpolation of classical Luenberger observer (1966) with the addition of terms to overcome the uncertainties. The additional terms in these observers represent the addition of the uncertainties in the observers itself, and the gains are also modified compared to the initial structure of Luenberger.

These two observers represent an extension of two existing observers in the literature (Guerra et al. 2012), and the stabilization of this class of systems with these observers is studied with two Lyapunov functions: nonquadratic and delayed nonquadratic, each one is connected to one observer. The study of the stability/stabilization with Lyapunov theory in discrete time is done only by the study of the variation of the Lyapunov function with one-sample variation or  $k$ -samples variation if we want our study to be more precise. By considering the variation with  $k$ -samples, we obtain a large set of solutions in sense of LMI (feasible area of stabilization or stabilization domain) and gives a better solutions and better matrices controllers (fast convergence and decrease the amplitude of signal control) than one-sample variation. The stabilization with one-sample variation is done in Bouyahya et al. (2015). This paper investigates the stabilization with  $k$ -samples variation, and we consider the stabilization of the estimation errors for uncertain parametric discrete-time Takagi–Sugeno (T–S) models. The stabilization conditions by the two proposed observers were formulated as two theorems. The comparison between the two conditions of stabilization shows that the second is more effective than the first and the second observer can be considered as a relaxed fuzzy observer.

This paper is organized as follows. In the first section, the problem formulation and the mathematical tools are presented. The second section is dedicated to the description of a summary of the proposed observers and their stabilization conditions with one-sample variation. In the third section, we present the new stabilization conditions with  $k$ -samples variations. Fourth section is dedicated to the simulation results, and comparison between the proposed theorems obtained with each Lyapunov function is discussed. We finish by conclusion.

## 2 System Description and Preliminaries

The discrete-time T–S fuzzy parametric uncertain model is described by fuzzy «IF–THEN» rules, whose collection represents the approximation of the nonlinear system. The  $i$ th rule of the T–S fuzzy model is of the following form.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{If } z_1(t) \text{ is } M_{i1} \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } z_p(t) \text{ is } M_{ip} \text{ then} \\ &\begin{cases} x(k+1) = (A_i + \Delta A_i)x(k) + (B_i + \Delta B_i)u(k) \\ y(k) = (C_i + \Delta C_i)x(k) \end{cases} \\ &\text{for } i = \{1 \dots r\} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $M_{ij}$  ( $i = 1, 2 \dots r, j = 1, 2 \dots p$ ) is a fuzzy set and  $r$  is the number of model rules,  $x(k) \in \mathfrak{R}^n$  is the states vector;  $u(k) \in \mathfrak{R}^m$  is the input vector;  $A_i \in \mathfrak{R}^{n \times n}$  represent the state matrices;  $B_i \in \mathfrak{R}^{n \times m}$  represent the control matrices;

$C_i \in \mathfrak{R}^{n \times m}$  represent the output matrices; and  $z_1(k), \dots, z_p(k)$  are known premise variables.  $\Delta A_i, \Delta B_i, \Delta C_i$  are time-varying matrices representing parametric uncertainties in the T–S model. These uncertainties are bounded in norm and structured.

The final outputs of the fuzzy parametric uncertain T–S system are

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k))\{(A_i + \Delta A_i)x(k) + (B_i + \Delta B_i)u(k)\} \\ y(k) = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k))(C_i + \Delta C_i)x(k) \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

where

$$z(k) = [z_1(k) \ z_2(k) \ \dots \ z_p(k)] \tag{3}$$

$$h_i(z(k)) = \frac{w_i(z(k))}{\sum_{i=1}^r w_i(z(k))} \tag{4}$$

$$w_i(z(k)) = \prod_{j=1}^p M_{ij}(z_j(k)) \tag{5}$$

For each sample  $k$ , the term  $M_{i1}(z_j(k))$  is defined as the membership degree of  $z_j(k)$  in  $M_{ij}$ .

Since

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^r w_i(z(k)) > 0 \\ w_i(z(k)) \geq 0 \quad i = 1 \dots r \end{cases}, \tag{6}$$

we have

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k)) = 1 \\ h_i(z(k)) \geq 0 \quad i = 1, 2 \dots r \end{cases} \tag{7}$$

for all  $k$

Lemmas 1–5 present the techniques and tools used through the development of the next theorems. Each of these techniques is important in the development of the stabilization condition.

Lemmas 1 and 2 represent a simplification technique of the quadratic form for some matrix representations, and Lemmas 3–5 represent some techniques of relaxation (complexity’s reduction) for the stability and stabilization form.

The uncertainties can be replaced to matrices under the following form.

$$\begin{cases} \Delta A = H_a \Delta_{a_z} E_a \\ \|\Delta_{a_z}\|_2 \leq 1 \end{cases}, \quad \begin{cases} \Delta B = H_b \Delta_{b_z} E_b \\ \|\Delta_{b_z}\|_2 \leq 1 \end{cases}, \quad \begin{cases} \Delta C = H_c \Delta_{c_z} E_c \\ \|\Delta_{c_z}\|_2 \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 1** (Schur Complement) (Boyd et al. 1994) If  $P \in \mathfrak{R}^{m \times m}$  definite positive matrix,  $X \in \mathfrak{R}^{m \times n}$  full rank matrix

in line, and  $Q \in \mathfrak{R}^{n \times n}$  any matrix both following inequalities are equivalent.

$$1. Q(s) - X^T(s)P^{-1}(s)X(s) > 0, \quad P(s) > 0 \tag{8}$$

$$2. \begin{bmatrix} Q(s) & (*) \\ X(s) & P(s) \end{bmatrix} > 0. \tag{9}$$

**Lemma 2** (Wang and Mendel 1992) Let us consider  $X$  and  $Y, Q = Q^T > 0$  matrices with appropriate dimensions, the following inequality holds.

$$XY^T + YX^T \leq XQX^T + YQ^{-1}Y^T. \tag{10}$$

**Relaxation** Whatever the choice of the Lyapunov function, the analysis of the stabilization leads us to the next inequality (11).

$$\sum_{k=1}^r \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{i < j}^r v_i h_i h_j x^T \Upsilon_{ij}^k x < 0 \tag{11}$$

**Lemma 3** (Tong et al. 2011) Equation (11) for discrete time is fulfilled if the following conditions hold:

$$\Upsilon_{ii}^k < 0 \quad \forall i, k \in \{1 \dots r\} \tag{12}$$

$$\frac{2}{r-1} \Upsilon_{ii}^k + \Upsilon_{ij}^k + \Upsilon_{ji}^k < 0 \quad \forall i, j, k \in \{1 \dots r\}, i \neq j. \tag{13}$$

**Lemma 4** (Guerra et al. 2012) Consider the symmetric matrices  $\Upsilon_{i_1 \dots i_k, j_1 \dots j_k}$  hold true if the next conditions are true for each  $(i_1 \dots i_k) \in \{1 \dots r\}^k$  and  $(j_1 \dots j_k) \in \{1 \dots r\}^k$ , such that  $i_n \leq j_n, n \in \{1 \dots r\}$ .

$$\sum_{\substack{l_1 \in I_1 \\ m_1 \neq l_1}} \sum_{\substack{l_2 \in I_2 \\ m_2 \neq l_2}} \dots \sum_{\substack{l_k \in I_k \\ m_k \neq l_k}} \Upsilon_{l_1 \dots l_k, m_1 \dots m_k} < 0$$

with  $I_n = \{i_n, j_n\}, n \in \{1 \dots k\}$ . (14)

Note: define the following expression

$$\begin{aligned} & Y_{z(k-1), z(k), \dots, z(k+t-1), z(k), \dots, z(k+t-1)} \\ & \triangleq \sum_{i_k=1}^r h_{i_0}(z(k)) \times \left( \sum_{i_0=1}^r \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^r \dots \sum_{i_0=1}^r \sum_{i_{k-1}=1}^r h_{i_1}(z(k)) \right. \\ & \quad \times h_{i_k}(z(k+t-1)) \times \dots \times h_{j_k}(z(k+t-1)) \left. \right) \Upsilon_{i_1 \dots i_k, j_1 \dots j_k}^{i_0} \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

As usual, the stability conditions will be depending on the definite negativity of the previous multiple sums. Then, Eq. (14) can be written under the form below.

$$Y_{z(k-1), z(k), \dots, z(k+t-1), z(k), \dots, z(k+t-1)} < 0 \tag{16}$$

**Lemma 5** [Finsler’s lemma (Skelton et al. 1998)] *Consider two matrices  $Q = Q^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$  and the vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\text{rank}(R) < n$ . The following two expressions are equivalent:*

1.  $x^T Q x < 0 \quad \forall x \in \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \neq 0, R x = 0\}$
2.  $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  such that  $Q + M R + R^T M^T < 0$

These lemmas are required items for the stabilization analysis and the observer design. Next sections illustrate its use.

In the next, a brief presentation of the discrete T–S system stabilization is necessary for the understanding of our contribution. This presentation contains both the nonquadratic and delayed nonquadratic delayed Lyapunov functions and the two observers proposed by Guerra et al. (2012) in the discrete-time without uncertainties. All the development details can be found in Guerra et al. (2012).

Consider a class of discrete-time nonlinear system described by the following T–S fuzzy model:

If  $z_1(t)$  is  $M_{i1}$  and  $z_2(t)$  is  $M_{21} \dots$  and  $z_p(t)$  is  $M_{ip}$  then

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = A_i x(k) + B_i u(k) \\ y(k) = C_i x(k) \end{cases} \text{ for } i = \{1 \dots r\} \quad (17)$$

The overall discrete-time T–S fuzzy model is represented under the following form:

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = A_{z(k)} x(k) + B_{z(k)} u(k) \\ y(k) = C_{z(k)} x(k) \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

with

$$A_z = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k)) A_i, \quad B_z = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k)) B_i, \quad C_z = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k)) C_i$$

where  $h_i(z(k))$  denotes the  $i$ th normalized fuzzy weighting function. Recently, two fuzzy observers given by Eqs. (19) and (20) based on nonquadratic and delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov functions are designed by (Guerra et al. 2012).

$$\begin{cases} \hat{x}(k+1) = A_{z(k)} \hat{x}(k) + B_{z(k)} u(k) + G_{z(k)}^{-1} K_{z(k)} (y(k) - \hat{y}(k)) \\ \hat{y}(k) = C_{z(k)} \hat{x}(k) \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \hat{x}(k+1) = A_{z(k)} \hat{x}(k) + B_{z(k)} u(k) \\ \quad + G_{z(k-1)z(k)}^{-1} K_{z(k-1)z(k)} (y(k) - \hat{y}(k)) \\ \hat{y}(k) = C_{z(k)} \hat{x}(k) \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

The less conservative results of estimated error are given by observer in Eq. (20) than the first in Eq. (19). That means better results in the sense of feasibility of the nonlinear model

and a fast convergence of the state’s variables to the equilibrium point zero are obtained.

In Eqs. (19) and (20),  $\hat{x}(k)$  is the estimated state, and  $G_{z(k)}$ ,  $K_{z(k)}$ ,  $G_{z(k-1)z(k)}$ ,  $K_{z(k-1)z(k)}$  are the observer matrices given by:

$$\begin{cases} G_{z(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r h_i(z(k-1)) h_j(z(k)) G_j \\ K_{z(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r h_i(z(k)) h_j(z(k)) K_j \end{cases}, \quad \begin{cases} G_{z(k-1)z(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r h_i(z(k-1)) h_j(z(k)) G_{ij} \\ K_{z(k-1)z(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^r h_i(z(k-1)) h_j(z(k)) K_{ij} \end{cases}$$

$G_j$ ,  $K_j$ ,  $G_{ij}$ ,  $K_{ij}$  are the fuzzy observer’s matrices to be determined by the LMI algorithm.

For consistency, with the relaxed observer (20) the estimation error becomes:

$$e(k+1) = (A_{z(k)} - G_{z(k-1)z(k)}^{-1} K_{z(k-1)z(k)} C_{z(k)}) e(k) \quad (21)$$

where  $e(k) = x(k) - \hat{x}(k)$

By the use of the delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov function (Guerra et al. 2012),

$$V(e, z) = e^T(k) \left( \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k-1)) P_i \right) e(k) = e^T(k) P_{z(k-1)} e(k) \quad (22)$$

The condition of stabilization of discrete-time T–S with observer in Eq. (20) is given by the next theorem:

**Corollary** (Guerra et al. 2012) *The estimation error (21) is globally asymptotically convergent if there exist matrices  $G_{ij}$ ,  $K_{ij}$ ,  $P_i$  such that conditions (12) and (13) of Lemma 3 hold with  $\Upsilon_{ij}^k$  defined by:*

$$\Upsilon_{ij}^k = \begin{bmatrix} -P_k & (*) \\ G_{jk} A_i - K_{jk} C_i & -G_{jk} - G_{jk}^T + P_j \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (23)$$

*In the next section, a brief presentation of the stabilization analysis for discrete-time T–S parametric uncertain model based on a nonquadratic and delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov functions in the discrete case. The variation of the Lyapunov function is considered for one-sample variation. If the final equation of this variation is negative, we obtain a sufficient condition of the T–S parametric uncertain stabilization with the output feedback. Two theorems are proposed (Bouyahya et al. 2015), and the two last observers are little modified to facilitate the development of the stabilization condition.*

## 3 Generalization for One-Sample Variation

### 3.1 Nonquadratic Lyapunov Function

Let us consider the following discrete-time Takagi–Sugeno parametric uncertain system:

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = (A_{z(k)} + \Delta A_{z(k)})x(k) + (B_{z(k)} + \Delta B_{z(k)})u(k) \\ y(k) = (C_{z(k)} + \Delta C_{z(k)})x(k) \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

With

$$\begin{aligned} A_{z(k)} &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k))A_i, & B_{z(k)} &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k))B_i, \\ C_{z(k)} &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k))C_i \\ \Delta A_{z(k)} &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k))\Delta A_i, & \Delta B_{z(k)} &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k))\Delta B_i, \\ \Delta C_{z(k)} &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k))\Delta C_i \end{aligned}$$

The observer given by Eq. (25) represents an observer taking in account uncertainties in order to reduce the number of LMIs and the matrix size of the final condition of stability  $\Upsilon_{ij}^k$ .

$$\begin{cases} \hat{x}(k+1) = (A_{z(k)} + \Delta A_{z(k)})\hat{x}(k) + (B_{z(k)} + \Delta B_{z(k)})u(k) \\ \quad + G_{z(k)}^{-1}K_{z(k)}(y(k) - \hat{y}(k)) \\ \hat{y}(k) = (C_{z(k)} + \Delta C_{z(k)})\hat{x}(k) \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

The observers (19) and (20) with the T–S parametric uncertain system give a very complex result in terms of LMI. So, the estimation error with the use of the nonquadratic Lyapunov function can be written in the following form:

$$e(k+1) = ((A_{z(k)} + \Delta A_{z(k)}) - G_{z(k)}^{-1}K_{z(k)}(C_{z(k)} + \Delta C_{z(k)}))e(k) \quad (26)$$

The nonquadratic Lyapunov function is written under the following form in Eq. (27).

$$V(e, z) = e^T(k) \left( \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k))P_i \right) e(k) = e^T(k)P_{z(k)}e(k) \quad (27)$$

Equation (28) represents the final LMI inequality satisfied the stabilization of the considered uncertain system with non-

quadratic Lyapunov function. All the development details are found in (Bouyahya et al. 2015).

$$\Upsilon_{ij}^k = \begin{bmatrix} -P_i & (*) & (*) & (*) \\ G_j E_{ai} & -\lambda I & 0 & 0 \\ K_j E_{ci} & 0 & -\tau I & 0 \\ G_j A_i - K_j C_i & 0 & 0 & -G_j^T - G_j + P_k + \lambda H_a H_a^T + \tau H_c H_c^T \end{bmatrix} \leq 0 \quad (28)$$

For this result, the next theorem was stated:

**Theorem 1** (Bouyahya et al. 2015) *The estimation error (26) is globally asymptotically stable if there exist definite positive symmetric matrices  $P_i$  and matrices  $G_i$ ,  $K_i$   $\{\mathbf{i} = \}$  and scalars  $\lambda$ ,  $\tau$  such that conditions (12) and (13) of Lemma 3 hold with  $\Upsilon_{ij}^k$  defined in (28).*

In the next part of this section, relaxed conditions are proposed using a delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov function. In order to design a new fuzzy observer, this Lyapunov function is proposed.

**Remark** The delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov function is obtained from the classic nonquadratic form (Eq. 27) by replacing  $P_{z(k)}$  by  $P_{z(k-1)}$ , and the relaxed observer is obtained from the first observer (Eq. 25) by replacing  $G_{z(k)}$  by  $G_{z(k-1)z(k)}$  and  $K_{z(k)}$  by  $K_{z(k-1)z(k)}$ . This little modification reduces the conservatism of the first stabilization condition represented in Theorem 1.

### 3.2 Delayed Nonquadratic Lyapunov Function

The observer design with the use of delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov function is written under the following form.

$$\begin{cases} \hat{x}(k+1) = (A_{z(k)} + \Delta A_{z(k)})\hat{x}(k) + (B_{z(k)} + \Delta B_{z(k)})u(k) \\ \quad + G_{z(k-1)z(k)}^{-1}K_{z(k-1)z(k)}(y(k) - \hat{y}(k)) \\ \hat{y}(k) = (C_{z(k)} + \Delta C_{z(k)})\hat{x}(k) \end{cases} \quad (29)$$

In this case, the estimation error can be written in the form given by Eq. (30).

$$e(k+1) = ((A_{z(k)} + \Delta A_{z(k)}) - G_{z(k-1)z(k)}^{-1}K_{z(k-1)z(k)}(C_{z(k)} + \Delta C_{z(k)}))e(k) \quad (30)$$

The delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov function is written under the following form

$$V(e, z) = e^T(k) \left( \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(z(k-1))P_i \right) e(k) = e^T(k)P_{z(k-1)}e(k) \quad (31)$$

The estimation error (30) converges if the following inequality is satisfied.

$$\Upsilon_{ij}^k = \begin{bmatrix} -P_k & (*) & (*) & (*) \\ G_{jk} E_{ai} & -\lambda I & 0 & 0 \\ K_{jk} E_{ci} & 0 & -\tau I & 0 \\ G_{jk} A_i - K_{jk} C_i & 0 & 0 & -G_{jk}^T - G_{jk} + P_j + \lambda H_a H_a^T + \tau H_c H_c^T \end{bmatrix} \leq 0 \tag{32}$$

Therefore, the following theorem was stated:

**Theorem 2** (Bouyahya et al. 2015) *The estimation error (30) is globally asymptotically stable if there exist symmetric definite positive matrices  $P_i$  and matrices  $G_{ij}$ ,  $K_{ij}$  and scalars  $\lambda$ ,  $\tau$  such that conditions (12) and (13) of Lemma 3 hold with  $\Upsilon_{ij}^k$  defined in (32).*

The proposed Theorems 1 and 2 represent two sufficient conditions for the stabilization of the estimation error with one-sample variation. These results can be extended more by considering the variation of the Lyapunov function with  $k$ -samples. So in the next section, the stabilization condition of  $k$ -samples variations will be discussed.

### 4 Generalization for $k$ -Samples Variations

In discrete-time case, when more samples are considered, the results become less conservative in both controllers and observers. The main idea of the  $k$ -samples variation form is to replace the one-sample variation of the Lyapunov function by its variation over  $k$ -samples. Considering the  $k$ -samples variation with a nonquadratic and delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov functions represent the aim of this section. It is based on a one-sample variation using an extended state vector with the use of the past values of the state vector. It is written under the Finsler’s lemma form (Skelton et al. 1998). The idea, in this case, is to use the higher-order variation in the state vector. The advantage of Finsler’s lemma representation is to present a natural extension of the conditions of stabilization with observer. It provides a unified framework to solve stabilization problems. So, the state vector in this case of observer design is replaced by the estimation error vector.

For  $k$ -samples variations, the estimation error vector becomes

$$E_{0\dots t}^T(k) = \begin{bmatrix} e^T(k) & e^T(k+1) & \dots & e^T(k+t) \end{bmatrix} \tag{33}$$

By replacing the estimation error by its estimation error vector (33), the Lyapunov function becomes

$$V(E_{0\dots t-1}, z) = E_{0\dots t-1}^T(k) \Xi_{z(k-1)\dots z(t+k-2)} E_{0\dots t-1}(k) \tag{34}$$

With the symmetric matrix,  $\Xi_{z(k-1)\dots z(t+k-2)} > 0$  and  $\Xi_{z(k-1)\dots z(t+k-2)} = \text{diag}(P_{z(k-1)} \ P_{z(k)} \ \dots \ P_{z(t+k-2)})$ .

The variation of the Lyapunov function for each  $k$ -samples is given in the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V(E_{0\dots k-1}, z) &= E_{0\dots t-1}^T(k) Q_{z(k-1)\dots z(t+k-1)} E_{0\dots t-1}(k) \\ &= E_{0\dots t-1}^T(k) \begin{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times kn} \\ 0_{kn \times n} & \Xi_{z(k)\dots z(t+k-1)} \end{bmatrix} \\ - \begin{bmatrix} \Xi_{z(k-1)\dots z(t+k-2)} & 0_{kn \times n} \\ 0_{n \times kn} & 0_{n \times n} \end{bmatrix} \end{pmatrix} E_{0\dots t-1}(k) \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

with  $Q_{z(k-1)\dots z(t+k-1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n \times n} & 0_{n \times kn} \\ 0_{kn \times n} & \Xi_{z(k)\dots z(t+k-1)} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Xi_{z(k-1)\dots z(t+k-2)} & 0_{kn \times n} \\ 0_{n \times kn} & 0_{n \times n} \end{bmatrix}$ .

The dynamic of the estimation error at different samples is written under the following form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_{z(k-1)z(k)} - I & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{z(k)z(k+1)} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \bar{A}_{z(k+1)z(k+2)} - I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e(k) \\ e(k+1) \\ \vdots \\ e(k+t) \end{bmatrix} = 0 \tag{36}$$

such as  $\bar{A}_{z(k-1)z(k)} = (A_{z(k)} + \Delta A_{z(k)}) - G_{z(k)}^{-1} K_{z(k)} (C_{z(k)} + \Delta C_{z(k)})$ .

In order to use Lemma 5 (Finsler’s lemma), the  $k$ -samples variation of Lyapunov function is written as follows:

$$Q_{z(k-1)\dots z(t+k-1)} + M \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_{z(k-1)z(k)} - I & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{z(k)z(k+1)} & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \bar{A}_{z(k+1)z(k+2)} - I \end{bmatrix}}_R + (*) < 0 \tag{37}$$

where (\*) represents  $R^T M^T$ , with M being an appropriate matrix written in the following form:

$$\Omega_i^2 = \tau_i H_a H_a^T + \mu_i H_c H_c^T \Omega_i^1 = \tau_i^{-1} G_{z(k+i)}^T E_{a z(k+i)}^T E_{a z(k+i)} G_{z(k+i)} + \mu_i^{-1} K_{z(k+i)}^T E_{c z(k+i)}^T E_{c z(k+i)} K_{z(k+i)}$$

Using Lemma 1 (Schur complement), the final condition of observer stabilization is written in the following form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} -P_{z(k)} & (*) & (*) & (*) & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ K_{z(k)} E_{cz(k)} & -\mu_0 I & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ G_{z(k)} E_{az(k)} & 0 & -\tau_0 I & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ G_{z(k)} A_{z(k)} - K_{z(k)} C_{z(k)} & 0 & 0 & -G_{z(k)}^T - G_{z(k)} + \Omega_0^2 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \dots \\ \vdots & \dots \\ \vdots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & -G_{z(k)}^T - G_{z(k)} + \Omega_{k-2}^2 & (*) & (*) & (*) & \dots \\ & & & K_{z(k)} E_{bz(k)} & -\mu_{k-1} I & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ & & & G_{z(k)} E_{az(k)} & 0 & -\tau_{k-1} I & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ & & & G_{z(k)} A_{z(k)} - K_{z(k)} C_{z(k)} & 0 & 0 & -G_{z(k)}^T - G_{z(k)} + \Omega_{k-1}^2 & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} < 0 \tag{39}$$

The use of Lemma 4 leads us to the following inequality

$$\mathcal{Y}_{i_1, \dots, i_k, j_1, \dots, j_k} = \begin{bmatrix} -P_{j_1} & (*) & (*) & (*) & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ K_{j_1} E_{ci_1} & -\mu_{i_1} I & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ G_{j_1} E_{ai_1} & 0 & -\tau_{i_1} I & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ G_{j_1} A_{i_1} - K_{j_1} C_{i_1} & 0 & 0 & -G_{j_1}^T - G_{j_1} + \Omega_{j_1}^2 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots \\ \vdots & \dots \\ \vdots & \dots \\ \vdots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & -G_{j_k}^T - G_{j_k} + \Omega_{j_k}^2 & (*) & (*) & (*) & \dots \\ & & & K_{j_k} E_{ci_k} & -\mu_{i_k} I & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ & & & G_{j_k} E_{ai_k} & 0 & -\tau_{i_k} I & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ & & & G_{j_k} A_{i_k} - K_{j_k} C_{i_k} & 0 & 0 & -G_{j_k}^T - G_{j_k} + \Omega_{j_k}^2 & \dots & \dots \end{bmatrix} < 0 \tag{40}$$

$$M_{z(k) \dots z(k+t-1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ G_{z(k)} & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & G_{z(k)} & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & G_{z(k+t-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

This equation can be written with the use of Lemma 2 in the form (38):

This inequality represents a sufficient condition of stabilization of the estimation error with observer design (25) for k-samples variations with  $(k \geq 2)$ . Therefore, we state the following theorem.

**Theorem 3** *The estimation error (26) is globally asymptotically stable with k-samples variation if there exist symmetric definite positive matrices  $P_i$  and matrices  $G_i$ ,  $K_i$  and scalars  $\lambda_i$ ,  $\tau_i$  such that conditions (12) and (13) of Lemma 3 hold with  $\mathcal{Y}_{i_1, \dots, i_k, j_1, \dots, j_k}$  defined in (40).*

$$\begin{bmatrix} -P_{z(k)} + \Omega_0^1 & (*) & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ G_{z(k)} A_{z(k)} - K_{z(k)} C_{z(k)} - G_{z(k)} - G_{z(k)}^T + \Omega_0^2 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & G_{z(k+t-1)} A_{z(k+t-1)} - K_{z(k+t-1)} C_{z(k+t-1)} - G_{z(k+t-1)} - G_{z(k+t-1)}^T + P_{z(k+t-1)} + \Omega_{k-1}^2 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \tag{38}$$



The use of Lemma 4 leads us to the following inequality

$$\mathcal{Y}_{i_1, \dots, i_k, j_1, \dots, j_{k-1}, j_k} = \begin{bmatrix} -P_{i_1} & (*) & (*) & (*) & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ K_{j_0, j_1} E_{c i_1} & -\mu_{i_1} I & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ G_{j_0, j_1} E_{a i_1} & 0 & -\tau_{i_1} I & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ G_{j_0, j_1} A_{i_1} - K_{j_1} C_{i_1} & 0 & 0 & -G_{j_0, j_1}^T - G_{j_0, j_1} + P_{i_1} + \Omega_{j_0, j_1}^2 & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & \dots & -G_{j_{k-2}, j_{k-1}}^T - G_{j_{k-2}, j_{k-1}} + P_{j_{k-1}} + \Omega_{j_{k-1}}^2 & (*) & (*) & (*) & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & 0 & K_{j_{k-1}, j_k} E_{c i_k} & -\mu_{i_k} I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \dots & \dots & 0 & G_{j_{k-1}, j_k} E_{a i_k} & 0 & -\tau_{i_k} I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & G_{j_{k-1}, j_k} A_{i_k} - K_{j_{k-1}, j_k} C_{i_k} & 0 & 0 & -G_{j_{k-1}, j_k}^T - G_{j_{k-1}, j_k} + P_{j_k} + \Omega_{j_k}^2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \tag{45}$$

This inequality represents a sufficient condition of stabilization of the estimation error with observer design (30) for  $k$ -samples variations with ( $k \geq 2$ ). Therefore, we state the following theorem.

**Theorem 4** *The estimation error (30) is globally asymptotically stable with  $k$ -samples variation if there exist symmetric definite positive matrices  $P_i$  and matrices  $G_{ij}$ ,  $K_{ij}$  and scalars  $\lambda_i$ ,  $\tau_i$  such that conditions (12) and (13) of Lemma 3 hold with  $\mathcal{Y}_{i_1, \dots, i_k, j_1, \dots, j_{k-1}, j_k}$  defined in (45).*

Theorem 4 develops relaxation of new fuzzy observer design (29), which permits a reduction in the conservatism of observer (25) and to significantly increase the solution sets for nonlinear models. Under the framework of multiple matrices, a relaxed fuzzy observer and a nonquadratic delayed Lyapunov function have been proposed to obtain the less conservative results. In the next section, a comparative study illustrates these results.

### 5 Numerical Application and Validation of Results

Consider the T–S discrete-time uncertain system with two rules

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 0.2 & 1.5 \end{pmatrix} & A_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & -2 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix} \\ H_{a1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & -0.2 \end{pmatrix} & H_{a2} &= \begin{pmatrix} -0.9 & 1 \\ 0.3 & 0.33 \end{pmatrix} \\ C_1 &= (-b \ 0.5) & C_2 &= (1 \ 1), & E_{a1} &= (1 \ 0.3) \\ E_{c1} &= (1 \ -2), & E_{c2} &= (1 \ 0.23) \\ H_{c1} &= (-1 \ 0.4), & H_{c2} &= (-1.2 \ 0.3), & E_{a2} &= (0.6 \ 1) \end{aligned}$$

The matrices  $H_{a1}$ ,  $H_{a2}$ ,  $E_{a1}$ ,  $E_{a2}$ ,  $E_{c2}$ ,  $H_{c1}$  and  $H_{c2}$  represent the uncertainties, and  $a, b$  are two scalars such that  $a = [0, 6]$ ,  $b = [0, 3]$ .

For the simulation purpose, we choose

$$h_1(y) = 1 - h_2(y) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos(y))$$

Figure 1 represents the sets of solutions with the use of theorem 1 with circle mark (°) and theorem 2 with point mark (·).

We conclude that the stabilization condition with relaxed observer [Eq. (29)] with one-sample variation gives a larger set of solution than the classical observer for T–S uncertain system given in Eq. (25).

All the simulation results for stability condition with  $k$ -samples variations are realized with  $k = 2$ . Consider another uncertain T–S fuzzy model represented by two linear fuzzy models  $r = 2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.31 & -0.96 \\ -0.2 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix} & A_2 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & -2 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix} \\ H_{a1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0 & -0.2 \end{pmatrix} & H_{a2} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.33 \\ -0.9 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ E_{a1} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.3 \\ 0.1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & E_{a2} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.6 & 1 \\ 0.1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} & C_1 &= (-1 \ 1) \\ C_2 &= (1 \ 1) & E_{c1} &= (1 \ -2) \\ E_{c2} &= (1 \ 0.23) & H_{c1} &= (-1 \ 0.4), & H_{c2} &= (-1.2 \ 0.3) \end{aligned}$$

The application of Theorem 3 with the previous example gives the following results:

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= 10^{-10} \times \begin{pmatrix} -0.0717 & -0.0333 \\ -0.0333 & 0.2961 \end{pmatrix} \\ P_2 &= 10^{-10} \times \begin{pmatrix} -0.0921 & -0.0551 \\ -0.0551 & 0.1830 \end{pmatrix} \\ G_1 &= 10^{-10} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.1413 & -0.0852 \\ 0.0576 & 0.4042 \end{pmatrix} \\ G_2 &= 10^{-10} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.1791 & -0.0729 \\ -0.1269 & 0.6689 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 1 Set of solutions

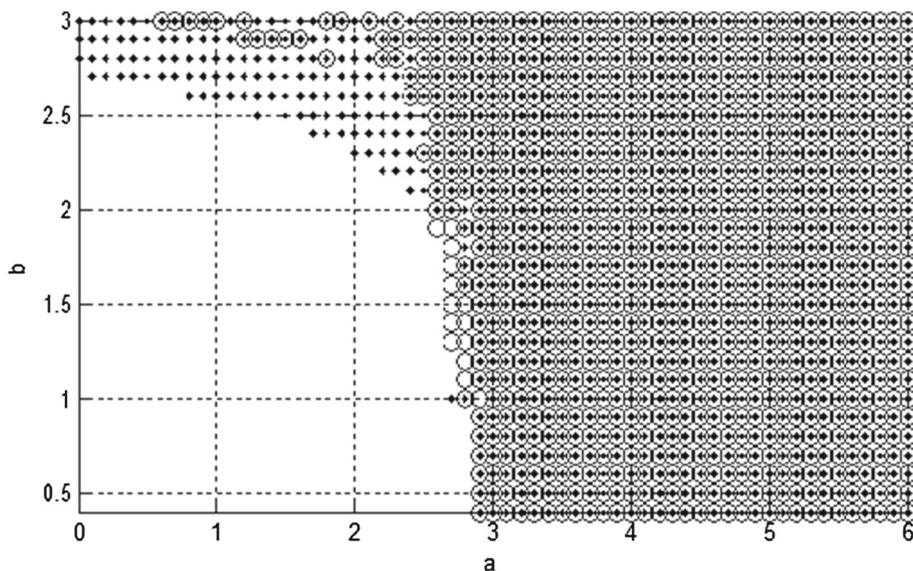
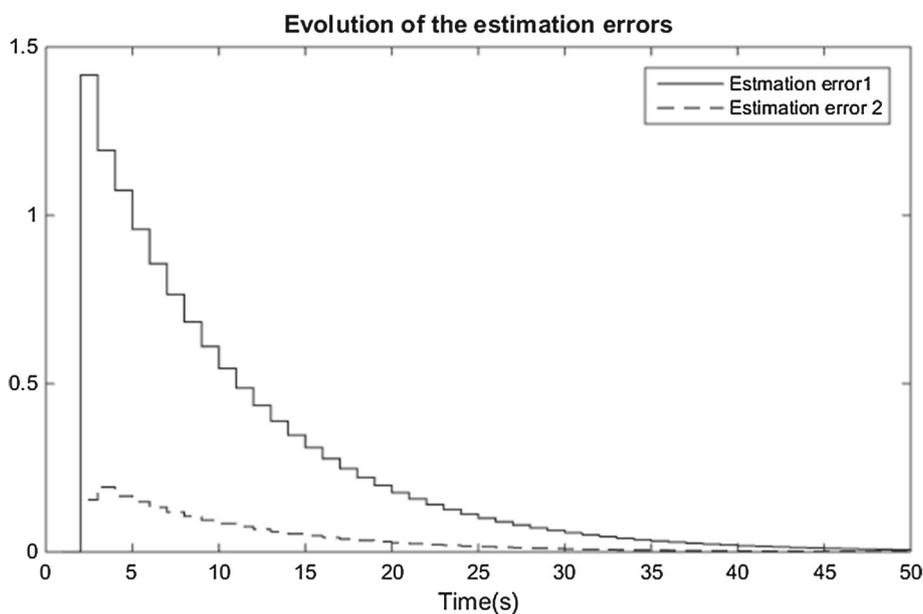


Fig. 2 Evolution of estimation error sub-model 1



$$K_1 = 10^{-11} \times \begin{pmatrix} -0.0650 \\ 0.5407 \end{pmatrix} \quad K_2 = 10^{-11} \times \begin{pmatrix} -0.4363 \\ 0.6037 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tau_2 = -1.2603 \times 10^{-12} \quad \lambda_1 = 4.4316 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$\tau_2 = 5.4789 \times 10^{-12} \quad \lambda_2 = 5.2112 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$G_{12} = 10^{-9} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.0319 & -0.0127 \\ -0.0465 & 0.1805 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G_{21} = 10^{-10} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.5920 & -0.3800 \\ 0.1652 & 0.9015 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G_{22} = 10^{-9} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.0342 & -0.0087 \\ -0.0227 & 0.1455 \end{pmatrix}$$

The application of Theorem 4 with the previous example gives the following results:

$$P_1 = 10^{-9} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.0469 & 0.0040 \\ 0.0040 & 0.1089 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_2 = 10^{-11} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.5480 & 0.1911 \\ 0.1911 & 0.6204 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G_{11} = 10^{-9} \times \begin{pmatrix} 0.0411 & -0.0007 \\ -0.0254 & 0.2312 \end{pmatrix}$$

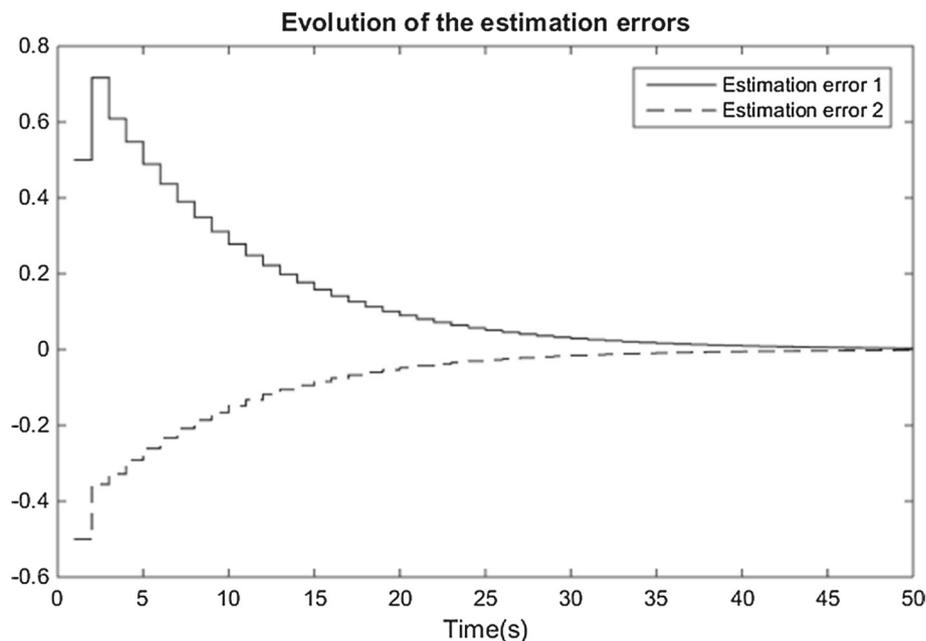
$$K_{11} = 10^{-10} \times \begin{pmatrix} -0.0826 \\ 0.1421 \end{pmatrix} \quad K_{12} = 10^{-10} \times \begin{pmatrix} -0.1069 \\ 0.2097 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$K_{21} = 10^{-10} \times \begin{pmatrix} -0.2136 \\ -0.0675 \end{pmatrix} \quad K_{22} = 10^{-11} \times \begin{pmatrix} -0.5709 \\ 0.8883 \end{pmatrix},$$

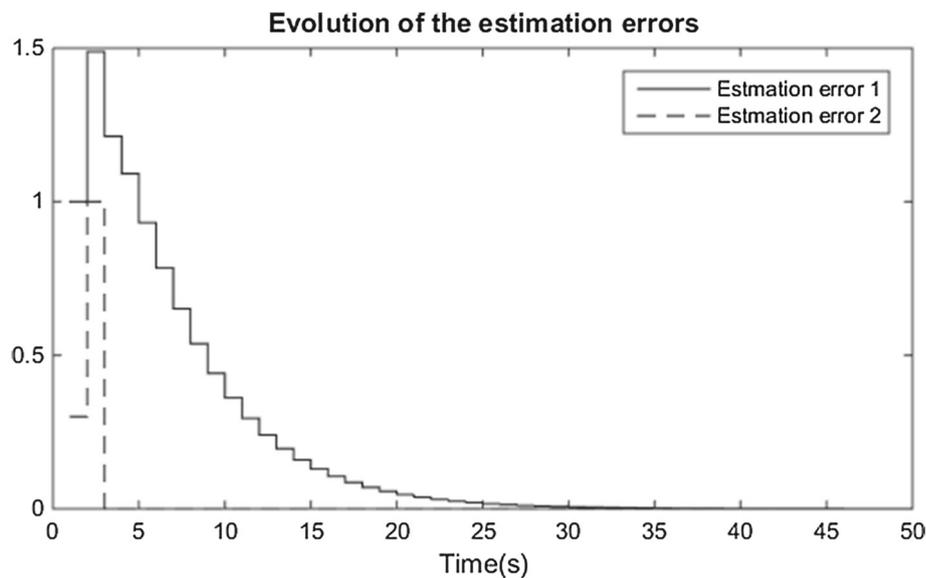
$$\tau_1 = -1.1344 \times 10^{-11}, \quad \lambda_1 = 4.5873 \times 10^{-11},$$

$$\tau_2 = -8.2571 \times 10^{-12}, \quad \lambda_2 = 2.7114 \times 10^{-11}$$

**Fig. 3** Evolution of estimation error sub-model 2



**Fig. 4** Evolution of estimation error of global system



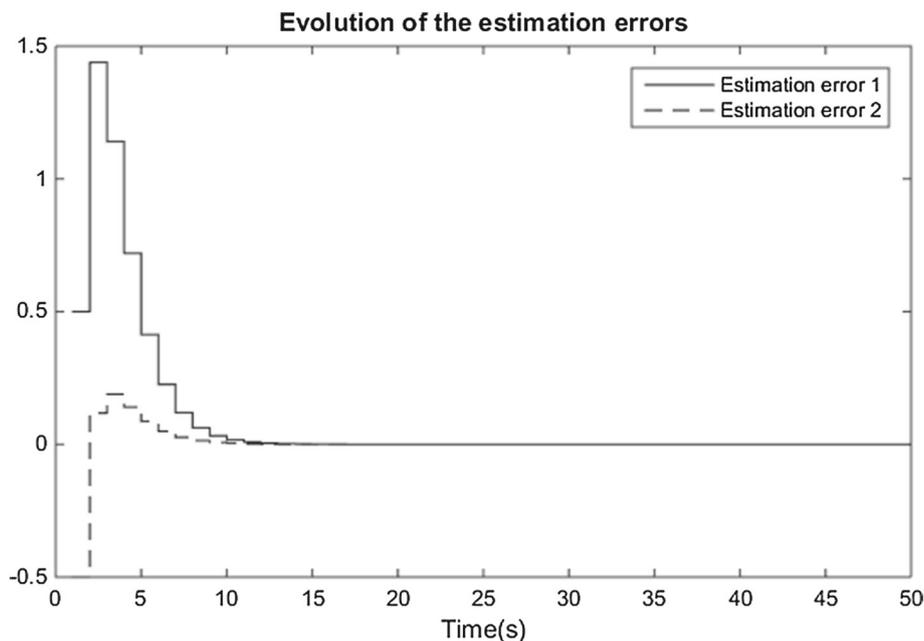
Figures 2, 3 and 4 represent the evolution of the estimation error for all sub-systems and the global system, with the observer design (25) and stabilization conditions with  $k$ -samples variations (Theorem 3).

Figures 5, 6 and 7 represent the evolution of the estimation error for all sub-systems and the global system, with the relaxed observer design (29) and stabilization conditions with  $k$ -samples variations (Theorem 4).

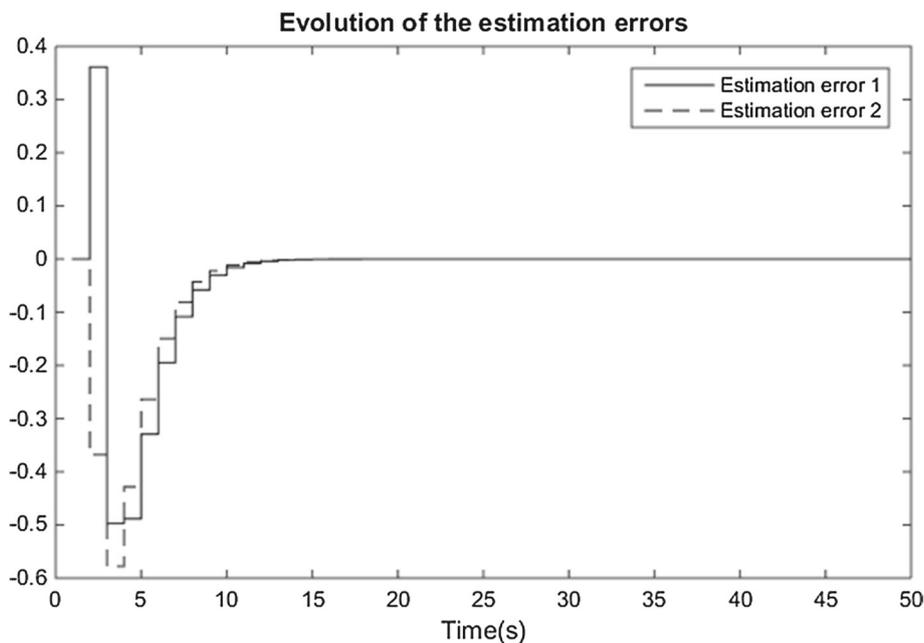
**Remark 1** Comparing Figs. 5, 6 and 7 with Figs. 2, 3 and 4, the relaxed observer in Eq. (29) reduced the amplitudes and gives a fast convergence of the estimation errors.

**Remark 2** The variation of the Lyapunov function is negative means that all the estimation errors should be convergent to the equilibrium point of systems. These figures demonstrate the estimation errors convergence to the equilibrium point zero.

**Fig. 5** Evolution of estimation error sub-model 1



**Fig. 6** Evolution of estimation error sub-model 2



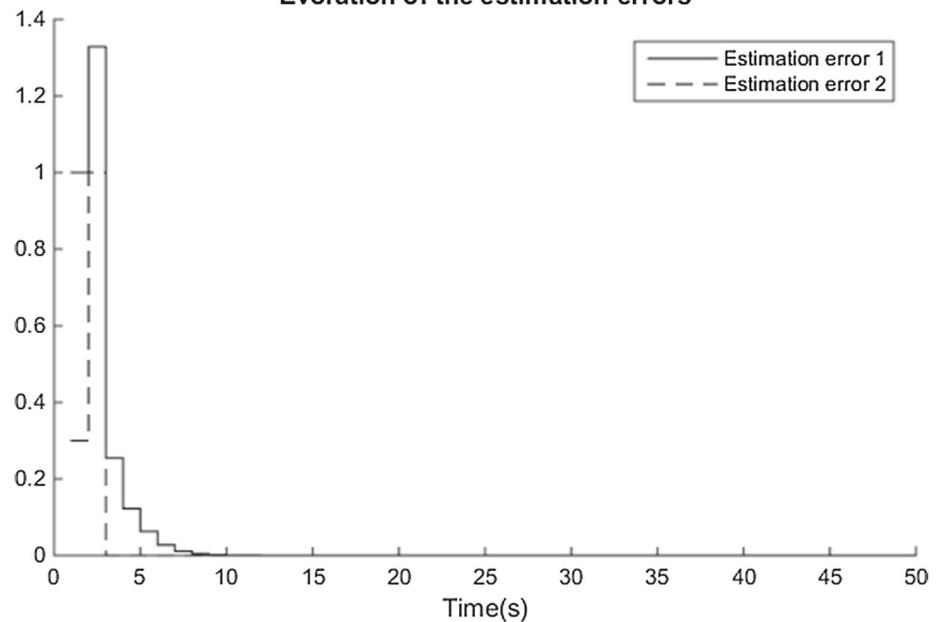
The use of the delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov function gives the less conservatism results, such as a larger set of solution with one-sample variation and a fast convergence of estimation error with  $k$ -samples variation.

### 6 Conclusion

This paper developed relaxations of new fuzzy observer designs with the use of nonquadratic and delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov functions, where the second allowed us

to reduce the conservatism of the first approach and to significantly increase the solution sets for nonlinear models. Under the framework of linear matrix inequality, a new relaxed fuzzy observer has been proposed with  $k$ -samples variations; the relaxation quality has been significantly improved. The effectiveness of the proposed approaches has been illustrated through numerical examples. Future research includes the development of design methods using delayed nonquadratic Lyapunov functions, with new fuzzy observer and fuzzy controller with discrete-time nonparametric, mixed uncertain and periodic T–S systems.

**Fig. 7** Evolution of estimation error of global system



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