

Improved Results on Stability of Markovian Jump Systems with Time-Varying Delays

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Abstract—The stochastic stability of Markovian jump systems with time-varying delays is investigated. Three delay-partitioning methods, i.e., partitioning $[0, d_{min}]$, $[d_{min}, d_{max}]$ and both, are considered to derive the delay-range-dependent stability criteria. Different Lyapunov-Krasovskii functionals are consequently constructed for the stochastic stability of the system. The effectiveness of those results are finally demonstrated by a numerical example.

I. INTRODUCTION

As a special class of hybrid systems, Markovian jump linear systems (MJLS) are widely used to model dynamical systems subject to random abrupt changes [1]–[8]. These random changes can be caused by component failures, abrupt environment changes, changing subsystem interconnections, and so forth. Investigations into such system include, for example, stability analysis [8], [9], H_∞ control and filtering [8], [10]–[12], exponential estimates [3], [4], state or output feedback controller design [13], etc.

On the other hand, time delay is ubiquitous, as seen in chemical process, neural networks, etc. Time delay usually degrades the system performance, causes oscillation, or even destabilizes the system. [14] considered systems with interval time-varying delays by using the free weighting matrix method. [15] used the convex combination to get a less conservativeness result. [16] proposed the reciprocally convex approach to overcome shortcomings in [15]. Besides, delay-partitioning method is another popular method to deal with constant delay and time-varying delay [17], [18]. Fridman [19] employed two different partitioning ways to improve the stability criteria. [20] noticed the fact that the positive definiteness of LKF does not necessarily require all involved symmetric matrices in Lyapunov-Krasovskii

functional (LKF) to be positive definite. This method is powerful in reducing the conservativeness, and therefore we here apply it to Markovian jump linear systems with time-varying delays for an improved stability criteria.

Markovian jump linear systems with time delays have been studied extensively. To name a few, Fei [2] used the delay-partitioning method to deal with MJLS with constant delay, for an improved stability results compared to [21]. Huang [14] constructed new Lyapunov functions by choosing different Lyapunov matrices for different system modes. Zhao [22] improved the stochastic stability criteria with interval time-varying delays. Gao [3] investigated the exponential estimates of Markovian jump systems with mode-dependent time-varying delays.

In this paper, we study the stochastic stability of Markovian jump systems with interval time-varying delay. For different values of d_{min} , we adopt different delay-partitioning strategies with different LKFs: $[0, d_{min}]$ for large d_{min} , $[d_{min}, d_{max}]$ for small d_{min} , and we may also use both partitions for more complicated cases. We use the method in [20] to analyse the constructed LKFs for three different delay-partitioning strategies and derive corresponding LMIs to guarantee both the positive definiteness of LKFs and negative definiteness of derivative of the LKFs.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. The model of Markovian jump systems with time-varying delays and some preliminaries are introduced in Section II. In Section III, we present the main results for different delay-partitioning methods. A numerical example is shown in Section IV to illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed results. Finally, Section V concludes the paper.

Notations. Throughout this paper, \mathbb{R}^n represents the n -dimensional Euclidean space. For symmetric matrix X , $X > 0$ means that X is positive definite (negative definite) and $X \geq 0$ ($X \leq 0$) means that X is semi-positive definite (semi-negative definite). $diag\{\dots\}$ stands for block diagonal matrix. I_n is the n -dimensional identity matrix and $0_{n \times m}$ is the $n \times m$ -dimensional zero matrix. The asterisk $*$ represents a term that is induced by symmetry. For $d > 0$, $\mathcal{C}^1([-d, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ denotes the class of smooth functions ϕ from $[-d, 0]$ to \mathbb{R}^n with norm $\|\phi\| = \sup_{-d \leq \theta \leq 0} |\phi(\theta)|$. $E(\cdot)$ denotes mathematical expectation.

II. PROBLEM FORMULATION

The considered Markovian jump linear system with mode-independent interval time-varying delays is described by

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(r(t))x(t) + A_d(r(t))x(t-d(t)) \quad (1)$$

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$$x(t) = \phi(t), \quad t \in [-d_{max}, 0], \quad r(0) = r_0, \quad (2)$$

where $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the n -dimensional vector represents system state vector, $A(r(t)), A_d(r(t))$ are matrix functions of the stochastic jumping process $\{r(t), t \geq 0\}$, $\{r(t)\}$ is a continuous-time Markov process, which takes values in the finite discrete set $\mathcal{S} = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$. Let $\Pi = [\pi_{ij}]$, where $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$, denote the transition probability matrix with

$$Pr\{r(t + \Delta) = j | r(t) = i\} = \begin{cases} \pi_{ij}\Delta + o(\Delta) & i \neq j \\ 1 + \pi_{ii}\Delta + o(\Delta) & i = j \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where $\Delta > 0, \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0^+} o(\Delta)/\Delta = 0$, and $\pi_{ij} \geq 0$, for $i \neq j$, is the transition rate from mode i at time t to mode j at time $t + \Delta$, with $\pi_{ii} = -\sum_{j \neq i} \pi_{ij}$ for each mode $i \in \mathcal{S}$. $d(t)$ denotes the mode-independent time-varying state delay in the above Markovian jump system, and satisfies

$$0 \leq d_{min} \leq d(t) \leq d_{max} < \infty \quad (4)$$

$$\dot{d}(t) \leq \mu \quad (5)$$

where d_{min}, d_{max} and μ are constant and independent of mode $r(t)$. $\phi(t) \in \mathcal{C}^1([-d_{max}, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ and $r(0) = r_0$ are initial conditions of the system state and mode, respectively. For the simplicity of notations, $r(t) = i \in \mathcal{S}$, $A(r(t))$ and $A_d(r(t))$ are denoted as A_i and A_{di} .

Let $x_t = x(t + s), -d_{max} \leq s \leq 0$. According to [5] and [1], $\{(x_t, r(t)), t \geq 0\}$ is a Markov process with initial state $(\phi(\cdot), r(0))$. Let \mathcal{L} is the weak infinitesimal operator of the stochastic process $\{(x_t, r(t))\}$, \mathcal{L} acting on $V(x_t, i, t)$ is defined as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{L}V(x_t, i, t) \\ &= \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\Delta} [E\{V(x(t + \Delta), r(t + \Delta), t + \Delta) | x_t, r(t) = i\} \\ & \quad - V(x_t, i, t)] \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Next, we'll introduce the definition of the stochastic stability and some useful lemmas.

Definition 1: Markovian jump system (1) with (2) is said to be stochastically stable if, for any initial state $\phi(t)$ and initial mode r_0 , the following condition is satisfied

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} E \left\{ \int_0^t x^T(t)x(t)dt | \phi, r_0 \right\} < \infty \quad (7)$$

Lemma 1 (Jensen's inequality [23]): For any constant symmetry matrix $M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with $M > 0$, scalars $b > a$, vector function $\omega : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ such that the integrations in the following are well defined, then

$$\int_a^b \omega^T(t)M\omega(t)dt \geq \frac{1}{b-a} \left[\int_a^b \omega(t)dt \right]^T M \left[\int_a^b \omega(t)dt \right]$$

Lemma 2 ([16]): Let $f_i : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, N$) have positive values in an open subset \mathcal{D} of \mathbb{R}^m . Then, the reciprocally convex combination of f_i over \mathcal{D} satisfies

$$\min_{\{\beta_i | \beta_i > 0, \sum_i \beta_i = 1\}} \sum_i \frac{1}{\beta_i} f_i(t) = \sum_i f_i(t) + \max_{g_{i,j}(t)} \sum_{i \neq j} g_{i,j}(t)$$

subject to

$$\left\{ g_{i,j} : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g_{j,i}(t) = g_{i,j}(t), \begin{bmatrix} f_i(t) & g_{i,j}(t) \\ g_{i,j}(t) & f_j(t) \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \right\}.$$

III. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, three different delay-partitioning methods are used to deal with the mode-independent time-varying delay. The first method is to divide the interval $[0, d_{min}]$ into r parts. This method fails if $d_{min} = 0$. Thus the second method is proposed to partition the interval to $[d_{min}, d_{max}]$. The third method is the combination of the first two.

A. The partition of $[0, d_{min}]$

For the simplicity of notations, denote $d_0 = d_{min}$ and $d_1 = d_{max}$.

Theorem 1: Given scalars $d_0 > 0, d_1, \mu$ and partitioning parts r , the system (1) is stochastically stable if there exist positive definite matrices $M > 0, R > 0, R_i > 0, Z_i > 0, (i \in \mathcal{S})$ and $Z > 0$, real symmetric matrices P_i, Q, Q_i, S, S_i and real matrices Y_i , such that the following LMIs hold for $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$:

$$\Xi_3 > 0 \quad (8)$$

$$S + \frac{Z}{d_1} > 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\Sigma_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \Xi_1 & -Z_i & -Z \\ * & d_1 S_i + Z_i & 0 \\ * & * & S + \frac{Z}{d_1} \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\Sigma_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{P_i}{2} + \frac{d_0}{2r} R + R_i & -R_i W_r & -R W_r \\ * & \Xi_2 & 0 \\ * & * & \Xi_3 \end{bmatrix} > 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\Lambda_1 < 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\Theta_{3i} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\Phi}{2} + W_2^T \Lambda_1 W_2 & -W_2^T \Lambda_1 W_r \\ * & W_r^T \Lambda_1 W_r + \frac{d_0}{r} \Lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (13)$$

$$\Lambda_3 < 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\Theta_{4i} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{d_1 \Phi}{2(d_1 - d_0)} + W_2^T \Lambda_3 W_2 & -W_2^T \Lambda_3 \\ * & \Lambda_3 + d_1 \Lambda_4 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{Z_i}{d_1 - d_0} & Y_i \\ Y_i^T & \frac{Z_i}{d_1 - d_0} \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (16)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= W_2^T P_i W_1 + W_1^T P_i W_2 + W_2^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \pi_{ij} P_j + M \right) W_2 \\ &+ W_3^T Q_i W_3 - W_4^T Q_i W_4 - (1 - \mu) W_5^T M W_5 \\ &+ \frac{d_0}{r} W_3^T Q W_3 - \frac{r}{d_0} (W_2 - W_6)^T R_i (W_2 - W_6) \\ &+ W_1^T \left(\frac{d_0 R_i}{r} + \frac{d_0^2 R}{2r^2} + (d_1 - d_0) Z_i + \frac{d_1^2 - d_0^2}{2} Z \right) W_1 \\ &+ W_7^T S_i W_7 - W_8^T S_i W_8 \\ &- \begin{bmatrix} W_5 - W_7 \\ W_5 - W_8 \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{Z_i}{d_1 - d_0} & Y_i \\ Y_i^T & \frac{Z_i}{d_1 - d_0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W_5 - W_7 \\ W_5 - W_8 \end{bmatrix} \\ W_1 &= [A_i, 0_{n \times (r+1)n}, A_{di}]; \quad W_2 = [I_n, 0_{n \times (r+2)n}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
W_3 &= [I_{rn}, 0_{rn \times 3n}]; & W_4 &= [0_{rn \times n}, I_{rn}, 0_{rn \times 2n}] \\
W_5 &= [0_{n \times (r+2)n}, I_n]; & W_6 &= [0_{n \times n}, I_n, 0_{n \times (r+1)n}] \\
W_7 &= [0_{n \times rn}, I_n, 0_{n \times 2n}]; & W_8 &= [0_{n \times (r+1)n}, I_n, 0_{n \times n}] \\
W_r &= [I_n, 0_{n \times (r-1)n}] \\
\Xi_1 &= \frac{d_1 P_i}{2(d_1 - d_0)} + \frac{d_1 + d_0}{2} Z + Z_i \\
\Xi_2 &= \frac{d_0}{r} Q_i + W_r^T R_i W_r & \Xi_3 &= Q + \frac{r}{d_0} W_r^T R W_r \\
\Lambda_1 &= \sum_{j=1}^N \pi_{ij} R_j - R; & \Lambda_2 &= \sum_{j=1}^N \pi_{ij} Q_j - Q \\
\Lambda_3 &= \sum_{j=1}^N \pi_{ij} Z_j - Z; & \Lambda_4 &= \sum_{j=1}^N \pi_{ij} S_j - S
\end{aligned}$$

Proof: Consider the following Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional(LKF):

$$V(x_t, i, t) = V_1(x_t, i, t) + V_2(x_t, i, t) + V_3(x_t, i, t) \quad (17)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
V_1(x_t, i, t) &= x^T(t) P_i x(t) + \int_{t-d(t)}^t x^T(s) M x(s) ds \\
V_2(x_t, i, t) &= \int_{t-\frac{d_0}{r}}^t \eta_1^T(s) Q_i \eta_1(s) ds \\
&\quad + \int_{-\frac{d_0}{r}}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \eta_1^T(s) Q \eta_1(s) ds d\theta \\
&\quad + \int_{-\frac{d_0}{r}}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) R_i \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
&\quad + \int_{-\frac{d_0}{r}}^0 \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\beta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) R \dot{x}(s) ds d\beta d\theta \\
V_3(x_t, i, t) &= \int_{t-d_1}^{t-d_0} x^T(s) S_i x(s) ds \\
&\quad + \int_{-d_1}^{-d_0} \int_{t+\theta}^t x^T(s) S x(s) ds d\theta \\
&\quad + \int_{-d_1}^{-d_0} \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) Z_i \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
&\quad + \int_{-d_1}^{-d_0} \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\beta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) Z \dot{x}(s) ds d\beta d\theta
\end{aligned}$$

with $\eta_1(s) = [x^T(s), x^T(s - \frac{d_0}{r}), \dots, x^T(s - \frac{(r-1)d_0}{r})]^T$ and $M > 0$, $R_i > 0$, $R > 0$, $Z_i > 0$ and $Z > 0$.

Firstly, we use Lemma 1 to get a lower bound of the proposed LKF. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_{-\frac{d_0}{r}}^0 \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\beta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) R \dot{x}(s) ds d\beta d\theta \\
&\geq \frac{d_0}{2r} x^T(t) R x(t) - \frac{2r}{d_0} \int_{-\frac{d_0}{r}}^0 x^T(t) R \int_{t+\theta}^t W_r \eta_1(s) ds d\theta \\
&\quad + \frac{r}{d_0} \int_{-\frac{d_0}{r}}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \eta_1^T(s) W_r^T R W_r \eta_1(s) ds d\theta.
\end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&V_2(x_t, i, t) + x^T(t) \frac{P_i}{2} x(t) \\
&\geq x^T(t) \left(\frac{P_i}{2} + \frac{d_0 R}{2r} \right) x(t) + \frac{r}{d_0} \int_{t-\frac{d_1}{r}}^t \eta_1^T(s) \frac{d_0}{r} Q_i \eta_1(s) ds \\
&\quad - \frac{2r}{d_0} \int_{-\frac{d_0}{r}}^0 x^T(t) R \int_{t+\theta}^t W_r \eta_1(s) ds d\theta \\
&\quad + \frac{r}{d_0} \int_{-\frac{d_0}{r}}^0 \left[\int_{t+\theta}^t \eta_1(s) ds \right]^T \left(Q + \frac{r W_r^T R W_r}{d_0} \right) \left[\int_{t+\theta}^t \eta_1(s) ds \right] d\theta \\
&\quad + \frac{r}{d_0} \int_{t-\frac{d_0}{r}}^t [x(t) - W_r \eta_1(s)]^T R_i [x(t) - W_r \eta_1(s)] ds \\
&= \frac{r}{d_0} \int_{t-\frac{d_0}{r}}^t \zeta_1^T \Sigma_1 \zeta_1 ds
\end{aligned}$$

where $\zeta_1 = [x^T(t) \ \eta_1^T(s) \ \int_{t+\theta}^t \eta_1^T(s) ds]^T$.

Similarly, we can obtain,

$$V_3(x_t, i, t) + x^T(t) \frac{P_i}{2} x(t) \geq \frac{1}{d_1} \int_{t-d_1}^{t-d_0} \zeta_2^T \Sigma_2 \zeta_2 ds$$

where $\zeta_2 = [x^T(t) \ x^T(s) \ \int_{t+\theta}^t x^T(s) ds]^T$. If (10) and (11) hold, then $V(x_t, i, t) > 0$.

In order to show that $\mathcal{L}V(x_t, i, t) < 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}V_3(x_t, i, t) &\leq x^T(t-d_0) S_i x(t-d_0) + (d_1 - d_0) x^T(t) S x(t) \\
&\quad - x^T(t-d_1) S_i x(t-d_1) - \int_{t-d_1}^{t-d_0} \dot{x}^T(s) Z_i \dot{x}(s) ds \\
&\quad + \int_{t-d_1}^{t-d_0} x^T(s) \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \pi_{ij} S_j - S \right) x(s) ds \\
&\quad + \dot{x}^T(t) \left[(d_1 - d_0) Z_i + \frac{d_1^2 - d_0^2}{2} Z \right] \dot{x}(t) \\
&\quad + \int_{-d_1}^{-d_0} \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \pi_{ij} Z_j - Z \right) \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \quad (18)
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose that $d_0 < d(t) < d_1$, then by using Lemma 1 and Lemma 2, it yields that

$$\begin{aligned}
&-\int_{t-d_1}^{t-d_0} \dot{x}^T(s) Z_i \dot{x}(s) ds \\
&\leq - \begin{bmatrix} x(t-d(t)) - x(t-d_0) \\ x(t-d(t)) - x(t-d_1) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{Z_i}{d_1-d_0} & Y_i \\ * & \frac{Z_i}{d_1-d_0} \end{bmatrix} \\
&\quad \begin{bmatrix} x(t-d(t)) - x(t-d_0) \\ x(t-d(t)) - x(t-d_1) \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)
\end{aligned}$$

When $d(t) = d_0$ or $d(t) = d_1$, the above inequality still holds since $x(t-d(t)) - x(t-d_0) = 0$ or $x(t-d(t)) - x(t-d_1) = 0$. Similarly, we can also get the upper bound of $\mathcal{L}V_1(x_t, i, t)$ and $\mathcal{L}V_2(x_t, i, t)$, and together with (18), (19), we can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}V(x_t, i, t) &\leq \xi^T(t) \Phi \xi(t) \\
&\quad + \int_{t-\frac{d_0}{r}}^t \eta_1^T(s) \Lambda_2 \eta_1(s) ds + \int_{-\frac{d_0}{r}}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) \Lambda_1 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\
&\quad + \int_{t-d_1}^{t-d_0} x^T(s) \Lambda_4 x(s) ds + \int_{-d_1}^{-d_0} \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) \Lambda_3 \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta
\end{aligned}$$

where $\xi(t) = [\eta_1^T(t), x^T(t-d_0), x^T(t-d_1), x^T(t-d(t))]^T$.

If (12) and (14) hold, we use Lemma 1 once again and obtain the following inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}V(x_t, i, t) &\leq \frac{r}{d_0} \int_{t-\frac{d_0}{r}}^t \zeta_3^T(t) \Theta_{3i} \zeta_3(t) + \frac{1}{d_1} \int_{t-d_1}^{t-d_0} \zeta_4^T(t) \Theta_{4i} \zeta_4(t) \end{aligned}$$

where $\zeta_3 = [\xi^T(t), \eta_1^T(s)]^T$ and $\zeta_4 = [\xi^T(t), x^T(s)]^T$. If the conditions (13) and (15) both hold, then $\mathcal{L}V(x_t, i, t) < 0$.

Under the conditions $V(x_t, i, t) > 0$ and $\mathcal{L}V(x_t, i, t) < 0$, similar with [4], we can easily show the system (1) is stochastically stable, so the procedure is omitted for brevity. This completes the proof. ■

B. The partition of $[d_{min}, d_{max}]$

In this section, the interval $[d_{min}, d_{max}]$ is uniformly divided into m parts, i.e. $[d_{min}, d_{max}] = \bigcup_{k=1}^m [d_{k-1}, d_k]$, where $d_0 = d_{min}$, $d_m = d_{max}$ and $d_k = \frac{m-k}{m}d_0 + \frac{k}{m}d_m$. Let $d_{ij} = d_i - d_j$, and then $d_{k(k-1)} = \frac{d_{m0}}{m}$.

Theorem 2: Given scalars $d_0 \geq 0, d_m$ and partitioning parts m , the system (1) is stochastically stable if there exist positive definite matrices $M > 0, R > 0, R_i > 0$ ($i \in \mathcal{S}$), $Z_{il} > 0, Z_l > 0$ ($l = 1, 2, \dots, m$), real symmetric matrices P_i, Q, Q_i, S, S_i and real matrices Y_{il} , such that the following LMIs hold for $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$:

$$\begin{aligned} Q + \frac{R}{d_0} &> 0 \quad (20) \\ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{P_i}{2} + \frac{d_0 R}{2} + R_i & -R_i & -R \\ * & R_i + d_0 Q_i & 0 \\ * & * & Q + \frac{R}{d_0} \end{bmatrix} &> 0 \quad (21) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi_{33} &> 0 \quad (22) \\ \begin{bmatrix} \Xi_{11} & -\Xi_{12} & -\Xi_{13} \\ * & \Xi_{22} & 0 \\ * & * & \Xi_{33} \end{bmatrix} &> 0 \quad (23) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_1 &< 0 \quad (24) \\ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\Omega + \Omega_l}{2} + W_2^T \Lambda_1 W_2 & -W_2^T \Lambda_1 \\ * & d_0 \Lambda_2 + \Lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} &< 0 \quad (25) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi &< 0 \quad (26) \\ \begin{bmatrix} \frac{m(\Omega + \Omega_l)}{2d_{m0}} + W_2^T W_e^T \Xi W_e W_2 & -W_2^T W_e^T \Xi \\ * & \Lambda_4 + \Xi \end{bmatrix} &< 0 \quad (27) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{mZ_{il}}{d_{m0}} & Y_{il} \\ * & \frac{mZ_{il}}{d_{m0}} \end{bmatrix} \geq 0 \quad (28)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= W_2^T P_i W_1 + W_1^T P_i W_2 + W_2^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \pi_{ij} P_j \right) + Q_i + M \\ &+ d_0 Q W_2 - W_6^T Q_i W_6 - (1 - \mu) W_5^T M W_5 \\ &+ W_1^T \left(d_0 R_i + \frac{d_0^2}{2} R + \frac{d_{m0}}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m Z_{ik} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{d_k^2 - d_{k-1}^2}{2} Z_k) W_1 + W_3^T \left(\frac{d_{m0}}{m} S + S_i \right) W_3 \\ &- W_4^T S_i W_4 - \frac{1}{d_0} (W_2 - W_6)^T R_i (W_2 - W_6) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_l &= -\frac{m}{d_{m0}} \sum_{k=1, k \neq l}^m (W_{k+6} - W_{k+5})^T Z_{ik} (W_{k+6} - W_{k+5}) \\ &- \begin{bmatrix} W_5 - W_{l+6} \\ W_5 - W_{l+5} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{mZ_{il}}{d_{m0}} & Y_{il} \\ * & \frac{mZ_{il}}{d_{m0}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W_5 - W_{l+6} \\ W_5 - W_{l+5} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 &= [A_i, 0_{n \times (m+1)n}, A_{di}]; \quad W_2 = [I_n, 0_{n \times (m+2)n}]; \\ W_3 &= [0_{mn \times n}, I_{mn}, 0_{mn \times 2n}]; \\ W_4 &= [0_{mn \times 2n}, I_{mn}, 0_{mn \times n}]; \\ W_5 &= [0_{n \times (m+2)n}, I_n]; \quad W_6 = [0_{n \times n}, I_n, 0_{n \times (m+1)n}]; \\ W_{k+6} &= [0_{n \times (k+1)n}, I_n, 0_{n \times (m-k+1)n}]; \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ W_e &= [I_n, I_n, \dots, I_n]_{n \times mn}^T \end{aligned}$$

$$\Lambda_{3k} = \sum_{j=1}^N \pi_{ij} Z_{jk} - Z_k \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$\Xi = \text{diag} \left\{ \frac{\Lambda_{31}}{d_1}, \frac{\Lambda_{32}}{d_2}, \dots, \frac{\Lambda_{3m}}{d_m} \right\}$$

$$\Xi_{11} = \frac{mP_i}{2d_{m0}} + \frac{d_{m0}}{2m} \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{Z_k}{d_k} + \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{Z_{ik}}{d_k}$$

$$\Xi_{12} = \left[\frac{Z_{i1}}{d_1}, \frac{Z_{i2}}{d_2}, \dots, \frac{Z_{im}}{d_m} \right]; \quad \Xi_{13} = \left[\frac{Z_1}{d_1}, \frac{Z_2}{d_2}, \dots, \frac{Z_m}{d_m} \right]$$

$$\Xi_{22} = \text{diag} \left\{ \frac{Z_{i1}}{d_1}, \frac{Z_{i2}}{d_2}, \dots, \frac{Z_{im}}{d_m} \right\} + S_i$$

$$\Xi_{33} = \text{diag} \left\{ \frac{Z_1}{d_1}, \frac{Z_2}{d_2}, \dots, \frac{Z_m}{d_m} \right\} + S$$

$\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \Lambda_4$ is the same with Theorem 1.

Proof: The theorem can be proved by construct the following LKF.

$$V(x_t, i, t) = V_1(x_t, i, t) + V_4(x_t, i, t) + V_5(x_t, i, t) \quad (29)$$

where $V_1(x_t, i, t)$ is the same as in Theorem 1, and

$$\begin{aligned} V_4(x_t, i, t) &= \int_{t-d_0}^t x^T(s) Q_i x(s) ds \\ &+ \int_{-d_0}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t x^T(s) Q x(s) ds d\theta \\ &+ \int_{-d_0}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) R_i \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \\ &+ \int_{-d_0}^0 \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\beta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) R \dot{x}(s) ds d\beta d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_5(x_t, i, t) &= \int_{t-\frac{d_{m0}}{m}}^t \eta_2^T(s) S_i \eta_2(s) ds \\ &+ \int_{-\frac{d_{m0}}{m}}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \eta_2^T(s) S \eta_2(s) ds d\theta \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^m \int_{-d_k}^{-d_{k-1}} \int_{t+\theta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) Z_{ik} \dot{x}(s) ds d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \sum_{k=1}^m \int_{-d_k}^{-d_{k-1}} \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\beta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) Z_k \dot{x}(s) ds d\beta d\theta$$

with $\eta_2(s) = [x^T(s-d_0), x^T(s-d_1), \dots, x^T(s-d_{m-1})]^T$ and $P_i > 0, M > 0, R_i > 0, R > 0, Z_{ik} > 0$ and $Z_k > 0$. Since $Z_k > 0$, we have

$$\int_{-d_k}^{-d_{k-1}} \int_{\theta}^0 \int_{t+\beta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) Z_k \dot{x}(s) ds d\beta d\theta \geq \int_{-d_k}^{-d_{k-1}} \int_{\theta}^{-d_{k-1}} \int_{t+\beta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) Z_k \dot{x}(s) ds d\beta d\theta$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^m \int_{-d_k}^{-d_{k-1}} \int_{\theta}^{-d_{k-1}} \int_{t+\beta}^t \dot{x}^T(s) Z_k \dot{x}(s) ds d\beta d\theta \\ & \leq \frac{d_{m0}^2}{2m^2} x^T(t) \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{Z_k}{d_k} x(t) \\ & \quad - 2 \int_{-\frac{d_{m0}}{m}}^0 x^T(t) \int_{t+\theta}^t \Xi_{13} \eta_2(s) ds d\theta \\ & \quad + \int_{-\frac{d_{m0}}{m}}^0 \int_{t+\theta}^t \eta_2^T(s) \text{diag} \left\{ \frac{Z_1}{d_1}, \frac{Z_2}{d_2}, \dots, \frac{Z_m}{d_m} \right\} \eta_2(s) ds d\theta \end{aligned}$$

The framework of proof for $V(x_t, i, t) > 0$ is similar to Theorem 1, and thus is omitted here. Hence, if (20)-(23) hold, then $V(x_t, i, t) > 0$.

The proof of $\mathcal{L}V(x_t, i, t) < 0$ is almost the same as Theorem 1, except for the handling method of $-\sum_{k=1}^m \int_{t-d_k}^{t-d_{k-1}} \dot{x}^T(\theta) Z_{ik} \dot{x}(\theta) d\theta$. Assuming that $d(t) \in [d_{l-1}, d_l]$, $l = 1, 2, \dots, m$ yields

$$\begin{aligned} & - \sum_{k=1}^m \int_{t-d_k}^{t-d_{k-1}} \dot{x}^T(\theta) Z_{ik} \dot{x}(\theta) d\theta \\ & \leq - \frac{m}{d_{m0}} \sum_{k=1, k \neq l}^m [x(t-d_{k-1}) - x(t-d_k)]^T Z_{ik} \\ & \quad [x(t-d_{k-1}) - x(t-d_k)] \\ & \quad - \begin{bmatrix} x(t-d(t)) - x(t-d_l) \\ x(t-d(t)) - x(t-d_{l-1}) \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{mZ_{il}}{d_{m0}} & Y_{il} \\ * & \frac{mZ_{il}}{d_{m0}} \end{bmatrix} \\ & \quad \begin{bmatrix} x(t-d(t)) - x(t-d_l) \\ x(t-d(t)) - x(t-d_{l-1}) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where the condition (28) must be satisfied. By some calculations, we can conclude that if (24)-(28) hold, then $\mathcal{L}V(x_t, i, t) < 0$.

The procedure of proving stochastically stable is similar to that of Theorem 1 and is thus omitted here. ■

C. Divide both $[0, d_{min}]$ and $[d_{min}, d_{max}]$

In this section, we partition $[0, d_{min}]$ into r parts and $[d_{min}, d_{max}]$ into m parts at the same time, and then derive the corresponding stochastic stability criterion. Denote $\eta_1(s) = [x^T(s), x^T(s - \frac{d_0}{r}), \dots, x^T(s - \frac{(r-1)d_0}{r})]^T$ and $\eta_2(s) = [x^T(s-d_0), x^T(s-d_1), \dots, x^T(s-d_{m-1})]^T$, where d_0, d_1, \dots, d_m is the same as in previous section.

Theorem 3: Given scalars $d_0 \geq 0, d_m, \mu$ and the partitioning parts r, m , the system (1) is stochastically stable if there exist real matrices $M > 0, R > 0, R_i > 0, Z_{il} > 0, (i \in \mathcal{S})$ and $Z_l > 0 (l = 1, 2, \dots, m)$, real symmetric matrices P_i, Q, Q_i, S, S_i and real matrices Y_{il} such that (8) (11) (12) (24) (25) (28) (30) and the following LMIs hold for $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\Omega + \Omega_l}{2} + W_2^T \Lambda_1 W_2 & -W_2^T \Lambda_1 W_r \\ * & W_r^T \Lambda_1 W_r + \frac{d_0}{r} \Lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (30)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{m(\Omega + \Omega_l)}{2d_{m0}} + W_2^T W_e^T \Xi W_e W_2 & -W_2^T W_e^T \Xi \\ * & \Lambda_4 + \Xi \end{bmatrix} < 0 \quad (31)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= W_2^T P_i W_1 + W_1^T P_i W_2 + W_2^T \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \pi_{ij} P_j + M \right) W_2 \\ & \quad + W_3^T Q_i W_3 - W_4^T Q_i W_4 - (1 - \mu) W_7^T M W_7 \\ & \quad + \frac{d_0}{r} W_3^T Q W_3 + W_1^T \left(\frac{d_0}{r} R_i + \frac{d_0^2}{2r^2} R + \frac{d_{m0}}{m} \sum_{k=1}^m Z_{ik} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{d_k^2 - d_{k-1}^2}{2} Z_k \right) W_1 + W_5^T \left(\frac{d_{m0}}{m} S + S_i \right) W_5 \\ & \quad - W_6^T S_i W_6 - \frac{r}{d_0} (W_2 - W_8)^T R_i (W_2 - W_8) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_l &= - \frac{m}{d_{m0}} \sum_{k=1, k \neq l}^m (W_{k+8} - W_{k+9})^T Z_{ik} (W_{k+8} - W_{k+9}) \\ & \quad - \begin{bmatrix} W_7 - W_{l+9} \\ W_7 - W_{l+8} \end{bmatrix}^T \begin{bmatrix} \frac{mZ_{il}}{d_{m0}} & Y_{il} \\ * & \frac{mZ_{il}}{d_{m0}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} W_7 - W_{l+9} \\ W_7 - W_{l+8} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 &= [A_i, 0_{n \times (m+r)n}, A_{di}]; \quad W_2 = [I_n, 0_{n \times (r+m+1)n}]; \\ W_3 &= [I_{rn}, 0_{rn \times (m+2)n}]; \\ W_4 &= [0_{rn \times n}, I_{rn}, 0_{rn \times (m+1)n}]; \\ W_5 &= [0_{mn \times rn}, I_{mn}, 0_{mn \times 2n}]; \\ W_6 &= [0_{mn \times (r+1)n}, I_{mn}, 0_{mn \times n}]; \\ W_7 &= [0_{n \times (m+r+1)n}, I_n]; \quad W_8 = [0_{n \times n}, I_n, 0_{n \times (r+m)n}]; \\ W_9 &= [0_{n \times rn}, I_n, 0_{mn \times n}]; \\ W_{9+k} &= [0_{n \times (k+r)n}, I_n, 0_{n \times (m-k+1)n}]; \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, m \\ W_e &= [I_n, I_n, \dots, I_n]_{n \times mn}^T \end{aligned}$$

and $\Lambda_1, \Lambda_2, \Lambda_3, \Lambda_4, \Xi, \Xi_{11}, \Xi_{12}, \Xi_{13}, \Xi_{22}$ and Ξ_{33} are the same in Theorem 2.

Proof: Consider the following LKF:

$$V(x_t, i, t) = V_1(x_t, i, t) + V_2(x_t, i, t) + V_5(x_t, i, t)$$

where $V_1(x_t, i, t), V_2(x_t, i, t)$ and $V_5(x_t, i, t)$ are the same in Theorem 1 and Theorem 2. The rest of the proof can be easily obtain by Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, so it's omitted here. ■

Remark 1: This theorem is a generalization of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2. When $r = 1$, Theorem 3 is equivalent to Theorem 2. When $m = 1$, Theorem 3 is an approximation of Theorem 1. So we can choose proper values of r and m to achieve a better result than that of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2.

IV. ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE

In this section, we provide an example to demonstrate the reduced conservativeness of the proposed criteria.

Consider the Markovian jump linear system in (1) with two operation modes whose system matrices and transition probability matrix are given as follows [21],

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -3.4888 & 0.8057 \\ -0.6451 & -3.2684 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_{d1} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.8620 & -1.2919 \\ -0.6841 & -2.0729 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -2.4898 & 0.2895 \\ 1.3396 & -0.0211 \end{bmatrix} \quad A_{d2} = \begin{bmatrix} -2.8306 & 0.4978 \\ -0.8436 & -1.0115 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Pi = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.8 & -0.8 \end{bmatrix}$$

Assume $\mu = 0.2$, we compare the results in Theorem 1, Theorem 2 and 3 with the results derived in [3], [22]. Notice that Theorem 1 in [3] is the mean square exponentially stability criterion. Similar as in [4], let $\mu_1 = \mu_2$ and let $\lambda \rightarrow 0$, then $\frac{e^{\lambda h_2} - e^{\lambda h_1}}{\lambda} \rightarrow h_2 - h_1$, $\frac{e^{\lambda h_1/m} - 1}{\lambda} \rightarrow \frac{h_1}{m}$, and then we obtain the stochastic stability criterion. The lower bound d_{min} is given with different values and the maximum allowable upper bound d_{max} is calculated by different theorems, as listed in Table I.

TABLE I: Comparison of the allowable upper bound values of $d(t)$ for different d_{min}

d_{min}	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.9
Zhao <i>et al.</i> [22]	0.6639	0.6714	0.6688	-	-
Gao <i>et al.</i> [3], $m = 1$	0.6569	0.6676	0.6700	-	-
Gao <i>et al.</i> [3], $m = 2$	0.6582	0.6829	0.7184	0.7568	-
Gao <i>et al.</i> [3], $m = 3$	0.6585	0.6862	0.7258	0.7678	-
Theorem 1, $r = 1$	0.8392	0.8614	0.8900	0.9648	1.0206
Theorem 1, $r = 2$	0.8403	0.8711	0.9181	1.0052	1.0868
Theorem 1, $r = 3$	0.8406	0.8748	0.9253	1.0134	1.1001
Theorem 2, $m = 1$	0.8393	0.8589	0.8818	0.9621	1.0206
Theorem 2, $m = 2$	0.9004	0.8972	0.9198	0.9793	1.0225
Theorem 2, $m = 3$	0.9328	0.9197	0.9320	0.9829	1.0233
Theorem 3, $r = m = 2$	0.9017	0.9110	0.9510	1.0235	1.0882

As can be seen from Table I, when $d_{min} = 0.7$ or 0.9 , the results of [3] and [22] are no more applicable. However, we can get d_{max} by using Theorem 1, Theorem 2 and Theorem 3. When d_{min} is small, e.g., $0.1, 0.3$, Theorem 2 ensures better results than Theorem 1, and is vice verse for $d_{min} = 0.7$ or 0.9 . In addition, if $d_{min} = 0.5$, which is about half of d_{max} , better results can be achieved by using Theorem 3 with $r = 2, m = 2$ than that of Theorem 1 with $r = 3$ or Theorem 2 with $m = 3$.

V. CONCLUSIONS

Stochastic stability of Markovian jump systems with time-varying delay is investigated in this work. With different delay-partitioning methods and different LKFs, new stochastic stability criteria are obtained, the effectiveness of which is verified by numerical examples. Furthermore, a state feedback controller can also be designed based on these stability criteria.

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