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Disturbance Attraction Domain Estimation for Saturated Markov Jump Systems with Truncated Gaussian Process

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This paper investigates the disturbance attraction domain estimation of saturated Markov jump systems with truncated Gaussian process. The aim is to estimate the disturbance domain of attraction so that the state is maintained in a neighbour around the origin by a state feedback controller regardless of bounded disturbance. The problem is formulated as parameter-dependent linear matrix inequalities (LMIs). The optimal disturbance attraction domain is obtained through searching for most appropriate auxiliary parameters in the defined domain. A numerical example is presented to show the potential application of the results.

1. Introduction

For a system subject to abrupt structural changes, such as component failures and sudden environmental changes, it is more appropriate to model it as a Markov jump linear system (MJLS), where the switching behaviour amongst the different modes of the system is determined by its transition probability (TP) governed by a finite Markov chain. Many results related to controller design under the time-invariant transition probability are now available in the literature (see, e.g., [1–11] and the references therein). However, the exact value of the transition probability cannot be easily obtainable. It is often that only partial information of the transition probability can be obtained. In this situation, questions on the stability analysis and controller design (see [12–14]) have also been addressed. In practice, the environment can be so complex that the transition probability of the MJLS concerned can only be nonhomogeneous. For example, the delay and packet loss of a networked control system are distinct among different working time [15]. Similar phenomena are also observed in electronic circuits [16] and manpower systems [17]. For Markov systems with nonhomogeneous transition probability, some interesting results are now available (see [18, 19]). In [20], a new method for describing the time-varying transition probability in the statistic sense is proposed. This

approach covers the cases where the transition probabilities are known either exactly or partially as special cases.

On the other hand, saturation failure is widely encountered in engineering applications. In the presence of saturation nonlinearity, a linear system will become a highly complex nonlinear system [21]. It is well known that nonlinear systems do not have, in general, global stability property [22]. Thus, the problem of attraction domain estimation has become a fundamentally challenging problem in nonlinear control theory [23]. For a linear system with saturation, some results related to attraction domain estimation have been obtained (see, e.g., [24, 25]). However, it appears that the estimation of the attraction domain for a saturated Markov system with nonhomogeneous transition probability has not been fully investigated. The situation will become much worse when there is disturbance to the system, as the behavior of the system will be significantly degraded by disturbance. The difficulties mentioned above are the motivation behind this paper to study the disturbance attraction domain estimation for discrete-time Markov jump systems with saturation and subject to truncated Gaussian transition probability. Based on [20], the aim of this paper is to propose a novel approach to estimate the optimal domain of attraction which can restrain the states of system to be within the smallest neighborhood around the origin under the bounded disturbance.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: in Section 2, the system is defined, Section 3 introduces the concept of stochastic stability, in Section 4, sufficient conditions for disturbance attraction domain estimation are derived, in Section 5, a numerical example is provided to illustrate the applicability of the results obtained, and Section 6 concludes the paper.

In the sequel, the notation R^n stands for an n -dimensional Euclidean space; the transpose of the matrix A is denoted by A^T ; $E\{\cdot\}$ denotes the mathematical statistical expectation of the stochastic process or vector; ∂ is the boundary of a set; a positive-definite matrix is denoted by $P > 0$; I is the unit matrix with appropriate dimension; and $*$ means the symmetric term in a symmetric matrix.

2. Problem Statement and Preliminaries

Let (M, F, P) be a probability space, where M , F , and P represent, respectively, the sample space, the σ -algebra of events, and the probability measure defined on F . Consider the following discrete-time Markov jump system:

$$x_{k+1} = A(r_k)x_k + B(r_k)\sigma(u_k) + E(r_k)w_k, \quad (1)$$

where $x_k \in R^n$ is the state, $u_k \in R^m$ is the input, $w_k \in \{w_k^T w_k \leq 1\}$ is the bounded disturbance of the system, and $\sigma(u_k) = [\sigma(u_{1k}) \sigma(u_{2k}) \cdots \sigma(u_{mk})]^T$.

The system is driven by a random process $\{r_k, k \geq 0\}$ which takes values from a finite set $\Gamma = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, s\}$, where $\pi_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)} = \Pr(r_{k+1} = j \mid r_k = i, \xi_k)$ denotes the transition probability from mode i at time k to mode j at time $k+1$. Here, it is assumed that the TP, which is nonhomogeneous, is approximated by a set of random variables driven by a truncated Gaussian stochastic process $\{\xi_k, k \geq 0\}$. The probability density function (PDF) of $\pi_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)}$ is given as follows:

$$\pi_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)} = \frac{(1/\sigma_{r_k r_{k+1}}) f\left(\left(\pi_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)} - \mu_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right)/\sigma_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right)}{F\left(\left(1 - \mu_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right)/\sigma_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right) - F\left(\left(0 - \mu_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right)/\sigma_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right)}, \quad (2)$$

where $f(\cdot)$ is the PDF of the standard normal distribution, $F(\cdot)$ is the cumulative density function (CDF) of $f(\cdot)$, and $\mu_{r_k r_{k+1}}$ and $\sigma_{r_k r_{k+1}}^2$ are, respectively, the mean and variance of the Gaussian PDF. More specifically, the TP matrix is given by

$$\pi = \begin{bmatrix} n(\mu_{11}, \sigma_{11}^2) & n(\mu_{12}, \sigma_{12}^2) & \cdots & n(\mu_{1s}, \sigma_{1s}^2) \\ n(\mu_{21}, \sigma_{21}^2) & n(\mu_{22}, \sigma_{22}^2) & \cdots & n(\mu_{2s}, \sigma_{2s}^2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ n(\mu_{s1}, \sigma_{s1}^2) & n(\mu_{s2}, \sigma_{s2}^2) & \cdots & n(\mu_{ss}, \sigma_{ss}^2) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

where $n(\mu_{r_k r_{k+1}}, \sigma_{r_k r_{k+1}}^2)$ denotes the PDF of truncated Gaussian TP of $p(\pi_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)})$, which is assumed to be known a priori.

It is noted that a larger σ^2 implies a larger degree of uncertainty related to the TP. In this case, a larger σ^2 should

be chosen. Otherwise, a smaller σ^2 should be chosen. The random variables $\pi_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)}$ which appeared in the TP matrix are continuous. Taking the expectation of the random variable yields

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\pi}_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)} &= E\left(\pi_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)}\right) \\ &= \int_0^1 \pi_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)} P\left(\pi_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)}\right) d\pi_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)} \\ &= \mu_{r_k r_{k+1}} \\ &\quad + \frac{f\left(\left(1 - \mu_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right)/\sigma_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right) - f\left(\left(0 - \mu_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right)/\sigma_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right)}{F\left(\left(1 - \mu_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right)/\sigma_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right) - F\left(\left(0 - \mu_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right)/\sigma_{r_k r_{k+1}}\right)} \sigma_{r_k r_{k+1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Consequently, the desired TP matrix can be obtained as follows:

$$\Pi = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{\pi}_{11}^{(\xi_k)} & \widehat{\pi}_{12}^{(\xi_k)} & \cdots & \widehat{\pi}_{1s}^{(\xi_k)} \\ \widehat{\pi}_{21}^{(\xi_k)} & \widehat{\pi}_{22}^{(\xi_k)} & \cdots & \widehat{\pi}_{2s}^{(\xi_k)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \widehat{\pi}_{s1}^{(\xi_k)} & \widehat{\pi}_{s2}^{(\xi_k)} & \cdots & \widehat{\pi}_{ss}^{(\xi_k)} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

where $\sum_j \widehat{\pi}_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)} = 1$, $\widehat{\pi}_{r_k r_{k+1}}^{(\xi_k)} \geq 0$, $1 \leq i$, and $j \leq s$.

To proceed further, we need some preliminaries.

Definition 1. Discrete-time Markov jump system (1) (with $w_k = 0$) is said to be stochastically stable if

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E\left\{\sum_{k=0}^T x_k^T x_k \mid x_0, r_0\right\} < \infty. \quad (6)$$

Definition 2. Consider system (1); let h_{qi} denote the q th row of matrix H_i . Then

$$\Theta(H_i) = \{x_k \in R^n : |h_{qi} x_k| \leq 1, q = 1, 2, \dots, m\} \quad (7)$$

is a symmetric polyhedron set.

Lemma 3 (see [24]). *Given matrices $u_k \in R^m$ and $v_k \in R^m$ for system (1), if $|v_k| < 1$, then $\sigma(u_k) = \sum_{t=1}^{2^m} \theta_t (M_t u_k + M_t^- v_k)$, where $0 \leq \theta_t \leq 1$, $\sum_{t=1}^{2^m} \theta_t = 1$, M_t , and $t = 1, \dots, 2^m$ are $m \times m$ diagonal matrices whose diagonal elements are either 1 or 0, and $M_t^- = I - M_t$.*

Lemma 4 (see [24]). *Given matrices $v_k = H_i x_k$ for system (1), if $x_k \in \Theta(H_i)$, that is $|v_k| < 1$, then $\sigma(F_i x_k) = \sum_{t=1}^{2^m} \theta_t (M_t F_i + M_t^- H_i) x_k$.*

Definition 5. For given symmetric matrices $P_i > 0$, let us define a mode-dependent ellipsoid invariant set given below:

$$\varepsilon(P_i, 1) = \{x_k \in R^n : x_k^T P_i x_k \leq 1\}. \quad (8)$$

3. Estimation of the Attraction Domain

We first derive the sufficient condition for the estimation of the attraction domain for the case without disturbance. For simplicity, we assume that the mode at time instant k is $r_k = i$ and the mode at time instant $k + 1$ is $r_{k+1} = j$.

Theorem 6. Consider system (1) with nonhomogeneous TP matrix (5) under the condition $\omega_k = 0$. Suppose that there exist a set of symmetric positive definite matrices $P_i > 0$ and $F_i, H_i, \forall i \in \Gamma$, such that

$$(A_i + B_i (D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i))^T \sum_{j \in \Gamma} \hat{\pi}_{ij} P_j (A_i + B_i (D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i)) - P_i < 0, \quad t \in [1, 2^m], \quad (9)$$

$$\varepsilon(P_i, 1) \subset \Theta(H_i). \quad (10)$$

Then the set $\cap_{i=1}^s \varepsilon(P_i, 1)$ is the domain of attraction of the closed-loop system (1).

Proof. Construct a potential Lyapunov function as

$$V(x_k, r_k = i) = x_k^T P_i x_k \quad (i \in \Gamma). \quad (11)$$

For system (1), it follows from Lemmas 3 and 4 that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V(x_k, i) &= E \{V(x_{k+1}, j)\} - V(x_k, i) \\ &= x_{k+1}^T \sum_{j \in \Gamma} \hat{\pi}_{ij} P_j x_{k+1} - x_k^T P_i x_k \\ &= x_k^T \left[(A_i + B_i (D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i))^T \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \sum_{j \in \Gamma} \hat{\pi}_{ij} P_j (A_i + B_i (D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i)) - P_i \right] x_k \\ &= x_k^T \Phi_i(t) x_k, \quad t \in [1, 2^m]. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Clearly, condition (9) implies

$$\Delta V(x_k, i) < 0. \quad (13)$$

Denote $\delta = \min_t \lambda_{\min}(-\Phi_i(t))$, for all $i \in \Gamma$, where $\lambda_{\min}(-\Phi_i(t))$ is the minimal eigenvalue of $(-\Phi_i(t))$.

Hence,

$$\Delta V(x_k, i) \leq -\delta x_k^T x_k. \quad (14)$$

Taking the sum on both sides from 0 to T gives

$$\begin{aligned} E \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^T \Delta V(x_k, i) \right\} &= E \{V(x_{T+1}, T+1)\} \\ &\quad - V(x_0, r_0) \leq -\delta E \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^T x_k^T x_k \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

which implies

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^T x_k^T x_k \right\} \leq \frac{1}{\delta} V(x_0, r_0) < \infty. \quad (16)$$

This completes the proof. Clearly Theorem 6 implies stochastic stability (see Definition 1). \square

4. Estimation of Disturbance Attraction Domain

In this section, we will derive sufficient condition for the estimation of the attraction domain under bounded disturbance. This sufficient condition will ensure that the influence of disturbance is minimized. To move forward, we assume that the bounded disturbance satisfies $\omega_k^T \omega_k \leq 1$.

Theorem 7. Consider system (1) with nonhomogeneous TP matrix (5); suppose that there exist symmetric positive definite matrices $P_i > 0$, and F_i, H_i , for all $i \in \Gamma$, such that

$$\min \alpha, \quad (17)$$

$$\varepsilon(P_i, 1) \subset \alpha \chi_{\infty}, \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(A_i + B_i (D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i))^T \sum_{j \in \Gamma} \hat{\pi}_{ij} P_j (A_i + B_i (D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i)) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{1 + \eta} \left(\frac{1 + \eta}{\eta} \lambda_{\max}(E_i^T P_j E_i) - 1 \right) P_i < 0, \\ &\quad t \in [1, 2^m], \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$|h_{iq} x| \leq 1, \quad \forall x \subset \cap \varepsilon(P_i, 1), \quad i \in \Gamma, \quad q \in [1, m], \quad (20)$$

where χ_0 is a reference set, x_0 is an initial state, and $\alpha > 0$ is a scalar; then the subset $\cap_{i=1}^s \varepsilon(P_i, 1)$ is the disturbance attraction domain for system (1) which satisfies an optimal disturbance attenuation performance index α .

Proof. Consider a candidate Lyapunov function $V(x) = x_k^T P_i x_k$. It is required to show that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V_k &= x_k^T \left[(A_i + B_i (\sigma(F_i x)) + E_i \omega_k)^T \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \sum_{j \in \Gamma} \hat{\pi}_{ij} P_j (A_i + B_i (\sigma(F_i x)) + E_i \omega_k) \right] x_k \\ &\quad - x_k^T P_i x_k < 0. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Noting that $(a+b)^T(a+b) \leq (1+\eta)a^T a + (1+(1/\eta))b^T b$ and $w_k^T w_k \leq 1$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& (A_i + B_i(\sigma(F_i x) + E_i w_k))^T \\
& \quad \times \sum_{j \in \Gamma} \hat{\pi}_{ij} P_j (A_i + B_i(\sigma(F_i x) + E_i w_k)) \\
& \leq \max_{t \in [1, 2^m]} x_k^T (1+\eta) (A_i + B_i(D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i))^T \\
& \quad \times \sum_{j \in \Gamma} \hat{\pi}_{ij} P_j (A_i + B_i(D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i)) x_k \\
& \quad + \left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta}\right) w_k^T E_i^T \sum_{j \in \Gamma} \hat{\pi}_{ij} P_j E_i w_k - x_k^T P_i x_k \quad (22) \\
& \leq \max_{t \in [1, 2^m]} x_k^T (1+\eta) (A_i + B_i(D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i))^T \\
& \quad \times \sum_{j \in \Gamma} \hat{\pi}_{ij} P_j (A_i + B_i(D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i)) x_k \\
& \quad + \left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta}\right) \lambda_{\max}(E_i^T P_j E_i) - x_k^T P_i x_k.
\end{aligned}$$

To guarantee the attraction domain property for $x_k \in \cap \varepsilon(P_i, 1)$, it suffices to show that there exists an η , for all $t \in [1, 2^m]$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
& x_k^T (1+\eta) (A_i + B_i(D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i))^T \\
& \quad \times \sum_{j \in \Gamma} \hat{\pi}_{ij} P_j (A_i + B_i(D_t F_i + D_t^- H_i)) x_k \quad (23) \\
& \quad + \left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta}\right) \lambda_{\max}(E_i^T P_j E_i) - 1 < 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Noting that $1 = x_k^T P_i x_k$ on $\partial \varepsilon(P_i, 1)$, (23) is guaranteed by (19). By (18), the sufficient condition for the optimal disturbance attenuation performance index α is implied. This completes the proof. \square

Next, we show how to solve the problem by using LMIs.

Theorem 8. Consider system (1) with nonhomogeneous TP matrix (5) and let $\gamma = \alpha^2$ be a scalar; suppose that there exist symmetric positive definite matrices $Q_i = P_i^{-1} > 0$ and $Y_i = F_i Q_i$, $Z_i = H_i Q_i$, $\eta > 0$, and $\lambda \in (0, \eta/(1+\eta))$, for all $i \in \Gamma$, such that

$$\min \gamma, \quad (24)$$

$$Q_i - \gamma * R^{-1} < 0, \quad (25)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
\left(\frac{\lambda}{\eta} - \frac{1}{1+\eta}\right) Q_i & * & * & * \\
\sqrt{\kappa_i^1} (A_i + B_i(D_i Y_i + D_i^- Z_i)) & -Q_i & * & * \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
\sqrt{\kappa_i^l} (A_i + B_i(D_i Y_i + D_i^- Z_i)) & * & * & -Q_i
\end{bmatrix} \quad (26)$$

$$< 0, \quad \forall i \in \Gamma, j \in \pi_i^k,$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & E_i^T \\ * & -Q_k \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad \forall i \in \Gamma, k \in \Gamma, \quad (27)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & Z_{iq} \\ * & -Q_i \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad \forall i \in \Gamma, q \in [1, m], \quad (28)$$

where χ_0 is a reference set and x_0 is an initial state; then the subset $\cap_{i=1}^T \varepsilon(P_i, 1)$ is the disturbance attraction domain for system (1) which satisfies an optimal disturbance attenuation performance index α .

Proof. Denote $\gamma = \alpha^2$. Choose an ellipsoid $\varepsilon(R, 1)$ as a reference set. Then condition (26) can be formulated as $R/\gamma \leq P_i$, which is implied by (25). By applying Schur complement, it is clear that (18) and (19) follow from (25) and (26), respectively. Equation (27) implies the existence of λ_{\max} . Equation (20) is equivalent to (28). This completes the proof. \square

Remark 9. If we choose a polyhedron $x_0 = [x_0^1, \dots, x_0^n]^T$ (x_0^n is a point) as a reference set in Theorem 8, then condition (22) is converted into

$$\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} & * \\ x_0^q & -Q \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad \forall q \in [1, n]. \quad (29)$$

5. Illustrative Example

Consider a nonhomogeneous discrete-time jump system with four modes:

$$\begin{aligned}
A_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.50 & -0.30 \\ 0.10 & 0.60 \end{bmatrix}, & B_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.026 \\ 0.247 \end{bmatrix}, \\
E_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.0657 \\ 0.0582 \end{bmatrix}, & A_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.36 & -0.30 \\ 0.20 & 0.50 \end{bmatrix}, \\
B_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.030 \\ 0.100 \end{bmatrix}, & E_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.0308 \\ 0.0453 \end{bmatrix}, \\
A_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.70 & -0.25 \\ 0.10 & 0.70 \end{bmatrix}, & B_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.010 \\ 0.320 \end{bmatrix}, \\
E_3 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.0236 \\ 0.0292 \end{bmatrix}, & A_4 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.65 & -0.35 \\ 0.25 & 0.65 \end{bmatrix}, \\
B_4 &= \begin{bmatrix} -0.010 \\ 0.220 \end{bmatrix}, & E_4 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.0586 \\ 0.0323 \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Assume that the PDF matrix to describe the TP matrix in Table 1 is given by

$$\pi_N = \begin{bmatrix} n(0.3, \sigma^2) & n(0.2, \sigma^2) & n(0.1, \sigma^2) & n(0.4, \sigma^2) \\ n(0.3, \sigma^2) & n(0.2, \sigma^2) & n(0.3, \sigma^2) & n(0.2, \sigma^2) \\ n(0.1, \sigma^2) & n(0.1, \sigma^2) & n(0.5, \sigma^2) & n(0.3, \sigma^2) \\ n(0.2, \sigma^2) & n(0.2, \sigma^2) & n(0.1, \sigma^2) & n(0.5, \sigma^2) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (31)$$

Table 1 shows the obtained TP matrix with $\sigma^2 = 0.01$.

TABLE 1: Shows the obtained TP matrix with $\sigma^2 = 0.01$.

$\sigma^2 = 0.01$			
0.29917	0.19945	0.10248	0.39890
0.29994	0.20006	0.29994	0.20006
0.10495	0.10495	0.49381	0.29629
0.19881	0.19881	0.10559	0.49679

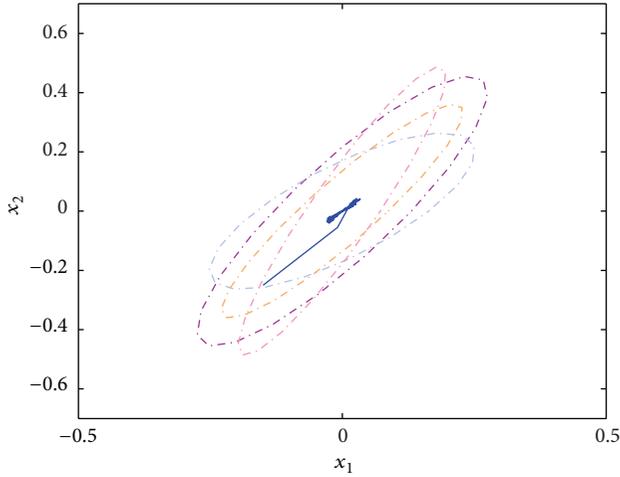


FIGURE 1: Disturbance attraction domain.

By Theorem 8, the feedback gains are calculated as

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_1 &= [2.2177 \quad -3.6435], & F_2 &= [2.7909 \quad -6.7110], \\
 F_3 &= [3.3680 \quad -3.3769], & F_4 &= [2.9303 \quad -4.9250].
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{32}$$

Figure 1 shows a state trajectory on the boundary of the disturbance attraction domain under the bounded disturbance $w_k = 0.5 \sin(k)$. Though the bounded disturbance exists, the state trajectory is regulated to a small neighbourhood around the origin. When the disturbance disappears, the state is driven to the origin as expected (see Figure 2), implying the stochastic stability. Figure 3 shows a trajectory of mode evolution. Table 2 shows the optimal disturbance attenuation index.

6. Conclusions

This paper investigated the design of the disturbance attraction domain estimation for a class of nonhomogeneous discrete-time Markov jump systems with saturation and bounded disturbance. Furthermore, the optimal disturbance attenuation index is satisfied. The numerical example shows the applicability of the results obtained as expected. The results obtained may be extended to the systems with time delay.

Conflict of Interests

The authors declare that there is no conflict of interests regarding the publication of this paper.

TABLE 2

Parameters	η^*	λ^*	α_{\min}^*
	0.998	0.2510	0.1782

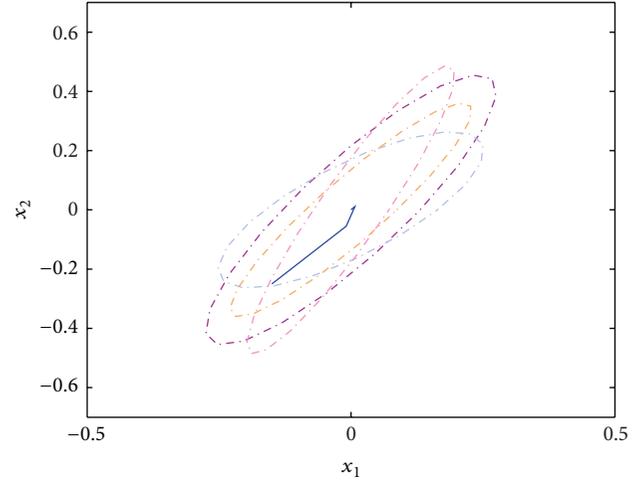


FIGURE 2: Attraction domain without disturbance.

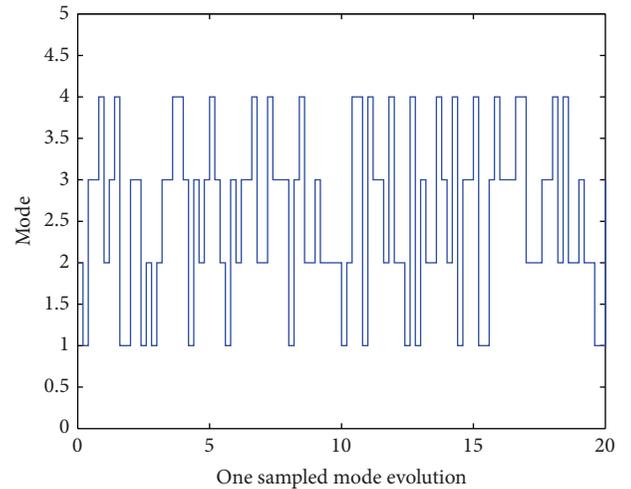


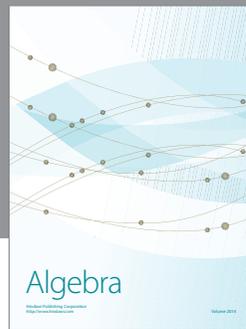
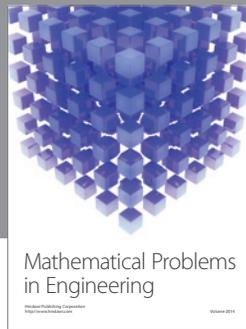
FIGURE 3: One sampled mode evolution.

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