

ASYMPTOTIC STABILITY OF TIME VARYING DELAY-DIFFERENCE SYSTEM VIA MATRIX INEQUALITIES AND APPLICATION

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Abstract

In this paper, we obtain some criteria for determining the asymptotic stability of the zero solution of time varying delay-difference system in terms of certain matrix inequalities by using a discrete version of the Lyapunov second method. The result has been applied to obtain new stability conditions for some classes of time varying delay-difference system such as delay-difference system of time varying delay-difference system with multiple delays in terms of certain matrix inequalities. Our results can be well suited for computational purposes.

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1. INTRODUCTION

An important class of difference systems is the class of nonlinear delay-difference system, where the delays are often appeared in the mathematical models of hereditary systems, Lotka-Volterra systems, control systems of growth of global economy, control of epidemics, etc. Thus models are usually described by a system of discrete-time system of the form

$$x(k+1) = f(x(k), x(k-h_1), x(k-h_2), \dots, x(k-h_m)), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad (1)$$

$$x(k) = \phi(k), \quad k \in [-h_m, 0],$$

where $x(k) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $0 \leq h_1 \leq \dots \leq h_m$, $m \geq 1$, $\phi(k)$ is any given initial data, $f(x, x_1, \dots, x_m): \mathbb{R}^{n(p+1)} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$

is a given n -vector function satisfying $f(0, 0, \dots, 0) = 0$. This system is observed only at discrete times and the state at time $k+1$ is completely determined by the state at times $k, k-1, \dots, k-h_p$.

The investigation of Lyapunov stability for difference systems has received considerable attention from many researchers. Many important results regarding this issue have been reported in the literature. One of most popular methods to study stability problem for system (1) is the one based on the discrete version of the Lyapunov second method [7, 8]. To the best of our knowledge, in most existing papers covering this problem the stability conditions were obtained based mainly on the estimation of the

solution under suitable growth conditions. Thus at present, the problem of obtaining stability conditions via matrix inequalities for a more general class of delay-difference systems is of great theoretical and practical interest.

We consider time varying delay-difference system of the form

$$x(k+1) = A(k)x(k) + B(k)x(k-h), \quad (2)$$

where $x(k) \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$, $h \geq 0$, $A(k)$ and $B(k)$ are the $n \times n$ matrices function.

The asymptotic stability of the zero solution of time varying delay-differential system has been developed during the past several years. We refer to monographs by Bay and Phat [2] and the references cited therein. Much less is known regarding the asymptotic stability of the zero solution of the time varying delay-difference system. Therefore, the purpose of this paper is to establish sufficient conditions for the asymptotic stability of the zero solution of (2) in terms of certain matrix inequalities.

2. PRELIMINARIES

The following notations will be used throughout the paper. \mathbf{R}^+ denotes the set of all non-negative real numbers; \mathbf{Z}^+ denotes the set of all non-negative integers; \mathbf{R}^n denotes the n -finite-dimensional Euclidean space with the Euclidean norm $\|\cdot\|$ and the scalar product between x and y is defined by $x^T y$; $\mathbf{R}^{n \times m}$ denotes the set of all $(n \times m)$ -matrices; $M^{n \times m}$ denotes the space of all $(n \times m)$ -matrices; and A^T denotes the transpose of the matrix A ; A is the symmetric if $A = A^T$.

Matrix $Q \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ is positive semi definite ($Q \geq 0$) if $x^T Q x \geq 0$, for all $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$. If $x^T Q x > 0$ ($x^T Q x < 0$, resp.) for any $x \neq 0$, then Q is positive (negative, resp.) definite and denoted by $Q > 0$, ($Q < 0$, resp.). It is easy to verify that $Q > 0$, ($Q < 0$, resp.) iff

$$\begin{aligned} \exists \beta > 0: x^T Q x \geq \beta \|x\|^2, \forall x \in \mathbf{R}^n, \\ (\exists \beta > 0: x^T Q x \leq -\beta \|x\|^2, \forall x \in \mathbf{R}^n, \text{ resp.}); \end{aligned}$$

matrix function $Q(t) \in M^{n \times n}$ is positive definite if

$$\exists \beta > 0: x^T Q(t)x \geq \beta \|x\|^2, \forall t \in \mathbf{R}^+, x \in \mathbf{R}^n.$$

Fact 2.1 For any positive scalar ε and vectors x and y , the following inequality holds:

$$x^T y + y^T x \leq \varepsilon x^T x + \varepsilon^{-1} y^T y.$$

Let us denote $V_\delta = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^n : \|x\| < \delta\}$.

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Lemma 2.1 [9] The zero solution of difference system is asymptotic stability if there exists a positive definite function $V(k, x(k)) : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$ such that

$$\exists \beta > 0 : \Delta V(k, x(k)) = V(k, x(k+1)) - V(k, x(k)) \leq -\beta \|x(k)\|^2,$$

along the solution of the system. In case the above condition holds for all $x(k) \in V_\delta$, we say that the zero solution is locally asymptotically stable.

We present the following technical lemmas, which will be used in the proof of our main result.

Lemma 2.2 [6] For any constant symmetric matrix $M \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$, $M = M^T > 0$, scalar $s \in \mathbf{Z}^+ / \{0\}$, vector function $W : [0, s] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$, we have

$$s \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} (w^T(i) M w(i)) \geq \left(\sum_{i=0}^{s-1} w(i) \right)^T M \left(\sum_{i=0}^{s-1} w(i) \right).$$

We assume that the n -vector function nonlinear perturbations are bounded and satisfy the following hypotheses, respectively:

$$0 \leq \frac{f_i(r_1) - f_i(r_2)}{r_1 - r_2} \leq l_i, \quad \forall r_1, r_2 \in \mathbf{R}, \text{ and } r_1 \neq r_2, \quad (2)$$

where $l_i > 0$ are constants for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

By assumption (2) we know that the functions $f_i(\cdot)$ satisfy

$$|f_i(x_i)| \leq l_i |x_i|, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

and

$$f_i^2(x_i) \leq l_i x_i f_i(x_i), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (3)$$

Fact 2.1 For any positive scalar \mathcal{E} and vectors x and y , the following inequality holds:

$$x^T y + y^T x \leq \mathcal{E} x^T x + \mathcal{E}^{-1} y^T y.$$

Lemma 2.1 [2] The zero solution of difference system is asymptotic stability if there exists a positive definite function $V(x) : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^+$ such that

$$\exists \beta > 0 : \Delta V(x(k)) = V(x(k+1)) - V(x(k)) \leq -\beta \|x(k)\|^2,$$

along the solution of the system. In the case the above condition holds for all $x(k) \in V_\delta$, we say that the zero solution is locally asymptotically stable.

Lemma 2.2 [3] For any constant symmetric matrix $M \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$, $M = M^T > 0$, scalar $s \in \mathbf{Z}^+ / \{0\}$, vector function $W : [0, s] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$, we have

$$s \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} (w^T(i) M w(i)) \geq \left(\sum_{i=0}^{s-1} w(i) \right)^T M \left(\sum_{i=0}^{s-1} w(i) \right).$$

3. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we present the main results of this paper, which provides a sufficient condition for the asymptotic stability of the zero solution of (2) in terms of certain matrix inequalities.

Theorem 3.1 The zero solution of time varying delay-difference system (2) is asymptotically stable if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices function $P(k), G(k), W(k)$ and $L_1 = \text{diag}[l_{11}, \dots, l_{1n}] > 0$, $L_2 = \text{diag}[l_{21}, \dots, l_{2n}] > 0$ satisfying the following matrix inequalities:

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} (1,1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (2,2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (3,3) \end{pmatrix} < 0, \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (1,1) &= A^T(k)P(k+1)A(k) - P(k) + hG(k) + W(k) + \varepsilon A^T(k)P(k+1)P(k+1)A(k) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon_1 A^T(k)A(k), \\ (2,2) &= B^T(k)P(k+1)B(k) + (\varepsilon^{-1} + \varepsilon_2)B^T(k)B(k) - W(k), \\ (3,3) &= -hG(k). \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Consider the Lyapunov function

$$V(k, y(k)) = V_1(k, y(k)) + V_2(k, y(k)) + V_3(k, y(k)),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} V_1(k, y(k)) &= x^T(k)P(k)x(k), \\ V_2(k, y(k)) &= \sum_{i=k-h+1}^k (h-k+i)x^T(i)G(k)x(i), \\ V_3(k, y(k)) &= \sum_{i=k-h+1}^k x^T(i)W(k)x(i), \end{aligned}$$

$P(k), G(k), W(k)$ being symmetric positive definite matrices function solutions of (3) and $y(k) = [x(k), x(k-h)]$.

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Then difference of $V(k, y(k))$ along trajectory of solution of (2) is given by

$$\Delta V(k, y(k)) = \Delta V_1(k, y(k)) + \Delta V_2(k, y(k)) + \Delta V_3(k, y(k)),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V_1(k, y(k)) &= V_1(k, x(k+1)) - V_1(k, x(k)) \\ &= [A(k)x(k) + B(k)x(k-h)]^T P(k+1)[A(k)x(k) + B(k)x(k-h)] \\ &\quad - x^T(k)P(k)x(k) \\ &= x^T(k)[A^T(k)P(k+1)A(k) - P(k)]x(k) \\ &\quad + x^T(k)A^T(k)P(k+1)B(k)x(k-h) + x^T(k-h)B^T(k)P(k+1)A(k)x(k) \\ &\quad + x^T(k-h)B^T(k)P(k+1)B(k)x(k-h), \\ \Delta V_2(k, y(k)) &= \Delta \left(\sum_{i=k-h+1}^k (h-k+i)x^T(i)G(k)x(i) \right) \\ &= hx^T(k)G(k)x(k) - \sum_{i=k-h+1}^k x^T(i)G(k)x(i), \\ \Delta V_3(k, y(k)) &= \Delta \left(\sum_{i=k-h+1}^k x^T(i)W(k)x(i) \right) \\ &= x^T(k)W(k)x(k) - x^T(k-h)W(k)x(k-h), \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where **Fact 2.1** are utilized in (4), respectively.

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} &x^T(k)A^T(k)P(k+1)B(k)x(k-h) + x^T(k-h)B^T(k)P(k+1)A(k)x(k) \leq \\ &\quad \varepsilon x^T(k)A^T(k)P(k+1)P(k+1)A(k)x(k) + \varepsilon^{-1}x^T(k-h)B^T(k)B(k)x(k-h), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta V_1(k, y(k)) &\leq x^T(k)[A^T(k)P(k+1)A(k) - P(k) \\ &\quad + \varepsilon A^T(k)P(k+1)P(k+1)A(k)]x(k) \\ &\quad + x^T(k-h)[B^T(k)P(k+1)B(k) + \varepsilon^{-1}B^T(k)B(k)]x(k-h) \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta V(k, y(k)) &\leq x^T(k)[A^T(k)P(k+1)A(k) - P(k) + hG(k) \\ &\quad + W(k) + \varepsilon A^T(k)P(k+1)P(k+1)A(k)]x(k) \\ &\quad + x^T(k-h)[B^T(k)P(k+1)B(k) + \varepsilon^{-1}B^T(k)B(k) \\ &\quad - W(k)]x(k-h) - \sum_{i=k-h+1}^k x^T(i)G(k)x(i).\end{aligned}$$

Using **Lemma 2.2.**, we obtain

$$\sum_{i=k-h+1}^k x^T(i)G(k)x(i) \geq \left(\frac{1}{h} \sum_{i=k-h+1}^k x(i)\right)^T (hG(k)) \left(\frac{1}{h} \sum_{i=k-h+1}^k x(i)\right).$$

From the above inequality it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta V &\leq x^T(k)[A^T(k)P(k+1)A(k) - P + hG + W \\ &\quad + \varepsilon A^T(k)P(k+1)P(k+1)A(k)]x(k) \\ &\quad + x^T(k-h)[B^T(k)P(k+1)B(k) + \varepsilon^{-1}B^T(k)B(k) - W]x(k-h) \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{1}{h} \sum_{i=k-h+1}^k x(i)\right)^T (hG) \left(\frac{1}{h} \sum_{i=k-h+1}^k x(i)\right) \\ &= \left(x^T(k), x^T(k-h), \left(\frac{1}{h} \sum_{i=k-h}^{k-1} x(i)\right)^T \right) \begin{pmatrix} (1,1) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (2,2) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (3,3) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x(k) \\ x(k-h) \\ \left(\frac{1}{h} \sum_{i=k-h}^{k-1} x(i)\right) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= y^T(k)\Psi y(k),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}(1,1) &= A^T(k)P(k+1)A(k) - P + hG + W + \varepsilon A^T(k)P(k+1)P(k+1)A(k), \\ (2,2) &= B^T(k)P(k+1)B(k) + \varepsilon^{-1}B^T(k)B(k) - W(k), \\ (3,3) &= -hG(k),\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{,and } y(k) = \begin{pmatrix} x(k) \\ x(k-h) \\ \left(\frac{1}{h} \sum_{i=k-h}^{k-1} x(i)\right) \end{pmatrix}.$$

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By the condition (3), $\Delta V(k, y(k))$ is negative definite, namely there is a number $\beta > 0$ such that $\Delta V(y(k)) \leq -\beta \|y(k)\|^2$, and hence, the asymptotic stability of the system immediately follows from **Lemma 2.1**. This completes the proof.

Example 3.1 Let us consider the time varying delay-difference system (2) of the form

$$x(k+1) = A(k)x(k) + B(k)x(k-h),$$

where the matrices are

$$A(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 1.9 - 0.5e^{-5.8t} - e^{-5.8t} & 1 \\ -e^{-5.8t} & 0.5e^{-t} - 2 \end{pmatrix}, B(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 3 - e^{6t} & -1 \\ 0 & -0.5e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix},$$

$\varepsilon = 0.5$, and $h = 1$.

Using the LMI Toolbox in MATLAB, we found that the LMIs in **Theorem 3.1** are feasible and

$$P(k) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-5.8t} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, G(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-0.5t} \end{pmatrix}, W(k) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

are the set of solutions to the LMIs(5).

Therefore, the system is asymptotically stable.

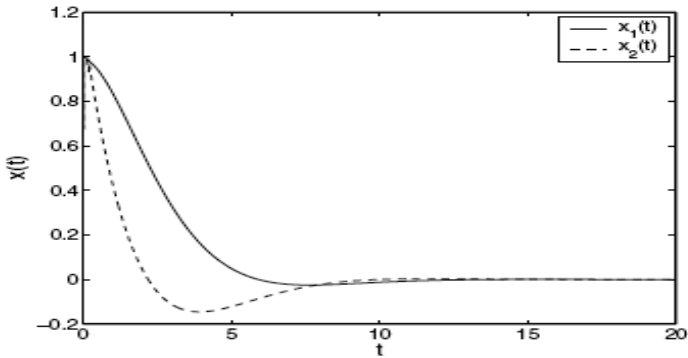


Fig. 1 Numerical simulation of a solution for the **example 3.1**.

For a given initial condition $x(\theta) = [1, 1]^T$, convergence behavior of is shown in Fig. 1. As we can see from this figure, the steady state of nonlinear time varying delay-difference system is indeed asymptotically stable.

4. APPLICATION

In this section, we apply the main result of this paper, which provides a sufficient condition for the asymptotic stability of nonlinear time varying delay-difference system with multiple delays in terms of certain matrix inequalities.

We consider nonlinear time varying delay-difference system with multiple delays of the form

$$x(k+1) = A(k)x(k) + \sum_{i=1}^m B_i(k)x(k-h_i) + f(k, x(k), x(k-h_1), \dots, x(k-h_m)), \quad (7)$$

where $x(k) \in \Omega \subseteq \mathbf{R}^n$, $0 \leq h_1 \leq \dots \leq h_m$, $m \geq 1$, $A(k)$ and $B_i(k)$, $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ are the $n \times n$ matrices functions, $f(k, x(k), x(k-h_1), \dots, x(k-h_m))$ is a n -vector function nonlinear perturbation satisfying $f(k, 0, 0, \dots, 0) = 0$.

Theorem 4.1 The zero solution of the time varying delay-difference system (7) is asymptotically stable if there exist symmetric positive definite matrices $P(k), G_i(k), W_i(k)$, $i=1, 2, \dots, m$ and $L_i = \text{diag}[l_{i1}, \dots, l_{in}] > 0$ satisfying the following matrix inequalities:

$$\psi = \begin{bmatrix} (0,0) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & (1,1) & (1,2) & \dots & (1,m) & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & (2,1) & (2,2) & \dots & (2,m) & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & (m,1) & (m,2) & \dots & (m,m) & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & (m+1, m+1) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & (m+2, m+2) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & (2m, 2m) \end{bmatrix} < 0, \quad (8)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (0,0) &= A^T(k)P(k+1)A(k) - P(k) + \sum_{i=1}^m (h_i G_i(k) \\ &\quad + W_i(k)) + \varepsilon A^T(k)P(k+1)P(k+1)A(k) + \varepsilon_1 A^T(k)A(k) \\ &\quad + (\varepsilon_1^{-1} + \varepsilon_2^{-1} + 1)L_0 P(k+1)L_0, \\ (1,1) &= B_1^T(k)P(k+1)B_1(k) + (\varepsilon^{-1} + \varepsilon_2)B_1^T(k)B_1(k) \\ &\quad + (\varepsilon_1^{-1} + \varepsilon_2^{-1} + 1)L_1 P(k+1)L_1 - W_1(k), \\ (1,2) &= B_1^T(k)P(k+1)B_2(k) + (\varepsilon^{-1} + \varepsilon_2)B_1^T(k)B_2(k), \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 (1, m) &= B_1^T(k)P(k+1)B_m(k) + (\varepsilon^{-1} + \varepsilon_2)B_1^T(k)B_m(k), \\
 (2, 1) &= B_2^T(k)P(k+1)B_1(k) + (\varepsilon^{-1} + \varepsilon_2)B_2^T(k)B_1(k), \\
 (2, 2) &= B_2^T(k)P(k+1)B_2(k) + (\varepsilon^{-1} + \varepsilon_2)B_2^T(k)B_2(k) \\
 &\quad + (\varepsilon_1^{-1} + \varepsilon_2^{-1} + 1)L_2P(k+1)L_2 - W_2(k), \\
 (2, m) &= B_2^T(k)P(k+1)B_m(k) + (\varepsilon^{-1} + \varepsilon_2)B_2^T(k)B_m(k), \\
 (m, 1) &= B_m^T(k)P(k+1)B_1(k) + (\varepsilon^{-1} + \varepsilon_2)B_m^T(k)B_1(k) \\
 (m, 2) &= B_m^T(k)P(k+1)B_2(k) + (\varepsilon^{-1} + \varepsilon_2)B_m^T(k)B_2(k), \\
 (m, m) &= B_m^T(k)P(k+1)B_m(k) + (\varepsilon^{-1} + \varepsilon_2)B_m^T(k)B_m(k) \\
 &\quad + (\varepsilon_1^{-1} + \varepsilon_2^{-1} + 1)L_mP(k+1)L_m - W_m(k), \\
 (m+1, m+1) &= -h_1G_1(k), \\
 (m+2, m+2) &= -h_2G_2(k), \\
 (2m, 2m) &= -h_mG_m(k).
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof Consider the Lyapunov function

$$V(k, y(k)) = V_1(k, y(k)) + V_2(k, y(k)) + V_3(k, y(k)),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_1(k, y(k)) &= x^T(k)P(k)x(k), \\
 V_2(k, y(k)) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=k-h_i+1}^k (h-k+i)x^T(j)G_i(k)x(j), \\
 V_3(k, y(k)) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=k-h_i+1}^k x^T(j)W_i(k)x(j),
 \end{aligned}$$

$P(k), G_i(k)$ and $W_i(k)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ being symmetric positive definite solutions of (8) and $y(k) = [x(k), x(k-h_1), \dots, x(k-h_m)]$.

Then difference of $V(k, y(k))$ along trajectory of solution of (7) is given by

$$\Delta V(k, y(k)) = \Delta V_1(k, y(k)) + \Delta V_2(k, y(k)) + \Delta V_3(k, y(k)),$$

where

$$\Delta V_1(k, y(k)) = V_1(k, x(k+1)) - V_1(k, x(k))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= [A(k)x(k) + \sum_{i=1}^m B_i(k)x(k-h_i) + f]^T P(k+1) [A(k)x(k) + \sum_{i=1}^m B_i(k)x(k-h_i) + f] \\
&\quad - x^T(k)P(k)x(k) \\
&= x^T(k) [A^T(k)P(k+1)A(k) - P(k)]x(k) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^m x^T(k) A^T(k)P(k+1)B_i(k)x(k-h_i) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^m x^T(k-h_i) B_i^T(k)P(k+1)A(k)x(k) \\
&\quad + x^T(k) A^T(k)P(k+1)f + f^T P(k+1)A(k)x(k) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^m x^T(k-h_i) B_i^T(k)P(k+1)f + f^T P(k+1)B_i(k)x(k-h_i) \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^m x^T(k-h_i) B_i^T(k)P(k+1)B_j(k)x(k-h_j) + f^T P(k+1)f,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta V_2(k, y(k)) &= \Delta \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=k-h_i+1}^k (h_i - k + j) x^T(j) G_i(k) x(j) \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m h_i x^T(k) G_i(k) x(k) - \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=k-h_i+1}^k x^T(j) G_i(k) x(j),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta V_3(k, y(k)) &= \Delta \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=k-h_i+1}^k x^T(j) W_i(k) x(j) \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m x^T(k) W_i(k) x(k) - \sum_{i=1}^m x^T(k-h_i) W_i(k) x(k-h_i)
\end{aligned}$$

The rest of the proof is similar to that of **Theorem 3.1** need hold.

5. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, based on a discrete analog of the Lyapunov second method, we have established a sufficient condition for the asymptotic stability of nonlinear time varying delay-difference system in terms of certain matrix inequalities. The result has been applied to obtain new stability conditions for some class of nonlinear time varying delay-difference system such as nonlinear time varying delay-difference system with multiple delays in terms of certain matrix inequalities.

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