# **Positive** *L*<sub>1</sub>-gain Filter Design for Positive Continuous-time Markovian Jump Systems with Partly Known Transition Rates

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**Abstract:** The paper is concerned with the problem of positive  $L_1$ -gain filter design for positive continuous-time Markovian jump systems with partly known transition rates. Our aim is to design a positive full-order filter such that the corresponding filtering error system is positive and stochastically stable with  $L_1$ -gain performance. By applying a linear co-positive Lyapunov function and free-connection weighting vectors, the desired positive  $L_1$ -gain filter is provided. The obtained theoretical results are demonstrated by numerical examples.

**Keywords:** Free-connection weighting vectors, full-order filter, linear programming, partly known transition rates, positive Markovian jump systems.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In practical application, there exists a class of special systems whose common property is that the states and outputs are nonnegative whenever initial conditions and inputs are nonnegative. Such systems are denoted as positive systems [1, 2]. For this special class of systems, there are many applications in practice, such as communication networks [3], industrial engineering [4], system control theory [5-12], and other aspects. Therefore, the research on positive switched systems has became a heated topic due to their importance from both theoretical and practical viewpoints. In [13–15], the two basic control problems for stability and stabilization have been considered. Compared with traditional quadratic Lyapunov function, linear co-positive Lyapunov function is more conveniently for solving the corresponding control problems of positive systems.

Markovian jump systems, which consist of the Markovian process (or Markovian chain) and classical differential (or difference) equations, are a special class of hybrid systems and popular in modeling actual control processes that may experience random abrupt changes in their structures or parameters [16–20]. As a key factor, the transition rates determine the system behavior of Markovian jump systems. Until now, most of the analysis and synthesis about Markovian jump systems have been covered under the assumption of a completely accessible knowledge of the transition rates can be obtained partly due to complex factors. Recently, there are some achievements on the Markovian

jump systems with partly known transition rates, such as stability and stabilization [21, 22],  $H_{\infty}$  control [23], saturating actuator [24], finite-time control [25], and fault detection [26]. Very recently, there are only a few papers on the positive Markovian jump systems reported, including stability [27], stabilization [27, 28], and filter design [29].

On the other hand, there are some useful methods on estimation and filtering reported, and  $H_{\infty}$  filtering has been one of the most popular approaches to deal with an external noise [30-32]. Recently, a reduced-order positive  $H_{\infty}$  filter for positive discrete-time linear systems has been designed in [33]. The necessary and sufficient condition is given to obtain the positive filter, which is derived in term of linear matrix inequality. It is noticed that the  $L_2$ form is used to deduce the  $H_{\infty}$  performance index and the traditional quadratic Lyapunov function is used to derive the filter existence conditions in forms of LMI framework. However, due to the positive property, it is natural to apply  $L_1$ -form to describe the performance index of positive system. Thus naturally, using the linear co-positive Lyapunov function approach,  $L_1$ -gain performance analysis and control have been discussed in [10, 11, 29, 34, 35]. For the positive  $L_1$ -gain filter of positive discrete-time Markovian jump systems, the relevant conclusion has been shown in [29]. However, in the published literature, there are no results on the problem of positive  $L_1$ -gain filter design for positive continuous-time Markovian jump systems with partly known transition rates, which is the motivation to carry out the challenge and necessary work.

In this paper, we consider the problem of positive  $L_1$ gain filter design for positive continuous-time Markovian

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jump systems with partly known transition rates. The main contributions of this paper include: (1) by constructing a linear co-positive Lyapunov function, sufficient condition for stochastic stability is proposed; (2)  $L_1$ -gain performance analysis for the considered systems is built based on the stochastic stability; (3) Based on the obtained results, the positive  $L_1$ -gain filter is proposed.

**Notations:**  $A \succeq (\preceq 0, \succ, \prec)$  represents that all entries of matrix *A* are nonnegative (non-positive, positive, negative).  $A \succ B$  ( $A \succeq B$ ) means that  $A - B \succ 0$  ( $A - B \succeq 0$ ).  $\mathbb{R}$ ( $\mathbb{R}_+$ ) is the set of all real (positive real) numbers.  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ ) represents n-dimensional real (positive) vector space. The vector 1-norm is denoted by  $||x||_1 = \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|$ , where  $x_k$  is the *k*th element of  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Given  $v : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^n$ , the  $L_1$ norm is defined by  $||v||_{L_1} = \int_0^\infty ||v||_1 dt . L_1[0, +\infty)$  is the space of absolute integrable vector-valued functions on  $[0, +\infty)$ , i.e., we say  $x : [0, +\infty) \to \mathbb{R}^n$  is in  $L_1[0, +\infty)$  if  $\int_0^\infty ||x(t)||_1 dt < \infty$ . Matrix *A* is said to be a Metzler matrix if its off-diagonal elements are all nonnegative real numbers.  $E\{\cdot\}$  represents the mathematical expectation.  $I_n$  denotes identity matrix and  $\mathbf{1}_n$  stands for the all-ones vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

## 2. PROBLEM STATEMENT AND PRELIMINARIES

Consider the following positive Markovian jump systems:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= A(g_t)x(t) + B(g_t)w(t), \\ y(t) &= C(g_t)x(t) + D(g_t)w(t), \\ z(t) &= E(g_t)x(t) + F(g_t)w(t), \\ x(0) &= x_0, \end{aligned}$$
(1)

where  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the state vector;  $w(t) \in \mathbb{R}^w$  is the disturbance input which belongs to  $L_1^w[0, +\infty)$ ;  $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^p$  is the control out;  $z(t) \in \mathbb{R}^q$  is the signal to be estimated;  $\{g_t, t \ge 0\}$  is a time-homogeneous stochastic Markovian process with right continuous trajectories and takes values in a finite set  $S = \{1, 2, ..., N\}$  with the transition rate matrix  $\Pi = \{\pi_{ij}\}$   $(i, j \in S)$  given by:

$$P\{g_{t+\Delta t} = j | g_t = i\} = \begin{cases} \pi_{ij} \Delta t + o(\Delta t), & i \neq j, \\ 1 + \pi_{ij} \Delta t + o(\Delta t), & i = j, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Delta t \ge 0$ ,  $\lim_{\Delta t \to 0} (o(\Delta t)/\Delta t) = 0$  and  $\pi_{ij} \ge 0$ , for  $i \ne j$ and  $\sum_{j=1, j \ne i}^{N} \pi_{ij} = -\pi_{ii}$ .

Throughout the paper, the transition rates are assumed to be partly known, i.e., some elements in matrix  $\Pi = {\{\pi_{ij}\}}$  are unknown. For  $\forall i \in S$ , the set  $S^i$  represents  $S^i = S^i_k \bigcup S^i_{uk}$ , with

$$S_k^i \triangleq \{j : \pi_{ij} \text{ is known, for } j \in S\},\\ S_{uk}^i \triangleq \{j : \pi_{ij} \text{ is unknown, for } j \in S\}.$$

And if  $S^i \neq \emptyset$ , it is further given by

$$S_k^i \triangleq \{k_1^i, k_2^i, \dots, k_m^i\}, 1 \le m \le N,$$

where  $k_m^i \in S$  represents the *m*th known transition rate of  $S_k^i$  in the *i*th row of the matrix  $\Pi$ . For simplicity, when  $g_t = i$ , the system matrices of the *i*th mode are denoted as  $A_i, B_i, C_i, D_i, E_i$ , and  $F_i$ .

**Definition 1** [2]: System (1) is said to be positive if, for any initial condition  $x_0 \succeq 0$  and any input  $w(t) \succeq 0$ , the corresponding trajectories  $x(t) \succeq 0$ ,  $y(t) \succeq 0$  and  $z(t) \succeq 0$  hold.

**Lemma 1** [2]: System (1) is said to be positive if and only if  $A_i$  are Metzler matrices and  $B_i \succeq 0, C_i \succeq 0, D_i \succeq 0, E_i \succeq 0, F_i \succeq 0, \forall i \in S$ .

**Lemma 2** [28]: Matrix A is a Metzler matrix if and only if there exists a positive constant  $\varepsilon$  such that  $A + \varepsilon I \succeq 0$ .

In this paper, the positive full-order linear filter is given as follows:

$$\dot{x}_{f}(t) = A_{fi}x(t) + B_{fi}y(t), z_{f}(t) = C_{fi}x(t) + D_{fi}y(t),$$
  
$$x_{f}(0) = x_{f0},$$
(2)

where  $x_f(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the filter state;  $A_{fi}$ ,  $B_{fi}$ ,  $C_{fi}$ , and  $D_{fi}$  are the matrices to be determined of compatible dimensions. Then, the resultant filtering error system is given as follows:

$$\dot{\bar{x}}_{f}(t) = \bar{A}_{i}x(t) + \bar{B}_{i}w(t), \quad e(t) = \bar{E}_{i}x(t) + \bar{F}_{i}w(t), 
\bar{x}(0) = \bar{x}_{0} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{0}^{T} & x_{f0}^{T} \end{bmatrix}^{T},$$
(3)

where

$$\begin{split} \bar{x}(t) &= \begin{bmatrix} x^T(t) & x_f^T(t) - x^T(t) \end{bmatrix}^T, e(t) = z_f(t) - z(t), \\ \bar{A}_i &= \begin{bmatrix} A_i & 0\\ B_{fi}C_i + A_{fi} - A_i & A_{fi} \end{bmatrix}, \bar{B}_i = \begin{bmatrix} B_i\\ B_{fi}D_i - B_i \end{bmatrix}, \\ \bar{E}_i &= \begin{bmatrix} D_{fi}C_i + C_{fi} - E_i & C_{fi} \end{bmatrix}, \bar{F}_i = D_{fi}D_i - F_i. \end{split}$$

**Remark 1:** The filter (2) is designed to approximate z(t) with  $z_f(t)$ . Consequently, the estimate  $z_f(t)$  is required to be positive, which implies that the filter (2) is supposed to be a positive system. From Lemma 1, we see that  $A_{fi} \succeq 0$ ,  $B_{fi} \succeq 0$ ,  $C_{fi} \succeq 0$ , and  $D_{fi} \succeq 0$  are needed.

**Definition 2** [28]: The system (3) (w(t) = 0) is said to be stochastically stable if for any initial condition  $\bar{x}(0)$  and  $g_0 \in S$ , the following inequality holds

$$E\left\{\int_0^\infty ||\bar{x}(t)||_1 dt |\bar{x}_0, g_0\right\} < \infty.$$
(4)

**Definition 3** [28]: Given a stable positive system (1), find a positive filter (2) with  $\bar{A}_i \succeq 0$ ,  $\bar{B}_i \succeq 0$ ,  $\bar{E}_i \succeq 0$ , and  $\tilde{F}_i \succeq 0$ , such that the filtering error system (3) is positive, stochastically stable and satisfies the performance

$$E\left\{\int_0^\infty ||e(t)||_1 dt\right\} \le \gamma E\left\{\int_0^\infty ||w(t)||_1 dt\right\}$$
(5)

under zero initial conditions.

**Definition 4** [20]: Considering  $V(\bar{x}(t), i)$  as the Lyapunov function for the system (3), we define the weak infinitesimal operator as follows:

$$\Gamma V(\bar{x}(t), i)$$

$$= \lim_{\Delta t \to 0} \frac{1}{\Delta t} [E\{V(\bar{x}(t + \Delta t), g(t + \Delta t)) | \bar{x}(t), g(t) = i)\}$$

$$- V(\bar{x}(t), g(t) = i)].$$
(6)

## 3. MAIN RESULTS

This section will focus on the problem of stochastic stability analysis,  $L_1$ -gain analysis and positive  $L_1$ -gain filter design. Firstly, let us consider stochastic stability for system (3) (w(t) = 0).

**Theorem 1:** If there exist a set of vectors  $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}_+$ ,  $\rho_i \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ , for  $\forall i \in S$ , such that

$$\bar{A}_i^T \mathbf{v}_i + \sum_{j \in S_k^i} \pi_{ij} (\mathbf{v}_j - \boldsymbol{\rho}_i) \prec 0, \tag{7}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{\rho}_i \preceq 0, j \in S^i_{uk}, j \neq i, \tag{8}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_j - \mathbf{\rho}_i \succeq 0, \, j \in S^i_{uk}, \, j = i, \tag{9}$$

the filtering error Markovian jump system (3) (w(t) = 0)with partly known transition rates is stochastically stable.

**Proof:** For system (3) (w(t) = 0), choose the copositive type Lyapunov function candidate as

$$V(\bar{x}(t), i) = \bar{x}^T(t) \mathbf{v}_i. \tag{10}$$

According to Definition 4, it can be shown that

$$\Gamma V(\bar{x}(t),i) = \bar{x}^T(t)(\bar{A}_i^T \mathbf{v}_i + \sum_{j=1}^N \pi_{ij} \mathbf{v}_j).$$

Based on  $\sum_{i=1}^{N} \pi_{ij} \rho_i = 0$  for a set of vectors  $\rho_i$ , we have

$$\Gamma V(\bar{x}(t), i) = \bar{x}^{T}(t)(\bar{A}_{i}^{T}\boldsymbol{v}_{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{N} \pi_{ij}\boldsymbol{v}_{j} - \sum_{j=1}^{N} \pi_{ij}\boldsymbol{\rho}_{i})$$
  
= $\bar{x}^{T}(t)(\bar{A}_{i}^{T}\boldsymbol{v}_{i} + \sum_{j\in S_{k}^{i}} \pi_{ij}(\boldsymbol{v}_{j} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i}) + \sum_{j\in S_{uk}^{i}} \pi_{ij}(\boldsymbol{v}_{j} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_{i})).$ 
(11)

Note that  $\pi_{ii} < 0(\forall i, j \in S, i = j)$  and  $\pi_{ij} \ge 0(\forall i, j \in S, i = j)$  $S, i \neq j$ , therefore, if  $\forall j \in S_{uk}^i$ ,  $i \in S_k^i$ , inequalities (7)-(8) imply that  $\Gamma V(\bar{x}(t), i) < 0$ . On the other hand, if  $\forall j \in S_{uk}^i$ ,  $i \in S_{uk}^i$ , we can obtain

$$\Gamma V(\bar{x}(t), i) = \bar{x}^{T}(t) (\bar{A}_{i}^{T} v_{i} + \sum_{j \in S_{k}^{i}} \pi_{ij}(v_{j} - \rho_{i}) + \sum_{j \in S_{uk}^{i}} \pi_{ij}(v_{j} - \rho_{i}) + \pi_{ii}(v_{j} - \rho_{i})). \quad (12)$$

From the fact  $\pi_{ii} = -\sum_{j=1, i \neq j}^{N} \pi_{ij} < 0$  and inequalities (7)–(9), we can also get  $\Gamma V(\bar{x}(t), i) < 0$ . Following the same line of the proof of [28] leads to

$$E\left\{\int_0^\infty ||\bar{x}(t)||_1 dt |\bar{x}_0, g_0\right\} < \infty.$$

The proof is completed.

Next, we will consider the  $L_1$ -gain analysis problem for the filtering error system (3).

**Theorem 2:** If there exist a set of vectors  $v_i \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}_+$ ,  $\rho_i \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}$ , for  $\forall i \in S$ , such that the inequalities (8)-(9) and the following inequalities

$$\bar{A}_i^T \mathbf{v}_i + \sum_{j \in S_k^i} \pi_{ij} (\mathbf{v}_j - \boldsymbol{\rho}_i) + \bar{E}_i^T \mathbf{1} \prec 0,$$
(13)

$$\bar{B}_i^T \mathbf{v}_i + \bar{F}_i^T \mathbf{1} - \gamma \mathbf{1} \prec \mathbf{0}, \tag{14}$$

hold, the filtering error Markovian jump system (3) (w(t) = 0) with partly known transition rates is stochastically stable with  $L_1$ -gain performance.

Proof: It is clear that inequality (7) holds if the inequality (13) is satisfied. According to Theorem 1, we derive that system (3) (w(t) = 0) is stochastically stable. Choosing a Lyapunov function candidate (10) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma V(\bar{x},i) + \|e(t)\|_{L_{1}} - \gamma \|w(t)\|_{L_{1}} \\ = & \bar{x}^{T}(t)(\bar{A}_{i}^{T}v_{i} + \sum_{j \in S_{k}^{i}}\pi_{ij}(v_{j} - \rho_{i}) + \sum_{j \in S_{uk}^{i}}\pi_{ij}(v_{j} - \rho_{i})) \\ & + w^{T}(t)\bar{B}_{i}^{T}v_{i} + \mathbf{1}^{T}\bar{E}_{i}\bar{x}(t) + \mathbf{1}^{T}\bar{F}_{i}w(t) - \gamma \mathbf{1}^{T}w(t) \\ = & \bar{x}^{T}(t)(\bar{A}_{i}^{T}v_{i} + \sum_{j \in S_{k}^{i}}\pi_{ij}(v_{j} - \rho_{i}) + \sum_{j \in S_{uk}^{i}}\pi_{ij}(v_{j} - \rho_{i}) \\ & + \bar{E}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{1}) + w^{T}(t)(\bar{B}_{i}^{T}v_{i} + \bar{F}_{i}^{T}\mathbf{1} - \gamma\mathbf{1}). \end{aligned}$$
(15)

Therefore, if inequalities (8)-(9) and (13)-(14) hold, we have

$$\Gamma V(\bar{x}(t), i) + \|e(t)\|_{L_1} - \gamma \|w(t)\|_{L_1} < 0,$$
(16)

which means

$$E\left\{\int_0^\infty ||e(t)||_1 dt\right\} \le \gamma E\left\{\int_0^\infty ||w(t)||_1 dt\right\}.$$
  
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By using the  $L_1$ -gain performance analysis result in Theorem 2, sufficient conditions are obtained for the existence of the filter (2) as follows:

Theorem 3: Consider the positive system (1) and denote  $A_i = [A_{i1} \ A_{i2} \ \cdots \ A_{in}]^T$ ,  $B_i = [B_{i1} \ B_{i2} \ \cdots \ B_{in}]^T$ ,  $C_i =$  $[C_{iq} C_{iq} \cdots C_{iq}]^T, D_i = [D_{iq} D_{iq} \cdots D_{iq}]^T, e_1 = [1 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 0]^T,$  $e_2 = [0 \ 1 \ \cdots \ 0]^T, \ \cdots, \ e_n = [0 \ 0 \ \cdots \ 1]^T, \text{ with } A_{is}, B_{is} \in \mathbb{R}^r,$  $C_{it}, D_{it} \in \mathbb{R}^r, s = 1, 2, \cdots, n, t = 1, 2, \cdots, q, i \in S.$  For given positive constant  $\gamma$ , the filtering error Markovian jump system (3) with partly known transition rates is positive and stochastically stable with  $L_1$ -gain performance, if there exist vectors  $v_{1i}$ ,  $v_{2i}$ ,  $\varepsilon_i$ ,  $\alpha_{ais}$ ,  $\beta_{bis}$ ,  $c_{cit}$ ,  $d_{dit} \in \mathbb{R}^n_+$ ,  $\rho_{1i}$ ,  $\rho_{2i} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $s = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ,  $t = 1, 2, \dots, q$ ,  $i \in S$ , such that the following linear programming problem

$$A_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{1i} + \sum_{s=1}^{n} \alpha_{ais} + C_{i}^{T} \sum_{s=1}^{n} \beta_{bis} - A_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{2i} + \sum_{j \in S_{k}^{i}} \pi_{ij} (\mathbf{v}_{1j} - \rho_{1i}) + C_{i}^{T} \sum_{t=1}^{q} d_{dit} + \sum_{t=1}^{q} c_{cit} - E_{i}^{T} \mathbf{1} \prec 0,$$
(17)

$$\sum_{s=1}^{n} \alpha_{ais} + \sum_{j \in S_{k}^{i}} \pi_{ij}(\mathbf{v}_{2j} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_{2i}) + \sum_{t=1}^{q} c_{cit} \prec 0,$$
(18)

$$B_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{1i} + D_{i}^{T} \sum_{s=1}^{n} \beta_{bis} - B_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{2i} + D_{i}^{T} \sum_{t=1}^{q} d_{dit} - F_{i}^{T} \mathbf{1}$$
  
-  $\gamma \mathbf{1} \prec 0,$  (19)

$$\mathbf{v}_{1i} - \mathbf{\rho}_{1i} \leq 0, \mathbf{v}_{2i} - \mathbf{\rho}_{2i} \leq 0, j \in S_{uk}^{i}, j \neq i,$$
 (20)

$$v_{1j} - \rho_{1i} \succeq 0, v_{2j} - \rho_{2i} \succeq 0, j \in S_{uk}^i, j = i,$$
 (21)

$$A_{is} v_{2is} - \alpha_{ais} - C_i^T \beta_{bis} \leq 0, B_{is} v_{2is} - D_i^T \beta_{bis} \leq 0, \qquad (22)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{ii} & \mathcal{C}_{cii} & \mathcal{C}_{i} & \mathcal{U}_{dii} \leq 0, \\ \mathcal{U}_{ais} + \mathcal{E}_{is} \mathcal{E}_{s} \succeq 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$(23)$$

is solvable, where  $\varepsilon_i = [\varepsilon_{i1} \ \varepsilon_{i2} \ \cdots \ \varepsilon_{in}]^T$ ,  $v_{2i} = [v_{2i1} \ v_{2i2} \ \cdots \ v_{2in}]^T$ . In this case, the parameters of the  $L_1$ -gain filter are given

$$A_{fi} = [\mathbf{v}_{2i1}^T \alpha_{ai1} \ \mathbf{v}_{2i2}^T \alpha_{ai2} \ \cdots \ \mathbf{v}_{2in}^T \alpha_{ain}]^T, B_{fi} = [\mathbf{v}_{2i1}^T \beta_{bi1} \ \mathbf{v}_{2i2}^T \beta_{bi2} \ \cdots \ \mathbf{v}_{2in}^T \beta_{bin}]^T, C_{fi} = [c_{i1} \ c_{i2} \ \cdots \ c_{iq}]^T, D_{fi} = [d_{i1} \ d_{i2} \ \cdots \ d_{iq}]^T.$$
(24)

**Proof:** Note  $\alpha_{ais} + \varepsilon_{is}e_s \succeq 0$ , it follows from Lemma 2 that  $A_{fi}$  are Metzler matrices. From (24), it is clear that  $B_{fi} \succeq 0, C_{fi} \succeq 0, D_{fi} \succeq 0$ . Therefore, the filter (2) is positive.

From (17)-(19) and (22)-(24), we have

$$\sum_{s=1}^{n} \alpha_{ais} = \sum_{s=1}^{n} \alpha_{is} v_{2is}^{T} = A_{fi}^{T} v_{2i}, \sum_{s=1}^{q} c_{cit} = C_{fi}^{T} \mathbf{1},$$
$$\sum_{s=1}^{n} \beta_{bis} = \sum_{s=1}^{n} \beta_{is} v_{2is}^{T} = B_{fi}^{T} v_{2i}, \sum_{s=1}^{q} d_{dit} = D_{fi}^{T} \mathbf{1}.$$
 (25)

Substituting (25) into (17)-(19) and (22)-(23) yields

$$A_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{1i} + A_{fi}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{2i} + C_{i}^{T} B_{fi}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{2i} - A_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{2i} + \sum_{j \in S_{k}^{i}} \pi_{ij} (\mathbf{v}_{1j} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_{1i}) + C_{i}^{T} D_{fi}^{T} \mathbf{1} + C_{fi}^{T} \mathbf{1} - E_{i}^{T} \mathbf{1} \prec 0, A_{fi}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{2i} + \sum_{j \in S_{k}^{i}} \pi_{ij} (\mathbf{v}_{2j} - \boldsymbol{\rho}_{2i}) + C_{fi}^{T} \mathbf{1} \prec 0, B_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{1i} + D_{i}^{T} B_{fi}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{2i} - B_{i}^{T} \mathbf{v}_{2i} + D_{i}^{T} D_{fi}^{T} \mathbf{1} - F_{i}^{T} \mathbf{1} - \gamma \mathbf{1} \prec 0,$$
(26)

and

$$a_{is} + C_i^T b_{is} - A_{is} \succeq 0, D_i^T b_{is} - B_{is} \succeq 0,$$
  

$$C_i^T d_{dit} + c_{cit} - E_i \succeq 0, D_i^T d_{dit} - F_i \succeq 0.$$
(27)

It follows from (27) that

$$B_{fi}C_i + A_{fi} - A_i \succeq 0, B_{fi}D_i - B_i \succeq 0,$$
  
$$D_{fi}C_i + C_{fi} - E_i \succeq 0, D_{fi}D_i - F_i \succeq 0.$$
 (28)

Together with Metzler matrices  $A_i$  and  $A_{fi}$ , it implies that filtering error system (3) is positive. Denote  $v_i = [v_{1i}^T v_{2i}^T]^T$ ,  $\rho_i = [\rho_{1i}^T \rho_{2i}^T]^T$ . Together with (26)-(28) and (20)-(21), it implies that (8)-(9) and (13)-(14) hold.

Therefore, the filtering error Markovian jump system (3) with partly known transition rates is positive and stochastically stable with  $L_1$ -gain performance.

The proof is completed.

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## 4. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

**Example 1:** Consider two-mode Markovian jump system with parameters:

$$A_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} -2.1 & 0.4 \\ 0.5 & -1.6 \end{bmatrix}, A_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} -1.6 & 0.3 \\ 0.5 & -1.5 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$B_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.3 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, B_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$C_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.3 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, C_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.3 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$D_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.3 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}, D_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, E_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$E_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, F_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, F_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The transition rate matrix is given as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} ? & ? \\ 0.25 & -0.25 \end{bmatrix},$$

where the unknown element is described by '?'.

For given  $\gamma = 0.1$ , solving Theorem 3 results in the following full-order filter gain matrices

$$\begin{split} A_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} -2.4326 & 0.1760 \\ 0.2661 & -1.4453 \end{bmatrix}, B_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.9361 & 0.8496 \\ 1.1553 & 0.7367 \end{bmatrix}, \\ C_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3.9404 & 2.7793 \\ 3.9391 & 2.7551 \end{bmatrix}, D_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 13.9114 & 11.4075 \\ 13.9136 & 11.4305 \end{bmatrix}, \\ A_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} -2.5281 & 0.1632 \\ 0.2778 & -1.5842 \end{bmatrix}, B_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1.3647 & 1.1548 \\ 1.1159 & 0.8565 \end{bmatrix}, \\ C_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3.8586 & 3.8861 \\ 3.8636 & 3.8637 \end{bmatrix}, D_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 15.6492 & 13.7059 \\ 15.5897 & 13.6077 \end{bmatrix}. \end{split}$$

The simulation results are shown in Figs. 1-5 for the disturbance input  $w(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} |sin(t)| & e^{-t} |sin(t)| \end{bmatrix}^T$  and initial conditions g(0) = 1,  $x(0) = x_f(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 25 \end{bmatrix}^T$ .



Fig. 1. System modes g(t) of Example 1.



Fig. 2. State responses  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_{f1}(t)$  of Example 1.



Fig. 3. State responses  $x_2(t)$  and  $x_{f2}(t)$  of Example 1.

Fig. 1 stands for system modes g(t). Figs. 2-3 show the state responses of real state x(t) and its estimate  $x_f(t)$ . Figs. 4-5 plot the simulation results of z(t) and its estimate  $z_f(t)$ . It is evident that the filtering error Markovian jump system (3) with partly known transition rates is positive and stochastically stable with  $L_1$ -gain performance.

**Remark 2:** The completely known transition rate matrix is given as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0.25 & -0.25 \end{bmatrix}.$$



Fig. 4. Estimated signals  $z_1(t)$  and  $z_{f1}(t)$  of Example 1.



Fig. 5. Estimated signals  $z_2(t)$  and  $z_{f2}(t)$  of Example 1.

For given  $\gamma = 0.1$ , solving Theorem 3 results in the following full-order filter gain matrices

$$\begin{split} A_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} -2.3344 & 0.2034 \\ 0.3490 & -1.6921 \end{bmatrix}, B_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.7573 & 0.6630 \\ 1.0029 & 0.8134 \end{bmatrix}, \\ C_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 4.1402 & 2.8907 \\ 4.1382 & 2.8632 \end{bmatrix}, D_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 12.7812 & 10.5970 \\ 12.7950 & 10.6245 \end{bmatrix}, \\ A_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} -2.2231 & 0.0852 \\ 0.1978 & -1.6288 \end{bmatrix}, B_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1.3307 & 0.8970 \\ 1.2924 & 0.7363 \end{bmatrix}, \\ C_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2.3180 & 1.9658 \\ 2.3232 & 1.9442 \end{bmatrix}, D_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 12.8026 & 9.4119 \\ 12.7280 & 9.3255 \end{bmatrix}. \end{split}$$

It means that the filtering error Markovian jump system (3) with completely known transition rates is positive and stochastically stable with  $L_1$ -gain performance.

**Example 2:** For the mathematical model of virus mutation treatment presented in [12], the dynamic system is described as follows:

$$\dot{x}(t) = (R_i - \delta I + \zeta M)x(t) + B_iw(t), y(t) = C_ix(t) + D_iw(t), z(t) = E_ix(t) + F_iw(t),$$
(29)

where  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  indicates two different viral genotypes;  $w(t) \in \mathbb{R}^l$  is the disturbance input which belongs to  $L_1^n[0, +\infty)$ ; *i* indicates a Markovian process with two different states;  $\zeta$  is a small parameter representing the mutation rate;  $\delta$  is the death or decay rate;  $M = [M_{mn}]$  denotes the system matrices;  $M_{mn} \in \{0, 1\}$  represents the genetic connections between genotypes, that is,  $M_{mn}=1$  if and only if it is possible for genotype *n* to mutate into genotype *m*. The parameter values of the two-mode Markovian jump systems are:

$$R_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.05 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.25 \end{bmatrix}, R_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.06 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.26 \end{bmatrix}, M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$B_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, B_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}, C_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$C_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}, D_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, D_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$E_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, E_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, F_{1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$F_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, \delta = 1.3, \zeta = 0.001.$$

The transition rate matrix is given as follows:

$$\left[ egin{array}{ccc} ? & ? \ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{array} 
ight],$$

where the unknown element is described by '?'.

For given  $\gamma = 0.25$ , solving Theorem 3 results in the following full-order filter gain matrices

$$\begin{split} A_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} -9.1350 & 0.0013 \\ 0.0028 & -2.9332 \end{bmatrix}, B_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 5.2624 & 0.0019 \\ 0.0038 & 1.3333 \end{bmatrix}, \\ C_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2.0045 & 0.5874 \\ 1.9338 & 0.5817 \end{bmatrix}, D_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3.3693 & 1.4517 \\ 4.0862 & 1.4415 \end{bmatrix}, \\ A_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} -8.8526 & 0.0132 \\ 0.0132 & -2.8585 \end{bmatrix}, B_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 6.2684 & 0.0206 \\ 0.0185 & 2.0297 \end{bmatrix}, \\ C_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 9.7395 & 6.7135 \\ 9.7728 & 6.7010 \end{bmatrix}, D_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 14.0180 & 11.0136 \\ 13.7736 & 11.0003 \end{bmatrix}. \end{split}$$

The simulation results are shown in Figs. 6-7 for the disturbance input  $w(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} |sin(t)| & e^{-t} |sin(t)| \end{bmatrix}^T$  and initial conditions g(0) = 2,  $x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix}^T$ ,  $x_f(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 15 \end{bmatrix}^T$ .

Figs. 6-7 stand for system modes g(t), state responses of real state x(t) and its estimate  $x_f(t)$ . It is shown that the filtering error Markovian jump system (3) with partly known transition rates is positive and stochastically stable with  $L_1$ -gain performance.

**Remark 3:** The completely known transition rate matrix is given as follows:

 $\begin{bmatrix} -0.75 & 0.75 \\ 0.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix}.$ 

For given  $\gamma = 0.25$ , solving Theorem 3 results in the fol-



Fig. 6. System modes g(t) of Example 2.



Fig. 7. State responses x(t) and  $x_f(t)$  of Example 2.

lowing full-order filter gain matrices

$$\begin{split} A_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} -10.7643 & 0.0593 \\ 0.0551 & -3.7857 \end{bmatrix}, B_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 6.4485 & 0.0699 \\ 0.0734 & 2.1127 \end{bmatrix}, \\ C_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2.4334 & 1.4205 \\ 2.3455 & 1.4141 \end{bmatrix}, D_{f1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3.8417 & 1.9369 \\ 4.4185 & 1.9209 \end{bmatrix}, \\ A_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} -10.3443 & 0.0396 \\ 0.0509 & -3.4513 \end{bmatrix}, B_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 9.9427 & 0.0742 \\ 0.1584 & 2.7001 \end{bmatrix}, \\ C_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2.3098 & 0.9578 \\ 2.3236 & 0.9507 \end{bmatrix}, D_{f2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 7.6896 & 2.0696 \\ 7.4698 & 2.0431 \end{bmatrix}. \end{split}$$

It means that the filtering error Markovian jump system (3) with completely known transition rates is positive and stochastically stable with  $L_1$ -gain performance.

### 5. CONCLUSIONS

The problem of positive  $L_1$ -gain filter design for positive continuous-time Markovian jump systems with partly known transition rates has been addressed. By applying a linear co-positive Lyapunov function, sufficient conditions, which ensure the filtering error Markovian jump system is positive and stochastically stable with  $L_1$ -gain performance, are given in linear programming. Following the approach in the paper, the future work may refer to time delays, output feedback control, observer design, and fault detection.

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