

## AN IMPROVED $H_\infty$ STABILIZATION CONDITION FOR SINGULAR TIME-DELAY SYSTEMS

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**ABSTRACT.** *This paper studies the problem of  $H_\infty$  stabilization for singular time-delay systems. By eliminating redundant variables, a simplified  $H_\infty$  stability condition is derived, and an improved  $H_\infty$  stabilization method is proposed on the basis of introducing a tuning parameter. Compared with the existing results, the newly obtained  $H_\infty$  stabilization condition is less conservative and less complex. An example is given to illustrate the effectiveness and the merits of the proposed methods.*

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1. **Introduction.** Over the past decades, much attention has been focused on the stability analysis and controller synthesis for time-delay systems (see [1, 2, 7]) and singular linear time-delay systems (see [3]) due to the fact that the singular system model is a natural presentation of dynamic systems and it can describe a large class of systems than regular ones, such as large-scale systems, power systems and constrained control systems. Just like state-space time-delay systems, the results on stability analysis and stabilization for singular time-delay systems can be classified into two categories, that is, delay-independent criteria [4, 5] and delay-dependent ones [6, 9]. In general, the delay-dependent case is less conservative than delay-independent ones, especially when the delay is comparatively small.

Recently, there have been growing interests in the study of  $H_\infty$  control for systems with time delay [8]. Under the assumption that the considered system is regular and impulse free, [10] studied the problem of delay-dependent  $H_\infty$  controller design. [11] discussed the delay-dependent robust  $H_\infty$  control problem for uncertain singular systems with state delay, and a sufficient condition for designing  $H_\infty$  controller was derived in terms of a set of linear matrix inequalities (LMIs). In [12], a new version of delay-dependent bounded real lemmas (BRLs) for singular systems with time delay was established in terms of LMIs, and  $H_\infty$  state feedback controller was designed via the obtained LMIs. In fact, the methods given in [11] and [12] can be regarded as the extension of the free weighting matrix approach [13, 14] to singular time-delay systems. It is worth pointing out that the aforementioned results are all relatively complex, since many slack matrix variables are involved.

This paper focuses on the problem of delay-dependent  $H_\infty$  control for a class of continuous-time singular linear time-delay systems. Unlike the previous works, the derived  $H_\infty$