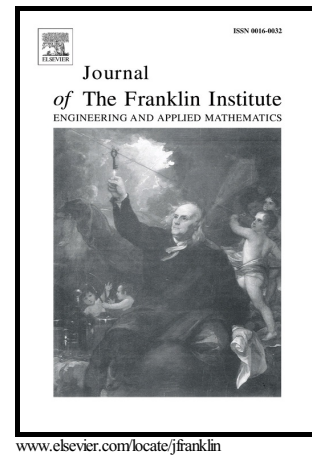


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# Improved Delay-Dependent Stability Analysis of Discrete-Time Neural Networks with Time-Varying Delay

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## Abstract

This paper presents two improved delay-dependent stability criteria for discrete-time neural networks with time-varying delay. First, a Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional (LKF) with several augmented terms is constructed. Then an improved summation inequality, together with Wirtinger-based inequality, is employed to give tight estimations for sum terms in the forward difference of the LKF. Moreover, two methods for handling the time-varying delay information are applied. As a result, two stability criteria in terms of linear matrix inequality are established. Finally, two numerical examples are given to demonstrate the effectiveness and benefits of the developed stability criteria.

*Keywords:* Discrete-time neural networks, Time-varying delay, Stability, Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional, Linear matrix inequality.

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## 1. Introduction

Neural networks have been applied to many fields, such as signal processing, image recognition, predictive memory, error diagnosis, optimization problem, etc. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]. In the actual applications, the limited signal transmission and conversion rate of the processors in the neural networks introduce time delay, which leads to oscillation, instability and poor performance of dynamic systems. Hence, it is essential to investigate the stability of the neural networks with time delay [6, 7, 8, 9, 10]. Moreover, since most systems use a digital processor such as microprocessors and microcontrollers to acquire information from computers by discrete steps, the stability analysis for the discrete-time neural networks with time delay has received increasing attention [11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16].

The stability criteria for the discrete-time neural networks with time-varying delay can be classified into two types, i.e., delay-independent stability criteria and delay-dependent ones [13, 14]. As is well known, the latter is less conservative especially when the time delay is small since it makes use of information on the length of time delay. Many delay-dependent stability criteria are presented through the LKF method in the last few decades [15, 16, 17, 18], while they are still conservative. The main research direction on this topic is to obtain less conservative delay-dependent criteria [17, 18]. In general, there are two approaches to obtain conservatism-reducing conditions: constructing a suitable LKF and estimating sum terms in the forward difference of the LKF tightly [16, 17, 18].

During the construction of the LKFs for analysing the discrete-time neural networks with time-varying delay, the simple LKFs with the single and/or double sum terms were constructed in which the effects of time delay were taken into account in early work [13, 14, 15]. However, simple LKFs lead to the criteria with high conservatism. Then, considering that more general LKFs may contribute to conservatism-reducing criteria, the delay-partitioning

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