



# Exponential stability of reaction–diffusion high-order Markovian jump Hopfield neural networks with time-varying delays

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## ABSTRACT

This paper studies the problems of global exponential stability of reaction–diffusion high-order Markovian jump Hopfield neural networks with time-varying delays. By employing a new Lyapunov–Krasovskii functional and linear matrix inequality, some criteria of global exponential stability in the mean square for the reaction–diffusion high-order neural networks are established, which are easily verifiable and have a wider adaptive. An example is also discussed to illustrate our results.

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## 1. Introduction

Hopfield neural networks (HNNs) with time delays and their various generalization have been successfully employed in many areas such as pattern recognition, associate memory, and combinatorial optimization (see [1–9]). The earlier HNNs model proposed by Hopfield [10,11], based on analog circuit consisting of capacitors, resistors, and amplifiers, was represented by a system of ordinary equations.

Over the past few decades, the dynamics of reaction–diffusion Hopfield neural networks (RDHNNs) with time delays have been extensively investigated (see [12–17]), as regards the diffusion effect that cannot be avoided in the neural networks model when electrons are moving in an asymmetric electromagnetic field. So, the stability of RDHNNs with time delays should be a focused topic of theoretical as well as practical importance.

The systems with Markovian jumping parameters have attracted considerable attention in recent years (see, e.g., [18–22]). This is due to the fact that the systems sometimes have a phenomenon of information latching (see, [18]). A widely used approach to dealing with the information latching problem is to extract finite state representations. Thus, HNNs with Markovian jumping parameters have been discussed; see, for example, [18] and the references therein. In this paper, we study the problems of global exponential stability of reaction–diffusion high-order Markovian jump Hopfield neural networks (RDHOMJHNNs) with time-varying delays. This paper is also an extension of our previous work [23]. To the best of the authors' knowledge, there are very few results on stability of the equilibrium point for RDHOMJHNNs with time-varying delays in spite of the stability for the higher order HNNs and stochastic neural networks have been deeply

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studied (see, [18–29]). By employing a new Lyapunov–Krasovskii functional and linear matrix inequality (LMI), some criteria of global exponential stability in the mean square for the stochastic neural networks are established, which are easily verifiable. An example is also discussed to illustrate our results.

**2. Model description and preliminaries**

We consider the following RDHOMJHNNs with time-varying delays

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u_i(t, x)}{\partial t} &= \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left( D_{ik}(t, x, u) \frac{\partial u_i(t, x)}{\partial x_k} \right) - a_i(r(t))u_i(t, x) + \sum_{j=1}^n W_{ij}(r(t))f_j(u_j(t, x)) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^n T_{ij}(r(t))g_j(u_j(t - \tau(t), x)) + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{l=1}^n T_{ijl}(r(t))g_j(u_j(t - \tau(t), x))g_l(u_l(t - \tau(t), x)) + V_i, \\ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial n} &:= \text{col} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_m} \right) = 0, \quad t \geq t_0 \geq 0, x \in \partial \Omega, \\ u_i(t_0 + \theta, x) &= \xi_i(\theta, x), \quad -\tau_0 \leq \theta \leq 0, \\ 0 \leq \tau(t) \leq \tau_0, \quad &x \in \Omega, i, j = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned} \right. \tag{1}$$

where  $r(t)$ ,  $t > 0$  is a right-continuous Markov process on the probability space which takes values in the finite space  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  with generator  $G = \{\gamma_{ij}\}$  ( $i, j \in S$ ) (also called jumping transfer matrix) given by (see, [18])

$$P\{r(t + \Delta) = j | r(t) = i\} = \begin{cases} \gamma_{ij}\Delta + o(\Delta), & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 1 + \gamma_{ii}\Delta + o(\Delta), & \text{if } i = j, \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

$\Delta > 0$  and  $\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow 0} o(\Delta)/\Delta = 0$ ,  $\gamma_{ij} \geq 0$  is the transition rate from  $i$  to  $j$  if  $i \neq j$ , and  $\gamma_{ii} = -\sum_{j \neq i} \gamma_{ij}$ .

Assume that  $u(t, x) = (u_1(t, x), \dots, u_n(t, x))^T \in R^n$ ,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)^T \in R^m$ ,  $a_i > 0$ ,  $\tau(t)$ ,  $D_{ik}(t, x, u) \geq 0$ ,  $W_{ij}, f_j, g_j, V_i, \xi_i(\theta, x)$ ,  $\partial u_i/\partial n = 0$  ( $t \geq t_0 \geq 0, x \in \partial \Omega$ ) and  $\mu(\Omega) > 0$  have the same meanings as those in [17],  $T_{ij}, T_{ijl}$  are the first- and second-order synaptic weights of system (1) (see, [25]), and the superscript ‘ $T$ ’ presents the transpose.

We assume throughout that the neuron activation functions  $f_j(u_j), g_j(u_j)$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , satisfy the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} (H_1) : & |g_j(u_j)| \leq M_j, \\ 0 \leq & \frac{|f_j(u_j) - f_j(v_j)|}{|u_j - v_j|} \leq l_{0j}, \\ 0 \leq & \frac{|g_j(u_j) - g_j(v_j)|}{|u_j - v_j|} \leq l_{1j}, \\ \forall u_j \neq & v_j, u_j, v_j, l_{0j}, l_{1j} \in R. \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

If there is an equilibrium point  $u^* = [u_1^*, \dots, u_n^*]^T$  of system (1) with conditions (3), we can rewrite system (1) as the following equivalent form

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial (u_i(t, x) - u_i^*)}{\partial t} &= \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left( D_{ik}(t, x, u) \frac{\partial (u_i(t, x) - u_i^*)}{\partial x_k} \right) - a_i(r(t))(u_i(t, x) - u_i^*) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^n W_{ij}(r(t))(f_j(u_j(t, x)) - f_j(u_j^*)) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^n \left( T_{ij}(r(t)) + \sum_{l=1}^n (T_{ijl}(r(t)) + T_{lji}(r(t)))\zeta_l \right) (g_j(u_j(t - \tau(t), x)) - g_j(u_j^*)) \\ \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial n} &:= \text{col} \left( \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_m} \right) = 0, \quad t \geq t_0 \geq 0, x \in \partial \Omega, \\ u_i(t_0 + \theta, x) &= \xi_i(\theta, x), \quad -\tau_0 \leq \theta \leq 0, \\ 0 \leq \tau(t) \leq \tau_0, \quad &x \in \Omega, i = 1, \dots, n, \end{aligned} \right. \tag{4}$$

where  $\zeta_l = \frac{1}{2}(g_l(u_l(t - \tau(t), x)) + g_l(u_l^*))$  and  $|\zeta_l| \leq M_l$ .

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