A Novel Delay-Dependent Asymptotic Stability Conditions for Differential and Riemann-Liouville Fractional Differential Neutral Systems with Constant Delays and Nonlinear Perturbation

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Abstract: The novel delay-dependent asymptotic stability of a differential and Riemann-Liouville fractional differential neutral system with constant delays and nonlinear perturbation is studied. We describe the new asymptotic stability criterion in the form of linear matrix inequalities (LMIs), using the application of zero equations, model transformation and other inequalities. Then we show the new delay-dependent asymptotic stability criterion of a differential and Riemann-Liouville fractional differential neutral system with constant delays. Furthermore, we not only present the improved delay-dependent asymptotic stability criterion of a differential and Riemann-Liouville fractional differential neutral system with single constant delay but also the new delay-dependent asymptotic stability criterion of a differential and Riemann-Liouville fractional differential neutral equation with constant delays. Numerical examples are exploited to represent the improvement and capability of results over another research as compared with the least upper bounds of delay and nonlinear perturbation.

Keywords: asymptotic stability; differential and riemann-liouville fractional differential neutral systems; linear matrix inequality

1. Introduction

Differential systems, or more generally functional differential systems, have been studied rather extensively for at least 200 years and are used as models to describe transportation systems, communication networks, teleportation systems, physical systems and biological systems, and so forth. Parts of fractional-order systems have not received much attention by reason of absence of appropriate utilization circumstances over the past 300 years. However, during the last 10 years fractional-order systems have been widely investigated as they have the qualification to explain various phenomena more precisely in many fields, for example, biological models, material science, finance, cardiac tissues, quantum mechanics, viscoelastic systems, medicine and fluid mechanics [1–8]. Caputo fractional differential systems have been studied in many types of stability such as uniform stability [9], Mittag-Leffler stability [10–13], Ulam stability [14], finite time stability [15,16] and asymptotic stability [17,18]. Nevertheless, the stability of Riemann-Liouville fractional differential systems is seldom considered, see References [19,20].

The neutral systems with time delays have already been applied in many fields, such as heartbeat, memorization, locomotion, mastication and respiration, see References [21–24]. Accordingly, the issue
of stability analysis for differential and Riemann-Liouville fractional differential neutral systems has attracted researchers. The asymptotic stability criteria for certain neutral differential equations (CNDE) with constant delays have been discussed in References [25–29] by applying Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional and several model transformations. In References [30–33], the researchers considered the exponential stability problem for CNDE with time-varying delays by several methods. In Reference [30], the results were established without the use of the bounding technique and the model transformation method, while researchers have studied it by using radially unboundedness, the Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional approach and the model transformation method in Reference [32]. Moreover, in Reference [34] Li et al. presented the asymptotic stability conditions for fractional neutral systems. The uncertainty \( f \) is defined as, respectively

\[ f^T(x(t))f(x(t)) \leq \delta^2 x^T(t)x(t), \]

and

\[ f^T(x(t-\sigma))f(x(t-\sigma)) \leq \eta^2 x^T(t-\sigma)x(t-\sigma), \]

where \( \delta, \eta \) are given constants.

Next, the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral and derivative [36] are defined as, respectively

\[ b_0D_t^{\frac{q}{n}}x(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(q)} \int_{b_0}^{t} (t-s)^{q-1} x(s) ds, \quad (q > 0), \]  

and

\[ b_0D_t^{\frac{n}{n}}x(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-q)} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_{b_0}^{t} \frac{x(s)}{(t-s)^{q-1}} ds, \quad (n-1 \leq q < n). \]

**Lemma 1.** [37] For \( x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \) and \( p > q > 0 \), then

\[ b_0D_t^{\gamma}(b_0D_t^{\gamma-p}x(t)) = b_0D_t^{\gamma-p}x(t). \]
Lemma 2. [17] For a vector of differentiable function \( x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \), positive semi-definite matrix \( K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \) and \( 0 < q < 1 \), then
\[
\frac{1}{2} t_0 D^q_t (x^T(t)Kx(t)) \leq x^T(t)Kx(t), \tag{7}
\]
for all \( t \geq t_0 \).

3. Main Results

Consider the asymptotic stability for system (1) with constant delays and nonlinear perturbation. We define a new variable
\[
\Psi(t) = x(t) + Cx(t - \tau). \tag{8}
\]

Rewrite the Equation (1) in the following equation
\[
t_0 D^q_t \Psi(t) = -Ax(t) + Bx(t - \sigma) + f(x(t - \sigma)). \tag{9}
\]

Theorem 1. Let \( \delta \) and \( \eta \) be positive scalars, if there are any appropriate dimensions matrices \( Q_j (j = 1, 2, 3) \) and symmetric positive definite matrices \( K_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \) such that satisfy
\[
\sum = \begin{bmatrix}
-Q_1 - Q_1^T & \Omega_{(1,2)} & Q_1C - Q_2^T & K_1 & K_1B \\
* & \Omega_{(2,2)} & Q_2C + Q_3^T & 0 & 0 \\
* & * & \Omega_{(3,3)} & -K_5 - \sigma I & 0 \\
* & * & * & -K_5 + \sigma \eta^2 I & 0 \\
\end{bmatrix} < 0, \tag{10}
\]
where
\[
\Omega_{(1,2)} = -K_1 A + Q_1 - Q_2^T, \\
\Omega_{(2,2)} = Q_2 + Q_2^T + K_2 + K_3 + \tau K_4 + \delta^2 K_5, \\
\Omega_{(3,3)} = Q_3 C + C^T Q_5^T - K_2.
\]

Then the system (1) is asymptotically stable.

Proof of Theorem 1. For symmetric positive definite matrices \( K_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \) and any appropriate dimensions matrices \( Q_j (j = 1, 2, 3) \). Consider the Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional
\[
V(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} V_i(t), \tag{11}
\]
for
\[
V_1(t) = t_0 D_{-1}^q \Psi^T(t)K_1 \Psi(t), \\
V_2(t) = \int_{t-\tau}^{t} x^T(s)K_2x(s)ds + \int_{t-\sigma}^{t} x^T(s)K_3x(s)ds \\
+ \int_{t-\tau}^{t} (\tau - t + s)x^T(s)K_4x(s)ds \\
+ \int_{t-\sigma}^{t} f^T(x(s))K_5 f(x(s))ds.
\]

Computing the differential of \( V(t) \) on the solution of system (1)
The differential of $V_1(t)$ is computed by Lemma 2

$$
\dot{V}_1(t) = t_0D_t^T \Psi^T(t)K_1 \Psi(t) \\
\leq 2 \Psi^T(t)K_1(t_0D_t^T \Psi(t)) \\
= 2 \Psi^T(t)K_1[-Ax(t) + Bx(t - \sigma) + f(x(t - \sigma))] \\
+ 2 \Psi^T(t)Q_1[-\Psi(t) + x(t) + Cx(t - \tau)] \\
+ 2x^T(t)Q_2[-\Psi(t) + x(t) + Cx(t - \tau)] \\
+ 2x^T(t)Q_3[-\Psi(t) + x(t) + Cx(t - \tau)].
$$

(13)

Taking the differential of $V_2(t)$, we obtain

$$
\dot{V}_2(t) = x^T(t)K_2x(t) - x^T(t - \tau)K_2x(t - \tau) \\
+ x^T(t)K_3x(t) - x^T(t - \sigma)K_3x(t - \sigma) \\
+ \tau x^T(t)K_4x(t) - \int_{t-\tau}^{t} x^T(s)K_4x(s) \\
+ f^T(x(t))K_5f(x(t)) - f^T(x(t - \sigma))K_5f(x(t - \sigma)).
$$

(14)

Next, from (3), we obtain

$$
0 \leq \sigma \eta x^T(t - \sigma) x(t - \sigma) - \sigma f^T(x(t - \sigma))f(x(t - \sigma)).
$$

(15)

According to (13), (14) and (15), we can conclude that

$$
\dot{V}(t) \leq \xi^T(t) \sum_1^{2} \xi(t),
$$

(16)

where $\xi(t) = col\{\Psi(t), x(t), x(t - \tau), f(x(t - \sigma)), x^T(t - \sigma)\}$.

Since linear matrix inequality (10) holds, then the system (1) is asymptotic stability. \square

Next, we consider system (1) with $f(x(t - \sigma)) = 0$,

$$
\int_0^t D_s^T [x(s) + Cx(t - \tau)] = -Ax(t) + Bx(t - \sigma) \quad t > 0, \\
x(t) = \varphi(t), \quad t \in [-\kappa, 0],
$$

(17)

for $0 < q \leq 1$, the state vector $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A, B, C$ are symmetric positive definite matrices with $||C|| < 1$, $\tau, \sigma$ are positive real constants and $\varphi \in C([-\kappa, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ with $\kappa = \max\{\tau, \sigma\}$.

**Corollary 1.** If there are any appropriate dimensions matrices $Q_j (j = 1, 2, 3)$ and symmetric positive definite matrices $K_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ such that satisfy

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
-Q_1 - Q_1^T & -K_1A + Q_1 - Q_1^T & Q_1C - Q_1^T & K_1B \\
* & Q_2 + Q_2^T + K_2 + K_3 + \tau K_4 & Q_2C + Q_2^T & 0 \\
* & * & Q_3C + C^T Q_3^T - K_2 & 0 \\
* & * & * & -K_3
\end{bmatrix} < 0.
$$

(18)
Then the system (17) is asymptotically stable.

**Proof of Corollary 1.** For symmetric positive definite matrices $K_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ and any appropriate dimensions matrices $Q_j (j = 1, 2, 3)$. Consider the Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional

$$V(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} V_i(t),$$

for

$$V_1(t) = t_0 D_t^{q-1} \Psi^T(t) K_1 \Psi(t),$$
$$V_2(t) = \int_{t-\tau}^{t} x^T(s) K_2 x(s) ds + \int_{t-\sigma}^{t-\tau} x^T(s) K_3 x(s) ds + \int_{t-\tau}^{t} (\tau - t + s) x^T(s) K_4 x(s) ds.$$

According to Theorem 1, we present the asymptotic stability criterion (18) of system (17). □

Next, we consider system (1) with $f(x(t-\sigma)) = 0$ and $\sigma = \tau$,

$$t_0 D_t^{q}[x(t) + Cx(t-\tau)] = -Ax(t) + Bx(t-\tau) \quad t > 0,$$
$$x(t) = q(t), \quad t \in [-\tau, 0],$$

for $0 < q \leq 1$, the state vector $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A, B, C$ are symmetric positive definite matrices with $||C|| < 1$, $\tau$ is positive real constants and $q \in C([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$.

**Corollary 2.** If there are any appropriate dimensions matrices $Q_j (j = 1, 2, 3)$ and symmetric positive definite matrices $K_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$ such that satisfy

$$\begin{bmatrix}
-Q_1 - Q_1^T & -K_1 A + Q_1 - Q_2^T & -Q_1 C - Q_3^T + K_1 B \\
* & Q_2 + Q_2^T + K_2 + \tau K_3 & Q_2 C + Q_3^T \\
* & * & Q_3 C + C^T Q_3^T - K_2
\end{bmatrix} < 0. \quad (21)$$

Then the Equation (20) is asymptotically stable.

**Proof of Corollary 2.** For symmetric positive definite matrices $K_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$ and any appropriate dimensions matrices $Q_j (j = 1, 2, 3)$. Consider the Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional

$$V(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} V_i(t),$$

for

$$V_1(t) = t_0 D_t^{q-1} \Psi^T(t) K_1 \Psi(t),$$
$$V_2(t) = \int_{t-\tau}^{t} x^T(s) K_2 x(s) ds + \int_{t-\sigma}^{t} x^T(s) K_3 x(s) ds + \int_{t-\tau}^{t} (\tau - t + s) x^T(s) K_4 x(s) ds.$$

According to Theorem 1, we present the asymptotic stability criterion (21) of system (20). □
4. Application

\[ t^q_D [x(t) + px(t - \tau)] = -ax(t) + b \tanh x(t - \sigma), \quad t > 0, \]

\[ x(t) = q(t), \quad t \in [-\kappa, 0], \]

for \( 0 < q \leq 1 \), the state vector \( x(t) \in \mathbb{R}, a, b, p \) are real constants with \( |p| < 1 \), \( \tau, \sigma \) are positive real constants and \( q \in C([-\kappa, 0]; \mathbb{R}) \) with \( \kappa = \max \{\tau, \sigma\} \).

**Corollary 3.** If there are positive real constants \( k_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \) and real constants \( q_j (j = 1, 2, 3) \) such that satisfy

\[
\left[
-2q_1 & -k_1a + q_1 - q_2 & q_1p - q_3 & k_1b & 0 \\
* & 2q_2 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4\tau + k_5 & q_2p + q_3 & 0 & 0 \\
* & * & 2q_3p - k_2 & 0 & 0 \\
* & * & * & -k_5 - \sigma & 0 \\
* & * & * & * & -k_3 + \sigma
\right] < 0.
\]

Then the Equation (24) is asymptotically stable.

**Proof of Corollary 3.** For positive real constants \( k_i (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \) and real constants \( q_j (j = 1, 2, 3) \). Consider the Lyapunov-Krasovskii functional

\[ V(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{2} V_i(t), \]

for

\[
V_1(t) = k_1 t^q D^{q-1}_t \Psi^2(t), \\
V_2(t) = k_2 \int_{t-\tau}^{t} x^2(s) ds + k_3 \int_{t-\sigma}^{t} x^2(s) ds \\
+ k_4 \int_{t-\tau}^{t} (\tau + s) x^2(s) ds + k_5 \int_{t-\sigma}^{t} \tanh x^2(s) ds.
\]

According to Theorem 1, we present the asymptotic stability criterion (25) of system (3). □

5. Numerical Examples

**Example 1.** The fractional neutral system:

\[ t^q_D [x(t) + Cx(t - 0.5)] = -Ax(t) + Bx(t - \sigma) + f(x(t - \sigma)). \]

Solving the LMI (10) when \( A = \begin{bmatrix} 1.45 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.45 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.4 \\ 0.4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.1 \end{bmatrix}, \) we have a set of parameters that ensures asymptotic stability of system (27) which \( \eta = 5 \times 10^4, \delta = 1 \) and \( \sigma = 0.5 \) as follows:

\[
K_1 = 10^6 \times \begin{bmatrix} 3.5993 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.5993 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K_2 = 10^7 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1.3106 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.3106 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K_3 = 10^8 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1.5730 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.5730 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K_4 = 10^6 \times \begin{bmatrix} 9.7620 & 0 \\ 0 & 9.7620 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K_5 = 10^8 \times \begin{bmatrix} 3.5456 & 0 \\ 0 & 3.5456 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q_1 = 10^8 \times \begin{bmatrix} 2.9931 & 0 \\ 0 & 2.9931 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q_2 = 10^8 \times \begin{bmatrix} -3.0980 & 0 \\ 0 & -3.0980 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q_3 = 10^7 \times \begin{bmatrix} -2.2267 & 0 \\ 0 & -2.2267 \end{bmatrix}.
\]
Moreover, the least upper bound of the parameter $\sigma$ that ensures the asymptotic stability of system (27) is $1.3227$ when $\eta = 5 \times 10^3$ and $\delta = 1$. Table 1 represents the least upper bound $\sigma$ of this example for various values of $\eta, \delta$.

<table>
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<th>$\eta$ (Value)</th>
<th>$\delta = 0.8$</th>
<th>$\delta = 0.9$</th>
<th>$\delta = 1$</th>
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<td>$5 \times 10^3$</td>
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<td>$7 \times 10^3$</td>
<td>3.3117</td>
<td>2.1003</td>
<td>0.6748</td>
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Example 2. The fractional neutral system:

$$t_0 D_t^\alpha [x(t) + C x(t - \tau)] = -A x(t) + B x(t - 1.2).$$

Solving the LMI (18) when $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1.45 & 0 \\ 0 & 1.45 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.4 \\ 0.4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} -0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.1 \end{bmatrix}$, we have a set of parameters that ensures asymptotic stability of system (28) which $\tau = 0.6$ as follows:

$K_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 44.0782 & 0 \\ 0 & 44.0782 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 32.9861 & 0 \\ 0 & 32.9861 \end{bmatrix}, \quad K_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 32.6501 & 0 \\ 0 & 32.6501 \end{bmatrix}$

$K_4 = \begin{bmatrix} 31.8793 & 0 \\ 0 & 31.8793 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 14.6090 & 0 \\ 0 & 14.6090 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -56.7801 & 0 \\ 0 & -56.7801 \end{bmatrix}$

$Q_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -3.3600 & 0 \\ 0 & -3.3600 \end{bmatrix}$.

Moreover, the least upper bound of the parameter $\tau$ that ensures the asymptotic stability of system (28) is $3.7 \times 10^22$.

Example 3. The fractional neutral system:

$$t_0 D_t^\alpha [x(t) + C x(t - \tau)] = -A x(t) + B x(t - \tau).$$

Solving the LMI (21) when $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$, we obtain the least upper bound of the parameter $\tau$ that ensures the asymptotic stability is $2.86 \times 10^24$. By the criterion in [35], the least upper bound of the parameter $\tau$ is $2.99 \times 10^21$. This example represents our result is less conservative than these in [35].

Example 4. The differential equation, which is considered in [25,27,30–32]:

$$\frac{d}{dt} [x(t) + 0.35 x(t - 0.5)] = -1.5 x(t) + b \tanh x(t - 0.5).$$

By using linear matrix inequality (25), the comparison for the least upper bound $b$ that ensures asymptotic stability of Equation (30) are represented in Table 2.
Table 2. The least upper bound of $b$ for Example 4.

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<th>Study</th>
<th>Upper Bound</th>
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<td>Deng et al. (2009) [25]</td>
<td>0.889</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nam and Phat (2009) [27]</td>
<td>1.405</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chen and Meng (2011) [31]</td>
<td>1.346</td>
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<td>Chen (2012) [30]</td>
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<td>Keadnarmol and Rojsiraphisal (2014) [32]</td>
<td>1.405</td>
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<td>Corollary 3</td>
<td>1.405</td>
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</table>

Example 5. The differential equation in [27,30,31,38]:

$$
\frac{d}{dt}[x(t) + 0.2x(t - 0.1)] = -0.6x(t) + 0.3 \tanh x(t - \sigma).
$$

By using linear matrix inequality (25), the comparison for the least upper bound delay $\sigma$ that ensures asymptotic stability of Equation (31) are represented in Table 3.

Table 3. The least upper bound of $\sigma$ for Example 5.

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<td>Nam and Phat (2009) [27]</td>
<td>2.32</td>
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<td>Chen (2012) [30]</td>
<td>$1.34 \times 10^{21}$</td>
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<tr>
<td>Corollary 3</td>
<td>$6.21 \times 10^8$</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Example 6. The fractional neutral equation:

$$
i_{0}D_{t}^{\alpha}[x(t) + px(t - 0.5)] = -ax(t) + b \tanh x(t - 0.5).
$$

Solving the LMI (25), we have a set of parameters that ensures asymptotic stability of Equation (32) which $a = 0.75$, $b = 0.3$ and $p = 0.4$ as follows:

$k_1 = 3.1544$, $k_2 = 1.0324$, $k_3 = 1.0749$, $k_4 = 0.7170$, $k_5 = 0.7385$, $q_1 = 0.7587$, $q_2 = -1.9721$, $q_3 = 0.4433$.

Furthermore, the least upper bound of $b$ that ensures the asymptotic stability of Equation (32) is 0.6873 with $a = 0.75$, $p = 0.4$. Table 4 represents the least upper bound $b$ of this example for various values of $a$, $p$.

Table 4. The least upper bound of $b$ for Example 6.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>$a$</th>
<th>$p = 0.2$</th>
<th>$a = 0.5$</th>
<th>$a = 0.75$</th>
<th>$a = 1$</th>
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<td>0.4898</td>
<td>0.7348</td>
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<tr>
<td>$p = 0.4$</td>
<td>0.2291</td>
<td>0.4582</td>
<td>0.6873</td>
<td>0.9165</td>
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<td>$p = 0.6$</td>
<td>0.2000</td>
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<td>$p = 0.8$</td>
<td>0.1500</td>
<td>0.2999</td>
<td>0.4499</td>
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6. Conclusions

The aim of this paper is a novel asymptotic stability analysis of differential and Riemann-Liouville fractional differential neutral systems with constant delays and nonlinear perturbation by applying zero equations, model transformation and other inequalities. The new asymptotic stability condition is given in the form of LMIs. Then we show the new delay-dependent asymptotic stability criterion of a differential and Riemann-Liouville fractional differential neutral system with constant delays. Furthermore, we propose the improved delay-dependent asymptotic stability criterion of differential and Riemann-Liouville fractional differential neutral systems with single constant delay and the new delay-dependent asymptotic stability criterion of differential and Riemann-Liouville fractional differential neutral equations with constant delays. Numerical examples illustrate the advantages and applicability of our results.
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