# L<sub>2</sub>-Gain-Based Path Following Control for Autonomous Vehicles Under Time-Constrained DoS Attacks

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Abstract-Autonomous vehicles (AVs) are being enhanced by introducing wireless communication to improve their intelligence, reliability and efficiency. Despite all of these distinct advantages, the open wireless communication links and connectivity make the AVs' vulnerability to cyber-attacks. This paper proposes an  $L_2$ -gain-based resilient path following control strategy for AVs under time-constrained denial-of-service (DoS) attacks and external interference. A switching-like path following control model of AVs is first built in the presence of DoS attacks, which is characterized by the lower and upper bounds of the sleeping period and active period of the DoS attacker. Then, the exponential stability and L<sub>2</sub>-gain performance of the resulting switched system are analyzed by using a time-varying Lyapunov function method. On the basis of the obtained analysis results,  $L_2$ -gain-based resilient controllers are designed to achieve an acceptable path-following performance despite the presence of such DoS attacks. Finally, the effectiveness of the proposed L<sub>2</sub>-gain-based resilient path following control method is confirmed by the simulation results obtained for the considered AVs model with different DoS attack parameters.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

UTONOMOUS vehicles (AVs) are rapidly developing form of intelligent transportation, with applications ranging from highways to dangerous battlefields [1]. Communication technology and autonomous vehicle integration are advancing new concepts in the field of mobile connectivity [2]. Advanced autonomous vehicle technologies and smart sensors are often structured to improve their safety and efficiency. However, because of the deep integration between communication and control, AVs are vulnerable to various attacks from the physical layer and the network layer [3], [4]. Therefore, in light of the vulnerabilities of the AV systems, it is imperative to evaluate their security controls for protection against interference and network attacks. Pathfollowing control is the most basic subject of autonomous vehicle research. Its key task is to obtain the status and position information of the vehicle, which is then used to evaluate the tracking errors, and then to feedback them to the control system [5], [6]. For traditional vehicle operating stability control, scholars have proposed many control strategies, such as PID controllers [7], adaptive controllers [8], robust  $H_{\infty}$  controllers [9], MPC controllers [10] and Lyapunov functions [11]. However, in the course of signal transmission, given that a wide range of autonomous vehicle systems use open communication network, implying that the vehicles are vulnerable to cyber attacks. There is no doubt that a successful cyber attack on a self-driving vehicle could result in a deadly disaster at high speed [12]. Therefore, it is of paramount importance to investigate the resilient path following control problems that arise from the presence of cyber attacks [13].

In the real world, there are multiple types of cyber attacks on the AVs [14], [15], [16], with deception or false data injection (FDI) and DoS attacks being regarded as the most prevalent and devastating forms of attacks. FDI attacks mainly aim to tamper with communication network data to reduce the performance of the involved system [17]. DoS attacks are designed to interfere with communication channels to prevent information from being exchanged between vehicles [18], [19]. From a technical point of view, an attacker could perform a DoS attack by destroying the radio frequencies on wireless

1558-0016 © 2024 IEEE. Personal use is permitted, but republication/redistribution requires IEEE permission. See https://www.ieee.org/publications/rights/index.html for more information. communication channels, resulting in congestion of those channels [20]. It is easier for the hackers to launch DoS attacks than to launch FDI attacks to some extent. In order to mitigate or eliminate the impacts of FDI or DoS attacks on AVs, a series of methods have been proposed in recent years. To mention a few, in [21], the authors develop a resilient control scheme to mitigate DoS attacks for networked vehicles equipped with collaborative adaptive cruise control. In [22], the authors propose a control-oriented vehicle system diagnostic framework, which can detect the occurrence of DoS attacks and also provide an estimate of the impact of the attacks. In [23], an attack detection method is proposed to protect the vehicle system from DoS attacks. In [24], a distributed secure platoon control strategy is proposed under DoS attacks.

There is no doubt that the research introduced above has achieved remarkable results but the design of a path-following control scheme for AVs in the presence of DoS attacks, as one of the most important of the basic driving tasks, has not received enough attention. And so far there have been few achievements in this field. In [25], an LMI-based pathfollowing controller that was resilient against intermittent DoS attacks is developed. In [26], a novel self-discipline predictive control scheme for the path following of AVs subject to DoS attacks is proposed. Additionally, there are also some important results about path following control for AVs in the case of FDI attacks, see, e.g., [27] and [28]. It is worth pointing out that the DoS attack models considered in the above works restrict only the adversarial actions on the relevant attack duration and frequency, but it appears to be quite difficult to justify the incentive for a sophisticated real-world attacker to comply with such assumptions. From a practical perspective, it is more reasonable and imperative to develop an attackresilient control approach that necessitates less knowledge of the concerned DoS attacks. To the best of the authors knowledge, this challenging issue has not been adequately addressed in the literature, not mentioning in the context of resilient path following control for AVs under partially known DoS attacks. This serves as the main motivation of this study.

Motivated by the above observations, this paper attempts to address the research gap regarding resilient path-following control for AVs under DoS attacks with partially known parameters. The main contributions of this paper are summarized as follows. (i) Different from the existing works such as [16], [25], and [26], a novel DoS off/on switching modeling framework is proposed for stability and  $L_2$ -gain analysis of the resilient path following control of AVs under a time-constraint DoS attacks; (ii) In contrast to the widely used time-invariant Lyapunov function approach as in [14], [15], [16], and [25], a time-varying Lyapunov function analysis method is proposed to analyze the stability and  $L_2$ -gain control synthesis of path-following control for AVs with DoS attacks by making use of the available DoS off/on characteristic parameters.

The rest of the paper is structured as follows. Section II mainly presents a path-following model, vehicle model, DoS attack model and control system model of AVs under DoS attacks. Based on the constructed model, the main results and

algorithms are described in Section III. Section IV introduces the simulation, and its results verify the theoretical results. Section V provides some conclusions.

*Notation:* Throughout the paper,  $\mathbb{R}^n$  denotes the ndimensional Euclidean space.  $\mathbb{R}^{n_c \times n}$  denotes the set of  $n_c \times n$  real matrices. Symbol \* represents a symmetric term in a symmetric block matrix.  $diag\{\cdot \cdot \cdot\}$  represents the block diagonal matrix. For the vector  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , we express its 2norm as  $||x|| = \sqrt{x^T x}$ . In this article, matrices are assumed to have the appropriate dimensions unless explicitly stated.

#### **II. PROBLEM FORMULATION**

#### A. Path Following Model

The path-following model of the autonomous vehicle is shown in Fig. 1. *d* represents the lateral deviation from the vehicles center of gravity to the nearest point Q on the desired path. The heading error e is defined as the error between the expected heading angle  $e_d$  and the actual heading angle  $e_h$ . ris the yaw angular velocity of the vehicle.  $\delta_f$  is the front wheel steering angle.  $v_y$  and  $v_x$  are the lateral and longitudinal speeds of the vehicle, respectively.  $\sigma$  is the curvilinear coordinate of point Q along the path from the predefined initial position.  $\rho(\sigma)$  represents the curvature of the expected path at point Q. The curvilinear coordinates of point Q along the path are defined as [29]

$$\dot{\sigma} = \frac{1}{1 - d \cdot \rho(\sigma)} (v_x \cos e - v_y \sin e) \tag{1}$$

Based on the Serret-Frenet equation in [30], the following path model of an AV is given as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{d} = v_x \sin e + v_y \cos e \\ \dot{e} = r - \rho(\sigma) v_x \end{cases}$$
(2)

Because the heading error  $\psi$  is small, the error d can be rewritten in the linear form as

$$\dot{d} = v_y + v_x e + d_0 \tag{3}$$

where  $d_0$  represents the external disturbance and modeling error.

#### B. Vehicle Model

The vehicle planar motion model is shown in Fig. 2. Suppose the lateral forces of the front and rear wheels are  $F_f$  and  $F_r$ , then we have

$$F_f = C_f \alpha_f, \quad F_r = C_r \alpha_r \tag{4}$$

where  $C_f$  and  $C_r$  are the front and rear cornering stiffness values and  $\alpha_f$  and  $\alpha_r$  are the tire slip angles of the front and rear tires, which can be characterized by

$$\alpha_f = \delta_f - \frac{c_f r}{v_x} - \frac{v_y}{v_x}, \quad \alpha_r = \frac{c_r r}{v_x} - \frac{v_y}{v_x}$$
(5)

where  $c_f$  and  $c_r$  represent the center of gravity of the vehicle pointing to the front wheel and the rear wheel axis, respectively.



Fig. 1. Path following model.



Fig. 2. Planar motion model.

Assuming that the front-wheel steering angle is small, the lateral dynamics of the vehicle can be characterized by

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\beta} = \frac{1}{m}(F_f + F_r) - r + d_1 \\ \dot{r} = \frac{1}{I}(c_f F_f - c_r F_r) + d_2 \end{cases}$$
(6)

where  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  represent external disturbances, I is the yaw inertia of the vehicle, m is the mass of the vehicle and  $\beta$  is the sideslip angle of the vehicle.

When the sideslip angle is small enough, we have  $\beta = \frac{v_y}{v_x}$ . Because the longitudinal velocity  $v_x$  is constant or the rate of change is slow, we can obtain  $\dot{\beta} = \frac{\dot{v}_y}{v_x}$ .

Based on the above descriptions, it follows from (6) that

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\beta} = a_{11}\beta + a_{12}r + b_0\delta_f + d_1 \\ \dot{r} = a_{21}\beta + a_{22}r + b_1\delta_f + d_2 \end{cases}$$
(7)

with  $a_{11} = -\frac{(C_f + C_r)}{mv_x^2}, a_{12} = -(1 + \frac{(c_f C_f - c_r C_r)}{mv_x^2}), a_{21} = \frac{(c_r C_r - c_f C_f)}{I}, a_{22} = -\frac{(c_f^2 C_f + c_r^2 C_r)}{v_x I}, b_0 = \frac{C_f}{mv_x}, b_1 = \frac{c_f C_f}{I}.$ Substituting  $v_y$  in (3) by  $v_x \beta$  gives

$$\dot{d} = v_x \beta + v_x e + d_0 \tag{8}$$



Fig. 3. Network control structure of AVs.

Combining (2), (7) and (8), the dynamics of the path following of AVs is written as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{d} = v_x \beta + v_x e + d_0 \\ \dot{e} = r - \rho(\sigma) v_x \\ \dot{\beta} = a_{11} \beta + a_{12} r + b_0 \delta_f + d_1 \\ \dot{r} = a_{21} \beta + a_{22} r + b_1 \delta_f + d_2 \end{cases}$$
(9)

Define the state vector  $x(t) = [d, e, \beta, r]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{4 \times 1}$ , the control input  $u(t) = \delta_f \in \mathbb{R}$  and the disturbance input vector  $d(t) = [d_0, -\rho(\sigma)v_x, d_1, d_2]^T$  with an aggressive form Fw(t),  $w(t) \in [0, +\infty) \in \mathbb{R}$ . The state-space form of the considered AVs can be given as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t) + Fw(t) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$
(10)

Therefore,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & v_x & v_x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{11} & a_{12} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ b_0 \\ b_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad F = \begin{bmatrix} f(d_0) \\ f(\rho, v_x) \\ f(d_1) \\ f(d_2) \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $f(\cdot)$  is related to  $\cdot$ .

Autonomous vehicles communicate through a remote communication network, allowing the vehicles to exchange data with each other. The networked path-following control framework is shown in Fig. 3, from which it can be seen that the autonomous vehicles sensor measurements and feedback control signals are transmitted over unreliable communications networks that are subject to DoS attacks.

#### C. DoS Attacks Model

It is worth pointing out that the study of distributed DoS (DDoS) attack and coordinated defense requires knowledge regarding the interactive characteristics of control devices, communication network, and the physical environment [31], which is a difficult problem to handle and is thus left for our future work. In addition, there are two main methods for modeling DoS attacks in networked control systems/cyber-physical systems which are: Queueing model and Stochastic model, in which the queuing model for the

analysis and study of the DoS attack on the networked control systems/cyber-physical systems has been widely used in the existing works. The queuing model considers a sequence of DoS off/on transitions and the time interval of the DoS attack during which no communication is available [32]. Let  $T_{0,n} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} [t_n, t_n + S_{off,n}], (n \in \mathbb{N}, t_n \geq 0)$  represent the nth sleeping interval of DoS attacks when communication is allowed and the attack signal is inactive, and  $T_{1,n} \stackrel{\triangle}{=}$  $[t_n + S_{off,n}, t_{n+1}), n \in \mathbb{N}$  represents the *n*th active interval of DoS attacks in which the attack signal is active and the data packet cannot be transmitted.  $S_{off,n}$  and  $A_{on,n}$  represent the sleeping and active periods of the *n*th DoS attack. This means that for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the *n*th attack signal starts at time  $t_n + S_{off,n}$ and ends at time  $t_{n+1}$ . It should be noted that in this paper, the attack signal is aperiodic, which means that each sleep length  $S_{off,n}$ , is different. We assume that the control input signal on the wireless communication channel faces the aperiodic DoS attack signal represented by  $\partial_{DoS}(t)(t \ge 0)$  denoted by

$$\partial_{DoS}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t \in T_{0,n} \\ 1, & t \in T_{1,n} \end{cases}$$

Clearly, if  $S_{off,n} A_{on,n}$  is arbitrarily chosen, the closed-loop system may be unstable, and the control objectives may not be achieved. Motivated by [33], it is necessary to make the following assumption:

Assumption 1: Both the sleep and active periods of the above DoS attack signal are lower and upper bounded, i.e., there exist four positive scalars  $S_{off}^{max}$ ,  $S_{off}^{min}$ ,  $A_{on}^{max}$  and  $A_{on}^{min}$  satisfying  $S_{off}^{min} \leq S_{off,n} \leq S_{off}^{max}$  and  $A_{on}^{min} \leq A_{on,n} \leq A_{on}^{max}$ , where  $A_{on,n} = t_{n+1} - (t_n + S_{off,n}) = A_n - S_{off,n}, A_n = t_{n+1} - t_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

*Remark 1:* The existing studies on DoS attacks have relatively strong assumptions, that is, DoS attacks have a certain statistical distribution [34], or dwell-time [25], [35], [36] or fixed period [33], [37], [38]. However, in practice, DoS attacks do not follow any given information, so the countermeasures can only be designed with limited and accessible information from the DoS attackers. In fact, adopting the identification method proposed in [33], the above four DoS attack parameters can be identified. Therefore, the above assumption is reasonable.

*Remark 2:* In most practical scenarios, data communication is allowed to continue after the DoS attack stops, causing the associated DoS attack to be in an intermittent active and sleeping period. Furthermore, the duration of each DoS attack is usually not too long due to the limited energy budget of the adversary. Therefore,  $S_{off,n} \rightarrow 0$  and  $A_{on,n} \rightarrow \infty$  do not occur. That is, one has  $S_{off,n} > 0$  and  $A_{on,n} < \infty$ . On the other hand, if the sleep period is infinite, there is no attack, which is not the focus of the present paper. Therefore,  $S_{off,n} < \infty$  and  $A_{on,n} > 0$ . Note that only three parameters  $T_{off}^{min}$ ,  $T_{off}^{max}$  and  $T_{on}^{max}$  are explored in [36] to address a resilient filter design problem, which may introduce a certain degree of design conservatism due to the lack of information on the lower bound  $T_{on}^{min}$  of  $T_{on,n}$ .

*Remark 3:* In fact, according to Assumption 1, we can estimate an upper bound on the average frequency of DoS

off/on transitions by  $\frac{1}{F_D} \approx \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{00} + \varepsilon_{10}}$  and an upper bound on the average duration of DoS per unit time by  $\frac{1}{\Gamma} \approx \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{10}}$ . Based on this estimations, it can be concluded that for a given time interval  $[t_0, t]$  and the number of attacks  $N(t, t_0)$ in this time interval (the total DoS attack duration  $T(t, t_0)$ can be calculated), there exists a positive scalar  $v_1$  such that  $N(t, t_0) \leq v_1 + \frac{t-t_0}{F_D}$  is satisfied. Similarly, there also exists a positive scalar  $v_2$  satisfying  $T(t, t_0) \leq v_2 + \frac{t-t_0}{\Gamma}$ . This property indicates that the DoS frequency constraints are satisfied automatically in the proposed framework. Therefore, the assumption on DoS attack model in this paper is more general than the classic one considered in [16] and [35] to some extent.

Remark 4: From the view of time characteristic of DoS attack, the attack frequency of the DoS refers to the number of attacks in a certain period of time. In actual network layer, the intensity of the DoS can be interpreted as attack rate, which indicates the highest rate of attack flows [39], [40]. When attack intensity was over the upper of the tolerant traffic, network communication would be interrupted completely. In the study of secure/resilient control, we consider the attack intensity which is enough to break the closed-loop communication. Moreover, DoS attacks with limited energy is intermittent. Under the intermittent DoS attack, the considered networked control system is generally modeled as a switched system with an unstable subsystem mode. To analyze the influence of DoS on/off transition, attack frequency is introduced to quantify this switching feature. In summary, the attack frequency and intensity should be discussed in different layers, namely control system layer and network layer.

#### D. Closed-Loop System Modeling

Consider the effect of the DoS attacks, the control input (see Fig. 2) can be expressed as

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} Kx(t), & t \in T_{0,n} \\ 0, & t \in T_{1,n} \end{cases}$$
(11)

where  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times 4}$  is the control gain to be designed.

To improve the vehicles path-following performance, *e* and *d* should be as small as possible. In addition, to enhance the stability of the vehicle, the yaw velocity *r* and sideslip angle  $\beta$  of the vehicle should be better controlled. Therefore, similar to [29], the controlled output  $z(t) = [d, e, \beta, r]^T$  is defined as z(t) = Zx(t), where Z = diag(I). Combining (10) and (11), the path following control system (10) can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = \begin{cases} (A + BK)x(t) + Fw(t), & t \in T_{0,n} \\ Ax(t) + Fw(t), & t \in T_{1,n} \end{cases} \\ z(t) = Zx(t) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$
(12)

For easy of exposition, define

$$\hat{A}_i = \begin{cases} A + BK, & i = 0\\ A, & i = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = \begin{cases} \hat{A}_0 x(t) + F w(t), & t \in T_{0,n} \\ \hat{A}_1 x(t) + F w(t), & t \in T_{1,n} \end{cases} \\ z(t) = Z x(t) \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$
(13)

Next, the definitions of exponential stability and  $L_2$ -gain and a technical lemma will be given in proving the main results.

Definition 1: System (13) with w(t) = 0 is said to be exponentially stable if there exist two positive scalars  $\alpha$  and  $\zeta$  such that for all  $t \ge 0$  and all  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^4$ :

$$||x(t)|| \le \alpha ||x_0|| e^{-\zeta t}.$$

Definition 2: System (13) is said to be exponentially stable with a  $L_2$ -gain less than  $\gamma$  if for any DoS jamming attacks signal  $\partial_{DoS}(t)$  satisfying Assumption 1, the following two conditions are satisfied:

1. The system (13) with w(t) = 0 is exponentially stable; 2. For any non-zero  $w(t) \in L_2[0, \infty)$ , there exist a positive scalar  $\gamma$  such that

$$\int_0^\infty z^T(t)z(t)dt \le \gamma^2 \int_0^\infty w^T(t)w(t)dt.$$

*Lemma 1* [41] For matrices Q, P,  $\Gamma$ ,  $M_0$ ,  $M_{ij}$ , and  $X_j$  with appropriate dimensions, i, j = 0, 1, if they satisfy the following inequalities:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Gamma + PM_0Q + (PM_0Q)^T & ((M_{ij} - M_0)Q)^T + PX_j \\ * & -X_j^T - X_j \end{bmatrix} < 0,$$

then it holds that  $\Gamma + PM_{ij}Q + (PM_{ij}Q)^T < 0.$ 

# III. MAIN RESULTS

#### A. Stability Analysis Under DoS Attacks

To insert the four DoS parameters shown in Assumption 1 into the stability criteria, a key step is to define several auxiliary functions related to these DoS attack parameters. Inspired by [42], for  $t \ge 0$ , define

$$\eta_{0j,n}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t - t_n}{\eta'_{00}}, & j = 0\\ \frac{t_n + S_{off,n} - t}{\eta'_{00}}, & j = 1 \end{cases} \quad (t \in T_{0,n})$$
$$\eta_{1j,n}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t - (t_n + S_{off,n})}{\eta'_{10}}, & j = 0\\ \frac{t_{n+1} - t}{\eta'_{10}}, & j = 1 \end{cases} \quad (t \in T_{1,n})$$

where  $\eta'_{00} = S_{off,n}, \ \eta'_{10} = A_n - S_{off,n}$ . It can be seen that  $\sum_{j=0}^{1} \eta_{ij,n}(t) = 1, i = 0, 1$ . For  $i = 0, 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $t_{i,n} = 0$ 

 ${t_{n, i=0} \atop t_n + S_{off,n, i=1}}$  and then substituting it into the above auxiliary function sequences, we have

$$\eta_{i0,n}(t_{i,n}) = \eta_{i1,n}(t_{1-i,n+i}^{-}) = 0$$
  
$$\eta_{i1,n}(t_{i,n}) = \eta_{i0,n}(t_{1-i,n+i}^{-}) = 1.$$

Before proceeding further, we define  $\varepsilon_{00} = S_{off}^{\min}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{01} = S_{off}^{\max}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{10} = A_{on}^{\min}$ ,  $\varepsilon_{11} = A_{on}^{\max}$ . *Theorem 1:* If for some prescribed positive scalars  $\omega_0$ ,  $\omega_1$ ,

*Theorem 1:* If for some prescribed positive scalars  $\omega_0$ ,  $\omega_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_{ik}$ ,  $\gamma$ , and matrix K, if there exist some positive definite matrices  $L_{ij}$ , i, j, k = 0, 1, such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_{ijk} & L_{ij}F & Z^T \\ * & -\bar{\omega}\gamma^2 I & 0 \\ * & * & -I \end{bmatrix} < 0$$
(14)

and

$$L_{i1} \le \omega_{1-i} L_{1-i,0} \tag{15}$$

where  $\bar{\omega} = \frac{\min\{\omega_0, \omega_1, 1\}}{\max\{\omega_0, \omega_1, 1\}}$ ,  $\Lambda_{ijk} = \frac{\ln \omega_i}{\varepsilon_{ik}} L_{ij} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{ik}} (L_{i0} - L_{i1}) + L_{ij} \hat{A}_i + \hat{A}_i^T L_{ij}$ . Then the system (13) is exponentially stable. *Proof:* See the Appendix A.

*Remark 5:* The system (13) displays a closed-loop mode over the sleeping period  $t \in T_{0,n}$  and active period  $t \in T_{1,n}$  of the DoS attack. To quantitatively characterize the effects of an intermittent DoS attack in a unified framework, an auxiliary function related to switching time  $\eta_{ij,n}(t)$  is inserted into the candidate piecewise time-varying Lyapunov function V(t). In addition, different matrices  $L_{ij}$  are introduced into V(t)to increase the degrees of freedom, which reduces the conservatism of the proposed control design method.

*Remark 6:* Note that V(t) is an attack-dependent timevarying Lyapunov function, which has several notable features compared to the attack-independent time-invariant Lyapunov function used by some existing works. Along the trajectory of system (13), V(t) contains the upper and lower bounds of the length of the DoS sleeping and DoS active periods. Therefore, this work uses more information on DoS attacks with the help of a time-varying Lyapunov function to reduce the design conservatism.

#### B. L<sub>2</sub>-Gain Control Synthesis Under DoS Attacks

Theorem 2: If for some prescribed positive scalars  $\omega_0$ ,  $\omega_1$ ,  $\varepsilon_{ik}$ ,  $\lambda_0$ ,  $\lambda_1$ , and  $\gamma$ , there exist matrices  $M_0$ ,  $M_{ij} > 0$ , and  $\tilde{K}$  with appropriate dimensions, i, j = 0, 1, such that the following LMIs hold:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{00k} & \varsigma^T (M_{00} - M_0^T + \lambda_0 B \tilde{K}) \\ * & -\lambda_0 (M_0 + M_0^T) \end{bmatrix} < 0 \tag{16}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{01k} & \varsigma^T M_{01} & \varsigma^T (M_{01} - M_0^T + \lambda_1 BK) \\ M_{01}\varsigma & -\varepsilon_{0k} M_{00} & 0 \\ * & * & -\lambda_1 (M_0 + M_0^T) \end{bmatrix} < 0$$

$$\Phi_{10k} < 0 \tag{18}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{11k} & \varsigma^T M_{11} \\ M_{11}\varsigma & -\varepsilon_{1k}M_{10} \end{bmatrix} < 0$$
<sup>(19)</sup>

$$M_{00} \le \omega_0 M_{11}, \quad M_{10} \le \omega_1 M_{01} \tag{20}$$

where k = 0, 1, and

$$\varsigma = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Phi_{ijk} = \begin{bmatrix} \Pi_{ijk} & F & M_{ij}Z^T \\ * & -\bar{\omega}\gamma^2 I & 0 \\ * & * & -I \end{bmatrix}$$

with

$$\Pi_{00k} = \frac{\ln \omega_0 + 1 - 2\tau_0}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{00} + \frac{\tau_0^2}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{01} + AM_{00} + M_{00}^T A^T + B\tilde{K} + \tilde{K}^T B^T$$

$$\Pi_{01k} = \frac{\ln \omega_0 - 1}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{01} + AM_{01} + M_{01}^T A^T + B\tilde{K} + \tilde{K}^T B^T$$

$$\Pi_{10k} = \frac{\ln \omega_1 + 1 - 2\tau_1}{\varepsilon_{1k}} M_{10} + \frac{\tau_1^2}{\varepsilon_{1k}} M_{11} + AM_{10} + M_{10}^T A^T$$

$$\Pi_{11k} = \frac{\ln \omega_1 - 1}{\varepsilon_{1k}} M_{11} + AM_{11} + M_{11}^T A^T$$

Then, the system (13) is exponentially stabilized by the attack-resilient state-feedback controller (11) with  $K = \tilde{K}M_0^{-1}$  and has a  $L_2$ -gain less than  $\gamma$ .

*Proof:* See the Appendix **B**.

Remark 7: Theorem 2 proposes a design method for the  $L_2$ -gain controller, which is expressed in the form of LMIs. From Theorem 2, the feasibility of the LMIs is related to the parameters  $\omega_i$ ,  $\tau_i$  and  $\lambda_i$ , i = 0, 1. In general, the complexity of the LMI computations is polynomial time bounded by  $O(RN^3 log(C/v))$ , where R is the total row size of the LMIs, N is the number of scalar decision variables, C is the scaling factor and v is the relative accuracy set for the algorithm. Here, we assume that the system dimension is n and that the involved variable dimensions can be determined by  $M_0$ ,  $M_{ii}$ , *i*, j = 0, 1. Then, for Theorem 2, R = 18n and  $N = 3n^2 + 3n$ . Thus, the computational complexity of Theorem 2 can be expressed as  $O(n^7)$ , which polynomially depends on the size of the system. Therefore, the parameters  $\omega_i$ ,  $\tau_i$ ,  $\lambda_i$ , i = 1, 2 can be suitably chosen while guaranteeing the feasibility of the LMIs (16)-(20).

# C. Algorithm

Based on Theorem 2, we first provide an Algorithm 1 to design control gain matrix K for system (13). The detailed procedures are shown in Algorithm 1 below.

Algorithm 1 The Design of Controller Gain Matrix K				
<b>Input:</b> the system parameter matrices A, B and F;				
positive scalars $\gamma$ , $\tau_0$ , $\tau_1$ , $\omega_0$ , $\omega_1$ , $\lambda_0$ , $\lambda_1$ ; the				
sleeping and attack parameters $\varepsilon_{00}$ , $\varepsilon_{01}$ , $\varepsilon_{10}$ ,				
$\varepsilon_{11}$ .				
Output: K				
LMI toolbox in MATLAB is used to solve				
LMIs (16)-(20);				
if $t_{min} \ge 0$ then				
go to <b>Input</b> to adjust positive scalars and the				
sleeping and attack parameters;				
else				
solve $\tilde{K}$ and $M_0^{-1}$ with LMIs (16)-(20) and				
substitute them into $K = \tilde{K} M_0^{-1}$ ;				
end				
The state-feedback gain $K$ is obtained.				

Then for the system (13) with a designed controller K, the minimal  $L_2$ -gain  $\gamma_{min}$  can be derived from the Theorem 2 by applying the common binary search technique. The corresponding algorithm is given below.

Algorithm 2 An Algorithm for Finding $\gamma_{min}$					
<b>Input:</b> Input the system parameter matrices A, B, F;					
positive sclars $\tau_0$ , $\tau_1$ , $\omega_0$ , $\omega_1$ , $\lambda_0$ ; $\lambda_1$ ; set					
sufficiently small step increment e=0.0001 and					
a search interval $[\gamma_h, \gamma_z]$ , where $\gamma_h = 0$ and					
appropriate value $\gamma_z$ .					
<b>Output:</b> $\gamma_{min}$					
while $ \gamma_h - \gamma_z  > e$ do					
$\gamma_m = (\gamma_z - \gamma_h)/2$					
if LMIs (16)-(20) are feasible then					
$\gamma_z = \gamma_m$					
else $\gamma_h = \gamma_m$					
n = nm					
end					
return $y = y$					
$\gamma_{min} - \gamma_{min}$					

#### **IV. SIMULATION STUDY**

In this section, a series of numerical simulations are carried out to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed attackresilient path following controller for autonomous vehicles proposed in [29]. The parameters of the vehicle model shown in (10) are given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 25 & 25 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.853 & -0.996 \\ 0 & 0 & 1.6 & -2.336 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1.067 \\ 20.8 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 0.350 & 0.105 & 0.095 & 0.096 \end{bmatrix}^{T}.$$

### A. Design of L<sub>2</sub>-Gain-Based Path Following Controller

First, we discuss the design of a state feedback-based path following controller for the considered autonomous vehicle under DoS attacks and external disturbance. For this purpose, the DoS attack parameters are chosen as  $\varepsilon_{00} = 0.6$ ,  $\varepsilon_{01} =$ 1.2,  $\varepsilon_{10} = 0.5$ ,  $\varepsilon_{11} = 1.0$ , the prescribed  $L_2$ -gain  $\gamma = 100$ , the other tuning parameters  $\omega_0 = 2$ ,  $\omega_1 = 2$ ,  $\tau_0 = 1.35$ ,  $\tau_1 =$ 3.0,  $\lambda_0 = 0.3$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 0.3$ . The sampling period h = 0.1s. Then, by solving LMIs (16)-(20) in Theorem 2, the attack-resilient state-feedback path following controller gain K is given by

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0244 & -1.1208 & -0.6700 & -0.1258 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next, we study the stability of the attacked autonomous vehicle with w(t) = 0 under the above attack-resilient path following controller. To this end, set the initial state  $x_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 & -5 \end{bmatrix}^T$ . The number of DoS attacks is set to be 15. The attack instants are generated randomly. Fig. 4 and Fig. 5 show the state responses of the system without/with DoS attacks, respectively. By comparing Fig. 4 and Fig. 5, it can be seen that the system no longer floats up and down when it



Fig. 4. State responses without DoS attacks.



Fig. 5. State responses with w(t) = 0.



Fig. 6. State responses in the presence of w(t).

is stable without DoS attacks, while the system wobbles and vibrates up and down until it is stabilized when DoS attacks exist, which validates the attacked system is still stable despite the presence of the DoS attacks. Furthermore, we evaluate the joint effect of DoS attacks and external disturbance on



Fig. 7. The control input under DoS attacks.

TABLE I THE MINIMUM VALUES OF  $\gamma$  FOR DIFFERENT  $\varepsilon_{01}$ 

$\varepsilon_{00}$	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
$\varepsilon_{01}$	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.4
$\gamma_{ m min}$	22.9831	21.9861	19.9885	16.9951

TABLE II The Minimum Values of  $\gamma$  for Different  $\varepsilon_{11}$ 

$\varepsilon_{10}$	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
$\varepsilon_{11}$	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.6
$\gamma_{\min}$	19.9885	19.9501	13.6760	11.8401



Fig. 8.  $\gamma_{\min}$  obtained with different values of  $(\varepsilon_{01} - \varepsilon_{00})/(\varepsilon_{11} - \varepsilon_{10})$ .

the closed-loop system. We assume the external disturbance  $w(t) = 2\cos(t)$  when  $0s \le t \le 6s$ , otherwise, w(t) = 0. The state responses of the system and control input under DoS attacks are depicted in Fig. 6 and Fig. 7, respectively. In addition, under the above given parameters, we obtain the achieved minimum value of  $L_2$ -gain  $\gamma^* = 2.2202 < 100$ , which proves the effectiveness of our proposed method.

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Fig. 9. The state responses of vehicle under different values of  $\gamma$ .

#### B. The Impact of DoS Attack Parameters on the $L_2$ -Gain $\lambda$

TABLE I shows the impact of different values of  $\varepsilon_{01}$  on the minimum values of  $\gamma_{\min}$  for fixed  $\varepsilon_{00} = 0.6$ ,  $\varepsilon_{10} = 0.5$ , and  $\varepsilon_{11} = 1.0$ . As shown in TABLE I, it can be observed that  $\gamma_{\min}$  decreases as  $\varepsilon_{01}$  increases, with the other parameters are fixed. Further, set  $\varepsilon_{00} = 0.6$  and  $\varepsilon_{01} = 1.2$ . For different values of  $\varepsilon_{11}$ , the obtained minimum values of  $\gamma_{\min}$  are listed in TABLE II. From TABLE II, we can observe that  $\gamma_{min}$ decreases as  $\varepsilon_{11}$  decreases. Based on the above computation results, it can be concluded that the upper and lower bounds of the sleeping time and active time of the DoS attacks do have an impact on the  $L_2$ -gain performance of the considered system. To clearly show this tendency, we plot the Fig. 8

Fig. 10. The state responses of vehicle under different values of  $\varepsilon_{00}$ .

on the basis of the Tables I and II. As shown in Fig. 8, a larger  $(\varepsilon_{01} - \varepsilon_{00})/(\varepsilon_{11} - \varepsilon_{10})$  leads to a smaller  $\gamma$ , leading to better system performance. According to the definition of DoS attacks, it is seem that as the ratio of  $S_{off,n}$  to  $A_{on,n}$  increases, the systems anti-attack ability becomes increasingly stronger.

# C. The Comparison of State Responses Under Different L<sub>2</sub>-Gain and DoS Attack Parameters

To further explore the influence of DoS attacks on the state responses of the autonomous vehicle with the proposed pathfollowing control method in more detail, in the following simulation, the external disturbance  $w(t) = 2\cos(t)$  is selected when  $0s \le t \le 0.6s$ , otherwise, w(t) = 0. The sampling period h = 0.01s. For given different values of  $\gamma$ ,  $\varepsilon_{00}$ ,



Fig. 11. The state responses of vehicle under different values of  $\varepsilon_{11}$ .

and  $\varepsilon_{11}$ , the corresponding state responses are shown in Figs. 9-11, respectively. Specifically, Fig. 9 shows the respective state responses for  $\gamma = 40, 60, 80, 100$ , respectively, while the other parameters remain unchanged. It is worth pointing out that when taking different DoS parameters in the simulations, the state responses of the AVs change correspondingly.

Fig. 10 and Fig. 11 show the corresponding state responses when the attack parameters  $\varepsilon_{00}$  and  $\varepsilon_{11}$  are changed, respectively. In these cases, the prescribed  $L_2$ -gain  $\gamma = 100$ . For given  $\varepsilon_{00} = 0.4, 0.6$  and 0.8, it can be seen from Fig. 10 that, with the increase of  $\varepsilon_{00}$ , the convergence time becomes shorter. This indicates that the longer the sleeping period of the DoS attacker is, the less influence it has on



Fig. 12. The comparison between the desired and actual paths of the attacked vehicle.



Fig. 13. Deviation error between actual paths and desired path.

the vehicle path following control performance. Similarly, for given  $\varepsilon_{11} = 0.8, 1.0, 1.2$ , it can be observed from Fig. 11 that, the convergence time is shortest when  $\varepsilon_{11} = 0.8$ . This also indicates that the shorter the active time period of the DoS attacker is, the better the system performance.

# D. The Comparison of Path Following Under Different L<sub>2</sub>-Gains

To further compare the desired and actual paths of the attacked vehicle under different  $L_2$  performances, we show the path following results in Fig. 12 with  $\varepsilon_{00} = 0.6$ ,  $\varepsilon_{01} = 1.2, \varepsilon_{10} = 0.2, \varepsilon_{11} = 0.4, \omega_0 = 2, \omega_1 = 2, \tau_0 =$  $1.35, \tau_1 = 3.0, \lambda_0 = 0.3, \lambda_1 = 0.3$ . The sampling period h = 0.01s. The external disturbance is chosen as before. It can be seen from Fig. 12 that the path tracking effect seems normal despite the simultaneous presences of the intermittent DoS attacks and external disturbances. Furthermore, in order to clearly show the deviations between actual path and desired path, we have added a new deviation error shown in Fig.13, from which it can be seen that there exist some deviation errors between the actual path of the AV and the desired path. This is because the overshoot of the AV is large at first (see Fig. 6), which is caused by external disturbance and DoS attacks. Fortunately, the deviation error converges to around equilibrium point 0 gradually as the states of the AV approach to equilibrium point 0 under the proposed path following control strategy.

Overall, the above simulation results confirm that the effectiveness of the proposed attack-resilient path following control for autonomous vehicles under DoS attacks and external interference.

#### V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a resilient path-following controller has been proposed for autonomous vehicles under a new type of aperiodic DoS attacks. Attack parameter-dependent time varying Lyapunov function approach has been employed to analyze the stability and  $L_2$ -gain of the resulting autonomous vehicles. The attack parameter-dependent sufficient conditions for exponential stability and  $L_2$ -gain have been derived in terms of LMIs. The path-following controller gain can be obtained by solving a set of LMIs. Finally, the applicability of the proposed resilient path-following controller has been validated by simulation results. To develop a resilient pathfollowing controller by considering coordinated DoS attacks and sensor/actuator FDI attacks for autonomous vehicles will be addressed in the future work. Furthermore, the derived main results largely rely on the linear time-invariant statespace model (10) of the AVs. To enable practical applicability, it thus would be interesting to loose the requirement of an accurate AVs model and further devise effective and resilient path following control approaches against hybrid attacks.

# Appendix A

# **PROOF OF THEOREM 1**

First, we establish the exponential stability of the closedloop control system (13) under the condition of Theorem 1. To this end, suppose w(t) = 0, then the system (13) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = \hat{A}_i x(t), t \in T_{i,n} \\ x(t_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$
(21)

From (14), we can conclude that there exists a sufficiently small positive scalar  $\zeta$  satisfying

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{ijk} < 0, \, , i, \, j, \, k = 0, \, 1$$
 (22)

where  $\tilde{\Lambda}_{ijk} = (\frac{\ln \omega_i}{\varepsilon_{ik}} + \zeta)L_{ij} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{ik}}(L_{i0} - L_{i1}) + L_{ij}\hat{A}_i + \hat{A}_i^T L_{ij}.$ 

Choose the following candidate Lyapunov function for the system (21):

$$V(t) = \delta(t)x^{T}(t)\sum_{j=0}^{1} \eta_{ij,n}(t)L_{ij}x(t)$$

where  $\delta(t) = \omega_i^{\eta_{i0,n}(t)}$ 

For any given initial value  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_1}$ , set  $x(t) = x(t, 0, x_0)$ , and  $W(t) = e^{\zeta t} V(t)$ . For  $t \in (t_{i,n}, t_{1-i,n+i})$  with any fixed  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the time derivative of W(t) along the solutions system (21) is

$$\dot{W}(t) = e^{\zeta t} \delta(t) \sum_{j=0}^{1} \eta_{ij,n}(t) x^{T}(t) [(\frac{\ln \omega_{i}}{\eta_{i0}'} + \zeta) L_{ij} + \frac{1}{\eta_{i0}'} (L_{i0} - L_{i1}) + L_{ij} \hat{A}_{i} + \hat{A}_{i}^{T} L_{ij}] x(t)$$
(23)

Therefore, we can obtain

$$\dot{W}(t) \le e^{\zeta t} \delta(t) \sum_{j=0}^{1} \eta_{ij,n}(t) x^{T}(t) \tilde{\Lambda}_{ijk} x(t)$$
  
< 0

Then it follows that

$$V(t) \le V(t_{i,n})e^{-\zeta(t-t_{i,n})}, t \in (t_{i,n}, t_{1-i,n+i})$$
(24)

From (15), it follows that

$$V(t_{i,n}) = \delta(t_{i,n}) x^{T}(t_{i,n}) \sum_{j=0}^{1} \eta_{ij,n}(t_{i,n}) L_{ij} x(t_{i,n})$$
  
=  $x^{T}(t_{i,n}) L_{i1} x(t_{i,n})$   
 $\leq \omega_{1-i} x^{T}(t_{i,n}) L_{1-i,1} x(t_{i,n})$   
=  $V(t_{i,n}^{-})$  (25)

Combing (24) and (25), we have

$$V(t) \le V(0)e^{-\zeta t}$$

Notice that

$$\begin{split} \delta(t) \|x(t)\|^2 \phi_1 &\leq \delta(t) x^T(t) \sum_{j=0}^1 \eta_{ij,n}(t) L_{ij} x(t) \\ &\leq \omega_0^{\eta_{00,n}(0)} x^T(0) \sum_{j=0}^1 \eta_{0j,n}(0) L_{0j} x(0) e^{-\zeta t} \\ &\leq \phi_2 \|x(0)\|^2 e^{-\zeta t} \end{split}$$

which implies that

$$||x(t)|| \le e^{-\frac{\zeta}{2}t} \sqrt{\frac{\phi_2}{\phi_1 \delta(t)}} ||x(0)||$$

where  $\phi_1 = \lambda_{\min}(L_{ij})$ ,  $\phi_2 = \lambda_{\max}(L_{i1})$ , i, j = 0, 1. Because  $\eta_{i0,n}(t) < 1$ , it is easy to see that  $\delta(t) = \omega_i^{\eta_{i0,n}(t)} \ge \min\{\omega_0, \omega_1, 1\}$ . Therefore, the above inequality can be further rewritten as

$$\|x(t)\| \le e^{-\frac{\zeta}{2}t} \sqrt{\frac{\phi_2}{\phi_1 \min\{\omega_0, \, \omega_1, \, 1\}}} \, \|x(0)\|$$

According to Definition 1, the system (13) is exponentially stable under the time-constrainted DoS attacks.

Next, we shall prove that under the zero initial condition, the output z(t) satisfies the relation shown in Definition 2. To this end, we introduce a function

$$F(t) = \int_0^t \delta(s)(z^T(s)z(s) - \bar{\omega}\gamma^2 w^T(s)w(s))ds, t \ge 0$$

For any  $t \ge 0$ , there exist a *n* such that  $t \in T_{0,n}$  or  $t \in T_{1,n}$ . Without loss of generality, we assume  $t \in T_{0,n}$ . Then, combining  $V(t_{0,n}) = 0$  and (25), one has

$$\int_{0}^{t} \dot{V}(s)ds = \sum_{n=0}^{r-1} \left( \int_{t_{0,n}}^{t_{1,n}} \dot{V}(s)ds + \int_{t_{1,n}}^{t_{0,(n+1)}} \dot{V}(s)ds \right)$$
$$+ \int_{t_{0,r}}^{t} \dot{V}(s)ds$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{r-1} [V(t_{1,n}^{-}) - V(t_{0,n}) + V(t_{0,(n+1)}^{-})]$$
$$- V(t_{1,n})] + V(t) - V(t_{0,r})$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{r-1} [V(t_{1,n}) - V(t_{1,n})] + \sum_{n=0}^{r} [V(t_{0,n})] - V(t_{0,n})] + V(t)$$
  
$$\geq 0$$

which implies

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$$F(t) \leq \int_0^t \left( \delta(s)(z^T(s)z(s) - \bar{\omega}\gamma^2 w^T(s)w(s)) + \dot{V}(s) \right) ds$$

For any  $s \in (t_{i,n}, t_{1-i,n+i})$  with any fixed  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , along the solution of system (13), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &(\delta(s)(z^{T}(s)z(s) - \bar{\omega}\gamma^{2}w^{T}(s)w(s)) + \dot{V}(s) \\ &= \delta(s)\sum_{j=0}^{1} \eta_{ij,n}(s)x^{T}(s)[\frac{\ln\omega_{i}}{\eta_{i0}'}L_{ij} + \frac{1}{\eta_{i0}'}(L_{i0} - L_{i1}) \\ &+ L_{ij}\hat{A}_{i} + \hat{A}_{i}^{T}L_{ij}]x(t) + \delta(s)(\sum_{j=0}^{1} \eta_{ij,n}(t)z^{T}(s)z(s) \\ &- \bar{\omega}\gamma^{2}w^{T}(s)w(s)) \\ &\leq \delta(s)\sum_{i=0}^{1} \eta_{ij,n}(s)v^{T}(s)(\Xi_{ijk} + G^{T}G)v(s) \end{aligned}$$

where  $v(s) = \begin{bmatrix} x^T(s) & w^T(s) \end{bmatrix}^T$ ,  $G = \begin{bmatrix} Z & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and

$$\Xi_{ijk} = \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_{ijk} & L_{ij}F \\ * & \bar{\omega}\gamma^2 I \end{bmatrix}$$

Applying Schur complement to LMIs (14) leads to  $\Xi_{ijk}$  +  $G^T G < 0$ . Thus, it follows that

$$(\delta(s)(z^T(s)z(s) - \bar{\omega}\gamma^2 w^T(s)w(s)) + \dot{V}(s) < 0$$

which is equivalent to

$$\int_0^t \delta(s) z^T(s) z(s) \le \bar{\omega} \gamma^2 \int_0^t w^T(s) w(s) ds$$

where we have used the fact that  $\min \{\omega_0, \omega_1, 1\} \le \delta(s) \le \max \{\omega_0, \omega_1, 1\}$ . According to Definition 2 and noting the arbitrary of t, the proof is complete.

# APPENDIX B **PROOF OF THEOREM 2**

Define  $M_{ij} = L_{ij}^{-1}$ ,  $K = \tilde{K}M_0^{-1}$ , i, j = 0, 1. First discuss i = j = 0. Pre-and post-multiplying (14) by  $\begin{bmatrix} M_{00} & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  $\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$  yields that 0 0  $\Sigma_{00k} = \begin{bmatrix} \Omega_{00k} & F & M_{00}Z^T \\ * & -\bar{\omega}\gamma^2 I & 0 \\ * & * & -I \end{bmatrix} < 0$ 

in which

$$\Omega_{00k} = \frac{\ln \omega_0}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{00} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{00} (L_{00} - L_{01}) M_{00} + \hat{A}_0 M_{00} + M_{00} \hat{A}_0^T$$

 $\Sigma_{00k}$  can be written as  $\Sigma_{00k} = \hat{\Sigma}_{00k} + N_{00}$ , where

$$N_{00} = \begin{bmatrix} n_{00} & 0 & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

in which  $n_{00} = BKM_{00} + M_{00}K^TB^T - BKM_0 - M_0^TK^TB^T$ ,

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{00k} = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\Omega}_{00k} & F & M_{00}Z^T \\ * & -\bar{\omega}\gamma^2 I & 0 \\ * & * & -I \end{bmatrix} < 0 \qquad (26)$$

in which

$$\hat{\Omega}_{00k} = \frac{\ln \omega_0}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{00} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{00} (L_{00} - L_{01}) M_{00} + A M_{00} + M_{00} A^T + B K M_0 + M_0^T K^T B^T$$

Using Schur complement and the matrix inequalities:

$$-M_{00}M_{01}^{-1}M_{00} \le \tau_0^2 M_{01} - 2\tau_0 M_{00}$$

we obtain

$$\begin{split} \hat{\Omega}_{00k} &= \frac{\ln \omega_0}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{00} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{00} (L_{00} - L_{01}) M_{00} + A M_{00} \\ &+ M_{00} A^T + B K M_0 + M_0^T K^T B^T \\ &\leq \frac{\ln \omega_0 + 1}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{00} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{0k}} (-\tau_0 M_{00} + \tau_0^2 M_{01}) \\ &+ A M_{00} + M_{00} A^T + B K M_0 + M_0^T K^T B^T \\ &= \frac{\ln \omega_0 + 1 - 2\tau_0}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{00} + \frac{\tau_0^2}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{01} + A M_{00} + M_{00} A^T \\ &+ B \tilde{K} + \tilde{K}^T B^T \\ &= \Pi_{00k} \end{split}$$

By using Shur complement, (26) can be written as  $\Phi_{00k}$ . And we can also prove that  $\hat{\Sigma}_{01k}$   $\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\Omega}_{01k} & F & M_{01}Z^T \\ * & -\bar{\omega}\gamma^2 I & 0 \\ * & * & -I \end{bmatrix}$  can be rewritten  $\begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{01k} & \varsigma^T M_{01} \\ M & I \end{bmatrix}$ = as

It is easy to see that the matrix inequalities (20) are equivalent to (15). From (16)-(17), we obtain that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{\Sigma}_{0jk} + PM_0Q + (PM_0Q)^T & Z \\ * & -\lambda_j M_0^T - \lambda_j M_0 \end{bmatrix} < 0$$
(27)

where  $Q = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $P = \begin{bmatrix} K^T B^T & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$ ,  $Z = ((M_{0j} - M_0)Q)^T + P(\lambda_j M_0)$  and

$$\bar{\Sigma}_{0jk} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\Omega}_{0jk} & F & M_{0j}Z^T \\ * & -\bar{\omega}\gamma^2 I & 0 \\ * & * & -I \end{bmatrix}$$

in which

$$\bar{\Omega}_{0jk} = \frac{\ln \omega_0}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{0j} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{0k}} M_{0j} (L_{00} - L_{01}) M_{0j} + A M_{0j} + M_{0j}^T A^T$$

In the light of Lemma 1, the matrix inequalities (27) imply that

$$\Sigma_{0jk} + PM_{0j}Q + (PM_{0j}Q)^T < 0, j, k = 0, 1$$
(28)

Pre-and post-multiplying (28) by  $diag(P_{0j}, I, I)$  yields that the matrix inequalities (29) are equivalent to (14) with i = 0. Using the similar technique, it is easy to show that the matrix inequalities (18)-(19) imply (14) with i = 1. This completes the proof.

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