# Global Stability of a Generalized Cohen-Grossberg Model with Unbounded Time-Varying Delays

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#### Application

Cohen-Grossberg neural network model with unbounded delays

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the case of neural networks with <u>bounded</u> distributed delays was treated, as well <u>bounded</u> discrete time-varying delays.

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for some  $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$  such that  $|\varphi(s)| = |\varphi_i(0)|$ . Then all solution of (1) with initial condition on *BC* is defined and bounded on  $[0, +\infty)$ .

$$|x(t,0,\varphi)| \le \|\varphi\|$$

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#### Proof (idea)

Existence and uniqueness of equilibrium point

$$H: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$$
$$x \mapsto \left( b_i(x_i) + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^P h_{ij}^{(p)}(x_j) \right)_{i=1}^n$$

is homeomorphism.

Then there exists  $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $H(x^*) = 0$ , i.e.  $x^*$  is the equilibrium.

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The change of variables

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transforms (2) into

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 (4)

$$\bar{h}_i(t,\varphi) = d_i^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{p=1}^P h_{ij}^{(p)}(d_j(\varphi_j(-\tau_{ij}^{(p)}(t)) + x_j^*)), \quad \varphi \in BC$$

 $ar{b}_i(u) = d_i^{-1} b_i(d_i(u+x_i^*)), \quad ar{k}_i = k_i(d_i(u+x_i^*)), \quad u \in \mathbb{R}$ with  $ar{b}_i(0) + ar{h}_i(t,0) = 0, \ \forall t \ge 0, i = 1, \dots, n.$ 



<u>Boundedness of solutions</u>
 By (A1) and (A2), we can conclude that

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satisfies **(H)** and, from Proposition 1, all solutions of (4) with initial conditions on *BC* are defined and bounded on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

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- We can show that exists  $(t_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$t_k \nearrow +\infty, \quad y_i(t_k) \to u, \quad f_i(t_k, y_{t_k}) \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad t \to +\infty.$$

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• As 
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, we have

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ightarrow \left(eta_i - d_i^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n I_{ij} d_j
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• As  $y_i(t)$  is bounded and  $\bar{k}_i$  is continuous and positive,

$$\exists K > 0, \forall t \geq 0 : \overline{k}_i(y_i(t)) > K.$$

Thus

$$f_i(t_k,y_{t_k}) = -\bar{k}_i(y_i(t_k)) \left[\bar{b}_i(y_i(t_k)) + \bar{h}_i(t_k,y_{t_k})\right] \not\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow +\infty$$

which is a contradiction. Consequently u = 0, hence v = 0.

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# **Cohen-Grossberg Model**

Cohen-Grossberg neural network with unbounded discrete delays

$$\dot{x}_{i}(t) = -k_{i}(x_{i}(t)) \left[ b_{i}(x_{i}(t)) - \sum_{j=1}^{n} c_{ij}g_{j}(x_{j}(t)) - \sum_{j=1}^{n} d_{ij}f_{j}(x_{j}(t - \tau_{ij}(t))) \right]$$
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Set of admissible initial conditions BC

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