

# Set-Membership Fuzzy Filtering for Nonlinear Discrete-Time Systems

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**Abstract**—This paper is concerned with the set-membership filtering (SMF) problem for discrete-time nonlinear systems. We employ the Takagi–Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy model to approximate the nonlinear systems over the true value of state and to overcome the difficulty with the linearization over a state estimate set rather than a state estimate point in the set-membership framework. Based on the T-S fuzzy model, we develop a new nonlinear SMF estimation method by using the fuzzy modeling approach and the *S*-procedure technique to determine a state estimation ellipsoid that is a set of states compatible with the measurements, the unknown-but-bounded process and measurement noises, and the modeling approximation errors. A recursive algorithm is derived for computing the ellipsoid that guarantees to contain the true state. A smallest possible estimate set is recursively computed by solving the semidefinite programming problem. An illustrative example shows the effectiveness of the proposed method for a class of discrete-time nonlinear systems via fuzzy switch.

**Index Terms**—Convex optimization, linear set-membership filtering (SMF), nonlinear SMF, unknown-but-bounded noise, Takagi–Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy model.

## I. INTRODUCTION

THE filtering problem for nonlinear systems remains challenging and has been attracting considerable research interests over the past four decades. Since the time evolution of the probability density of the state vector conditional on the measurements cannot directly be calculated in most nonlinear cases [2], various approximation methods have been developed in the literature [1], [4], [16], [24], [32], [36]. For *nonlinear systems with Gaussian noises*, the extended Kalman filtering (EKF) method was used for state estimation, which applied the linear Kalman filtering theory by linearization of the nonlinear systems around the current estimate [16], [24]. However, the EKF may bring large errors in the true posterior mean and covariance and even diverge if the linearization error is not sufficiently small. These drawbacks have been overcome by unscented Kalman filtering (UKF) by using a deterministic

sampling approach to capture the mean and covariance estimates with a minimal set of sample points [36]. Recently, a gain-constrained UKF has been developed for nonlinear systems [47]. For *nonlinear systems with non-Gaussian noises*, a Gaussian sum approach has been proposed for state estimation by density approximation [1]. In this algorithm, the conditional densities are approximated by a sum of Gaussian density functions [32]. An alternative is particle filtering, which is also known as sequential Monte Carlo method [4], which is a sophisticated estimation technique based on simulation. The basic idea of the particle filter is to use a number of independent random variables called particles, which are directly sampled from the state space, to represent the posterior probability and update the posterior by involving the new observations according to the Bayesian rule. However, its computation is very demanding.

The above nonlinear filtering approaches require the system noises, including process noise and measurement noise in a stochastic (Gaussian or non-Gaussian) framework, and then provide a *probabilistic state estimation* [10], [39]–[41]. The probabilistic nature of the estimates leads to the use of mean and variance to describe the state spreads (distributions). These spreads cannot guarantee that the state is included in some region, because they are not *hard bounds*. However, in many real-world applications, such as target tracking, system guidance, and navigation, 100% confidence is required for state estimation. This has motivated the development of an *ellipsoidal state estimation*. The idea of the ellipsoidal state estimation is to provide a set of state estimates in state space, which always contain the true state of the system by assuming hard bounds on the noise signals (unknown but bounded noises) instead of stochastic descriptions on the system noises [3], [14], [27]. The actual estimate is a set in state space rather than a single vector. These methods are, therefore, known as set-membership or set-valued state estimation (filtering) [3], [27], [38]. We adopt the name set-membership filtering (SMF) in this paper as it is easy to distinguish between a set estimation and a point estimate.

Most publications on SMF deal with linear systems [7], [9], [13], [14], [18], [19], [22], [23], [25], [28]. Only a few consider nonlinear systems [20], [26], as it is not straightforward to use the EKF method where the nonlinear dynamics are linearized around a *state estimate point* by a first-order Taylor series approximation. In the set-membership framework, linearization should best fit the nonlinear functions over a *state estimate set rather than a state estimate point*. An approximation method over the entire estimate set has been proposed by minimizing the weighted squared errors between the function values and the

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approximation values, and then an extended SMF has been developed for nonlinear systems by using the linear SMF method [20]. In [26], the nonlinear dynamics are linearized around the current estimate, the remainder terms are then bounded using interval mathematics, and finally the remainder bounds are incorporated as additions to the process or measurement noise bounds. Unfortunately, the above approximations bring a base point error [12] because of the linearization around the estimated value of the state rather than the true value. In this paper, we employ the fuzzy modeling approach to approximate nonlinear systems, because it has been proved that the Takagi–Sugeno (T-S) fuzzy model is a good representation and universal approximator for a certain class of nonlinear dynamic systems [6], [8], [15], [30], [31]. We linearize the nonlinear systems over the true value of state and eliminate the base point error. Based on the T-S fuzzy model [44]–[46], we develop a new nonlinear SMF estimation method. We employ the fuzzy modeling approach and the S-procedure technique [5] to determine a *state estimation ellipsoid* that is a set of states compatible with the measurements, the unknown-but-bounded process and measurement noises, and the modeling approximation errors. A recursive algorithm is derived for computing the ellipsoid that guarantees to contain the true state. At each step, the ellipsoid is minimized in some sense by solving a convex feasibility problem, which is a smallest possible estimate set.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: The nonlinear SMF problem is formulated in Section II for discrete-time nonlinear systems. A new nonlinear SMF algorithm for computing the state estimation ellipsoid is developed in Section III. Section IV provides an illustrative example to demonstrate the effectiveness of our algorithm. Finally, Section V draws conclusions and future directions.

*Notation:* The notation  $X \geq Y$  (respectively,  $X > Y$ ), where  $X$  and  $Y$  are symmetric matrices, means that  $X - Y$  is positive semidefinite (respectively, positive definite). The superscript  $T$  stands for matrix transposition. The notation  $\text{trace}(P)$  denotes the trace of  $P$ .

## II. PROBLEM FORMULATION

Consider a class of nonlinear discrete-time systems

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = f(x_k) + Fu_k + g(x_k)w_k \\ y_k = h(x_k) + l(x_k)v_k \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $x_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the system state;  $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^l$  is the known deterministic input;  $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the measurement output;  $f(x_k)$ ,  $g(x_k)$ ,  $h(x_k)$ , and  $l(x_k)$  are the functions of  $x_k$  with  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $g(0) = 0$ ,  $h(0) = 0$ , and  $l(0) = 0$ ;  $F$  is a known matrix;  $w_k \in \mathbb{R}^r$  is the process noise; and  $v_k \in \mathbb{R}^p$  is the measurement noise, which is assumed to be confined to specified ellipsoidal sets

$$\mathcal{W}_k = \{w_k : w_k^T Q_k^{-1} w_k \leq 1\} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathcal{V}_k = \{v_k : v_k^T R_k^{-1} v_k \leq 1\} \quad (3)$$

where  $Q_k = Q_k^T > 0$  and  $R_k = R_k^T > 0$  are known matrices with compatible dimensions; and the initial state  $x_0$  belongs to

a given ellipsoid

$$(x_0 - \hat{x}_0)^T P_0^{-1} (x_0 - \hat{x}_0) \leq 1 \quad (4)$$

where  $\hat{x}_0$  is an estimate of  $x_0$ , which is assumed to be given, and  $P_0 = P_0^T > 0$  is a known matrix.

To design an appropriate filter for the nonlinear discrete-time system [see (1)], the following T-S fuzzy model [30] is proposed.

Model Rule  $i$ : IF  $\theta_1(k)$  is  $\mu_{i1}$  and  $\theta_2(k)$  is  $\mu_{i2} \dots$  and  $\theta_p(k)$  is  $\mu_{ip}$ , THEN

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = A_i x_k + F u_k + B_i w_k \\ y_k = C_i x_k + D_i v_k, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

where  $\mu_{ij}$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ) is the fuzzy set;  $r$  is the number of IF–THEN rules; and  $A_i$ ,  $B_i$ ,  $C_i$ , and  $D_i$  are known constant matrices with appropriate dimensions.  $\{\theta_1(k), \theta_2(k), \dots, \theta_p(k)\}$  are premise variables that may be a function of the state variables. Let  $\theta_k = [\theta_1(k), \theta_2(k), \dots, \theta_p(k)]$ . By using the fuzzy inference methods with singleton fuzzier and weighted average defuzzier, the overall fuzzy model for the system can be inferred as follows:

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) A_i x_k + \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) B_i w_k + F u_k \\ y_k = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) C_i x_k + \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) D_i v_k \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

where  $h_i(\theta_k) = (\psi_i(\mu(k)) / \sum_{i=1}^r \psi_i(\mu(k))) \geq 0$  is the normalized weight for each rule with  $\psi_i(\mu(k)) = \prod_{j=1}^p \mu_{ij}(\theta_j(k)) \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) = 1$ .

The fuzzy model [see (6)] can be interpreted as an interpolation of  $r$  linear systems through the membership function  $h_i(\theta_k)$  to approximate the nonlinear system [see (1)]. Therefore, the nonlinear system [see (1)] can be described as

$$\begin{cases} x_{k+1} = f(x_k) + F u_k + g(x_k)w_k \\ \quad = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) A_i x_k + \Delta f(x_k) + F u_k \\ \quad \quad + \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) B_i w_k + \Delta g(x_k)w_k \\ y_k = h(x_k) + l(x_k)v_k \\ \quad = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) C_i x_k + \Delta h(x_k) \\ \quad \quad + \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) D_i v_k + \Delta l(x_k)v_k \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \Delta f(x_k) = f(x_k) - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) A_i x_k \\ \Delta g(x_k) = g(x_k) - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) B_i \\ \Delta h(x_k) = h(x_k) - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) C_i x_k \\ \Delta l(x_k) = l(x_k) - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\theta_k) D_i \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

denote the approximation (or interpolation) errors between the nonlinear system [see (1)] and the fuzzy model [see (6)].

To take full advantage of using the fuzzy model [see (6)] for the nonlinear system [see (1)], we make the following assumptions:

$$\begin{cases} \Delta f(x_k) = H_1 \Delta_1 E_1 x_k \\ \Delta g(x_k) = H_2 \Delta_2 E_2 \\ \Delta h(x_k) = H_3 \Delta_3 E_3 x_k \\ \Delta l(x_k) = H_4 \Delta_4 E_4 \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

where  $H_1, H_2, H_3, H_4, E_1, E_2, E_3$ , and  $E_4$  are known matrices; and  $\Delta_1, \Delta_2, \Delta_3$ , and  $\Delta_4$  are unknown but bounded with  $\|\Delta_1\| \leq 1$ ,  $\|\Delta_2\| \leq 1$ ,  $\|\Delta_3\| \leq 1$ , and  $\|\Delta_4\| \leq 1$ , respectively.

The T-S fuzzy models have been proved to be approximators for nonlinear systems [30], [37], [43]. However, there exists an approximation error between the fuzzy model and the original nonlinear system. For an affine nonlinear system, an approximation scheme in [42] was proposed to construct its T-S fuzzy approximator, and the corresponding approximation error bound has been determined. Therefore, we use norm-bounded uncertainties [see (9)] to represent the approximation error [6]. The upper bound of the norm-bounded uncertainty can be thought of as the worst-case approximation error [34]. Now, a robust fuzzy filter for the nonlinear system to tolerate the approximation error based on the assumptions [see (9)] can be designed as follows.

Filter Rule  $i$ : IF  $\hat{\theta}_1(k)$  is  $\mu_{i1}$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2(k)$  is  $\mu_{i2}, \dots$  and  $\hat{\theta}_p(k)$  is  $\mu_{ip}$ , THEN

$$\hat{x}_{k+1} = G_i \hat{x}_k + F u_k + L_i y_k, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r \quad (10)$$

where  $G_i$  and  $L_i$  are the fuzzy filter parameters to be determined, and  $\hat{\theta}_k = \{\hat{\theta}_1(k), \hat{\theta}_2(k), \dots, \hat{\theta}_p(k)\}$  are premise variables, which maybe functions of the state estimates. The overall fuzzy filter can be written from (10) as [11], [33]

$$\hat{x}_{k+1} = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) G_i \hat{x}_k + \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) L_i y_k + F u_k. \quad (11)$$

Substituting (7) into (11) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{x}_{k+1} &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) G_i \hat{x}_k + \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \\ &\times L_i \left[ \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) C_j x_k + \Delta h(x_k) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) D_j v_k + \Delta l(x_k) v_k \right] + F u_k \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) G_i \hat{x}_k + \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \\ &\times [L_i (C_j x_k + D_j v_k)] + \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \\ &\times L_i [\Delta h(x_k) + \Delta l(x_k) v_k] + F u_k. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

On the other hand, if  $(x_k - \hat{x}_k)^T P_k^{-1} (x_k - \hat{x}_k) \leq 1$ , then there exists a  $z$  with  $\|z\| \leq 1$  such that

$$x_k = \hat{x}_k + \Xi_k z \quad (13)$$

where  $\Xi_k$  is a factorization of  $P_k = \Xi_k \Xi_k^T$ .

Thus, the state estimation error is derived from (7), (9), (12), and (13) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1} &= \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) A_j x_k + \Delta f(x_k) + \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) B_j w_k \\ &\quad + \Delta g(x_k) w_k - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) G_i \hat{x}_k \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) [L_j (C_i x_k + D_i v_k)] \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) L_i [\Delta h(x_k) + \Delta l(x_k) v_k] \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) A_j x_k - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) G_i \hat{x}_k - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) L_i C_j x_k + \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) B_j w_k - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) L_i D_j v_k + H_1 \Delta_1 E_1 x_k + H_2 \Delta_2 E_2 w_k \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) L_i (H_3 \Delta_3 E_3 x_k + H_4 \Delta_4 E_4 v_k) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) A_j \hat{x}_k + \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) A_j \Xi_k z \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) G_i \hat{x}_k - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) L_i C_j \hat{x}_k \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) L_i C_j \Xi_k z + \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) B_j w_k \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) L_i D_j v_k + H_1 \Delta_1 E_1 \hat{x}_k \\ &\quad + H_1 \Delta_1 E_1 \Xi_k z + H_2 \Delta_2 E_2 w_k - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \\ &\quad \times L_i (H_3 \Delta_3 E_3 \hat{x}_k + H_3 \Delta_3 E_3 \Xi_k z + H_4 \Delta_4 E_4 v_k). \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Defining new variables as

$$\begin{cases} q_1 = \Delta_1 E_1 \hat{x}_k \\ q_2 = \Delta_1 E_1 \Xi_k z \\ q_3 = \Delta_2 E_2 w_k \\ q_4 = \Delta_3 E_3 \hat{x}_k \\ q_5 = \Delta_3 E_3 \Xi_k z \\ q_6 = \Delta_4 E_4 v_k \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1} &= \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) A_j \hat{x}_k + \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) A_j \Xi_k z - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) G_i \hat{x}_k \\
 &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) L_i C_j \hat{x}_k - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \\
 &\quad \times \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) L_i C_j \Xi_k z + \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) B_j w_k - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \\
 &\quad \times \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) L_i D_j v_k + H_1 q_1 + H_1 q_2 + H_2 q_3 \\
 &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) L_i (H_3 q_4 + H_3 q_5 + H_4 q_6). \quad (16)
 \end{aligned}$$

Denoting

$$\eta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ z \\ w_k \\ v_k \\ q_1 \\ q_2 \\ q_3 \\ q_4 \\ q_5 \\ q_6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

and noting the fact that  $\sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) = 1$ , we have

$$x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1} = \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \Phi_{ij} \eta \quad (18)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_{ij} &= [A_j \hat{x}_k - G_i \hat{x}_k - L_i C_j \hat{x}_k \quad A_j \Xi_k - L_i C_j \Xi_k \\
 &\quad B_j \quad -L_i D_j \quad H_1 \quad H_1 \quad H_2 \quad -L_i H_3 \\
 &\quad -L_i H_3 \quad -L_i H_4]. \quad (19)
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1})^T P_{k+1}^{-1} (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1}) &= \eta^T \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \sum_{l=1}^r h_l(\hat{\theta}_k) \\
 &\quad \times \sum_{m=1}^r h_m(\theta_k) \Phi_{lm} \eta \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \sum_{l=1}^r h_l(\hat{\theta}_k) \\
 &\quad \times \sum_{m=1}^r h_m(\theta_k) \eta^T \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{lm} \eta \quad (20)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_{k+1}$  is a design parameter, which is used to find the ellipsoidal set of possible system states  $x_k$  such that  $(x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1})^T P_{k+1}^{-1} (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1}) \leq 1$ .

Our objective in this paper is to determine a *minimal ellipsoid* for the state  $x_{k+1}$  in some sense, given the measurement information  $y_k$  at time instant  $k$  for the process noise  $w_k \in \mathcal{W}_k$ , the measurement noise  $v_k \in \mathcal{V}_k$ , and all the uncertainties  $\|\Delta_1\| \leq 1$ ,  $\|\Delta_2\| \leq 1$ ,  $\|\Delta_3\| \leq 1$ , and  $\|\Delta_4\| \leq 1$ . In other words, we look for  $P_{k+1}$  and  $\hat{x}_{k+1}$  such that

$$\min_{P_{k+1} > 0} \text{trace}(P_{k+1}) \quad (21)$$

$$\text{subject to } (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1})^T P_{k+1}^{-1} (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1}) \leq 1 \quad (22)$$

for any  $w_k \in \mathcal{W}_k$ ,  $v_k \in \mathcal{V}_k$ ,  $\|\Delta_1\| \leq 1$ ,  $\|\Delta_2\| \leq 1$ ,  $\|\Delta_3\| \leq 1$ , and  $\|\Delta_4\| \leq 1$ .

The above filtering problem is referred to as the nonlinear SMF problem.

### III. SOLUTION TO THE NONLINEAR SMF PROBLEM

To obtain the solution to the nonlinear SMF problem [see (21) and (22)], we get the following result from (20):

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1})^T P_{k+1}^{-1} (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1}) &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \sum_{l=1}^r h_l(\hat{\theta}_k) \\
 &\quad \times \sum_{m=1}^r h_m(\theta_k) \eta^T \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{lm} \eta \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{l=1}^r h_l(\hat{\theta}_k) \\
 &\quad \times \left[ \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \sum_{m=1}^r h_m(\theta_k) \eta^T \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{lm} \eta \right] \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{l=1}^r h_l(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \eta^T \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{lj} \eta \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{l=1}^r h_l(\hat{\theta}_k) \eta^T \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{lj} \eta \right] \\
 &\leq \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \eta^T \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{ij} \eta \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \eta^T \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{ij} \eta. \quad (23)
 \end{aligned}$$

With  $\|\Delta_1\| \leq 1$ ,  $\|\Delta_2\| \leq 1$ ,  $\|\Delta_3\| \leq 1$ , and  $\|\Delta_4\| \leq 1$ , we can infer from (15) that

$$\begin{cases} q_1^T q_1 - \hat{x}_k^T E_1^T E_1 \hat{x}_k \leq 0 \\ q_2^T q_2 - z^T \Xi_k^T E_1^T E_1 \Xi_k z \leq 0 \\ q_3^T q_3 - w_k^T E_2^T E_2 w_k \leq 0 \\ q_4^T q_4 - \hat{x}_k^T E_3^T E_3 \hat{x}_k \leq 0 \\ q_5^T q_5 - z^T \Xi_k^T E_3^T E_3 \Xi_k z \leq 0 \\ q_6^T q_6 - v_k^T E_4^T E_4 v_k \leq 0. \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

Thus, the unknown variables  $z, w_k, v_k, q_1, q_2, q_3, q_4, q_5$ , and  $q_6$  satisfy the following conditions:

$$\begin{cases} \|z\| \leq 1 \\ w_k^T Q_k^{-1} w_k \leq 1 \\ v_k^T R_k^{-1} v_k \leq 1 \\ q_1^T q_1 - \hat{x}_k^T E_1^T E_1 \hat{x}_k \leq 0 \\ q_2^T q_2 - z^T \Xi_k^T E_1^T E_1 \Xi_k z \leq 0 \\ q_3^T q_3 - w_k^T E_2^T E_2 w_k \leq 0 \\ q_4^T q_4 - \hat{x}_k^T E_3^T E_3 \hat{x}_k \leq 0 \\ q_5^T q_5 - z^T \Xi_k^T E_3^T E_3 \Xi_k z \leq 0 \\ q_6^T q_6 - v_k^T E_4^T E_4 v_k \leq 0. \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

We write (25) in  $\eta$  as

$$\begin{cases} \eta^T \text{diag}(-1, I, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \eta \leq 0 \\ \eta^T \text{diag}(-1, 0, Q_k^{-1}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \eta \leq 0 \\ \eta^T \text{diag}(-1, 0, 0, R_k^{-1}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \eta \leq 0 \\ \eta^T \text{diag}(-\hat{x}_k^T E_1^T E_1 \hat{x}_k, 0, 0, 0, I, 0, 0, 0, 0) \eta \leq 0 \\ \eta^T \text{diag}(0, -\Xi_k^T E_1^T E_1 \Xi_k, 0, 0, 0, I, 0, 0, 0) \eta \leq 0 \\ \eta^T \text{diag}(0, 0, -E_2^T E_2, 0, 0, 0, I, 0, 0) \eta \leq 0 \\ \eta^T \text{diag}(-\hat{x}_k^T E_3^T E_3 \hat{x}_k, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, I, 0, 0) \eta \leq 0 \\ \eta^T \text{diag}(0, -\Xi_k^T E_3^T E_3 \Xi_k, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, I, 0) \eta \leq 0 \\ \eta^T \text{diag}(0, 0, 0, -E_4^T E_4, 0, 0, 0, 0, I) \eta \leq 0. \end{cases} \quad (26)$$

On the other hand, our goal from (23) and (22) is to achieve that

$$\sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \eta^T \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{ij} \eta \leq 1. \quad (27)$$

Hence, the proposed problem is transferred to solve the problem in (27) subject to the inequality constraints in (26).

Now, we apply S-procedure [5] to (26) and (27). The sufficient condition such that the inequalities (26) imply (27) to hold is that there exist positive scalars  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4, \tau_5, \tau_6, \tau_7, \tau_8$ , and  $\tau_9$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{ij} - \text{diag}(1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \\ & - \tau_1 \text{diag}(-1, I, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \\ & - \tau_2 \text{diag}(-1, 0, Q_k^{-1}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \\ & - \tau_3 \text{diag}(-1, 0, 0, R_k^{-1}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \\ & - \tau_4 \text{diag}(-\hat{x}_k^T E_1^T E_1 \hat{x}_k, 0, 0, 0, I, 0, 0, 0, 0) \\ & - \tau_5 \text{diag}(0, -\Xi_k^T E_1^T E_1 \Xi_k, 0, 0, 0, I, 0, 0, 0) \\ & - \tau_6 \text{diag}(0, 0, -E_2^T E_2, 0, 0, 0, I, 0, 0) \\ & - \tau_7 \text{diag}(-\hat{x}_k^T E_3^T E_3 \hat{x}_k, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, I, 0, 0) \\ & - \tau_8 \text{diag}(0, -\Xi_k^T E_3^T E_3 \Xi_k, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, I, 0) \\ & - \tau_9 \text{diag}(0, 0, 0, -E_4^T E_4, 0, 0, 0, 0, I) \leq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Equation (28) is written in the following compact form:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{ij} \\ & - \text{diag}(1 - \tau_1 - \tau_2 - \tau_3 - \tau_4 - \tau_4 \hat{x}_k^T E_1^T E_1 \hat{x}_k \\ & - \tau_7 \hat{x}_k^T E_3^T E_3 \hat{x}_k, \tau_1 I - \tau_5 \Xi_k^T E_1^T E_1 \Xi_k \\ & - \tau_8 \Xi_k^T E_3^T E_3 \Xi_k, \tau_2 Q_k^{-1} - \tau_6 E_2^T E_2, \tau_3 R_k^{-1} \\ & - \tau_9 E_4^T E_4, \tau_4 I, \tau_5 I, \tau_6 I, \tau_7 I, \tau_8 I, \tau_9 I) \leq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

By denoting

$$\begin{aligned} & \Theta(\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4, \tau_5, \tau_6, \tau_7, \tau_8, \tau_9) \\ & = \text{diag}(1 - \tau_1 - \tau_2 - \tau_3 - \tau_4 - \tau_4 \hat{x}_k^T E_1^T E_1 \hat{x}_k \\ & - \tau_7 \hat{x}_k^T E_3^T E_3 \hat{x}_k, \tau_1 I - \tau_5 \Xi_k^T E_1^T E_1 \Xi_k \\ & - \tau_8 \Xi_k^T E_3^T E_3 \Xi_k, \tau_2 Q_k^{-1} - \tau_6 E_2^T E_2, \tau_3 R_k^{-1} \\ & - \tau_9 E_4^T E_4, \tau_4 I, \tau_5 I, \tau_6 I, \tau_7 I, \tau_8 I, \tau_9 I) \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

we can write (30) as

$$\Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{ij} - \Theta(\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4, \tau_5, \tau_6, \tau_7, \tau_8, \tau_9) \leq 0. \quad (31)$$

By using Schur complements [29], (31) is equivalent to

$$\begin{bmatrix} -P_{k+1} & \Phi_{ij} \\ \Phi_{ij}^T & -\Theta(\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4, \tau_5, \tau_6, \tau_7, \tau_8, \tau_9) \end{bmatrix} \leq 0. \quad (32)$$

Hence, we can get the following theorem.

**Theorem 1:** For the system [see (1)] that satisfies the assumptions [see (9)] and that its state  $x_k$  belongs to the state estimation ellipsoid  $(x_k - \hat{x}_k)^T P_k^{-1} (x_k - \hat{x}_k) \leq 1$ , where  $\hat{x}_k$  and  $P_k > 0$  are known, if there exist a symmetric positive definite matrix  $P_{k+1} = P_{k+1}^T > 0$ , real matrices  $G_i$  and  $L_i$ , and positive scalars  $\tau_1 > 0, \tau_2 > 0, \tau_3 > 0, \tau_4 > 0, \tau_5 > 0, \tau_6 > 0, \tau_7 > 0, \tau_8 > 0$ , and  $\tau_9 > 0$  such that the following linear matrix inequality (LMI):

$$\begin{bmatrix} -P_{k+1} & \Phi_{ij} \\ \Phi_{ij}^T & -\Theta(\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4, \tau_5, \tau_6, \tau_7, \tau_8, \tau_9) \end{bmatrix} \leq 0 \quad (33)$$

holds for all  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , then a one-step ahead state  $x_{k+1}$  will reside in its state estimation ellipsoid  $(x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1})^T P_{k+1}^{-1} (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1}) \leq 1$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{ij} = & [A_j \hat{x}_k - G_i \hat{x}_k - L_i C_j \hat{x}_k \quad A_j \Xi_k - L_i C_j \Xi_k \\ & B_j \quad -L_i D_j \quad H_1 \quad H_1 \quad H_2 \quad -L_i H_3 \\ & -L_i H_3 \quad -L_i H_4] \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \Theta(\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4, \tau_5, \tau_6, \tau_7, \tau_8, \tau_9) \\ & = \text{diag}(1 - \tau_1 - \tau_2 - \tau_3 - \tau_4 - \tau_4 \hat{x}_k^T E_1^T E_1 \hat{x}_k \\ & - \tau_7 \hat{x}_k^T E_3^T E_3 \hat{x}_k, \tau_1 I - \tau_5 \Xi_k^T E_1^T E_1 \Xi_k \\ & - \tau_8 \Xi_k^T E_3^T E_3 \Xi_k, \tau_2 Q_k^{-1} - \tau_6 E_2^T E_2, \tau_3 R_k^{-1} \\ & - \tau_9 E_4^T E_4, \tau_4 I, \tau_5 I, \tau_6 I, \tau_7 I, \tau_8 I, \tau_9 I). \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

*Proof:* If there exist  $P_{k+1} > 0$ ,  $G_i$ ,  $L_i$ ,  $\tau_1 > 0$ ,  $\tau_2 > 0$ ,  $\tau_3 > 0$ ,  $\tau_4 > 0$ ,  $\tau_5 > 0$ ,  $\tau_6 > 0$ ,  $\tau_7 > 0$ ,  $\tau_8 > 0$ , and  $\tau_9 > 0$  such that (33) holds for all  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, r$ , then we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^r h_i(\hat{\theta}_k) \sum_{j=1}^r h_j(\theta_k) \eta^T \Phi_{ij}^T P_{k+1}^{-1} \Phi_{ij} \eta \leq 1. \quad (36)$$

From (23), we obtain

$$(x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1})^T P_{k+1}^{-1} (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1}) \leq 1 \quad (37)$$

which completes the proof. ■

Theorem 1 provides a sufficient condition [see (33)] to guarantee that the state resides in its state estimation ellipsoid  $(x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1})^T P_{k+1}^{-1} (x_{k+1} - \hat{x}_{k+1}) \leq 1$ . It also requires that the previous state stays in the previous state estimation ellipsoid  $(x_k - \hat{x}_k)^T P_k^{-1} (x_k - \hat{x}_k) \leq 1$ . We can, therefore, construct a recursive algorithm to implement Theorem 1. Moreover, since  $P_{k+1}$  is linear in LMI [see (33)], it can be included as an optimization variable, which can be exploited to obtain a minimal state estimation ellipsoid. The optimization problem is formed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \min & \text{trace}(P_{k+1}) \\ \text{subject to} & P_{k+1} > 0, G_i, L_i, \tau_1 > 0, \tau_2 > 0, \tau_3 > 0, \tau_4 > 0, \tau_5 > 0, \tau_6 > 0, \tau_7 > 0, \tau_8 > 0, \tau_9 > 0 \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

subject to

$$\begin{bmatrix} -P_{k+1} & \Phi_{ij} \\ \Phi_{ij}^T & -\Theta(\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4, \tau_5, \tau_6, \tau_7, \tau_8, \tau_9) \end{bmatrix} \leq 0, \quad i, j = 1, 2, \dots, r. \quad (39)$$

Equations (38) and (39) provide the computation of the state estimation ellipsoid of the minimal size in the sense of trace. Now, we summarize the above recursive algorithm as follows.

#### The Nonlinear SMF Recursive Algorithm

- Step 1) Given the initial values  $(\hat{x}_0, P_0)$ ,  $k = 0$ , and the finite time horizon  $K$ .
- Step 2) Compute the shape of the state estimation ellipsoid  $P_{k+1}$  and filter parameters  $G_i$  and  $L_i$  by solving the optimization problem (38) and (39).
- Step 3) If  $k = K$ , then stop; otherwise,  $k = k + 1$ , and go to Step 2).

*Remark 1:* We can see from Theorem 1 that the inequality [see (33)] is linear to the variables  $P_{k+1}$ ,  $G_i$  and  $L_i$ ,  $\tau_1$ ,  $\tau_2$ ,  $\tau_3$ ,  $\tau_4$ ,  $\tau_5$ ,  $\tau_6$ ,  $\tau_7$ ,  $\tau_8$ , and  $\tau_9$ . Hence, the optimization problem in (38) subject to (39) can be solved by the existing semidefinite programming (SDP) via interior-point approach [21], [35]. The algorithm provided is recursive and finite-horizon time. Therefore, we only guarantee the convergence of the state estimate ellipsoid for finite-horizon time. The ellipsoid set is determined by computing  $P_{k+1}$  step by step according to the noises and the approximation errors.

*Remark 2:* Another good measure of the ellipsoid is to choose  $\log \det(P_{k+1})$  as the objective function. However, if we change the objective function trace ( $P_{k+1}$ ) to  $\log \det(P_{k+1})$ , then the optimization problem [see (38)] is not convex. The existing SDP cannot be used to solve the nonconvex optimization problem.

To transfer this nonconvex optimization problem into a convex optimization one, a decoupled technique has been proposed in [13], which provides a unique optimal ellipsoid. Other measures of the ellipsoid can also be introduced, for example, the maximum singular value of  $P_{k+1}$ .

## IV. SIMULATION EXAMPLE

Consider the following discrete-time nonlinear system:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{1,k+1} &= 0.2x_{1,k} - 0.3(x_{2,k} - x_{1,k}^2) + w_k \\ x_{2,k+1} &= 0.3x_{1,k} + 0.2(x_{2,k} - x_{1,k}^2) + w_k \\ y_k &= x_{1,k} + 0.1x_{1,k}^2 + x_{2,k} + 0.1x_{2,k}^2 + v_k \end{aligned}$$

where the state  $x_k = [x_{1,k} \ x_{2,k}]^T$ .

Now, we construct the following fuzzy models to approximate the above nonlinear system:

- Rule 1: IF  $x_{1,k}$  is about 1, THEN  $x_{k+1} = A_1 x_k + B_1 w_k$ ,  $y_k = C_1 x_k + D_1 v_k$ ;
- Rule 2: IF  $x_{1,k}$  is about 0, THEN  $x_{k+1} = A_2 x_k + B_2 w_k$ ,  $y_k = C_2 x_k + D_2 v_k$ ;

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & -0.3 \\ 0.1 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} & B_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & C_1 &= [1.1 \ 1.1] & D_1 &= 1 \\ A_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 & -0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix} & B_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} & C_2 &= [1.0 \ 1.0] & D_2 &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

For the convenience of simulation, triangular membership functions are used for Rules 1 and 2 in this example.

In the above fuzzy models, the approximation errors between the nonlinear system and the fuzzy models are assumed to satisfy (9), where

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.1 \end{bmatrix} & E_1 &= [0 \ 0.5] & H_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & E_2 &= 0 \\ H_3 &= 0.1 & E_3 &= [0 \ 0.5] & H_4 &= 0 & E_4 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

In the simulation,  $w_k$  and  $v_k$  are chosen as  $0.5 \sin(2k)$  and  $0.5 \sin(30k)$ , respectively. The initial state is set as  $x_0 = [0 \ 0]^T$ , which belongs to the ellipsoid  $(x_0 - \hat{x}_0)^T P_0^{-1} (x_0 - \hat{x}_0) \leq 1$ , where  $\hat{x}_0 = [1 \ 1]^T$ , and  $P_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 50 & 0 \\ 0 & 50 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $Q_k = 1 - k/100$ , and  $R_k = 1 - k/100$ .

The simulation results are obtained by solving the convex optimization problem in (38) subject to (39) under Matlab 6.5 with YALMIP 3.0 and SeDuMi 1.1 [17]. Fig. 1 shows the phase-plane estimation using the proposed SMF. We can see that the true states are always contained in the estimated ellipsoid. It is also seen in Figs. 2 and 3 that the true states reside between the upper and lower bounds.

Since we cannot exactly know how much the approximation errors between the nonlinear system and the fuzzy models, we always overbound the approximation error bounds. Now, we

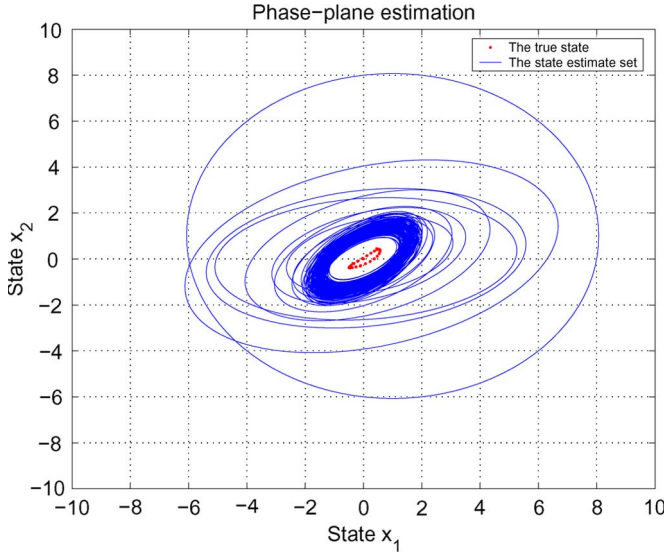


Fig. 1. Phase-plane estimation using the proposed SMF for a nonlinear system with small approximation error bounds.

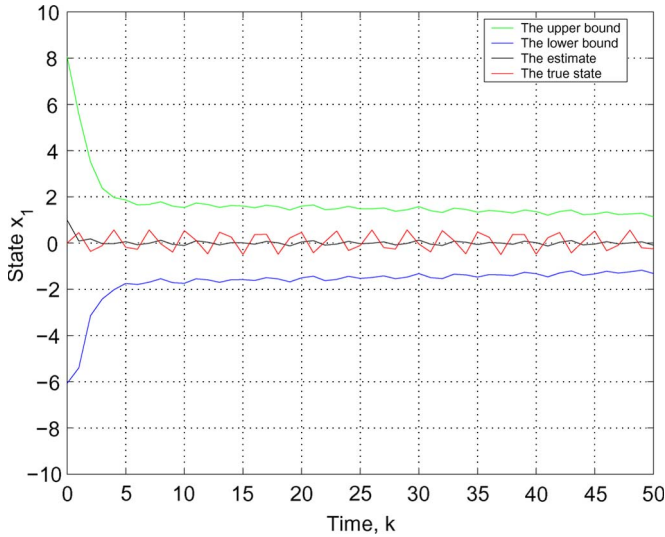


Fig. 2. True state value, state estimation, and its bounds for a nonlinear system with small approximation error bounds.

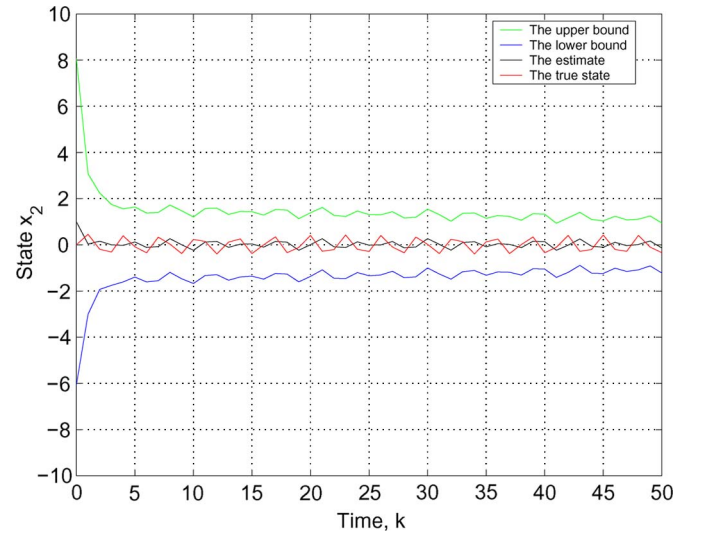


Fig. 3. True state value, state estimation, and its bounds for a nonlinear system with small approximation error bounds.

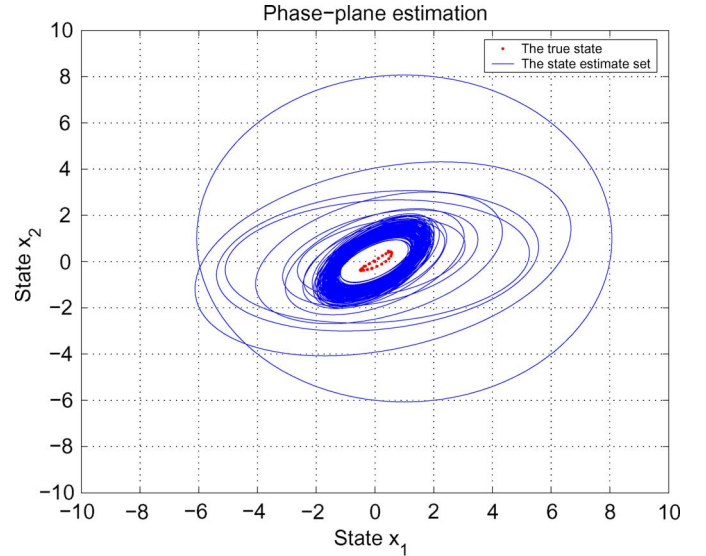


Fig. 4. Phase-plane estimation using the proposed SMF for a nonlinear system with large approximation error bounds.

shall investigate the impacts of the overbound on the simulation results. For example, we assume the large bounds:

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0.2 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} & E_1 &= [0 \quad 1] & H_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} & E_2 &= 0 \\ H_3 &= 0.2 & E_3 &= [0 \quad 1] & H_4 &= 0 & E_4 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

We resolve the optimization problem in (38) subject to (39) under Matlab 6.5 with YALMIP 3.0 and SeDuMi 1.1 [17]. We also obtain the phase-plane estimation shown in Fig. 4 and the true states, state estimates, and upper and lower bounds shown in Figs. 5 and 6. From the simulation results, we can see that the upper and lower bounds are bigger than those with the small approximation error bounds. Thus, the conservative bound estimate for the approximation errors will bring the bigger upper and lower bounds for the true states.

## V. CONCLUSION

This paper has provided a new SMF method for discrete-time nonlinear systems. We have employed the T-S fuzzy model to approximate the nonlinear systems over the true value of state and to overcome the difficulty with the linearization over a state estimate set rather than a state estimate point in the set-membership framework. Based on the T-S fuzzy model, we have applied the fuzzy modeling approach and the  $S$ -procedure to determine a state estimation ellipsoid that is a set of states compatible with the measurements, the unknown-but-bounded process and measurement noises, and the modeling approximation errors. A recursive algorithm has been derived for computing the ellipsoid that guarantees to contain the true state. An illustrative example has demonstrated the feasibility of the proposed filtering methods. The algorithm is computationally attractive for online systems with nonlinearities in the presence of unknown-but-bounded process and measurement noises. The

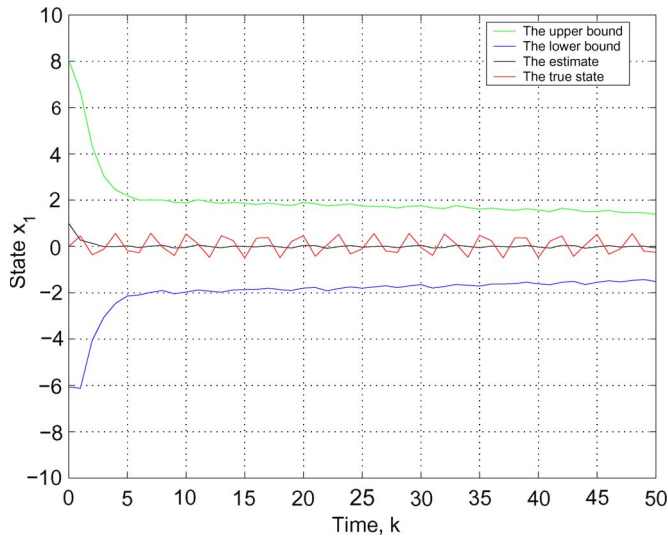


Fig. 5. True state value, state estimation, and its bounds for a nonlinear system with large approximation error bounds.

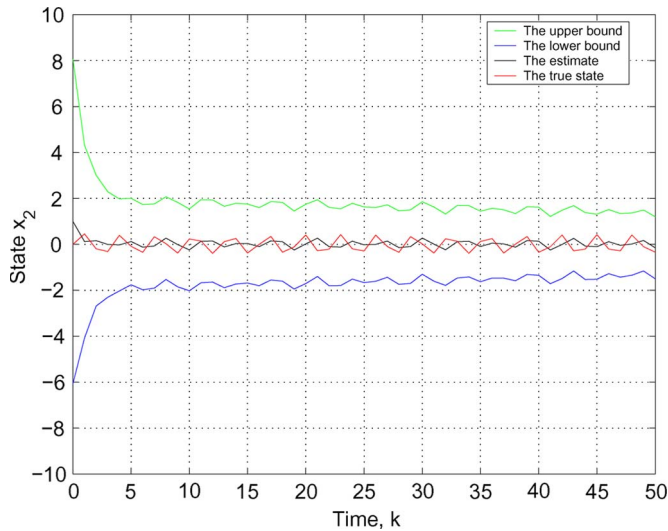


Fig. 6. True state value, state estimation, and its bounds for a nonlinear system with large approximation error bounds.

future research topics will focus on the study of the convergence of the algorithms and how to reduce the conservatism of the possible estimation sets.

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