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Adaptive tracking control for a class of uncertain switched stochastic nonlinear systems

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Abstract

This paper pursues an adaptive fuzzy control scheme for a class of nonlinear systems with stochastic switching. A general controller and adaptive mechanism are designed by utilizing Lyapunov function approach and backstepping technique. It is demonstrated that the presented control method can guarantee that all the signals in the closed-loop system are semi-globally uniformly ultimately bounded (SUUB) and the tracking error is convergent to a neighborhood of the origin. Finally, the simulation results verify the feasibility of the control strategy presented in this paper.

Keywords: Adaptive fuzzy control; Stochastic switched nonlinear systems; Backstepping technique

1 Introduction

As is well known, a common Lyapunov function (CLF) guarantees that the switched system is stable under arbitrary switching [1]. As an impactful approach for the stability analysis, CLF has been widely employed for control synthesis of switched linear systems [2–6]. For instance, [7] used the classic quadratic Lyapunov function and solved the stabilization problem for a class of stochastic nonlinear strict-feedback systems. Based on CLF method for a class of switched nonlinear systems, [8, 9] have investigated three state feedback control methods; however, the nonlinear functions of the above control systems are known. Additionally, the backstepping technique is used for the global stabilization problem for switched nonlinear systems in strict-feedback form under arbitrary switchings [8]. The adaptive backstepping approach is a recursive design methodology for controller design. It constructs associated Lyapunov functions and feedback control laws, and its main purpose is to design the adaptive laws and virtual control functions to counteract the unknown nonlinearity of system [10]. In recent years, in view of several classes of switched nonlinear systems, some backstepping control design methods have been proposed. Nevertheless, few of them take into account the uncertainties that exist extensively in practical switched nonlinear systems [6, 11].

In the last few decades, as a typical hybrid system, switched systems have been a great concern with their increasing significance in engineering practice, such as multiagent systems, aircraft-control systems and circuit and power systems [12, 13]. Switched systems

present switching between a set of subsystems resting with changing environmental factors. The system detects and breaks down various parameters in the changing environment, and then switches to the subsystem matching with the environment. So far, the controller design and stability analysis of switched systems have proposed remarkable results [2, 14–20]. In the actual control system, the dynamic characteristics of controlled objects such as production process, production equipment and transmission system are difficult to describe by accurate mathematical model. With the change of working environment, the components of the control system may be aged or damaged, and the characteristics of the controlled object also change. All these factors lead to some inevitable errors between the mathematical model of the controlled object and the actual object. For example, in large power systems, due to the large dimension, many systems contain unmodeled dynamic, uncertain parameters and random noise. In the actual operation, the system will also be affected by various harmonic and load disturbances. These random uncertainties of the power system bring about security risks to the normal operation of the power system. All of the above systems can be described by switching system. Since stochastic switched systems integrate the characteristics and difficulties of stochastic systems and switched systems, it is very difficult to analyze the stability and application of stochastic switched systems.

Obviously, stochastic disturbance is considered as one of the unstable sources of control systems which usually exists in many practical systems [21–23]. So, for a deterministic nonlinear system, the control for stochastic nonlinear system is much more difficult. Therefore, the research on control design and stability analysis for nonlinear stochastic systems is a significant and challenging subject, and it has been a topic of great concern in the last few years [24–28]. Specifically, some control methods based on adaptive backstepping technique for deterministic nonlinear systems [29–32] have been successfully generalized to nonlinear stochastic systems [33–39]. For instance, an output-feedback backstepping controller was developed for a class of stochastic nonlinear systems in [40], the state feedback controller is designed for nonlinear stochastic systems with Markovian switching [41] and [42] presented the backstepping control design approaches. Nevertheless, these methods are only suitable for those nonlinear stochastic systems with known nonlinear dynamic models. Adaptive output-feedback control methods for a class of uncertain nonlinear stochastic systems were proposed by utilizing the fuzzy logic system (FLS) and the stability of the control systems was discussed in [35]. The results of [35] were extended to a class of uncertain large-scale nonlinear stochastic systems. The approaches [17, 20] decreased the adjustable parameters. The presented controller in [43] has a simple structure because the unknown virtual control signals were directly approximated via FLS. From the above, adaptive fuzzy control approach plays an important role in dealing with uncertain nonlinear systems.

Motivated by the above discussions, this paper presents an adaptive fuzzy tracking control method for a class of uncertain strict-feedback switched nonlinear systems with completely unknown nonlinear functions. In the design process, the unknown nonlinear functions are approximated by utilizing FLS, an adaptive fuzzy control has been proposed by the backstepping technique and CLF method. Compared with the previous results, the advantages of this paper can be summarized as follows.

1. This paper studies the tracking control problem of switched nonlinear uncertain systems, which is different from the available methods on switched nonlinear

systems. The stochastic disturbance is considered and all system functions studied in this paper are unknown completely. Therefore, compared with existing work, the controlled system is more general and the control design is more challenging.

- There are two kinds of adaptive fuzzy backstepping control approaches proposed in this paper for a class of switched nonlinear uncertain systems. We propose a design approach with multiple adaptive laws in the first place. After that, another approach with only one adaptive law is presented in order to avoid too many parameters. In addition, we use the norm of the unknown weight vector of FLS basis function rather than the weight vector elements themselves as the estimated parameter at each step, which significantly reduces the number of adaptive parameters. Therefore, the presented control design approach becomes more practical to use.

The remainder of manuscript is organized as follows. The preliminaries and problem formulation are addressed in Sect. 2. A novel adaptive fuzzy control scheme is introduced in Sect. 3. A simulation example is developed in Sect. 4. Finally, conclusions are given in Sect. 5.

2 Preliminaries and problem formulation

The following notations are used in this paper. R_+ means the set of all non-negative real numbers, R^n represents the real n -dimensional space, and $R^{n \times r}$ stands for the set of all $n \times r$ real matrices. $\|X\|$ indicates the Euclidean norm of a vector x . $C^{2,1}$ represents the set of all the functions $V(x, t)$ which belong to C^2 with respect to x and belong to C^1 with respect to t . $\text{Tr}(A)$ means a trace of the matrix A .

2.1 Stochastic stability

Consider a stochastic nonlinear system of the following form:

$$dx = f(x, t) dt + g(x, t) d\omega, \tag{1}$$

where $x \in R^n$ is the state variable, $f : R^n \times R^+ \rightarrow R^n$, $h : R^n \times R^+ \rightarrow R^{n \times r}$ are continuous functions, and ω represents an independent r -dimension standard Brownian motion defined on the complete probability space $(\Omega, F, \{F_t\}_{t \geq 0}, P)$ with Ω representing a sample space, and F being a sample σ -field, $\{F_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ representing a filtration and P representing a probability measure.

Definition 1 ([44]) For the twice continuously differentiable function $\mathcal{V}(x, t)$, the differential operator L is defined as:

$$L\mathcal{V} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial x} f + \frac{\partial \mathcal{V}}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left\{ h^T \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{V}}{\partial x^2} h \right\}. \tag{2}$$

Remark 1 The term $\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \{ h^T \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{V}}{\partial x^2} h \}$ is called *Itô* correction term, $\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{V}}{\partial x^2}$ will be more difficult to construct the common virtual control function and the unified adaptive mechanism for uncertain switched stochastic systems than that of deterministic system.

Lemma 1 ([45]) Consider the dynamic system as follows:

$$\dot{\hat{\zeta}} = -\gamma \hat{\zeta}(t) + \chi \rho(t),$$

where $\gamma > 0, \chi > 0$ and $\rho(t) > 0$ is a function, then, for bounded initial condition $\forall \hat{\zeta}(t_0) \geq 0, \varsigma(t) \geq 0$ for $\forall t \geq t_0$.

Lemma 2 ([34]) *Suppose there is a function $\mathcal{V}(x, t) \in C^{2,1}$, and constants $p > 0$ and $q > 0$, class k_∞ functions $\bar{\alpha}_1$ and $\bar{\alpha}_2$, such that*

$$\begin{cases} \bar{\alpha}_1(\|x\|) \leq \mathcal{V}(x, t) \leq \bar{\alpha}_2(\|x\|), \\ L\mathcal{V} \leq -p\mathcal{V}(x, t) + q, \end{cases}$$

for $\forall x \in R^n$ and $\forall t > 0$. Then there exists an unique strong solution of system (1) for each $x_0 \in R^n$ and the system is bounded in probability.

Lemma 3 (Young’s inequality [46]) *For $\forall(x, y) \in R^2$, there is an inequality as follows:*

$$xy \leq \frac{\varepsilon^m}{m}|x|^m + \frac{1}{n\varepsilon^n}|y|^n,$$

where $\varepsilon > 0, m > 1, n > 1$ and $(m - 1)(n - 1) = 1$.

2.2 Problem formulation

Consider a class of switched nonlinear system in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} dx_j &= [h_{j,\tau(t)}x_{j+1} + f_{j,\tau(t)}(\bar{x}_j)] dt + \psi_{n,\tau(t)}^T(\bar{x}_j) d\omega, \\ j &= \{1, 2, \dots, n - 1\} \in I, \\ dx_n &= [h_{n,\tau(t)}u_{\tau(t)} + f_{n,\tau(t)}(\bar{x}_n)] dt + \psi_{n,\tau(t)}^T(\bar{x}_n) d\omega, \\ y &= x_1, \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where $\bar{x}_j = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_j)^T \in R^j, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ is the system state, $\tau(t) = k (k \in M)$ implies that the k th subsystem is active, ω is defined in (1), y is the system output; $\tau(t) : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow M = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ is the switching signal; $u_r \in R$ denotes the control input of the r th subsystem. For any $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $r = 1, 2, \dots, m, f_{j,r}(\bar{x}_j)$ is an unknown smooth nonlinear function being the system uncertainty, and $h_{j,r} > 0$ is a constant.

Assumption 1 ([47]) *The tracking target $y_r(t)$ and its time derivatives up to the n th order are continuous and bounded.*

Remark 2 When we do not consider the unknown functions and the tracking control problem, system (3) will be reduced to system (1) in [17], So, the system studied in this note is more general.

Assumption 2 ([48]) *For $j \in I$, there exist unknown constants b_k and b_K such that*

$$0 < b_k \leq |h_{j,r}x_{j+1}| \leq b_K < \infty, \quad \forall x_{j+1} \in R^j \times R.$$

In addition, the sign of $h_{j,r}x_{j+1}$ is known, and the sign of $h_{n,r}u_{\sigma(t)}$ is unknown. Without loss of generality, it is further assumed that $h_{j,r}x_{j+1} \geq b_k > 0$.

Remark 3 In the existing researches on pure-feedback nonlinear systems, it is usually considered that the sign of $h_{n,r}u_{\tau(t)}$ is known. Therefore, Assumption 2 is reasonable, it is a meaningful work for the stochastic nonlinear systems.

2.3 Fuzzy logic systems

In the process of controller design and stability analysis, the FLS is adopted in order to approximate the unknown functions.

Consider the j th IF-THEN rule of the following form:

R_j : IF \bar{x}_1 is Γ_1^j and ... and \bar{x}_n is Γ_n^j , then y is P^j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, \aleph$,

where $x = [\bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2, \dots, \bar{x}_n]^T \in R^n$, and $y \in R$ are input and output of the FLS, respectively. $\Gamma_1^j, \Gamma_2^j, \dots, \Gamma_n^j$ and P^j are fuzzy sets in R . By using the singleton fuzzification, the product inference and the center-average defuzzification, the fuzzy logic system can be expressed as

$$y(\bar{x}) = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{\aleph} t_j \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{\Gamma_i^j}(\bar{x}_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{\aleph} [\prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{\Gamma_i^j}(\bar{x}_i)]},$$

where \aleph is the number of IF-THEN rules, ϖ_j is the point at which fuzzy membership function $\mu_{P^j}(\varpi_j) = 1$. Let

$$\zeta_l(\bar{x}) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{\Gamma_i^j}(\bar{x}_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{\aleph} [\prod_{i=1}^n \mu_{\Gamma_i^j}(\bar{x}_i)]},$$

where $\zeta(\bar{x}) = [\zeta_1(\bar{x}), \zeta_2(\bar{x}), \dots, \zeta_{\aleph}(\bar{x})]^T$ and $\aleph = [\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_{\aleph}]^T$, $\varphi_j = \max_{y \in R} \mu_{P^j}(y)$. Then the fuzzy logic system can be described as

$$y = \varphi^T \zeta(\bar{x}). \tag{4}$$

Lemma 4 ([49]) *Let $f(\bar{x})$ be a continuous function defined on a compact set Ω . Then, for $\forall \epsilon > 0$, there exists a fuzzy logic system (4) such that*

$$\sup_{\bar{x} \in \Omega} |f(\bar{x}) - \aleph^T \zeta(\bar{x})| \leq \epsilon.$$

Remark 4 Lemma 4 shows that real continuous function $f(\bar{x})$ can be expressed as a linear combination of bounded error ϵ -based function vectors $\zeta(\bar{x})$. That is, $f(\bar{x}) = \aleph^T \zeta(\bar{x}) + \xi(\epsilon)$, $|\xi(\epsilon)| < \epsilon$, it plays an important role in the whole process of adaptive laws design. It is noted that $0 < \zeta^T \zeta \leq 1$.

3 Main results

In this section, the adaptive fuzzy control scheme of system (3) is proposed by combining the FLS with adaptive backstepping technique and CLF approach. In Sect. 3.1, a specific design process will be given. In each step, we will design a virtual control function σ_i via using a proper CLF V_i , and the control law u_k will finally be designed. In Sect. 3.2, in order to avoid repetition, a final CLF will be only adopted to prove the design procedure.

3.1 Adaptive control design under multiple adaptive laws

In this section, a multiple adaptive control method based on backstepping technique is presented for the system (3). The backstepping design procedure contains n steps and it is developed via the following coordinate transformation:

$$z_1 = x_1 - y_v, \quad z_j = x_j - \sigma_{j-1}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n, \tag{5}$$

where σ_{j-1} is considered an intermediate control function.

Define: $\bar{y}_v^{(j)} = [y_v, y_v^{(1)}, \dots, y_v^{(j)}]^T, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, with $y_v^{(j)}$ denoting the j th derivative of y_v .

At step j of the design process, the unknown function $\hat{f}_{j,r}$ is approximated by a FLS $\mathfrak{S}_{j,r}(x_j)$. For this purpose, define a constant $\varsigma_j = \frac{\|\mathfrak{S}_{j,r}\|^2}{b_k}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, denote $\hat{\varsigma}_j$ as the estimation of ς_j , and the estimation error is $\tilde{\varsigma}_j = \varsigma_j - \hat{\varsigma}_j$.

Now, we give detailed backstepping design process in the following steps.

Step 1. For stochastic pure-feedback system (3), according to the tracking error $z_1 = x_1 - y_v$, the error dynamic is

$$dz_1 = [h_{1,r}x_2 + f_{1,r}(\bar{x}_1) - \dot{y}_v] dt + \psi_{1,r}^T(\bar{x}_1) d\omega. \tag{6}$$

To stabilize the subsystem (6), we choose such a stochastic Lyapunov function candidate defined by

$$V_1 = \frac{1}{4}z_1^4 + \frac{b_k}{2\ell_1}\tilde{\varsigma}_1^2,$$

where $\ell_1 > 0$ is a design constant. By (2), (5) and (6), one has

$$\begin{aligned} LV_1 = & z_1^3[h_{1,r}(z_2 + \sigma_1) + f_{1,r}(\bar{x}_1) - \dot{y}_v] \\ & + \frac{3}{2}z_1^2\psi_{1,r}^T\psi_{1,r} - \frac{b_k}{\ell_1}\tilde{\varsigma}_1\dot{\hat{\varsigma}}_1. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

From Lemma 3 and Assumption 2, the following inequalities hold:

$$\frac{3}{2}z_1^2\psi_{1,r}^T\psi_{1,r} \leq \frac{3}{4}l_1^{-2}z_1^4\|\psi_{1,r}\|^4 + \frac{3}{4}l_1^2, \tag{8}$$

$$h_{1,r}z_1^3z_2 \leq \frac{3}{4}b_Kz_1^4 + \frac{b_K}{4}z_2^4, \tag{9}$$

where $l_1 > 0$ is a design constant. Then substituting (8) and (9) into (7) yields

$$\begin{aligned} LV_1 \leq & z_1^3\left[f_{1,r} + \frac{3}{4}b_Kz_1 + h_{1,r}\sigma_1 - \dot{y}_v + \frac{3}{4}l_1^2\right. \\ & \left. + \frac{3}{4}l_1^{-2}z_1\|\psi_{1,r}\|^4\right] + \frac{b_K}{4}z_2^4 - \frac{b_k}{\ell_1}\tilde{\varsigma}_1\dot{\hat{\varsigma}}_1. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Define $\hat{f}_{1,r} = f_{1,r} + \frac{3}{4}b_Kz_1 - \dot{y}_v + \frac{3}{4}l_1^{-2}z_1\|\psi_{1,r}\|^4 + (k_1 + \frac{3}{4})z_1$, where $k_1 > 0$ is a design constant. Then the inequality (10) can be constructed as

$$\begin{aligned} LV_1 \leq & -k_1z_1^4 + z_1^3h_{1,r}\sigma_1 + z_1^3\hat{f}_{1,r} - \frac{3}{4}z_1^4 + \frac{3}{4}l_1^2 \\ & + \frac{b_K}{4}z_2^4 - \frac{b_k}{\ell_1}\tilde{\varsigma}_1\dot{\hat{\varsigma}}_1. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

$\hat{f}_{1,r}$ contains the unknown function $f_{1,r}$ and φ_1 . According to Lemma 4, for $\forall \epsilon_{1,r} > 0$, there exists a FLS $\mathfrak{S}_{1,r}^T \zeta_{1,r}(\bar{X}_1)$ such that

$$\hat{f}_{1,r} = \mathfrak{S}_{1,r}^T \zeta_{1,r}(\bar{X}_1) + \xi_{1,r}(\bar{X}_1), |\xi_{1,r}(\bar{X}_1)| \leq \epsilon_{1,r},$$

where $\bar{X}_1 = (x_1, y_v, \dot{y}_v)$.

Remark 5 Note that the FLS is directly used to approximate unknown nonlinear function $\hat{f}_{1,r}$ rather than only the unknown function $f_{1,r}$. This method will be used in the remaining design steps.

In the method of Young’s inequality, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} z_1^3 \hat{f}_{1,r} &= z_1^3 \frac{\mathfrak{S}_{1,r}^T}{\|\mathfrak{S}_{1,r}\|} \|\mathfrak{S}_{1,r}\| \zeta_{1,r} - z_1^3 \xi_{1,r} \\ &\leq \frac{b_k z_1^6}{2a_{1,r}^2} \frac{\|\mathfrak{S}_{1,r}\|^2}{b_k} \zeta_{1,r}^T \zeta_{1,r} + \frac{1}{2} a_{1,r}^2 + \frac{3}{4} z_1^4 + \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{1,r}^4 \\ &= \frac{b_k}{2a_{1,r}^2} z_1^6 \varsigma_1 \zeta_{1,r}^T \zeta_{1,r} + \frac{1}{2} a_{1,r}^2 + \frac{3}{4} z_1^4 + \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{1,r}^4, \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where $a_{1,r}$ is a design parameter and $\varsigma_1 = \frac{\|\mathfrak{S}_{1,r}\|^2}{b_k}$ is an unknown constant.

Let us take the virtual control signal as

$$\sigma_1 = -k_1 z_1 - \frac{1}{2a_{1,r}^2} \hat{\varsigma}_1 z_1^3 \zeta_{1,r}^T \zeta_{1,r}. \tag{13}$$

The adaptation law is defined as

$$\dot{\hat{\varsigma}}_1 = \frac{\ell_1}{2a_{1,r}^2} z_1^6 \zeta_{1,r}^T \zeta_{1,r} - \gamma_1 \hat{\varsigma}_1, \quad \hat{\varsigma}_1(0) \geq 0, \tag{14}$$

where $\gamma_1 > 0$ is a design constant.

By Assumption 2, Lemma 1, and the virtual control signal (13), we obtain

$$z_1^3 h_{1,r} \sigma_1 \leq -k_1 b_k z_1^4 - \frac{b_k}{2a_{1,r}^2} z_1^6 \hat{\varsigma}_1 \zeta_{1,r}^T \zeta_{1,r}. \tag{15}$$

Substituting (12), (13), (14), (15) into (11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} LV_1 &\leq -k_1(1 + b_k)z_1^4 + \frac{b_k}{4} z_2^4 + \frac{3}{4} l_1^2 + \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{1,r}^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{b_k \gamma_1}{\ell_1} \tilde{\varsigma}_1 \hat{\varsigma}_1 + \frac{1}{2} a_{1,r}^2. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

It is noted that

$$\frac{b_k \gamma_1}{\ell_1} \tilde{\varsigma}_1 \hat{\varsigma}_1 \leq -\frac{b_k \gamma_1}{2\ell_1} \tilde{\varsigma}_1^2 + \frac{b_k \gamma_1}{2\ell_1} \varsigma_1^2. \tag{17}$$

Combining (16) with (17) gives

$$LV_1 \leq -c_1 z_1^4 - \frac{b_k \gamma_1}{2\ell_1} \tilde{\zeta}_1^2 + \varrho_1 + \frac{b_K}{4} z_2^4, \tag{18}$$

where $c_1 = k_1(1 + b_k)$ and $\varrho_1 = \frac{3}{4}l_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}a_{1,r}^2 + \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_{1,r}^4 + \frac{b_k \gamma_1}{2\ell_1} \zeta_1^2$.

Step 2. Define $z_2 = x_2 - \sigma_1$ and with the Itô formula one has

$$dz_2 = [h_{2,r}(x_3) + f_{2,r}(\bar{x}_2) - L\sigma_1] dt + \left(\psi_{2,r} - \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x_1} \psi_{2,r} \right)^T d\omega,$$

with

$$L\sigma_1 = \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x_1} [h_{1,r}(x_2) + f_{1,r}(\bar{x}_2)] + \frac{\partial \sigma_2}{\partial \zeta_1} \dot{\zeta}_1 + \sum_{j=0}^1 \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial y_v^{(j)}} y_v^{(j+1)} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \sigma_1}{\partial x_1^2} \psi_{1,r}^T \psi_{1,r}.$$

Consider the stochastic Lyapunov function as follows:

$$V_2 = V_1 + \frac{1}{4} z_2^4 + \frac{b_k}{2\ell_2} \tilde{\zeta}_2^2,$$

where $\ell_2 > 0$ is a design constant. Similar to the analysis of (7), the following result holds:

$$LV_2 = LV_1 + z_2^3 [h_{2,r}(z_3 + \sigma_2) + f_{2,r}(\bar{x}_2) - L\sigma_1] + \frac{3}{2} z_2^2 \left(\psi_{2,r} - \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x_1} \psi_{1,r} \right)^T \left(\psi_{2,r} - \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x_1} \psi_{1,r} \right) - \frac{b_k}{\ell_2} \tilde{\zeta}_2 \dot{\zeta}_2. \tag{19}$$

Note that

$$\frac{3}{2} z_2^2 \left\| \psi_{2,r} - \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x_1} \psi_{1,r} \right\|^2 \leq \frac{3}{4} l_2^{-2} z_2^4 \left\| \psi_{2,r} - \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x_1} \psi_{1,r} \right\|^4 + \frac{3}{4} l_2^2, \tag{20}$$

$$h_{2,r} z_2^3 z_3 \leq \frac{3}{4} b_K z_2^4 + \frac{b_K}{4} z_3^4, \tag{21}$$

where $l_2 > 0$ is a design constant. Substituting (18), (20) and (21) into (19), one derives

$$LV_2 \leq -c_1 z_1^4 - \frac{b_k \gamma_1}{2\ell_1} \tilde{\zeta}_1^2 + \varrho_1 + \frac{3}{4} l_2^2 + \frac{b_K}{4} z_3^4 - \frac{b_k}{\ell_2} \tilde{\zeta}_2 \dot{\zeta}_2 + z_2^3 \left[h_{2,r} \sigma_2 + f_{2,r}(\bar{x}_2) + \frac{3}{4} b_K z_2 + \frac{1}{4} b_k z_2 - L\sigma_1 + \frac{3}{4} l_2^{-2} z_2 \left\| \psi_{2,r} - \frac{\partial \sigma_1}{\partial x_1} \psi_{1,r} \right\|^4 \right]. \tag{22}$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}_{2,r} = & f_{2,r} - L\sigma_1 + \frac{3}{4}l_2^{-2}z_2 \left\| \psi_{2,r} - \frac{\partial\sigma_1}{\partial x_1}\psi_{1,r} \right\|^4 \\ & + b_K z_2 + \left(k_2 + \frac{3}{4} \right) z_2, \end{aligned}$$

with $k_2 > 0$ being a design parameter. Furthermore, (22) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} LV_2 \leq & -c_1 z_1^4 - \frac{b_k \gamma_1}{2\ell_1} \zeta_1^2 + \varrho_1 + z_2^3 h_{2,r} \sigma_2 - k_2 z_2^4 + \frac{3}{4} l_2^2 \\ & + z_2^3 \hat{f}_{2,r} - \frac{3}{4} z_2^4 + \frac{b_K}{4} z_3^4 - \frac{b_k}{\ell_2} \tilde{\zeta}_2 \dot{\zeta}_2. \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

$\hat{f}_{2,r}$ contains the unknown function $f_{1,r}$, $\psi_{1,r}$ and $\psi_{2,r}$, $\hat{f}_{2,r}$ cannot be realized in practical applications. The FLS $\mathfrak{S}_{2,r}^T \zeta_{2,r}(\bar{X}_2)$ is thus used to approximate $\hat{f}_{2,r}$, where $\bar{X}_2 = [\bar{x}_2^T, \hat{\zeta}_1, \bar{y}_v^{(2)T}]^T \in \Omega_{z_2} \subset R^6$. According to Lemma 4, $\hat{f}_{2,r}$ can be described as

$$\hat{f}_{2,r} = \mathfrak{S}_{2,r}^T \zeta_{2,r}(\bar{X}_2) + \xi_{2,r}(\bar{X}_2), |\xi_{2,r}(\bar{X}_2)| \leq \epsilon_{2,r},$$

where $\forall \epsilon_{2,r} > 0$ is a constant. In addition, using the same method used in (12) yields

$$z_2^3 \hat{f}_{2,r} \leq \frac{b_k}{2a_{2,r}^2} z_2^6 \zeta_{2,r}^T \zeta_{2,r} + \frac{1}{2} a_{2,r}^2 + \frac{3}{4} z_2^4 + \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{2,r}^4, \tag{24}$$

where $a_{2,r} > 0$ is a design parameter and $\zeta_2 = \frac{\|\mathfrak{S}_{2,r}\|^2}{b_k}$ is an unknown constant.

The virtual control signal is given by

$$\sigma_2 = -k_2 z_2 - \frac{1}{2a_{2,\min}^2} \hat{\zeta}_2 z_2^3 \zeta_{2,r}^T \zeta_{2,r}. \tag{25}$$

Define the adaptive law as follows:

$$\dot{\hat{\zeta}}_2 = \frac{\ell_2}{2a_{2,r}^2} z_2^6 \zeta_{2,r}^T \zeta_{2,r} - \gamma_2 \hat{\zeta}_2, \quad \hat{\zeta}_2(0) \geq 0, \tag{26}$$

where $\gamma_2 > 0$ is a design constant.

Similar to (15) and (17), it is easy to obtain

$$z_2^3 h_{2,r} \sigma \leq -k_2 b_K z_2^4 - \frac{b_k}{2a_{2,r}^2} z_2^6 \hat{\zeta}_2 \zeta_{2,r}^T \zeta_{2,r}, \tag{27}$$

$$\frac{b_k \gamma_2}{\ell_2} \tilde{\zeta}_2 \dot{\zeta}_2 \leq -\frac{b_k \gamma_2}{2\ell_2} \tilde{\zeta}_2^2 + \frac{b_k \gamma_2}{2\ell_2} \zeta_2^2. \tag{28}$$

Substituting (24), (25), (26), (27), (28) into (23) results in

$$LV_2 \leq - \sum_{i=1}^2 \left(c_i z_i^4 + \frac{b_k \gamma_i}{2\ell_i} \zeta_i^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^2 \varrho_i + \frac{b_K}{4} z_3^4,$$

where $c_i = k_i(1 + b_k)$ and $\varrho_i = \frac{3}{4} l_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} a_{i,r}^2 + \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{i,r}^4 + \frac{b_k \gamma_i}{2\ell_i} \zeta_i^2$, $i = 1, 2$.

Step j . ($3 \leq j \leq n - 1$) Considering $z_j = x_j - \sigma_{j-1}$ and Itô's formula, we have

$$dz_j = (h_{j,r}(x_{j+1}) + f_{j,r}(\bar{x}_j) - L\sigma_{j-1}) dt + \left(\psi_{j,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right)^T d\omega,$$

where

$$L\sigma_{j-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} [h_{i,r}(x_{i+1}) + f_{i,r}(\bar{x}_i)] + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial \hat{\zeta}_i} \dot{\zeta}_i + \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial y_v^{(i)}} y_v^{(i+1)} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_p \partial x_q} \psi_{p,r}^T \psi_{q,r}.$$

The Lyapunov function is constructed in the following form:

$$V_j = V_{j-1} + \frac{1}{4} z_j^4 + \frac{b_k}{2\ell_j} \tilde{\zeta}_j^2,$$

where $\ell_j > 0$ is a design constant.

By following the same process used in Step 1, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} LV_j &= LV_{j-1} + z_j^3 [h_{j,r}(z_{j+1} + \sigma_j) + f_{j,r}(\bar{x}_j) - L\sigma_{j-1}] \\ &\quad - \frac{b_k}{\ell_j} \tilde{\zeta}_j \dot{\zeta}_j + \frac{3}{2} z_j^2 \left(\psi_{j,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right)^T \left(\psi_{j,r} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

From the completion of squares and Lemma 3, the following inequalities hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{2} z_j^2 \left\| \psi_{j,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right\|^2 &\leq \frac{3}{4} \ell_j^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{3}{4} \ell_j^{-2} z_j^4 \left\| \psi_{j,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right\|^4, \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

$$h_{j,r} z_j^3 z_{j+1} \leq \frac{3}{4} b_K z_j^4 + \frac{b_K}{4} z_{j+1}^4, \tag{31}$$

where ℓ_j is a design constant. Combining the above inequalities with (29) gives

$$\begin{aligned} LV_j &\leq - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \left(c_i z_i^4 + \frac{b_k \gamma_i}{2\ell_1} \tilde{\zeta}_i^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \varrho_i + \frac{3}{4} \ell_j^2 - k_j z_j^4 \\ &\quad + z_j^3 g_{j,r} \sigma_j + z_j^3 \hat{f}_{j,r} - \frac{3}{4} z_j^4 + \frac{b_K}{4} z_{j+1}^4 - \frac{b_k}{\ell_j} \tilde{\zeta}_j \dot{\zeta}_j, \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

where $\hat{f}_{j,r}$ is defined as

$$\hat{f}_{j,r} = f_{j,r} - L\sigma_{j-1} + \frac{3}{4}l_j^{-2}z_j \left\| \psi_{j,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right\|^4 + b_K z_j + \left(k_j + \frac{3}{4} \right) z_j,$$

with $k_j > 0$ being a design parameter. Similarly, a FLS $\mathfrak{S}_{j,r}^T \zeta_{j,r}(\bar{X}_j)$ is applied to approximating $\hat{f}_{j,r}$, where $\bar{X}_j = [\bar{x}_j^T, \hat{\varsigma}_{j-1}, \bar{y}_v^{(j)T}]^T \in \Omega_{z_j} \subset R^{3j}$ with $\hat{\varsigma}_{j-1} = [\hat{\varsigma}_1, \hat{\varsigma}_2, \dots, \hat{\varsigma}_{j-1}]^T$. From Lemma 4, $\hat{f}_{j,r}$ satisfies

$$\hat{f}_{j,r} = \mathfrak{S}_{j,r}^T \zeta_{j,r}(\bar{X}_j) + \xi_{j,r}(\bar{X}_j), \quad |\xi_{j,r}(\bar{X}_j)| \leq \epsilon_{j,r},$$

where $\forall \epsilon_{j,r} > 0$ is a constant. In addition, similar to (12), the following inequality can be got:

$$z_j^3 \hat{f}_{j,r} \leq \frac{b_k}{2a_{j,r}^2} z_j^6 \varsigma_j \zeta_{j,r}^T \zeta_{j,r} + \frac{1}{2} a_{j,r}^2 + \frac{3}{4} z_j^4 + \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{j,r}^4, \tag{33}$$

where $\varsigma_j = \frac{\|\mathfrak{S}_{j,r}\|^2}{b_k}$ is an unknown constant and $a_{j,r}$ is a design parameter.

Then the virtual control signal and the adaptation law are constructed as

$$\sigma_j = -k_j z_j - \frac{1}{2a_{j,\min}^2} \hat{\varsigma}_j z_j^3 \zeta_{j,r}^T \zeta_{j,r}, \tag{34}$$

$$\dot{\hat{\varsigma}}_j = \frac{\ell_j}{2a_{j,r}^2} z_j^6 \zeta_{j,r}^T \zeta_{j,r} - \gamma_j \hat{\varsigma}_j, \quad \hat{\varsigma}_j(0) \geq 0, \tag{35}$$

where $\gamma_j > 0$ is a design constant. Similar to (15) and (17), it follows that

$$z_j^3 h_{j,r} \sigma_j \leq -k_j b_k z_j^4 - \frac{b_k}{2a_{j,r}^2} z_j^6 \hat{\varsigma}_j \zeta_{j,r}^T \zeta_{j,r}, \tag{36}$$

$$\frac{b_k \gamma_j}{\ell_j} \tilde{\varsigma}_j \hat{\varsigma}_j \leq -\frac{b_k \gamma_j}{2\ell_j} \tilde{\varsigma}_j^2 + \frac{b_k \gamma_j}{2\ell_j} \varsigma_j^2. \tag{37}$$

We substitute (33), (34), (35), (36), (37) into (32), and we have

$$LV_j \leq -\sum_{i=1}^j \left(c_i z_i^4 + \frac{b_k \gamma_i}{2\ell_i} \tilde{\varsigma}_i^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^j \varrho_i + \frac{b_K}{4} z_{j+1}^4, \tag{38}$$

where $c_i = k_i(1 + b_k)$ and $\varrho_i = \frac{3}{4}l_i^2 + \frac{1}{2}a_{i,r}^2 + \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_{i,r}^4 + \frac{b_k \gamma_i}{2\ell_i} \varsigma_i^2$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, j$.

Step n. By (5) and Itô's formula, it is deduced that

$$dz_n = (h_{n,r} u_{\tau(t)} + f_{n,r}(\bar{x}_n) - L\sigma_{n-1}) dt + \left(\psi_{n,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right)^T d\omega, \tag{39}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 L\sigma_{n-1} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial x_i} [h_{i,r}(x_{i+1}) + f_{i,r}(\bar{x}_i)] \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial \hat{S}_i} \dot{\hat{S}}_i + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial y_v^{(i)}} y_v^{(i+1)} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial x_p \partial x_q} \psi_{p,r}^T \psi_{q,r}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

Consider the stochastic Lyapunov function of the form

$$V_n = V_{n-1} + \frac{1}{4} z_n^4 + \frac{b_k}{2\ell_n} \tilde{S}_n^2, \tag{41}$$

where $\ell_n > 0$ is a design constant.

Repeating a similar procedure to Step 1, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
 LV_n &= LV_{n-1} + z_n^3 [h_{n,r} u_r + f_{n,r}(\bar{x}_n) - L\sigma_{n-1}] \\
 &\quad + \frac{3}{2} z_n^2 \left(\psi_{n,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right)^T \left(\psi_{n,r} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right) - \frac{b_k}{\ell_n} \tilde{S}_n \dot{\hat{S}}_n.
 \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

Similar to (30), one can obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{3}{2} z_n^2 \left\| \psi_{n,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right\|^2 &\leq \frac{3}{4} l_n^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{3}{4} l_n^{-2} z_n^4 \left\| \psi_{n,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right\|^4,
 \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

where l_n is a design constant. Substituting (38), (39), (40), (41), (43) into (42) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 LV_n &\leq - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left(c_i z_i^4 + \frac{b_k \gamma_i}{2\ell_1} \tilde{S}_i^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \varrho_i + \frac{3}{4} l_n^2 - k_n z_n^4 \\
 &\quad + z_n^3 g_{n,r} u_r + z_n^3 \hat{f}_{n,r} - \frac{3}{4} z_n^4 - \frac{b_k}{\ell_n} \tilde{S}_n \dot{\hat{S}}_n,
 \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

where $\hat{f}_{n,r}$ is defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{f}_{n,r} &= f_{n,r} + \frac{3}{4} l_n^{-2} z_n \left\| \psi_{n,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right\|^4 \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4} b_k z_n^4 + \left(k_n + \frac{3}{4} \right) z_n^4 - L\sigma_{n-1},
 \end{aligned}$$

with $k_n > 0$ being a design parameter. Similarly, for $\forall \epsilon_{n,r} > 0$, the unknown function $\hat{f}_{n,r}$ can be approximated by the FLS $\mathfrak{S}_{n,r}^T \zeta_{n,r}(\tilde{X}_n)$. From Lemma 3, one has

$$z_n^3 \hat{f}_{n,r} \leq \frac{b_k}{2a_{n,r}^2} z_n^6 \zeta_{n,r}^T \zeta_{n,r} + \frac{1}{2} a_{n,r}^2 + \frac{3}{4} z_n^4 + \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{n,r}^4, \tag{45}$$

where $\zeta_j = \frac{\|\mathfrak{S}_{j,r}\|^2}{b_k}$ is an unknown constant and $a_{n,r}$ is a design parameter.

Then the control law and the adaptation law are designed as

$$u_r = -k_n z_n - \frac{1}{2a_{n,\min}^2} \hat{\zeta}_n z_n^3 \zeta_{n,r}^T \zeta_{n,r}, \tag{46}$$

$$\dot{\hat{\zeta}}_n = \frac{\ell_n}{2a_{n,r}^2} z_n^6 \zeta_{n,r}^T \zeta_{n,r} - \gamma_n \hat{\zeta}_n, \quad \hat{\zeta}_n(0) \geq 0, \tag{47}$$

where $\gamma_n > 0$ is a design constant.

According to (45), (46), (47) and Assumption 2, (44) can be written in the following form:

$$LV_n \leq - \sum_{i=1}^n \left(c_i z_i^4 + \frac{b_k \gamma_i}{2\ell_i} \tilde{\zeta}_i^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \varrho_i, \tag{48}$$

where $c_i = k_i(1 + b_k)$ and $\varrho_i = \frac{3}{4} \ell_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} a_{i,r}^2 + \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{i,r}^4 + \frac{b_k \gamma_i}{2\ell_i} \zeta_i^2$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Defining $c = \min\{4c_i, \gamma_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ and $w = \sum_{i=1}^n \varrho_i$, (47) becomes

$$LV_n \leq -cV_n + w, \quad t \geq 0. \tag{49}$$

According to the definition of V_n and Lemma 2, z_i and $\tilde{\zeta}_i$ are bounded in probability.

In addition, from [50], the following inequality is obtained:

$$\frac{dE(V_n(t))}{dt} \leq -cE(V_n(t)) + w, \quad t \geq 0, \tag{50}$$

where $E(\cdot)$ indicates an expectation operator. Then it satisfies

$$0 \leq E[V_n(t)] \leq \left(V_n(0) - \frac{w}{c} \right) e^{-ct} + \frac{w}{c}, \tag{51}$$

which means that

$$E[V_n(t)] \leq \frac{w}{c}, \quad t \rightarrow \infty. \tag{52}$$

From (51) and (52), we have

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n z_i^4 \right) \leq 4E[V_n(t)] \leq \frac{4w}{c}, \quad t \rightarrow \infty. \tag{53}$$

Therefore, z_i eventually is convergent to the compact set Ω_z which is defined as

$$\Omega_z = \left\{ z_i \mid \sum_{i=1}^n [|z_i|^4] \leq \frac{4w}{c} \right\}. \tag{54}$$

Thus far, the design of adaptive fuzzy control based on backstepping technology has been completed. The main result will be presented by Theorem 1.

Theorem 1 Consider a class switched stochastic nonlinear system (3), under Assumptions 1 and 2, for bounded initial conditions, parameter adaptive laws (35), the control law (46), and the intermediate control signals (47), guarantee that all the signals in the closed-loop system are SUUB and the tracking error is convergent to a neighborhood of the origin.

Remark 6 In [43], the adaptive tracking problem for a class of switched nonlinear systems was investigated. By combining the backstepping technique with the approximation scheme of FLS, a design approach with multiple adaptive laws was developed. In this paper, Theorem 1 generalizes the result of Theorem 1 in [43]. Considering the stochastic disturbances, the systems in this paper are more common.

3.2 Adaptive control design under one adaptive law

In this subsection, we will propose a controller design method with one adaptive law. For a stochastic pure-feedback system (3), according to

$$z_j = x_j - \sigma_{j-1}, \tag{55}$$

the error dynamic is

$$dz_j = [h_{j,r}(x_{j+1}) + f_{j,r}(\bar{x}_{j-1}) - L\sigma_1] dt + \left(\psi_{j,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right)^T d\omega, \tag{56}$$

where

$$L\sigma_{j-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} [h_{i,r}(x_{i+1}) + f_{i,r}(\bar{x}_i)] + \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial \zeta} \dot{\zeta} + \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial y_v^{(i)}} y_v^{(i+1)} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_p \partial x_q} \psi_{p,r}^T \psi_{q,r}.$$

A stochastic Lyapunov function is taken as

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{4} z_i^4 + \frac{b_k}{2\ell} \tilde{\zeta}^2,$$

where $\ell > 0$ is a design constant, and $\tilde{\zeta} = \zeta - \hat{\zeta}$ is a parameter error, define a constant $\varsigma = \frac{\|S_{n,r}\|^2}{b_k}$.

Applying (2), (55) and (56), one has

$$LV = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \left[z_j^3 (h_{j,r}(z_{j+1} + \sigma_j) + f_{j,r}(\bar{x}_j) - L\sigma_{j-1}) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{3}{2} z_j^2 \left(\psi_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_i \right)^T \left(\psi_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_i \right) \\
 & - \frac{b_m}{\ell} \widehat{\zeta} \widehat{\zeta}^T + z_n^3 (g_{n,r} u_r + f_{n,r}(\bar{x}_n) - L\sigma_{n-1}) \\
 & + \frac{3}{2} z_n^2 \left(\psi_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_i \right)^T \left(\psi_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_i \right) \\
 & - \frac{b_m}{\ell} \widehat{\zeta} \widehat{\zeta}^T.
 \end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

Based on Lemma 3 and Assumption 2, the following inequalities are obtained:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{3}{2} z_j^2 \left\| \psi_{j,r} - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right\| & \leq \frac{3}{4} l_j^2 \\
 & + \frac{3}{4} l_j^{-2} z_j^4 \left\| \psi_{j,r} - \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_{i,r} \right\|^4,
 \end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

$$h_{j,r} z_j^3 z_{j+1} \leq \frac{3}{4} b_K z_j^4 + \frac{b_K}{4} z_{j+1}^4, \tag{59}$$

where l_j is a design constant.

Design the control laws as

$$u_r = -k_n z_n - \frac{1}{2a_{n,\min}^2} \widehat{\zeta} z_n^3 \zeta_{n,r}^T \zeta_{n,r}, \tag{60}$$

where $a_{n,\min}^2 = \min\{a_{n,r} : r \in M\}$ and $a_{n,r} > 0$ is design parameter, $k_n > 0$ is a design constant, $\widehat{\zeta}$ is the estimation of $\zeta = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\|\mathfrak{S}_{j,r}\|^2}{b_K}$, $\mathfrak{S}_{j,\max} = \max\{\mathfrak{S}_{j,r} : r \in M\}$ and the unknown function $\widehat{f}_{j,r}(\bar{X})$ can be approximated by $\mathfrak{S}_{n,r}$ in FLS $\mathfrak{S}_{n,r}^T \zeta_{n,r}(\bar{X})$.

The adaptive law is defined as the solution of differential equation as follows:

$$\dot{\widehat{\zeta}} = \frac{\ell}{2a_{i,r}^2} z_i^6 \zeta_{i,r}^T \zeta_{i,r} - \gamma \widehat{\zeta}, \tag{61}$$

where $\ell, a_{i,r} > 0$ and $\gamma_i > 0$ are design parameters, $a_{i,\min}^2 = \min\{a_{n,r} : r \in M\}$ and the selection of $\widehat{\zeta}$ is needed to satisfy $\widehat{\zeta}(0) \geq 0$ such that $\widehat{\zeta} \geq 0$.

Define the functions as

$$\widehat{f}_{j,r} = f_{j,r} - L\sigma_{j-1} + \frac{3}{4} l_j^{-2} z_n \left\| \psi_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{j-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_i \right\|^4, \tag{62}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \widehat{f}_{n,r} = f_{n,r} - L\sigma_{n-1} + \frac{3}{4} l_n^{-2} z_n \left\| \psi_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \sigma_{n-1}}{\partial x_i} \psi_i \right\|^4 \\
 + \frac{3}{4} b_K z_n^4.
 \end{aligned} \tag{63}$$

Substituting (58), (59), (60), (61), (62), (63) into (57) gives

$$LV_n \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left(c_i z_i^A + \frac{b_k \gamma}{2\ell} \tilde{\zeta}^2 \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \varrho_i, \tag{64}$$

where $c_i = (-k_i b_k + b_K + \frac{3}{4}) z_n^A$ and $\varrho_i = \frac{3}{4} l_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} a_{i,r}^2 + \frac{1}{4} \epsilon_{i,r}^2 + \frac{b_k \gamma_i}{2\ell_i} \zeta^2, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. The remaining part of the proof is similar to (48), (49), (50), (51), (52), (53), (54), which is omitted here.

Theorem 2 Consider a class switched stochastic nonlinear system (3), under Assumptions 1 and 2, for bounded initial conditions, the control law (60), and the intermediate control signals (61), guarantee that all the signals in the closed-loop system are SUUB and the tracking error converging to a neighborhood of the origin.

Remark 7 In [43], the adaptive tracking problem for a class of switched nonlinear systems was investigated. By combining the backstepping technique with the approximation approach of FLS, a design scheme with only one adaptive laws was developed. In this paper, it is noted that Theorem 2 generalizes the result of Theorem 2 in [43].

4 Simulation example

In this section, a simulation example is proposed in order to certify the control performance and the feasibility of the presented method in the previous sections.

Example 1 Given the following second-order stochastic nonlinear switched systems:

$$\begin{aligned} dx_1 &= [h_{1,\tau(t)} x_2 + f_{1,\tau(t)}(\bar{x}_1)] dt + \psi_{1,\tau(t)}(\bar{x}_1) d\omega, \\ dx_2 &= [h_{2,\tau(t)} u_{\tau(t)} + f_{2,\tau(t)}(\bar{x}_2)] dt + \psi_{2,\tau}(\bar{x}_2) d\omega, \\ y &= x_1, \end{aligned}$$

where $\tau(t) : [0, \infty] \rightarrow \{1, 2\}, h_{11} = 2, h_{12} = 1, h_{21} = 2, h_{22} = 1, f_{12} = 2x_1 \cos(x_1), f_{21} = (x_1)^2 \cos^2(x_2), f_{11} = x_1, f_{22} = 2 \sin^2(x_1) x_2^2, \psi_{11} = \frac{x_1^2}{1+x_1^2}, \psi_{12} = \frac{0.03x_1^2}{1+x_1^2}, \psi_{21} = 0.6 \sin(2x_1 x_2), \psi_{22} = \frac{0.05x_2^2}{1+x_1^2}$. The purpose of control is to design a common adaptive fuzzy controller u_k such that all signals in the closed-loop are bounded in probability and y follows a desired reference signal y_v under arbitrary switchings, where $y_v = \sin t$. In the simulation, first, we design the controllers under multiple adaptive laws by Theorem 1. The initial conditions are $x_1(0) = 0.05, x_2(0) = 0.05, x_3 = 0$, and $\hat{\zeta}_1(0) = \hat{\zeta}_2(0) = 0$. We choose $k_1 = 2, k_2 = 1, a_{1,1} = 0.25, a_{1,2} = 3, a_{2,1} = 0.3, a_{2,2} = 2.5, \ell_1 = 10, \ell_2 = 3, \gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.02$. Second, we design the controller under one adaptive law by Theorem 2. The initial conditions are taken as $x_1(0) = 0.1, x_2(0) = 0.05, x_3 = 0.5, \hat{\zeta}(0) = 0.5$. We choose $k_1 = 2, k_2 = 1, a_{1,1} = 0.25, a_{1,2} = 3, a_{2,1} = 1.5, a_{2,2} = 2, \ell = 2, \gamma = 0.025$.

Choose the following membership functions which are used to construct the fuzzy controller:

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{F_j^1}(x_j) &= \exp(-0.5(x + 3)^2), \\ \mu_{F_j^2}(x_j) &= \exp(-0.5(x + 2)^2), \end{aligned}$$

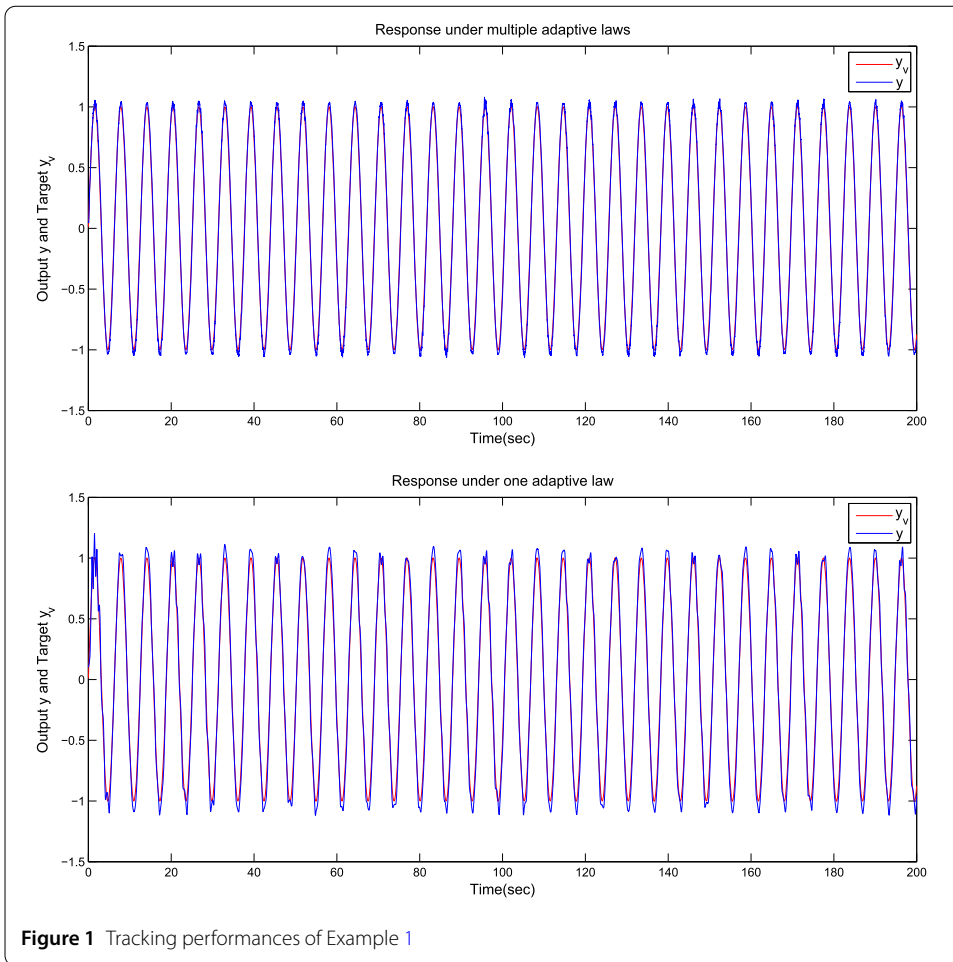


Figure 1 Tracking performances of Example 1

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{F_j^1}(x_j) &= \exp(-0.5(x + 1)^2), \\ \mu_{F_j^1}(x_j) &= \exp(-0.5x^2), \\ \mu_{F_j^1}(x_j) &= \exp(-0.5(x - 1)^2), \\ \mu_{F_j^1}(x_j) &= \exp(-0.5(x - 2)^2), \\ \mu_{F_j^1}(x_j) &= \exp(-0.5(x - 3)^2). \end{aligned}$$

According to Theorem 1, $\hat{\zeta}_1$, $\hat{\zeta}_2$ and u_r are selected, respectively, thus:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\hat{\zeta}}_1 &= \frac{\ell_1}{2a_{1,1}^2} z_1^6 \zeta_{1,1}^T \zeta_{1,1} - \gamma_1 \hat{\zeta}_1, \\ \dot{\hat{\zeta}}_2 &= \frac{\ell_2}{2a_{2,1}^2} z_2^6 \zeta_{2,1}^T \zeta_{2,1} - \gamma_2 \hat{\zeta}_2, \\ u_1 &= -k_2 z_2 - \frac{1}{2a_{2,1}^2} \hat{\zeta}_2 z_2^3 \zeta_{2,1}^T \zeta_{2,1}, \\ u_2 &= -k_2 z_2 - \frac{1}{2a_{2,2}^2} \hat{\zeta}_2 z_2^3 \zeta_{2,2}^T \zeta_{2,2}, \end{aligned}$$

where $z_1 = x_1 - y_v$, $z_2 = x_2 - \sigma_1$.

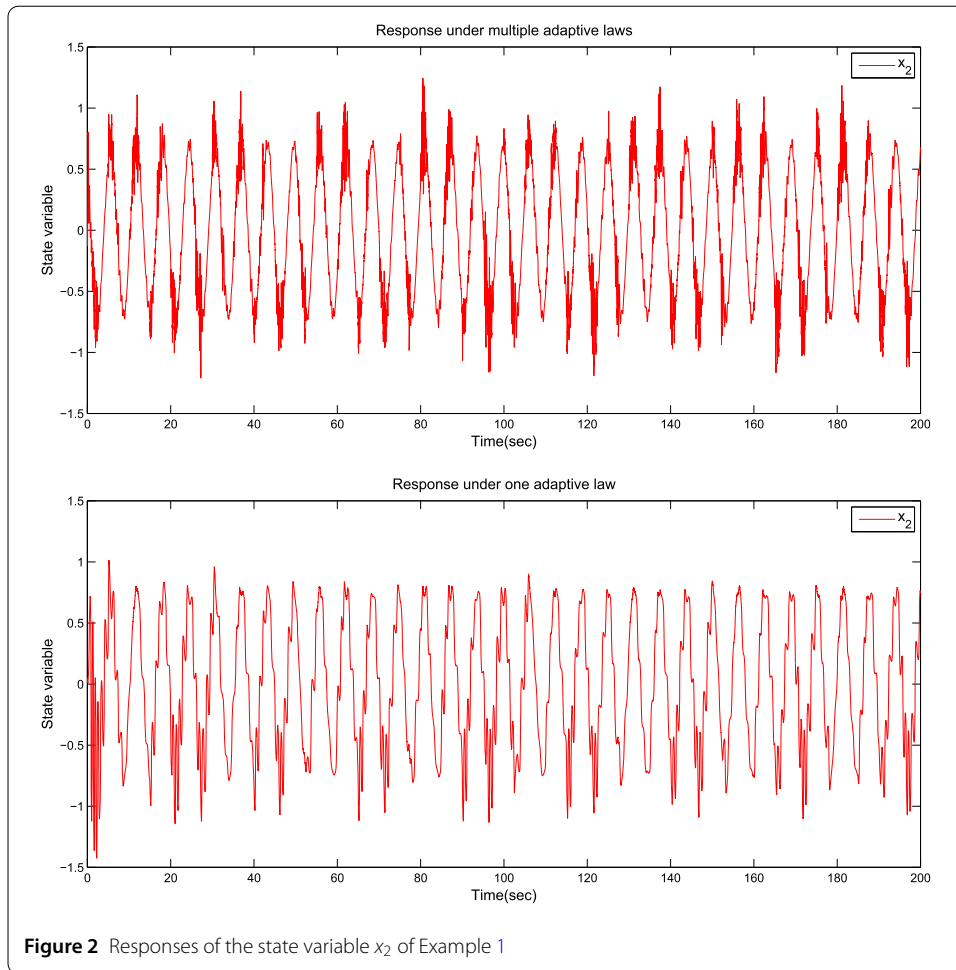


Figure 2 Responses of the state variable x_2 of Example 1

The virtual control function σ_1 is defined by

$$\sigma_1 = -k_1 z_1 - \frac{1}{2a_{1,1}^2} \hat{\zeta}_1 z_1^3 \zeta_{1,1}^T \zeta_{1,1}.$$

The above is the controller design based on Theorem 1. Next, another design based on Theorem 2 is proposed. According to Theorem 2, $\hat{\zeta}$ and u_r are selected, respectively, as

$$\dot{\hat{\zeta}} = \frac{\ell}{2a_{1,1}^2} z_1^6 \zeta_{1,1}^T \zeta_{1,1} + \frac{\ell}{2a_{2,1}^2} z_2^6 \zeta_{2,1}^T \zeta_{2,1} - \gamma \hat{\zeta},$$

$$u_1 = -k_2 z_2 - \frac{1}{2a_{2,1}^2} \hat{\zeta}_2 z_2^3 \zeta_{2,1}^T \zeta_{2,1},$$

$$u_2 = -k_2 z_2 - \frac{1}{2a_{2,2}^2} \hat{\zeta}_2 z_2^3 \zeta_{2,2}^T \zeta_{2,2},$$

where $z_1 = x_1 - y_v$, $z_2 = x_2 - \sigma_1$.

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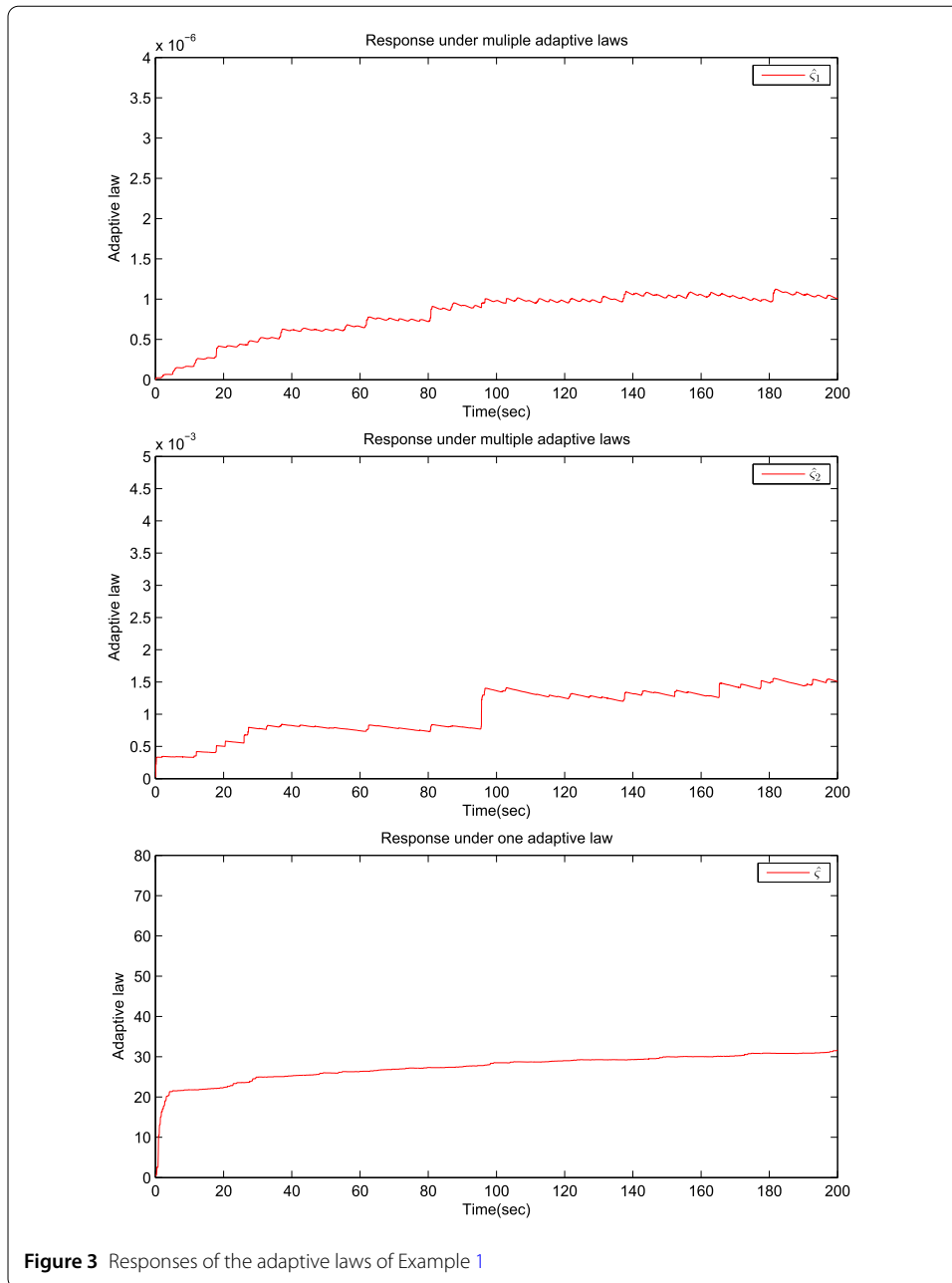
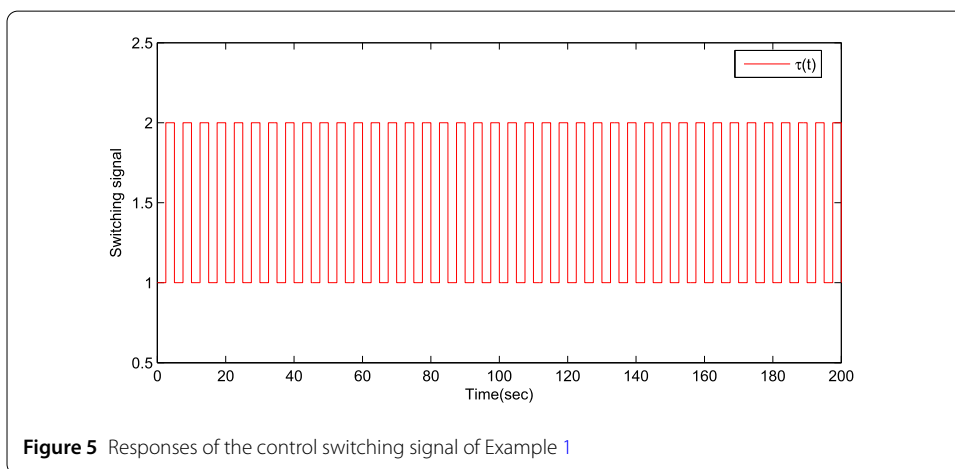
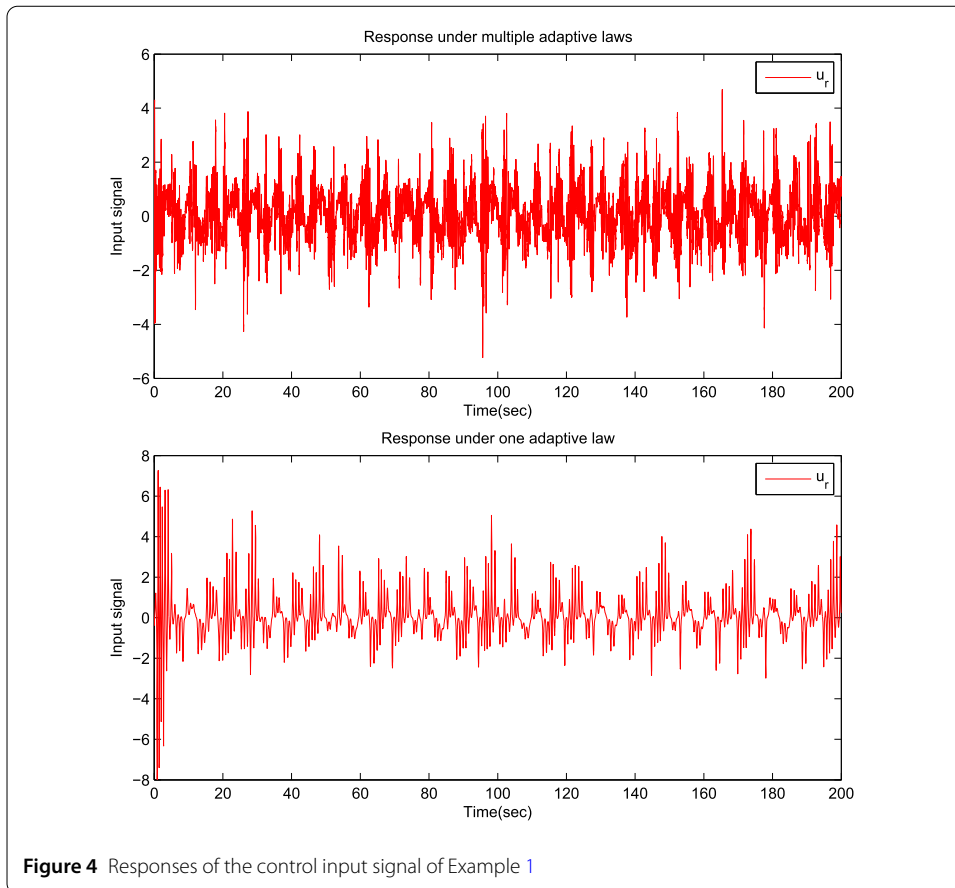


Figure 3 Responses of the adaptive laws of Example 1

The simulation results are shown in Figs. 1–4, respectively. Figure 1 demonstrates the system output y and reference signal y_v . Figure 2 exhibits the trajectory of the state variable x_2 . Figure 3 illustrates the trajectory of adaptive law. Figure 4 displays the trajectory of the control signal u_k . Figure 5 certifies the evolution of switching signal. From Fig. 1, Fig. 2, Fig. 3, it can be seen that the output y of both controllers can track the target signal y_v well, and all the closed-loop signals remain bounded.

Remark 8 For the same initial conditions, simulations were run by using the two controllers mentioned above. Figure 1 shows the tracking performances of the two adaptive controllers proposed in this paper, respectively. Figure 6 shows the tracking error under



the action of two adaptive controllers. From Figs. 1 and 6, it can be seen that two controllers proposed in this paper can achieve the system stability, but the controllers in Theorem 1 work better than the one proposed in Theorem 2. The main reason may be that the control design process in Theorem 2 cannot deal with the mismatching nonlinear term well.

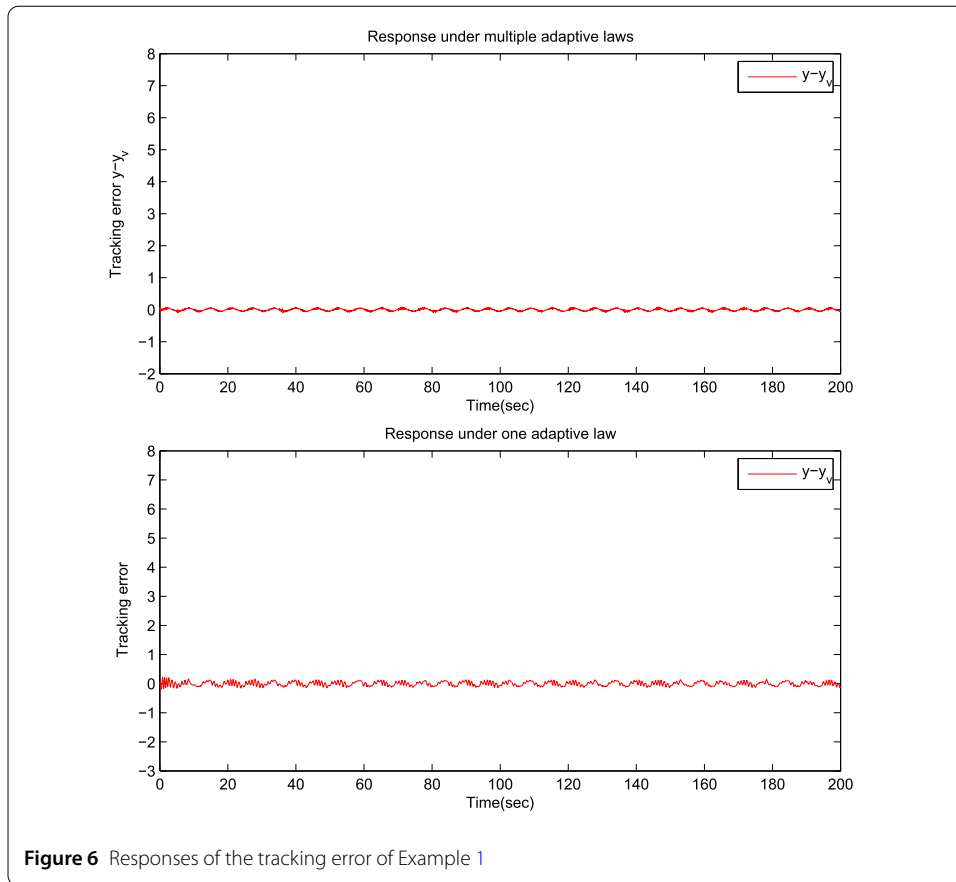


Figure 6 Responses of the tracking error of Example 1

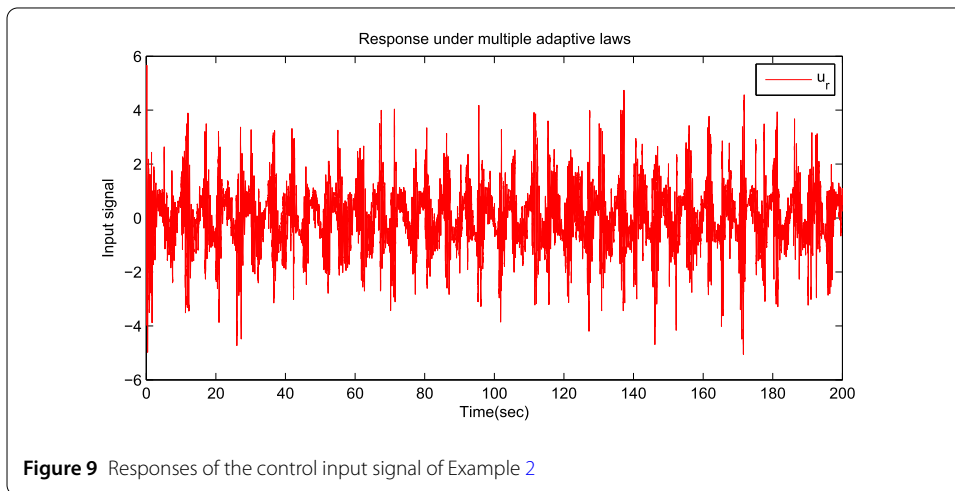
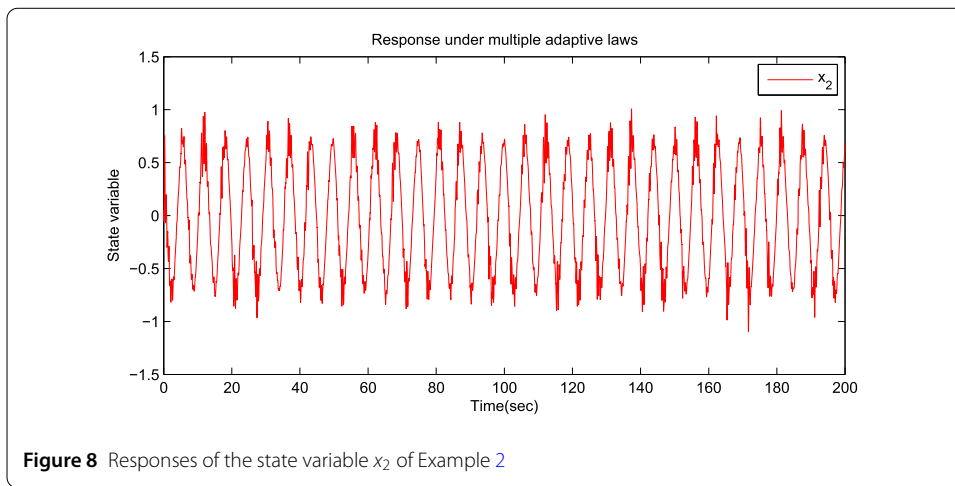
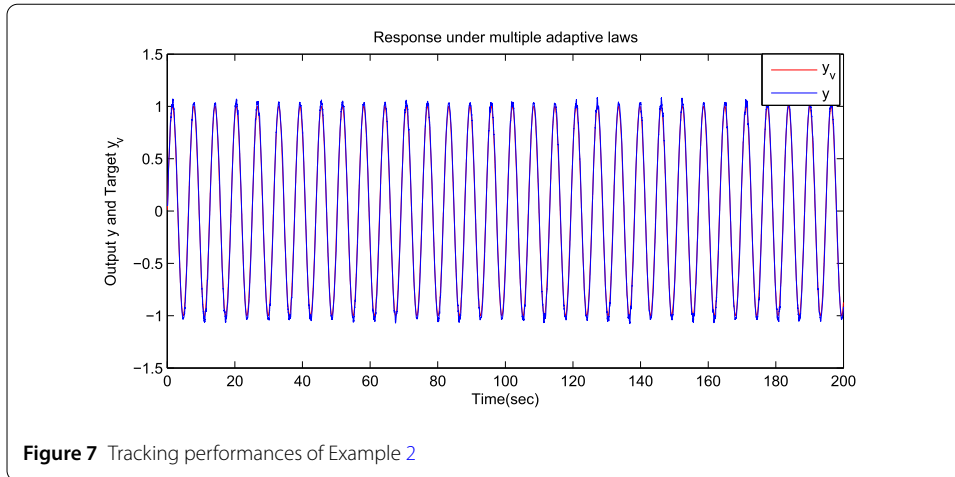
Example 2 Some continuous stirred tank reactor with two modes feed stream can be modeled as the following switched system after some manipulations [51]:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = x_2 + f_{\sigma(t),1}(x_1), \\ \dot{x}_2 = u, \end{cases}$$

where $\sigma : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow 1, 2$, $f_{1,1}(x_1) = 0.5x_1$ and $f_{1,2}(x_1) = 2x_1$. Further, it is supposed that there exists multiplicative white noise in the above system due to $f_{\sigma(t),1}$, and as a result, we have the following stochastic nonlinear system:

$$\begin{aligned} dx_1 &= [h_{1,\tau(t)}x_2 + f_{1,\tau(t)}(\bar{x}_1)] dt + \psi_{1,\tau(t)}(\bar{x}_1) d\omega, \\ dx_2 &= u_{\tau(t)} dt, \\ y &= x_1, \end{aligned}$$

where $\tau(t) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \{1, 2\}$, $h_{11} = 2$, $h_{12} = 1$, $f_{11} = x_1$, $f_{12} = 2x_1 \cos(x_1)$, $\psi_{11} = \frac{x_1^2}{1+x_1^2}$, $\psi_{12} = \frac{0.03x_1^2}{1+x_1^2}$. In the simulation, choose the fuzzy systems as those in Example 1 and the reference signal $y_v = \sin t$. The initial conditions are $x_1(0) = 0.05$, $x_2(0) = 0.05$, $x_3 = 0$, and $\hat{\zeta}_1(0) = \hat{\zeta}_2(0) = 0$. We choose $k_1 = 2$, $k_2 = 1$, $a_{1,1} = 0.25$, $a_{1,2} = 3$, $a_{2,1} = 0.3$, $a_{2,2} = 2.5$, $\ell_1 = 10$, $\ell_2 = 3$, $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = 0.02$. Figures 7–11 show the simulation results. Figure 7 shows the tracking



results. Figures 8–10 show that the variables x_2 , u_r and $\hat{\zeta}$ are bounded. Figure 11 shows the switching signal.

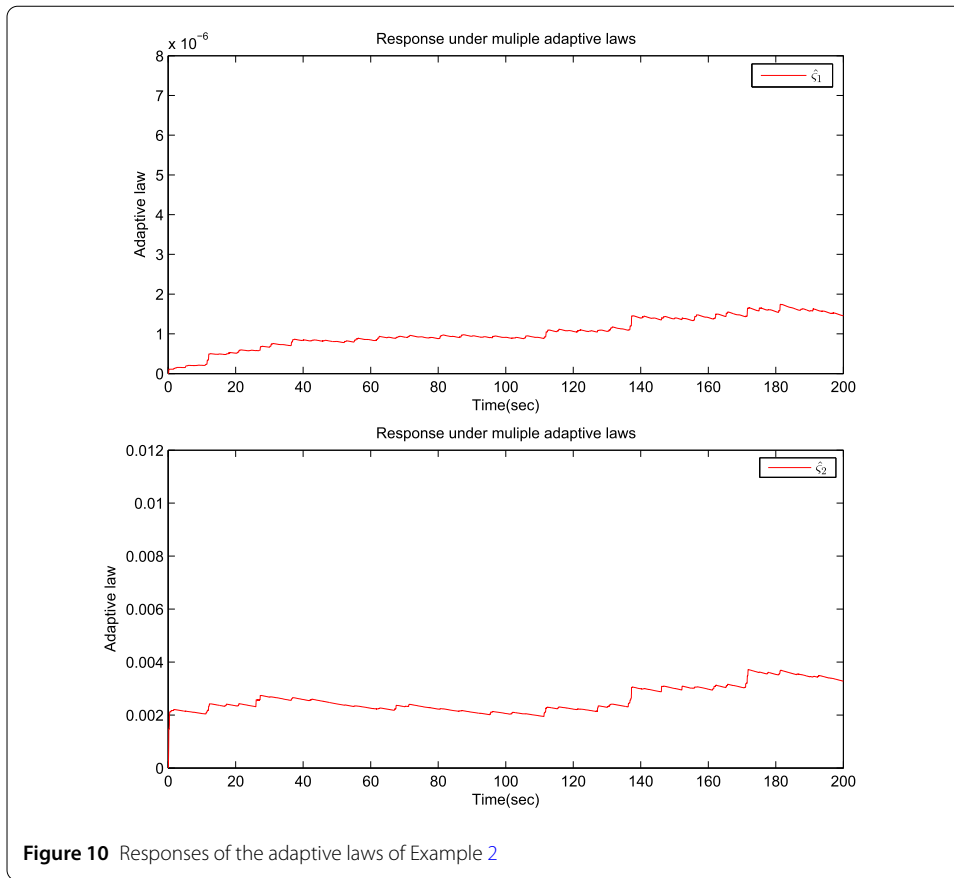


Figure 10 Responses of the adaptive laws of Example 2

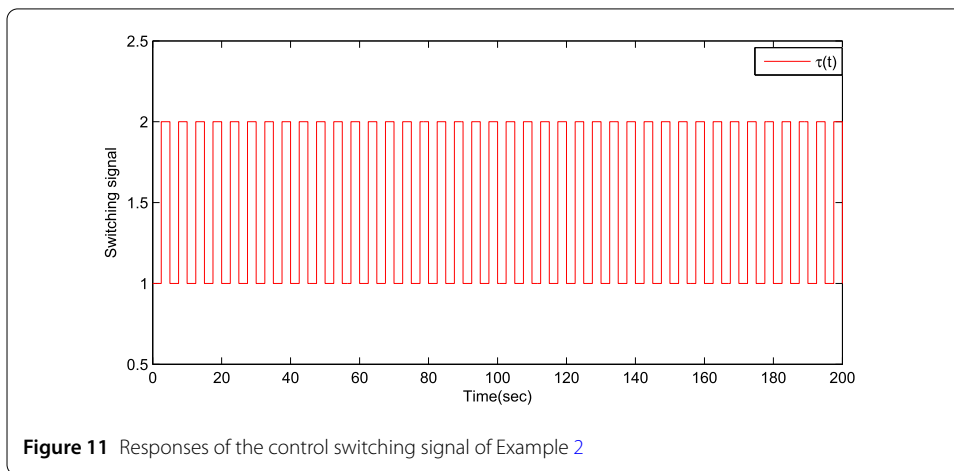


Figure 11 Responses of the control switching signal of Example 2

5 Conclusion

This paper studied the adaptive tracking control problem for a class of stochastic nonlinear systems under arbitrary switchings. It was noted that the nonlinear functions and stochastic disturbances of the system were completely unknown. For the sake of releasing the computational burden, the unknown nonlinear function of the system was estimated by employing the approximation property of FLS, then the adaptive backstepping technique was used to construct a class of adaptive fuzzy control. Under arbitrary switching conditions, the presented controller could ensure that all the signals in the closed-loop system

remained bounded in probability and the system output converged to a small neighborhood of the reference signal. Finally, simulation results further showed the effectiveness of the proposed approaches.

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