

Practical exponential stability of impulsive stochastic functional differential equations

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Abstract

This paper is devoted to the investigation of the practical exponential stability of impulsive stochastic functional differential equations. The main tool used to prove the results is the Lyapunov-Razumikhin method which has proven very useful in dealing with stability problems for differential systems when the delays involved in the equations are not differentiable but only continuous. An illustrative example is also analyzed to show the applicability and interest of the main results.

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1. Introduction

Impulsive differential equations are suitable for the mathematical simulation of evolutionary processes in which some parameters may undergo relatively long periods of smooth variation followed by a short-term rapid change (that is, jumps) in their values. Processes of this type are often investigated in various fields of science and technology (see [11]).

Needless to say that, in general, the evolution of a dynamical system may not only be determined by its current state. It is sensible to admit that its past or history may also have some influence in its future evolution. This fact justifies the appearance of several types of delay or memory in the models. Stochastic functional differential equations are often used as appropriate tools for the description and analysis of such systems, see [16]-[17].

Nowadays, impulsive deterministic and stochastic functional differential equations represent an emerging field drawing attention from both theoretical and applied disciplines, and which has been successfully applied to problems in mechanics, electricity, economics, physics and several fields in engineering (see, e.g. [5]-[12] for more details).

Over the last decades, many interesting results concerning stability of stochastic functional (and evolu-

tion) differential equations have been obtained (see [7]-[8], [15]-[17]). In [14], Mao developed the Razumikhin method on this aspect, and established some Razumikhin-type theorems on exponential stability of stochastic functional differential equations for finite-dimensional stochastic ordinary differential systems with delays. The advantage of this method, in contrast to the classical Lyapunov one, is that it is not necessary to use functionals to analyze the stability. Instead, one can consider Lyapunov functions and, additionally, the type of delays that can be handled is more general. For instance, if the problem contains variable delays, these only need to be continuous while to apply the classical Lyapunov theory (see [4]), the variable delay function is required to be continuously differentiable. Some results concerning stability of impulsive stochastic functional differential equations (using the Razumikhin method) have been proved in [5], [9]-[10], [18]-[19] and [12].

However, when the origin is not necessarily an equilibrium point, it is still possible to analyze the asymptotic stability of solutions with respect to a small neighborhood of the origin, which yields the concept of practical stability (see [6] and the references therein). It is worth mentioning some previous works on practical stability in the deterministic and stochastic frameworks (see [1, 2, 3, 6]). In particular, we initiated very recently the study of this practical stability for non-delay

stochastic partial differential equations in [1], [2]. Notice that inequality (2.2) (see Section 2 below) implies that $x(t)$ is ultimately bounded by a small bound $r > 0$, that is, $|x(t)|$ is small for sufficiently large t . This can be viewed as a robustness property of almost sure convergence to the origin provided that f and g satisfy $f(0, t) = 0$ and $g(0, t) = 0$, for all $t \geq 0$. In this case the origin becomes an equilibrium point.

The content of the paper is as follows. In Section 2 we introduce the basic notations and assumptions. Section 3 is devoted to prove some sufficient conditions ensuring practical p -th moment exponential and almost sure exponential stability of solutions to impulsive stochastic functional differential equations. We prove a sufficient condition ensuring the convergence of solutions to a ball with radius $\eta > 0$, even in the case that zero is not an equilibrium point. Finally, two examples to illustrate our abstract theory are included in Section 4.

2. Preliminaries

For $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $|x|$ denotes the Euclidian norm of x and $[x]$ the biggest integer less than or equal to x . For $-\infty < a < b < \infty$, we say that a function from $[a, b]$ to \mathbb{R}^n is piecewise continuous, if the function has at most a finite number of jump discontinuities on (a, b) and is continuous on the right for all points in $[a, b)$. Given $\tau > 0$, $\mathcal{PC}([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ denotes the family of piecewise continuous functions from $[-\tau, 0]$ to \mathbb{R}^n . A norm on $\mathcal{PC}([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ is defined as $\|\varphi\| = \sup_{-\tau \leq \theta \leq 0} |\varphi(\theta)|$ for $\varphi \in \mathcal{PC}([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$.

Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ be a complete probability space with a filtration $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ satisfying the usual conditions and $W(t) = (W_1(t), W_2(t), \dots, W_m(t))$ be an m -dimensional standard Wiener process defined on $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ and adapted to $\{\mathcal{F}_t\}_{t \geq 0}$. For $p > 0$ and $t \geq 0$, let $L_{\mathcal{F}_t}^p([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n)$ denote the family of all \mathcal{F}_t -measurable $\mathcal{PC}([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ -valued random processes $\varphi = \{\varphi(-\theta) : -\tau \leq \theta \leq 0\}$ such that $\sup_{-\tau \leq \theta \leq 0} \mathbb{E}|\varphi(\theta)|^p < \infty$. And let $L_{\mathcal{F}_t}^p(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^n)$ denote the family of all \mathcal{F}_t -measurable \mathbb{R}^n -valued random variables X , such that $\mathbb{E}|X|^p < \infty$. Finally, let $\mathcal{PC}^b([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ denote the family of all bounded $\mathcal{PC}([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ -valued functions.

In this paper, we consider the following impulsive stochastic functional differential equation:

$$\begin{cases} dx(t) = f(x_t, t)dt + g(x_t, t)dW(t), & t \neq t_k, t \geq t_0, \\ \Delta x(t_k) = I_k(x(t_k^-), t_k), & k \in \mathbb{N}, \\ x_{t_0} = \xi, \text{ i.e. } x(t_0 + \theta) = \xi(\theta), & \theta \in [-\tau, 0], \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where the initial value $\xi \in \mathcal{PC}^b([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$, $x(t) = (x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t))^T$, $x_t \in L_{\mathcal{F}_t}^p([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n)$, $f :$

$L_{\mathcal{F}_t}^p([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, $g : L_{\mathcal{F}_t}^p([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$, $I_k(\cdot, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, where $I_k(x(t_k^-), t_k)$ represents the impulsive perturbation of x at time t_k , and we suppose that there exists $t \geq t_0$ such that $f(0, t) \neq 0$, $g(0, t) \neq 0$ and $I_k(0, t) \neq 0$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

The fixed moments of impulse times t_k satisfy $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k < \dots, t_k \rightarrow \infty$ (as $k \rightarrow \infty$), $\Delta x(t_k) = x(t_k) - x(t_k^-)$.

As standing hypotheses, we assume that $f(\varphi, t)$ and $g(\varphi, t)$ are continuous for almost all $t \in [t_0, \infty)$ and are Lipschitz in φ in each compact set in $L_{\mathcal{F}_t}^p([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n)$; $I_k(x, t)$ is Lipschitz in x for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

As we are interested in the asymptotic behavior of the solutions, we assume that for any $\xi \in \mathcal{PC}^b([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$, there exists a unique stochastic process, denoted by $x(t, t_0, \xi)$, satisfying system (2.1), which is continuous on the right-hand side and possessing limit on the left-hand side. For some results on the existence and uniqueness of solutions of (2.1) the reader is referred to [13].

Now we will establish the definition of p -moment and almost sure practical stability and recall the definition of generating operator for our equation.

Definition 2.1. For $p > 0$, system (2.1) is said to be p -th moment practically exponentially stable if there exist positive constants λ, C and η such that

$$\mathbb{E}|x(t, t_0, \xi)|^p \leq C\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)} + \eta, \quad t \geq t_0,$$

for all $\xi \in \mathcal{PC}^b([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$.

Definition 2.2. The ball $B_\eta := \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : |x| \leq \eta\}$, $\eta > 0$, is said to be almost surely practically exponentially stable if, for all $\xi \in \mathcal{PC}^b([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$ and every $t \geq t_0$,

$$|x(t, t_0, \xi)| \leq C\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)} + \eta, \text{ a.s.} \quad (2.2)$$

System (2.1) is said to be almost surely practically exponentially stable if there exists $\eta > 0$ such that B_η is almost surely practically exponentially stable.

Definition 2.3. Let $C^{2,1}(\mathbb{R}^n \times [t_0 - \tau, \infty); \mathbb{R}_+)$ denote the family of all nonnegative functions $V(x, t)$ on $\mathbb{R}^n \times [t_0 - \tau, \infty)$ that are continuously twice differentiable in x and once in t . For a function $V \in C^{2,1}(\mathbb{R}^n \times [t_0 - \tau, \infty); \mathbb{R}_+)$ we define the operator $\mathcal{LV} : L_{\mathcal{F}_t}^p([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n) \times [t_0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ for system (2.1) by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{LV}(\varphi, t) = & V_t(\varphi(0), t) + V_x(\varphi(0), t)f(\varphi, t) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \text{trace}[g^T(\varphi, t)V_{xx}(\varphi(0), t)g(\varphi, t)], \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

where $\varphi \in L_{\mathcal{F}_t}^p([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n)$ and

$$V_t(x, t) = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t}(x, t); V_x(x, t) = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial x_1}(x, t), \dots, \frac{\partial V}{\partial x_n}(x, t) \right);$$

$$V_{xx}(x, t) = \left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x_i \partial x_j}(x, t) \right)_{n \times n}.$$

If we replace φ in the expression (2.3) by a segment solution x_t of system (2.1), then it becomes

$$\mathcal{L}V(x_t, t) = V_t(x(t), t) + V_x(x(t), t)f(x_t, t) \quad (2.4)$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \text{trace}[g^T(x_t, t)V_{xx}(x(t), t)g(x_t, t)].$$

3. Main results

In this section, we first investigate the p -th moment practical exponential stability and the almost sure practical exponential stability of system (2.1) by using the Razumikhin method. The results show that the impulsive effects can produce some kind of stabilization on the system and achieve p -th moment practical exponential stability.

Theorem 3.1. *Assume that there exist a function $V \in C^{2,1}(\mathbb{R}^n \times [t_0 - \tau, \infty); \mathbb{R}_+)$ and positive constants $p, c, c_1, c_2, c_3, \lambda, h, \psi, \rho_k, k \in \mathbb{N}, \delta \geq 0$ and $\gamma \geq 1$ such that*

- (i) $c_1|x|^p \leq V(x, t) \leq c_2|x|^p + c_3, \quad \forall (x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times [t_0 - \tau, \infty);$
- (ii) $\mathbb{E}V(x + I_k(x, t_k), t_k) \leq d_k \mathbb{E}V(x, t_k^-) + \rho_k, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, x \in L_{\mathcal{F}_t}^p(\Omega, \mathbb{R}^n),$ where $0 < d_k \leq 1, 0 < \rho_k \leq d$ with $d = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \rho_k < \infty.$
- (iii) $\mathbb{E}\mathcal{L}V(\varphi, t) \leq c\mathbb{E}V(\varphi(0), t) + \psi, \quad \forall t \geq t_0, t \neq t_k, k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\varphi \in L_{\mathcal{F}_t}^p([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n),$ whenever

$$\mathbb{E}V(\varphi, t + \theta) < q\mathbb{E}V(\varphi(0), t) + \delta, \quad \theta \in [-\tau, 0],$$

where $q \geq \gamma e^{\lambda\tau}$ is a constant.

- (iv) $\gamma \geq \max\left\{\frac{1}{d_k}, e^{(\lambda+c)(t_1-t_0)}\right\}, \quad \ln d_k \leq -(\lambda+c)(t_{k+1} - t_k), k \in \mathbb{N},$ and

$$\Delta_{\text{sup}} = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \{t_{k+1} - t_k\} \leq h < \infty, \quad e^{ch} \leq \frac{c_3\gamma}{\psi h + c_3} e^{\lambda\tau}.$$

Then, system (2.1) is p -th moment practically exponentially stable.

Proof. Given an initial datum $\xi \in \mathcal{PC}^b([-\tau, 0]; \mathbb{R}^n)$, we write $x(t, t_0, \xi) = x(t)$ for short. Choose $M > 0$ such that

$$0 < c_2 e^{(\lambda+c)(t_1-t_0)} \leq M \leq c_2 \gamma e^{\lambda\tau}. \quad (3.1)$$

Then, by condition (i), we have for $t \in [t_0 - \tau, t_0]$

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) \leq c_2 \|\xi\|^p + c_3 < M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_1-t_0)} + r, \quad (3.2)$$

where $(\psi h + c_3)e^{ch} \leq r \leq c_3 \gamma e^{\lambda\tau}$. Next, we shall prove that, for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \in [t_{k-1}, t_k)$,

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) \leq M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_k-t_0)} + r. \quad (3.3)$$

We proceed by induction and split our proof into several steps.

Step 1:

Arguing by contradiction, we first prove that

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) \leq M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_1-t_0)} + r, \quad t \in [t_0, t_1). \quad (3.4)$$

Indeed, let us assume that inequality (3.4) is not true. Then, there exists some $t \in [t_0, t_1)$ such that $\mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) > M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_1-t_0)} + r.$

Define $t^* = \inf \{t \in [t_0, t_1); \mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) > M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_1-t_0)} + r\}.$

Thanks to (i) and the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem, the mapping $t \in [t_0, t_1) \mapsto \mathbb{E}V(x(t), t)$ is continuous. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0^-} \mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow t_0^-} \mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) \\ &= \mathbb{E}V(x(t_0), t_0) \\ &< M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_1-t_0)} + r. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $t^* \in (t_0, t_1)$ and

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t^*), t^*) = M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_1-t_0)} + r, \quad (3.5)$$

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) < M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_1-t_0)} + r, \quad t \in [t_0 - \tau, t^*). \quad (3.6)$$

Define $t_* = \sup \{t \in [t_0, t^*]; \mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) \leq c_2 \|\xi\|^p + c_3\},$ then $t_* \in [t_0, t^*)$ and by the continuity of $\mathbb{E}V(x(\cdot), \cdot),$

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) = c_2 \|\xi\|^p + c_3, \quad (3.7)$$

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) > c_2 \|\xi\|^p + c_3, \quad t \in (t_*, t^*). \quad (3.8)$$

Consequently, for all $t \in [t_*, t^*),$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}V(x(t + \theta), t + \theta) &\leq M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_1-t_0)} + r \\ &\leq c_2 \gamma e^{\lambda\tau} \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_1-t_0)} + r \\ &< \gamma e^{\lambda\tau} (c_2 \|\xi\|^p + \frac{r}{\gamma} e^{-\lambda\tau}) \\ &\leq \gamma e^{\lambda\tau} \mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) \\ &\leq q \mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*). \end{aligned}$$

Then, for all $\theta \in [-\tau, 0],$

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t + \theta), t + \theta) < q \mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) + \delta. \quad (3.9)$$

By the Razumikhin-type condition (iii),

$$\mathbb{E}\mathcal{L}V(x_t, t) \leq c \mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) + \psi, \quad t \in [t_*, t^*). \quad (3.10)$$

Applying the Itô formula on $[t_*, t^*]$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}V(x(t^*), t^*) \\ &= \mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) + \int_{t_*}^{t^*} \mathbb{E}\mathcal{L}V(x_s, s)ds \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) + c \int_{t_*}^{t^*} \mathbb{E}V(x(s), s)ds + \psi(t^* - t_*) \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) + c \int_{t_*}^{t^*} \mathbb{E}V(x(s), s)ds + \psi\Delta_{\text{sup}}, \end{aligned}$$

and thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}V(x(t^*), t^*) &\leq \mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) \\ &\quad + c \int_{t_*}^{t^*} \mathbb{E}V(x(s), s)ds + \psi h. \end{aligned}$$

By (3.1), (3.5), (3.7) and the Gronwall inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}V(x(t^*), t^*) &\leq (\mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) + \psi h)e^{c(t^* - t_*)} \\ &< (c_2\|\xi\|^p + c_3 + \psi h)e^{c(t_1 - t_0)} \\ &\leq M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_1 - t_0)} + (c_3 + \psi h)e^{ch} \\ &\leq M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_1 - t_0)} + r \\ &= \mathbb{E}V(x(t^*), t^*), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, (3.4) holds and (3.3) must be true for $k = 1$.

Step 2:

Now, we assume that (3.3) holds for all $k \leq m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$, i.e. for $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) \leq M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_k - t_0)} + r, \quad t \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]. \quad (3.11)$$

We will show that

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) \leq M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_{m+1} - t_0)} + r, \quad t \in [t_m, t_{m+1}]. \quad (3.12)$$

Suppose (3.12) does not hold true and define $t^* = \inf \{t \in [t_m, t_{m+1}); \mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) > M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_{m+1} - t_0)} + \alpha\}$ where $\alpha = (R + \psi h)e^{ch}$ with $R = r + d$.

Thanks to conditions (ii), (iv) and inequality (3.11),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}V(x(t_m), t_m) &\leq d_m \mathbb{E}V(x(t_m^-), t_m^-) + \rho_m, \\ &\leq d_m M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_m - t_0)} + d_m r + \rho_m, \\ &\leq M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_m - t_0)} e^{-(\lambda+c)(t_{m+1} - t_m)} + d_m r + \rho_m, \\ &< M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_{m+1} - t_0)} + d_m r + \rho_m, \\ &\leq M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_{m+1} - t_0)} + r + d. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t_m), t_m) < M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_{m+1} - t_0)} + R. \quad (3.13)$$

Now, (3.13) and the continuity of the mapping $t \in [t_m, t_{m+1}) \mapsto \mathbb{E}V(x(t), t)$ ensure the existence of $t^* \in (t_m, t_{m+1})$ such that

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t^*), t^*) = M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_{m+1} - t_0)} + \alpha, \quad (3.14)$$

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) < M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_{m+1} - t_0)} + \alpha, \quad t \in [t_m, t^*]. \quad (3.15)$$

Define

$$t_* = \sup \{t \in [t_0 - \tau, t^*]; \mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) \leq d_m M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_m - t_0)} + R\}.$$

Then $t_* \in [t_m, t^*)$ and

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) = d_m M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_m - t_0)} + R, \quad (3.16)$$

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) > d_m M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_m - t_0)} + R, \quad t \in (t_*, t^*]. \quad (3.17)$$

Fix any $t \in [t_*, t^*]$, and assume that $t + \theta \geq t_m$, for all $\theta \in [-\tau, 0]$, then (3.14)-(3.17) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}V(x(t + \theta), t + \theta) &\leq M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_{m+1} - t_0)} + \alpha, \\ &< M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t + \theta - t_0)} + \alpha, \\ &\leq \gamma e^{\lambda\tau} d_m M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_m - t_0)} + \alpha \\ &= \gamma e^{\lambda\tau} (d_m M\|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_m - t_0)} + \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} e^{-\lambda\tau}), \\ &\leq \gamma e^{\lambda\tau} \mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*), \\ &\leq q \mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*). \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t + \theta), t + \theta) < q \mathbb{E}V(x(t), t) + \delta, \quad (3.18)$$

for $t \in [t_*, t^*]$, $\theta \in [-\tau, 0]$. Applying again the Itô formula on $[t_*, t^*]$ and taking into account the Razumikhin-type condition (iii), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}V(x(t^*), t^*) &= \mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) + \int_{t_*}^{t^*} \mathbb{E}\mathcal{L}V(x_s, s)ds, \\ &\leq \mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) + c \int_{t_*}^{t^*} \mathbb{E}V(x(s), s)ds \\ &\quad + \psi\Delta_{\text{sup}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}V(x(t^*), t^*) &\leq \mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) \\ &\quad + c \int_{t_*}^{t^*} \mathbb{E}V(x(s), s)ds + \psi h. \end{aligned}$$

Condition (iv), (3.14) and (3.16) and the Gronwall inequality imply

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E}V(x(t^*), t^*) \\
& \leq (\mathbb{E}V(x(t_*), t_*) + \psi h)e^{c(t^* - t_*)} \\
& = (d_m M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_m - t_0)} + R + \psi h)e^{c(t^* - t_*)}, \\
& < (d_m M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_m - t_0)} + R + \psi h)e^{c(t_{m+1} - t_m)}, \\
& \leq [M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_m - t_0)} e^{-(\lambda+c)(t_{m+1} - t_m)} + R + \psi h]e^{c(t_{m+1} - t_m)}, \\
& \leq M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_{m+1} - t_0)} + (R + \psi h)e^{ch}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t^*), t^*) < M \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_{m+1} - t_0)} + \alpha, \quad (3.19)$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore (3.12) must hold true. Thus, by induction, we have obtained that (3.3) holds for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Step 3:

Now, we can finish our proof. Thanks to condition (i) and inequality (3.3),

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}|x(t)|^p & \leq \frac{M \|\xi\|^p}{c_1} e^{-\lambda(t_k - t_0)} + \frac{r}{c_1} \\
& \leq \frac{M \|\xi\|^p}{c_1} e^{-\lambda(t - t_0)} + \frac{r}{c_1}, \quad (3.20)
\end{aligned}$$

for $t \in [t_{k-1}, t_k], k \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore, system (2.1) is p -th moment practically exponentially stable with $\eta = \frac{r}{c_1}$. \square

Now, before proving our main result on almost sure practical exponential stability, we recall a result which will be crucial for our analysis and whose proof can be found in [16].

Lemma 3.2. *Let $g = (g_1, \dots, g_m) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}^m)$, and let T, α, β be positive numbers. Then*

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \left[\int_0^t g(s) dW_s - \frac{\alpha}{2} \int_0^t |g(s)|^2 ds \right] > \beta\right) \leq \exp(-\alpha\beta).$$

Theorem 3.3. *Assume conditions of Theorem 3.1 with $p \geq 1$, $\Delta_{\sup} = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \{t_k - t_{k-1}\} \leq h < \infty$ and $\Delta_{\inf} = \inf_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \{t_k - t_{k-1}\} > 0$.*

Assume that there exist positive constants β, L and $\mu \geq 1$ such that, for all $(\varphi, t) \in L^p_{\mathcal{F}_t}([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n) \times [t_0, \infty)$,

$$\mathbb{E}\left(|f(\varphi, t)|^p + |g(\varphi, t)|^p\right) \leq L \sup_{-\tau \leq \theta \leq 0} \mathbb{E}|\varphi(\theta)|^p + \beta. \quad (3.21)$$

Then (3.20) implies

$$|x(t, t_0, \xi)| \leq C \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t - t_0)} + \mu^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad \forall t \geq t_0, \text{ a.s.} \quad (3.22)$$

In other words, the p -th moment practical exponential stability implies the almost sure practical exponential stability.

Proof. Take $0 < \delta < \Delta_{\inf}$ sufficiently small. For such a fixed $\delta > 0$, set $k_\delta = \left\lceil \frac{t_k - t_{k-1}}{\delta} \right\rceil \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $k_\delta \leq \left\lceil \frac{\Delta_{\sup}}{\delta} \right\rceil < \infty$ and for any $t \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]$, there exists some i with $1 \leq i \leq k_\delta + 1$ such that $t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta \leq t < t_{k-1} + i\delta$. Thus, for any $t \in [t_{k-1}, t_k], k \in \mathbb{N}$, one has

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\sup_{t_{k-1} \leq t < t_k} |x(t)|^p\right] \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k_\delta+1} \mathbb{E}\left[\sup_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta \leq t < t_{k-1} + i\delta} |x(t)|^p\right]. \quad (3.23)$$

From [16, page 178] we have for any $a, b, c \geq 0$,

$$(a + b + c)^p \leq 3^p (a^p + b^p + c^p).$$

For each i satisfying $1 \leq i \leq k_\delta + 1, k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta}^t dx(s) & = \int_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta}^t f(x_s, s) ds \\
& + \int_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta}^t g(x_s, s) dW(s).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
x(t) & = x(t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta) + \int_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta}^t f(x_s, s) ds \\
& + \int_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta}^t g(x_s, s) dW(s),
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
|x(t)| & \leq |x(t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta)| + \int_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1} + i\delta} |f(x_s, s)| ds \\
& + \left| \int_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta}^t g(x_s, s) dW(s) \right|.
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
|x(t)|^p & \leq 3^p |x(t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta)|^p \\
& + 3^p \left(\int_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1} + i\delta} |f(x_s, s)| ds \right)^p \\
& + 3^p \left| \int_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta}^t g(x_s, s) dW(s) \right|^p.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sup_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta \leq t < t_{k-1} + i\delta} |x(t)|^p \leq 3^p |x(t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta)|^p \quad (3.24) \\
& + 3^p \left(\int_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1} + i\delta} |f(x_s, s)| ds \right)^p, \\
& + 3^p \sup_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta \leq t < t_{k-1} + i\delta} \left| \int_{t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta}^t g(x_s, s) dW(s) \right|^p.
\end{aligned}$$

Taking expectation in (3.24),

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta \leq t < t_{k-1}+i\delta} |x(t)|^p \right] \\ & \leq 3^p \mathbb{E}(|x(t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta)|^p) \\ & + 3^p \mathbb{E} \left(\int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} |f(x_s, s)| ds \right)^p \\ & + 3^p \mathbb{E} \left(\sup_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta \leq t < t_{k-1}+i\delta} \left| \int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^t g(x_s, s) dW(s) \right|^p \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

In view of (3.20), we have

$$\mathbb{E}|x(t_{k-1} + (i-1)\delta)|^p \leq \frac{M\|\xi\|^p}{c_1} e^{-\lambda(t_{k-1}-t_0)} + \frac{r}{c_1}. \quad (3.26)$$

Thanks now to (3.25), (3.26), (5.1)-(5.2), we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta \leq t < t_{k-1}+i\delta} |x(t)|^p \right] \\ & \leq 3^p \left[(\delta^p + C_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}}) L e^{\lambda\tau} + 1 \right] \frac{M\|\xi\|^p}{c_1} e^{-\lambda(t_{k-1}-t_0)}, \\ & + 3^p \left[\frac{r}{c_1} + \beta \delta^p + C_p \beta \delta^{\frac{p}{2}} + \frac{Lr}{c_1} (C_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}} + \delta^p) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

Then, from (3.23) and (3.27),

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{t_{k-1} \leq t < t_k} |x(t)|^p \right] \\ & \leq 3^p (k_\delta + 1) \left[(\delta^p + C_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}}) L e^{\lambda\tau} + 1 \right] \frac{M\|\xi\|^p}{c_1} e^{-\lambda(t_{k-1}-t_0)}, \\ & + 3^p (k_\delta + 1) \left[\frac{r}{c_1} + \beta \delta^p + C_p \beta \delta^{\frac{p}{2}} + \frac{Lr}{c_1} (C_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}} + \delta^p) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\sup_{t_{k-1} \leq t < t_k} |x(t)|^p \right] \leq D^p \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t_{k-1}-t_0)} + \mu, \quad (3.28)$$

where

$$D^p = 3^p \left(\frac{h}{\delta} + 1 \right) \frac{M}{c_1} \left[(\delta^p + C_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}}) L e^{\lambda\tau} + 1 \right],$$

and

$$\mu = 3^p \left(\frac{h}{\delta} + 1 \right) \left[\frac{r}{c_1} + \beta \delta^p + C_p \beta \delta^{\frac{p}{2}} + \frac{Lr}{c_1} (C_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}} + \delta^p) \right].$$

We will assume that $3^p \frac{r}{c_1} \geq 1$. Notice that this assumption guarantees that $\mu \geq 1$.

Let $\epsilon \in (0, \lambda)$ be arbitrary. Then Lemma 3.2 yields

$$\mathbb{P} \left\{ \sup_{t_{k-1} \leq t < t_k} |x(t)|^p > D^p \|\xi\|^p e^{-(\lambda-\epsilon)(t_{k-1}-t_0)} \right\} \leq e^{-\epsilon(t_{k-1}-t_0)}.$$

By the Borel-Cantelli lemma we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{t_{k-1} \leq t < t_k} |x(t)|^p & \leq D^p \|\xi\|^p e^{-(\lambda-\epsilon)(t_{k-1}-t_0)} \\ & \leq D^p \|\xi\|^p e^{-(\lambda-\epsilon)(t_{k-1}-t_0)} + \mu, \text{ a.s.,} \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$|x(t)|^p \leq D^p \|\xi\|^p e^{-(\lambda-\epsilon)(t_{k-1}-t_0)} + \mu, \text{ a.s.,}$$

for $t \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Letting $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ we deduce that, for any $t \in [t_{k-1}, t_k]$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$|x(t)|^p - \mu \leq D^p \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)}, \text{ a.s.}$$

We know that

$$|x(t)|^p - \mu = (|x(t)| - \mu^{\frac{1}{p}}) \sum_{n=1}^p |x(t)|^{p-n} \mu^{\frac{n-1}{p}}.$$

Thanks to condition $\mu \geq 1$,

$$|x(t)|^p - \mu \geq (|x(t)| - \mu^{\frac{1}{p}}).$$

Then,

$$|x(t)| - \mu^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq D^p \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)}, \quad \forall t \geq t_0, \text{ a.s.}$$

It thus follows

$$|x(t)| \leq D^p \|\xi\|^p e^{-\lambda(t-t_0)} + \mu^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad \forall t \geq t_0, \text{ a.s.} \quad (3.29)$$

Therefore, system (2.1) is almost surely practically exponentially stable with $\eta = \mu^{\frac{1}{p}}$. \square

Remark 3.4. Observe that theorems 3.1 and 3.3 provide sufficient conditions for the practical stability of solutions both in the p th-moment and pathwise. These can be interpreted as some kind of stabilization results because the problem without impulses may be unstable while the impulsive one may become practically stable. Also, when the problem is already practically stable before the impulses are taken into account, the precedent results provide sufficient conditions for the system to remain practically stable, which is a proof for the robustness of the problem.

4. An application examples

Example 4.1. Consider a scalar ISDDS of the form:

$$\begin{cases} dx(t) = x(t)dt + \alpha(x(t), x(t-0.1), t)dW(t), & t \neq t_k, t \geq 0, \\ \Delta x(t_k) = -0.5x(t_k^-), & k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

Then,

$$f(x_t, t) = x(t),$$

$$g(x_t, t) = \alpha(x_t(0), x_t(-0.1), t) = \alpha(x(t), x(t-0.1), t),$$

We assume that there exists $\sigma > 0$ such that $|\alpha(x, y, t)| \leq \sigma$. Then

$$\mathbb{E}|f(x_t, t)|^p + \mathbb{E}|g(x_t, t)|^p \leq \mathbb{E}|x(t)|^p + \sigma^p,$$

Thus, condition (3.21) holds for system (4.1) with $L = 1$ and $\beta = \sigma^p$. Let $p = 2$ and $V(x, t) = x^2$. Therefore, the constants in Theorem 3.1 are $c_1 = c_2 = 1$, $c_3 = 0.1$, $q = 5$, $\delta = 0$.

Then, we have

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t_k^-) + I_k(x(t_k^-), t_k), t_k) \leq 0.45\mathbb{E}V(x(t_k^-), t_k) + 0.1$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}\mathcal{L}V(x_t, t) \leq 2\mathbb{E}|x(t)|^2 + \sigma^2.$$

Thus, $c = 2$, $d_k = 0.45$, $d = 0.1 = \rho_k$ and $\psi = \sigma^2$. We choose $t_k - t_{k-1} = h = 0.2$, $\lambda = 0.01$ and $\gamma = 2.5$. Then,

$$c_3\gamma e^{\lambda\tau} = 0.25,$$

and we choose $\psi = \sigma^2 = 0.3$,

$$(\psi h + c_3)e^{ch} = 0.238.$$

Thus, we can pick $r = 0.24$.

Then, all assumptions in the previous two theorems are fulfilled. Therefore, system (4.1) is mean square (i.e. second moment) practically exponentially stable with $\eta = \frac{r}{c_1} = 0.24$.

Now, we exhibit the following numerical example

Example 4.2. Consider the linear impulsive stochastic delay system

$$\begin{cases} dx(t) = (Ax(t) + Bx(t-1))dt + (Cx(t) + Dx(t-1))dW(t), & t \neq t_k, t \geq 0, \\ \Delta x(t_k) = -0.4x(t_k^-), & k \in \mathbb{N}^*, \end{cases} \quad (4.2)$$

where $A = \begin{pmatrix} -0.4 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.4 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $C = \begin{pmatrix} 0.9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9 \end{pmatrix}$, $D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $x(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t))^T$.

Then, $f(x(t), x(t-1), t) = (Ax(t) + Bx(t-1))$, $g(x(t), x(t-1), t) = (Cx(t) + Dx(t-1))$ and $I_k(x(t_k^-), t_k) = -0.4x(t_k^-)$.

We assume that $\|A\| = \sqrt{\lambda_{\max}(A^T A)}$ for all $A \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{R})$. Let $p = 2$ and $V(x, t) = |x|^2$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}|f(x(t), x(t-1), t)|^2 + \mathbb{E}|g(x(t), x(t-1), t)|^2 \\ & \leq 2(\|A\|^2 + \|C\|^2)\mathbb{E}|x(t)|^2 + 2(\|B\|^2 + \|D\|^2)\mathbb{E}|x(t-1)|^2, \\ & \leq 1.7\mathbb{E}|x(t)|^2 + 4\mathbb{E}|x(t-1)|^2 + 0.4, \\ & \leq 4(\mathbb{E}|x(t)|^2 + \mathbb{E}|x(t-1)|^2) + 0.4. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, condition (3.21) holds for system (4.1) with $L = 4$ and $\beta = 0.4$. Let $p = 2$ and $V(x, t) = |x|^2$. Then, the constants in Theorem 3.1 are $c_1 = c_2 = 1$, $c_3 = 0.3$,

$q = 6.12$, $\delta = 0$.

Consequently,

$$\mathbb{E}V(x(t_k^-) + I_k(x(t_k^-), t_k), t_k) \leq 0.6\mathbb{E}V(x(t_k^-), t_k) + 0.3$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E}\mathcal{L}V(x_t, t) \\ & \leq 2\mathbb{E}(x(t)^T f(x(t), x(t-1), t)) + \mathbb{E}|g(x(t), x(t-1), t)|^2, \\ & \leq 2\mathbb{E}(x(t)^T Ax(t)) + 2\mathbb{E}(x(t)^T Bx(t-1)) + \mathbb{E}|g(x(t), x(t-1), t)|^2, \\ & \leq 2\mathbb{E}|x|^2(\|A\|^2 + \|B\|^2) + 4\mathbb{E}|x|^2, \\ & \leq 6.08\mathbb{E}(V(x, t)) + 0.5. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $c = 6.08$, $d_k = 0.6$, $d = 0.5 = \rho_k$ and $\psi = 0.5$. We choose $t_k - t_{k-1} = h = 0.2$, $\lambda = 0.02$ and $\gamma = 6$. Then,

$$c_3\gamma e^{\lambda\tau} = 1.83,$$

and

$$(\psi h + c_3)e^{ch} = 1.348.$$

Thus, we can choose $r = 1.35$.

Then, all the assumptions of the previous two theorems are fulfilled. Therefore, system (4.2) is mean square practically exponentially stable with $\eta = \frac{r}{c_1} = 1.35$.

5. Appendix

Lemma 5.1. Under conditions in Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.3, we define

$$J_1 = \mathbb{E}\left(\int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} |f(x_s, s)| ds\right)^p,$$

$$J_2 = \mathbb{E}\left(\sup_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta \leq t < t_{k-1}+i\delta} \left| \int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^t g(x_s, s) dW(s) \right|^p\right).$$

Then

$$J_1 \leq L\delta^p e^{\lambda\tau} \frac{M\|\xi\|^p}{c_1} e^{-\lambda(t_{k-1}-t_0)} + \delta^p \left(\beta + \frac{Lr}{c_1}\right), \quad (5.1)$$

and

$$J_2 \leq LC_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}} \frac{M\|\xi\|^p}{c_1} e^{\lambda\tau} e^{-\lambda(t_{k-1}-t_0)} + C_p \beta \delta^{\frac{p}{2}} + \frac{Lr}{c_1} C_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}}. \quad (5.2)$$

Proof. By (3.20), (3.21) and the Hölder inequality,

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1 &\leq \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} ds\right)^{p-1} \left(\int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} |f(x_s, s)|^p ds\right)\right], \\
&\leq \delta^{p-1} \mathbb{E}\left(\int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} |f(x_s, s)|^p ds\right), \\
&\leq \delta^{p-1} \int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} \left(L \sup_{-\tau \leq \theta \leq 0} \mathbb{E}|x(s+\theta)|^p + \beta\right) ds, \\
&\leq L\delta^{p-1} \int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} \sup_{-\tau \leq \theta \leq 0} \mathbb{E}|x(s+\theta)|^p ds + \beta\delta^p, \\
&\leq L\delta^{p-1} \frac{M\|\xi\|^p}{c_1} \int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} e^{-\lambda(s-\tau-t_0)} ds + \beta\delta^p + \frac{Lr}{c_1} \delta^p, \\
&\leq L\delta^p \frac{M\|\xi\|^p}{c_1} e^{-\lambda(t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta-\tau-t_0)} + \delta^p \left(\beta + \frac{Lr}{c_1}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$J_1 \leq L\delta^p e^{\lambda\tau} \frac{M\|\xi\|^p}{c_1} e^{-\lambda(t_{k-1}-t_0)} + \delta^p \left(\beta + \frac{Lr}{c_1}\right). \quad (5.3)$$

On the other hand, by the Burkholder-Davis-Gundy inequality and Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2 &\leq C_p \mathbb{E}\left(\int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} |g(x_s, s)|^2 ds\right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \\
&\leq C_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}-1} \mathbb{E}\left(\int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} |g(x_s, s)|^p ds\right), \quad (5.4)
\end{aligned}$$

where $C_p > 0$ is a constant which only depends on p . From (3.21), for all $(\varphi, t) \in L_{\mathcal{F}_t}^p([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n) \times [t_0, \infty)$, we have

$$\mathbb{E}|g(\varphi, t)|^p \leq L \sup_{-\tau \leq \theta \leq 0} \mathbb{E}|\varphi(\theta)|^p + \beta.$$

By inequality (5.4),

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2 &\leq C_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}-1} \int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} \left(L \sup_{-\tau \leq \theta \leq 0} \mathbb{E}|x(s+\theta)|^p + \beta\right) ds, \\
&\leq LC_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}-1} \int_{t_{k-1}+(i-1)\delta}^{t_{k-1}+i\delta} \sup_{-\tau \leq \theta \leq 0} \mathbb{E}|x(s+\theta)|^p ds + C_p \beta \delta^{\frac{p}{2}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$J_2 \leq LC_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}} \frac{M\|\xi\|^p}{c_1} e^{\lambda\tau} e^{-\lambda(t_{k-1}-t_0)} + C_p \beta \delta^{\frac{p}{2}} + \frac{Lr}{c_1} C_p \delta^{\frac{p}{2}}. \quad (5.5)$$

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