

# Stability and $\mathcal{L}_2$ Gain Analysis for a Class of Switched Symmetric Systems

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we study stability and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  gain properties for a class of switched systems which are composed of a finite number of linear time-invariant symmetric subsystems. We focus our attention mainly on discrete-time systems. When all subsystems are Schur stable, we show that the switched system is exponentially stable under arbitrary switching. Furthermore, when all subsystems are Schur stable and have  $\mathcal{L}_2$  gains smaller than a positive scalar  $\gamma$ , we show that the switched system is exponentially stable and has an  $\mathcal{L}_2$  gain smaller than the same  $\gamma$  under arbitrary switching. The key idea for both stability and  $\mathcal{L}_2$  gain analysis in this paper is to establish a general Lyapunov function for all subsystems in the switched system.

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