

## On non-central $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ controllers

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### Abstract

It is demonstrated that non-central  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  controllers can have advantages over the usual central  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  controller. In particular, it is shown that non-central controllers can improve the quadratic performance of the closed loop. It is further shown how to characterize non-central controllers with lower order than the central controller. The analysis is made possible by a state-space representation of the free contraction based on the Bounded Real Riccati equation.

### 1 Introduction

For a given generalized plant  $G$  and  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ -norm bound  $\gamma$ , it was shown in [1] that the set of all proper, real-rational, stabilizing controllers  $K$  satisfying  $\|\mathcal{F}_l(G, K)\|_\infty < \gamma$  is given by  $K = \mathcal{F}_l(M_\infty, Q)$ . That is, all feasible  $K$ 's are given by the lower linear fractional map of a fixed transfer matrix  $M_\infty$  (calculated from the plant data) and the free contraction  $Q$  which is an arbitrary stable, proper, real-rational transfer matrix satisfying  $\|Q\|_\infty < \gamma$ . To date, little work has been done on how best to choose  $Q$ . Indeed the central  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  controller ( $Q = 0$ ) is almost invariably chosen as a natural, simple choice that is also entropy minimizing, [2]. It is the purpose of the present work to show that in fact there may be genuine reasons for using non-central  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  controllers ( $Q \neq 0$ ).

Previous work on the choice of  $Q$  has been hindered because the absence of a closed formula for  $\|Q\|_\infty$  made the constraint  $\|Q\|_\infty < \gamma$  somewhat awkward to deal with in state space. We avoid that difficulty by exploiting a recent state-space representation of the set of all permissible  $Q$ 's which was developed in [3] for a different problem. The state-space matrices of  $Q$  are written in a useful unconstrained way which is the key to completing the analysis.

Firstly we consider choosing  $Q$  to reduce the LQG cost. We show that ordinarily non-central  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  controllers with only one extra state can be chosen to give smaller LQG cost than the central  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  controller. This is despite the fact that the central controller minimizes the closed-loop entropy which is known [2] to be a close upper bound on the LQG cost. Secondly, we investigate how  $Q$  can be chosen to force state cancellations in the natural realization of  $K = \mathcal{F}_l(M_\infty, Q)$ , leading to equations for reduced-order controllers.

After submission of the present paper, the independent paper [4] appeared, which also uses the parameterization of [3] to study mixed LQG/ $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  control.

### 2 Preliminaries

The setup, notation and basic assumptions are as in [1]. The generalized plant  $G$  is taken to be of the form

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} A & B_1 & B_2 \\ C_1 & 0 & D_{12} \\ C_2 & D_{21} & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m_1}$ ,  $B_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m_2}$ ,  $C_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{p_1 \times n}$  and  $C_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{p_2 \times n}$ , and is  $G$  assumed to satisfy the usual assumptions in [1]. Given a desired  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ -norm bound  $\gamma$ , the two associated  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  Riccati equations are

$$X_\infty A + A^T X_\infty + X_\infty (\gamma^{-2} B_1 B_1^T - B_2 B_2^T) X_\infty + C_1^T C_1 = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$Y_\infty A^T + A Y_\infty + Y_\infty (\gamma^{-2} C_1^T C_1 - C_2^T C_2) Y_\infty + B_1 B_1^T = 0. \quad (2)$$

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In [1] it is shown that there exists a stabilizing controller  $K$  such that  $\|\mathcal{F}_l(G, K)\|_\infty < \gamma$  if and only if (1) and (2) have positive semi-definite stabilizing solutions satisfying  $\rho(X_\infty Y_\infty) < \gamma^2$ , where  $\rho$  is the spectral radius. If these conditions are satisfied, the set of all such controllers is given by  $K = \mathcal{F}_l(M_\infty, Q)$ , where  $Q \in \mathcal{RH}_\infty$  and  $\|Q\|_\infty < \gamma$ , and

$$M_\infty = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{A}_\infty & Z_\infty Y_\infty C_2^T & Z_\infty B_2 \\ -B_2^T X_\infty & 0 & I \\ -C_2 & I & 0 \end{bmatrix} =: \begin{bmatrix} \hat{A} & \hat{B}_1 & \hat{B}_2 \\ \hat{C}_1 & 0 & I \\ \hat{C}_2 & I & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\hat{A}_\infty = A + (\gamma^{-2} B_1 B_1^T - B_2 B_2^T) X_\infty - Z_\infty Y_\infty C_2^T C_2,$$

$$Z_\infty = (I - \gamma^{-2} Y_\infty X_\infty)^{-1}.$$

Ordinarily  $Q$  is set to zero but we wish to explore the effect of nonzero strictly proper  $Q$ . To represent the set of all possible strictly proper  $Q$ 's by unconstrained parameters consider

$$\mathcal{Q}_\gamma^* := \{Q(s) : \|Q(s)\|_\infty < \gamma, Q(s) \text{ stable, real rational, strictly proper, of dimension } m_2 \times p_2 \text{ and of McMillan degree } \leq n_Q\}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}_\gamma &:= \{C_Q(sI - A_Q)^{-1} B_Q : B_Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n_Q \times p_2}, C_Q \in \mathbb{R}^{m_2 \times n_Q}, \\ &A_Q = A_s + A_{sh}, A_{sh} = -A_{sh}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_Q \times n_Q}, \\ &A_s = -B_Q B_Q^T / (2\gamma^2) - C_Q^T C_Q / 2\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

In [3] it is shown that  $\mathcal{Q}_\gamma^* = \mathcal{Q}_\gamma$  by manipulating the Bounded Real Riccati equation. Hence in the sequel instead of the transfer function characterization  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_\gamma^*$  we use the explicit state-space characterization  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_\gamma$ .

### 3 LQG performance

As  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  control theory has matured, mixed objective problems have received increasing attention. The particular problem of minimizing the LQG cost subject to an  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ -norm bound has not yet been solved (some necessary conditions are given in [5]) but solutions to related problems have appeared in [6, 2, 7, 8, 9].

It is not our aim to solve any particular optimal problem here but rather we wish to point out that  $Q = 0$  does not necessarily minimize the LQG cost subject to the  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ -norm bound, even though  $Q = 0$  minimizes the closely related entropy [2]. To substantiate that claim, consider the case where the controller is SISO (i.e.,  $m_2 = p_2 = 1$ ). Let  $Q$  have one state, that is  $Q(s) = Q_1(s) = b_q c_q / (s - a_q)$ , and let  $J$  be the usual LQG cost,  $J := \|\mathcal{F}_l(G, K)\|_2^2$ . Firstly we will show that with  $b_q = \epsilon$  and  $c_q = m\epsilon$ ,  $J$  can be written as

$$J = J_0 + \epsilon^2 J_2(m) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

where  $J_0$  is the central LQG cost. We will then show that in general  $J_2(m)$  can be made negative by suitable choice of  $m$ , giving  $J < J_0$  for small enough  $\epsilon$ . Thus the LQG cost can be improved using the one extra state in  $Q$ .

Letting  $b_q = \epsilon$  and  $c_q = m\epsilon$  and defining  $\alpha = (m^2 + \gamma^{-2})/2$ , the natural realization of the closed loop,  $F(s) = \mathcal{F}_l(G, \mathcal{F}_l(M_\infty, Q_1))$ , is

$$F(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{A} & m\epsilon \hat{B}_2 & \hat{B}_1 \\ \epsilon \hat{C}_2 & -\epsilon^2 \alpha & \epsilon D_{21} \\ \hat{C}_1 & m\epsilon D_{12} & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B_2 \hat{C}_1 \\ \hat{B}_1 C_2 & \bar{A} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{B}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ \hat{B}_1 D_{21} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{B}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} B_2 \\ \hat{B}_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\bar{C}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} C_1 & D_{12} \hat{C}_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{C}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} C_2 & \hat{C}_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

With inspiration from [10], apply the block-diagonalizing transformation  $\begin{bmatrix} I & \epsilon Y \\ Z & \epsilon \end{bmatrix}$  where

$$\bar{A}Y + \epsilon^2 \alpha Y + \epsilon^2 Y \bar{C}_2 Y - m \bar{B}_2 = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$Z \bar{A} + \epsilon^2 \alpha Z - m Z \bar{B}_2 Z + \epsilon^2 \bar{C}_2 = 0. \quad (5)$$

This gives

$$F(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A} & \bar{B} \\ \bar{C} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

where

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A}_{11} & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{A}_{22} \end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A} + \epsilon^2 Y \bar{C}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & m Z \bar{B}_2 - \epsilon^2 \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_1 \\ \bar{B}_2 \end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} \bar{B}_1 + \epsilon^2 Y D_{21} \\ Z \bar{B}_1 + \epsilon^2 D_{21} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{C} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_1 & \bar{C}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{C}_1 := \bar{C}_1 + (\bar{C}_1 Y - m D_{12}) Z / (1 - ZY)$$

$$\bar{C}_2 := -(\bar{C}_1 Y - m D_{12}) / (1 - ZY).$$

It is easy to verify by substitution into (4) and (5) that

$$Y = m Y_0 + \epsilon^2 Y_2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

$$Z = \epsilon^2 Z_2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

where  $Y_0$  and  $Z_2$  are independent of  $m$ , and hence that

$$(1 - ZY)^{-1} = 1 + \epsilon^2 m Z_2 Y_0 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4).$$

Therefore,

$$\bar{A}_{11} = \bar{A} + \epsilon^2 m Y_0 \bar{C}_2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

$$\bar{A}_{22} = \epsilon^2 (m Z_2 \bar{B}_2 - \alpha) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

$$\bar{B}_1 = \bar{B}_1 + \epsilon^2 m Y_0 D_{21} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

$$\bar{B}_2 = \epsilon^2 (Z_2 \bar{B}_1 + D_{21}) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

$$\bar{C}_1 = \bar{C}_1 + \epsilon^2 m (\bar{C}_1 Y_0 - D_{12}) Z_2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

$$\bar{C}_2 = m (D_{12} - \bar{C}_1 Y_0) + \epsilon^2 (m^2 (D_{12} - \bar{C}_1 Y_0) Z_2 Y_0 - \bar{C}_1 Y_2) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

Using these it can be verified that the controllability gramian,  $\bar{P}$ , of  $F(s)$  in (6) is of the form

$$\bar{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \epsilon^2 \begin{bmatrix} m P_2 & P_{12} \\ P_{12}^T & P_{22} \end{bmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4), \quad (7)$$

where  $\bar{P}$  is the controllability gramian of  $(\bar{A}, \bar{B}_1)$ . In (7),  $\bar{P}$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $P_{12}$  are all independent of  $m$ , and

$$P_{22} = \frac{(Z_2 \bar{B}_1 + D_{21})(Z_2 \bar{B}_1 + D_{21})^T}{m^2 - 2m Z_2 \bar{B}_2 + \gamma^{-2}}.$$

The LQG cost of  $F(s)$  can be calculated by  $J = \text{trace}(\bar{C} \bar{P} \bar{C}^T)$ , and hence, after some straightforward algebra,

$$J = J_0 + \epsilon^2 J_2(m) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4),$$

where

$$J_2(m) = m x + \left( \frac{m^2 \beta^2}{m^2 - 2m Z_2 \bar{B}_2 + \gamma^{-2}} \right). \quad (8)$$

The constants  $x$  and  $\beta$  in (8) are defined by

$$x := \text{trace}(\bar{C}_1 P_2 \bar{C}_1^T) + 2 \text{trace}(\bar{C}_1 (\bar{P} Z_2^T - P_{12})(\bar{C}_1 Y_0 - D_{12})^T)$$

$$\beta^2 := [(D_{12} - \bar{C}_1 Y_0)(Z_2 \bar{B}_1 + D_{21})]^T [(D_{12} - \bar{C}_1 Y_0)(Z_2 \bar{B}_1 + D_{21})]$$

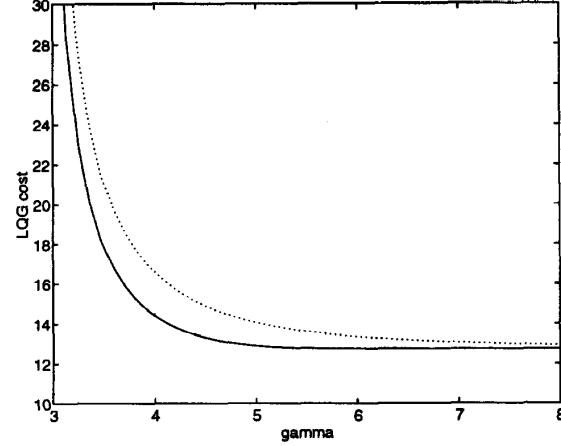


Figure 1: Variation of the LQG cost for the central (dotted) and one-state  $Q$  (solid) controllers with  $\gamma$  for the numerical example.

and are both independent of  $m$ . As  $|m| \rightarrow \infty$  the term in brackets in (8) tends to  $\beta^2$ . Thus provided  $x \neq 0$ ,  $J_2(m)$  in (8) can be made negative by choosing  $m$  large enough with sign opposite to that of  $x$ . This makes the LQG cost smaller than the central cost for small enough  $\epsilon$ .

The above analysis is illustrated with a simple example. Consider the plant

$$g(s) = \frac{-1.645s^3 - 1.03446s^2 - 0.04075s}{s^4 + 1.0603s^3 - 1.1154s^2 - 0.0565s - 0.0512},$$

taken from [11], and the Normalized  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  Control Problem for  $g(s)$  (see [2, Chapter 7] for details), for which

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} g & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} g \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} g & 1 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} g \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{so that } \mathcal{F}_i(G, K) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{g}{1-gK} & \frac{gK}{1-gK} \\ \frac{gK}{1-gK} & \frac{K}{1-gK} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The above analysis implies that for all  $\gamma$  larger than the  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ -optimal, the LQG cost can be reduced by adding an extra state in the controller. So for various values of  $\gamma$  the minimum LQG cost over admissible one-state  $Q$  was calculated via a combination of grid and gradient searches. (This optimization is not convex in the parameters  $b_q$  and  $c_q$ .) The results are plotted in Figure 1 and show that improvements of over 15% can be achieved for the price of an extra state in the controller.

#### 4 Reduced-order controllers

It is easy to show that the natural realization for the controller  $K = \mathcal{F}_i(M_\infty, Q)$  is

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A} & \bar{B}_2 C_Q & \bar{B}_1 \\ B_Q \hat{C}_2 & A_Q & B_Q \\ \hat{C}_1 & C_Q & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (9)$$

A reduced-order controller of order (at most)  $n_K < n$  can be obtained if  $n_Q$ ,  $A_Q$ ,  $B_Q$  and  $C_Q$  can be found to make  $n + n_Q - n_K$  states of  $K$  nonminimal, whilst satisfying  $\|Q(s)\|_\infty < \gamma$ . The procedure is outlined below. For a different approach to a similar problem see [12].

Firstly apply the state transformation  $\begin{bmatrix} I_n & T \\ 0 & I_{n_Q} \end{bmatrix}$  to the realization of  $K$  in (9), where  $T$  is to be found. Then

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{A} + T B_Q \hat{C}_2 & \bar{B}_2 C_Q + T A_Q - \bar{A} T - T B_Q \hat{C}_2 T & \bar{B}_1 + T B_Q \\ B_Q \hat{C}_2 & A_Q - B_Q \hat{C}_2 T & B_Q \\ \hat{C}_1 & C_Q - \hat{C}_1 T & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If  $A_Q, B_Q, C_Q$  and  $T$  are chosen such that

$$\hat{B}_1 + TB_Q = 0, \quad (10)$$

$$TA_Q - (\hat{A} - \hat{B}_1\hat{C}_2)T + \hat{B}_2C_Q = 0, \quad (11)$$

then we have

$$K = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c|c} \hat{A} - \hat{B}_1\hat{C}_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline B_Q\hat{C}_2 & A_Q - B_Q\hat{C}_2T & B_Q \\ \hline \hat{C}_1 & C_Q - \hat{C}_1T & 0 \end{array} \right]. \quad (12)$$

We now observe that

$$\hat{A} - \hat{B}_1\hat{C}_2 = A + (\gamma^{-2}B_1B_1^T - B_2B_2^T)X_\infty,$$

which is stable because, by assumption, (1) has a stabilizing solution. Hence the  $n$  uncontrollable modes associated with  $\hat{A} - \hat{B}_1\hat{C}_2$  in (12) are all stable and can be cancelled leaving

$$K = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_Q - B_Q\hat{C}_2T & B_Q \\ \hline C_Q - \hat{C}_1T & 0 \end{array} \right] =: \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_K & B_K \\ \hline C_K & 0 \end{array} \right].$$

Since  $A_K = A_Q - B_Q(\hat{C}_2T)$  it follows that  $(A_K, B_K)$  is uncontrollable if and only if  $(A_Q, B_Q)$  is uncontrollable. So it is pointless to try to further reduce the order of  $K$  by forcing  $(A_K, B_K)$  to be uncontrollable as that would simply introduce uncontrollable states in  $Q$ . The next step is therefore to make  $(A_K, C_K)$  unobservable.

Of the  $n_Q$  states in  $A_K$  let  $n_\ell = n_Q - n_K$  be the number to be made unobservable. Partition  $A_Q$  as

$$A_Q = \begin{bmatrix} A_{Q11} & A_{Q12} \\ A_{Q21} & A_{Q22} \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

where  $A_{Q11} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_K \times n_K}$  and  $A_{Q22} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\ell \times n_\ell}$ , and partition  $B_Q, C_Q$  and  $T$  compatibly as

$$B_Q = \begin{bmatrix} B_{Q1} \\ B_{Q2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_Q = [C_{Q1} \quad C_{Q2}], \quad T = [T_1 \quad T_2]. \quad (14)$$

Similarly,

$$A_K = \begin{bmatrix} A_{K11} & A_{K12} \\ A_{K21} & A_{K22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{Q11} & A_{Q12} \\ A_{Q21} & A_{Q22} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} B_{Q1} \\ B_{Q2} \end{bmatrix} \hat{C}_2 [T_1 \quad T_2],$$

$$B_K = \begin{bmatrix} B_{Q1} \\ B_{Q2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad C_K = [C_{K1} \quad C_{K2}] = [C_{Q1} - \hat{C}_1T_1 \quad C_{Q2} - \hat{C}_1T_2].$$

If we set

$$A_{K12} = A_{Q12} - B_{Q1}\hat{C}_2T_2 = 0, \quad (15)$$

$$C_{K2} = C_{Q2} - \hat{C}_1T_2 = 0, \quad (16)$$

then (if  $A_{K22}$  is stable) we can remove the  $n_\ell$  unobservable modes associated with  $A_{K22}$  leaving

$$K = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} A_{Q11} - B_{Q1}\hat{C}_2T_1 & B_{Q1} \\ \hline C_{Q1} - \hat{C}_1T_1 & 0 \end{array} \right], \quad (17)$$

which has the desired number of states  $n_K$  (although, of course, some may be nonminimal).

The analysis so far has used well-established state-cancellation techniques and at first glance further progress appears to be hampered by the condition  $\|Q\|_\infty < \gamma$ . Further analysis is made possible by replacing the transfer function constraint  $\|Q\|_\infty < \gamma$  by the equivalent but constructive state-space constraint  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_\gamma$  from (3). Then  $B_Q$  and  $C_Q$  become free parameters and

$$\begin{aligned} A_Q &= \begin{bmatrix} A_{Q11} & A_{Q12} \\ A_{Q21} & A_{Q22} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A_{sh11} & A_{sh12} \\ -A_{sh12}^T & A_{sh22} \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2\gamma^2} \begin{bmatrix} B_{Q1}B_{Q1}^T & B_{Q1}B_{Q2}^T \\ B_{Q2}B_{Q1}^T & B_{Q2}B_{Q2}^T \end{bmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} C_{Q1}^T C_{Q1} & C_{Q1}^T C_{Q2} \\ C_{Q2}^T C_{Q1} & C_{Q2}^T C_{Q2} \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_{sh}$  is an arbitrary  $n_Q \times n_Q$  skew symmetric matrix.

We can now rewrite the conditions (10), (11), (15) and (16) to give the following characterization of the reduced-order controller in (17): The  $n_K$  state reduced-order controller in (17) is obtained by finding  $B_{Q1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_K \times n_2}$ ,  $B_{Q2} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\ell \times n_2}$ ,  $C_{Q1} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_2 \times n_K}$ ,  $T_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_K \times n_K}$ ,  $T_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\ell \times n_\ell}$ ,  $A_{sh11} = -A_{sh11}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_K \times n_K}$  and  $A_{sh22} = -A_{sh22}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\ell \times n_\ell}$  satisfying

$$0 = \hat{B}_1 + T_1B_{Q1} + T_2B_{Q2} \quad (18)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{A} - \hat{B}_1\hat{C}_2)T_1 &= \hat{B}_2C_{Q1} + T_1(A_{sh11} - B_{Q1}B_{Q1}^T/(2\gamma^2) - C_{Q1}^T C_{Q1}/2) \\ &\quad - T_2(B_{Q2}B_{Q1}^T/\gamma^2 - T_2^T(\hat{C}_2^T B_{Q1}^T + \hat{C}_1^T C_{Q1})) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{A} - \hat{B}_2\hat{C}_1)T_2 &= -T_2(B_{Q2}\hat{C}_2 + T_2^T\hat{C}_1^T\hat{C}_1/2)T_2 \\ &\quad + T_2(A_{sh22} - B_{Q2}B_{Q2}^T/(2\gamma^2)) \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

$$(A_{sh22} - B_{Q2}B_{Q2}^T/(2\gamma^2) - C_{Q2}^T C_{Q2}/2 - B_{Q2}\hat{C}_2T_2) \text{ is stable} \quad (21)$$

and then setting

$$A_{sh12} = B_{Q1}B_{Q2}^T/(2\gamma^2) + (C_{Q1}^T\hat{C}_1/2 + B_{Q1}\hat{C}_2)T_2 \quad (22)$$

$$C_{Q2} = \hat{C}_1T_2 \quad (23)$$

Equations (18), (22) and (23) are simply equations (10), (15) and (16) with the parameterization of  $Q \in \mathcal{Q}_\gamma$  and the partitioning of (13). Equations (19) and (20) can be derived from a partitioning of (11) using substitutions from equations (18), (22) and (23) and equation (21) is the requirement that  $A_{K22}$  be stable. The set of equations in (18)–(23) is a set of design equations that characterizes reduced-order  $\mathcal{H}_\infty$  controllers. The parameters  $A_{sh}$ ,  $B_Q$  and  $C_Q$  enter in an unconstrained manner. Issues relating to the existence and computation of solutions to the equations are currently under investigation.

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