

## ON THE EXISTENCE OF NASH EQUILIBRIUM SOLUTION FOR MIXED $H_2/H_\infty$ CONTROL <sup>1</sup>

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### Abstract

The aim of this work is the application of the game theory in mixed  $H_2/H_\infty$  control problems, using convex optimization. We use the formulation of the mixed  $H_2/H_\infty$  control problem as a Nonzero-Sum NASH Game, where the two pay-off functions are associated with two players, which represent the  $H_2$  and  $H_\infty$  criteria. We show that the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a NASH equilibrium solution are related to the existence of a global optimal solution to a convex optimization problem. The plant is assumed linear and time-invariant and the resulting controller is a state-feedback law.

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### 1 Introduction

The concepts of games and strategies were originally presented by Von Neumann in 1928. In 1954 R. Isaacs introduced the differential games theory. Ten years latter L.D. Berkowitz presented a rigorous approach to game theory using variational calculus. In 1965 Ho *et al.*, studied the optimal pursuit-evasion strategies problem. Since then, many real problems - missiles control, anti-missiles, aircraft traffic, etc. - were considered in the context.

Optimization theory, on the other hand, is undoubtedly one of the most relevant approach to modern control problems. Particularly, state feedback optimal control problems involving  $H_2$  and  $H_\infty$  norms can be converted into equivalent convex problems, and solved through standard convex programming techniques. Yet, the convex approach allows the incorporation of additional constraints, as for example the minimization of disturbances external to the plant. In (Boyd *et al.*, 1994), a variety of control problems that can be formulated as a convex optimization problem involving matrix inequalities and solved numerically is presented.

This paper brings together some elements of both these theories. The  $H_2/H_\infty$  mixed control problem is formulated as a non-zero sum Nash game, with two players and two pay-off functions, which represent  $H_2$  and  $H_\infty$  criteria. Necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of an equilibrium solution are then related to the existence of a global optimal solution to a convex optimization problem. The considered problem has been originally considered by (Limebeer *et al.*, 1994), where,

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in contrast to the results here presented, the existence of an equilibrium solution is associated to the existence of a solution to a pair of coupled Riccati equations.

In section 2 some preliminary results are presented. In section 3 the  $H_2/H_\infty$  mixed control problem is formulated as a non-zero sum Nash game. In section 4 necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of an equilibrium solution are obtained, and Section 5 presents the final conclusions.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let the linear, continuous, time invariant control system, described by the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + B_1w(t) + B_2u(t) \\ u(t) &= Kx(t) \\ z_2(t) &= C_2x(t) + D_2u(t) \\ z_\infty(t) &= C_\infty x(t) + D_\infty u(t) \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the state vector,  
 $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is the control vector,  
 $w \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$  is the disturbance vector and  
 $z_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{q_2}$  and  $z_\infty \in \mathbb{R}^{q_\infty}$  are the output vectors.

We assume that all the matrices are of known and appropriate dimensions and,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{i) } & C_2'D_2 = 0, \\ \text{ii) } & D_2'D_2 > 0, \\ \text{iii) } & C_\infty'D_\infty = 0, \\ \text{iv) } & D_\infty'D_\infty > 0. \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Associated with the system (2.1), we define the extended matrices,  $F \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ , where  $p = m + n$ ,  $G \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}$ ,  $R_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$  and  $R_\infty \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \begin{bmatrix} A & -B_2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & G &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I \end{bmatrix}, & Q &= \begin{bmatrix} B_1B_1' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\ R_2 &= \begin{bmatrix} C_2'C_2 & 0 \\ 0 & D_2'D_2 \end{bmatrix}, & R_\infty &= \begin{bmatrix} C_\infty'C_\infty & 0 \\ 0 & D_\infty'D_\infty \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

the closed loop matrices,

$$A_{cl} = A + B_2K, \tag{2.4}$$

$$C_{cl_2} = C_2 + D_2K \quad \text{and} \quad C_{cl_\infty} = C_\infty + D_\infty K, \tag{2.5}$$

the set of admissible controllers,

$$K_{ad} = \{K \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n} / A_{cl} \text{ is asymptotically stable}\} \quad (2.6)$$

and the closed-loop transfer functions from  $w$  to  $z_2$  and  $z_\infty$  are, respectively,

$$T_{z_2 w} = C_{cl_2} [sI - A_{cl}]^{-1} B_1 \quad \text{and} \quad (2.7a)$$

$$T_{z_\infty w}(s) = C_{cl_\infty} [sI - A_{cl}]^{-1} B_1. \quad (2.7b)$$

For all  $K \in K_{ad}$  we have the  $H_2$  norm associated with  $T_{z_2 w}$ , defined as:

$$\|T_{z_2 w}\|_2^2 = \text{Tr}(C_{cl_2} L_c C_{cl_2}') = \text{Tr}(B_1 L_0 B_1) \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\text{Tr}(\cdot)$  denotes the trace of  $(\cdot)$  and  $L_c$  and  $L_o$  are, respectively, the controllability and the observability Gramians of  $(A_{cl}, B_1)$  and  $(C_{cl_2}, A_{cl})$ , and the  $H_\infty$  norm associated with  $T_{z_\infty w}$ , defined as:

$$\|T_{z_\infty w}\|_\infty = \sup_{\omega} \sigma_{\max}[T_{z_\infty w}(j\omega)] = \sup_{\omega} \{\lambda_{\max}^{1/2}[T_{z_\infty w}(-j\omega)' T_{z_\infty w}(j\omega)]\} \quad (2.9)$$

where  $\sigma_{\max}[\cdot]$  is the maximum singular value of  $[\cdot]$ ,  $\lambda_{\max}[\cdot]$  is the maximum eigenvalue of  $[\cdot]$  and  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

From (2.3) we define the following functions:

$$\theta_\infty(\cdot, \cdot) : (\mathbb{R}^{p \times p}, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$$

$$\theta_\infty(W, \mu) = FW + WF' + WR_\infty W + \mu Q, \quad (2.10)$$

associated with the set

$$C_\infty = \{W = W' \geq 0, \mu > 0 : v\theta_\infty(W, \mu)v \leq 0, \forall v \in N\} \quad (2.11)$$

and

$$\theta_2(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}^{p \times p} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$$

$$\theta_2(W) = FW + WF' + Q, \quad (2.12)$$

associated with the set

$$C_2 = \{W = W' \geq 0 : v\theta_2(W)v \leq 0, \forall v \text{ and } N\} \quad (2.13)$$

In both cases,  $N$  is the null space of  $G'$  and  $W$  is symmetric and partitioned in the form:

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & w_2 \\ w_2' & w_3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.14)$$

where  $w_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $w_1 > 0$ .

It can be easily seen that  
 $v \in N$  iff  $v' = [x' : 0]$ ,  $x \in R^n$  (2.15)

In addition, (Colaneri et al., 1997)  
 $C_2$  and  $C_\infty$  are convex with respect to  $W$ . (2.16)

**Theorem 2.1** Assume  $(A_{cl}, C_{cl_\infty})$  observable and let  $\gamma > 0$  given. Then  $A_{cl}$  is asymptotically stable and  $\|T_{z,w}\|_\infty \leq \gamma$  if and only if the Riccati inequality

$$A_{cl}'P + PA_{cl} + \gamma^{-2}PB_1B_1'P + C_{cl_\infty}'C_{cl_\infty} \leq 0 \quad (2.17)$$

has a symmetric positive definite solution  $P \in R^{n \times n}$ .

**Proof:** see (Sherer, 1989)

### 3 Statement of the Game

Let the system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + B_1w(t) + B_2u(t), \quad x(0) = x_0 \\ z(t) &= Cx(t) + Du(t) \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

where  $x \in R^n$  is the state vector,  $u \in R^m$  is the control vector,  $w \in R^\ell$  is the disturbance vector,  $z \in R^q$  is the output vector and  $A, B_1, B_2, C$  and  $D$  are matrices of known and appropriate dimensions. This system corresponds to the particular case  $z_2(t) = z_\infty(t) = z(t)$

problem: Find a control law  $u^*(t,x)$  such that

$$\|z\|_2^2 \leq \gamma^2 \|w\|_2^2 \text{ for all } w(t) \neq 0 \in L_2, \text{ given } \gamma > 0, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $L_2$  is a set of finite energy signals. Inequality (3.2) can be interpreted as a restriction on the  $H_\infty$  norm, i.e.,

$$\|T_{zw}\|_\infty \leq \gamma \quad (3.3)$$

where the operator  $T_{zw}$  represents the map from the disturbance signal  $w(t)$  to the output  $z(t)$  in the presence of the optimal control law  $u^*(t,x)$ .

It is desired that the control signal  $u^*(t,x)$  produces regulation of the state  $x(t)$  and minimizes the output energy, in the presence of the worst disturbance signal  $w^*(t,x)$ , in the sense that  $w^*(t,x)$  activates the maximum energy gain from the disturbance input to the output signal.

The above problem can be formulated as a non zero sum linear quadratic game, following the same lines presented in (Limebeer et al., 1994). The two cost functions are given by:

$$J_1(u, w) = \int_0^\infty (\gamma^2 w(t)' w(t) - z(t)' z(t)) dt \quad (3.4)$$

$$J_2(u, w) = \int_0^\infty (z(t)' z(t)) dt \quad (3.5)$$

The cost function  $J_1$  is related to the  $H_\infty$  criterion and  $J_2$  optimizes the  $H_2$  norm. The strategy sets for each player, denoted by  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$ , are defined as:

$$\Sigma_1 = \{w(t) = K_2 x(t) : J_1(u, w) \geq 0 \text{ and } K_2 \text{ is real matrix}\} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\Sigma_2 = \{u(t) = K_1 x(t) : K_1 \text{ is real matrix and } K_1 \in K_{ad}\} \quad (3.7)$$

We look for equilibrium strategies  $u^*$  and  $w^*$  in  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$ , respectively, which satisfy the Nash equilibrium conditions:

$$J_1(u^*, w^*) \leq J_1(u^*, w) \quad \text{for all } w \in \Sigma_1 \quad (3.8a)$$

$$J_2(u^*, w^*) \leq J_2(u, w^*) \quad \text{for all } u \in \Sigma_2 \quad (3.8b)$$

From (3.8a), if  $J_1(u^*, w^*) \geq 0$ , then  $\|z\|_2^2 \leq \gamma^2 \|w\|_2^2$  for all  $w(t) \neq 0 \in L_2$ , and  $\|T_{zw}\|_\infty \leq \gamma$ . The second inequality, (3.8b), says that  $u^*$  produces state regulation with minimum output energy in the presence of the worst disturbance input,  $w^*$ .

The game, denoted by  $\Gamma$ , is represented in the form

$$\Gamma = \{J_1, J_2, \Sigma_1, \Sigma_2\},$$

and the strategies set, denoted by  $\Omega$ , is defined as

$$\Omega = \{(u(t, x), w(t, x)) : w(t, x) \in \Sigma_1 \text{ and } u(t, x) \in \Sigma_2\} \quad (3.9)$$

#### 4 The Necessary and Sufficient Conditions for the Existence of Nash Equilibrium Strategies

In this section we determine necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of Nash equilibrium strategies for the game  $\Gamma$  formulated in Section 3. The main result is presented in Theorem 4.1.

**Lemma 4.1** Let the system

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \quad x(0) = x_0 \quad (4.1)$$

$$z(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)$$

$$u(t) = Kx(t), \quad K \in K_{ad}$$

and define

$$J(u) = \int_0^\infty [z'(t)z(t)] dt. \quad (4.2)$$

Assume that there exists  $V(\xi) = \xi' P \xi$ , such that

$$P > 0 \text{ and } \frac{d(V(x(t)))}{dt} = -z(t)' z(t) \quad (4.3)$$

for all  $x$  and  $z$  satisfying (4.1). Then,

$$J(u) = x_0' P x_0 \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$\min_u J(u) = \min_{\substack{P, K \\ P > 0}} x_0' P x_0 \\ (A + BK)' P + P(A + BK) + (C + DK)'(C + DK) = 0 \quad (4.5)$$

**Proof.** It follows by simple manipulations on (4.1)-(4.3).

**Lemma 4.2** Let the system (3.1) with

$$\begin{aligned} u &= w_2' w_1^{-1} x, \\ w_1, w_2 &\text{ such that } w_1 > 0 \text{ and} \\ w_1^{-1} A + A' w_1^{-1} + w_1^{-1} B_2 w_2' w_1^{-1} + w_1^{-1} w_2 B_2' w_1^{-1} + C' C + w_1^{-1} w_2 w_2' w_1^{-1} + \gamma^{-2} w_1^{-1} B_1 B_1' w_1^{-1} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

Then,

$$J_1(u, w) = \|w_2' w_1^{-1} x(t) + B_2' w_1^{-1} x(t)\|_2^2 - \|u(t) + B_2' w_1^{-1} x(t)\|_2^2 + \gamma^2 \|w(t) - \gamma^{-2} B_1 w_1^{-1} x(t)\|_2^2 - x_0' w_1^{-1} x_0$$

**Proof.** Computing  $\frac{dx'(t)w_1^{-1}x(t)}{dt}$ , and using (4.6), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx'(t)w_1^{-1}x(t)}{dt} &= x'(t)w_1^{-1}x(t) + x'(t)w_1^{-1}\dot{x}(t) = (Ax(t) + B_1 w(t) + B_2 u(t))' w_1^{-1} x(t) + x'(t)w_1^{-1} (Ax(t) + B_1 w(t) + B_2 u(t)) = \\ &= x'(t) (A' w_1^{-1} + w_1^{-1} A) x(t) + w'(t) B_1' w_1^{-1} x(t) + u'(t) B_2' w_1^{-1} x(t) + x'(t) w_1^{-1} B_1 w(t) + x'(t) w_1^{-1} B_2 u(t) = \\ &= x'(t) (-w_1^{-1} B_2 w_2' w_1^{-1} - w_1^{-1} w_2 B_2' w_1^{-1} - C' C - w_1^{-1} w_2 w_2' w_1^{-1} - \gamma^{-2} w_1^{-1} B_1 B_1' w_1^{-1}) x(t) + 2 \langle w(t), B_1' w_1^{-1} x(t) \rangle + \\ &\quad + 2 \langle u(t), B_2' w_1^{-1} x(t) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Using a standard completion of squares,

$$\frac{dx'(t)w_1^{-1}x(t)}{dt} = -\|z(t)\|_2^2 + \gamma^2 \|w(t)\|_2^2 + \|u(t) + B_2' w_1^{-1} x(t)\|_2^2 - \|w_2' w_1^{-1} x(t) + B_2' w_1^{-1} x(t)\|_2^2 - \gamma^2 \|w(t) - \gamma^{-2} B_1 w_1^{-1} x(t)\|_2^2.$$

But under (4.6), we have also that  $x(\infty)=0$ , (Colaneri et al., 1997), and since  $w \in L_2$ , integrating the above equation from 0 to  $\infty$ , we get

$$\gamma^2 \|w(t)\|_2^2 - \|z(t)\|_2^2 = \|w_2' w_1^{-1} x(t) + B_2' w_1^{-1} x(t)\|_2^2 - \|u(t) + B_2' w_1^{-1} x(t)\|_2^2 + \gamma^2 \|w(t) - \gamma^{-2} B_1 w_1^{-1} x(t)\|_2^2 - x_0' w_1^{-1} x_0$$

which concludes the proof.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let the game formulated in Section 3. Then, there exist Nash equilibrium strategies

$$(u^*(t,x), w^*(t,x)) \in \Omega$$

if and only if the optimization problem

$$\min_{(W, \gamma^2) \in C_\infty} \gamma^2 \text{Tr}(RW) \quad (4.7)$$

where

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} C' C & 0 \\ 0 & D' D \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \gamma > 0 \text{ given,}$$

admits one global optimal solution, which is given by  $W^* = \begin{bmatrix} w_1 & w_2 \\ w_2' & w_3 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Furthermore, if such solution exists, then:

i) The Nash equilibrium strategy  $(u^*(t,x), w^*(t,x))$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} u^*(t,x) &= w_2' w_1^{-1} x(t) \\ w^*(t,x) &= \gamma^{-2} B_1 w_1^{-1} x(t), \end{aligned}$$

ii) In the case that  $u(t) = u^*(t,x)$ , with  $x_0 = 0$ , we have

$$\|T_{zw}\|_\infty \leq \gamma \quad \text{for all } w \in L_2, \quad \gamma > 0 \text{ given.}$$

**Proof.** ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Problem (4.7) consists of the minimization of a linear function on the closed convex set  $C_\infty$ . Then, if it has an optimal solution, it is achieved at a boundary point of  $C_\infty$ , that is, for all  $v \in N$ ,

$$v\theta_\infty(W^*, \gamma^2)v = 0 \quad (4.8)$$

Thus, using the special form of  $v$ , (2.15),

$$(A+B_2w_2^1w_1^{-1})w_1+w_1(A+B_2w_2^1w_1^{-1})+w_1(C+Dw_2^1w_1^{-1})(C+Dw_2^1w_1^{-1})w_1+\lambda^2B_1B_1^1=0 \quad (4.9)$$

and,  $K = w_2w_1^{-1}$  is a stabilizing state feedback gain and  $\|T_{zw}\|_\infty \leq \gamma$ , (Colaneri et al., 1997). Equation (4.9) implies also that, for all  $(f, Y)$  such that

$$f(A+B_2Yf^{-1})+(A+B_2Yf^{-1})f+f(C+B_2Yf^{-1})(C+B_2Yf^{-1})f+\gamma^{-2}B_1B_1^1 \leq 0$$

we have

$$w_1 \geq f, \quad (\text{Ron et al., 1988}) \quad (4.10)$$

In the following we determine  $u^*$  satisfying (3.8b). From lemma 4.1, we note that the problem

$$\min_{u \in \Sigma_2} J_2(u, w^*) \quad (4.11)$$

where

$$\dot{x}(t) = (A + \gamma^{-2}B_1B_1^1w_1^{-1})x(t) + B_2u(t)$$

$$z(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)$$

$$u(t) = Kx(t)$$

$$x(0) = x_0$$

is equivalent to

$$\min_{P, K, P > 0} x_0^1 P x_0 \quad (4.12)$$

$$(A + \gamma^{-2}B_1B_1^1w_1^{-1} + B_2K)^1 P + P(A + \gamma^{-2}B_1B_1^1w_1^{-1} + B_2K) + (C + DK)^1 (C + DK) = 0$$

for which, from (4.9),  $(P, K)$ ,  $P = w_1^{-1}$  and  $K = w_2^1w_1^{-1}$ , is a feasible solution.

Moreover,  $f = w_1$  and  $Y = w_2$

$$\min_{f, Y, f > 0} x_0^1 f^{-1} x_0 \quad (4.13)$$

$$f(A+B_2Yf^{-1})+(A+B_2Yf^{-1})f+f(C+DYf^{-1})(C+DYf^{-1})f+\gamma^{-2}B_1B_1^1 \leq 0$$

Now, suppose that there exists an optimal solution,  $(f^*, Y^*)$ , to (4.13). Assume by contradiction that  $w_1 \geq f^*$ , or equivalent that  $w_1^{-1} \leq f^{*-1}$ . Then for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$x^1 f^{*-1} x \geq x^1 w_1^{-1} x$$

In particular, for  $x = x_0$ , we have

$$x_0^1 f^{*-1} x_0 \geq x_0^1 w_1^{-1} x_0$$

which is an absurd since  $(f^*, Y^*)$  is an optimal solution, and we conclude that

$$w_1 \leq f^*. \quad (4.14)$$

On the other hand, since  $(f^*, Y^*)$  is an optimal solution to (4.13),

$$f^*(A+B_2Y^*f^{*-1})+(A+B_2Y^*f^{*-1})f^*+f^*(C+DY^*f^{*-1})(C+DY^*f^{*-1})f^*+\gamma^{-2}B_1B_1^1 \leq 0, \quad (4.15)$$

and, from (4.10) and (4.15), we have

$$w_1 \geq f^* \quad (4.16)$$

and hence, from (4.14) and (4.16), it follows that

$$w_1 = f^*.$$

Thus,  $(w_1, w_2)$  is an optimal solution to (4.13), which implies that  $(P, K)$ ,  $P = w_1^{-1}$  and  $K = w_2' w_1^{-1}$ , solves the problem (4.12), and consequently  $u^*(t, x) = w_2' w_1^{-1} x(t)$  is a solution to (4.11) and satisfies

$$J_2(u^*, w^*) \leq J_2(u, w^*), \text{ for all } u(t) \in \Sigma_2.$$

In the next we determine  $w^*(t, x)$  that satisfies the Nash equilibrium condition (3.8a). This is equivalent to solve the problem:

$$\min_{w \in \Sigma_1} J_1(u^*, w) \tag{4.17}$$

where

$$J_1(u^*, w) = \int_0^{\infty} (\gamma^2 w(t)' w(t) - z(t)' z(t)) dt$$

and

$$\dot{x}(t) = (A + w_2' w_1^{-1} B_2) x(t) + B_1 w(t)$$

$$z(t) = (C + D w_2' w_1^{-1}) x(t)$$

From the hypothesis, (see (4.9)),

$$w_1^{-1} A + A' w_1^{-1} + w_1^{-1} B_2 w_2' w_1^{-1} + w_1^{-1} w_2 B_2' w_1^{-1} + C' C + w_1^{-1} w_2 w_2' w_1^{-1} + \gamma^{-2} w_1^{-1} B_1 B_1' w_1^{-1} = 0$$

From lemma 4.2, we have

$$J_1(u, w) = \gamma^2 \int_0^{\infty} w(t)' w(t) dt - \gamma^2 \int_0^{\infty} B_1 w_1^{-1} x(t)' x(t) dt + \int_0^{\infty} u(t)' u(t) dt + \int_0^{\infty} B_2 w_1^{-1} x(t)' x(t) dt + \int_0^{\infty} w_2 w_1^{-1} x(t)' x(t) dt + \int_0^{\infty} B_2 w_1^{-1} x(t)' x(t) dt - x_0' w_1^{-1} x_0 \tag{4.18}$$

which, for  $u = u^* = w_2' w_1^{-1} x(t)$ , gives

$$J_1(u^*, w) = \gamma^2 \int_0^{\infty} w(t)' w(t) dt - \gamma^2 \int_0^{\infty} B_1 w_1^{-1} x(t)' x(t) dt - x_0' w_1^{-1} x_0 \tag{4.19}$$

that assumes its minimum value for  $w^*(t, x) = \gamma^{-2} B_1 w_1^{-1} x(t)$ , and so

$$J_1(u^*, w^*) \leq J_1(u^*, w) \text{ for all } w \in \Sigma_1.$$

In addition, for  $x_0 = 0$ , we get

$$J_1(u^*, w) = \gamma^2 \int_0^{\infty} w(t)' w(t) dt - \gamma^2 \int_0^{\infty} B_1 w_1^{-1} x(t)' x(t) dt \geq 0$$

and

$$\int_0^{\infty} (\gamma^2 w(t)' w(t) - z(t)' z(t)) dt \geq 0$$

or

$$\|T_{zw}\|_{\infty} \leq \gamma, \text{ for all } w(t) \neq 0 \in L_2, \text{ given } \gamma > 0.$$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) The equilibrium strategy

$$w^* = K_1 x(t)$$

$$u^* = K_2 x(t)$$

applied to the system (3.1) produces

$$\dot{x}(t) = (A + B_1 K_1 + B_2 K_2) x(t) \tag{4.20}$$

$$z(t) = (C + D K_2) x(t)$$

Defining  $f(t, 0)$  as the transition matrix associated with

$$\dot{x}(t) = (A + B_1 K_1 + B_2 K_2) x(t), \quad x(0) = x_0; \quad (x(t) = f(t, 0) x_0)$$

we get

$$J_1(u^*, w^*) = x_0' \left[ \int_0^{\infty} \phi'(t, 0) (\gamma^2 K_1' K_1 - CC - K_2' K_2) \phi(t, 0) dt \right] x_0 \tag{4.21}$$

From the hypothesis,

$$J_1(u^*, w^*) \leq J_1(u^*, w)$$

which, for  $u = u^*$  and  $x_0 = 0$ , gives,

$$0 \leq \int_0^{\infty} (\gamma^2 w'(t)w(t) - z'(t)z(t)) dt \tag{4.22}$$

and so

$$\|T_{zw}\|_{\infty} \leq \gamma \quad \forall w(t) \neq 0 \in L_2$$

It follows from Theorem 2.1 that the Riccati inequality

$$(A + B_2 K) f + f(A + B_2 K)' - f + \gamma^2 B_1 B_1' \leq 0$$

has a solution  $f > 0$ . Defining  $Y = K f$ ,  $K = Y f^{-1}$ , we have

$$(A + B_2 Y f^{-1}) f + f(A + B_2 Y f^{-1})' - f(C + D Y f^{-1})' f + \gamma^2 B_1 B_1' \leq 0$$

and

$$f + f - 2 f f^{-1} f - f + \gamma^2 B_1 B_1' \leq 0, x \in R^n$$

Due to the special form of  $v$ , the above inequality implies that

$$(W, \gamma^2) \in C_{\infty}$$

where the matrix  $W$  is of the form

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} f & Y \\ Y' & L \end{bmatrix} \geq 0, \quad f > 0$$

and

$$f^{-1} Y \tag{4.23}$$

Then  $C_{\infty}$  is not empty and the convex optimization problem:

$$\min_{(W, \gamma^2) \in C_{\infty}} \gamma^2 \text{Tr}(RW)$$

has an optimal solution of the form (4.23), which concludes the proof.

## 5 Conclusion

This work states a connection between the game theory and the mixed  $H_2/H_{\infty}$  control theory, following a convex approach. We determine the necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a Nash equilibrium solution for the Nonzero-Sum Nash Game, as proposed in (Limebeer *et al.*, 1994), where the control law and the output disturbance are game variables. We show that these necessary and sufficient conditions are related to the existence of a global optimal solution to a convex optimization problem, in contrast with the (Limebeer *et al.*, 1994), which associates these conditions to the existence of a solution to a pair of coupled Riccati equations.

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