

# Necessary and Sufficient Conditions under which a Discrete Time $H_2$ -Optimal Control Problem Has an Unique Solution

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**Abstract:** A set of necessary and sufficient conditions under which a general discrete time  $H_2$ -optimal control problem has a unique solution is derived. It is shown that the solution for a discrete time  $H_2$ -optimal control problem, if it exists, is unique if and only if i) the transfer function from the control input to the controlled output is left invertible, and ii) the transfer function from the disturbance to the measurement output is right invertible.

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## 1 Introduction

Optimization theory is one of the corner stones of modern control theory. In a typical control design, the given specifications are at first transformed into a performance index, and then control laws are sought which would minimize some norm, say the  $H_2$  or  $H_\infty$  norm, of the performance index. This paper considers discrete-time systems, and focuses on  $H_2$  optimal control theory or otherwise known as linear quadratic gaussian (LQG) control theory. For discrete-time systems, optimal control theory based on the  $H_2$  norm was heavily studied in the 70's and early 80's (see e.g., [1], [2], [3], [4] and [5] and references therein). This development of  $H_2$  optimal control theory can be found in most graduate text books on control (see e.g., [6] and [7]). Although a lot of research effort has been spent in 70's and 80's, the conditions for the existence of optimal solutions for a general discrete-time  $H_2$  optimal control problem, and a way of determining an optimal solution if it exists (again for a general problem), were not known until the very recent work of [8]. Trentelman and Stoorvogel in [8], not only obtain a set of necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of optimal solutions to a general discrete-time  $H_2$  optimal control problem, but also construct one such solution. This paper deals with the issue of the uniqueness of the solution to the discrete time  $H_2$  optimal control problem. We develop a set of necessary

and sufficient conditions for the uniqueness of the solution to the above mentioned problem. The results obtained here are analogous to those of [9] for the continuous time  $H_2$ -optimal control problem.

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we introduce the problem formulation of the discrete time  $H_2$ -optimal control problem. while in Section 3, we briefly review the conditions of the existence of discrete time  $H_2$ -optimal controllers. The main results of this paper are given in Section 4. Finally, in Section 5 we draw the conclusions.

Throughout this paper,  $A'$  denotes the transpose of  $A$  and  $I$  denotes an identity matrix with appropriate dimension.  $C^\circ$  and  $C^\circ$  respectively denote the unit circle and the open unit disc of the complex plane.  $\text{Ker}[V]$  and  $\text{Im}[V]$  denote, respectively, the kernel and the image of  $V$ . Given a strictly proper and stable discrete time transfer function  $G(z)$ , as usual, its  $H_2$ -norm is defined by  $\|G\|_2$ . Also,  $\text{RH}^2$  denotes the set of real-rational transfer functions which are stable and strictly proper.  $\text{RH}_\infty$  denotes the set of real-rational transfer functions which are stable and proper.

## 2 Problem Statement

Consider the following standard discrete linear time invariant system,

$$\Sigma: \begin{cases} x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k) + Ew(k), \\ y(k) = C_1x(k) + D_1w(k), \\ z(k) = C_2x(k) + D_2u(k) \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $x \in R^n$  is the state,  $u \in R^m$  is the control input,  $w \in R^l$  is the unknown disturbance,  $y \in R^p$  is the measured output and  $z \in R^q$  is the controlled output. Without loss of generality, we assume that the matrices  $[C_2, D_2]$ ,  $[C_1, D_1]$ ,  $[B', D'_2]$  and  $[E', D'_1]$  are of maximal rank. Also, consider an arbitrary proper controller  $\Sigma_F$  given by,

$$\Sigma_F: \begin{cases} \xi(k+1) = J\xi(k) + Ly(k), \\ u(k) = M\xi(k) + Ny(k). \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

The controller  $\Sigma_F$  is said to be admissible if it provides internal stability for the closed loop system comprising  $\Sigma$  and  $\Sigma_F$ . Let  $T_{zw}(\Sigma \times \Sigma_F)$  denote the closed-loop transfer function from  $w$  to  $z$  after applying a dynamic controller  $\Sigma_F$  to the system  $\Sigma$ . The  $H_2$ -optimization problem for the discrete time system  $\Sigma$  is to find an admissible control law which minimizes  $\|T_{zw}(\Sigma \times \Sigma_F)\|_2$ . The following definitions will be convenient in the sequel.

**Definition 2. 1** (The regular discrete time  $H_2$ -optimization problem) A regular discrete time  $H_2$ - optimization problem refers to a problem for which the given plant  $\Sigma$  satisfies:

- 1)  $(A, B, C_2, D_2)$  is left invertible and has no invariant zeros on  $C^\circ$ ;
- 2)  $(A, E, C_1, D_1)$  is right invertible and has no invariant zeros on  $C^\circ$ .

**Definition 2. 2** (The singular discrete time  $H_2$ -optimization problem) A singular discrete time  $H_2$ - optimization problem refers to a problem for which the given plant  $\Sigma$  does not satisfy either one or both of the conditions 1 and 2 in Definition 2. 1.

We note that the regular vs singular characterizations for the discrete time  $H_2$ -optimization problem precisely correspond to those for the continuous time  $H_2$ -optimization problem under a bilinear mapping.

**Definition 2. 3** (The infimum of  $H_2$ -optimization) For a given plant  $\Sigma$ , the infimum of

the  $H_2$ -norm of the closed-loop transfer function  $T_{zw}(\Sigma \times \Sigma_F)$  over all the stabilizing proper controllers  $\Sigma_F$  is denoted by  $\gamma^*$ , namely  $\gamma^* := \inf \{ \|T_{zw}(\Sigma \times \Sigma_F)\|_2 \mid \Sigma_F \text{ internally stabilizes } \Sigma \}$ .

**Definition 2.4** (The  $H_2$ -optimal controller) A stabilizing proper controller  $\Sigma_F$  is said to be an  $H_2$ -optimal controller for  $\Sigma$  if  $\|T_{zw}(\Sigma \times \Sigma_F)\|_2 = \gamma^*$ .

**Definition 2.5** (Geometric subspaces) Given a system  $\Sigma$ , characterized by a matrix quadruple  $(A, B, C, D)$ , we define the detectable strongly controllable subspace  $S_g(\Sigma)$  or  $S_g(A, B, C, D)$  as the smallest subspace  $S$  of  $R^n$  for which there exists a linear mapping  $K$  such that the following subspace inclusions are satisfied:

$$(A + KC)S \subseteq S, \quad \text{Im}(B + KD) \subseteq S \quad (2.3)$$

and such that  $(A + KC)|_{R^n/S}$  is asymptotically stable. We also define the stabilizable weakly unobservable subspace  $\mathcal{V}_g(\Sigma)$  or  $\mathcal{V}_g(A, B, C, D)$  as the largest subspace  $\mathcal{V}$  for which there exists a mapping  $F$  such that the following subspace inclusions are satisfied:

$$(A + BF)\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{V}, \quad (C + DF)\mathcal{V} = \{0\} \quad (2.4)$$

and such that  $(A + BF)|_{\mathcal{V}}$  is asymptotically stable.

The goal of this paper is to derive a set of necessary and sufficient conditions under which  $\Sigma$  has a unique  $H_2$ -optimal controller.

### 3 Existence of Optimal Controllers

Our intention in this section is to recall from Trentelman and Stoorvogel<sup>[8]</sup> the necessary and sufficient conditions under which an  $H_2$ -optimization problem has a solution. We first define the matrices  $C_P, D_P, E_Q$  and  $D_Q$  that satisfy the following conditions: i)  $[C_P, D_P]$  and  $[E_Q', D_Q']$  are of maximal rank, and ii)

$$F(P) = \begin{bmatrix} C_P' \\ D_P' \end{bmatrix} [C_P \ D_P] \quad \text{and} \quad G(Q) = \begin{bmatrix} E_Q \\ D_Q \end{bmatrix} [E_Q' \ D_Q'], \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$F(P) := \begin{bmatrix} A'PA - P + C_2'C_2 & C_2'D_2 + A'PB \\ D_2'C_2 + B'PA & D_2'D_2 + B'PB \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$G(Q) := \begin{bmatrix} AQA' - Q + EE' & ED_1' + AQC_1' \\ D_1E' + C_1QA' & D_1D_1' + C_1QC_1' \end{bmatrix}. \quad (3.3)$$

Furthermore, here  $P$  and  $Q$  are the largest solutions of the respective matrix inequalities  $F(P) \geq 0$  and  $G(Q) \geq 0$ . Also, let

$$R^* := (D_P')^+ (D_P' C_P Q C_1' + B' P E D_1') (D_Q')^+, \quad (3.4)$$

where  $(\cdot)^+$  denotes the generalized inverse of  $(\cdot)$ .

The following theorem, which is slightly simplified from the one in Trentelman and Stoorvogel<sup>[8]</sup>, gives the necessary and sufficient conditions under which the infimum,  $\gamma^*$ , can be attained.

**Theorem 3.1** Consider the given system  $\Sigma$  as in (2.1). Then the infimum,  $\gamma^*$ , can be attained by a proper controller of the form (2.2) if and only if

- 1)  $(A, B)$  is stabilizable,
- 2)  $(A, C_1)$  is detectable,
- 3)  $\text{Im}(E_Q - B D_P^+ R^*) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g(\Sigma_P)$ ,



$$4) \text{Ker}(C_p - R^* D_q^+ C_1) \supseteq S_g(\Sigma_Q),$$

$$5) S_g(\Sigma_Q) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g(\Sigma_P),$$

$$6) (A - BD_p^+ R^* D_q^+ C_1) S_g(\Sigma_Q) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g(\Sigma_P),$$

where  $\Sigma_P$  and  $\Sigma_Q$  are respectively characterized by  $(A, B, C_p, D_p)$  and  $(A, E_q, C_1, D_q)$ .

**Proof** It follows from Trentelman and Stoorvogel<sup>[8]</sup> that the infimum,  $\gamma^*$ , can be attained by a proper controller of the form (2.2) if and only if

$$1) (A, B) \text{ is stabilizable,}$$

$$2) (A, C_1) \text{ is detectable,}$$

$$3) \text{Im}(E_q - BD_p^+ R^*) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g(A + BNC_1, B, C_p + D_p NC_1, D_p),$$

$$4) \text{Ker}(C_p - R^* D_q^+ C_1) \supseteq S_g(A + BNC_1, E_q + BND_q, C_1, D_q),$$

$$5) S_g(A + BNC_1, E_q + BND_q, C_1, D_q) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g(A + BNC_1, B, C_p + D_p NC_1, D_p),$$

$$6) (A - BD_p^+ R^* D_q^+ C_1) S_g(A + BNC_1, E_q + BND_q, C_1, D_q) \subseteq V_g(A + BNC_1, B, C_p + D_p NC_1, D_p).$$

On the other hand, it is straightforward to see in view of their definitions that

$$\mathcal{V}_g(A + BNC_1, B, C_p + D_p NC_1, D_p) = \mathcal{V}_g(A, B, C_p, D_p) = V_g(\Sigma_P)$$

and

$$S_g(A + BNC_1, E_q + BND_q, C_1, D_q) = S_g(A, E_q, C_1, D_q) = S_g(\Sigma_Q)$$

since  $\mathcal{V}_g$  is invariant under a state feedback and  $S_g$  is invariant under an output injection. Hence the result of Theorem 3.1 follows. Q. E. D.

#### 4 Main Results

We state in the following theorem the set of necessary and sufficient conditions under which a given plant  $\Sigma$  has a unique  $H_2$ -optimal controller.

**Theorem 4.1** Consider a plant  $\Sigma$  given by (2.1). Then  $H_2$ -optimal controller for  $\Sigma$  is unique if and only if the following conditions hold:

$$1) (A, B) \text{ is stabilizable,}$$

$$2) (A, C_1) \text{ is detectable,}$$

$$3) \text{Im}(E_q - BD_p^+ R^*) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g(\Sigma_P),$$

$$4) \text{Ker}(C_p - R^* D_q^+ C_1) \supseteq S_g(\Sigma_Q),$$

$$5) S_g(\Sigma_Q) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g(\Sigma_P),$$

$$6) (A - BD_p^+ R^* D_q^+ C_1) S_g(\Sigma_Q) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g(\Sigma_P),$$

$$7) (A, B, C_2, D_2) \text{ is left invertible,}$$

$$8) (A, E, C_1, D_1) \text{ is right invertible,}$$

where  $\Sigma_P$  and  $\Sigma_Q$ , as before, are respectively characterized by the quadruples  $(A, B, C_p, D_p)$  and  $(A, E_q, C_1, D_q)$ . Moreover, the unique optimal controller is given by

$$\begin{cases} \xi(k+1) = (A + BF + KC_1 - BNC_1)\xi(k) + (BN - K)y(k), \\ u(k) = (F - NC_1)\xi(k) + Ny(k), \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

where  $F$  and  $K$  are any constant matrices that satisfy the conditions

$$\lambda(A + BF) \subseteq \mathbb{C}^\odot, \quad \text{Ker}[(C_p + D_p F)(zI - A - BF)^{-1}] = \mathcal{V}_g(\Sigma_P) \quad (4.2)$$

and

$$\lambda(A + KC_1) \subseteq \mathbb{C}^\odot, \quad \text{Im}[(zI - A - KC_1)^{-1}(E_q + KD_q)] = S_g(\Sigma_Q), \quad (4.3)$$

respectively, and  $N$  is given by

$$N = -D_p^{-1} R^* D_q^{-1}. \quad (4.4)$$

Also, note that there always exist  $F$  and  $K$  such that (4.2) and (4.3) hold provided that  $(A, B)$  is stabilizable and  $(A, C_1)$  is detectable (see the construction algorithm in Chen et al [10]).

**Proof** Our proof involves two stages. In the first stage we obtain a special parameterization of all  $H_2$ -optimal controllers (whenever at least one of them exists) for the given plant  $\Sigma$ . The second stage involves the examination of the set of all optimal solutions, which are identified and parameterized in the first stage, to derive the necessary and sufficient conditions for the uniqueness of the solution of the  $H_2$ -optimal control problem. Our development utilizes an interesting reformulation of the  $H_2$ -optimal control problem which was proposed by Trentelman and Stoorvogel<sup>[8]</sup>. Let us first define an auxiliary system  $\Sigma_{PQ}$  characterized by

$$\Sigma_{PQ}: \begin{cases} x_{PQ}(k+1) = Ax_{PQ}(k) + Bu_{PQ}(k) + E_Q w_{PQ}(k), \\ y_{PQ}(k) = C_1 x_{PQ}(k) + D_Q w_{PQ}(k), \\ z_{PQ}(k) = C_P x_{PQ}(k) + D_P u_{PQ}(k), \end{cases} \quad (4.5)$$

where  $C_P, D_P, C_Q$  and  $D_Q$  are as defined in (3.1). In Trentelman and Stoorvogel<sup>[8]</sup>, it was shown that the controller  $\Sigma_F$  of (2.2) is an optimal controller for the given plant  $\Sigma$  if and only if  $\Sigma_F$  when applied to the new system  $\Sigma_{PQ}$  defined by (4.5) is internally stabilizing and the resulting closed-loop transfer function from  $w_{PQ}$  to  $z_{PQ}$  is  $-R^*$ , a constant matrix. The following lemma states precisely such a reformulation of the  $H_2$ -optimal control problem.

**Lemma 4.1** The following two statements are equivalent:

1) The controller  $\Sigma_F$  as in (2.2) when applied to the system  $\Sigma$  defined by (2.1) is internally stabilizing and the resulting closed-loop transfer function from  $w$  to  $z$  is strictly proper and has the  $H_2$ -norm  $\gamma^*$ . Moreover, matrix  $N$  in (2.2) must satisfy  $D_P N D_Q = -R^*$ .

2) The controller  $\Sigma_F$  as in (2.2) when applied to the new system  $\Sigma_{PQ}$  defined by (4.5) is internally stabilizing and the resulting closed-loop transfer function from  $w_{PQ}$  to  $z_{PQ}$  is equal to  $-R^*$ .

**Proof** See Trentelman and Stoorvogel<sup>[8]</sup>.

The above lemma shows that obtaining all the  $H_2$ -optimal controllers for  $\Sigma$  is equivalent to obtaining all the controllers that achieves a constant closed-loop transfer matrix  $-R^*$ . It turned out that the characterization of the controllers that achieve  $-R^*$  for  $\Sigma_{PQ}$  is easier than that of the  $H_2$ -optimal controllers for  $\Sigma$ . It is well-known (see for example Maciejowski<sup>[11]</sup>, that the general class of stabilizing proper controllers for  $\Sigma_{PQ}$  can be parameterized as,

$$\begin{cases} \zeta(k+1) = (A + BF + KC_1)\zeta(k) + B y_1(k) - K y(k), \\ u(k) = F \zeta(k) + y_1(k) \end{cases} \quad (4.6)$$

and

$$y_1(k) = Q(z)[y(k) - C_1 \zeta(k)], \quad (4.7)$$

where  $F$  and  $K$  are any fixed gain matrices that satisfy

$$\lambda(A + BF) \subset \mathbb{C}^\circ \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda(A + KC_1) \subset \mathbb{C}^\circ, \quad (4.8)$$

respectively, and  $Q(z) \in RH_\infty$  with appropriate dimension is a free parameter. In order that

the controller (4.6) and (4.7) achieves a constant closed-loop transfer matrix  $-R^*$  for  $\Sigma_{PQ}$ , the free parameter  $Q(z)$  must satisfy some additional conditions.

It turned out that with the choice of  $F$  and  $K$  that satisfy (4.2) and (4.3), respectively, the controller (4.6) and (4.7) achieves constant closed-loop transfer matrix for  $\Sigma_{PQ}$  if and only if  $Q(z) \in \mathcal{Q}$ , where

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{Q(z) = Q_s(z) + N | Q_s(z) \in \mathcal{Q}_s \text{ and } N \in \mathcal{N}\} \quad (4.9)$$

and where

$$\mathcal{Q}_s = \{Q(z) \in \text{RH}^+ | [(C_P + D_P F)(zI - A - BF)^{-1}B + D_P] \cdot Q(z)[C_1(zI - A - KC_1)^{-1}(E_Q + KD_Q) + D_Q] = 0\} \quad (4.10)$$

and

$$\mathcal{N} = \{N \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times p} | D_P N D_Q = -R^*\}. \quad (4.11)$$

This claim is proved in the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.2** Consider the auxiliary system  $\Sigma_{PQ}$  given by (4.5). Assume that the conditions in Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. Then, any controller  $\Sigma_F$  that achieves a constant closed-loop transfer matrix  $-R^*$  for  $\Sigma_{PQ}$  if and only if it can be written in the form of (4.6) and (4.7) with  $F$  and  $K$  satisfying (4.2) and (4.3), respectively, and some  $Q(z) \in \mathcal{Q}$ .

**Proof** Let  $(A_q, B_q, C_q, N)$  be a state space realization of  $Q(z)$ . It can be shown by some simple algebraic manipulations that the controller (4.6) and (4.7) when applied to  $\Sigma_{PQ}$  yields the closed-loop transfer function from  $w_{PQ}$  to  $z_{PQ}$  as,

$$T_{z_{PQ}w_{PQ}}(\Sigma_{PQ} \times \Sigma_F) = C_e(zI - A_e)^{-1}B_e + D_e, \quad (4.12)$$

where

$$A_e = \begin{bmatrix} A + BF & BC_q & BNC_1 - BF \\ 0 & A_q & B_q C_1 \\ 0 & 0 & A + KC_1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_e = \begin{bmatrix} E_q + BND_q \\ B_q D_q \\ E_q + KD_q \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4.13)$$

and

$$C_e = [C_P + D_P F \quad DC_q \quad D_P NC_1 - D_P F], \quad D_e = D_P N D_Q. \quad (4.14)$$

Thus, it is trivial to see that the closed-loop system is internally stable if and only if (4.8) holds and  $Q(z) \in \text{RH}_\infty$ . It is also simple to verify that

$$T_{z_{PQ}w_{PQ}}(\Sigma_{PQ} \times \Sigma_F) = T_0 - T_q + D_P N D_Q$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} T_0 &= (C_P + D_P F)(zI - A - BF)^{-1}(E_Q + BND_Q) \\ &\quad + (C_P + D_P NC_1)(zI - A - KC_1)^{-1}(E_Q + KD_Q) \\ &\quad - (C_P + D_P F)(zI - A - BF)^{-1}(zI - A - BNC_1)(zI - A - KC_1)^{-1}(E_Q + KD_Q) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$= [(C_P + D_P F)(zI - A - BF)^{-1}B + D_P]Q_s(z)[C_1(zI - A - KC_1)^{-1}(E_Q + KD_Q) + D_Q].$$

It follows from Lemma 4.1 that whenever the controller achieves a constant closed-loop transfer matrix  $-R^*$  for  $\Sigma_{PQ}$ ,  $N$  must belong to the set  $\mathcal{N}$ . Also, it was shown in Trentelman and Stoorvogel<sup>[8]</sup> that the conditions 3~6 in Theorem 3.1 are equivalent to the following:

- 1)  $\text{Im}(E_Q + BND_Q) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g(\Sigma_F)$ ,
- 2)  $\text{Ker}(C_P + D_P NC_1) \supseteq \mathcal{S}_g(\Sigma_Q)$ ,



$$3) S_g(\Sigma_Q) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g(\Sigma_P),$$

$$4) (A + BNC_1)S_g(\Sigma_Q) \subseteq \mathcal{V}_g(\Sigma_P).$$

Thus, following the procedures of Stoorvogel and van der Woude<sup>[12]</sup>, it follows that  $T_0 \equiv 0$  provided the conditions in Theorem 3.1 are satisfied and  $F$  and  $K$  are such that (4.2) and (4.3) hold. Hence,  $T_{z_{PQ}w_{PQ}}(\Sigma_{PQ} \times \Sigma_F) = D_P N D_Q = -R^*$  is equivalent to that  $T_q = 0$  or  $Q_c(z) \in Q$ . Then the result follows.

**Lemma 4.3** If equation  $D_P N D_Q = -R^*$  has at least one solution, then it is unique if and only if the subsystems characterized by the matrix quadruples  $(A, B, C_2, D_2)$  and  $(A, E, C_1, D_1)$  are respectively left and right invertible. Moreover, in this case, the unique solution  $N$  is given by (4.4).

**Proof** It is simple to verify that  $D_P N D_Q = -R^*$  has a unique solution, whenever it exists, if and only if both  $D_P$  and  $D_Q$  are respectively of maximal column and row rank. Following the results of Chen et al.<sup>[10]</sup>, it is simple to show that the systems  $\Sigma_P$  and  $\Sigma_Q$  are respectively right and left invertible with no infinite zeros. These imply that  $D_P$  and  $D_Q$  are respectively of maximal row and column rank. Hence,  $D_P$  and  $D_Q$  are both invertible. Following the results of Chen et al.<sup>[11]</sup> it is straightforward to show that  $(A, B, C_2, D_2)$  and  $(A, E, C_1, D_1)$  are respectively left and right invertible.

The final step of the proof of Theorem 4.1 proceeds as follows:

( $\Rightarrow$ ): If the  $H_2$ -optimal controller for  $\Sigma$  is unique, i. e., there exists a unique controller that achieves a constant closed-loop transfer matrix  $\Sigma_{PQ}$ , then by Theorem 3.1 conditions 1~6 hold. It also implies that the set  $N$  is a singleton. By Lemma 4.3, conditions 7 and 8 hold.

( $\Leftarrow$ ): Conversely, if conditions 1)~6) hold, then Theorem 3.1 implies that there exists at least one  $H_2$ -optimal controller for  $\Sigma$ , which is equivalent to the existence of controllers that achieve a constant closed-loop transfer matrix  $-R^*$  for  $\Sigma_{PQ}$ . Also, following the result of Chen et al.<sup>[10]</sup>, it can be shown that the conditions 7) and 8) imply that both  $D_P$  and  $D_Q$  are invertible. Hence, it follows from (4.10) that the set  $Q_c = \{0\}$  and from Lemma 4.3 that the set  $N$  is a singleton and is given by (4.4). Then, by Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2, the  $H_2$ -optimal controller for  $\Sigma$  is unique.

Finally, it is now trivial to verify from the above proof that the unique  $H_2$ -optimal controller for  $\Sigma$  is given by (4.1). This concludes the proof of Theorem 4.1. Q. E. D.

The following are some interesting corollaries.

**Corollary 4.1** (The regular case) Consider the given system (2.1). If the following conditions are satisfied:

1)  $(A, B)$  is stabilizable,

2)  $(A, C_1)$  is detectable,

3)  $(A, B, C_2, D_2)$  is left invertible with no invariant zeros on  $C^0$ ,

4)  $(A, E, C_1, D_1)$  is right invertible with no invariant zeros on  $C^0$ ,

then the optimal controller exists. Moreover, it is uniquely given by

$$\begin{cases} \xi(k+1) = (A + BF + KC_1 - BNC_1)\xi(k) + (BN - K)y(k), \\ u(k) = (F - NC_1)\xi(k) + Ny(k), \end{cases}$$

where

$$F = -(B'PB + D_2'D_2)^{-1}(B'PA + D_2'C_2), \quad (4.15)$$

$$K = -(ED_1' + AQC_1')(D_1D_1' + C_1QC_1')^{-1} \quad (4.16)$$

and

$$N = -(B'PB + D_2'D_2)^{-1}[(B'PA + D_2'D_2)QC_1 + B'PED_1'](D_1D_1' + C_1QC_1')^{-1}. \quad (4.17)$$

Here  $P$  and  $Q$  are respectively the unique positive semi-definite solutions of the Riccati equations,

$$P = A'PA + C_2'C_2 - (C_2'D_2 + A'PB)(D_2'D_2 + B'PB)^{-1}(D_2'C_2 + B'PA) \quad (4.18)$$

and

$$Q = AQA' + EE' - (ED_1' + AQC_1')(D_1D_1' + C_1QC_1')^{-1}(D_1E' + C_1QA'). \quad (4.19)$$

We note that the solutions to the above Riccati equations can be obtained using the non-recursive algorithm of Chen et al<sup>[13]</sup>.

**Proof** For the system satisfying the above conditions, it is straightforward to show that all the conditions in Theorem 4.1 are automatically satisfied. The results follow then from some simple manipulations. Q. E. D.

**Corollary 4.2** (The state feedback case) Consider the given system (2.1) with  $C_1 = I$  and  $D_1 = 0$ , i. e., the state feedback case. There exists a unique  $H_2$ -optimal controller for  $\Sigma$  if and only if the following conditions hold:

- 1)  $(A, B)$  is stabilizable,
- 2)  $(A, B, C_2, D_2)$  is left invertible and has no invariant zeros on  $C^\circ$ ,
- 3)  $\text{Im}(E) = R^n$ .

Moreover, in this case, the unique  $H_2$ -optimal controller for  $\Sigma$  is given by

$$u(k) = -D_P^{-1}C_P x(k) = -(B'PB + D_2'D_2)^{-1}(B'PA + D_2'C_2)x(k), \quad (4.20)$$

where  $P$  is the unique and positive semi-definite solution of (4.18). This result coincides with the one obtained by Chen et al<sup>[10]</sup>.

**Proof** It follows from Theorem 4.1 and the result of Chen et al<sup>[10]</sup>.

## 5 Conclusions

In this paper we have derived a set of necessary and sufficient conditions for the uniqueness of the solution to a general discrete time  $H_2$ -optimization problem. We have shown that the solution for a discrete time  $H_2$ -optimal control problem, if it exists is unique, if and only if the systems characterized respectively by quadruples  $(A, B, C_2, D_2)$  and  $(A, E, C_1, D_1)$ , are respectively left and right invertible. Moreover, such a unique  $H_2$ -optimal control law has been obtained.

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## 离散型 $H_2$ 优化控制问题有唯一解之充分和必要条件

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**摘要:** 本文导出一般性离散型  $H_2$  优化控制问题存在唯一解之充分和必要条件. 我们的结果显示, 如果一离散型  $H_2$  优化控制问题有解, 那么其解是唯一的充分和必要条件为: ①从控制输入到被控制输出之传递函数是左可逆, 及②从干扰输入到测量输出之传递函数是右可逆.

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