**H**<sub>∞</sub> control problem for general discrete–time systems**<sup>*</sup>

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*Abstract—* This paper considers the **H**<sub>∞</sub> control problem for a general discrete–time system, possibly improper or polynomial. The parametrization of suboptimal **H**<sub>∞</sub> output feedback controllers is presented in a realization–based setting, and it is given in terms of two descriptor Riccati equations. Moreover, the solution features the same elegant simplicity of the proper case. An interesting numerical example is also included.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Ever since it emerged in the 1980’s in the seminal paper of Zames [1], the **H**<sub>∞</sub> control problem (also known as the disturbance attenuation problem) has drawn much attention, mainly due to the wide range of control applications. It is one of the most celebrated problems in the control literature, since it can be approached from diverse technical backgrounds, each providing its own interpretation.

The design problem is concerned with finding the class of controllers, for a given system, that stabilizes the closed–loop system and makes its input–output **H**<sub>∞</sub>–norm bounded by a prescribed threshold. Various mathematical techniques were used, e.g., Youla parametrization, Riccati–based approach, linear matrix inequalities, to name just a few.

The original solution involved analytic functions (NP interpolation) or operator theory [2], [3]. For good surveys on the classical topics we refer to [4], [5]. Notable contributions to the state–space solution for the **H**<sub>∞</sub> control problem are due to [6], [7], [8]. An algebraic technique using a chain scattering approach is presented in [9]. The solution of the **H**<sub>∞</sub> control problem in discrete–time setting is given in [10].

More recently, **H**<sub>∞</sub> controllers for general continuous–time systems (possibly improper or polynomial) were obtained. An extended model matching technique was employed in [11]. A solution expressed in terms of two generalized algebraic Riccati equations is given in [12]. A matrix inequality approach was considered in [13]. Note that a discrete–time solution is still missing.

**II. PRELIMINARIES**

We denote by **C**, **D**, and **∂**<sup>D</sup> the complex plane, the open unit disk, and the unit circle, respectively. Let **C** = **C** ∪ {∞} be the one–point compactification of the complex plane. Let **C** be a complex variable. **A**<sup>+</sup> stands for the conjugate transpose of a complex matrix **A** ∈ **C**<sup>n×n</sup>, **A**<sup>-1</sup> denotes the inverse of **A**, and **A**<sup>1/2</sup> is such that **A**<sup>1/2</sup>**A**<sup>1/2</sup> = **A**, for **A** square. The union of generalized eigenvalues (finite and infinite, multiplicities counting) of the matrix pencil **A** – **zE** is denoted with Λ(**A** – **zE**), where **A**, **E** ∈ **C**<sup>n×n</sup>. By **C**<sup>p×m</sup>(**z**) we denote the set of **p** × **m** TFMs with complex coefficients. **R**<sub>∞</sub> stands for the set of TFMs analytic in **C** ∖ **D**. The Redheffer product is denoted with **⊙**.

To represent an improper or polynomial discrete–time system **G** ∈ **C**<sup>p×m</sup>(**z**) we will use a general type of realization called centered:

\[
G(z) = D + C(zE - A)^{-1}B(\alpha - \beta z) =: \begin{bmatrix} A - zE & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix} z_0,
\]

where \( z_0 = \alpha/\beta \in \mathbb{C} \) is fixed, \( n \) is called the order (or the dimension) of the realization, \( A, E \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}, C \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times n}, D \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times m}, \text{rank } E \leq n, \) and the matrix pencil \( A - zE \) is regular, i.e., \( \det(A - zE) \neq 0 \). Note that for \( \alpha = 1 \) transportation networks, power systems and advanced communication systems can also be modeled as improper systems [15]. The wide range of applications of improper systems spans topics from engineering, e.g. aerospace industry, robots, path prescribed control, mechanical multi–body systems, network theory [16], [17], [18], to economics [19].

Motivated by this wide applicability and interest shown in the literature for improper systems, we extend in this paper the **H**<sub>∞</sub> control theory for general discrete–time systems using a novel approach, based on Popov’s theory [20] and on the results in [21]. A realization–based solution is provided, using a novel type of algebraic Riccati equation, investigated in [22]. Our solution exhibits a numerical easiness similar with the proper case and can be seen as a straightforward generalization of [6].

The paper is organized as follows. In Section II we give some preliminary results. In Section III we state the suboptimal **H**<sub>∞</sub> output feedback control problem. We provide in Section IV the main result, namely realization–based formulas for the class of all stabilizing and contracting controllers for a general discrete–time transfer function matrix (TFM). In order to show the applicability of our results, we present in Section V an interesting numerical example. The paper ends with several conclusions. We defer all the proofs to the Appendix.
and \( \beta = 0 \) we recover the well-known descriptor realization [23] for an improper system, centered at \( z_0 = \infty \). We call the realization \( \Pi \) minimal if its order is as small as possible among all realizations of this type.

Centered realizations have some nice properties, due to the flexibility in choosing \( z_0 \) always disjoint from the set of poles of \( \mathbf{G} \), e.g., the order of a centered minimal realization always equals the McMillan degree \( \delta(\mathbf{G}) \) and \( \mathbf{G}(z_0) \) equals the matrix \( D \) in (\ref{eq:4}). We call the realization \( \Pi \) proper if \( \alpha \mathbf{E} - \beta \mathbf{A} \) is invertible. Thus, by using centered realizations we recover standard-like characterization of the TFM. Centered realizations have been widely used in the literature to solve problems for generalized systems whose TFM is improper [24], [25], [26], [27]. Throughout this paper, we will consider proper realizations centered on the unit circle, i.e., \( z_0 \in \partial \mathbb{D} \) not a pole of \( \mathbf{G} \). Furthermore, we consider \( \alpha \in \partial \mathbb{D}, \beta := \overline{\alpha} \), and thus \( z_0 = \alpha/\overline{\alpha} = \alpha^2 \in \partial \mathbb{D} \).

Conversions between descriptor realizations and centered realizations on \( z_0 \in \partial \mathbb{D} \) can be done can be done by simple manipulations. Consider a descriptor realization

\[
\mathbf{G}(z) = D + C(z \mathbf{E} - A)^{-1}B =: \begin{bmatrix} A - zE & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}
\]

and fix \( z_0 \in \partial \mathbb{D} \). Then there exist \( U \) and \( V \) two invertible (even unitary) matrices such that

\[
U(A - zE)V = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & 0 \\ A_2 & -zE_{12} \end{bmatrix},
\]

where \( A_2 \) is nonsingular (contains the non–dynamic modes) and \( \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} E_1 & E_{12} \end{bmatrix} = \text{rank} \mathbf{E} \), see [28] for proof and numerical algorithms. Let

\[
\begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{bmatrix} := V^*(A - z_0E)^{-1}B, \begin{bmatrix} C_1 \\ C_2 \end{bmatrix} := CV,
\]

where the partitions are conformable with (\ref{eq:4}). A direct check shows that the following realization of \( \mathbf{G} \) is centered at \( z_0 \) and proper:

\[
\mathbf{G}(z) = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 - zE_1 & -E_1B_1 - E_{12}B_2 \\ C_1 & D - C_1B_1 - C_2B_2 \end{bmatrix}
\]

We say that the system (\ref{eq:4}) is stable if its pole pencil \( A - zE \) has \( \Lambda(A - zE) \subset \mathbb{D} \), see e.g. [23]. Note that any stable system belongs to \( \mathcal{R} \mathcal{H}_\infty \). The system pencil is by definition

\[
\Lambda_0(z) := \begin{bmatrix} A - zE & B(\alpha - \beta z) \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}
\]

The pair \( (A - zE, B) \) is called stabilizable if (i) \( \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} A - zE & B \end{bmatrix} = n \), for all \( z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \partial \mathbb{D} \), and (ii) \( \text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} E & B \end{bmatrix} = n \). We call the pair \( (C, A - zE) \) detectable if the pair \( (A^* - zE^*, C^*) \) is stabilizable.

We say that a square system \( \mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}(z) \) is unitary on the unit circle if \( \mathbf{G}(z) \mathbf{G}^*(z) = \mathbf{I}, \forall z \in \partial \mathbb{D} \setminus \Lambda(A - zE), \) where \( \mathbf{G}^*(z) := \mathbf{G}^*(1/z^*) \). If, in addition, \( \mathbf{G} \in \mathcal{R} \mathcal{H}_\infty \) then \( \mathbf{G} \) is called inner. The following lemma will be used in the sequel to characterize inner systems given by centered realizations (see for example [29] and [30]).

**Lemma 1.** Let \( \mathbf{G} \) be a TFM without poles at \( z_0 \), having a minimal realization as in (\ref{eq:4}). Then \( \mathbf{G} \) is unitary (inner) iff \( D^*D = \mathbf{I}_m \) and there is an invertible (negative definite) Hermitian matrix \( X = X^* \) such that

\[
E^*XE - A^*XA + C^*C = 0,
\]

\[
D^*C + B^*(\alpha E - \beta A) = 0.
\]

Let \( \mathbf{G} \in \mathcal{R} \mathcal{L}_\infty(\partial \mathbb{D}) \), the Banach space of general discrete–time TFMs (possibly improper or polynomial) that are bounded on \( \partial \mathbb{D} \). Then the \( \mathcal{H}_\infty \)-norm of \( \mathbf{G} \) is defined as:

\[
\| \mathbf{G} \|_\infty := \sup_{\theta \in [0,2\pi]} \sigma_{\text{max}}(\mathbf{G}(e^{i\theta})).
\]

We denote by \( \mathcal{B} \mathcal{H}_\infty^{(t)} \) the set of all stable and bounded TFMs, that is, \( \mathcal{B} \mathcal{H}_\infty^{(t)} := \{ \mathbf{G} \in \mathcal{R} \mathcal{H}_\infty : \| \mathbf{G} \|_\infty < 1 \} \).

Consider now the structure \( \Sigma := (A - zE, B, Q, L, R) \), where \( A, E \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, B, L \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}, Q = Q^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, R = R^* \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m} \). \( \Sigma \) can be seen as an abbreviated representation of a controlled system \( \mathbf{G} \) and a quadratic performance index, see [21], [31]. We associate with \( \Sigma \) two mathematical objects of interest. The matrix equation

\[
E^*XE - A^*XA + Q - ((\alpha E - \beta A)^*XB + L) \cdot R^{-1}(L^* + B^*(\alpha E - \beta A)) = 0
\]

is called the descriptor discrete–time algebraic Riccati equation and it is denoted with \( \text{DDETARE}(\Sigma) \). Necessary and sufficient existence conditions together with computable formulas are given in [22]. We say that the Hermitian square matrix \( X = X^* \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \) is the unique stabilizing solution to \( \text{DDETARE}(\Sigma) \) if \( \Lambda(A - zE + BF(\alpha - \beta z)) \subset \mathbb{D} \), where

\[
F := -R^1(B^*X(\alpha E - \beta A) + L^*)^T
\]

is the stabilizing feedback. We define next a parahermitian TFM \( \Pi_\Sigma \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}(z) \), also known as the discrete–time Popov function [21]:

\[
\Pi_\Sigma(z) := \begin{bmatrix} A - zE & 0 & B \\ Q(\alpha - \beta z) & E^* - z^*A & L \\ L^* & B^* & R \end{bmatrix}
\]

It can be easily checked that \( \Pi_\Sigma \) is exactly the TFM of the Hamiltonian system, see [31]. Moreover, the descriptor symplectic pencil, as defined in [22], is exactly the system pencil \( \Pi_\Sigma \) associated with the realization (\ref{eq:4}) of \( \Pi_\Sigma \). We are now ready to state two important results.

**Proposition 2.** Let \( \Sigma := (A - zE, B, Q, L, R) \). Assume \( \Lambda(A - zE) \subset \mathbb{D} \). The following statements are equivalent.

(i) \( \Pi_\Sigma(e^{i\theta}) < 0 \), for all \( \theta \in [0,2\pi) \).

(ii) \( R < 0 \) and \( \text{DDETARE}(\Sigma) \) has a stabilizing hermitian solution \( X = X^* \).

**Proposition 3. (Bounded-Real Lemma)** Let \( \mathbf{G} \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times m}(z) \) having a minimal proper realization as in (\ref{eq:4}) and consider \( \Sigma := (A - zE, B; C^*C, C^*D, D^*D - I_m) \). Then the following statements are equivalent.

(i) \( \mathbf{G} \in \mathcal{B} \mathcal{H}_\infty^{(t)}, \) i.e., \( \Lambda(A - zE) \subset \mathbb{D} \) and \( \| \mathbf{G} \|_\infty < 1 \).

(ii) \( D^*D - I_m < 0 \) and \( \text{DDETARE}(\Sigma) \) has a stabilizing hermitian solution \( X = X^* \leq 0 \).
III. PROBLEM FORMULATION

Let \( T \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times m}(z) \) be a general discrete–time system, possibly improper or polynomial, with input \( u \) and output \( y \), written in partitioned form:

\[
\begin{bmatrix}
  y_1 \\
  y_2 \\
\end{bmatrix} = T \begin{bmatrix}
  u_1 \\
  u_2 \\
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
  T_{11} & T_{12} \\
  T_{21} & T_{22} \\
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
  u_1 \\
  u_2 \\
\end{bmatrix},
\]

where \( T_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}^{p_i \times m_j}(z) \) with \( i, j \in \{1, 2\} \), \( m := m_1 + m_2 \), \( p := p_1 + p_2 \). The suboptimal \( \mathcal{H}_\infty \) control problem consists in finding all controllers \( K \in \mathbb{C}^{m_2 \times p_2}(z) \), \( u_2 = K y_2 \), for which the closed–loop system is automatically well–posed.

\[
\mathcal{G} := \text{LFT}(T, K) := T_{11} + T_{12} K (I - T_{22} K)^{-1} T_{21}
\]

is well–posed, stable and \( \| \mathcal{G} \|_\infty < 1 \), i.e., \( \mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{B} \mathcal{H}_\infty(1) \).

We make a set of additional assumptions on \( T \) which either simplify the formulas with no loss of generality, or are of technical nature. Let

\[
T(z) = \begin{bmatrix}
  A - z E & B_1 & B_2 \\
  C_1 & 0 & D_{12} \\
  C_2 & D_{21} & 0 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

be a minimal realization with \( z_0 \in \partial \mathbb{D} \setminus \Lambda(A - z E) \).

**Remark 4.** The hypothesis \((H_1)\) is a necessary condition for the existence of stabilizing controllers, see [32] for the standard case. We assume in the sequel that \((H_1)\) is always fulfilled.

**Remark 5.** The hypotheses \((H_2)\) and \((H_3)\) are regularity assumptions, see [32], [21] for the standard case. In particular, it follows from \((H_2)\) that \( T_{12} \) has no zeros on the unit circle, \( p_1 \geq m_2 \), and that \( \text{rank} D_{12} = m_2 \) (thus \( D_{12} D_{21}^{-1} \) invertible). Dual conclusions follow from \((H_3)\): \( T_{21} \) has no zeros on \( \partial \mathbb{D} \), \( m_1 \geq p_2 \), \( \text{rank} D_{21} = p_2 \), and \( D_{21} D_{12}^{-1} \) invertible.

Furthermore, we note that \((H_2)\) and \((H_3)\) are reminiscent from the general \( H_2 \) problem [33] and are by no means necessary conditions for the existence of a solution to the general \( H_\infty \) control problem. If either of these two assumptions does not hold, we get a singular \( H_\infty \) optimal control problem, which is beyond the scope of this paper.

**Remark 6.** We have implicitly assumed in (11) that \( T_{11}(z_0) = D_{11} = 0 \) and \( T_{22}(z_0) = D_{22} = 0 \), without restricting the generality. If \( K \) is a solution to the problem with \( D_{22} = 0 \), then \( K (I + D_{22} K)^{-1} \) is a solution to the original problem. The extension for \( D_{11} \neq 0 \) follows by employing a technique similar to the one in Chapter 14.7, [32]. In particular, it also follows from this assumption that the closed–loop system is automatically well–posed.

IV. MAIN RESULT

The following theorem is a crucial result in \( \mathcal{H}_\infty \) control theory. In the literature, it is known as Redheffer theorem.

**Theorem 7.** Assume that \( T \) in (11) is unitary, \( D_{23} \) is square and invertible, \( \Lambda(A - z E - B_1 D_{21}^{-1} C_2 (\alpha - \beta z)) \subset \mathbb{D} \), and let \( K \) be a controller for \( T \). Then \( \mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{B} \mathcal{H}_\infty(1) \) if and only if \( T \) is inner and \( K \in \mathcal{B} \mathcal{H}_\infty(1) \).

Recall that we associate with \( \Sigma = (A - z E, B; Q, L, R) \) the DDTARE(\( \Sigma \)) in (6). We are ready to state the main result.

**Theorem 8.** Let \( T \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times m}(z) \) having a minimal realization as in (11). Assume that \((H_1)\), \((H_2)\), and \((H_3)\) hold. Suppose that \( \text{DTTARE}(\Sigma_\epsilon) \) and \( \text{DTTARE}(\Sigma_\kappa) \) have stabilizing solutions \( X = X^* \leq 0 \) and \( Z = Z^* \leq 0 \), respectively, where \( \Sigma_\epsilon \) and \( \Sigma_\kappa \) are given in Box 11. Then there exists a controller \( K \in \mathbb{C}^{p_2 \times m_2}(z) \) that solves the suboptimal \( \mathcal{H}_\infty \) control problem. Moreover, the set of all such \( K \) is given by

\[
K = \text{LFT}(C, Q),
\]

where \( Q \in \mathcal{B} \mathcal{H}_\infty(1) \) is an arbitrary stable and bounded parameter, and \( C \) is given in (14).

**Corollary 9.** Take the same hypotheses as in Theorem 8. Then the central controller under normalizing conditions is \( K_0(z) \) in (15).

**Remark 10.** Consider a proper system centered at \( \infty \), for which \( E = I_n \), \( \alpha = 1 \), and \( \beta = 0 \). It can be easily checked that we recover the controller formulas from the standard case, see e.g. [21] and [32] for the continuous–time counterpart.

V. A NUMERICAL EXAMPLE

It is well–known that \( \mathcal{H}_\infty \) controllers are highly effective in designing robust feedback controllers with disturbance rejection for F–16 aircraft autopilot design. The discretized short period dynamics of the F–16 aircraft can be written as:

\[
x_{k+1} = \tilde{A} x_k + \tilde{B}_1 u_{1,k} + \tilde{B}_2 u_{2,k}, \quad k \geq 0, \quad x_0 = 0.
\]

The system has three states, and \( m_1 = m_2 = 1 \). The discrete–time plant model, i.e., the matrices \( \tilde{A}, \tilde{B}_1, \) and \( \tilde{B}_2 \) in (21), was obtained in [34] with sampling time \( T = 0.1 \) s.

We consider here a trajectory prescribed path control (TPPC) problem. In general, a vehicle flying in space constrained by a set of path equations is modeled by a system of differential–algebraic equations, see e.g. [35], [36]. In order to obtain a TPPC problem, we add a pole at \( \infty \) (a non–dynamic mode) by augmenting the system (21) as follows:

\[
A - z E = \begin{bmatrix}
  \tilde{A} - z I_3 & 0 \\
  0 & 1 \\
\end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix}
  B_1 \\
  B_2 \\
\end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix}
  \tilde{B}_1 \\
  \tilde{B}_2 \\
\end{bmatrix}.
\]

(22)
\[ \Sigma_c := \left( A - zE, \begin{bmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \end{bmatrix} ; C_1^*C_1, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -I_{m_1} \end{bmatrix} ; D_{12}^*D_{12} \right) ; \]

\[ F_c := \begin{bmatrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} B_1^*X(\alpha E - \beta A) \\ -(D_{12}^*D_{12})^{-1}(D_{12}^*C_1 + B_2^*X(\alpha E - \beta A)) \end{bmatrix} , \]

\[ \Sigma_x := \left( A^* - zE^* + F_1^*B_1^*(\alpha - \beta z), \begin{bmatrix} -(D_{12}^*D_{12})^{1/2}F_2 \\ C_2 + D_{21}F_1 \end{bmatrix}^* ; B_1B_1^*, \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & D_{21}D_{21} \end{bmatrix} , \begin{bmatrix} -I_{p_1} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \right) \]

**Box 1**

\[
\begin{align*}
C(z) &= \begin{bmatrix}
A - zE + (BF + BZC_F)(\alpha - \beta z) & B_Z & -(D_{12}^*D_{12})^{-\frac{3}{2}} + (\alpha E - \beta A)ZF_2^*(D_{12}^*D_{12})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
-F_2 & 0 & (D_{12}^*D_{21})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\
(D_{21}D_{21})^{-\frac{3}{2}}C_F & 0 & 0 \\
\end{bmatrix}z_0^{\frac{3}{2}} 
\end{align*}
\]

where \( B := \begin{bmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \end{bmatrix} \), \( C_F := C_2 + D_{21}F_1 \), \( B_Z := -(B_1D_{21}^* + (\alpha E - \beta A)ZC_F^*)(D_{21}D_{21})^{-1}. \)

\[ K_0(z) = \begin{bmatrix}
A - zE + ((B_1B_1^*X - B_2B_2^*X)(\alpha E - \beta A) - (\alpha E - \beta A)ZC_2^*C_2)(\alpha - \beta z) & -(\alpha E - \beta A)ZC_2^* \\
B_2^*X(\alpha E - \beta A) & 0 \\
\end{bmatrix}z_0^{\frac{3}{2}}, \]

**Box 2**

\[
T(z) = \begin{bmatrix}
0.906488 - z & 0.0816012 & -0.0005 & 0 & 0 & 0.0004 \\
0.0741349 & 0.04121 - z & -0.000708383 & 0 & 0 & 0.0004 \\
0 & 0 & 0.132655 - z & 0 & 0 & 0.8673 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
\end{bmatrix}z_0 = 1 
\]

\[
T(z) = \begin{bmatrix}
z^3 - 2.939z^3 + 2.989z^2 - 1.158z + 0.1078 & -z^3 + 1.798z^2 - 0.7928z - 0.008547 \\
z^3 - 1.94z^2 + 1.051z - 0.1078 & z^2 - 1.808z + 0.8109 \\
-z^3 + 2.95z^3 - 3.01z^2 + 1.168z - 0.1082 & z^3 - 1.808z^2 + 0.8109z + 0.0003578 \\
z^3 - 1.94z^2 + 1.051z - 0.1076 & z^2 - 1.808z + 0.8109 \\
-5z^2 + 5.796z + 0.07141 & 5z - 5 \\
\end{bmatrix}z_0 = 1 
\]

\[
X = \begin{bmatrix}
-13.6023 & -13.7705 & 0.0187 & -0.0025 \\
-13.7705 & -13.9409 & 0.0189 & -0.0025 \\
0.0187 & 0.0189 & -0.0000 & -0.0000 \\
-0.0025 & -0.0025 & -0.0000 & -0.0000 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
Z = \begin{bmatrix}
-0.0022 & -0.0004 & 0.0068 & -0.0081 \\
-0.0004 & -0.0007 & 0.0143 & -0.0171 \\
0.0068 & 0.0143 & -0.2753 & 0.3297 \\
-0.0081 & -0.0171 & 0.3297 & -0.3948 \\
\end{bmatrix}
\]

\[ K(z) = \frac{-0.1561z^4 + 0.459z^3 - 0.467z^2 + 0.1809z - 0.01679}{z^4 - 2.808z^3 + 2.722z^2 - 0.979z + 0.0391} 
\]

**Box 3**

\[
G(z) = \begin{bmatrix}
0.3(z + 0.0255)(z - 0.1313)(z - 0.8269)(z - 0.9794)(z - 0.9817)(z - 1) \\
-0.2988(z - 0.01409)(z - 0.1344)(z - 0.8269)(z - 0.9817)(z - 0.984)(z - 1) \\
\end{bmatrix}(z + 0.005487)(z - 0.1327)(z - 0.8269)(z - 0.8685)(z - 0.9817)^2 
\]
Assume that all the dynamical states are available for measurement. With this and the augmentation (22), we obtain a minimal realization with $z_0 = 1$ for the system $T$, see (16), having $n = 4$, $m_1 = m_2 = 1$, $p_1 = 2$, $p_2 = 1$. The TFM of $T$ is given in (17). Note that the system is improper, having one pole at $\infty$, and that $\delta(T) = n$. For this system, we want to find a stabilizing and contracting controller using the formulas in Theorem 8.

It can be easily checked that the system $T$ satisfies $(H_1)$, $(H_2)$, and $(H_3)$. Furthermore, the DDTARE($\Sigma_c$) and the DDTARE($\Sigma_c$) have stabilizing solutions $X = X^*$ $\leq 0$ and $Z = Z^* \leq 0$, given in (18). Moreover, the stabilizing feedback for $\Sigma_c$ was computed to be:

$$F_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0031 & 0.0031 & -0.0000 & 0.0000 \\ 0.5012 & -0.4988 & -0.0000 & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}.$$  

Therefore, $T$ satisfies the conditions in Theorem 8. Taking $Q = 0$, we obtain with Theorem 8 the central proper controller given in (19). The closed–loop system $G$ is given in (20). Note that $G$ is proper and stable, having the poles $\{0.0054, 0.1327, 0.8269, 0.8685, 0.9817\} \subset \mathbb{D}$. Moreover, $\|G\|_{\infty} = 0.4533 < 1$. The singular value plots of $T$ and $G$ are shown in Box 4.

**Box 4**

**VI. CONCLUSIONS**

We provided in this paper sufficient conditions for the existence of suboptimal $H_\infty$ controllers, considering a general discrete–time system. A realization–based characterization for the class of all stabilizing and contracting controllers was given. Our formulas are simple and numerically reliable for real–time applications, as it was shown in Section V. Necessary conditions and the separation structure of the $H_\infty$ controller will be investigated in a future work.

**APPENDIX**

In order to proceed with the proofs, we need an additional result, for which the proof is omitted (for brevity).

**Lemma 11.** Let $(C, A–zE)$ be a detectable pair and assume that there exists a matrix $X = X^*$ such that the following Stein equation holds: $E^*XE – A^*XA + C^*C = 0$. Then $X \leq 0$ if and only if $(A – zE) \subset \mathbb{D}$.

**Proof (Proposition 2) (i) ⇒ (ii):** If $\Pi_\Sigma(e^{j\theta}) < 0, \forall \theta \in [0, 2\pi)$, then $\Pi_\Sigma$ has no zeros on $\partial \mathbb{D}$. Thus $\delta\Pi_\Sigma$, i.e., the symplectic pencil, has no generalized eigenvalues on $\partial \mathbb{D}$, which implies that DDTARE($\Sigma$) has a stabilizing solution, see [22]. Further, since $z_0 \in \partial \mathbb{D}$, $\Pi_\Sigma(z_0) = R < 0$.

(ii) ⇒ (i): Let $F$ be the stabilizing feedback as in (7). Consider the spectral factor $S(z) := \begin{bmatrix} A – zE & B \\ -F & I \end{bmatrix}$. It can be easily checked that the factorization $\Pi_\Sigma(z) = S^\#(z)RS(z)$ holds. Moreover, $S \in \mathbb{R}H_\infty$ and $S^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}H_\infty$, since $\Lambda(A – zE + BF(\alpha – \beta z)) \subset \mathbb{D}$. Thus $S$ is a unity in $\mathbb{R}H_\infty$. Since $R < 0$, $\Pi_\Sigma(e^{j\theta}) < 0, \forall \theta \in [0, 2\pi)$.

**Proof (Proposition 3) (i) ⇒ (ii):** Note that $\|G\|_{\infty} < 1 \Leftrightarrow G^\#(e^{j\theta})(G(e^{j\theta}) – 1 < 0, \forall \theta \in [0, 2\pi)$.

After manipulations we get that $G^\#(z)G(z) = I = \Pi_\Sigma(z)$. Thus $\Pi_\Sigma(e^{j\theta}) < 0, \forall \theta$. Since $A – zE$ is stable, it follows with Proposition 2 that $D^*D – I < 0$ and DDTARE($\Sigma$) has a stabilizing solution $X = X^*$. It remains to prove that $X \leq 0$. It is easy to check that the DDTARE($\Sigma$) has a stabilizing solution $X = X^*$ if the following system of matrix equations

$$(\alpha E – \beta A)^*XB + C^*D = -V^*V$$
$$E^*XE – A^*XA + C^*C = -W^*W$$

has a solution ($X = X^*, V, W$), with $F = -V^{-1}W$. Further, note that the last equation in (28) can be written as

$$E^*XE – A^*XA + \begin{bmatrix} C \\ W \end{bmatrix}^*\begin{bmatrix} C \\ W \end{bmatrix} = 0. \quad (29)$$

The pair $\left(\begin{bmatrix} C \\ W \end{bmatrix}, A – zE\right)$ is detectable, since the pair $(W, A – zE)$ is detectable, from the fact that $A – zE – V^{-1}W(\alpha – \beta z)$ is stable. Using these conclusions, it follows from Lemma 11 that $X \leq 0$.

(ii) ⇒ (i): Following a similar reasoning as above, we have from (ii) that $\left(\begin{bmatrix} C \\ W \end{bmatrix}, A – zE\right)$ is detectable. Since $X \leq 0$ and the equality (29) holds, we get from Lemma 11 that $\Lambda(A – zE) \subset \mathbb{D}$. Using the implication (ii) ⇒ (i) in Proposition 2 we have that $\Pi_\Sigma(e^{j\theta}) < 0, \forall \theta$. But this is equivalent with $\|G\|_{\infty} < 1$. Thus $G \in \mathcal{B}H_\infty^\gamma$.

**Proof (Theorem 7) If: Let**

$$K(z) = \begin{bmatrix} A_K & zE_K \\ C_K & D_K \end{bmatrix}$$

be a minimal realization. Since $K \in \mathcal{B}H_\infty^\gamma$, we have from Proposition 3 that $D^*_KD_K – I < 0$ and DDTARE($\Sigma_K$) has a stabilizing solution $X_K = X_K^* \leq 0$, where $\Sigma_K :=$
(A_K - zE_K, B_K; C_K, K, D_K, K, D_K - I). Further, from T inner we get from Lemma 11 that D^*D = I and there is X = X^* ≤ 0 such that (5) holds. Compute now a minimal centered realization for G := LFT(T, K), see Section 2.3.2 in [31]. After lengthy but simple algebraic manipulations we get that the realization of G satisfies condition (ii) in Proposition 3 with X_G := [X 0 0 X_K] = X^*_G ≤ 0, and R_G := D^{21}(D_KD_K - I)D^{21} < 0. It follows that G ∈ BH_\infty(\gamma).

Only if: From (C_T, A - zE) detectable, T unitary, and Lemma 11 it follows that \Lambda(A - zE) \in \mathbb{D}, thus T is inner. Since G ∈ BH_\infty(\gamma), ||G||_\infty < 1, which is equivalent with G^#(z)G(z) - I < 0, for all z ∈ \partial D. Using equation (10) and the fact that T21 is a unity in RH_\infty (unimodular), we get after some manipulations that K^#(z)K(z) - I < 0, for all z ∈ \partial D, which is equivalent with ||K||_\infty < 1. The stability of K is a direct consequence of the fact that (H_1) is fulfilled, that G is stable, and that T is inner.

We proceed now with the proof of our main result (stated in Theorem 8), which is based on a successive reduction to simpler problems, called the one–block problem and the two–block problem. We borrowed the terminology from the model matching problem.

Consider the one–block problem, for which p_1 = m_2, p_2 = m_1, i.e., D_{12} and D_{21} are square, and T_{12} and T_{21} are invertible, having only stable zeros, i.e.,

(A_1) \quad D_{12} \in \mathbb{C}^{m_2 \times m_2} is invertible and \Lambda(A - zE - B_KD_K^{-1}C_K(\alpha - \beta)) \in \mathbb{D}.

(A_2) \quad D_{21} \in \mathbb{C}^{m_1 \times m_1} is invertible and \Lambda(A - zE - B_1D_1^{-1}C_2(\alpha - \beta)) \in \mathbb{D}.

Proposition 12. For the one–block problem the class of all controllers that solve the H_\infty control problem is K = LFT(C_1, Q), Q ∈ BH_\infty(\gamma) is arbitrary and C_1 is in (23).

Proof. Let T_R = T ⊗ C_1. With C_1 from (23) we get after an equivalence transformation that T_R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix}. Thus G := LFT(T_R, Q) = Q ∈ BH_\infty(\gamma).

Conversely, let K be such that G ∈ BH_\infty(\gamma). Take G = Q ∈ BH_\infty(\gamma) be an arbitrary but fixed parameter. Then LFT(C_1, Q) := LFT(C_1, G) = LFT(C_1, LFT(T, K)) = LFT(C_1 ⊗ T, K). It can be checked that in this case C_1 ⊗ T = T ⊗ C_1 = T_R (this is not generally true). Thus LFT(C_1, Q) = K.

Consider now the two–block problem, for which p_2 = m_1, and the hypotheses (H_2) and (A_2) are fulfilled. Let \Sigma_c be as in Box 1.

Proposition 13. Assume that DDTARE(\Sigma_c) has a stabilizing solution X = X^* ≤ 0. Then the two–block problem has a solution. Moreover, the class of all controllers is K = LFT(C_2, Q), with Q ∈ BH_\infty(\gamma), and C_2 is given in (24).

Proof. Let F_c be the stabilizing feedback, see Box 1 Consider the systems T_I and T_O in (25). After manipulations, we obtain that T = T_I ⊗ T_O. Moreover, T_I is inner, since the realization (25) satisfies the equations given in Lemma 11 with X = X^* ≤ 0 the stabilizing solution of the DDTARE(\Sigma_c). Also, it can be easily checked that T_I satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 7.

We claim that LFT(T, K) ∈ BH_\infty(\gamma) ⇔ LFT(T_O, K) ∈ BH_\infty(\gamma). Here follows the proof. LFT(T, K) = LFT(T_I ⊗ T_O, K) = LFT(T_I, LFT(T_O, K)) ∈ BH_\infty(\gamma). It follows
from Theorem 7 that $\text{LFT}(T_O, K) \in B\mathcal{H}^{\infty}(2)$. Conversely, let $\text{LFT}(T_O, K) \in B\mathcal{H}^{\infty}(2)$ be a controller for the inner system $T_I$. Then, we have from Theorem 7 that $\text{LFT}(T_I, \text{LFT}(T_O, K)) \in B\mathcal{H}^{\infty}(3)$. But this is equivalent with $\text{LFT}(T, K) \in B\mathcal{H}^{\infty}(3)$, since $T_I \otimes T_O = T$. The claim is completely proven.

Therefore, it is enough to find the class of controllers for $T_O$. Further, it is easy to show that $T_O$ in (25) satisfies the assumptions $(A_1)$ and $(A_2)$ for the one-block problem. Compute $C_1$ in (23) for $T_O$ to get $C_2$ in (24).

The next result follows by duality from Proposition 14. Consider $\Sigma_o$ given in (26).

**Proposition 14.** Assume $p_1 = m_2$, $(A_1)$, $(H_2)$, and that $\text{DDTARE}(\Sigma_o)$ has a stabilizing solution $Y = Y^* \leq 0$. Then the dual two–block problem has a solution. Moreover, the class of all controllers is $K = \text{LFT}(C_3, Q)$, where $Q \in B\mathcal{H}^{\infty}(3)$ is arbitrary, and $C_3$ is given in (27).

**Proof.** (Theorem 8) We assume that $(H_1)$, $(H_2)$, and $(H_3)$ hold. Suppose that $\text{DDTARE}(\Sigma_o)$ has a stabilizing solution $X = X^* \leq 0$. Consider now the systems $T_I$ and $T_O$, given in (25). We have shown that it is enough to find the class of controllers for $T_O$. It is easy to check that, in this case, $T_O$ satisfies $(A_2)$. Write now $\Sigma_o$ in (26) and $\text{DDTARE}(\Sigma_o)$ for $T_O$ to obtain $\Sigma_x$ in Box 1 and $\text{DDTARE}(\Sigma_x)$. Further, assume that $\text{DDTARE}(\Sigma_x)$ has a stabilizing solution $Z = Z^* \leq 0$. Therefore, $T_O$ satisfies the assumptions in Proposition 14. The parametrization of all controllers that solve the $\mathcal{H}_\infty$ control problem in Theorem 8 is now a consequence of Proposition 14 and some straightforward manipulations. This completes whole the proof.

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