# Multi-objective Control Design for Discrete Time Periodic Systems via Convex Optimization 

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#### Abstract

This report considers the design of controllers for linear discrete time systems with a periodic state space realization. Two types of cost functions are considered here - the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm, which generalizes the $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm, and the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm, which generalizes the $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ norm for stable systems. The theory for the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm and $\ell_{2}$ induced norm is rigorously developed for systems with periodic state space realizations. These results are then used to construct a methodology for multi-objective control design which utilizes convex optimization. Finally, this methodology is applied to track-following control design for hard disk drives. For this particular application, it is shown that the methodology is much less conservative than in the general case. Multi-objective design is compared to standard single-objective design and the effects of introducing multi-rate sampling and actuation characteristics (i.e. periodicity) into the plant model is examined. It is shown that both multi-objective and multi-rate design greatly improve the closed-loop performance of the system.


## Chapter 1

## Introduction

In the past several decades, optimal output feedback control has been the subject of much research. For a long time, this research focused on methods whose solutions could be easily solved using Riccati equations, such as $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ optimal control and $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ optimal control. These control design methodologies have solutions which are easy to compute, guarantee high performance of the closed-loop system, and when formulated correctly guarantee robust stability of the closed-loop system. However, all of these methodologies have the drawback of not being very flexible.

In more recent years, with the rapid increase of available computational power and efficient numerical optimization algorithms, this view of control design has begun to shift towards the view that control design problems are actually constrained optimization problems of the form

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \min _{x} c^{T} x \\
& \text { s.t. } \quad F(x) \succeq 0
\end{aligned}
$$

where the notation $F(x) \succeq 0$ means that $F(x)$ is positive semi-definite. Since this is, in general, an NP-hard problem, the best we can hope for is finding a local minimum of our problem. However, in the special case when $F$ is affine in $x$, the optimization problem becomes a semi-definite program (SDP), for which there are numerous algorithms and available software packages to find the solution. In addition, since SDP's are convex optimizations, these algorithms are guaranteed to find the globally optimal solution in polynomial time. Although these optimization-based control design methods are not as computationally efficient as those based on Riccati equations, they have the benefit of being very flexible.

One area in which the optimization-based approach to control design is particularly beneficial is multiobjective control, in which multiple cost functions are simultaneously considered and constraints are imposed
on the system [11]. An example of multi-objective control design would be to maximize the performance of a system subject to the system having "enough" robustness. Clearly, these types of formulations allow for much more general control design problems than the methodologies which use Riccati equations. Thus, multi-objective formulations allow the control designer to deal with design tradeoffs and constraints in a much more explicit manner, which in turn reduces the need for design iteration.

This report considers a certain class of discrete time multi-objective control problems for linear periodic time-varying (LPTV) systems and shows how they can be represented as SDP's. Chapter 2 presents the theory associated with this class of problems. Then, in Chapter 3, this methodology is applied to the problem of finding a track-following dual-stage hard disk drive controller which has multi-rate sampling and actuation characteristics.

## Chapter 2

## Periodic Discrete Time Systems

In this chapter, we start off by introducing the notation that will be used in this report and the class of systems that will be examined. To motivate this class of systems, we will show that when multi-rate sampling and actuation characteristics are added to a linear time-invariant (LTI) system, LPTV systems arise [2].

We will then define the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of a linear operator and show a computationally feasible method of computing it when the operator can be realized as an LPTV state space model. At this point, the relationship between the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of a linear operator and the $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm of a LTI system will be discussed. Finally, a sharp upper bound on the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of an operator will be presented in terms of matrix inequalities for the case when the operator can be realized as an LPTV state space model.

After presenting the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of a linear operator, we will define the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of a linear operator and state some of its relevant properties when the operator can be realized as an LPTV state space model. At this point, the relationship between the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of a linear operator and the $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ norm of an LTI system will be discussed. Finally, a sharp upper bound on the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of a linear operator will be presented in terms of matrix inequalities for the case when the operator can be realized as an LPTV state space model.

Finally, we will present an extension of the methodology in [11] for formulating a general class of multiobjective control design problems as SDP's with little conservatism. A few notes on the implementation and efficiency of this optimization will then be made.

Many of the analytical developments related to the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm and the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm in this section are drawn from [10]. However, in that work, the matrices in their state space realizations are taken to be infinite-dimensional block-diagonal linear operators. In an effort to simplify the analysis, we will instead interpret the state space matrices as being a function of time.

### 2.1 Preliminaries

To begin, we will introduce some definitions for linear operators. First we define for finite-dimensional matrices the norm

$$
\|M\|:=\sup _{x \neq 0} \frac{(M x)^{T} M x}{x^{T} x}
$$

Note that this norm is, by definition, equivalent to the largest singular value of a matrix and thus has the properties

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|M N\| & \leq\|M\| \cdot\|N\| \\
\left\|M^{T}\right\| & =\|M\|
\end{aligned}
$$

The former of these properties is called the sub-multiplicative property. We define the spectral radius of $M$ as

$$
\rho(M):=\lim _{n \rightarrow \infty}\left\|M^{k}\right\|^{1 / k}
$$

which can be shown to satisfy

$$
\rho(M)=\max _{k}\left|\lambda_{k}(M)\right|
$$

where $\lambda_{k}(M)$ is the $k^{t h}$ eigenvalue of $M$. For all matrices considered in this report, unspecified entries are zero and bullets represent entries whose values can be inferred by symmetry of the matrix. We will denote that a symmetric matrix $M$ is positive definite by $M \succ 0$.

Now, note that linear systems can of the form

$$
y_{k}=\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{k, j} u_{j}
$$

be represented as infinite-dimensional linear operators of the form

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \\
y_{0} \\
y_{1} \\
\vdots
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
\cdots & G_{0,0} & G_{0,1} & \cdots \\
\cdots & G_{1,0} & G_{1,1} & \cdots \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \\
u_{0} \\
u_{1} \\
\vdots
\end{array}\right]
$$

where $u_{k}$ and $y_{k}$ are respectively the input and output at time $k$. This motivates the notation

$$
y:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \\
y_{0} \\
y_{1} \\
\vdots
\end{array}\right], \quad G:=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
\cdots & G_{0,0} & G_{0,1} & \cdots \\
\cdots & G_{1,0} & G_{1,1} & \cdots \\
\cdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right], \quad u:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \\
u_{0} \\
u_{1} \\
\vdots
\end{array}\right] .
$$

In this framework, causal operators are ones that have the property that

$$
G_{k, j}=0, \quad j>k
$$

Now we define the vector space

$$
\ell_{2}:=\left\{u: \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u_{k}^{T} u_{k}<\infty\right\}
$$

and a norm on that vector space given by

$$
\|u\|_{\ell_{2}}:=\sqrt{\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} u_{k}^{T} u_{k}}
$$

With this in mind, we will say that $G$ is bounded if $G u \in \ell_{2}, \forall u \in \ell_{2}$.
Now that we've finished introducing the operator notation, we will introduce the state space notation and definitions. We will say that a causal linear operator has the realization

$$
G \sim\left(\begin{array}{c|c}
A_{k} & B_{k}  \tag{2.1}\\
\hline C_{k} & D_{k}
\end{array}\right)
$$

if

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{k+1} \\
y_{k}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
A_{k} & B_{k} \\
C_{k} & D_{k}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
x_{k} \\
u_{k}
\end{array}\right] .
$$

We will further say that this is an LPTV realization if

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
A_{k} & B_{k} \\
C_{k} & D_{k}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
A_{k+N} & B_{k+N} \\
C_{k+N} & D_{k+N}
\end{array}\right], \quad \forall k
$$

A causal operator which has an LPTV realization will be called an LPTV operator or an LPTV system. The realization (2.1) will be called uniformly exponentially stable (UES) if there exist constants $c>0$ and
$\beta \in[0,1)$ such that

$$
\left\|A_{k+l-1} \cdots A_{k}\right\| \leq c \beta^{l}, \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}, l \in \mathbb{N}
$$

where $\mathbb{Z}$ denotes the set of integers and $\mathbb{N}$ denotes the set of positive integers. (Note that this is unrelated to the condition that $\rho\left(A_{k}\right)<1, \forall k$.) Finally, we have the following lemma [1].

Lemma 1. If a realization is UES and $\exists M>0$ such that $\left\|B_{k}\right\|,\left\|C_{k}\right\|<M, \forall k$, then the operator that it realizes is bounded.

### 2.2 Multi-rate Sampling and Actuation

Before we develop the theory behind LPTV operators, we will first motivate why this is an important class of operators by presenting a particular instance in which LPTV operators arise. Suppose we have an LTI model with measurements and control inputs respectively given by

$$
y_{k}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
y_{k}^{1} \\
\vdots \\
y_{k}^{n_{y}}
\end{array}\right] \quad u_{k}=\left[\begin{array}{c}
u_{k}^{1} \\
\vdots \\
u_{k}^{n_{u}}
\end{array}\right]
$$

where $y_{k}^{i}$ and $u_{k}^{i}$ are scalars. We may want to measure the components of $y_{k}$ at different rates, i.e. we measure $y_{k}^{i}$ only once every $N_{i}$ time steps, where $N_{i}$ is an positive integer. This situation could arise, for example, when measurement rates of certain signals are limited by the physical system. For completeness, we now further suppose that we want to actuate the plant at different rates, i.e. we change the value of $u_{k}^{i}$ only once every $M_{i}$ time steps, where $M_{i}$ is a positive integer. We now define $N$ to be the least common multiple of $N_{1}, \ldots, N_{n_{y}}, M_{1}, \ldots, M_{n_{u}}$. There are thus two goals. First, we would like to create a model for a multi-rate sampler which will take $y_{k}$ as its input and only let the measurements pass which are being measured at that particular time step. Second, we would like to create a model for a multi-rate hold which will take its inputs from a controller and hold these inputs for the necessary number of time steps in order to create actuation signals which change at different rates than the LTI model actuation rate.

We will begin by considering the multi-rate sampler. Since we only measure $y_{k}^{i}$ once every $N_{i}$ time steps, we are interested in constructing the signal

$$
\bar{y}_{k}^{i}:= \begin{cases}y_{k}^{i}, & \frac{k-n_{i}}{N_{i}} \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 0, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

where $n_{i} \in\left\{0, \ldots, N_{i}-1\right\}$ represents one particular time step at which we measure $y_{k}^{i}$. This can be realized as just a time-varying gain

$$
\begin{gathered}
\bar{y}_{k}^{i}=S_{k}^{i} y_{k}^{i} \\
S_{k}^{i}:= \begin{cases}1, & \frac{k-n_{i}}{N_{i}} \in \mathbb{Z} \\
0, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
\end{gathered}
$$

It is clear that $S_{k}^{i}$ is periodic and has period $N$, i.e. $S_{k}^{i}=S_{k+N}^{i}, \forall k$. Now we can stack these up to form the time-varying gain

$$
S_{k}:=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
S_{k}^{1} & & \\
& \ddots & \\
& & S_{k}^{n_{y}}
\end{array}\right] .
$$

This $S_{k}$ is our multi-rate sampler model. Since $S_{k}^{i}$ has period $N$, it is obvious that $S_{k}$ also has period $N$. Thus, our multi-rate sampler is just a time-varying diagonal gain matrix with period $N$ whose entries are zeros and ones.

Now we turn our attention to finding a model for the multi-rate hold. Since we only change the value of $u_{k}^{i}$ once every $M_{i}$ time steps, we are interested in constructing the signal

$$
\bar{u}_{k}^{i}:= \begin{cases}u_{k}^{i}, & \frac{k-m_{i}}{M_{i}} \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \bar{u}_{k-1}^{i}, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

where $m_{i} \in\left\{0, \ldots, M_{i}-1\right\}$ represents one particular time step at which we change the value of $u_{k}^{i}$. When $M_{i}=1$, clearly $\bar{u}_{k}^{i}=u_{k}^{i}$, which can be realized as the LTI static gain, $H^{i}=1$. When $M_{i} \neq 1$ it is easily verified that the dynamics from $u_{k}^{i}$ to $\bar{u}_{k}^{i}$ have the LPTV realization

$$
\begin{gathered}
H^{i} \sim\left(\begin{array}{l|l}
1-\delta_{k} & \delta_{k} \\
\hline 1-\delta_{k} & \delta_{k}
\end{array}\right) \\
\delta_{k}= \begin{cases}1, & \frac{k-m_{i}}{M_{i}} \in \mathbb{Z} \\
0, & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
\end{gathered}
$$

Note that in both cases, the state space realization has period $N$. We now stack these LPTV realizations
up to form

$$
H:=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
H^{1} & & \\
& \ddots & \\
& & H^{n_{u}}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Since each of the realizations of $H^{i}$ have period $N$, the realization of $H$ also has period $N$.
When we hook up our system to the multi-rate sampler and hold, the resulting system is still linear, but its state space realization is periodically time varying. Hence, multi-rate measurement sampling and control actuation results in LPTV systems.

## $2.3 \quad \ell_{2}$ Semi-Norms of Operators

We first define the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of the bounded operator $G$ as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|G\|_{2}^{2}:=\limsup _{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2 l+1} \sum_{k=-l}^{l} \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \operatorname{tr}\left\{G_{k, j}\left(G_{k, j}\right)^{T}\right\} \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here, the factor of $2 l+1$ is introduced to ensure that the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm is bounded for all admissible $G$ and the limit supremum guarantees existence of the limit in the right-hand side of (2.2). In a sense, the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of an operator can be thought of as being analogous to the Frobenius norm for matrices, except with a normalizing factor to ensure that it is bounded for bounded operators. It should also be noted that the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm is not, in general, a norm. For instance, if an operator had only one non-zero entry in its infinite-dimensional representation, it would not be the zero operator, but the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of that operator would be zero.

### 2.3.1 $\quad \ell_{2}$ Semi-Norms of LPTV Operators

Since we are interested in operators with time-varying state space realizations, we now present some results which allow us to calculate the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of these operators. We begin by looking at an equation which is analogous to a discrete time Lyapunov equation for an LTI system.

Lemma 2. Suppose that a realization given by (2.1) is UES and a given sequence, $W_{k}$, satisfies

$$
W_{k} \succeq 0, \quad\left\|W_{k}\right\| \leq M \quad \forall k
$$

for some scalar $M>0$. Then the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{k+1}=A_{k} L_{k} A_{k}^{T}+W_{k} \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

has a unique bounded solution given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{k}=W_{k-1}+\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right) W_{k-j-1}\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right)^{T} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, $L_{k} \succeq 0$.

The proof of this lemma will be deferred to Appendix A.1. There are two ways to interpret (2.3): as an infinite-dimensional linear equation or as an update equation in increasing $k$. For this second interpretation, the unique bounded solution can be thought of as being the result of the following limiting process. Define the sequence of sequences

$$
L_{k}^{[i]}:= \begin{cases}0, & k<-i \\ A_{k-1} L_{k-1}^{[i]} A_{k-1}^{T}+W_{k-1}, & k \geq-i\end{cases}
$$

Notice that for each $i, L_{k}^{[i]}$ can be viewed as an update equation in increasing $k$ where the initial condition is taken to be $L_{-i-1}^{[i]}=0$. The unique bounded solution is then arrived at by simply taking the limit

$$
L_{k}=\lim _{i \rightarrow \infty} L_{k}^{[i]}
$$

Just as the Lyapunov equation for LTI systems plays an important role in computing the $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm of a system, this equation will play an important role in finding the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of a operator with a timevarying realization. The next lemma will highlight this fact.

Lemma 3. If a realization given by (2.1) is UES and $\exists M>0$ such that

$$
\left\|B_{k}\right\|,\left\|C_{k}\right\|<M, \quad \forall k
$$

then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|G\|_{2}^{2}=\limsup _{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2 l+1} \sum_{k=-l}^{l} \operatorname{tr}\left\{D_{k} D_{k}^{T}+C_{k} L_{k} C_{k}^{T}\right\} \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $L_{k}$ is unique bounded solution of

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{k+1}=A_{k} L_{k} A_{k}^{T}+B_{k} B_{k}^{T} \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. First note that by Lemma 1, the operator corresponding to this realization is bounded. Now note that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{k}=D_{k} u_{k}+C_{k} x_{k} \\
& =D_{k} u_{k}+C_{k}\left(B_{k-1} u_{k-1}+\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j+1} B_{k-j} u_{k-j}\right) \\
& \Rightarrow G_{k, k-j}=\left\{\begin{array}{ll}
0, & j<0 \\
D_{k}, & j=0 \\
C_{k} B_{k-1}, & j=1 \\
C_{k} A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j+1} B_{k-j}, & j>1
\end{array} .\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

Defining $W_{k}=B_{k} B_{k}^{T} \succeq 0$ gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \operatorname{tr}\left\{G_{k, j} G_{k, j}^{T}\right\}= & \operatorname{tr}\left\{D_{k} D_{k}^{T}+C_{k}\left[W_{k-1}\right.\right. \\
& \left.\left.+\sum_{j=2}^{\infty}\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j+1}\right) W_{k-j}\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j+1}\right)^{T}\right] C_{k}^{T}\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

By Lemma 2, the term in square brackets is the unique $L_{k}$ corresponding to a bounded solution of (2.6). Plugging this into (2.2) then gives the desired result.

Although this result is computationally intractable for a general time-varying realization, the next theorem will show that for LPTV realizations, the limit supremum in (2.5) is equivalent to the limit and the infinite sum becomes a finite sum.

Theorem 4. If an LPTV realization given by (2.1) is UES, then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|G\|_{2}^{2}=\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr}\left\{D_{k} D_{k}^{T}+C_{k} L_{k} C_{k}^{T}\right\} \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{k+1}=A_{k} L_{k} A_{k}^{T}+B_{k} B_{k}^{T} \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover,

$$
L_{k+N}=L_{k}, \quad \forall k
$$

Proof. Since we only have a finite number of values of $B_{k}$ and $C_{k}$, it is trivial to verify that $\exists M>0$ such
that $\left\|B_{k}\right\|,\left\|C_{k}\right\|<M, \forall k$. Therefore, (2.8) must have a unique bounded solution. Now, for notational convenience, we define $R_{k}:=\operatorname{tr}\left\{D_{k} D_{k}^{T}+C_{k} L_{k} C_{k}^{T}\right\}$. Note that if we define $\bar{L}_{k}:=L_{k+N}$, we get that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\bar{L}_{k+1} & =A_{k+N} \bar{L}_{k} A_{k+N}^{T}+B_{k+N} B_{k+N}^{T} \\
& =A_{k} \bar{L}_{k} A_{k}^{T}+B_{k} B_{k}^{T}
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus, by uniqueness of $L_{k}$ (Lemma 2),

$$
\begin{gathered}
L_{k+N}=\bar{L}_{k}=L_{k} \\
\Rightarrow R_{k}=R_{k+N}
\end{gathered}
$$

Now let

$$
l=N n_{l}+j
$$

where $n_{l}$ is the largest integer such that $N n_{l} \leq l$. Now we can express

$$
\begin{aligned}
\|G\|_{2}^{2} & =\limsup _{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2 N n_{l}+2 j+1} \sum_{k=-N n_{l}-j}^{N n_{l}+j} R_{k} \\
& =\limsup _{l \rightarrow \infty}\left\{\frac{1}{2 N n_{l}+2 j+1}\left(\sum_{i=-n_{l}}^{n_{l}-1} \sum_{k=i N+1}^{(i+1) N} R_{k}+\sum_{k=-N n_{l}-j}^{-N n_{l}} R_{k}+\sum_{k=N n_{l}+1}^{N n_{l}+j} R_{k}\right)\right\} \\
& =\limsup _{l \rightarrow \infty}^{j}\left\{\frac{1}{2 N n_{l}+2 j+1}\left(2 n_{l} \sum_{k=1}^{N} R_{k}+\sum_{k=N-j}^{N} R_{k}+\sum_{k=1}^{j} R_{k}\right)\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Note that by letting $n_{l} \gg j$, we can see that the limit (not limit supremum) of the term in curly braces is equal to the desired result. Since the limit supremum is equal to the limit when it exists, this completes the proof.

This theorem lends itself to a computationally tractable means of computing the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of LPTV operators. To apply this theorem, since the solution of (2.8) is periodic, we only to solve a finite set of linear matrix equations for the finite number of matrices $\left(L_{1}, \ldots, L_{N}\right)$ which uniquely solve them and plug those values into a finite summation.

### 2.3.2 Interpretation of $\ell_{2}$ Semi-Norms of LPTV Operators

To build intuition regarding these $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of LPTV operators, we will now discuss several interpretations of Theorem 4. First of all, it should be noted that when $N=1$ (i.e. the realization is LTI), the $\ell_{2}$
semi-norm agrees with the $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm for its LTI realization. Since the $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm for an LTI system can be related to the output covariance of a system, we would like to see if there is a similar interpretation for the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm. Suppose that $G$ is driven by $u$ where

$$
\begin{gathered}
E[u]=0 \\
E\left[u u^{T}\right]=I
\end{gathered}
$$

i.e. $u_{k}$ is zero-mean white noise with covariance $I$. This implies that

$$
\begin{gathered}
E[y]=E[G u]=G E[u]=0 \\
E\left[y y^{T}\right]=E\left[G u u^{T} G^{T}\right]=G E\left[u u^{T}\right] G^{T}=G G^{T} .
\end{gathered}
$$

Thus, we can say that the covariance of $y_{k}$ is

$$
E\left[y_{k} y_{k}^{T}\right]=\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} G_{k, j}\left(G_{k, j}\right)^{T} .
$$

Now, recall from the proof of Theorem 4 that the limit supremum in (2.2) could be replaced by a limit. Thus, when $y_{k}$ is scalar, we see that

$$
\|G\|_{2}^{2}=\lim _{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2 l+1} \sum_{k=-l}^{l} E\left[y_{k}^{2}\right] .
$$

Thus, we can interpret the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm in this case as the RMS (over time) standard deviation of $y_{k}$. Note that as hoped, this interpretation is similar to the interpretation that the $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm of an LTI system with a scalar output corresponds to the standard deviation of that output when driven by white noise whose covariance is $I$.

We now extend this comparison of the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm to the $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm by using a technique which "lifts"
the LPTV system to an LTI system with similar characteristics [3]. We first define

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathcal{Z}:=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
0 & I & & 0 \\
& \ddots & \ddots & \\
& & \ddots & I \\
I & & & 0
\end{array}\right] \quad \mathcal{A}:=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
A_{1} & & \\
& \ddots & \\
& & A_{N}
\end{array}\right] \quad \mathcal{B}:=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
B_{1} & & \\
& \ddots & \\
& & B_{N}
\end{array}\right]  \tag{2.9}\\
& \mathcal{L}:=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
L_{1} & & \\
& \ddots & \\
& & L_{N}
\end{array}\right] \quad \mathcal{C}:=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
C_{1} & & \\
& \ddots & \\
& & C_{N}
\end{array}\right] \quad \mathcal{D}:=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
D_{1} & & \\
& \ddots & \\
& & D_{N}
\end{array}\right]
\end{align*}
$$

where, as previously mentioned, all unspecified elements are zero. With this new notation in mind, the following lemma (whose proof will be deferred to Appendix A.2) gives an computationally tractable method for determining whether or not an LPTV realization is UES.

Lemma 5. An LPTV realization is $U E S \Leftrightarrow \rho\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right)<1$, where $\mathcal{Z}$ and $\mathcal{A}$ are as in (2.9).

Now we will show a means by which to calculate the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of an LPTV realization. We begin by defining

$$
\overline{\mathcal{L}}:=\mathcal{Z} \mathcal{L Z}^{T}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}
L_{2} & & & \\
& \ddots & & \\
& & L_{N} & \\
& & & L_{1}
\end{array}\right]
$$

so that (2.8) can be written in block diagonal form as

$$
\overline{\mathcal{L}}=\mathcal{A} \mathcal{L A}^{T}+\mathcal{B B}^{T} .
$$

Exploiting the fact that $\mathcal{Z}$ is unitary gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L} & =\mathcal{Z}^{T}\left(\mathcal{A} \mathcal{L} \mathcal{A}^{T}+\mathcal{B} \mathcal{B}^{T}\right) \mathcal{Z} \\
& =\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right) \mathcal{L}\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right)^{T}+\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{B}\right)\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{B}\right)^{T}
\end{aligned}
$$

Furthermore, (2.7) can be written

$$
\|G\|_{2}^{2}=\frac{1}{N} \operatorname{tr}\left\{\mathcal{D} \mathcal{D}^{T}+\mathcal{C} \mathcal{L} \mathcal{C}^{T}\right\}
$$

With all of this in place, it is easily verified that

$$
\|G\|_{2}^{2}=\frac{1}{N}\left\|\left(\begin{array}{c|c}
\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A} & \mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{B}  \tag{2.10}\\
\hline \mathcal{C} & \mathcal{D}
\end{array}\right)\right\|_{\mathcal{H} 2}^{2}
$$

where the norm on the right-hand side of the equation is the usual $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm for LTI systems. Interestingly enough, the LTI realization on the right-hand side of the equation is not a realization of $G$. However, if we wanted to leverage existing software packages to compute the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of an LPTV operator, using this LTI system for computational purposes would work reasonably well.

It should be noted, though, that the MATLAB ss object does not support sparse state space matrices. Furthermore, most of the algorithms for ss objects do not exploit sparsity. For instance, if you tried to find $\mathcal{L}$ by computing the controllability gramian of the LTI system in (2.10), the solution will not, in general, be exactly block diagonal - there will be some small numerical errors. Furthermore, these algorithms will tend to be inefficient for large $N$. A better approach would be to instead consider the "lifted" system

$$
\left(\begin{array}{c|ccccc}
\bar{A}_{N, 1} & \bar{A}_{N, 2} B_{1} & \bar{A}_{N, 3} B_{2} & \cdots & \bar{A}_{N, N} B_{N-1} & B_{N} \\
\hline C_{1} & D_{1} & & & & \\
C_{2} A_{1} & C_{2} B_{1} & D_{2} & & & \\
\vdots & \vdots & C_{3} B_{2} & \ddots & & \\
C_{N-1} \bar{A}_{N-2,1} & C_{N-1} \bar{A}_{N-2,2} B_{1} & \vdots & \ddots & D_{N-1} & \\
C_{N} \bar{A}_{N-1,1} & C_{N} \bar{A}_{N-1,2} B_{1} & C_{N} \bar{A}_{N-1,3} B_{2} & \cdots & C_{N} B_{N-1} & D_{N}
\end{array}\right)
$$

where $\bar{A}_{i, j}=A_{i} \cdots A_{j}$. If we consider this system to have input $\bar{u}_{k}$ and output $\bar{y}_{k}$ which are given by

$$
\bar{u}_{k}:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
u_{N(k-1)+1} \\
\vdots \\
u_{N k}
\end{array}\right]
$$

$$
\bar{y}_{k}:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
u_{N(k-1)+1} \\
\vdots \\
u_{N k}
\end{array}\right]
$$

it is straightforward to check that this system realizes $G$. (The only difference is that the block partitioning is a bit different.) Since this system has a factor of $N$ fewer states than the system in (2.10), it is a lot more efficient and reliable to compute the $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm of this system. Since this is an LTI realization of $G$, its $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm is equivalent to the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of $G$. However, this LTI formulation is only useful for computing the norm of an LPTV operator; it is not convenient for control design.

### 2.3.3 Upper Bound on $\ell_{2}$ Semi-Norms of LPTV Operators

In this section, we present two formulations of an upper bound on the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of an LPTV operator. Both of these upper bounds are shown to be sharp. Although this seems like a counter-intuitive development because we can directly compute the actual value of the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm using Theorem 4 , it will be essential to the control design developments in section 2.5.

Theorem 6. For LPTV operators, the following conditions are equivalent:

1. $\|G\|_{2}^{2}<\gamma$
2. $\exists W_{1}, \ldots, W_{N}, P_{1}, \ldots P_{N}$ such that

$$
\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr} W_{k}<\gamma, \quad\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
W_{k} & C_{k} P_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0, \quad\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
P_{k+1} & A_{k} P_{k} & B_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $P_{N+1}$ is taken to be $P_{1}$.
3. $\exists W_{1}, \ldots, W_{N}, Q_{1}, \ldots Q_{N}$ such that

$$
\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr} W_{k}<\gamma, \quad\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
W_{k} & C_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0, \quad\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
Q_{k+1} & Q_{k+1} A_{k} & Q_{k+1} B_{k} \\
\bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $Q_{N+1}$ is taken to be $Q_{1}$.

The proof of this theorem will be deferred to Appendix A.3. Note that the two matrices and the trace in condition (2) are all affine in $W_{1}, \ldots, W_{N}, P_{1}, \ldots P_{N}$. With a little manipulation, these conditions can be represented in the form $F(x) \succ 0$, where $F(x)$ varies linearly with $x$ and $x$ is a vector which contains all of the entries of the upper triangular part of the matrices $W_{1}, \ldots, W_{N}, P_{1}, \ldots P_{N}$. (Since all of these matrices are symmetric, only their upper triangular entries are required to determine their values.) Thus, finding the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of an LPTV operator can be represented as an SDP in which $\gamma$ is minimized. Similarly, condition (3) can be used to construct a SDP to find the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of an LPTV operator.

## $2.4 \quad \ell_{2}$ Induced Norms of Operators

In this section, we look at the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of LPTV operators. First we define the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of a bounded operator to be

$$
\|G\|_{\infty}:=\sup _{u \in \ell_{2} \backslash\{0\}} \frac{\|G u\|_{\ell_{2}}}{\|u\|_{\ell_{2}}} .
$$

In a sense, the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of an operator can be thought of as being analogous to the maximum singular value of a matrix. The basic result for calculating the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm for an operator with a state space realization is given by the following lemma, which is proven in [10].

Lemma 7. If $G$ has the realization (2.1), then $\|G\|_{\infty}<1 \Leftrightarrow \exists M>0, Y_{k} \succ 0$ such that $\left\|Y_{k}\right\|<M \forall k$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
Y_{k+1}=A_{k} Y_{k} A_{k}^{T}+B_{k} B_{k}^{T}+\left(A_{k} Y_{k} C_{k}^{T}+B_{k} D_{k}^{T}\right) U_{k}^{-1}\left(A_{k} Y_{k} C_{k}^{T}+B_{k} D_{k}^{T}\right)^{T} \tag{2.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $A_{k}^{L}$ is UES where

$$
\begin{gathered}
U_{k}=I-D_{k} D_{k}^{T}-C_{k} Y_{k} C_{k}^{T} \succ 0 \\
A_{k}^{L}=A_{k}+\left(A_{k} Y_{k} C_{k}^{T}+B_{k} D_{k}^{T}\right) U_{k}^{-1} C_{k}
\end{gathered}
$$

When we were analyzing the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm, the uniqueness of the solution to (2.3) was important because it allowed us to say that the solution was periodic for LPTV realizations, which greatly simplified analysis. Thus, we would like to see whether or not the $Y_{k}$ mentioned in Theorem 7 is unique. The following lemma tells us that it is, indeed, unique.

Lemma 8. If $\|G\|_{\infty}<1$, then the $Y_{k}$ mentioned in Theorem 7 is unique.

Proof. Let $Y_{k}, U_{k}, A_{k}^{L}$ satisfy the conditions in Theorem 7. Also let $\bar{Y}_{k}, \bar{U}_{k}, \bar{A}_{k}^{L}$ satisfy the conditions in Theorem 7. Note that the following identity holds:

$$
\begin{gathered}
U_{k}=\bar{U}_{k}+C_{k}\left(Y_{k}-\bar{Y}_{k}\right) C_{k}^{T} \\
\Rightarrow \bar{U}_{k}^{-1}=U_{k}^{-1}+\bar{U}_{k}^{-1} C_{k}\left(Y_{k}-\bar{Y}_{k}\right) C_{k}^{T} U_{k}^{-1} \\
\Rightarrow \bar{U}_{k}^{-1}+\bar{U}_{k}^{-1} C_{k} Y_{k} C_{k}^{T} U_{k}^{-1}-U_{k}^{-1}-\bar{U}_{k}^{-1} C_{k} \bar{Y}_{k} C_{k}^{T} U_{k}^{-1}=0
\end{gathered}
$$

Using this identity, it is straightforward to show that

$$
\begin{gathered}
Y_{k+1}-\bar{Y}_{k+1}=\bar{A}_{k}^{L}\left(Y_{k}-\bar{Y}_{k}\right)\left(A_{k}^{L}\right)^{T} \\
\Rightarrow Y_{k}-\bar{Y}_{k}=\left(\bar{A}_{k-1}^{L} \cdots \bar{A}_{k-j}^{L}\right)\left(Y_{k-j}-\bar{Y}_{k-j}\right)\left(A_{k-1}^{L} \cdots A_{k-j}^{L}\right)^{T} \\
\Rightarrow\left\|Y_{k}-\bar{Y}_{k}\right\| \leq \bar{c} \bar{\beta}^{j}\left\|Y_{k-j}-\bar{Y}_{k-j}\right\| c \beta^{j} .
\end{gathered}
$$

Since $Y_{k-j}$ and $\bar{Y}_{k-j}$ are bounded, the only way this can be true is when $Y_{k}=\bar{Y}_{k}$.

Now, we look at the LPTV case. Our approach will be to first find a "lifted" LTI system [3] whose $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ norm is equal to the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of the LPTV operator and then use the standard results for finding the $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ norm of an LTI system to find an upper bound on the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of the LPTV operator. We begin by stating and proving the following lemma, which relates the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of an LPTV operator to the $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ norm of a "lifted" LTI system.

Lemma 9. If $G$ is a bounded LPTV operator, then

$$
\|G\|_{\infty}<\gamma \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad\left\|\left(\begin{array}{c|c}
\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A} & \mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{B} \\
\hline \mathcal{C} & \mathcal{D}
\end{array}\right)\right\|_{\mathcal{H} \infty}<\gamma
$$

Proof. First note that it suffices to prove the result when $\gamma=1$ because, for any norm, $\|\alpha G\|_{x}=|\alpha| \cdot\|G\|_{x}$, i.e. we can always scale an operator by a factor of $\gamma^{-1}$ to recover the desired result. Since the solution to the Riccati equation (2.11) is unique, it is easily verified using the same methodology as in the proof of Theorem 4 that $Y_{k+N}=Y_{k}$. Thus if we define

$$
\mathcal{Y}=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
Y_{1} & & \\
& \ddots & \\
& & Y_{N}
\end{array}\right] \quad \mathcal{U}=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
U_{1} & & \\
& \ddots & \\
& & U_{N}
\end{array}\right]
$$

the conditions in Lemma 7 for $\|G\|_{\infty}<1$ can be written

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathcal{Z Y Z} \mathcal{Z}^{T}=\mathcal{A} \mathcal{A}^{T}+\mathcal{B B ^ { T }}+\left(\mathcal{A Y C}{ }^{T}+\mathcal{B D}^{T}\right) \mathcal{U}^{-1}\left(\mathcal{A Y} \mathcal{C}^{T}+\mathcal{B D ^ { T }}\right)^{T} \succ 0 \\
\rho\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}+\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A Y \mathcal { C } ^ { T }}+\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{B D}^{T}\right) \mathcal{U}^{-1} \mathcal{C}\right)<1
\end{gathered}
$$

where

$$
\mathcal{U}=I-\mathcal{D D} \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}}-\mathcal{C} \mathcal{Y} \mathcal{C}^{T} \succ 0
$$

Multiplying the Riccati equation on the left by $\mathcal{Z}^{T}$ and on the right by $\mathcal{Z}$ reveals that these conditions are equivalent to saying that the $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ norm of the LTI system above is $<1$.

It should be noted that when $N=1$ (i.e. the realization is LTI), the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm agrees with the $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ norm for its LTI realization. Also, it is noteworthy that this "lifted" LTI system is the same as the one that arose in the analysis of the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of a LPTV system. Now, with this lemma in place, we can now state and prove the final result of this section.

Theorem 10. For UES LPTV operators, the following conditions are equivalent:

1. $\|G\|_{\infty}^{2}<\gamma$
2. $\exists P_{1}, \ldots P_{N}$ such that

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & C_{k} P_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k+1} & A_{k} P_{k} & B_{k} \\
\bullet & \bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $P_{N+1}$ is taken to be $P_{1}$.
3. $\exists Q_{1}, \ldots Q_{N}$ such that

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & C_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & Q_{k+1} & Q_{k+1} A_{k} & Q_{k+1} B_{k} \\
\bullet & \bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $Q_{N+1}$ is taken to be $Q_{1}$.

The proof of this theorem will be deferred to Appendix A.4. Note that the matrix in condition (2) is affine in $P_{1}, \ldots P_{N}$. With a little manipulation, these conditions can be represented in the form $F(x) \succ 0$, where $F(x)$ varies linearly with $x$ and $x$ is a vector which contains all of the entries of the upper triangular part of the matrices $P_{1}, \ldots P_{N}$. Thus, finding the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of an LPTV operator can be represented as an SDP in which $\gamma$ is minimized. Similarly, condition (3) can be used to construct a SDP to find the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of an LPTV operator.

### 2.5 Output Feedback Control Design via SDP's

In this section, we will apply the results of Theorems 6 and 10 to control design problems of the form

$$
\begin{align*}
& \min _{K, \Gamma} c^{T} u \text { subject to: } \\
& {\left[\begin{array}{c}
\left\|L_{1} G_{c l}(K) R_{1}\right\|_{q_{1}}^{2} \\
\vdots \\
\left\|L_{M} G_{c l}(K) R_{M}\right\|_{q_{M}}^{2}
\end{array}\right] \leq \Gamma, \quad M \Gamma \leq\left[\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
\vdots \\
1
\end{array}\right]} \tag{2.12}
\end{align*}
$$

where inequalities are elementwise, $c$ and $M$ have nonnegative entries, and $G_{c l}(K)$ is the closed-loop LPTV operator as a function of the dynamic controller $K$. (In this formulation, the entries in $\Gamma$ serve as upper bounds on each relevant $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm and $\ell_{2}$ induced norm norm.) A few special cases of this optimization formulation are $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ control, mixed $\mathcal{H}_{2} / \mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ control, $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ control with $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ constraints, and their counterparts for LPTV systems. This formulation is also able to handle much more general control design problems. For instance, it is possible to impose a constraint on the squared $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of a relevant input-output pair added to the squared $\ell_{2}$ induced norm of a different input-output pair.

To solve this optimization problem, we will take the following approach: we will find an expression for the realization of the closed-loop LPTV operator, apply a change of variables, and finally change the realization of the operator so that the resulting matrix inequalities are all affine in a set of optimization parameters from which the optimal controller can be extracted.

### 2.5.1 Problem Formulation

First, we assume that our plant model is in the form

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{k+1} \\
z_{k} \\
y_{k}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
A_{k} & B_{k}^{1} & B_{k}^{2} \\
C_{k}^{1} & D_{k}^{11} & D_{k}^{12} \\
C_{k}^{2} & D_{k}^{21} & 0
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{k} \\
w_{k} \\
u_{k}
\end{array}\right]
$$

where $z_{k}$ is the performance output of our system and $w_{k}$ is the disturbance input of the system. Our controller will have the form

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{k+1}^{K} \\
u_{k}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
A_{k}^{K} & B_{k}^{K} \\
C_{k}^{K} & D_{k}^{K}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{c}
x_{k}^{K} \\
y_{k}
\end{array}\right]
$$

A realization for the closed-loop system from $w_{k}$ to $z_{k}$ with the state vector $\left[\begin{array}{ll}x_{k}^{T} & \left(x_{k}^{K}\right)^{T}\end{array}\right]^{T}$ is

$$
G_{c l} \sim\left(\begin{array}{c|c}
A_{k}^{c l} & B_{k}^{c l} \\
\hline C_{k}^{c l} & D_{k}^{c l}
\end{array}\right)
$$

where

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c|c}
A_{k}^{c l} & B_{k}^{c l}  \tag{2.13}\\
\hline C_{k}^{c l} & D_{k}^{c l}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc|c}
A_{k} & 0 & B_{k}^{1} \\
0 & 0 & 0 \\
\hline C_{k}^{1} & 0 & D_{k}^{11}
\end{array}\right]+\left[\begin{array}{cc}
0 & B_{k}^{2} \\
I & 0 \\
\hline 0 & D_{k}^{12}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
A_{k}^{K} & B_{k}^{K} \\
C_{k}^{K} & D_{k}^{K}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc|c}
0 & I & 0 \\
C_{k}^{2} & 0 & D_{k}^{21}
\end{array}\right]
$$

We now make the following partitions of $Q_{k}$ from condition (3) of Theorems 6 and 10 and its inverse:

$$
Q_{k}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
Y_{k} & N_{k}  \tag{2.14}\\
\left(N_{k}\right)^{T} & T_{k}
\end{array}\right] \quad Q_{k}^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
X_{k} & M_{k} \\
\left(M_{k}\right)^{T} & R_{k}
\end{array}\right]
$$

This allows us to define the matrix

$$
\Pi_{k}:=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
X_{k} & I \\
\left(M_{k}\right)^{T} & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

and the change of variables

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\hat{A}_{k} & \hat{B}_{k}  \tag{2.15}\\
\hat{C}_{k} & \hat{D}_{k}
\end{array}\right]:=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
N_{k+1} & Y_{k+1} B_{k}^{2} \\
0 & I
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
A_{k}^{K} & B_{k}^{K} \\
C_{k}^{K} & D_{k}^{K}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\left(M_{k}\right)^{T} & 0 \\
C_{k}^{2} X_{k} & I
\end{array}\right]+\left[\begin{array}{cc}
Y_{k+1} A_{k} X_{k} & 0 \\
0 & 0
\end{array}\right]
$$

Note that when $Q_{k} \succ 0$,

$$
Q_{k}^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
Y_{k}^{-1}+Y_{k}^{-1} N_{k} \Delta_{k} N_{k}^{T} Y^{-1} & -Y_{k}^{-1} N_{k} \Delta_{k} \\
-\Delta_{k} N_{k}^{T} Y_{k}^{-1} & \Delta_{k}
\end{array}\right]
$$

where $\Delta_{k}=\left(S_{k}-N_{k}^{T} Y_{k}^{-1} N_{k}\right)^{-1}$. Thus, in this case, $\operatorname{det} M_{k}=0 \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{det} N_{k}=0$. Therefore, when $Q_{k} \succ 0$ and $\operatorname{det} M_{k} \neq 0$ we can invert the change of variables (2.15) by using

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
A_{k}^{K} & B_{k}^{K}  \tag{2.16}\\
C_{k}^{K} & D_{k}^{K}
\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
N_{k+1}^{-1}-N_{k+1}^{-1} Y_{k+1} B_{k}^{2} \\
0 & I
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\hat{A}_{k}-Y_{k+1} A_{k} X_{k} & \hat{B}_{k} \\
\hat{C}_{k} & \hat{D}_{k}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\left(M_{k}\right)^{-T} & 0 \\
-C_{k}^{2} X_{k}\left(M_{k}\right)^{-T} & I
\end{array}\right] .
$$

We now present several identities. First, note that

$$
Q_{k} \Pi_{k}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
I & Y_{k} \\
0 & \left(N_{k}\right)^{T}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Using this fact, it is straightforward to prove the following identities:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left(\Pi_{k+1}\right)^{T} Q_{k+1} A_{k}^{c l} \Pi_{k} & =\left[\begin{array}{cc}
A_{k} X_{k}+B_{k}^{2} \hat{C}_{k} & A_{k}+B_{k}^{2} \hat{D}_{k} C_{k}^{2} \\
\hat{A}_{k} & Y_{k+1} A_{k}+\hat{B}_{k} C_{k}^{2}
\end{array}\right] \\
\left(\Pi_{k+1}\right)^{T} Q_{k+1} B_{k}^{c l} & =\left[\begin{array}{c}
B_{k}^{1}+B_{k}^{2} \hat{D}_{k} D_{k}^{21} \\
Y_{k+1} B_{k}^{1}+\hat{B}_{k} D_{k}^{21}
\end{array}\right] \\
C_{k}^{c l} \Pi_{k} & =\left[\begin{array}{cc}
C_{k}^{1} X_{k}+D_{k}^{12} \hat{C}_{k} & C_{k}^{1}+D_{k}^{12} \hat{D}_{k} C_{k}^{2}
\end{array}\right] \\
D_{k} & =\hat{D}_{k} \\
\left(\Pi_{k}\right)^{T} Q_{k} \Pi_{k} & =\left[\begin{array}{cc}
X_{k} & I \\
I & Y_{k}
\end{array}\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

The right-hand side of all of these identities are all affine in $X_{k}, Y_{k}, Y_{k+1}, \hat{A}_{k}, \hat{B}_{k}, \hat{C}_{k}, \hat{D}_{k}$ and all other matrices are known from the plant model. This lends itself to two theorems. The first of these theorems, Theorem 11, gives an upper bound on achievable closed loop squared $\ell_{2}$ semi-norms. The second of these theorems, Theorem 12, gives an upper bound on achieveable closed loop squared $\ell_{2}$ induced norms.

Theorem 11. If $L^{j}$ and $R^{j}$ are matrices and $G$ is an LPTV operator, the following conditions are equivalent:

1. $\exists A_{k}^{K}, B_{k}^{K}, C_{k}^{K}, D_{k}^{K}, W_{k}, Q_{k}$ for $k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ such that $M_{k}^{-1}$ exists and

$$
\begin{gathered}
\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr} W_{k}<\gamma_{j},\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
W_{k} & L^{j} C_{k}^{c l} & L^{j} D_{k}^{c l} R^{j} \\
\bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0, \\
{\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
Q_{k+1} & Q_{k+1} A_{k}^{c l} & Q_{k+1} B_{k}^{c l} R^{j} \\
\bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0}
\end{gathered}
$$

holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $Q_{N+1}$ is taken to be $Q_{1}, M_{k}$ is as defined in (2.14), and $A_{k}^{c l}, B_{k}^{c l}, C_{k}^{c l}, D_{k}^{c l}$ are as defined in (2.13).
2. $\exists W_{k}, X_{k}, Y_{k}, \hat{A}_{k}, \hat{B}_{k}, \hat{C}_{k}, \hat{D}_{k}$ for $k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr} W_{k}<\gamma_{j} \tag{2.17a}
\end{equation*}
$$


holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $X_{N+1}$ and $Y_{N+1}$ are respectively taken be $X_{1}$ and $Y_{1}$.

Proof. It is easy to see that condition (2) is equivalent to the existence of the relevant variables such that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr} W_{k}<\gamma_{j} \\
& {\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
I & & \\
& \Pi_{k}^{T} & \\
& & I
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
W_{k} & L^{j} C_{k}^{c l} & L^{j} D_{k}^{c l} R^{j} \\
\bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{lll}
I & & \\
& \Pi_{k} & \\
& & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0} \\
& {\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
\Pi_{k+1}^{T} & & \\
& \Pi_{k}^{T} & \\
& & I
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
Q_{k+1} & Q_{k+1} A_{k}^{c l} & Q_{k+1} B_{k}^{c l} R^{j} \\
\bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{lll}
\Pi_{k+1} & & \\
& \Pi_{k} & \\
& & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0 .}
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $\operatorname{det} \Pi_{k}=0 \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{det} M_{k}=0$, condition (2) is equivalent to condition (1).

Theorem 12. If $L^{j}$ and $R^{j}$ are matrices and $G$ is an LPTV operator, the following conditions are equivalent:

1. $\exists A_{k}^{K}, B_{k}^{K}, C_{k}^{K}, D_{k}^{K}, W_{k}, Q_{k}$ for $k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ such that $M_{k}^{-1}$ exists and

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & L^{j} C_{k}^{c l} & L^{j} D_{k}^{c l} R^{j} \\
\bullet & Q_{k+1} & Q_{k+1} A_{k}^{c l} & Q_{k+1} B_{k}^{c l} R^{j} \\
\bullet & \bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $Q_{N+1}$ is taken to be $Q_{1}, M_{k}$ is as defined in (2.14), and $A_{k}^{c l}, B_{k}^{c l}, C_{k}^{c l}, D_{k}^{c l}$ are as defined in (2.13).
2. $\exists W_{k}, X_{k}, Y_{k}, \hat{A}_{k}, \hat{B}_{k}, \hat{C}_{k}, \hat{D}_{k}$ for $k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ such that

holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $X_{N+1}$ and $Y_{N+1}$ are respectively taken be $X_{1}$ and $Y_{1}$.
Proof. It is trivial to see that condition (2) is equivalent to the existence of the relevant variables such that

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
I & & & \\
& \Pi_{k+1}^{T} & & \\
& & \Pi_{k}^{T} & \\
& & & I
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & L^{j} C_{k}^{c l} & L^{j} D_{k}^{c l} R^{j} \\
\bullet & Q_{k+1} & Q_{k+1} A_{k}^{c l} & Q_{k+1} B_{k}^{c l} R^{j} \\
\bullet & \bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
I & & & \\
& \Pi_{k+1} & & \\
& & \Pi_{k} & \\
& & & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0 .
$$

Since $\operatorname{det} \Pi_{k}=0 \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{det} M_{k}=0$, condition (2) is equivalent to condition (1).
The conditions in these theorems are very close to the condition that there exists a controller such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|L^{j} G_{c l} R^{j}\right\|_{q_{j}}^{2}<\gamma_{j} \tag{2.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

is satisfied where $q_{j}$ is either ' 2 ' or ' $\infty$ '. Clearly, if the conditions of the appropriate theorem are satisfied, then (2.18) must be satisfied. The only conservatism in these theorems is the constraint that the controller must allow $M_{k}$ to be invertible for some choice of $Q_{k}$ which satisfies condition (1) of either theorem. To understand what conservatism this introduces, we first look at the LTI case, i.e. when $N=1$. When $M_{1}$ is not invertible, it is always possible to change the realization of the controller such that the corresponding $Q_{1}$ has the form

$$
\bar{Q}_{1}=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
\hat{Q}_{1} & \\
& \tilde{Q}_{1}
\end{array}\right]
$$

where the dimension of $\tilde{Q}_{1}$ is less than the dimension of $x_{k}^{K}$. It is possible to show that in this controller realization, it is possible to throw away the states corresponding to $\tilde{Q}_{1}$ without any loss in closed-loop performance with respect to either the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm or the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm. Thus, from this, we can extrapolate the interpretation for the LPTV case. The constraint that the controller must admit a choice of $Q_{k}$ which gives invertible $M_{k}$ means that we do not allow controllers with states at particular time steps which can be thrown away with no loss in performance. This is a reasonable assumption in the LPTV case because throwing away states at particular time steps would result in non-square $A_{k}$ matrices.

With these theorems in mind, we can therefore construct an SDP corresponding to the control design problem (2.12) by using condition (2) of these theorems. This SDP approach will, in general, be a little bit conservative for two reasons. First, we require the values of $X_{k}$ and $Y_{k}$ to be the same for each set of relevant matrix inequalities. This corresponds to using the same values of $Q_{k}$ in each of the inequalities in condition (3) of Theorems 6 and 10. Second, we can only consider closed-loop systems which admit a $Q_{k}$ such that $M_{k}$ is invertible, as discussed in the previous paragraph.

Once we solve this SDP, we need to reconstruct our controller from the optimal values of $\hat{A}_{k}, \hat{B}_{k}, \hat{C}_{k}, \hat{D}_{k}, X_{k}, Y_{k}$. However, in order to apply the inverse change of variables (2.16), we need to have values for $N_{k}$ and $M_{k}$. Since condition (2) of Theorems 11 and 12 imply that

$$
\begin{gathered}
{\left[\begin{array}{cc}
X_{k} & I \\
I & Y_{k}
\end{array}\right] \succ 0} \\
\Rightarrow X_{k}-Y_{k}^{-1} \succ 0, \quad Y_{k} \succ 0 \\
\Rightarrow \operatorname{det}\left(X_{k} Y_{k}-I\right) \operatorname{det}\left(Y_{k}^{-1}\right) \neq 0
\end{gathered}
$$

we know that $I-X_{k} Y_{k}$ is nonsingular. Also, from examining the upper left block of $Q_{k}^{-1} Q_{k}$, we know that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& X_{k} Y_{k}+M_{k}\left(N_{k}\right)^{T}=I \\
\Rightarrow & M_{k}\left(N_{k}\right)^{T}=I-X_{k} Y_{k} .
\end{aligned}
$$

It is easily shown that whenever $M_{k}$ and $N_{k}$ are chosen to meet this condition, it is possible to choose $R_{k}$ and $T_{k}$ such that

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
X_{k} & M_{k} \\
\left(M_{k}\right)^{T} & R_{k}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
Y_{k} & N_{k} \\
\left(N_{k}\right)^{T} & T_{k}
\end{array}\right]=I
$$

i.e. there are no additional constraints that need to be met when choosing values of $M_{k}$ and $N_{k}$. Thus, we can find $M_{k}$ and $N_{k}$ using any matrix factorization technique, such as the QR decomposition. Then, once we've chosen values of $M_{k}$ and $N_{k}$, we can reconstruct our controller (i.e. $A_{k}^{K}, B_{k}^{K}, C_{k}^{K}, D_{k}^{K}$ ) using (2.16).

### 2.5.2 Heuristics for Improved Numerics

In some cases, the quantity $X_{k} Y_{k}-I$ is ill-conditioned. In this case, there can be large numerical errors when we try to reconstruct the optimal controller by using (2.16). Thus, we would like some heuristics to improve the conditioning of the controller reconstruction. We will present two heuristics which both operate
using the same methodology:

1. Solve the SDP's associated with the control design problem.
2. Pick a slightly sub-optimal value of the objective function and add the constraint to the SDP that the objective function must be less than this value.
3. Redefine the cost function of the SDP so that it is trying to improve the numerics of the system. Add any related variables and constraints to the SDP.
4. Solve the new SDP and reconstruct the controller from these optimal values.

The two heuristics presented in this report will only differ in the details of step (3) of this methodology.
We begin by looking at a heuristic presented in [11]. Consider the matrix inequality

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
X_{k} & t I  \tag{2.19}\\
t I & Y_{k}
\end{array}\right] \succ 0 .
$$

Note that using Schur complements this is equivalent to

$$
\begin{gathered}
X_{k}-t^{2} Y_{k}^{-1} \succ 0, \quad Y_{k} \succ 0 \\
\Leftrightarrow Y_{k}^{1 / 2} X_{k} Y_{k}^{1 / 2} \succ t^{2} I, \quad Y_{k} \succ 0 .
\end{gathered}
$$

Now let $\lambda_{j}$ be an eigenvalue of $Y_{k}^{1 / 2} X_{k} Y_{k}^{1 / 2}$. Then, since $Y_{k} \succ 0$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\operatorname{det}\left(Y_{k}^{1 / 2} X_{k} Y_{k}^{1 / 2}-\lambda_{j} I\right)=0 \\
\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{det}\left[Y_{k}^{1 / 2}\left(X_{k} Y_{k}-\lambda_{j} I\right) Y_{k}^{-1 / 2}\right]=0 \\
\Leftrightarrow \operatorname{det}\left(X_{k} Y_{k}-\lambda_{j} I\right)=0
\end{gathered}
$$

From this we can say that the eigenvalues of $X_{k} Y_{k}$ are the same as the eigenvalues of $Y_{k}^{1 / 2} X_{k} Y_{k}^{1 / 2}$, which are real. Also, we can say that

$$
\min _{j} \lambda_{j}=\sup _{t} t^{2} \text { s.t. }\left[\begin{array}{cc}
X_{k} & t I \\
t I & Y_{k}
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

Thus, for this heuristic, step (3) in the methodology outlined above corresponds to adding the variable $t$ and the constraint (2.19) to the SDP and redefining the cost function to be $-t$ (i.e. we maximize $+t$ ). This heuristic has the effect of pushing the minimum eigenvalue of $X_{k} Y_{k}$ as far away from 1 as possible.

However, what we want is not for the smallest eigenvalue of $X_{k} Y_{k}$ to be large, but for $X_{k} Y_{k}-I$ to be well-conditioned. Thus, a good heuristic would also make use of an upper bound. With this in mind, we now construct the second heuristic for improving the numerics of the controller reconstruction. Consider the matrix inequality

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
2 z & X_{k}+Y_{k}  \tag{2.20}\\
X_{k}+Y_{k} & z
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

Clearly this implies that

$$
\begin{gathered}
2 z^{2} I-\left(X_{k}+Y_{k}\right)^{2} \succ 0 \\
\Rightarrow 2 z^{2} I-X_{k} Y_{k}-Y_{k} X_{k} \succ X_{k}^{2}+Y_{k}^{2} \succ 0 \\
\Rightarrow\left(X_{k} Y_{k}-z^{2} I\right)+\left(X_{k} Y_{k}-z^{2} I\right)^{T} \prec 0 .
\end{gathered}
$$

Note that this last equation looks like a Lyapunov equation for a stable continuous time LTI system. Thus, since the eigenvalues of $X_{k} Y_{k}$ are real, we can say that the eigenvalues of $X_{k} Y_{k}-z^{2} I$ are all strictly negative. Thus, the maximum eigenvalue of $X_{k} Y_{k}$ is less than $z^{2}$. Thus, for this heuristic, step (3) in the methodology outlined above corresponds to adding two variables $(t$ and $z)$ and three constraints $((2.19),(2.20)$, and $t>1)$ to the SDP and redefining the cost function to be $\alpha z-t$, where $\alpha>0$ is a design parameter which trades off the importance of minimizing the upper bound on $X_{k} Y_{k}$ and maximizing the lower bound on $X_{k} Y_{k}$. This heuristic has the effect of squeezing the maximum and minimum eigenvalues of $X_{k} Y_{k}$ together to make it more well-conditioned. This, in turn, squeezes the maximum and minimum eigenvalues of $X_{k} Y_{k}-I$ together to make it more well-conditioned. Through experience, it was found that a reasonable choice of $\alpha$ is $10^{-10}$.

## Chapter 3

## Track-Following Control of Dual-Stage Hard Disk Drives

For several decades now, the areal storage density of hard drives has been doubling every 18 months, as predicted by Moore's law. The current areal storage density of hard drives, as reported by Hitachi GST, is 345 gigabits/in ${ }^{2}$ [4]. As the storage density is pushed higher, the concentric tracks on the disk which contain data must be pushed closer together, which requires much more accurate control of the read/write head. This report will consider track-following control of the read/write head.

The current goal of the magnetic recording industry is to achieve an areal storage density of 1 terabit/in ${ }^{2}$. The predicted track width required to achieve this data density is 46 nm . A good rule of thumb for trackfollowing control design is that three times the standard deviation of the position error signal (PES) between the read/write head and the track center should be less than $10 \%$ of the track width [7]. Thus, the servo design goal is to keep the $3 \sigma$ value of the PES less than 4.6 nm .

There are several types of disturbances which act on the system. The first type, torque disturbances, includes $\mathrm{D} / \mathrm{A}$ quantization noise, power-amp noise, bearing imperfection and nonlinearity, and the effects of high-frequency airflow turbulence. The second type, track runout, includes disk flutter, eccentricity due to disk slippage, and imperfection of track circles. The third type, noises, includes demodulation noise and $\mathrm{A} / \mathrm{D}$ quantization noise [5].

A schematic of a typical hard drive is shown in Figure 3.1. A traditional hard drive setup uses only the voice coil motor (VCM) to control the position of the read/write head. However, this places a strong limitation on the closed-loop performance that can be achieved. In an effort to improve the achievable closed-loop performance, we consider dual-stage hard drives, i.e. ones which have a secondary actuator. The


Figure 3.1: Hard drive schematic
secondary actuator considered here is a microactuator (MA) which directly actuates the slider upon which the read/write head sits [8]. This MA has a built-in capacitive sensor which measures the MA displacement. This signal is also called the relative position error signal (RPES). In addition, this system uses two PZT sensors which are symmetrically placed on the suspension to measure the strain in the suspension which corresponds to off-track head motion [6].

### 3.1 Modeling

Figure 3.2 shows the block diagram of the continuous time hard drive model where each signal is as described in Table 3.1. Here, $w_{v}$ captures the effect of airflow turbulence and $w_{r}$ captures the rest of the disturbances


Figure 3.2: Block diagram of the hard drive model
mentioned in the previous section. Also, $w_{v}$ and $w_{r}$ have been normalized so that their variance is 1 . The suspension strain measurements have been scaled so that they correspond to off-track displacement of the

Table 3.1: Summary of signals and units in Figure 3.2

| Signal | Description | Units |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $u_{v}$ | Control input into VCM | V |
| $u_{m}$ | Control input into MA | mV |
| $w_{v}$ | Airflow disturbance on VCM | normalized |
| $w_{r}$ | White noise which drives $W_{R}$ to produce runout signal | normalized |
| $r$ | Runout signal | nm |
| $y_{s}$ | Suspension tip displacement | nm |
| $y_{h}$ | Head position relative to track center | nm |
| $y_{p}$ | Uncontaminated suspension strain measurement | nm |
| $R P E S$ | Uncontaminated RPES measurement | nm |
| $P E S$ | Uncontaminated PES measurement | nm |

head. The models for each block are given by

$$
\begin{aligned}
G_{S}(s) & :=\sum_{j=1}^{3}\left(M_{j}^{\text {out }} \frac{\omega_{j}^{2}}{s^{2}+2 \zeta_{j} \omega_{j} s+\omega_{j}^{2}} M_{j}^{i n}\right) \\
G_{M}(s) & :=\frac{\omega_{0}^{2}}{s^{2}+2 \zeta_{0} \omega_{0} s+\omega_{0}^{2}} \\
G_{C}(s) & :=\frac{2 \zeta_{0} \omega_{0} s+\omega_{0}^{2}}{s^{2}+2 \zeta_{0} \omega_{0} s+\omega_{0}^{2}} \\
W_{R}(s) & :=\frac{\left(12 \times 10^{4}\right) s^{2}+\left(2.89 \times 10^{9}\right) s+\left(5.298 \times 10^{12}\right)}{s^{3}+\left(2.684 \times 10^{3}\right) s^{2}+\left(1.756 \times 10^{6}\right) s+\left(4.703 \times 10^{8}\right)}
\end{aligned}
$$

where the model parameters are specified in Table 3.2 and $G_{S}$ is regarded as taking $\left[\begin{array}{ll}w_{v} & u_{v}\end{array}\right]^{T}$ as its inputs and producing $\left[\begin{array}{ll}y_{p} & y_{s}\end{array}\right]^{T}$ as its outputs. It is assumed here that $w_{v}$ and $w_{r}$ are both zero-mean Gaussian

Table 3.2: Hard drive model parameters

| j | Parameter |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\zeta_{j}$ | $\omega_{j}$ | $M_{j}^{\text {out }}$ | $M_{j}^{\text {in }}$ |
| 0 | 0.2 | $1.4137 \times 10^{4}$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| 1 | 0.05 | 376.99 | $\left[\begin{array}{ll}0 & 10^{4}\end{array}\right]^{T}$ | $\left[\begin{array}{ll}0 & 1.4\end{array}\right]$ |
| 2 | 0.015 | $4.6496 \times 10^{4}$ | $\left[\begin{array}{ll}0 & 1\end{array}\right]^{T}$ | $\left[\begin{array}{ll}0.48 & -0.84\end{array}\right]$ |
| 3 | 0.015 | $6.7218 \times 10^{4}$ | $\left[\begin{array}{ll}0.96 & -0.5\end{array}\right]^{T}$ | $\left[\begin{array}{lll}-0.816 & 0.6\end{array}\right]$ |

white noises. The relevant frequency responses of the model are shown in Figures 3.3 and 3.4.
At this point, we put the model into a form more suitable for control. We assumed that our measurements of the PES, the RPES and $y_{p}$ are respectively contaminated by the sensor noises $n_{P E S}, n_{R P E S}$, and $n_{p}$, which are all zero-mean white Gaussian noises with standard deviation of 1 nm . With a bit of manipulation, the model was put into the form

$$
\left[\begin{array}{l}
z \\
y
\end{array}\right]=G_{c t}(s)\left[\begin{array}{l}
w \\
u
\end{array}\right]
$$



Figure 3.3: Frequency response of the hard drive model


Figure 3.4: Frequency response of the runout model
where the performance outputs, $z$, measurements, $y$, disturbances, $w$, and control inputs, $u$ are given by

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
z:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
P E S \\
R P E S \\
u_{v} \\
u_{m}
\end{array}\right] & w:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
w_{r} \\
w_{v} \\
n_{P E S} \\
n_{R P E S} \\
n_{p}
\end{array}\right] \\
y:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
P E S+n_{P E S} \\
R P E S+n_{R P E S} \\
y_{p}+n_{p}
\end{array}\right] & u:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
u_{v} \\
u_{m}
\end{array}\right]
\end{array}
$$

Note that $w$ is zero-mean white Gaussian noise whose covariance matrix is $I$, so the $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm from $w$ to any element of $z$ can be interpreted as the standard deviation of that element of $z$.

Since we only have access to our PES measurements at the rate of 25 kHz , we must discretize our system. We will consider two types of sampling and actuation schemes in this report. In the first scheme, we discretize the system using a zero-order hold at 25 kHz and assume that all sampling and actuation occurs at that frequency. In this case, since there is no need for a multi-rate sampler or a multi-rate hold, the resulting discrete time system is LTI. In the second scheme, the system is discretized at 50 kHz using a zero-order hold. In this case, we assume that we only have measurements of the PES for $k \in\{\ldots,-1,1,3, \ldots\}$ whereas all other signals can be sampled and actuated at all time steps. Thus, we need a multi-rate sampler, but not a multi-rate hold. The multi-rate sampler in this case is given by

$$
S_{k}=\left\{\begin{array}{lll}
I, & & k-\text { odd } \\
{\left[\begin{array}{lll}
0 & & \\
& & \\
& & 1
\end{array}\right],} & k-\text { even }
\end{array}\right.
$$

Incorporating $S_{k}$ into the discrete time plant model in this case results in an LPTV system with period 2.

### 3.2 Control Design

This section will consider the control design for the hard drive model described in the previous section. The goal of the control design is to minimize the PES while keeping $u_{v}, u_{m}$, and the RPES reasonably small. In
particular, we would like the following inequalities to hold:

$$
\left[\begin{array}{c}
\sigma_{R P E S} \\
\sigma_{u_{v}} \\
\sigma_{u_{m}}
\end{array}\right] \leq \frac{1}{3}\left[\begin{array}{c}
100 \mathrm{~nm} \\
5 \mathrm{~V} \\
20 \mathrm{~V}
\end{array}\right]
$$

In the LPTV case, $\sigma$ refers to the RMS standard deviation over time. We want the $3 \sigma$ value of the RPES to be smaller than 100 nm because that's the range in which the capacitive sensor works best. This also guarantees that the MA doesn't saturate. We want the $3 \sigma$ values of $u_{v}$ and $u_{m}$ to be respectively smaller than 5 V and 20 V because those are the maximum allowable control inputs. This report will compare two approaches to meeting these closed-loop specifications. The first method applies a static weight to the elements of $z$ and minimizes the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm from $w$ to $z$. In particular, we solve

$$
\min \left\|\left[\begin{array}{llll}
1 & & & \\
& 0 & & \\
& & 1 & \\
& & & 0.01
\end{array}\right] G_{c l}\right\|_{2}^{2}
$$

This will be called the unconstrained control design. The second method uses the multi-objective formulation to minimize the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm from $w$ to the PES while maintaining the inequalities

$$
\left.\left[\begin{array}{llll}
\|[0 & 1 & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right] G_{c l}\left\|_{2},\left[\begin{array}{c}
100 \mathrm{~nm} \\
\|[0
\end{array} 00100\right] G_{c l}\right\|_{2}\right] \leq \frac{1}{3}\left[\begin{array}{c}
5 \mathrm{~V} \\
\|[0
\end{array} 0\right.
$$

This will be called the constrained or multi-objective design.
For the constrained design, there is a simplification that arises in the SDP formulation of the problem. When we formulate the problem, we have four identical copies of the matrix inequality (2.17c). Thus, we can reduce the number of matrix inequalities that we need to satisfy. In addition, it is easy to show using the methodology of Appendix A. 3 that there is no conservatism introduced by requiring $Q_{k}$ to be the same for all of the required inequalities. Thus, the control design methodology described in Section 2.5 will be much less conservative when applied to this problem than in the general case.

Thus, since we have two types of sampling/actuation schemes and two types of control design formulations, we have four controller designs to consider. These four optimizations were carried out using the function mincx, which is a part of the Robust Control Toolbox for MATLAB. The results of all four controller designs are summarized in Table 3.3. Note that all four designs meet the desired constraints on the RMS $3 \sigma$ values of $u_{v}, u_{m}$, and the RPES. (In the unconstrained case, this just means that we picked a reasonable

Table 3.3: RMS $3 \sigma$ values for signals in $z$ for each controller design

| Design Type |  | $P E S(\mathrm{~nm})$ | RPES $(\mathrm{nm})$ | $u_{v}(\mathrm{~V})$ | $u_{m}(\mathrm{~V})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Single | Unconstrained | 23.19 | 65.82 | 3.66 | 0.96 |
|  | Constrained | 21.18 | 100.00 | 5.00 | 2.61 |
| Multi- | Unconstrained | 15.54 | 45.45 | 2.55 | 0.75 |
| Rate | Constrained | 12.93 | 100.00 | 5.00 | 5.43 |

weighting for the elements in $z$.)
At this point, we compare the constrained control design results to the unconstrained control design results. The first thing to note is that for both sampling/actuation schemes, the constrained control design did significantly better than the corresponding unconstrained control design in terms of the $3 \sigma$ PES value. This improved PES performance, however, came at the cost of saturating $u_{v}$ and the RPES. Interestingly enough, $u_{m}$ did not saturate. The reason for this is that increasing the input into the MA tends to increase the MA displacement, i.e increasing $u_{m}$ tends to increase the RPES. Thus, at a certain point, $u_{m}$ can't be increased any further without violating the RPES constraint. This is why the constrained control designs are unable to further increase performance by increasing $u_{m}$.

Now we examine the effect of introducing multi-rate sampling and actuation into the control design. In the multi-rate case, since the controller measures $y_{p}$ and the $R P E S$ twice as often, it has more information about the plant. Also, since it can change the value of $u_{v}$ and $u_{m}$ twice as often, it has more control over the plant. Therefore, we expect dramatic closed-loop performance improvements in the multi-rate designs. This is verified in Table 3.3. However, since the unconstrained design and constrained design have very different interpretations of "performance," introducing multi-rate sampling and actuation has a very different effect on the two designs. In the unconstrained design, the cost function is a trade-off between the RMS standard deviations of the relevant signals. Thus, the optimization tries to reduce the values of those signals in a uniform way. In this particular example, the RMS standard deviation of all of those signals is reduced. However, in the constrained design, the cost function includes only the PES RMS standard deviation. Thus, the optimization only tries to reduce this value. Thus the PES performance increase is more dramatic in the constrained design. An interesting effect to note is that RMS $3 \sigma$ value of $u_{m}$ actually increases when the multi-rate sampling and actuation is introduced into the design. One way to interpret this is that the controller uses some of its additional control over the plant to keep the RPES within its bound while applying increased $u_{m}$.

Thus, in summary, the multi-rate and constrained designs respectively achieved better closed-loop performance than the single-rate and unconstrained designs. And, when the constrained multi-rate design was used, a $44 \%$ improvement of the RMS PES standard deviation was achieved.

## Chapter 4

## Conclusion

This report presented a framework and methodology for multi-objective controller design for discrete-time LPTV systems. The objectives could include squared $\ell_{2}$ semi-norms (which were shown to generalize the $\mathcal{H}_{2}$ norm) and squared $\ell_{2}$ induced norms (which were shown to generalize the $\mathcal{H}_{\infty}$ norm). The theory for the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm and the $\ell_{2}$ induced norm was rigorously developed and their interpretation in the LPTV case was discussed.

This control design methodology was then applied to track-following control of dual-stage hard drives. Two types of sampling and actuation schemes were considered. The first, a single rate scheme in which all sampling and actuation was performed at the same frequency, could use LTI control design techniques. The second scheme, which used multi-rate sampling and actuation required use of LPTV control design techniques. It was shown that the multi-rate scheme achieve much better closed-loop performance than the single rate scheme. Also, two types of control design objectives were considered. The first type was an unconstrained design which minimized the $\ell_{2}$ semi-norm of the closed-loop system with a static weight on the its output. The second type was a constrained design which minimized the RMS PES variance subject to the RPES and the control inputs being "small enough." This constrained design, which is a multi-objective control problem, achieved better closed-loop performance than the unconstrained (i.e. single objective) design. It was also shown that using the constrained design with the multi-rate sampling and actuation resulted in a $44 \%$ decrease in RMS PES standard deviation.

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## Appendix A

## Additional Proofs

## A. 1 Proof of Lemma 2

Lemma. Suppose that a realization given by (2.1) is UES and a given sequence, $W_{k}$, satisfies

$$
W_{k} \succeq 0, \quad\left\|W_{k}\right\| \leq M \quad \forall k
$$

for some scalar $M>0$. Then the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{k+1}=A_{k} L_{k} A_{k}^{T}+W_{k} \tag{A.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

has a unique bounded solution given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{k}=W_{k-1}+\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right) W_{k-j-1}\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right)^{T} \tag{A.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Moreover, $L_{k} \succeq 0$.

Proof. Define the sequence

$$
\begin{aligned}
L_{k}^{[0]} & :=W_{k-1} \\
L_{k}^{[i]} & :=A_{k-1} L_{k-1}^{[i-1]} A_{k-1}^{T}+W_{k-1} .
\end{aligned}
$$

It is easy to see that

$$
L_{k}^{[i]}=W_{k-1}+\sum_{j=1}^{i}\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right) W_{k-j-1}\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right)^{T}
$$

and, moreover, that $L_{k}^{[i]} \succeq 0, \forall i \geq 0, k$. Fixing $l>i$ gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|L_{k}^{[l]}-L_{k}^{[i]}\right\| & =\left\|\sum_{j=i+1}^{l}\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right) W_{k-j-1}\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right)^{T}\right\| \\
& \leq \sum_{j=i+1}^{l}\left\|A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right\|^{2}\left\|W_{k-j-1}\right\|
\end{aligned}
$$

Using the assumption that the realization is UES then gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|L_{k}^{[l]}-L_{k}^{[i]}\right\| & \leq c^{2} M \sum_{j=i+1}^{l}\left(\beta^{2}\right)^{j} \\
& \leq \frac{c^{2} M \beta^{2(i+1)}}{1-\beta^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus $\forall \epsilon>0 \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $i, j \geq N \Rightarrow\left\|L_{k}^{[l]}-L_{k}^{[i]}\right\|<\epsilon$. Therefore, this sequence converges, which in turn implies

$$
\lim _{i \rightarrow \infty}\left(L_{k+1}^{[i]}-A_{k} L_{k}^{[i]} A_{k}^{T}-W_{k}\right)=0
$$

i.e. this sequences converges to a solution of (A.1). We now denote

$$
L_{k}=\lim _{i \rightarrow \infty} L_{k}^{[i]}
$$

Clearly

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|L_{k}\right\| & \leq\left\|W_{k-1}\right\|+\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left\|\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right) W_{k-j-1}\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right)^{T}\right\| \\
& \leq M+\frac{c^{2} M \beta^{2}}{1-\beta^{2}}
\end{aligned}
$$

i.e. this solution is bounded. It only remains to show that this solution of (A.1) is the unique bounded
solution. Let $\bar{L}_{k}$ be any other solution. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
L_{k}-\bar{L}_{k} & =A_{k-1}\left(L_{k-1}-\bar{L}_{k-1}\right) A_{k-1}^{T} \\
& =\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right)\left(L_{k-j}-\bar{L}_{k-j}\right)\left(A_{k-1} \cdots A_{k-j}\right)^{T} \\
\Rightarrow\left\|L_{k}-\bar{L}_{k}\right\| & \leq c^{2} \beta^{2 j}\left\|L_{k-j}-\bar{L}_{k-j}\right\| .
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus

$$
\begin{aligned}
\left\|L_{k-j}\right\|+\left\|\bar{L}_{k-j}\right\| & \geq\left\|L_{k-j}-\bar{L}_{k-j}\right\| \\
\Rightarrow\left\|\bar{L}_{k-j}\right\| & \geq \frac{\left\|L_{k}-\bar{L}_{k}\right\|}{c^{2} \beta^{2 j}}-\left\|L_{k-j}\right\|
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $L_{k-j}$ is bounded, this implies that either $L_{k}=\bar{L}_{k}$ or $\bar{L}_{k-j}$ becomes unbounded as $j \rightarrow \infty$.

## A. 2 Proof of Lemma 5

Lemma. An LPTV realization is $U E S \Leftrightarrow \rho\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right)<1$, where $\mathcal{Z}$ and $\mathcal{A}$ are as in (2.9).
Proof. ( $\Rightarrow$ )
A realization is UES if $\exists c>0, \beta \in[0,1)$ such that

$$
\sup _{k \in \mathbb{Z}}\left\|A_{k} \cdots A_{k-l+1}\right\| \leq c \beta^{l}, \quad \forall l \in \mathbb{N}
$$

In the LPTV case, if suffices to replace $\mathbb{Z}$ with $\{1, \ldots, N\}$. To write this in a more convenient form, note that two important properties of $\mathcal{Z}$ are

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathcal{Z} \mathcal{Z}^{T}=\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{Z}=I \\
\|M \mathcal{Z}\|=\|M\|
\end{gathered}
$$

(The second of these is proved by using the first property and the submultiplicitive property of the norm.)

The UES condition can now be written

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left\|\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A} \mathcal{Z}\right)\left(\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T}\right)^{2} \mathcal{A} \mathcal{Z}^{2}\right) \cdots\left(\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T}\right)^{l} \mathcal{A} \mathcal{Z}^{l}\right)\right\| \leq c \beta^{l}, \quad \forall l \in \mathbb{N} \\
\Rightarrow\left\|\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right)^{l} \mathcal{Z}^{l}\right\| \leq c \beta^{l}, \quad \forall l \in \mathbb{N} \\
\Rightarrow c^{-1 / l}\left\|\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right)^{l}\right\|^{1 / l} \leq \beta, \quad \forall l \in \mathbb{N} \\
\Rightarrow \rho\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right)=\lim _{l \rightarrow \infty}\left\|\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right)^{l}\right\|^{1 / l} \leq \beta<1
\end{gathered}
$$

$(\Leftarrow)$
Define

$$
\begin{aligned}
\alpha:=\rho\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right) & =\lim _{l \rightarrow \infty}\left\|\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right)^{l}\right\|^{1 / l}<1 \\
\beta & :=\frac{\alpha+1}{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $\beta \in(\alpha, 1)$, we know that $\exists N$ such that $\left\|\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right)^{l}\right\|^{1 / l}<\beta, \forall l>N$. Now define

$$
c:=\max \left\{1, \max _{l \in\{1, \ldots, N\}} \frac{\left\|\left(\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A}\right)^{l}\right\|^{1 / l}}{\beta^{l}}\right\} .
$$

It is easily checked that these choices of $\beta$ and $c$ imply that the realization is UES.

## A. 3 Proof of Theorem 6

Theorem. For LPTV operators, the following conditions are equivalent:

1. $\|G\|_{2}^{2}<\gamma$
2. $\exists W_{1}, \ldots, W_{N}, P_{1}, \ldots P_{N}$ such that

$$
\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr} W_{k}<\gamma, \quad\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
W_{k} & C_{k} P_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0, \quad\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
P_{k+1} & A_{k} P_{k} & B_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $P_{N+1}$ is taken to be $P_{1}$.
3. $\exists W_{1}, \ldots, W_{N}, Q_{1}, \ldots Q_{N}$ such that

$$
\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr} W_{k}<\gamma, \quad\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
W_{k} & C_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0, \quad\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
Q_{k+1} & Q_{k+1} A_{k} & Q_{k+1} B_{k} \\
\bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $Q_{N+1}$ is taken to be $Q_{1}$.

In these conditions, a bullet represents an entry in the matrix which follows from symmetry.

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow(2)$ :
In this part of the proof, we will construct the necessary variables which satisfy the given conditions in (2).
First we define

$$
\epsilon:=\gamma-\|G\|_{2}^{2}>0
$$

Then, we define $L_{k}$ and $P_{k}^{I}$ to satisfy

$$
\begin{aligned}
L_{k+1} & :=A_{k} L_{k} A_{k}^{T}+B_{k} B_{k}^{T} \\
P_{k+1}^{I} & :=A_{k} P_{k}^{I} A_{k}^{T}+I .
\end{aligned}
$$

By (2.4), $L_{k} \succeq 0$ and $P_{k}^{I} \succ 0$. Now we define

$$
\begin{aligned}
\alpha & :=\frac{\epsilon}{4 \max \left\{1, \operatorname{tr}\left\{C_{k} P_{k}^{I} C_{k}^{T}\right\}\right\}}>0 \\
P_{k} & :=L_{k}+\alpha P_{k}^{I} \succ 0 \\
W_{k} & :=C_{k} P_{k} C_{k}^{T}+D_{k} D_{k}^{T}+\frac{\epsilon}{4 n} I
\end{aligned}
$$

where $n$ is the number of rows (and columns) in the $A_{k}$ matrix. Note that $P_{k}$ satisfies

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P_{k+1}=A_{k} P_{k} A_{k}^{T}+B_{k} B_{k}^{T}+\alpha I \\
& \Rightarrow P_{k+1}-A_{k} P_{k} A_{k}^{T}-B_{k} B_{k}^{T} \succ 0 \\
& \quad \Rightarrow\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
P_{k+1} & A_{k} P_{k} & B_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
\end{aligned}
$$

The last implication followed using Schur complements. Also note that $P_{k}$ and $W_{k}$ satisfy

$$
\begin{aligned}
& W_{k}-C_{k} P_{k} C_{k}^{T}-D_{k} D_{k}^{T} \succ 0 \\
& \Rightarrow\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
W_{k} & C_{k} P_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
\end{aligned}
$$

by Schur complements. Finally, note that

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr} W_{k} & =\sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr}\left\{\alpha C_{k} P_{k}^{I} C_{k}^{T}+C_{k} L_{k} C_{k}^{T}+D_{k} D_{k}^{T}+\frac{\epsilon}{4 n} I\right\} \\
& =\sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr}\left\{\alpha C_{k} P_{k}^{I} C_{k}^{T}+C_{k} L_{k} C_{k}^{T}+D_{k} D_{k}^{T}\right\}+\frac{N \epsilon}{4} \\
& \leq \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr}\left\{C_{k} L_{k} C_{k}^{T}+D_{k} D_{k}^{T}\right\}+\frac{N \epsilon}{2} \\
& =N\|G\|_{2}^{2}+\frac{N \epsilon}{2} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr} W_{k} & <\|G\|_{2}^{2}+\epsilon=\gamma
\end{aligned}
$$

This completes the proof of $(1) \Rightarrow(2)$.
Proof of $(1) \Leftarrow(2)$ :
Using Schur complements, we know that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& P_{k+1}-A_{k} P_{k} A_{k}^{T}-B_{k} B_{k}^{T}=\Delta_{k} \succ 0 \\
\Rightarrow & P_{k+1}=A_{k} P_{k} A_{k}^{T}+\left(B_{k} B_{k}^{T}+\Delta_{k}\right) \\
\Rightarrow & P_{k+1}-L_{k+1}=A_{k}\left(P_{k}-L_{k}\right) A_{k}^{T}+\Delta_{k}
\end{aligned}
$$

where $L_{k}$ is as defined in the previous part of the proof. Thus, by (2.4), $P_{k}-L_{k} \succ 0$. Also, we know that
using Schur complements gives

$$
\begin{aligned}
W_{k} & \succ C_{k} P_{k} C_{k}^{T}+D_{k} D_{k}^{T} \\
\Rightarrow \operatorname{tr} W_{k} & >\operatorname{tr}\left\{C_{k}\left(P_{k}-L_{k}\right) C_{k}^{T}+C_{k} L_{k} C_{k}^{T}+D_{k} D_{k}^{T}\right\} \\
> & \operatorname{tr}\left\{C_{k} L_{k} C_{k}^{T}+D_{k} D_{k}^{T}\right\} \\
\Rightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr} W_{k} & >\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr}\left\{C_{k} L_{k} C_{k}^{T}+D_{k} D_{k}^{T}\right\}=\|G\|_{2}^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

Thus

$$
\|G\|_{2}^{2}<\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \operatorname{tr} W_{k}<\gamma
$$

This completes the proof of $(1) \Leftarrow(2)$.
Proof of $(2) \Leftrightarrow(3)$ :

$$
\left.\begin{array}{rl} 
& 0
\end{array} \begin{array}{ccc}
P_{k+1} & A_{k} P_{k} & B_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] .
$$

Also,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 0 \prec\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
W_{k} & C_{k} P_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \\
& \Leftrightarrow 0 \prec\left[\begin{array}{llll}
I & & \\
& P_{k}^{-1} & \\
& & I
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
W_{k} & C_{k} P_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{lll}
I & & \\
& P_{k}^{-1} & \\
& & I
\end{array}\right] \\
&=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
W_{k} & C_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k}^{-1} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

Defining $Q_{k}=P_{k}^{-1}$ completes the proof.

## A. 4 Proof of Theorem 10

Theorem. For UES LPTV operators, the following conditions are equivalent:

1. $\|G\|_{\infty}^{2}<\gamma$
2. $\exists P_{1}, \ldots P_{N}$ such that

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & C_{k} P_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k+1} & A_{k} P_{k} & B_{k} \\
\bullet & \bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $P_{N+1}$ is taken to be $P_{1}$.
3. $\exists Q_{1}, \ldots Q_{N}$ such that

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & C_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & Q_{k+1} & Q_{k+1} A_{k} & Q_{k+1} B_{k} \\
\bullet & \bullet & Q_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

holds $\forall k \in\{1, \ldots, N\}$ where $Q_{N+1}$ is taken to be $Q_{1}$.

Proof. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2):
By Lemma 9, condition (1) is equivalent to

$$
\left\|\left(\begin{array}{c|c}
\mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A} & \mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{B} \\
\hline \mathcal{C} & \mathcal{D}
\end{array}\right)\right\|_{\mathcal{H} \infty}<\gamma .
$$

Since this is an LTI system, we can apply a well-known fact [9] which allows us to equivalently say that $\exists \overline{\mathcal{P}}$ such that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 0 \prec\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\overline{\mathcal{P}} & \mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A} \overline{\mathcal{P}} & \mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{B} & 0 \\
\bullet & \overline{\mathcal{P}} & 0 & \overline{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{C}^{T} \\
\bullet & \bullet & I & \mathcal{D}^{T} \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \gamma I
\end{array}\right] \\
& \Leftrightarrow 0 \prec\left[\begin{array}{lllll} 
& & & I \\
\mathcal{Z} & & & \\
& I & & \\
& & I &
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
\overline{\mathcal{P}} & \mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A} \overline{\mathcal{P}} & \mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{B} & 0 \\
\bullet & & \overline{\mathcal{P}} & & 0 \\
\bullet & & \overline{\mathcal{P}} C^{T} \\
\bullet & \bullet & & I & \mathcal{D}^{T} \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & & \\
& & & &
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{lll} 
& \mathcal{Z}^{T} & \\
& & I \\
& & \\
& & \\
I & & \\
& &
\end{array}\right] \\
& =\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & \mathcal{C} \overline{\mathcal{P}} & \mathcal{D} \\
\bullet & \mathcal{Z} \overline{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{Z}^{T} & \mathcal{A} \overline{\mathcal{P}} & \mathcal{B} \\
\bullet & \bullet & \overline{\mathcal{P}} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

where we have used that $\mathcal{Z}$ is unitary. We now partition $\overline{\mathcal{P}}$ as

$$
\overline{\mathcal{P}}=\left[\begin{array}{lll}
P_{1} & & * \\
& \ddots & \\
* & & P_{N}
\end{array}\right]
$$

where the asterisk denotes entries which are unimportant. Note that all of our matrices are now partitioned into $n \times n$ blocks. Now we define

$$
T_{1}:=\left[\begin{array}{c}
I_{n} \\
0_{n(N-1) \times n}
\end{array}\right] .
$$

Note that $T_{1}^{T} M T_{1}$ extracts the $1^{s t} n \times n$ block diagonal entry of $M$. Since $T$ has trivial null space, we can
say that the matrix inequality above implies that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & C_{1} P_{1} & D_{1} \\
\bullet & P_{2} & A_{1} P_{1} & B_{1} \\
\bullet & \bullet & P_{1} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

Since we can define $T_{k}$ so that $T_{k}^{T} M T_{k}$ extracts the $k^{t h} n \times n$ block diagonal entry of $M$, we can use the same methodology to verify that

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & C_{k} P_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k+1} & A_{k} P_{k} & B_{k} \\
\bullet & \bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

where $P_{N+1}$ is taken to be $P_{1}$. Therefore, condition (2) holds.
Proof of $(1) \Leftarrow(2)$ :
Each inequality in condition (2) can be expressed as

$$
\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\gamma I-D_{k} D_{k}^{T}-C_{k} P_{k} C_{k}^{T} & -\left(A_{k} P_{k} C_{k}^{T}+B_{k} D_{k}^{T}\right)^{T} \\
\bullet & P_{k+1}-A_{k} P_{k} A_{k}^{T}-B_{k} B_{k}^{T}
\end{array}\right] \succ 0
$$

by using Schur complements. Using Schur complements again, each inequality in condition (2) can be expressed as

$$
\begin{gathered}
P_{k+1}-A_{k} P_{k} A_{k}^{T}-B_{k} B_{k}^{T}-\left(A_{k} P_{k} C_{k}^{T}+B_{k} D_{k}^{T}\right) U_{k}^{-1}\left(A_{k} P_{k} C_{k}^{T}+B_{k} D_{k}^{T}\right)^{T} \succ 0 \\
U_{k}=\gamma I-D_{k} D_{k}^{T}-C_{k} P_{k} C_{k}^{T} \succ 0 \\
P_{k} \succ 0
\end{gathered}
$$

Expressing these inequalities in block diagonal form gives

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathcal{Z P} \mathcal{Z}^{T}-\mathcal{A P} \mathcal{A}^{T}-\mathcal{B B}^{T}-\left(\mathcal{A P} \mathcal{C}^{T}+\mathcal{B \mathcal { D } ^ { T } ) \mathcal { U } ^ { - 1 } ( \mathcal { A P \mathcal { C } ^ { T } + \mathcal { B D } \mathcal { D } ^ { T } ) ^ { T } \succ 0 }} \begin{array}{c}
\mathcal{U}=\gamma I-\mathcal{D \mathcal { D } ^ { \mathcal { T } } - \mathcal { C P } \mathcal { C } ^ { T } \succ 0} \\
\mathcal{P} \succ 0
\end{array}\right.
\end{gathered}
$$

which can be rewritten using Schur complements as

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 0 \prec\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & \mathcal{C P} & \mathcal{D} \\
\bullet & \mathcal{Z P} \mathcal{Z}^{T} & \mathcal{A P} & \mathcal{B} \\
\bullet & \bullet & \mathcal{P} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] \\
& \Leftrightarrow 0 \prec\left[\begin{array}{llllll}
I & & & \\
& \mathcal{Z}^{T} & & \\
& & I & \\
& & & & \\
& & & &
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{ccccc}
\gamma I & 0 & \mathcal{C P} & \mathcal{D} \\
\bullet & \mathcal{Z P} \mathcal{Z}^{T} & \mathcal{A P} & \mathcal{B} \\
\bullet & \bullet & \mathcal{P} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & & \\
& & & & \\
& & & & \\
& & & I & \\
& & & I
\end{array}\right] \\
& =\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & \mathcal{C P} & \mathcal{D} \\
\bullet & \mathcal{P} & \mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{A P} & \mathcal{Z}^{T} \mathcal{B} \\
\bullet & \bullet & \mathcal{P} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

From the first part of the proof, this is equivalent to condition(1).

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\text { Proof of }(2) \Leftrightarrow(3) \text { : }
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 0 \prec\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & C_{k} P_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k+1} & A_{k} P_{k} & B_{k} \\
\bullet & \bullet & P_{k} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
\gamma I & 0 & C_{k} & D_{k} \\
\bullet & P_{k+1}^{-1} & P_{k+1}^{-1} A_{k} & P_{k+1}^{-1} B_{k} \\
\bullet & \bullet & P_{k}^{-1} & 0 \\
\bullet & \bullet & \bullet & I
\end{array}\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

Defining $Q_{k}:=P_{k}^{-1}$ completes the proof.

