

## Square-Root Arrays and Chandrasekhar Recursions for $H^\infty$ Problems\*

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### Abstract

Using our recent observation that  $H^\infty$  filtering coincides with Kalman filtering in Krein space we develop square-root arrays and Chandrasekhar recursions for  $H^\infty$  filtering problems. The  $H^\infty$  square-root algorithms involve propagating the *indefinite* square-root of the quantities of interest and have the property that the appropriate inertia of these quantities is preserved. For systems that are constant, or whose time-variation is structured in a certain way, the Chandrasekhar recursions allow a reduction in the computational effort per iteration from  $O(n^3)$  to  $O(n^2)$ , where  $n$  is the number of states. The  $H^\infty$  square-root and Chandrasekhar recursions both have the interesting feature that one does not need to explicitly check for the positivity conditions required of the  $H^\infty$  filters. These conditions are built into the algorithms themselves so that an  $H^\infty$  estimator of the desired level exists if, and only if, the algorithms can be executed.

### 1 Introduction

Classical results in linear least-squares estimation and Kalman filtering are based on an  $H^2$  criterion and require a priori knowledge of the statistical properties of the noise signals. In some applications, however, one is faced with model uncertainties and lack of statistical information on the exogenous signals, which has led to an increasing interest in minimax estimation, with the belief that the resulting so-called  $H^\infty$  algorithms will be more robust and less sensitive to parameter variations (see e.g. [1,2,3,4]). Interestingly enough, the  $H^\infty$  filters obtained in this fashion involve propagating a Riccati variable and bear a striking resemblance to the classical Kalman filter. Nevertheless there are enough key differences that ingenious new methods seem to have been necessary to tackle  $H^\infty$  problems.

In [5] we have shown that by introducing variables in an indefinite metric (Krein) space, rather than in the Hilbert spaces common in conventional stochastic theory, the  $H^\infty$  filters could be obtained from the theory of Kalman filters in Krein space. The point is that although Hilbert spaces and Krein spaces share many characteristics, they differ in special ways that turn out to mark the differences between the LQG or  $H^2$  theories and the more recent  $H^\infty$  theories.

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The main point of our approach is that, apart from rather more transparent derivations of existing results, it shows a way to apply to the  $H^\infty$  setting many of the results developed for Kalman filtering over the last three decades. In particular, for several reasons, certain square-root arrays are now more often used to implement the conventional Kalman filter. Furthermore for constant systems, or in fact for systems where the time-variation is structured in a certain way, the Riccati recursions and the square-root recursions, both of which take  $O(n^3)$  elementary computations (flops) per iteration (where  $n$  is the dimension of the state-space), can be replaced by the more efficient Chandrasekhar recursions, which require only  $O(n^2)$  flops per iteration [6,7].

One immediate fall-out of our approach is that it allows us to generalize these square-root arrays and Chandrasekhar recursions to the  $H^\infty$  setting. Both these algorithms involve propagating (indefinite) square-roots of the quantities of interest and guarantee that the proper inertia of these quantities is preserved. Furthermore the condition required for the existence of the  $H^\infty$  filters is built into the algorithms: if the algorithms can be carried out, then an  $H^\infty$  filter of the desired level exists, and if they cannot be executed then such  $H^\infty$  filters do not exist. This can be a significant simplification of the existing algorithms.

A brief remark on the notation used in this paper. To avoid confusion between the various *gain vectors* used in this paper, we shall employ the following convention:  $K_{p,i}$  will denote the gain vector in the usual Krein space (or Hilbert space) Kalman filter,  $K_{f,i}$  the gain vector in the *filtered* form of the Krein space Kalman filter, and  $K_{s,i}$  and  $K_{a,i}$  will denote the gain vectors in the  $H^\infty$  a posteriori and a priori filters, respectively.

### 2 Inertia Conditions for $H^\infty$ Filtering

Consider a state-space model of the form

$$\begin{cases} x_{i+1} = F_i x_i + G_i u_i, & x_0 \\ y_i = H_i x_i + v_i, & i \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where  $x_0$ ,  $\{u_i\}$ , and  $\{v_i\}$  are *unknown* quantities and  $y_i$  is the measured output. Note that we shall make no assumption on the nature of the disturbances (such as uncorrelated, normally distributed, etc.) Let  $z_i$  be linearly related to the state  $x_i$  via a given matrix  $L_i$ , viz.,

$$z_i = L_i x_i.$$

We shall be interested in the following two cases. Let  $\hat{z}_{i|i} = \mathcal{F}_i(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_i)$  denote the estimate of  $z_i$  given observations  $\{y_j\}$  from time 0 up to and including time

$i$ , and  $\hat{z}_i = \mathcal{F}_p(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{i-1})$  denote the estimate of  $z_i$  given observations  $\{y_j\}$  from time 0 to time  $i-1$ . We then have the following two estimation errors: the filtered error  $e_{f,i} = \hat{z}_{i|i} - L_i x_i$ , and the predicted error  $e_{p,i} = \hat{z}_i - L_i x_i$ .

Let  $T_{f,i}$  denote the transfer operator that maps the unknown disturbances  $\{x_0, \{u_j\}_{j=0}^i, \{v_j\}_{j=0}^i\}$  to the filtered errors  $\{e_{f,j}\}_{j=0}^i$ . Likewise, let  $T_{p,i}$  denote the transfer operator from  $\{x_0, \{u_j\}_{j=0}^{i-1}, \{v_j\}_{j=0}^{i-1}\}$  to the predicted errors  $\{e_{p,j}\}_{j=0}^i$ . The  $H^\infty$  estimation problem can now be stated as follows.

**Problem 2.1 (Sub-optimal  $H^\infty$  Problem)**

Given scalars  $\gamma_f > 0$  and  $\gamma_p > 0$ , find  $H^\infty$ -suboptimal estimation strategies  $\hat{z}_{i|i} = \mathcal{F}_f(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_i)$  and  $\hat{z}_i = \mathcal{F}_p(y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{i-1})$  that respectively achieve  $\|T_f\|_\infty < \gamma_f$  and  $\|T_p\|_\infty < \gamma_p$ . In other words

$$\sup_{x_0, u \in h_2, v \in h_2} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^i |e_{f,j}|^2}{\|x_0\|_{\Pi_0^{-1}}^2 + \sum_{j=0}^i |u_j|^2 + \sum_{j=0}^i |v_j|^2} < \gamma_f^2 \quad (2.2)$$

and

$$\sup_{x_0, u \in h_2, v \in h_2} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^i |e_{p,j}|^2}{\|x_0\|_{\Pi_0^{-1}}^2 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} |u_j|^2 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} |v_j|^2} < \gamma_p^2 \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\Pi_0$  is a positive definite weighting matrix that reflects a priori knowledge as to how close  $x_0$  is to the initial guess  $\hat{x}_0$ .

We now state the solution to Problem 2.1 [3,5].

**Theorem 2.1 (The  $H^\infty$  Aposteriori Filter)** For a given  $\gamma > 0$ , if the  $F_i$  are nonsingular then an estimator with  $\|T_{f,i}\|_\infty < \gamma$  exists if, and only if,

$$P_j^{-1} + H_j^* H_j - \gamma^{-2} L_j^* L_j > 0, \quad j = 0, \dots, i, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $P_0 = \Pi_0$  and  $P_j$  satisfies the Riccati recursion

$$P_{j+1} = F_j P_j F_j^* + G_j G_j^* - F_j P_j \begin{bmatrix} H_j^* & L_j^* \end{bmatrix} R_{e,j}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} H_j \\ L_j \end{bmatrix} P_j F_j^*, \quad (2.5)$$

with  $R_{e,j} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -\gamma^2 I \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} H_j \\ L_j \end{bmatrix} P_j \begin{bmatrix} H_j^* & L_j^* \end{bmatrix}$ . If this is the case, then one possible  $H^\infty$  filter with level  $\gamma$  is given by  $\hat{z}_{j|j} = L_j \hat{x}_{j|j}$ , where  $\hat{x}_{j|j}$  is recursively computed as

$$\hat{x}_{j+1|j+1} = F_j \hat{x}_{j|j} + K_{a,j}(y_{j+1} - H_{j+1} F_j \hat{x}_{j|j}), \quad \hat{x}_{-1|-1}, \quad (2.6)$$

and  $K_{a,j} = P_{j+1} H_{j+1}^* (I + H_{j+1} P_{j+1} H_{j+1}^*)^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 2.2 (The  $H^\infty$  Apriori Filter)**

For a given  $\gamma > 0$ , if the  $F_i$  are nonsingular then an estimator with  $\|T_{p,i}\|_\infty < \gamma$  exists if, and only if,

$$\tilde{P}_j^{-1} = P_j^{-1} - \gamma^{-2} L_j^* L_j > 0, \quad j = 0, \dots, i, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $P_j$  is the same as in Theorem 2.1. If this is the case, then one possible  $H^\infty$  filter with level  $\gamma$  is given by  $\hat{z}_j = L_j \hat{x}_j$ , where

$$\hat{x}_{j+1} = F_j \hat{x}_j + K_{a,j}(y_j - H_j \hat{x}_j), \quad \hat{x}_0, \quad (2.8)$$

and where  $K_{a,j} = F_j \tilde{P}_j H_j^* (I + H_j \tilde{P}_j H_j^*)^{-1}$ .

**Remark:** These look very much like a Kalman filter solution, except that the Riccati recursion differs from that of the Kalman filter, since

- we have indefinite covariance matrices,  $R_{e,j}$ .
- the  $L_i$  (of the quantity to be estimated) enters the Riccati equation.
- we have an additional condition, (2.4), that must be satisfied for the filter to exist; in the Kalman filter problem the  $L_i$  would not appear, and the  $P_i$  would be positive definite, so that (2.4) is immediate.

Despite these differences, we have shown that the filters of Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 can in fact be obtained as certain Kalman filters, not in an  $H^2$  (Hilbert) space, but in a certain indefinite vector space, called a Krein space [5]. The indefinite covariances and the appearance of  $L_i$  in the Riccati equation are easily explained in this framework. The additional conditions (2.4) and (2.7) arise from the fact that in Krein space, unlike as in the usual Hilbert space context, quadratic forms need not always have minima or maxima, unless certain additional conditions are met. Moreover, this approach provides simpler and more general alternatives to the tests (2.4) and (2.7).

**Lemma 2.1 (New Existence Tests)** The condition (2.4) can be replaced by the condition that all leading submatrices of

$$R_j = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -\gamma^2 I \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and}$$

$$R_{e,j} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -\gamma^2 I \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} H_j \\ L_j \end{bmatrix} P_j \begin{bmatrix} H_j^* & L_j^* \end{bmatrix}$$

have the same inertia. Likewise the condition (2.7) can be replaced by the condition that all leading submatrices of

$$\tilde{R}_j = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma^2 I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\tilde{R}_{e,j} = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma^2 I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} L_j \\ H_j \end{bmatrix} P_j \begin{bmatrix} L_j^* & H_j^* \end{bmatrix}$$

have the same inertia. The nonsingularity of the  $\{F_j\}$  is no longer required here and the size of the matrices involved is generally smaller than in (2.4) and (2.7).

By the inertia of a Hermitian matrix, we mean the number of its positive, negative and zero eigenvalues. A simple way of calculating the inertia of a strongly regular Hermitian matrix  $R$  (i.e. one whose leading minors are all nonzero), is by computing its LDU decomposition

$$R = LDL^*,$$

where  $L$  is a lower triangular matrix with unit diagonal and  $D$  is a diagonal matrix: the number of positive and negative elements of  $D$  give the number of positive and negative eigenvalues of  $R$  and hence the inertia. Therefore to check whether all leading submatrices of two strongly regular Hermitian matrices  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  have the same inertia, we can compute the LDU decompositions  $R_1 = L_1 D_1 L_1^*$  and  $R_2 = L_2 D_2 L_2^*$  and check whether the corresponding diagonal entries of  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  have the same sign.

The condition of Lemma 2.1 is easier to check than that of (2.4) since it involves  $R_{e,j}$  which is used to propagate the Riccati recursion, whereas we must invert  $\tilde{P}_j$  at each step to check (2.4). Moreover, in

Lemma 2.1 we must check for the inertia properties of a  $(p_1 + p_2) \times (p_1 + p_2)$  matrix (where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the number of outputs and the number of linear combinations of the states given to estimate) whereas in (2.4) we must check for the positivity of a  $n \times n$  matrix where  $n$  is the number of states. In most applications  $p_1 + p_2$  will be less than  $n$ .

In fact, the need for checking separate conditions as in (2.4) or Lemma 2.1 can be completely avoided by going to a new square-root form of the  $H^\infty$  filtering algorithm - these conditions are built into the square-root recursions. The  $H^\infty$  square-root algorithms are very naturally suggested by the close connection we make between  $H^2$  (Kalman) filtering and  $H^\infty$  filtering.

Due to lack of space, we shall not go into the details of the connection between Krein space Kalman filtering and  $H^\infty$  filtering here (the interested reader is referred to [5,9]). We shall just mention that the  $H^\infty$  filters of Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 can be derived from the Krein space Kalman filter corresponding to the following state-space model

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}_{i+1} = F_i \mathbf{x}_i + G_i \mathbf{u}_i \\ \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_i \\ \mathbf{z}_i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_i \\ L_i \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{w}_i \end{cases} \quad (2.9)$$

where the  $\{\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{v}_i, \mathbf{x}_0\}$  are elements in a Krein space  $\mathcal{K}$ , such that

$$\left\langle \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_i \\ \mathbf{w}_i \\ \mathbf{x}_0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{u}_j \\ \mathbf{w}_j \\ \mathbf{x}_0 \end{bmatrix} \right\rangle_{\mathcal{K}} = \begin{bmatrix} I \delta_{ij} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \begin{bmatrix} I & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\gamma_j^2 I \end{bmatrix} \delta_{ij} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \Pi_0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2.10)$$

and where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{K}}$  is the Krein space inner product. Note that we need to consider a Krein space because

$$R_j = \begin{bmatrix} I & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & -\gamma^2 I \end{bmatrix} \text{ is indefinite.}$$

### 3 Square-Root Algorithms

#### 3.1 $H^2$ Square-Root Arrays

In the conventional Kalman filter

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{j+1} = F_j \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j + K_{p,j}(y_j - H_j \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j), \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 = 0,$$

the gain vector  $K_{p,j}$  is updated using a Riccati recursion as follows

$$K_{p,j} = F_j P_j H_j^* R_{e,j}^{-1}, \quad R_{e,j} = R_j + H_j P_j H_j^* \quad (3.11)$$

and

$$P_{j+1} = F_j P_j F_j^* - K_{p,j} R_{e,j} K_{p,j}^* + G_j Q_j G_j^*, \quad P_0 = \Pi_0. \quad (3.12)$$

The matrix  $P_j$  appearing in this Riccati recursion has the physical meaning of being the variance of the state prediction error,  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}_j = \mathbf{x}_j - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j$ , and therefore has to be positive (semi)definite. Round-off errors can cause a loss of positive-definiteness, so that for this, and other reasons (reduced dynamic range, better conditioning, stabler algorithms, etc.) attention has moved in the Kalman filtering community to the so-called square-root array algorithms that propagate square-root factors of  $P_j$ , i.e. a matrix,  $P_j^{\frac{1}{2}}$  say, such that

$$P_j = P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} (P_j^{\frac{1}{2}})^* = P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} P_j^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Now the following algorithm can be introduced. Apply any orthogonal transformation, say  $\Theta_j$ , that triangularizes the pre-array shown below

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_i^{\frac{1}{2}} & H_j P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & F_j P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} & G_j Q_j^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \Theta_j = \begin{bmatrix} X & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ Y & Z & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$$

The resulting post-array entries can be identified as

$$Z = P_{j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad X = R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

and

$$Y = F_j P_j H_j^* R_{e,j}^{-\frac{1}{2}} = K_{p,j} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} = \bar{K}_{p,j}, \text{ say.}$$

This can be checked by taking squares of both sides (and using the orthogonality of  $\Theta_j$ ) to get

$$\begin{aligned} XX^* &= R_j + H_j P_j H_j^* = R_{e,j} \\ YX^* &= F_j P_j H_j^* \\ ZZ^* &= F_j P_j F_j^* + G_j Q_j G_j^* - YY^* \\ &= F_j P_j F_j^* + G_j Q_j G_j^* - F_j P_j H_j^* R_{e,j}^{-1} H_j P_j F_j^* \\ &= P_{j+1} \end{aligned}$$

Note that the quantities necessary to update the square-root array and to calculate the state estimates may all be found from the triangularized array.

**Theorem 3.1 ( $H^2$  Square-Root Algorithm)**  
Quantities of interest in the conventional Kalman filter

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{j+1} = F_j \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j + K_{p,j}(y_j - H_j \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j), \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_0 = 0,$$

can be updated as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_j^{\frac{1}{2}} & H_j P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & F_j P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} & G_j Q_j^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \Theta_j = \begin{bmatrix} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ K_{p,j} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & P_{j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.13)$$

where  $\Theta_j$  can be chosen to be any unitary matrix that triangularizes the above pre-array. The algorithm is initialized with  $P_0 = \Pi_0$ .

In practice  $\Theta_j$  is implemented via a sequence of elementary unitary (Givens) rotations or (Householder) reflections. We also quote the filtered form of the square-root array algorithm which can be verified similarly.

**Theorem 3.2 (Filtered Form)** Quantities of interest in the filtered form of the conventional Kalman filter

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{j+1|j+1} = F_j \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{j|j} + K_{f,j}(y_{j+1} - H_{j+1} F_j \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{j|j}), \quad \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{-1|-1} = 0,$$

can be updated as follows

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_j^{\frac{1}{2}} & H_j P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \mathbf{0} & P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \Theta_j^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & \mathbf{0} \\ K_{f,j-1} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & P_{j|j}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.14)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_j P_{j|j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & G_j Q_j^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \Theta_j^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.15)$$

where  $\Theta_j^{(1)}$  and  $\Theta_j^{(2)}$  can be chosen to be any unitary matrices that triangularize the above pre-arrays. The algorithm is initialized with  $P_0 = \Pi_0$ .

### 3.2 $H^\infty$ Square-Root Arrays

In the  $H^\infty$  a posteriori filtering problem with level  $\gamma$ , the  $R_j$  and  $R_{e,j}$  (of the Krein space model (2.9)) are no longer positive-definite, but indefinite. Therefore we must consider the indefinite square roots of these quantities, namely,

$$R_j^{\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma I \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where

$$R_j^{\frac{1}{2}} J R_j^{\frac{1}{2}} = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -\gamma^2 I \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} J R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} = R_{e,j}$$

with  $J = (I \oplus -I)$ . In the square-root form of the  $H^\infty$  a posteriori filtering problem with level  $\gamma$ , it is therefore plausible to begin with the pre-array

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma I \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} H_j \\ L_j \end{bmatrix} P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & F_j P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} & G_j \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.16)$$

where as before  $P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} = P_j$  (since  $P_j$  can be shown to be positive). We then attempt to triangularize this pre-array with a  $J$ -unitary matrix  $\Theta_j$  (i.e. one for which  $\Theta_j J \Theta_j^* = J$ ), where now

$$J = I \oplus -I \oplus I \oplus I. \quad (3.17)$$

However, triangularization via  $J$ -unitary matrices is not always possible and requires certain inertia properties. The precise statement follows.

#### Lemma 3.1 ( $J$ -unitary Triangularization)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be arbitrary  $n \times n$  and  $n \times m$  matrices, respectively, and suppose  $J = S_1 \oplus S_2$ , where  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are  $n \times n$  and  $m \times m$  signature matrices. Then  $\begin{bmatrix} A & B \end{bmatrix}$  can be triangularized by a  $J$ -unitary transformation  $\Theta$  as

$$\begin{bmatrix} A & B \end{bmatrix} \Theta = \begin{bmatrix} L & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $L$  lower triangular, if and only if, all leading submatrices of

$$S_1 \quad \text{and of} \quad A S_1 A^* + B S_2 B^*$$

have the same inertia.

Thus from Lemma 3.1, triangularization of (3.16) via a  $J$ -unitary transformation is possible if, and only, if all leading submatrices of

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma I \end{bmatrix}^* + \begin{bmatrix} H_j \\ L_j \end{bmatrix} P_j \begin{bmatrix} H_j^* & L_j^* \end{bmatrix} \\ = R_{e,j} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{bmatrix},$$

have the same inertia. But this is precisely the inertia condition given for the existence of  $H^\infty$  a posteriori filters in Lemma 2.1.

We are thus led to the following square-root array algorithm for the  $H^\infty$  a posteriori filtering problem. The proof essentially follows from squaring both sides and comparing terms. For more details see [9].

#### Theorem 3.3 ( $H^\infty$ Square-Root Algorithm)

The  $H^\infty$  a posteriori filtering problem with level  $\gamma$  has a solution if, and only if, for all  $j = 0, \dots, i$  there exist  $J$ -unitary (with  $J = I \oplus -I \oplus I$ ) matrices  $\Theta_j^{(1)}$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma I \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} H_j \\ L_j \end{bmatrix} P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ 0 & P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \Theta_j^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ K_{f,j-1} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & P_{j|j}^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.18)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} F_j P_{j|j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & G_j Q_j^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{bmatrix} \Theta_j^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3.19)$$

with  $R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $P_{j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  lower block triangular, and with  $\Theta_j^{(2)}$  unitary. The gain vector  $K_{s,j}$  needed to update the estimates in

$$\hat{x}_{j+1|j+1} = F_j \hat{x}_{j|j} + K_{s,j} (y_{j+1} - H_{j+1} F_j \hat{x}_{j|j}), \quad \hat{x}_{-1|-1} = 0,$$

is equal to  $K_{s,j} = \bar{K}_{s,j} (I + H_{j+1} P_{j+1} H_{j+1}^*)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $\bar{K}_{s,j}$  is given by the first block column of  $\bar{K}_{f,j} = K_{f,j} R_{e,j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and  $(I + H_{j+1} P_{j+1} H_{j+1}^*)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is given by the (1,1) block entry of  $R_{e,j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . The algorithm is initialized with  $P_0 = \Pi_0$ .

Note, as before, that the quantities necessary to update the square-root array and to calculate the state estimates may all be found from the triangularized pre-array. The reason for choosing sub-blocks of  $\bar{K}_{f,j}$  and  $R_{e,j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  follows from the fact that we can only use  $y_i$ , whereas the output equation for the Krein state-space model (2.9) has both a  $y_i$  and a  $z_i$  component.

In conventional Kalman filtering, square-root arrays are preferred since the positive-definiteness of the matrices is guaranteed, and since the  $\Theta_j$  are unitary, which improves the numerical stability of the algorithm. In the  $H^\infty$  setting the square-root arrays guarantee that the various matrices have their appropriate inertia (see Lemma 2.1); however, the  $\Theta_j$  are no longer unitary but  $J$ -unitary. Therefore the numerical aspects need further investigation.

An interesting aspect of Theorem 3.3 is that there is no need to explicitly check for the positivity condition (2.4). This condition is built into the algorithm itself: if the algorithm can be performed an  $H^\infty$  estimator of the desired level exists, and if it cannot be performed such an estimator does not exist.

Comparing Theorem 3.2 with Theorem 3.3 reveals the formal similarities between the  $H^2$  and  $H^\infty$  square-root array algorithms. The  $H^\infty$  algorithms are essentially the Krein space generalization of the  $H^2$  algorithms (which for example explains why unitary matrices are replaced by  $J$ -unitary matrices), and it is this approach that is used to derive Theorem 3.3 and similar results.

We close this section by giving the square-root version of the  $H^\infty$  a priori filtering algorithm, which can be derived in a similar fashion. Note that the major difference with the a posteriori square-root algorithm of Theorem 3.3 is the change in the order of  $\{H_j, L_j\}$  and  $\{I, \gamma I\}$  in the various arrays. The reader at this point may want to note this order reversal in Lemma 2.1 as well.

**Theorem 3.4 (Apriori Case)** The  $H^\infty$  a priori filtering problem with level  $\gamma$  has a solution if, and only if,

for all  $j = 0, \dots, i$  there exist  $J$ -unitary matrices (with  $J$  given by (3.17)) such that

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \gamma I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{array} \right] & \left[ \begin{array}{c} L_j \\ H_j \end{array} \right] P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & F_j P_j^{\frac{1}{2}} & G_j \end{array} \right] \Theta_j = \left[ \begin{array}{ccc} \bar{R}_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ \bar{K}_{p,j} & P_{j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \end{array} \right] \quad (3.20)$$

with  $\bar{R}_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $P_{j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  lower block triangular. The gain vector  $\bar{K}_{a,i}$  needed to update the estimates in

$$\hat{x}_{j+1} = F_j \hat{x}_j + K_{a,j}(y_j - F_j \hat{x}_j), \quad \hat{x}_0 = 0,$$

is equal to  $K_{a,j} = \bar{K}_{a,j}(I + H_j \bar{P}_j H_j^*)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $\bar{K}_{a,j}$  is given by the second block column of  $\bar{K}_{p,j}$ , and  $(I + H_j \bar{P}_j H_j^*)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is given by the (2,2) block entry of  $\bar{R}_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . The algorithm is initialized with  $P_0 = \Pi_0$ .

## 4 Chandrasekhar Recursions

### 4.1 $H^2$ Chandrasekhar Recursions

In what follows we shall assume a constant state-space model of the form

$$\begin{cases} x_{j+1} = Fx_j + Gu_j, & x_0 \\ y_j = Hx_j + v_j \end{cases} \quad (4.21)$$

In the  $H^2$  case, we shall also assume that the covariances of the  $\{u_j, v_j\}$  are constant, i.e.  $Q_j = Q$  and  $R_j = R$ , for all  $j$ . As before, we are interested in obtaining estimates of the states, denoted by  $\hat{x}_j$ , using the observations  $\{y_k\}_{k=0}^{i-1}$ .

Under the aforementioned assumptions, it is possible to choose the matrix  $\Pi_0$  such that

$$P_{j+1} - P_j = M_j S M_j, \quad \forall j, \quad (4.22)$$

where  $M_j$  is a  $n \times d$  matrix (often  $d \ll n$ ) and  $S$  is a  $d \times d$  signature matrix (i.e. a diagonal matrix with +1 and -1 on the diagonal). Thus for time-invariant state-space models,  $P_{j+1} - P_j$  has rank  $d$  for all  $j$  and in addition has constant inertia. If this is true, note that propagating the (smaller) matrices  $M_j$  is equivalent to propagating the  $P_j$ . This what is done by the Chandrasekhar recursions (see [8,6], App. II).

In the conventional Chandrasekhar recursions, one triangularizes the following pre-array with a  $J$ -unitary matrix  $\Theta_j$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & H M_j \\ \hline \bar{K}_{p,j} & F M_j \end{array} \right] \Theta_j = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} X & 0 \\ Y & Z \end{array} \right]$$

where  $R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} = R_{e,j} = R + H P_j H^*$  and  $\bar{K}_{p,j} = K_{p,j} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and where  $J$  is given by  $\begin{bmatrix} I & \\ & S \end{bmatrix}$ . Squaring both sides of the above equality and using (4.22) and the  $J$ -orthogonality of  $\Theta_j$  allows us to identify the elements in the post array as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} XX^* &= R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} + H M_j S M_j^* H^* = R_{e,j+1} \\ YX^* &= \bar{K}_{p,j} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} + F M_j S M_j^* H^* = F P_{j+1} H^* \\ ZSZ^* &= \bar{K}_{p,j} \bar{K}_{p,j}^* + F M_j S M_j^* - Y Y^* \\ &= P_{j+2} - P_{j+1} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we can identify

$$X = R_{e,j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad Y = \bar{K}_{p,j+1} \quad \text{and} \quad Z = M_{j+1}.$$

We have thus verified the following result.

**Theorem 4.1 ( $H^2$  Chandrasekhar Recursions)**  
Quantities of interest in the conventional Kalman filter

$$\hat{x}_{j+1} = F_j \hat{x}_j + K_{p,j}(y_j - H_j \hat{x}_j), \quad \hat{x}_0 = 0,$$

can be updated using

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & H M_j \\ \hline \bar{K}_{p,j} & F M_j \end{array} \right] \Theta_j = \left[ \begin{array}{cc} R_{e,j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ \bar{K}_{p,j+1} & M_{j+1} \end{array} \right]. \quad (4.23)$$

where  $\Theta_j$  is any  $J$ -unitary matrix (with  $J = I \oplus S$ ) that triangularizes the above pre-array. The algorithm is initialized with  $R_{e,0} = R + H \Pi_0 H^*$ ,  $\bar{K}_{p,0} = F \Pi_0 H^* R_{e,0}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , and

$$P_1 - \Pi_0 = F \Pi_0 F^* + G Q G^* - K_{p,0} R_{e,0} K_{p,0}^* - \Pi_0 = M_0 S M_0^*.$$

Thus, once more, the quantities necessary to update the arrays and to calculate the state estimates are all found from the triangularized post array.

In the filtered case, one normally computes the gain vector using the equation  $K_{f,i} = F^{-1} K_{p,i+1}$ . We shall see this in the  $H^\infty$  algorithms of the next section.

### 4.2 $H^\infty$ Chandrasekhar Recursions

Our earlier results suggest that in the  $H^\infty$  a posteriori filtering problem with level  $\gamma$ , we need to start with the pre-array

$$\left[ \begin{array}{c|c} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & \begin{bmatrix} H \\ L \end{bmatrix} M_j \\ \hline \bar{K}_{p,j} & F M_j \end{array} \right], \quad (4.24)$$

where

$$R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -I \end{bmatrix} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} = R_{e,j} = R_j + \begin{bmatrix} H \\ L \end{bmatrix} P_j \begin{bmatrix} H^* & L^* \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4.25)$$

$\bar{K}_{p,j} = K_{p,j} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $P_{j+1} - P_j = M_j S M_j^*$ . The next step is to triangularize the pre-array (4.24) using a  $J$ -unitary matrix, where

$$J = (I \oplus -I \oplus S). \quad (4.26)$$

The condition for the existence of such a triangularization (as given by Lemma 3.1) is precisely the condition for the existence of the  $H^\infty$  a posteriori filters. We may thus prove the following result using the method mentioned for deriving the conventional recursions. For more details see [9].

**Theorem 4.2 ( $H^\infty$  Chandrasekhar Recursions)**  
The  $H^\infty$  a posteriori filtering problem with level  $\gamma$  has a solution if, and only if, all leading submatrices of

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & -\gamma^2 I \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad R_{e,0} = R + \begin{bmatrix} H \\ L \end{bmatrix} \Pi_0 \begin{bmatrix} H^* & L^* \end{bmatrix}$$

have the same inertia, and if for all  $j = 0, \dots, i$  there exist  $J$ -unitary matrices  $\Theta_j$  (where  $J$  is given by (4.26)) such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & \begin{bmatrix} H \\ L \end{bmatrix} M_j \\ \bar{K}_{p,j} & FM_j \end{bmatrix} \Theta_j = \begin{bmatrix} R_{e,j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ \bar{K}_{p,j+1} & M_{j+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.27)$$

with  $R_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $R_{e,j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  lower block triangular. The gain vector  $K_{a,j}$  needed to update the estimates in

$$\hat{x}_{j+1|j+1} = F_j \hat{x}_{j|j} + K_{a,j}(y_{j+1} - H_{j+1} F_j \hat{x}_{j|j}), \quad \hat{x}_{-1|-1} = 0,$$

is equal to  $K_{a,j} = \bar{K}_{a,j}(I + H_{j+1} P_{j+1} H_{j+1}^*)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $\bar{K}_{a,j}$  is given by the first block column of  $F^{-1} \bar{K}_{p,j+1}$ , and  $(I + H_{j+1} P_{j+1} H_{j+1}^*)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is given by the (1,1) block entry of  $R_{e,j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Note that compared to the square-root formulas, the size of the pre-array in the Chandrasekhar recursions has been reduced from  $(p_1 + p_2 + n) \times (p_1 + p_2 + n + m)$  to  $(p_1 + p_2 + n) \times (p_1 + p_2 + d)$  where  $m$ ,  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the dimensions of the driving disturbance, output and states to be estimated, respectively, and where  $n$  is the number of the states. Thus the number of operations for each iteration has been reduced from  $O(n^3)$  to  $O(n^2 d)$  with  $d$  typically much less than  $n$ .

As in the square-root case, the Chandrasekhar recursions do not require explicitly checking the positivity condition (2.4). We can also obtain  $H^\infty$  a priori Chandrasekhar recursions in a similar fashion. The result is given below. Note, once more, the change in the order of  $\{H, L\}$  and  $\{I, \gamma I\}$  in the arrays, and the absence of  $F^{-1}$  to compute the gain.

**Theorem 4.3 (Apriori Case)** *The  $H^\infty$  a priori filtering problem with level  $\gamma$  has a solution if, and only if, all leading submatrices of*

$$\bar{R} = \begin{bmatrix} -\gamma^2 I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{R}_{e,0} = \bar{R} + \begin{bmatrix} L \\ H \end{bmatrix} \Pi_0 \begin{bmatrix} L^* & H^* \end{bmatrix}$$

have the same inertia, and if for all  $j = 0, \dots, i$  there exist  $J$ -unitary matrices  $\Theta_j$  (where  $J$  is given by (??)) such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{R}_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}} & \begin{bmatrix} L \\ H \end{bmatrix} M_j \\ \bar{K}_{p,j} & FM_j \end{bmatrix} \Theta_j = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{R}_{e,j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ \bar{K}_{p,j+1} & M_{j+1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (4.28)$$

with  $\bar{R}_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $\bar{R}_{e,j+1}^{\frac{1}{2}}$  lower block triangular. The gain vector  $K_{a,j}$  needed to update the estimates in

$$\hat{x}_{j+1} = F_j \hat{x}_j + K_{a,j}(y_j - F_j \hat{x}_j), \quad \hat{x}_0 = 0,$$

is equal to  $K_{a,j} = \bar{K}_{a,j}(I + H_j \bar{P}_j H_j^*)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ , where  $\bar{K}_{a,j}$  is given by the second block column of  $\bar{K}_{p,j}$ , and  $(I + H_j \bar{P}_j H_j^*)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is given by the (2,2) block entry of  $\bar{R}_{e,j}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . The algorithm is initialized with  $R_{e,0}$ ,  $\bar{K}_{p,0} = F \Pi_0 \begin{bmatrix} L^* & H^* \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$P_1 - \Pi_0 = F \Pi_0 F^* + G Q G^* - \bar{K}_{p,0} S \bar{K}_{p,0}^* - \Pi_0 = M_0 S M_0^*.$$

## 5 Conclusion

We have obtained square-root array algorithms and Chandrasekhar recursions for the  $H^\infty$  a posteriori and a priori filtering problems. These have the important property that the conditions for the existence of the  $H^\infty$  filters are built into the algorithms, so that filter solutions will exist if, and only if, the algorithms can be executed.

The conventional square-root arrays and Chandrasekhar recursions are preferred because of their numerical stability (in the case of square-root arrays) and their reduced computational complexity (in the case of the Chandrasekhar recursions). Since the  $H^\infty$  square-root arrays and Chandrasekhar recursions are the direct analogs of their conventional counterparts, they may be more attractive for numerical implementation of  $H^\infty$  filters. However, since  $J$ -unitary rather than unitary operations are involved, further investigation is needed.

Our derivation of the  $H^\infty$  square-root arrays and Chandrasekhar recursions demonstrates a virtue of our Krein space approach to  $H^\infty$  estimation; the results appear to be more difficult to conceive and prove in the traditional  $H^\infty$  approaches. There are many variations of the conventional square-root array and Chandrasekhar recursions, e.g. for control problems, and the methods given here are directly applicable to extending these variations to the  $H^\infty$  setting as well.

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