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1. Introduction

In this paper we establish an approximation property of optimum controls expressible by Taylor series with respect to a parameter. We show that if an r -th order approximation is used instead of the exact optimum control, the optimum performance is approximated to order $(2r+1)$. We also present several applications of this result to the design of near-optimum large systems.

2. Approximation Property of Near-Optimum Control

Consider a system

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u, q, t) \quad (1)$$

where the state x and the control u are n -dimensional and m -dimensional vectors respectively, $q \in [q_L, q_U]$ is a scalar time invariant parameter, $t \in [t_0, t_f]$ is time, and t_0 and t_f are fixed time instants. The performance index is

$$J(u) = \pi[x(t_f, q), q] + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} V(x, u, q, t) dt, \quad (2)$$

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the initial state is

$$x(t_0, q) = x^0(q), \quad (3)$$

and the final state is free.

Definition 1. A control $u^* = u^*(t, q)$ continuous in t , $t \in [t_0, t_f]$ for every $q \in [q_L, q_U]$ is called the optimum control if it is the unique control u which minimizes (2) subject to (1) and (3), for every $q \in [q_L, q_U]$.

Assume that $u^*(t, q)$ exists and that f , V , $x_0(q)$, and π are sufficiently smooth to insure the existence of $\partial^i u^* / \partial q^i$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$ at $q_0 \in [q_L, q_U]$. In what follows, these and other derivatives with respect to q are to be interpreted as evaluated at $q = q_0$.

Definition 2. A control $u^r = u^r(t, q)$ is called an r^{th} order near-optimum control if

$$\frac{\partial^i u^r}{\partial q^i} = \frac{\partial^i u^*}{\partial q^i}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, r \leq N. \quad (4)$$

Note that u^r is not unique because of the arbitrariness of higher order derivatives.

Theorem 1 (Main Theorem [1]): For the system (1) with initial state (3) and final state free, the performance indices $J(u^*)$ and $J(u^r)$ obtained with $u = u^*$ and $u = u^r$ have the property that

$$\frac{d^i J(u^*)}{dq^i} = \frac{d^i J(u^r)}{dq^i}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, (2r+1) \leq N. \quad (5)$$

Theorem 1 will be proved using the following two lemmas.

Lemma 1: For $0 \leq j \leq N$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d^j[\delta J(u)]}{dq^j} &= \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{j!}{(j-k)!k!} \left\{ \left[\frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} (\hat{\nabla}_x \pi - p)' \delta \xi_k \right] \Big|_{t=t_f} \right. \\
&\quad + [\eta'_{j-k} \delta \xi_k] \Big|_{t=t_0} + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[\frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} (\hat{\nabla}_u H)' \delta \omega_k + \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. \frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} (\hat{\nabla}_x H + \dot{p})' \delta \xi_k + \frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} (\hat{\nabla}_p H - \dot{x})' \delta \eta_k \right] dt \right\} \quad (6)
\end{aligned}$$

where p is the costate, $H = V + p'f$ is the Hamiltonian, ω_k , ξ_k , and η_k denote the k^{th} order derivative with respect to q of u , x , and p , and $\hat{\nabla}_x \pi$, $\hat{\nabla}_x H$, and $\hat{\nabla}_u H$ denote $\nabla_x \pi$, $\nabla_x H$, $\nabla_p H$, and $\nabla_u H$ respectively, expressed as functions of t and q only.

Proof of Lemma 1: Append $p'(f-\dot{x})$ to the integrand in (2), form δJ , integrate $p'\dot{x}$ by parts, apply Leibnitz rule for the j^{th} derivative of a product, and set $q = q_0$.

Lemma 2: For r and j satisfying $0 \leq j \leq (2r+1) \leq N$, and for any control u ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d^j J(u)}{dq^j} &= \sum_{k=r+1}^j \frac{j!}{(j-k)!k!} \left\{ \left[\frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} (\hat{\nabla}_x \pi - \eta_{j-k})' \xi_k \right] \Big|_{t=t_f} \right. \\
&\quad + [\eta'_{j-k} \xi_k] \Big|_{t=t_0} + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} \left[\left(\frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} \hat{\nabla}_u H \right)' \omega_k + \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left(\frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} \hat{\nabla}_x H + \dot{\eta}_{j-k} \right)' \xi_k + \left(\frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} \hat{\nabla}_p H - \dot{\xi}_{j-k} \right)' \eta_k \right] dt \Big\} \\
&\quad + g_0 \Big|_{t=t_f} + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} e_0 dt \quad (7)
\end{aligned}$$

where g_0 is a function of ξ_0, \dots, ξ_r , and e_0 is a function of $\xi_0, \dots, \xi_r, \dot{\xi}_0, \dots, \dot{\xi}_r, \eta_0, \dots, \eta_r, \omega_0, \dots, \omega_r$,

Proof of Lemma 2: In Lemma 1, for $j-k < k$,

$$\frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} \hat{v}_u^H, \frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} \hat{v}_{x^H}, \frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} \hat{v}_p^H, \text{ and } \frac{\partial^{j-k}}{\partial q^{j-k}} \hat{v}_x^\pi$$

do not involve ω_i, ξ_i , or η_i for $i \geq k$. Hence $d^i J/dq^j$ is linear in ω_k, ξ_k , and η_k for $j-k < k$, and the coefficients of ω_k, ξ_k , and η_k are the same as the coefficients of $\delta\omega_k, \delta\xi_k$, and $\delta\eta_k$ in (6). Denote by $(r+1)$ the smallest k for which $(j-k) < k$. Hence $j \leq (2r+1)$. Take the j^{th} derivative of $p' \dot{x}$, evaluate at $q = q_0$, and integrate

$$\sum_{k=r+1}^j \frac{j!}{(j-k)!k!} \eta'_{j-k} \xi_k$$

by parts.

Proof of Theorem 1. The proof consists of evaluating (7) for (a) $u = u^*$ and (b) for $u = u^r$. The two expressions for the j^{th} derivative of $J(u^*)$ and $J(u^r)$ are then compared.

(a) For u to be optimum, $u = u^*$, it is necessary that

$$\frac{d^j}{dq^j} [\delta J(u^*)] = 0, \quad j=0,1,\dots,N. \quad (8)$$

Thus, from Lemma 1, it is necessary that

$$\frac{\partial^i}{\partial q^i} (\hat{v}_p^H - \dot{x}) = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\frac{\partial^i}{\partial q^i} (\hat{v}_x^H + \dot{p}) = 0 \quad (10)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^i}{\partial q^i} (\hat{v}_u H) = 0 \quad (11)$$

with boundary conditions

$$\left. \frac{\partial^i x}{\partial q^i} \right|_{t=t_0} = \frac{\partial^i x^0}{\partial q^i} \quad (12)$$

and

$$\left[\frac{\partial^i}{\partial q^i} (\hat{v}_x \pi - p) \right] \Big|_{t=t_f} \quad (13)$$

where $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$. The conditions (9), (10), (11), (12), and (13), define the derivatives ω_i^* , ξ_i^* , and η_i^* , $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$. Using these derivatives (7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^j J(u^*)}{dq^j} &= \sum_{k=r+1}^j [\eta_{j-k}^* \xi_k^*] \Big|_{t=t_0} + g_0(\xi_0^*, \dots, \xi_r^*) \Big|_{t=t_f} \\ &+ \int_{t_0}^t e_0(\xi_0^*, \dots, \xi_r^*, \dot{\xi}_0^*, \dots, \dot{\xi}_r^*, \omega_0^*, \dots, \omega_r^*, \eta_0^*, \dots, \eta_r^*) dt \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

(b) Next we evaluate (7) for $u = u^r$. Denote the state and costate obtained by using $u = u^r$ in (9) and (10) by x^r and p^r and denote the derivatives of u^r , x^r , and p^r by ω_i^r , ξ_i^r , and η_i^r , $i = 0, 1, \dots, r$. By construction, $\omega_i^r = \omega_i^*$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, r$. Hence $\xi_i^r = \xi_i^*$, and $\eta_i^r = \eta_i^*$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, r$. Moreover, ω_i^r , ξ_i^r , and η_i^r , for $i = 0, 1, \dots, r$, satisfy (9), (10), (11), and (13) for $i = 0, 1, \dots, r$. Finally, since the initial condition function $x^0(q)$ in (3) is specified, x^r satisfies (12) for all i .

Thus, $d^i J(u^r)/dq_j$ is equal to the right hand side of (14) which proves (5).

Theorem 1 can be generalized to the case when q is an s -dimensional vector.

Definition 3: Given an s -dimensional vector r whose components are integers r_1, r_2, \dots, r_s , \bar{u}^r is said to be an r th order near optimal control, if

$$\frac{\partial^{k-r} u}{\partial q_1^{k_1} \partial q_2^{k_2} \dots \partial q_s^{k_s}} = \frac{\partial^k u^*}{\partial q_1^{k_1} \partial q_2^{k_2} \dots \partial q_s^{k_s}} \quad (15)$$

for all k_1, \dots, k_s such that $0 \leq k_1 \leq r_1, 0 \leq k_2 \leq r_2, \dots, 0 \leq k_s \leq r_s$, $k_1 + k_2 + \dots + k_s = k$, $r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_s \leq N$.

Theorem 2 [1]. For the system in (1) with initial state (3), final state free, performance index (2), and time invariant parameter vector $q \in Q \in E^s$, where Q is compact and convex,

$$\frac{\partial^j J(\bar{u}^r)}{\partial q_1^{j_1} \partial q_2^{j_2} \dots \partial q_s^{j_s}} = \frac{\partial^j J(u^*)}{\partial q_1^{j_1} \partial q_2^{j_2} \dots \partial q_s^{j_s}} \quad (16)$$

for all j_1, j_2, \dots, j_s , such that $0 \leq j_1 \leq (2r_1+1), 0 \leq j_2 \leq (2r_2+1), \dots, 0 \leq j_s \leq (2r_s+1), j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_s = j$, and $\sum_{i=1}^s (2r_i+1) \leq N$.

The proof of Theorem 2 is similar to that of Theorem 1.

The following sections survey some applications of Theorem 1 together with related perturbation and imbedding methods [1-15] to expansions of optimum controls. A perturbation method for the synthesis of systems with uncertain parameters [16] and imbedding methods for the synthesis of large scale systems [15,17] are presented below.

3. Perturbation of Uncertain Parameters

A first order expansion is used here to approximate the optimum control in the presence of a small perturbation in some parameters q_1, \dots, q_s which cannot be determined prior to the operation of the system. We now consider q as an s -dimensional vector and Δq as its deviation from q_0 . Define the first order near-optimum control (see Definition 2) as

$$u^1 = u^*(t, q_0) + \frac{\partial u^*}{\partial q} \Delta q. \quad (17)$$

This control may be expressed in feedback form as [15]

$$u^1 = u^*(t, q_0) - H_{uu}^{-1} [H'_{ux} + f'_u P + (H_{qu} + f'_u G) (\xi_1^{*'} \xi_1^{*'})^{-1} \xi_1^{*'}] \Delta x(t, q) \quad (18)$$

where P and G satisfy

$$\dot{P} + PA + A'P - PSP + Q = 0; \quad P(t_f) = \pi_{xx} \Big|_{t=t_f} \quad (19)$$

and

$$\dot{G} - PSG + A'G + PW - Z = 0; \quad G(t_f) = \pi_{qx} \Big|_{t=t_f} \quad (20)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A &= f_x - f_u H_{uu}^{-1} H'_{ux} \\ S &= f_u H_{uu}^{-1} f'_u \\ Q &= H_{xx} - H_{ux} H_{uu}^{-1} H'_{ux} \\ W &= f_q - f_u H_{uu}^{-1} H_{qu} \\ Z &= -H_{qx} + H_{ux} H_{uu}^{-1} H_{qx}. \end{aligned}$$

$\Delta x(t,q)$ is

$$\Delta x(t,q) = x(t,q) - x^*(t,q_0). \quad (21)$$

It is assumed that $(\xi_1^* \xi_1^*)$ has an inverse for $t \in (t_0, t_f]$. Otherwise, $(\xi_1^* \xi_1^*)^{-1}$ is taken as the pseudo inverse. The case where the measurement of x is noisy is discussed in [17]. Similar expansion for initial state uncertainty is discussed in [2,3,10].

From Theorem 2, it is seen that this first order near optimal control yields a performance index which approximates the optimum one to third order.

4. Application to Linear State Regulator

The following corollary is an application of Theorem 1 to the optimum linear state regulator. Let (1) and (3) be

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu \quad (22)$$

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T (x'Qx + u'Ru) dt \quad (23)$$

where A , B , Q , and R are continuously differentiable with respect to a parameter q in the neighborhood of $q = q_0$ up to order $(N+1)$. With the usual assumption of the linear state regulator problem [18] the optimum feedback control is

$$u_p = -R^{-1}B'Px_p \quad (24)$$

where P satisfies

$$\dot{P} = -PA - A'P + PSP - Q; \quad P(T, q) = 0 \quad (25)$$

$S = BR^{-1}B'$, and x_p is the state of the optimum system

$$\dot{x}_p = (A - SP)x_p. \quad (26)$$

Define the control

$$u_m = -R^{-1}B'Mx_m \quad (27)$$

where

$$M(t, q) = \sum_{i=0}^r \frac{\partial^i P(t, q_0)}{\partial q_i} \frac{(q - q_0)^i}{i!} \quad (28)$$

and x_m is the state of the system

$$\dot{x}_m = (A - SM)x_m. \quad (29)$$

Corollary 1. The control u_m is an r^{th} order near optimum control and hence

$$\frac{d^i J(u_p)}{dq^i} = \frac{d^i J(u_m)}{dq^i}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, (2r+1). \quad (30)$$

Proof of Corollary 1. Differentiating (26) and (29), it is seen that

$$\frac{\partial^j x_m}{\partial q^j} = \frac{\partial^j x_p}{\partial q^j}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, r. \quad (31)$$

Differentiating (24) and (27), and comparing, it is seen that u_m is an r^{th} order near-optimum control, and hence (30) holds.

This corollary and a proof independent of Theorem 1 appears in [13].

5. Regular Perturbation of a Coupling Parameter

In this application the control expansion is used to simplify the design of a large scale linear system in which q plays the role of a coupling parameter ϵ

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & \epsilon A_{12} \\ \epsilon A_{21} & A_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_1 & \epsilon B_{12} \\ \epsilon B_{21} & B_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (32)$$

where x_1 and x_2 are n_1 - and n_2 -dimensional substates, u_1 and u_2 are r_1 - and r_2 -dimensional subcontrols, ϵ is a scalar coupling parameter, and $A_1, A_{12}, A_{21}, A_2, B_1, B_{12}, B_{21}, B_2$ do not depend on ϵ .

The performance index is (16) with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & \epsilon Q_{12} \\ \epsilon Q_{12}' & Q_2 \end{bmatrix}; R = \begin{bmatrix} R_1 & 0 \\ 0 & R_2 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (33)$$

Instead of the optimum control (24), we use the near-optimum control (27) where P is the solution of (25), and M is given by (28) where q is replaced by the coupling parameter ϵ . When the coupling parameter is zero, the system decouples into two lower order subsystems. By expanding P at $\epsilon = 0$ the coefficients of the series (28) can be obtained from decoupled equations:

Theorem 3. [14]

The even order partial derivations of P are block diagonal

$$\frac{\partial^{2i} P}{\partial \epsilon^{2i}} = \begin{bmatrix} P_1^{2i} & 0 \\ 0 & P_2^{2i} \end{bmatrix} \quad (34)$$

and the odd order partial derivatives of P are block antidiagonal

$$\frac{\partial^{2i+1}}{\partial \epsilon^{2i+1}} P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & P_{12}^{2i+1} \\ (P_{12}^{2i+1})' & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (35)$$

Theorem 4 [14].

(a) The zero order submatrices $P_1(t,0)$ and $P_2(t,0)$ are obtained from

$$\dot{P}_1 = -P_1 A_1 - A_1' P_1 S_1 P_1 - Q_1; \quad P_1(T,0) = 0 \quad (36)$$

and

$$\dot{P}_2 = -P_2 A_2 - A_2' P_2 + P_2 S_2 P_2 - Q_2; \quad P_2(T,0) = 0 \quad (37)$$

where

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} S_1 & S_{12} \\ S_{12}' & S_2 \end{bmatrix} = BR^{-1}B'. \quad (38)$$

(b) The even order submatrices P_1^{2i} and P_2^{2i} for $i = 1, 2, \dots$ are obtained from

$$\dot{P}_1^{2i} = -P_1^{2i} G_1 - G_1' P_1^{2i} - F_1^{2i-1}; \quad P_1^{2i}(T,0) = 0 \quad (39)$$

$$\dot{P}_2^{2i} = -P_2^{2i} G_2 - G_2' P_2^{2i} - F_2^{2i-1}; \quad P_2^{2i}(T,0) = 0 \quad (40)$$

where

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} G_1 & G_{12} \\ G_{21} & G_2 \end{bmatrix} = A - SP \quad (41)$$

F_1^{2i-1} and F_2^{2i-1} do not depend on P_1^{2i} and P_2^{2i} .

(c) The odd order submatrices $P_{12}^{2i+1} = (P_{21}^{2i+1})'$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots$ are obtained from

$$\dot{P}_{12}^{2i+1} = -P_{12}^{2i+1}G_2 - G_1'P_{12}^{2i+1} - F_{12}^{2i}; \quad P_{12}^{2i+1}(T,0) = 0 \quad (42)$$

where P_{12}^{2i} does not depend on P_{12}^{2i+1} .

In applications the parameter ϵ may be a physical parameter or it may be introduced for computational simplification. In view of Theorem 3, an r^{th} order near-optimum control for a large scale system may be obtained by solving only two lower order uncoupled Riccati equations and a few uncoupled lower order linear equations. By Corollary 1, this control yields a near-optimum performance index which approximates the optimum performance index up to order $(2r+1)$.

6. Singular Perturbation of a Coupling Parameter

In this application the system reduces to a lower order dynamic subsystem and a nondynamic subsystem when the coupling parameter λ is zero. Although the subsystems are still coupled, the lowering of the dynamic order reduces computation in the design. For this case, the system description is

$$\frac{d\tilde{x}}{dt} = \tilde{A}_1\tilde{x} + \tilde{A}_2\tilde{z} + \tilde{B}_1u \quad (43)$$

$$\lambda \frac{d\tilde{z}}{dt} = \tilde{A}_3\tilde{x} + \tilde{A}_4\tilde{z} + \tilde{B}_2u \quad (44)$$

where λ is a given small positive constant and where \tilde{x} is an n -dimensional vector, \tilde{z} is an m -dimensional vector and u is an r -dimensional vector. The performance index is

$$J = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T (\tilde{x}'Q\tilde{x} + u'Ru) dt \quad (45)$$

where Q is positive semidefinite and R is positive definite. Under the assumptions that $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, B_1,$ and B_2 are continuous functions of t for any given $\lambda \geq 0$, the optimum matrix \tilde{P} , for $\lambda > 0$ may be obtained from

$$\dot{\tilde{P}} = -\tilde{P}\tilde{A} - \tilde{A}'\tilde{P} + \tilde{P}\tilde{B}R^{-1}\tilde{B}'\tilde{P} - Q_0, \quad \tilde{P}(T, \lambda) = 0 \quad (46)$$

where

$$\tilde{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{A}_1 & \tilde{A}_2 \\ \tilde{A}_3 & \tilde{A}_4 \\ \frac{\tilde{A}_3}{\lambda} & \frac{\tilde{A}_4}{\lambda} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{B} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{B}_1 \\ \tilde{B}_2 \\ \frac{\tilde{B}_2}{\lambda} \end{bmatrix}, \quad Q_0 = \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (47)$$

The optimum control is

$$\tilde{u} = -\tilde{K}_1 x - \tilde{K}_2 z \quad (48)$$

where

$$\tilde{K} = [\tilde{K}_1 \quad \tilde{K}_2] = R^{-1}\tilde{B}'\tilde{P}. \quad (49)$$

It is shown in [16] that it is possible to expand K in a series in λ about $\lambda = 0$. Conditions which guarantee the existence and differentiability of K as $\lambda \rightarrow 0+$ are given in Theorem 5 below. It is assumed that symbols without the tilde (\sim) are evaluated at $\lambda = 0$:

Theorem 5. [16]. If in the system (43) and (44) with the performance index (45),

- (a) A_4 is negative definite
- (b) $\tilde{A}_1, \tilde{A}_2,$ and \tilde{B}_1 have continuous partial derivatives with respect to λ and
- (c) $\tilde{A}_3, \tilde{A}_4,$ and \tilde{B}_2 have continuous second partial derivatives with respect to λ

then

$$\lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0+} K \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow 0+} \frac{\partial K}{\partial \lambda}$$

exists and given by

$$K_1(0+) = R^{-1}(B_1 - A_2 A_4^{-1} B_2)' M \quad (50)$$

$$K_2(0+) = 0 \quad (51)$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial K_1}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0+} = R^{-1}(\beta_1' M + B_1' W_1 + \beta_2' L_2' + B_2' W_2') \quad (52)$$

and

$$\left. \frac{\partial K_2}{\partial \lambda} \right|_{\lambda=0+} = R^{-1}(B_1' L_2 + B_2' W_3). \quad (53)$$

M is the solution of the Riccati equation

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = -MF - F'M + MGR^{-1}G'M - Q; \quad M(T) = 0 \quad (54)$$

and L_2 is given by

$$L_2 = -MA_2 A_4^{-1}. \quad (55)$$

W_1 , W_2 , and W_3 are the solutions of

$$\frac{dW_1}{dt} = Z_1' W_1 + W_1 Z_1 + Z_2' W_2 + W_2 Z_2 + Y_1, \quad W_1(T) = 0 \quad (56)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -W_1 A_2' - W_2 A_4' + (MN + L_2 N_2 - A_3') W_3 \\ &- \left(\frac{dL_2}{dt} + M \alpha_2 + L_2 \alpha_4 + A_1' L_2 - M N L_2 - L_2 N' L_2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

$$0 = W_3 A_4' + A_4' W_3 + L_2' A_2 + A_2' L_2 \quad (58)$$

$$Z_1 = (-A_1 + N_1 M + N L_2') \quad (59)$$

$$Z_2 = (-A_3 + N' M + N_2 L_2') \quad (60)$$

$$Y_1 = -M\alpha_1 - \alpha_1' M - L_2 \alpha_3 - \alpha_3' L_2' + M\Gamma_1 M + M\Gamma L_2' + L_2 \Gamma_1' M + L_2 \Gamma_2 L_2' \quad (61)$$

where

$$\tilde{\alpha}_i = \partial \tilde{A}_i / \partial \lambda, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, \quad \tilde{\beta}_i = \partial \tilde{B}_i / \partial \lambda, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

$$\tilde{N}_i = (\tilde{B}_i R^{-1} \tilde{B}_i'), \quad i = 1, 2, \quad \tilde{N} = \tilde{B}_1 R^{-1} \tilde{B}_2', \quad \tilde{\Gamma}_i = \partial \tilde{N}_i / \partial \lambda, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

$$\tilde{\Gamma} = \partial \tilde{N} / \partial \lambda, \quad F = A_1 - A_2 A_4^{-1} A_3, \quad G = B_1 - A_2 A_4^{-1} B_2.$$

For details of the proof, see [16]. Note that all the calculations are for a reduced order system.

It can be shown that a result similar to Corollary 1 applies to the singular perturbation case. For example, if we use an approximation

$$K(\lambda) \approx K(0) + \frac{\partial K}{\partial \lambda} \lambda$$

the near optimum performance index approximates the optimum performance index to third order.

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