With usual notations, the control input plan is determined by optmising the objective function:

$$J = \sum_{i=1}^{p} \left( Y_{k+i}^{ref} - \hat{Y}_{k+i/k} \right)^{T} Q^{y} \left( Y_{k+i}^{ref} - \hat{Y}_{k+i/k} \right) + \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} u_{m+j}^{T} Q^{u} u_{m+j}$$

The prediction at k+i time step can be written as:

$$\begin{split} \hat{Y}_{k+i/k} &= CA^i \hat{X}_{k/k} + CA^{i-1} B u_k + CA^{i-2} B u_{k+1} + \ldots + CA^0 B u_{k+i-1} \\ &= CA^i \hat{X}_{k/k} + \left[ CA^{i-1} B \quad CA^{i-2} B \quad \ldots \quad CA^0 B \right] \begin{bmatrix} u_k \\ u_{k+1} \\ \vdots \\ u_{k+i-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= CA^i \hat{X}_{k/k} + CAB_i \begin{bmatrix} u_k \\ u_{k+1} \\ \vdots \\ u_{k+m-1} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= CA^i \hat{X}_{k/k} + CAB_i U$$

where,

$$CAB_{i} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} CA^{i-1}B & CA^{i-2}B & \dots & CA^{0}B & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \\ CA^{i-1}B & CA^{i-2}B & \dots & CA^{i-m+1}B & C\left(A^{0}+A^{1}+\dots+A^{(i-m)}\right)B \end{bmatrix}_{1\times m} & i \leq m \end{cases}$$

Using this, the objective function can be written in the form below

$$J = \frac{1}{2}U^T H U + f^T U + K$$

where,

$$H = CAB_i^T Q^y CAB_i + \begin{bmatrix} Q^u & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & Q^u & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & Q^u \end{bmatrix}_{m \times m}$$

$$f^T = \hat{X}_{k/k}^T \left( A^i \right)^T C^T Q^y CAB_i - \left( Y_{k+i}^{ref} \right)^T Q^y CAB_i$$

U is then solved for using the matlab function quadprog.