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# Research Notes

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## 1 Background

Given a graph  $\mathcal{G} = \{\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}\}$  with finite nodes  $|\mathcal{V}| = N$ , the discrete online networked control problem with LTI dynamics, TV-costs, and disturbances has the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{(x_{0:T})_{\mathcal{V}}, (u_{0:T-1})_{\mathcal{V}}} & \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} f_t[i](x_t[i]) + c_t[i](u_{t-1}[i]) \\ \text{s.t. } & x_{t+1}[i] = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}[i]} A[i, j]x_t[j] + B[i, j]u_t[j] + w_t[i], \quad i \in \mathcal{V}, \text{ and } t = 0, \dots, T-1, \\ & x_0[i] = \bar{x}[i], \quad i \in \mathcal{V}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where the neighbourhood of a node  $i$  is defined as  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}[i] := \{i\} \cup \{j : (i, j) \in \mathcal{E}\}$ .  $x_t[i]$ ,  $u_t[i]$ , and  $w_t[i]$  are the state, control, and disturbance/exogenous input of node  $i$  at time  $t$ ; similarly  $A[i, j]$  and  $B[i, j]$  are system matrices connecting nodes  $i$  and  $j$ , and are only nonzero when  $(i, j) \in \mathcal{E}$ . Furthermore,  $f_t[i](\cdot)$  and  $c_t[i](\cdot)$  are the time-varying costs associated with the state and control of node  $i$  and the tuples  $(x_{0:T})_{\mathcal{V}}$  and  $(u_{0:T-1})_{\mathcal{V}}$  are the states of all nodes from time 0 to  $T$  and controls of all nodes for times 0 to  $T-1$  respectively.

### 1.1 Algorithm Description

The original online algorithm we are interested in is based off of Lin's predictive control algorithm in which at every time step  $t$  they observe  $k$  information tuples  $I_t$  to  $I_{t+k-1}$  where  $I_t := (A, B, w_t, f_{t+1}, c_{t+1})$  and solve the finite-horizon predictive control problem for  $t < T - k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x, \zeta; F) &:= \arg \min_{y_{0:k}, v_{0:k-1}} \sum_{\tau=0}^{k-1} f_{t+\tau}(y_{\tau}) + \sum_{\tau=1}^k c_{t+\tau}(v_{\tau-1}) + F(y_k) \\ \text{s.t. } & y_{\tau+1} = Ay_{\tau} + Bv_{\tau} + \zeta_{\tau}, \quad \tau = 0, \dots, k-1 \\ & y_0 = x, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the initial state,  $\zeta \in (\mathbb{R}^n)^k$  is a sequence of disturbances, and  $F$  is a terminal cost function regularizing the final state.  $y_{\tau}$  is the predictive state at time step  $\tau$  and  $v_{\tau}$  is the predictive control action. In the decentralized setting, we consider the truncated optimization problem for each node:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\psi}_t^k(x, \zeta, \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^{\kappa}[i]; F) &:= \\ \arg \min_{(y_{0:k}), (v_{0:k-1})} & \sum_{\tau=0}^{k-1} f_{t+\tau}(y_{\tau}) + \sum_{\tau=1}^k c_{t+\tau}(v_{\tau-1}) + F(y_k) \\ \text{s.t. } y_{\tau+1}[j] &= \begin{cases} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}[j]} A[j, m]y_{\tau}[m] + B[j, m]v_{\tau}[m] + \zeta_{\tau}[j], & j \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^{\kappa}[i], \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases} \quad \tau = 0, \dots, k-1 \\ y_0[j] &= \begin{cases} x[j], & j \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^{\kappa}[i], \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where the notation  $\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^{\kappa}[i]$  is set containing  $\{j : d_{\mathcal{G}}(i, j) \leq \kappa\}$  (i.e. the kappa-hop neighbourhood of  $i$ ). We apply the predictive control  $u_t[i] = v_0[i]$  obtained from solving  $\tilde{\psi}_t^k(x, \zeta, \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^{\kappa}[i]; F)$  at each time step  $t$  for every node  $i$ . The main idea of the algorithm in (3) is that each node observes a  $\kappa$ -hop neighbourhood of information (setting all variables outside of the neighbourhood equal to 0) and tries to solve the centralized problem in (2) with its given information.

## 2 Exponential Decay Property of (2)

We first make some assumptions about our costs:

**Assumption 1.** *The costs in (2) and (3) satisfy the following*

1.  $f_t(\cdot)$  is  $\mu_f$ -strongly convex for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ , and  $L_f$ -smooth for  $t = 1, \dots, T-1$
2.  $c_t(\cdot)$  is both  $\mu_c$ -strongly convex and  $L_c$ -smooth for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ .
3.  $F(\cdot)$  is a convex,  $L_F$ -smooth,  $K$ -function such that  $\nabla^2 F \succeq \nabla^2 f_t$  for all  $t = 1, \dots, T-1$ .
4.  $f_t(\cdot)$ ,  $c_t(\cdot)$ , and  $F(\cdot)$  are  $C^2$  functions for  $t = 1, \dots, T$
5.  $f_t(\cdot)$  and  $c_t(\cdot)$  are non-negative and  $f_t(0) = c_t(0) = 0$  for  $t = 1, \dots, T$ .

We also make the following assumption on the system matrices in (2)

**Assumption 2.** *The system matrices in (2) satisfy the following:*

1.  $\|A\| \leq L_A$ ,  $\|B\| \leq L_B$
2.  $(A, B)$  is  $(L, \rho)$ -stabilizable for  $L > 1$  and  $\rho \in (0, 1)$ .

Where we will often denote  $L := \max\{L_f, L_c, L_F, L_A, L_B\} > 1$ . and we define stabilizability in the following equivalent fashion:

**Definition 1.** *We say a system  $(A, B)$  is  $(L, \rho)$ -stabilizable if there exists a  $K$  for  $L > 1$  and  $\rho \in [0, 1)$ , such that  $\|K\| \leq L$  and  $\|\Phi^t\| \leq L\rho^t$  for  $t \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and where  $\Phi := A - BK$ .*

We note that this definition is equivalent to the standard notion of stabilizability which is:  $\exists K$  such that  $\text{sr}(\Phi) < 1$ .

From the problem set up of (2), we can derive the lagrangian as

$$\mathcal{L}((y_\tau)_\tau, (v_\tau)_\tau, (\lambda_\tau)_\tau) := \sum_{\tau=0}^{k-1} f_{t+\tau}(y_\tau) + \sum_{\tau=1}^k c_{t+\tau}(v_{\tau-1}) + F(y_k) + \lambda_0^\top (y_0 - x) + \sum_{\tau=0}^{k-1} \lambda_{\tau+1}^\top (y_{\tau+1} - Ay_\tau - Bv_\tau - \zeta_\tau)$$

So the first order necessary conditions (FONC) are

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{y_0} f_t(y_0^*) + \lambda_0^* - A^\top \lambda_1^* \\ \nabla_{v_0} c_{t+1}(v_0^*) - B^\top \lambda_1^* \\ \nabla_{y_1} f_{t+1}(y_1^*) + \lambda_1^* - A^\top \lambda_2^* \\ \nabla_{v_1} c_{t+2}(v_1^*) - B^\top \lambda_2^* \\ \vdots \\ \nabla_{y_{k-1}} f_{t+k-1}(y_{k-1}^*) + \lambda_{k-1}^* - A^\top \lambda_k^* \\ \nabla_{v_{k-1}} c_{t+k}(v_{k-1}^*) - B^\top \lambda_k^* \\ \nabla_{y_k} F(y_k^*) + \lambda_k^* \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

We additionally require that the hessian of the lagrangian at the minimum  $\nabla_{zz} \mathcal{L}((y_\tau^*)_\tau, (v_\tau^*)_ \tau, (\lambda_\tau^*)_ \tau)$  be positive semidefinite on the tangent space of the feasible set. More concretely, define  $z = (y_\tau, v_\tau)_\tau$  to be a feasible trajectory and let  $\tilde{f}(z)$  be the cost in (2), then clearly the second order condition is satisfied given the strong convexity of  $\tilde{f}(z)$  from assumption 1. We note that the constraint jacobian of (2) is of the form:

$$J := \begin{bmatrix} I & & & & & \\ -A & -B & I & & & \\ & & -A & -B & I & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & -A & -B & I \\ & & & & & -A & -B & I \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $J$  is of dimension  $n(k+1) \times n(k+1) + mk$ . Combining the FONC and the requirement that an optimal trajectory  $z^*$  must be feasible (i.e. the KKT conditions), we obtain the following system of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla \tilde{f}(z^*) + J^\top \lambda^* \\ Jz^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{c} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\mathbf{c} = [x^\top \quad \zeta^\top]^\top$ . We claim that there exists  $G(z^*)$  such that  $G(z^*)(z^* - z') = \nabla \tilde{f}(z^*) - \nabla \tilde{f}(z')$  and

$$\begin{bmatrix} G(z^*) & J^\top \\ J & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z^* \\ \lambda^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G(z^*)z' - \nabla \tilde{f}(z') \\ \mathbf{c} \end{bmatrix},$$

for any  $z'$ . (Rewriting the proof from Guannan's paper for posterity): The proof immediately follows from the next lemma:

**Lemma 1.** *for  $\mu$ -strongly convex and  $L$ -smooth function  $f$ , there exists symmetric  $G(z)$  such that  $\mu I \preceq G(z) \preceq LI$  such that  $\nabla f(z) - \nabla f(z') = G(z)(z - z')$*

*Proof.* We start off by defining the vector-valued trajectory  $g(s) = \nabla f(z' + s(z - z'))$ . Its derivative is then  $g'(s) = \nabla^2 f(z' + s(z - z'))(z - z')$  and so we can write

$$\nabla f(z) - \nabla f(z') := g(1) - g(0) = \int_0^1 g'(s) ds = \left( \int_0^1 \nabla^2 f(z' + s(z - z')) ds \right) (z - z') = G(z)(z - z')$$

and by  $\mu$ -strong convexity and  $L$ -smoothness of  $f$ , we have that for any  $s \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\mu I \preceq G(z) \preceq LI$ .  $\square$

So now it is sufficient to say that the optimality conditions for (2) follows the KKT-matrix-like form

$$\begin{bmatrix} G(z^*) & J^\top \\ J & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z^* \\ \lambda^* \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G(z^*)z' - \nabla \tilde{f}(z') \\ \mathbf{c} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (4)$$

To prove exponential decay of the resulting controller from (2), we define the notion of bandwidth in matrices such that

**Definition 2.** *Consider a matrix  $H$ , a graph  $\mathcal{G} := (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$ , and a partitioning of the entries of  $H$  by the nodes in  $\mathcal{V}$ , that is a sequence of tuples  $(I_i, J_j)_{i,j \in \mathcal{V}}$  such that  $I_i$  is the set of indices belonging to node  $i$  and similarly for  $J_j$ . Then we say that  $H$  has bandwidth  $B$  induced by the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  and the partitioning  $(I_i, J_j)_{i,j \in \mathcal{V}}$  if  $B$  is the smallest nonnegative integer such that the submatrix  $H[i, j] = 0$  (Which is the matrix containing indices from the sets  $I_i$  and  $J_j$ ) for  $i, j \in \mathcal{V}$  such that  $d_{\mathcal{G}}(i, j) > B$ .*

and given this definition, from Sungho's paper we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.** *Consider  $H$  whose bandwidth  $B_H$  is no greater than 1 induced by the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  and a partitioning  $(I_i, J_j)_{i,j \in \mathcal{V}}$ ; further, assume that  $\mu_H, L_H > 0$  satisfy the following inequality about the singular values of  $H$ :  $\mu_H \leq \sigma(H) \leq L_H$ . Then  $\|H^{-1}[i, j]\| \leq \alpha \rho^{d_{\mathcal{G}}(i,j)}$  for  $i, j \in \mathcal{V}$  where  $\rho = \sqrt{\frac{L_H^2 - \mu_H^2}{L_H^2 + \mu_H^2}}$  and  $\alpha = \frac{L_H}{\mu_H^2 \rho}$ .*

The proof from Sungho's paper is provided here:

*Proof.*  $H$  satisfies the following property  $\mu_H^2 I \preceq HH^\top \preceq L_H^2 I$  and so we can construct a matrix whose singular values have magnitude less than 1 in the following way:

$$\frac{2\mu_H^2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} I \preceq \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} HH^\top \preceq \frac{2L_H^2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} I \iff \frac{\mu_H^2 - L_H^2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} I \preceq I - \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} HH^\top \preceq \frac{L_H^2 - \mu_H^2}{L_H^2 + \mu_H^2} I.$$

Using this matrix, we can rewrite  $H^{-1}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} H^{-1} &= \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} H^\top \left( \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} HH^\top \right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} H^\top \left( I - \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} HH^\top \right)^n, \end{aligned}$$

for which the term in the sum  $H^\top \left(I - \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} HH^\top\right)^n$  has bandwidth no more than  $(2n+1)B_H = 2n+1$ . Extracting the subblocks of  $H^{-1}$  we have

$$H^{-1}[i, j] = \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \left( H^\top \left( I - \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} HH^\top \right)^n \right) [i, j]$$

where  $n_0 = \lceil \frac{d_G(i, j) - 1}{2} \rceil$ . Observe that for any  $n < n_0$ ,  $2n+1 < d_G(i, j)$ . Then we take the norm of the subblock and the desired upper bound follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \|H^{-1}[i, j]\| &\leq \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \left\| H^\top \left( I - \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} HH^\top \right)^n \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{2}{\mu_H^2 + L_H^2} \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} L_H \left( \frac{L_H^2 - \mu_H^2}{L_H^2 + \mu_H^2} \right)^n \leq \frac{L_H}{\mu_H^2} \left( \frac{L_H^2 - \mu_H^2}{L_H^2 + \mu_H^2} \right)^{\lceil \frac{d_G(i, j) - 1}{2} \rceil}, \end{aligned}$$

this finishes the proof.  $\square$

Applying this line of reasoning to our setting, essentially, we want to show that the pseudo-KKT matrix

$$H := \begin{bmatrix} G(z^*) & J^\top \\ J & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

follows the hypothesis in theorem 3. We first show that  $H$  has bandwidth  $B_H$  no greater than 1

**Theorem 4.** *The pseudo KKT matrix  $H$  in (5) has bandwidth  $B_H = 1$  induced by the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  and some partitioning  $(I_i, J_j)_{i, j \in \mathcal{V}}$*

*Proof.* To prove this theorem, we first prove the following lemma:

**Lemma 2.** *Suppose  $M$  is a block matrix such that  $M = [M_k]_{k=1:KN}$  ( $M$  is composed of  $KN$  submatrices  $M_k$ ) have at most bandwidth 1 induced by the graph  $\mathcal{G}$  and a partitioning  $(I_i^k, J_j^k)_{i, j \in \mathcal{V}}$ , also has bandwidth 1 induced by the same graph  $\mathcal{G}$  and a "larger" partitioning  $(I_i, J_j)_{i, j \in \mathcal{V}}$*

*Proof.* To this end, we explicitly construct the larger partitioning  $(I_i, J_j)_{i, j \in \mathcal{V}}$ . First, we collect all such "sub-partitionings"  $(I_i^k, J_j^k)_{i, j \in \mathcal{V}}$  for  $k = 1, \dots, KN$  and map the local indices that belong to said partitioning to their relative indices in the overall block matrix  $M$ , that is the set of local indices  $I_i^k$  in  $M_k$  gets mapped to the relative indices  $(I_k)_i$  in  $M$  and similarly:  $J_j^k \rightarrow (J_k)_j$ . Then the larger partitioning is the sequence of tuples  $(I_i, J_j)_{i, j \in \mathcal{V}}$  such that each set of indices  $I_i$  contains all relative indices  $((I_k)_{k=1:KN})_i$  for  $i \in \mathcal{V}$  and similarly,  $J_j := ((J_k)_{k=1:KN})_j$  for  $j \in \mathcal{V}$ . Then it immediately follows that  $M_k[i, j] = 0$  for  $d_G(i, j) > 1$  where  $M_k$  is partitioned by  $(I_i^k, J_j^k)_{i, j \in \mathcal{V}}$  implies that  $M[i, j] = 0$  for  $d_G(i, j) > 1$  where  $M$  is partitioned by  $(I_i, J_j)_{i, j \in \mathcal{V}}$ .  $\square$

Since  $A$  and  $B$  are networked matrices,  $J$  must have bandwidth  $B_J = 1$  by the lemma above. It is then sufficient to show that  $G(z^*)$  has bandwidth  $B_{G(z^*)} = 1$ . Since  $G(z^*) = \int_0^1 \nabla^2 \tilde{f}(z' + s(z^* - z')) ds$  and the integral does not affect the sparsity structure of  $\nabla^2 \tilde{f}(z' + s(z^* - z'))$  the bandwidth of  $G(z^*)$  is equal to the bandwidth of  $\nabla^2 \tilde{f}(z' + s(z^* - z'))$ . Recall that the hessian of  $\tilde{f}$  is the block matrix

$$\nabla^2 \tilde{f}(z^*) = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla_{y_0 y_0}^2 f_t(y_0^*) & \nabla_{v_0 v_0}^2 c_{t+1}(v_0^*) & & \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & \nabla_{v_{k-1} v_{k-1}}^2 c_{t+k}(v_{k-1}^*) & \\ & & & \nabla_{y_k y_k}^2 F(y_k^*) \end{bmatrix},$$

where in the setting of (1), these submatrices are also diagonal block matrices such that their bandwidths equal 0. Hence  $H$  has bandwidth at most  $B_H = 1$ .  $\square$

## 2.1 Singular values of $H$

Next, we require upperbounds on the singular values of  $H$ . In particular

**Theorem 5.** *The pseudo-KKT matrix  $H$  has the property that  $\mu_H I \preceq H \preceq L_H I$  where*

*Proof.* Suppose that the following uniform regularity assumptions hold:

$$\|H\| \leq L_H, \quad Z^\top G(z^*)Z \succeq \mu I \quad JJ^\top \succeq \beta_J I,$$

we recognize the second and third conditions as the uniform strong second-order sufficiency condition (SSOSC) and uniform linear independence constraint qualification (LICQ) respectively.  $Z$  is a nullspace basis matrix of  $J$  such that  $\text{range}(Z) = \text{null}(J)$ . By definition of singular values, the upper bound follows immediately. Since  $G(z^*)$  is not necessarily positive definite, we can recover the inverse of  $H$  as

$$\begin{aligned} H^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} G(z^*) + \gamma J^\top J & J^\top \\ J & 0 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} I & \gamma J^\top \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} T^{-1} - T^{-1} J^\top (JT^{-1} J^\top)^{-1} JT^{-1} & T^{-1} J^\top (JT^{-1} J^\top)^{-1} \\ (JT^{-1} J^\top)^{-1} JT^{-1} & -(JT^{-1} J^\top)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & \gamma J^\top \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} T^{-1} - T^{-1} J^\top (JT^{-1} J^\top)^{-1} JT^{-1} & T^{-1} J^\top (JT^{-1} J^\top)^{-1} \\ (JT^{-1} J^\top)^{-1} JT^{-1} & \gamma I - (JT^{-1} J^\top)^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where  $T := G(z^*) + \gamma J^\top J$  and  $\gamma := \frac{2L_H^2/\mu + \mu + L_H}{\beta_J}$ . The second equality comes from the schur complement. And so we can obtain a lower bound on the singular values of  $H$  as

$$\|H^{-1}\| \leq \|T^{-1}\| + (1 + 2\|JT^{-1}\| + \|JT^{-1}\|^2)\|(JT^{-1} J^\top)^{-1}\| + \gamma,$$

To get a proper estimate of the lower bound above, we must estimate the bounds on the singular values of  $T = G(z^*) + \gamma J^\top J$ . Given that  $H \preceq L_H$ , then it is clear that  $T \preceq L_H(1 + \gamma L_H)$ .  $\lambda(T)$  can be obtained via the optimization problem  $\min_{\|v\|=1} v^\top (G(z^*) + \gamma J^\top J)v$  where, we can express  $v$  as

$$v = Yv_y + Zv_z$$

where  $Y$  is the matrix whose columns form an orthonormal basis for the row space of  $J$  and  $Z$  is the matrix whose columns form an orthonormal basis for the null space of  $J$ . We must then have that  $\|v_y\|^2 + \|v_z\|^2 = 1$ . We then have that the minimization problem can be lower bounded as

$$\begin{aligned} &v^\top (G(z^*) + \gamma J^\top J)v \\ &= v_y^\top Y^\top (G(z^*) + \gamma J^\top J)Yv_y + v_z^\top Z^\top G(z^*)Zv_z + 2v_y^\top Y^\top G(z^*)Zv_z \\ &\geq -L_H\|v_y\|^2 + \gamma\lambda(JY Y^\top J^\top)\|v_y\|^2 + \mu\|v_z\|^2 - 2L_H\|v_y\|\|v_z\| \\ &\geq (\gamma\beta_J - L_H - \mu)\|v_y\|^2 - 2L_H\|v_y\| + \mu \\ &\geq \mu - \frac{L_H^2}{\mu\beta_J - L_H - \mu} = \mu/2. \end{aligned}$$

Where the first equality comes from  $JZ = 0$ . The first inequality comes from orthogonality of  $Y$  and  $Z$ , the lower and upper bounds on the singular values of  $G(z^*)$  and  $J$ , and the property that  $\lambda(M^\top M) = \lambda(MM^\top)$  for any square matrix  $M$ . The second inequality comes from orthogonality of  $Y$ , the SSOSC conditions, and the fact that  $1 \geq \|v_z\|^2 = 1 - \|v_y\|^2 \geq 0$ . Finally the last line comes from noting that  $\gamma\beta_J - L_H - \mu = 2L_H^2/\mu > 0$  from where  $L_H > 0$  by the LICQ and SSOSC, and taking the derivative of the quadratic form in the previous line and setting it equal to zero. Thus, since  $\mu/2 \preceq T \preceq L_H(1 + \mu L_H)$ , we can estimate the lower bound on the singular values of  $H$  as

$$\|H^{-1}\| \leq \frac{2}{\mu} + \left(1 + \frac{4L_H}{\mu} + \frac{4L_H^2}{\mu^2}\right) \frac{L_H(1 + \gamma L_H)}{\beta_J} + \gamma = \mu_H.$$

Where the upper bound on  $\|(JT^{-1}J^\top)^{-1}\|$  follows as

$$\begin{aligned}\|(JT^{-1}J^\top)^{-1}\| &= \|(JT^{-1/2}T^{-1/2}J^\top)^{-1}\| \\ &= \|(T^{-1/2}(J^\top J)^{1/2}(J^\top J)^{1/2}T^{-1/2})^{-1}\| \\ &= \|T^{1/2}(J^\top J)^{-1}T^{1/2}\| \leq \|T\| \|(J^\top J)^{-1}\| \leq L_H(1 + \mu L_H)/\beta_J.\end{aligned}$$

It then remains to show that the uniform regularity assumptions hold.

**Lemma 3.** *For the  $H$  matrix in (5), the following regularity conditions hold under assumptions 1 and 2:*

$$\|H\| \leq L_H, \quad Z^\top G(z^*)Z \succeq \mu I, \quad JJ^\top \succeq \beta_J I$$

*Proof.* First denote  $G_{f_{t+\tau}}(y_\tau^*) := \int_0^1 \nabla_{y_\tau y_\tau}^2 f_{t+\tau}(y'_\tau + s(y_\tau^* - y'_\tau))ds$ ,  $G_{c_{t+\tau+1}}(v_\tau^*) := \int_0^1 \nabla_{v_\tau v_\tau}^2 c_{t+\tau+1}(v'_\tau + s(v_\tau^* - v'_\tau))ds$ , and  $G_F(y_k^*) := \int_0^1 \nabla_{y_k y_k}^2 F(y'_k + s(y_k^* - y'_k))ds$ . We will denote these unambiguously as  $G_{f_{t+\tau}}$ ,  $G_{c_{t+\tau+1}}$ , and  $G_F$  unambiguously. Then the  $G(z^*)$  matrix is

$$G(z^*) = \begin{bmatrix} G_{f_t} & & & & & \\ & G_{c_{t+1}} & & & & \\ & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & G_{f_{t+k-1}} & & \\ & & & & G_{c_{t+k}} & \\ & & & & & G_F \end{bmatrix}. \quad (6)$$

*Proof of  $\|H\| \leq L_H$ :* Let  $I_\tau$  be the index set corresponding to  $(y_\tau, v_\tau, \lambda_\tau)$ , then the matrix  $H$  can be split up as

$$H[I_\tau, I_{\tau'}] = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} G_{f_{t+\tau}} & & I \\ & G_{c_{t+\tau+1}} & \\ & & I \end{bmatrix}, & \tau = \tau' \neq k, \\ \begin{bmatrix} I & & \mathbf{0} \\ & \mathbf{0} & \\ -A & -B & \end{bmatrix}, & \tau - \tau' = 1, \tau \neq k \\ \mathbf{0}, & \tau - \tau' > 1, \\ \begin{bmatrix} G_F & I \\ I & \end{bmatrix}, & \tau = \tau' = k, \\ \begin{bmatrix} & & \mathbf{0} \\ -A & -B & \end{bmatrix}, & \tau - \tau' = 1, \tau = k, \end{cases}$$

where each subblock denotes rows corresponding to the indices of  $(y_\tau, v_\tau, \lambda_\tau)$  and the columns correspond to the indices of  $(y_{\tau'}, v_{\tau'}, \lambda_{\tau'})$ . The case for  $t < t'$  is similar due to the symmetry of  $H$  and is not shown here. Then, from the following Lemma

**Lemma 4.** *Given a matrix  $M$  and a partitioning  $(I_i, J_j)_{i,j \in \mathcal{V}}$ , the following holds:*

$$\|M\| \leq \left( \max_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}} \|M[i, j]\| \right)^{1/2} \left( \max_{j \in \mathcal{V}} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \|M[i, j]\| \right)^{1/2}.$$

Whose proof is in Sungho's previous paper (*Exponential Decay of Sensitivity in Graph-Structured Non-linear Programs*). Using the above result, we see that the upper bound on the norm of  $H$  is  $L_H = 2L + 1$ .

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*Proof of  $JJ^\top \succeq \beta_J I$ :* Consider the column operation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & & & & \\ -A & -B & I & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & -A & -B & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & & & & \\ -K & I & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & -K & I \\ & & & & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & & & & \\ -\Phi & -B & I & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & -\Phi & -B & I \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $K$  is an  $(L, \rho)$ -stabilizing gain of  $(A, B)$ . Denote the matrix on the RHS as  $E$  and the inverse of the column operation as  $J_2$ , then  $JJ^\top = EJ_2J_2^\top E^\top$ . Then denote a submatrix of the RHS as  $J_1$  whose form is:

$$J_1 := \begin{bmatrix} I & & & & \\ -\Phi & I & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & -\Phi & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad J_1^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} I & & & & \\ \Phi & I & & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \\ \Phi^k & \dots & & \Phi & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad J_2 = \begin{bmatrix} I & & & & \\ -K & I & & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & -K & I \\ & & & & I \end{bmatrix}^{-1},$$

since  $J_1$  is a submatrix of  $E$ , we have that  $JJ^\top \succeq J_1J_2J_2^\top J_1^\top \succeq \lambda(J_2J_2^\top)J_1J_1^\top \succeq \|J_1^{-1}\|^{-2}\|J_2^{-1}\|^{-2}I$ . From Lemma 4, we see that  $\|J_1^{-1}\| \leq \frac{L}{1-\rho}$  and similarly,  $\|J_2^{-1}\| \leq L+1$  since  $K$  is an  $(L, \rho)$  stabilizing gain.

Then we achieve the lower bound  $FF^\top \succeq \frac{(1-\rho)^2}{L^2(1+L)^2}I = \beta_J I$

*Proof of  $Z^\top G(z^*)Z \succeq \mu I$ :* We know that any  $G_{f_{t+\tau}} = \int_0^1 \nabla_{y_\tau y_\tau}^2 f_{t+\tau}(y'_\tau + s(y_{\tau^*} - y'_\tau))ds \succeq \mu_f I$ ,  $\nabla^2 F \succeq \nabla^2 f_t$ , and  $G_{c_{t+\tau+1}} = \int_0^1 \nabla_{v_\tau v_\tau}^2 c_{t+\tau+1}(v'_\tau + s(v_{\tau^*} - v'_\tau))ds \succeq \mu_c I$ . Set  $\mu := \min\{\mu_c, \mu_f\}$  then it immediately follows that  $G(z^*) \succeq \mu$  and so,  $Z^\top G(z^*)Z \succeq \mu$ .  $\square$

This finishes the proof of Theorem 5.  $\square$

## 2.2 Analysis of the node problem (3)

We see that the problem in (3) can be written more succinctly as

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\psi}_t^k(x, \zeta, \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i]; F) &:= \arg \min_{(y_{0:k}, v_{0:k})} \sum_{\tau=0}^{k-1} f_{t+\tau}(y_\tau) + \sum_{\tau=1}^k c_{t+\tau}(v_{\tau-1}) + F(y_k) \\ \text{s.t. } y_{\tau+1} &= A^{i,\kappa} y_\tau + B^{i,\kappa} v_\tau + \zeta_\tau^{i,\kappa}, \quad \tau = 0, \dots, k-1 \\ y_0 &= x^{i,\kappa}, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Where we define

$$A^{i,\kappa}[j, m] := \begin{cases} A[j, m], & j \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i], \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

and similarly for  $B^{i,\kappa}$ ,  $\zeta^{i,\kappa}$ , and  $x^{i,\kappa}$ . We will henceforth leave out the  $i$  in the notation above and will implicitly assume some node  $i \in \mathcal{V}$ . Denote the solution to the problem above as  $z^\kappa$  and the corresponding dual variables as  $\lambda^\kappa$ , then the kkt conditions are

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla \tilde{f}(z^\kappa) + (J^\kappa)^\top \lambda^\kappa \\ J^\kappa z^\kappa \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ x^\kappa \\ \zeta^\kappa \end{bmatrix}, \quad (8)$$

where we define

$$J^\kappa := \begin{bmatrix} I & & & & \\ -A^\kappa & -B^\kappa & & & \\ & & I & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & -A^\kappa & -B^\kappa & I \end{bmatrix}.$$

We aim to describe the difference between the solutions to (4) in which the relationship between the two is described by the following theorem

**Theorem 6.** *Denote the solution to the kkt conditions of the centralized problem in (2)  $q^c$  and  $q^\kappa$  for that of the decentralized problem in (7) then under assumptions 1, 2, and 7, we have that the norm difference between the two problems at node  $i$  is*

$$\|q^c[i] - q^\kappa[i]\| \leq \Gamma(\|x\| + \|\zeta\|)\delta^\kappa,$$

where  $\delta := \frac{\rho+1}{2}$  and  $\Gamma := \frac{2\alpha^2\delta L}{(1-\delta)^2} \left( \sup_{d \in \mathbb{Z}_+} (\rho/\delta)^d p(d) \right)^2 p(1)$  where  $\rho$  and  $\alpha$  are as in theorem 3 and  $p(\cdot)$  is the subexponential function described in assumption 7.

*Proof.* We first derive a nicer form for the difference between the two trajectories as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla \tilde{f}(z^c) - \nabla \tilde{f}(z^\kappa) + (J^c)^\top \lambda^c - (J^\kappa)^\top \lambda^\kappa \\ J^c z^c - J^\kappa z^\kappa \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G(z^c - z^\kappa) + (J^c)^\top \lambda^c - (J^\kappa)^\top \lambda^\kappa \\ J^c z^c - J^\kappa z^\kappa \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ x^\perp \\ \zeta^\perp \end{bmatrix},$$

note that the first equality is due to Lemma 1. Further note that we have relabeled the solution to (4) as  $[z^\top \quad \lambda^\top]^\top = [(z^c)^\top \quad (\lambda^c)^\top]^\top$  and similarly  $J^c = J$ . We define  $x^\perp := x - x^\kappa$  and  $\zeta^\perp := \zeta - \zeta^\kappa$ . Note that this system of equations can be written more succinctly as:

$$H^c \begin{bmatrix} z^c \\ \lambda^c \end{bmatrix} - H^\kappa \begin{bmatrix} z^\kappa \\ \lambda^\kappa \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ x^\perp \\ \zeta^\perp \end{bmatrix},$$

where

$$H^c := \begin{bmatrix} G & (J^c)^\top \\ J^c & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}, \quad H^\kappa := \begin{bmatrix} G & (J^\kappa)^\top \\ J^\kappa & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}.$$



Define  $q^c := \begin{bmatrix} z^c \\ \lambda^c \end{bmatrix}$  and similarly for  $q^\kappa$ , then

$$H^c q^c - H^\kappa q^\kappa = H^c(q^c - q^\kappa) - (H^\kappa - H^c)q^\kappa = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ x^\perp \\ \zeta^\perp \end{bmatrix}$$

$$q^c - q^\kappa = (H^c)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ x^\perp \\ \zeta^\perp \end{bmatrix} - (H^c)^{-1}(H^c - H^\kappa) \begin{bmatrix} z^\kappa \\ \lambda^\kappa \end{bmatrix},$$

observe that the matrix  $H^c - H^\kappa$  is simply

$$H^\perp := H^c - H^\kappa = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & (J^\perp)^\top \\ J^\perp & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix},$$

then, recall the constraints in (3)

$$y_{\tau+1}[j] = \begin{cases} \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_G[j]} A[j, m] y_\tau[m] + B[j, m] v_\tau[m] + \zeta_\tau[m], & j \in \mathcal{N}_G^\kappa[i], \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases}, \quad \tau = 0, \dots, k-1$$

and

$$y_0[j] = \begin{cases} x_0[j], & j \in \mathcal{N}_G^\kappa[i] \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

which imply that any feasible trajectory to (3) must have all  $y_\tau[j] = 0$  for all  $\tau = 0, \dots, k$  and  $j \notin \mathcal{N}_G^\kappa[i]$ , and WLOG  $v_\tau[j]$  must also be 0 for all  $\tau = 0, \dots, k-1$  and  $j \notin \mathcal{N}_G^\kappa[i]$ .

Recall that the FONC for (7) are

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla f_t(y_0^\kappa) + \lambda_0^\kappa - (A^\kappa)^\top \lambda_1^\kappa \\ \nabla c_{t+1}(v_0^\kappa) - (B^\kappa)^\top \lambda_1^\kappa \\ \nabla f_{t+1}(y_1^\kappa) + \lambda_1^\kappa - (A^\kappa)^\top \lambda_2^\kappa \\ \vdots \\ \nabla c_{t+k}(v_{k-1}^\kappa) - (B^\kappa)^\top \lambda_k^\kappa \\ \nabla F(y_k^\kappa) + \lambda_k^\kappa \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}$$

for the optimal trajectory  $(z^\kappa, \lambda^\kappa) = ((y_\tau^\kappa, v_\tau^\kappa), (\lambda_\tau)^\kappa)$ . For  $j \notin \mathcal{N}_G^\kappa[i]$ , we see that the FONC for these nodes are

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nabla f_t(y_0^\kappa)[j] + \lambda_0^\kappa[j] \\ \nabla f_{t+1}(y_1^\kappa)[j] + \lambda_1^\kappa[j] \\ \vdots \\ \nabla f_{t+k-1}(y_{k-1}^\kappa)[j] + \lambda_{k-1}^\kappa[j] \\ \nabla F(y_k^\kappa)[j] + \lambda_k^\kappa[j] \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

If each  $f_{t+\tau}(y_\tau^\kappa) := \sum_{m \in \mathcal{V}} f_{t+\tau}[m](y_\tau^\kappa[m]) = \sum_{m \in \mathcal{V}} f_{t\tau}(y_\tau^\kappa)[m]$  where each nodal cost  $f_{t+\tau}[m]$  satisfies the same assumptions in Assumption 1, then each  $\nabla f_{t+\tau}(y_\tau^\kappa)[j]$  vanishes for any  $j \notin \mathcal{N}_G^\kappa[i]$ , and therefore the optimal  $\lambda_\tau^\kappa[j]$  must be 0 as well. Under this decentralized form of the cost in (7), we have that

$$q^c - q^\kappa = (H^c)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} \\ x^\perp \\ \zeta^\perp \end{bmatrix} - (H^c)^{-1} H^\perp q^\kappa.$$

Since  $J^\perp$  has the form

$$J^\perp = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0} & & & & \\ -A^\perp & -B^\perp & \mathbf{0} & & \\ & & \ddots & & \\ & & & -A^\perp & -B^\perp & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix},$$

observe that its norm is upper bounded by  $2L$  by Lemma 4. Each matrix has the following structure

$$A^\perp[j, m] = \begin{cases} A[j, m], & d_{\mathcal{G}}(i, j) > \kappa, \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

where the term  $H^\perp q^\kappa$  has non-zero terms like  $H^\perp[j, m]q^\kappa[m]$  where  $d_{\mathcal{G}}(i, m) \leq \kappa$  and  $d_{\mathcal{G}}(i, j) > \kappa$ . For  $(j, m)$  such that  $d_{\mathcal{G}}(j, m) \leq 1$ ,  $H^\perp[j, m]$  is nonzero and 0 otherwise. Thus, all such  $m$  must be on the boundary of the the kappa-hop neighbourhood which we will denote  $\partial\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i] := \{j: d_{\mathcal{G}}(i, j) = \kappa\}$ . To get an upper bound on the norm difference of the solutions  $q^c$  and  $q^\kappa$  at node  $i$ , we make the following assumption:

**Assumption 7.** *There exists a subexponential function  $p(\cdot)$  such that*

$$|\{j \in \mathcal{V}: d_{\mathcal{G}}(i, j) = d\}| \leq p(d), \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{V},$$

and so, the bound follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|q^c[i] - q^\kappa[i]\| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}} (H^c)^{-1}[i, j] (\mathbf{c}^\perp[j] - H^\perp q^\kappa[j]) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i]} \|(H^c)^{-1}[i, j]\| \left( \|\mathbf{c}^\perp[j]\| + \sum_{m \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i] \cap \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}[j]} \|H^\perp[j, m]q^\kappa[m]\| \right) \\ &\leq \alpha \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V} \setminus \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i]} \rho^{d_{\mathcal{G}}(i, j)} \left( \|\mathbf{c}^\perp[j]\| + \sum_{m \in \partial\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i] \cap \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}[j]} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i]} \|H^\perp[j, m]\| \|\mathbf{H}^{-1}[m, k]\| \|\mathbf{c}^\kappa[k]\| \right) \\ &\leq \alpha \sum_{d=\kappa+1}^{\infty} (\rho/\delta)^d p(d) \delta^d \left( \|\mathbf{c}^\perp\| + 2\alpha L \sum_{m \in \partial\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i] \cap \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}[j]} \sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i]} \rho^{d_{\mathcal{G}}(m, k)} \|\mathbf{c}^\kappa[k]\| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha\delta}{1-\delta} \left( \sup_{d \in \mathbb{Z}_+} (\rho/\delta)^d p(d) \right) \delta^\kappa \left( \|\mathbf{c}^\perp\| + \frac{2\alpha L}{1-\delta} \left( \sup_{d \in \mathbb{Z}_+} (\rho/\delta)^d p(d) \right) p(1) \|\mathbf{c}^\kappa\| \right) \\ &\leq \Gamma (\|\mathbf{c}^\perp\| + \|\mathbf{c}^\kappa\|) \delta^\kappa. \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha$  and  $\rho$  are defined as in Theorem 3,  $\delta := \frac{\rho+1}{2}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$  is the KKT matrix corresponding to the decentralized problem (7) (as defined in Lemma 1 with  $z' = 0$ ), and  $\Gamma := \frac{2\alpha^2\delta L}{(1-\delta)^2} \left( \sup_{d \in \mathbb{Z}_+} (\rho/\delta)^d p(d) \right)^2 p(1)$ . In the third inequality we use the fact that  $\|H^\perp\| \leq 2L$ , Assumption 7, and Theorem 3. And in the fourth inequality, we use the fact that  $p(d)$  is subexponential, assumption 7, and the following inequality:

$$\sum_{k \in \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i]} \rho^{d_{\mathcal{G}}(m, k)} \leq \sum_{k \in \mathcal{V}} \rho^{d_{\mathcal{G}}(m, k)} \leq \sum_{d=0}^{\infty} (\rho/\delta)^d p(d) \delta^d \leq \left( \sup_{d \in \mathbb{Z}_+} (\rho/\delta)^d p(d) \right) \frac{1}{1-\delta}.$$

□

### 3 Stability and Regret of (3)

We have the following upper bound on the performance of the two controllers (2) and (7) such that

$$\|u^c(x)[i] - u^\kappa[i](x)\| = \|\tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x, \zeta; F)_{v_0[i]} - \tilde{\psi}_t^k(x, \zeta, \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i]; F)_{v_0[i]}\| \leq \Gamma (\|x\| + \|\zeta\|) \delta^\kappa$$

where  $u^c$  denotes the centralized controller obtained from (2) and  $u^\kappa$  is the decentralized controller obtained from (3). More explicitly, we have that

$$u^c(x) := \tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x, \zeta; F)_{v_0}, \quad u^\kappa[i](x) := \tilde{\psi}_t^k(x, \zeta, \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i]; F)_{v_0[i]},$$

where  $u^\kappa(x) := [u^\kappa[i](x)]_{i \in \mathcal{V}}$ . The closed loop dynamics are then

$$\begin{aligned} x_{t+1}^c &= Ax_t^c + Bu^c(x_t^c) + w_t, \\ x_{t+1}^\kappa &= Ax_t^\kappa + Bu^\kappa(x_t^\kappa) + w_t, \end{aligned}$$

where we note that  $x_{t+1}^c = \tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t, \zeta_t; F)_{y_1}$  in which  $\zeta_t = w_{t:t+k-1}$ .

### 3.1 Stability

The centralized predictive control algorithm (2) generates the trajectory directly from the optimization problem, that is,  $x_{t+1}^c = \tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t^c; F)_{y_1}$ . For the decentralized control algorithm in (3),  $x_{t+1}$  is generated from the dynamics above:  $x_{t+1} = Ax_t + Bu^\kappa(x_t) + w_t$ , and the control input produced by the algorithm is  $u^\kappa[i](x_t) := \tilde{\psi}_t^k(x_t, \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i]; F)_{v_0[i]}$ . In order to derive a stability result for the trajectory generated by the algorithm in (3), it would be helpful to derive a bound on  $\|x_{t+1}\|$  in terms of  $\tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t; F)_{y_1}$  and an error term which is exponentially decaying. For  $k-1 \leq t \leq T-k$ , the norm of  $x_{t+1}$  has upper bound

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t+1}\| &= \left\| \tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t; F)_{y_1} + B(u^c(x_t) - u^\kappa(x_t)) \right\| \leq \|\tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t; F)_{y_1}\| + L \sum_{i \in \mathcal{V}} \|\tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t; F)_{v_0[i]} - \tilde{\psi}_t^k(x_t, \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{G}}^\kappa[i]; F)_{v_0[i]}\| \\ &\leq \|\tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t; F)_{y_1}\| + LNT(\|x_t\| + \|\zeta^t\|) \delta^\kappa \\ &\leq \sum_{m=0}^{k-2} \|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^k(x_{t-m}; F)_{y_{m+1}} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^k(x_{t-m-1}; F)_{y_{m+2}}\| + \|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-k+1}^k(x_{t-k+1}; F)_{y_k}\| + C_t \delta^\kappa, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_t := LNT(\|x_t\| + \|\zeta^t\|)$  and  $\zeta^t := w_{t:t+k-1}$ . Observe that  $\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^k(x_{t-m-1}; F)_{y_{m+2}} = \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^{k-1}(x_{t-m}^c; F)_{y_{m+1}}$  where

$$x_{t-m}^c = \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^k(x_{t-m-1}; F)_{y_1},$$

Thus, we need to obtain a bound on

$$\|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^k(x_{t-m}; F)_{y_{m+1}} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^{k-1}(x_{t-m}^c; F)_{y_{m+1}}\|$$

which follows from the following lemma

**Lemma 5.** Define the centralized optimization problem with terminal state:

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_t^k(x, \zeta, z) &:= \arg \min_{y_0:k, v_0:k-1} \sum_{\tau=0}^{k-1} f_{t+\tau}(y_\tau) + \sum_{\tau=1}^k c_{t+\tau}(v_{\tau-1}) \\ \text{s.t. } y_{\tau+1} &= Ay_\tau + Bv_\tau + \zeta_\tau, \quad \tau = 0, \dots, k-1 \\ y_0 &= x, \quad y_k = z \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^k(x_{t-m}; F)_{y_{m+1}} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^{k-1}(x_{t-m}^c; F)_{y_{m+1}}\| \\ &\leq C \left( N\lambda^{m+1} L\Gamma(\|x_{t-m-1}\| + \|\zeta^{t-m-1}\|) \delta^\kappa + \lambda^{k-m-1} \left( C\lambda^{k-1}(\|x_{t-m}\| + C\lambda\|x_{t-m-1}\| + \frac{2C}{1-\lambda}D) + \frac{4C}{1-\lambda}D \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Let

$$z := \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^k(x_{t-m}; F)_{y_{k-1}}, \quad z' := \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^{k-1}(x_{t-m}^c; F)_{y_{k-1}},$$

then, leveraging the principle of optimality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^k(x_{t-m}; F)_{y_{m+1}} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^{k-1}(x_{t-m}^c; F)_{y_{m+1}}\| = \|\Psi_{t-m}^{k-1}(x_{t-m}, z)_{y_{m+1}} - \Psi_{t-m}^{k-1}(x_{t-m}^c, z')_{y_{m+1}}\| \\ & \leq C \left( \lambda^{m+1} \|x_{t-m} - x_{t-m}^c\| + \lambda^{k-m-1} \|z - z'\| \right) \\ & \leq C \left( \lambda^{m+1} \|x_{t-m} - x_{t-m}^c\| + \lambda^{k-m-1} \left( C\lambda^{k-1}(\|x_{t-m}\| + \|x_{t-m}^c\|) + \frac{4C}{1-\lambda}D \right) \right), \end{aligned}$$

Where  $C$  and  $\lambda$  are constants from Yiheng's results and  $D = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \|w_t\|$ , we apply the Lipschitz result (theorem 3.3), and recall that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t-m} - x_{t-m}^c\| &= \|B(u_{t-m-1}^\kappa(x_{t-m-1}) - u_{t-m-1}^c(x_{t-m-1}))\| \\ &\leq L N \Gamma (\|x_{t-m-1}\| + \|\zeta^{t-m-1}\|) \delta^\kappa, \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

note that this result holds for any  $x_{t-m} - x_{t-m}^c$  such that  $x_{t-m}$  and  $x_{t-m}^c$  are generated by  $\tilde{\psi}_t^{k'}(x_{t-m-1})_{v_0}$  and  $\tilde{\Psi}_t^{k'}(x_{t-m-1})_{v_0}$  (i.e. for arbitrary time horizon  $k'$ ). Then, we can bound  $\|x_{t-m}^c\|$  via the lipschitz result

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t-m}^c\| &= \|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^k(x_{t-m-1}; F)_{y_1}\| \\ &\leq C\lambda \|x_{t-m-1}\| + \frac{2C}{1-\lambda}D \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we get that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^k(x_{t-m}; F)_{y_{m+1}} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^{k-1}(x_{t-m}^c; F)_{y_{m+1}}\| \\ & \leq C \left( N\lambda^{m+1} L \Gamma (\|x_{t-m-1}\| + \|\zeta^{t-m-1}\|) \delta^\kappa + \lambda^{k-m-1} \left( C\lambda^{k-1}(\|x_{t-m}\| + C\lambda \|x_{t-m-1}\| + \frac{2C}{1-\lambda}D) + \frac{4C}{1-\lambda}D \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

□

Returning to the upper bound on the norm of  $x_{t+1}$  for  $k-1 \leq t \leq T-k$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t+1}\| &\leq \sum_{m=0}^{k-2} C N \lambda^{m+1} L \Gamma (\|x_{t-m-1}\| + \|\zeta^{t-m-1}\|) \delta^\kappa \\ &\quad + C\lambda^{k-m-1} \left( C\lambda^{k-1}(\|x_{t-m}\| + C\lambda \|x_{t-m-1}\|) + (2 + C\lambda^{k-1}) \frac{2C}{1-\lambda}D \right) \\ &\quad + C\lambda^k \|x_{t-k+1}\| + \frac{2C}{1-\lambda}D + L N \Gamma (\|x_t\| + \|\zeta^t\|) \delta^\kappa \\ \|x_{t+1}\| &\leq C \sum_{m=0}^{k-2} ((L_N \lambda^{m+1} \delta^\kappa + C^2 \lambda^{2k-m-1}) \|x_{t-m-1}\| + C\lambda^{2k-m-2} \|x_{t-m}\|) + L_N \|x_t\| \delta^\kappa \\ &\quad + C\lambda^k \|x_{t-k+1}\| + \left( 1 + \frac{C(2+C) + (1+C)L_N \delta^\kappa}{1-\lambda} \right) \frac{2C}{1-\lambda}D, \end{aligned}$$

where we now take  $D := \sup_{t \in \mathbb{Z}_+} \|\zeta^t\|$  and  $L_N := L N \Gamma$ .

Similarly, for  $t \leq k-1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t+1}\| &\leq \|\tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t; F)_{y_1}\| + L_N (\|x_t\| + D) \delta^\kappa \\ &\leq \sum_{m=0}^{t-2} \|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^k(x_{t-m}; F)_{y_{m+1}} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^k(x_{t-m-1}; F)_{y_{m+2}}\| + \|\tilde{\Psi}_0^k(x_0; F)_{y_{t+1}}\| + L_N (\|x_t\| + D) \delta^\kappa \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{t-2} \|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^k(x_{t-m}; F)_{y_{m+1}} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^{k-1}(x_{t-m}^c; F)_{y_{m+1}}\| + \|\tilde{\Psi}_0^k(x_0; F)_{y_{t+1}}\| + L_N (\|x_t\| + D) \delta^\kappa \\ &\leq \sum_{m=0}^{t-2} C L_N \lambda^{m+1} \delta^\kappa (\|x_{t-m-1}\| + D) + C\lambda^{k-m-1} \left( C\lambda^{k-1}(\|x_{t-m}\| + C\lambda \|x_{t-m-1}\|) + (2 + C\lambda^{k-1}) \frac{2C}{1-\lambda}D \right) \\ &\quad + C\|x_0\| + \frac{2C}{1-\lambda}D + L_N (\|x_t\| + D) \delta^\kappa \end{aligned}$$

Writing out the terms more explicitly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t+1}\| &\leq C \sum_{m=0}^{t-2} ((L_N \lambda^{m+1} \delta^\kappa + C^2 \lambda^{2k-m-1}) \|x_{t-m-1}\| + C \lambda^{2k-m-2} \|x_{t-m}\|) + L_N \|x_t\| \delta^\kappa \\ &\quad + C \|x_0\| + \left(1 + \frac{C(2+C) + (1+C)L_N \delta^\kappa}{1-\lambda}\right) \frac{2C}{1-\lambda} D \end{aligned}$$

Take  $k$  and  $\kappa$  to be such that, for small  $\xi > 0$

$$C \left( \lambda^k + L_N \delta^\kappa + \sum_{m=0}^{k-2} L_N \lambda^{m+1} \delta^\kappa + C \lambda^{2k-m-2} + C^2 \lambda^{2k-m-1} \right) \leq 1 - \xi,$$

and

$$C \left( L_N \delta^\kappa + \sum_{m=0}^{t-2} L_N \lambda^{m+1} \delta^\kappa + C \lambda^{2k-m-2} + C^2 \lambda^{2k-m-1} \right) \leq 1 - \xi,$$

Then, for  $t \leq T - k$  we have by induction:

$$\|x_{t+1}\| \leq \frac{C}{\xi} (1 - \xi)^{\max(0, t-k+1)} \|x_0\| + \left(1 + \frac{C(2+C) + (1+C)(1-\xi)}{1-\lambda}\right) \frac{2C}{1-\lambda} \frac{D}{\xi}$$

The case for  $t \leq k-1$  is easily verifiable, what remains then is to prove the induction from  $k \leq t \leq T-k$ .

WLOG Let  $t \geq 2k-1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t+1}\| &\leq \sum_{m=0}^{k-2} (C L_N \lambda^{m+1} \delta^\kappa + C^3 \lambda^{2k-m-1}) \left( \frac{C}{\xi} (1 - \xi)^{t-m-k-1} \|x_0\| + B \frac{1-\xi}{\xi} \right) \\ &\quad + C^2 \lambda^{2k-m-2} \left( \frac{C}{\xi} (1 - \xi)^{t-m-k} \|x_0\| + B \frac{1-\xi}{\xi} \right) + L_N \delta^\kappa \left( \frac{C}{\xi} (1 - \xi)^{t-k} \|x_0\| + B \frac{1-\xi}{\xi} \right) \\ &\quad + C \lambda^k \left( \frac{C}{\xi} (1 - \xi)^{t-2k+1} \|x_0\| + B \frac{1-\xi}{\xi} \right) + B(1 - \xi) \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\xi} (1 - \xi)^{t-k+1} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{k-2} (C L_N \lambda^{m+1} \delta^\kappa + C^3 \lambda^{2k-m-1}) (1 - \xi)^{-m-2} + C^2 \lambda^{2k-m-2} (1 - \xi)^{-m-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + L_N \delta^\kappa (1 - \xi)^{-1} + C \lambda^k (1 - \xi)^{-k} \right) \|x_0\| + B \frac{1-\xi}{\xi} \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\xi} (1 - \xi)^{t-k+1} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} C \lambda^m (1 - \xi)^{-m} \frac{L_N \delta^\kappa}{1-\xi} + (C(C\lambda + 1 - \xi)) \sum_{m=0}^{k-2} C \lambda^{2k-m-2} (1 - \xi)^{-m-2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C \lambda^k (1 - \xi)^{-k} \right) \|x_0\| + B(1 - \xi)/\xi \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\xi} (1 - \xi)^{t-k+1} \|x_0\| + B \frac{1-\xi}{\xi}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $B := \left(1 + \frac{C(2+c)+(1+C)}{1-\lambda}\right) \frac{2C}{1-\lambda}$  and we choose  $\xi$ ,  $\kappa$ , and  $k$  such that

$$\frac{L_N C}{1-\xi} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} \left( \frac{\lambda}{1-\xi} \right)^m \right) \delta^\kappa + \frac{C^2(C\lambda + 1 - \xi)}{(\lambda(1-\xi))^2} \lambda^{2k} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{k-2} (\lambda(1-\xi))^{-m} \right) + C \left( \frac{\lambda}{1-\xi} \right)^k \leq 1$$

letting  $r := \frac{\lambda}{1-\xi}$ , we take the following upper bound

$$\frac{L_N C}{1-\xi} \frac{1-r^k}{1-r} \delta^\kappa + \frac{C^2(C\lambda + 1 - \xi)}{(\lambda(1-\xi))^2} \frac{(\lambda(1-\xi))^{-k} - 1}{(\lambda(1-\xi))^{-1} - 1} \lambda^{2k} + C r^k \leq 1,$$

to this end we can take  $\xi \leq 1 - \lambda$  and

$$k \geq \frac{\log \frac{\lambda(1-\xi)(1-\lambda(1-\xi))}{3C^2(C\lambda+1-\xi)}}{\log \frac{\lambda}{1-\xi}}, \quad \kappa \geq \frac{\log \frac{1-\xi-\lambda}{3LNTC}}{\log \delta}$$

and to satisfy the condition on the coefficients, we can take

$$k \geq \frac{\log \left( \frac{1-\xi}{2 \left( \frac{C(1-\lambda)+C^2+C^3}{1-\lambda} \right)} \right)}{\log \lambda} \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa \geq \frac{\log \left( \frac{(1-\xi)(1-\lambda)}{2CLNT} \right)}{\log \delta},$$

Then we take the max of both conditions on  $k$  and  $\kappa$  to attain ISS for  $t \leq T - k$ . For the case that  $T - k \leq t \leq T - 1$ , we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t+1}\| &= \left\| \tilde{\Psi}_t^{T-t}(x_t; 0)_{y_1} + B \left( \left( \tilde{\psi}_t^{T-t}(x_t; 0)_{v_0[i]} \right)_{i \in \mathcal{V}} - \tilde{\Psi}_t^{T-t}(x_t; 0)_{v_0} \right) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{m=0}^{t+k-T-1} \left\| \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^{T-t+m}(x_{t-m})_{y_{m+1}} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^{T-t+m+1}(x_{t-m-1})_{y_{m+2}} \right\| + \|\tilde{\Psi}_{T-k}^k(x_{T-k})_{y_{t+k-T+1}}\| + L_N(\|x_t\| + D)\delta^\kappa \end{aligned}$$

Using the same observation as before, but in this case

$$\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^{T-t+m+1}(x_{t-m-1})_{y_{m+2}} = \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^{T-t+m}(x_{t-m}^{c'})_{y_{m+1}}$$

Where  $x_{t-m}^{c'} := \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^{T-t+m+1}(x_{t-m-1})_{y_1}$ , we can directly apply the lipschitz result:

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t+1}\| &\leq \sum_{m=0}^{t+k-T-1} C\lambda^{m+1} \|x_{t-m} - x_{t-m}^{c'}\| + C\lambda^{t+k-T+1} \|x_{T-k}\| + \frac{2C}{1-\lambda} D + L_N(\|x_t\| + D)\delta^\kappa \\ &\leq \sum_{m=0}^{t+k-T} C\lambda^m LNT(\|x_{t-m}\| + D)\delta^\kappa + C\lambda^{t+k-T+1} \|x_{T-k}\| + \frac{2C}{1-\lambda} D \end{aligned}$$

Taking the coefficients

$$\sum_{m=0}^{t+k-T} C\lambda^m LNT\delta^\kappa \leq 1 - \xi$$

We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t+1}\| &\leq \frac{C}{\xi} \lambda^{t+k-T+1} \|x_{T-k}\| + \frac{4C}{(1-\lambda)\xi} D \\ &\leq \frac{C}{\xi^2} \lambda^{t+k-T+1} (C(1-\xi)^{T-2k} \|x_0\| + B(1-\xi)) + \frac{4C}{(1-\lambda)\xi} D \end{aligned}$$

### 3.2 Regret

We note that, in order to bound the regret, we must take differences between  $f_t(x_t) - f_t(x_t^*) + c_{t+1}(u_t) - c_{t+1}(u_t^*)$  where  $(x_t, u_t)$  are generated by the controls from (3) and  $(x_t^*, u_t^*)$  are the offline optimal control  $\tilde{\Psi}_0^T(x_0; 0)$ . Here, we attempt to obtain the difference of costs via  $u^\kappa(x_t) := (\tilde{\psi}_t^{k'}(x_t)_{v_0[i]})_{i \in \mathcal{V}}$  and  $\Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1})_{v_0}$  where  $k' := \min(k, T - t)$ . We first bound  $c_{t+1}(\Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1})_{v_0})$  and  $c_{t+1}((\tilde{\psi}_t^{k'}(x_t)_{v_0[i]})_{i \in \mathcal{V}})$  by applying the following result for  $\eta > 0$ :

$$c_{t+1}(x) - (1 + \eta)c_{t+1}(x') \leq \frac{L}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\eta} \right) \|x - x'\|^2,$$

note that this upper bound holds for  $f_t$  as well, thus,

$$c_{t+1}((\tilde{\psi}_t^{k'}(x_t)_{v_0[i]})_{i \in \mathcal{V}}) - (1 + \eta)c_{t+1}(\Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1})_{v_0}) \leq \frac{L}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\eta} \right) \|(\tilde{\psi}_t^{k'}(x_t)_{v_0[i]})_{i \in \mathcal{V}} - \Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1})_{v_0}\|^2$$

We can bound the norm of the difference as

$$\begin{aligned}\|u^\kappa(x_t) - \Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1})_{v_0}\| &\leq \|\Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1})_{v_0} - \tilde{\Psi}_t^{k'}(x_t)_{v_0}\| + \|\tilde{\Psi}_t^{k'}(x_t)_{v_0} - u^\kappa(x_t)\| \\ &\leq \|\Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1})_{v_0} - \tilde{\Psi}_t^{k'}(x_t)_{v_0}\| + N\Gamma(\|x_t\| + D)\delta^\kappa\end{aligned}$$

then, using the principle of optimality, we have that

$$\tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t; F)_{v_0} = \Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1}^c)_{v_0},$$

where  $x_{t+1}^c = \tilde{\Psi}_t^{k'}(x_t)_{y_1}$ , so then all we need to bound is the norm of the difference between the controls  $\|\Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1})_{v_0} - \Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1}^c)_{v_0}\|$ . We prove a general Lemma for the difference in controls produced by the optimization problems with terminal states in (9).

**Lemma 6.** *Given the one step terminal constraint optimization problem defined in (9), we have that*

$$\|\Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1})_{v_0} - \Psi_t^1(x'_t, x'_{t+1})_{v_0}\| \leq \Gamma(\|x_t - x'_t\| + \|x_{t+1} - x'_{t+1}\|)$$

*Proof.* We recall that  $\Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1})$  has lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(z, \lambda) = f_t(y_0) + f_{t+1}(y_1) + c_{t+1}(v_0) + \lambda_1^\top (y_1 - Ay_0 - Bv_0 - \zeta_0) + \lambda_0^\top (y_0 - x_t) + \lambda_2^\top (y_1 - x_{t+1})$$

whose kkt conditions are then

$$\nabla \tilde{f}(z) + J^\top \lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \nabla f_t(y_0) + \lambda_0 - A^\top \lambda_1 \\ \nabla c_{t+1}(v_0) - B^\top \lambda_1 \\ \nabla f_{t+1}(y_1) + \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

and

$$Jz = \begin{bmatrix} I & & \\ -A & -B & I \\ & & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ v_0 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_t \\ \zeta_t \\ x_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

We can get similar KKT conditions for  $z' = (y'_0, v'_0, y'_1)$  and with corresponding  $x'_t$  and  $x'_{t+1}$ . Taking the difference of the two and applying Lemma 1, we obtain

$$H_1 \begin{bmatrix} z - z' \\ \lambda - \lambda' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} G_c & J^\top \\ J & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z - z' \\ \lambda - \lambda' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x_t - x'_t \\ 0 \\ x_{t+1} - x'_{t+1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $G_c$  is a submatrix of  $G$  in Theorem 5, the first 2 conditions hold trivially, So what remains to be shown is that  $JJ^\top \succeq \beta_J I$ : Consider the following column operation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & & \\ -A & -B & I \\ & & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & & \\ K & I & \\ & & I \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} I & & \\ -\Phi & -B & I \\ & & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|\Psi_t^1(x_t, x_{t+1})_{v_0} - \Psi_t^1(x'_t, x'_{t+1})_{v_0}\| \leq \|z - z'\| \leq \Gamma(\|x_t - x'_t\| + \|x_{t+1} - x'_{t+1}\|)$$

□

Then, we can compare  $u^\kappa(x_t)$  to the optimal offline control input  $u_t^*$  as

$$\begin{aligned}&c_{t+1}(u^\kappa(x_t)) - (1 + \eta')c_{t+1}(\hat{u}_t) + (1 + \eta')(c_{t+1}(\hat{u}_t) - (1 + \eta')c_{t+1}(u_t^*)) \\ &\leq \frac{L}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta'}\right) (\|u^\kappa(x_t) - \hat{u}_t\|^2 + (1 + \eta')\|\hat{u}_t - u_t^*\|^2) \\ &\leq L \left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta'}\right) (N^2\Gamma^2(\|x_t\| + D)^2\delta^{2\kappa} + \Gamma^2\|x_{t+1} - x_{t+1}^c\|^2 + (1 + \eta')\Gamma^2(\|x_t - x_t^*\|^2 + \|x_{t+1} - x_{t+1}^*\|^2)) \\ &\leq 2L^3N^2\Gamma^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta'}\right) ((\|x_t\| + D)^2\delta^{2\kappa} + (1 + \eta')(\|x_t - x_t^*\|^2 + \|x_{t+1} - x_{t+1}^*\|^2))\end{aligned}$$

where we take  $1 + \eta = (1 + \eta')^2$  and the second inequality comes from applying Lemma 6 and the third inequality from the bound on  $\|x_t - x_t^c\|$ . Then, we can write the Regret between our algorithm and the optimal trajectory as

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{cost}(\text{ALG}) - (1 + \eta)\text{cost}(\text{OPT}) \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} (f_{t+1}(x_{t+1}) - (1 + \eta)f_{t+1}(x_{t+1}^*)) + (c_{t+1}(u_t) - (1 + \eta)c_{t+1}(u_t^*)) \\
&\leq 2L^3 N^2 \Gamma^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta'}\right) \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} (\|x_{t+1} - x_{t+1}^*\|^2 + (\|x_t\| + D)^2 \delta^{2\kappa} + (1 + \eta') (\|x_t - x_t^*\|^2 + \|x_{t+1} - x_{t+1}^*\|^2)) \\
&\leq 6L^3 N^2 \Gamma^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta'}\right) (1 + \eta') \sum_{t=0}^T ((\|x_t\| + D)^2 \delta^{2\kappa} + \|x_t - x_t^*\|^2)
\end{aligned}$$

We know that  $\|x_t\| = O\left(\frac{\|x_0\| + D}{\xi}\right)$  for  $t \leq T - k$ , so, to attain an upper bound on  $\|x_t - x_t^*\|$ , let's consider the trajectory  $\hat{x}_t$  generated by  $\tilde{\Psi}_0^T(x_0; F)$  (i.e., the trajectory generated by the predictive control with horizon  $T$ ) such that for  $t \leq T - k - 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|x_{t+1} - \hat{x}_{t+1}\| = \|x_{t+1} - \tilde{\Psi}_0^T(x_0; F)_{y_{t+1}}\| \\
&\leq \|x_{t+1} - \tilde{\Psi}_t^{T-t}(x_t)_{y_1}\| + \sum_{m=0}^{t-1} \|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^{T-t+m}(x_{t-m})_{y_{m+1}} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^{T-t+m+1}(x_{t-m-1})_{y_{m+2}}\| \\
&\leq \|x_{t+1} - \tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t)_{y_1}\| + \|\tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t)_{y_1} - \tilde{\Psi}_t^{T-t}(x_t)_{y_1}\| + \sum_{m=0}^{t-1} C\lambda^{m+1} \|x_{t-m} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^{T-t+m+1}(x_{t-m-1})_{y_1}\| \\
&\leq L\Gamma(\|x_t\| + D)\delta^\kappa + \frac{2C^2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda^2)}\lambda^{2k}\|x_t\| + \frac{4C^2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda)^2}\lambda^k D \\
&+ \sum_{m=0}^{t-1} C\lambda^{m+1} \left(\|x_{t-m} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^k(x_{t-m-1})_{y_1}\| + \|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^k(x_{t-m-1})_{y_1} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^{T-t+m+1}(x_{t-m-1})_{y_1}\|\right) \\
&\leq L\Gamma(\|x_t\| + D)\delta^\kappa + \frac{2C^2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda^2)}\lambda^{2k}\|x_t\| + \frac{4C^2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda)^2}\lambda^k D \\
&+ \sum_{m=0}^{t-1} C\lambda^{m+1} \left(L\Gamma(\|x_{t-m-1}\| + D)\delta^\kappa + \frac{2C^2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda^2)}\lambda^{2k}\|x_{t-m-1}\| + \frac{4C^2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda)^2}\lambda^k D\right),
\end{aligned}$$

where the 3rd inequality comes from Yiheng's result for  $t \leq T - k$ :

$$\|\tilde{\Psi}_t^k(x_t)_{y_1} - \tilde{\Psi}_t^{T-t}(x_t)_{y_1}\| \leq \frac{2C^2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda^2)}\lambda^{2k}\|x_t\| + \frac{4C^2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda)^2}\lambda^k D.$$

Since we can take the coefficients to be

$$\sum_{m=0}^{t-1} C\lambda^{m+1} \left(L\Gamma + \frac{2C^2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda^2)} + \frac{4C^2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda)^2}\right) \leq \frac{2C^2}{\lambda(1 - \lambda^2)(1 - \lambda)^2} (L\Gamma + 3) = O(1),$$

we have that

$$\|x_{t+1} - \hat{x}_{t+1}\| = O\left(\left(D + \frac{\|x_0\| + D}{\xi}\right)\delta^\kappa + \left(D + \frac{\lambda^k(\|x_0\| + D)}{\xi}\right)\lambda^k\right).$$

For  $t \leq T - k - 1$ :

$$\|\hat{x}_{t+1} - x_{t+1}^*\| \leq C\lambda^k \left(2C\lambda^T\|x_0\| + \frac{4C}{1 - \lambda}D\right)$$



And so, we have that

$$\|x_{t+1} - x_{t+1}^*\| = O\left(\left(D + \frac{\|x_0\| + D}{\xi}\right)\delta^\kappa + \left(D + \frac{\lambda^k(\|x_0\| + D)}{\xi}\right)\lambda^k\right).$$

We can also obtain a bound for  $T - k \leq t \leq T - 1$  in a more direct way

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_{t+1} - x_{t+1}^*\| &= \|x_{t+1} - \tilde{\Psi}_0^T(x_0; 0)_{y_{t+1}}\| \\ &\leq \|x_{t+1} - \tilde{\Psi}_t^{T-t}(x_t; 0)_{y_1}\| + \sum_{m=0}^{t-1} \|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m}^{T-t+m}(x_{t-m}; 0)_{y_{m+1}} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^{T-t+m+1}(x_{t-m-1}; 0)_{y_{m+2}}\| \\ &\leq L\Gamma(\|x_t\| + D)\delta^\kappa + \sum_{m=0}^{t-1} C\lambda^{m+1}\|x_{t-m} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^{T-t+m+1}(x_{t-m-1})_{y_1}\| \\ &\leq L\Gamma(\|x_t\| + D)\delta^\kappa + \\ &\quad \sum_{m=0}^{t-1} C\lambda^{m+1} \left( \|x_{t-m} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^{k'}(x_{t-m-1})_{y_1}\| + \|\tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^{k'}(x_{t-m-1})_{y_1} - \tilde{\Psi}_{t-m-1}^{T-t+m+1}(x_{t-m-1})_{y_1}\| \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{m=0}^t C\lambda^m L\Gamma(\|x_{t-m}\| + D)\delta^\kappa + \sum_{m=t-1+k-T}^{t-1} C\lambda^{m+1} \left( \frac{2C^2}{\lambda(1-\lambda^2)}\lambda^{2k}\|x_{t-m-1}\| + \frac{4C^2}{\lambda(1-\lambda)^2}\lambda^k D \right) \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^t C\lambda^m L\Gamma(\|x_{t-m}\| + D)\delta^\kappa + \sum_{m=0}^{T-k} C\lambda^{t+k-T+m} \left( \frac{2C^2}{\lambda(1-\lambda^2)}\lambda^{2k}\|x_{T-k-m}\| + \frac{4C^2}{\lambda(1-\lambda)^2}\lambda^k D \right) \end{aligned}$$

where  $k' = \min(k, T - t + m + 1)$ , and thus for  $t \geq T - k$ , we take the coefficients to be  $O(1)$  and get

$$\|x_{t+1} - x_{t+1}^*\| = O\left(\left(D + \frac{\|x_0\| + D}{\xi^2}\right)\delta^\kappa + \left(D + \frac{\lambda^k(\|x_0\| + D)}{\xi}\right)\lambda^k\right),$$

note that we use the big O bound of  $\|x_t\|$  for  $t \geq T - k + 1$ . So the overall regret, can be attained as

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{cost}(\text{ALG}) - (1 + \eta')^2 \text{cost}(\text{OPT}) \\ &\leq 6L^3 N^2 \Gamma^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\eta'}\right) \sum_{t=0}^T ((\|x_t\| + D)^2 \delta^{2\kappa} + (1 + \eta')\|x_t - x_t^*\|^2) \\ &\leq \left(2 + \eta' + \frac{1}{\eta'}\right) O\left(\left(\left(D + \frac{\|x_0\| + D}{\xi^2}\right)^2 \delta^{2\kappa} + \left(D + \frac{\lambda^k(\|x_0\| + D)}{\xi}\right)^2 \lambda^{2k}\right) T\right) \end{aligned}$$

Yiheng derived that the optimal cost of  $\tilde{\Psi}_0^T(x_0; 0)$  is

$$\text{cost}(\text{OPT}) = O(D^2 T + \|x_0\|^2)$$

Taking  $\eta' = \Theta(\max(\lambda^k, \delta^\kappa))$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{cost}(\text{ALG}) - \text{cost}(\text{OPT}) \\ &= O\left(\left(\left(D + \frac{\|x_0\| + D}{\xi^2}\right)^2 \delta^\kappa + \left(D + \frac{\lambda^k(\|x_0\| + D)}{\xi}\right)^2 \lambda^k\right) T + \max(\lambda^k, \delta^\kappa)\|x_0\|^2\right). \end{aligned}$$

Correspondingly, taking  $k = \kappa = \Theta(\log T)$  gives us  $o(1)$  regret.