

# Optimal Reduced-Order Observer-Estimators

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This paper presents a unified approach to designing reduced-order observer-estimators. Specifically, we seek to design a reduced-order estimator satisfying an observation constraint that involves a prespecified, possibly unstable, subspace of the system dynamics and that also yields reduced-order estimates of the remaining subspace. The results are obtained by merging the optimal projection approach to reduced-order estimation of Bernstein and Hyland with the subspace-observer results of Bernstein and Haddad. A salient feature of this theory is the treatment of unstable dynamics within reduced-order state-estimation theory. In contrast to the standard full-order estimation problem involving a single algebraic Riccati equation, the solution to the reduced-order observer-estimator problem involves an algebraic system of four equations consisting of one modified Riccati equation and three modified Lyapunov equations coupled by two distinct oblique projections.

## Nomenclature

$IR, IR^{r \times s}, IR^r, IE$	= real numbers, $r \times s$ real matrices, $IR^{r \times 1}$ , expected value
$I_r, ()^T, 0_{r \times s}, 0_r$	= $r \times r$ identity matrix, transpose, $r \times s$ zero matrix, $0_{r \times r}$
tr	= trace
$\mathcal{N}(Z), \mathcal{R}(Z)$	= null space, range of matrix $Z$
$n, n_u, n_s, n_e, n_{es}, l, q$	= positive integers; $n_u \leq n_e \leq n$ , $n = n_u + n_s$ , $n_e = n_u + n_{es}$
$x, x_u, x_s, x_e, x_{eu}, x_{es}, y, y_e$	= $n, n_u, n_s, n_e, n_u, n_{es}, l$ , $q$ -dimensional vectors
$A, C, L$	= $n \times n, l \times n, q \times n$ matrices
$A_u, A_{us}, A_s$	= $n_u \times n_u, n_u \times n_s, n_s \times n_s$ matrices
$C_u, C_s$	= $l \times n_u, l \times n_s$ matrices
$L_u, L_s$	= $q \times n_u, q \times n_s$ matrices
$R$	= $q \times q$ positive-definite matrix
asymptotically stable matrix	= matrix with eigenvalues in open left-half plane
$A_e, B_e, C_e$	= $n_e \times n_e, n_e \times l, q \times n_e$ matrices
$A_{eu}, A_{eus}, A_{esu}, A_{es}$	= $n_u \times n_u, n_u \times n_{es}, n_{es} \times n_u, n_{es} \times n_{es}$ matrices
$B_{eu}, B_{es}$	= $n_u \times l, n_{es} \times l$ matrices
$C_{eu}, C_{es}$	= $q \times n_u, q \times n_{es}$ matrices
$w_1(t), t \geq 0$	= $n$ -dimensional white noise process with nonnegative-definite intensity $V_1$
$w_2(t), t \geq 0$	= $l$ -dimensional white noise process with positive-definite intensity $V_2$
$V_{12}$	= $n \times l$ cross intensity of $w_1(t), w_2(t)$
$F, F_e, H$	= $[I_{n_u} \ 0_{n_u \times n_s}], [I_{n_u} \ 0_{n_u \times n_{es}}], [0_{n_s \times n_u} \ I_{n_s}]$
$\tilde{A}$	= $\begin{bmatrix} A - F^T B_{eu} C & -F^T A_{eus} \\ B_{es} C & A_{es} \end{bmatrix}$
$\tilde{L}$	= $[L \ -C_{es}]$
$\tilde{R}$	= $\tilde{L}^T R \tilde{L}$
$\tilde{V}$	= $\begin{bmatrix} V_1 - V_{12} B_{eu}^T F - F^T B_{eu} V_{12}^T + F^T B_{eu} V_2 B_{eu}^T F & V_{12} B_{es}^T - F^T B_{eu} V_2 B_{es}^T \\ B_{es} V_{12}^T - B_{es} V_2 B_{eu}^T F & B_{es} V_2 B_{es}^T \end{bmatrix}$

$$\tilde{w}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} w_1(t) - F^T B_{eu} w_2(t) \\ B_{es} w_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

## I. Introduction

As is well known, Kalman filter theory addresses the state-estimation problem in guidance and navigation applications by minimizing a least-squares state-estimation error criterion. However, implementation of the standard Kalman filter is often impractical since it is generally of the same order as the system model. Consequently, designers must often implement reduced-order filters to satisfy real-time processing constraints as well as constraints on filter complexity. A further motivation is the fact that although a system model may have many degrees of freedom (such as coloring filter states and vibrational modes), it is often the case that estimates of only a small number of state variables (e.g., rigid body position and rotational modes) are actually required. The literature on reduced-order estimator design is vast, and we note a representative collection of papers<sup>1-22</sup> as an indication of longstanding interest in this problem.

Another important issue in estimation theory is the problem of asymptotic observation. As is well known,<sup>23</sup> the steady-state Kalman filter is also an asymptotic observer. However, in reduced-order estimation theory the operations of estimation and observation are distinct, i.e., a reduced-order estimator is not necessarily also an observer. In many practical applications, however, it is necessary to design a reduced-order estimator that also observes a specified portion of the system states. Thus, we seek to design reduced-order subspace observers that can asymptotically observe a specified subset of system states.

The contribution of the present paper is a unified approach to reduced-order observer-estimator design. Specifically, we

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consider a reduced-order estimation problem that also includes a subspace observation constraint. By merging the optimal projection approach to reduced-order state estimation developed by Bernstein and Hyland<sup>9</sup> with the subspace-observer result of Bernstein and Haddad,<sup>17</sup> a reduced-order observer-estimator design theory is developed that includes optimal observation of a prespecified subspace (e.g., rigid body modes and selected vibrational modes) as well as optimal reduced-

order estimation of the remaining stable subspace (e.g., coloring filter states and remaining vibrational modes).

An additional feature of our approach is that the observed subspace need not be stable; i.e., it may include unstable (for example, neutrally stable) modes. In contrast with the full-order Kalman filter, reduced-order filters for unstable systems may diverge since they may fail to adequately track the unstable modes. The observer-estimator derived in this paper circumvents this problem by including all of the unstable modes within the observed subspace. We note that standard navigational models<sup>26</sup> possess neutrally stable modes, whereas tracking systems typically model targets as having rigid body dynamics. Additional examples include large flexible space structures undergoing open-loop rotational and/or translational motion.

It is important to stress that our results are not intended to provide a basis for feedback control. As is well known, feedback controllers based on reduced-order filters may exhibit poor performance, including instability. The preferred approach is thus to design reduced-order controllers directly.<sup>24,25</sup>

The starting point for the present paper is the Riccati equation approach developed in Ref. 9. There it was shown that optimal reduced-order steady-state estimators can be characterized by means of an algebraic system of equations consisting of one modified Riccati equation and two modified Lyapunov equations coupled by a projection matrix  $\tau$ . Specifically, the order projection  $\tau$  is given by

$$\tau \triangleq \hat{Q}\hat{P}(\hat{Q}\hat{P})^\# \quad (1)$$

where  $()^\#$  denotes group (Drazin) generalized inverse, and  $\hat{Q}$  and  $\hat{P}$  are rank-deficient nonnegative-definite matrices analogous to the controllability and observability Gramians of the estimator. As discussed in Ref. 10, the order projection  $\tau$  arises as a direct consequence of optimality and is not the result of an a priori assumption on the internal structure of the reduced-order estimator.

An important point discussed in Ref. 9 is that reduced-order estimators designed by means of either model reduction followed by "full-order" state estimation or full-order state estimation followed by estimator reduction will generally not be optimal for a given order. This point is illustrated by the fact that three matrix equations characterize the optimal reduced-order state estimator with intrinsic coupling between the "operations" of optimal estimator design and optimal estimator reduction.

The solution presented in Ref. 9, however, did not address the issue of observation of a prespecified subspace. Consequently, the solution given in Ref. 9 was confined to problems in which the plant is asymptotically stable, whereas in practice it is often necessary to obtain estimators for plants with unstable modes. Intuitively, it is clear that finite, steady-state state-estimation error for unstable plants is only achievable when the estimator retains, or duplicates in some sense, the unstable modes. The solution given in Ref. 9 is inapplicable to unstable systems for the simple reason that the range of the order projection  $\tau$  may not fully encompass all of the unstable modes. A partial solution to this problem, given in Ref. 17, involves a new and completely distinct reduced-order solution in which the observation subspace of the estimator is constrained a priori to include all of the unstable modes as well as selected stable modes. Hence the estimator in Ref. 17 effectively serves as an optimal *observer* for a designated plant subspace.

The subspace observation constraint addressed in Ref. 17 was embedded within the optimization process by fixing the internal structure of the reduced-order estimator. This structure gave rise to a new subspace projection  $\mu$  defined by

$$\mu \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} I_{n_u} & P_{us}^{-1}P_{us} \\ 0_{n_s \times n_u} & 0_{n_s} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

where  $P_{us} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u \times n_u}$  and  $P_{us} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u \times n_s}$  are sub-blocks of an  $n \times n$  nonnegative-definite matrix  $P$  satisfying a modified algebraic Lyapunov equation,  $n_u$  is the dimension of the observation subspace of the estimator containing all of the unstable modes and selected stable modes, and  $n_s$  is the dimension of the remaining subspace containing only stable modes. It turns out that the subspace projection  $\mu$ , which is completely distinct from the order projection  $\tau$  defined by Eq. (1), plays a crucial role in characterizing the optimal observer gains. Furthermore, it was shown in Ref. 17 that the constrained subspace observer is characterized by one modified Riccati equation and one modified Lyapunov equation coupled by the subspace projection  $\mu$ . This subspace observer, however, was confined to an  $n_u$ -dimensional subspace with no estimation of the remaining  $n_s$ -dimensional subspace.

The purpose of the present paper is to combine the results of Refs. 9 and 17 to obtain a general solution to the reduced-order observer-estimator problem. Specifically, we seek a reduced-order observer-estimator of order  $n_e$  satisfying  $n_u \leq n_e \leq n$ , where  $n$  is the dimension of the plant, which includes observation of all of a prespecified  $n_u$ -dimensional subspace of the system as well as optimal  $n_{es}$ -dimensional reduced-order estimation of the  $n_s = n - n_u$  states in the residual subspace where  $n_{es} = n_e - n_u \leq n_s$ . As shown in Theorem 1 in Sec. III, this general solution to the reduced-order observer-estimator problem is characterized by four matrix equations, including one modified Riccati equation and three modified Lyapunov equations coupled by both the order projection  $\tau$  and the subspace projection  $\mu$ .

Finally, the results of this paper can be readily extended in several directions. These include the treatment of parameter uncertainties,<sup>12,16</sup> extensions to nonstrictly proper estimators and singular noise intensity,<sup>13,21</sup> worst-case, frequency-domain design aspects, i.e., an  $H_\infty$  constraint on the estimation error,<sup>19,22</sup> and extensions to the discrete-time setting.<sup>10,17</sup>

The contents of the paper are as follows. In Sec. II, the statement of the reduced-order observer-estimator problem is given. In Sec. III, Theorem 1 presents necessary conditions for optimality that characterize solutions to the reduced-order observer-estimator problem. To draw connections with the existing literature, we specialize Theorem 1 in Sec. IV to obtain the results of Refs. 9 and 17. We also specialize the results of Theorem 1 to obtain the full-order Kalman filter theory and show that the four matrix equations collapse to the standard observer Riccati equation. To illustrate these results, we describe a numerical algorithm in Sec. V for solving the design equations and apply the algorithm to illustrative numerical examples.

## II. Reduced-Order Observer-Estimator Problem

For the  $n$ th-order system

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + w_1(t), \quad t \in [0, \infty) \quad (3)$$

with noisy measurements

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + w_2(t) \quad (4)$$

design an  $n_e$ th-order, reduced-order strictly proper observer-estimator

$$\dot{x}_e(t) = A_e x_e(t) + B_e y(t) \quad (5)$$

$$y_e(t) = C_e x_e(t) \quad (6)$$

that satisfies the following design criteria: 1) the observer-estimator of Eqs. (5) and (6) is a steady-state asymptotic observer for a specified  $n_u$ -dimensional subspace of the plant [Eq. (3)] where  $n_u \leq n_e \leq n$ , and 2) the observer estimator is an optimal

estimator that minimizes the least-squares state-estimation error criterion

$$J(A_e, B_e, C_e) \triangleq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} [Lx(t) - y_e(t)]^T R [Lx(t) - y_e(t)] \quad (7)$$

To make the first condition more precise, partition Eqs. (3) and (4) according to

$$x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_u(t) \\ x_s(t) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad x_u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_u}, \quad x_s(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_s} \quad (8)$$

$$n = n_u + n_s$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_u(t) \\ \dot{x}_s(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_u & A_{us} \\ 0_{n_s \times n_u} & A_s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_u(t) \\ x_s(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_{1u}(t) \\ w_{1s}(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} C_u & C_s \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_u(t) \\ x_s(t) \end{bmatrix} + w_2(t) \quad (10)$$

and Eqs. (5) and (6) as

$$x_e(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_{eu}(t) \\ x_{es}(t) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e}, \quad x_{eu}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{eu}}, \quad x_{es}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{es}} \quad (11)$$

$$n_e = n_u + n_{es}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_{eu}(t) \\ \dot{x}_{es}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{eu} & A_{eus} \\ A_{esu} & A_{es} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{eu}(t) \\ x_{es}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_{eu} \\ B_{es} \end{bmatrix} y(t) \quad (12)$$

$$y_e(t) = \begin{bmatrix} C_{eu} & C_{es} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{eu}(t) \\ x_{es}(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

We note that the partitioned form of the matrix  $A$  appearing in Eq. (9) allows us to characterize the two subspaces corresponding to  $x_u(t)$  and  $x_s(t)$ . The  $n_s \times n_u$  zero matrix in the (2,1)-block of  $A$  is needed to achieve asymptotic observation of  $x_u(t)$  independently of  $x_s(t)$ . If necessary, the matrix  $A$  can be recast in the form of Eq. (9) by using a similarity transformation to a modal basis. Of course, the coupling matrix  $A_{us}$  may be either zero or nonzero.

Furthermore, in Eqs. (8-13) we implicitly assume that  $0 < n_u < n_e$ . The special cases  $n_u = 0$  and  $n_u = n_e$  will be discussed later in this section and in Sec. IV. The observation condition (1) is captured by imposing the additional constraint

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [x_u(t) - x_{eu}(t)] = 0 \quad (14)$$

for all  $x(0)$  and  $x_e(0)$  when  $w_1(t) \equiv 0$  and  $w_2(t) \equiv 0$ . The requirement of Eq. (14) implies that zero asymptotic observation error for a specified  $n_u$ -dimensional subspace is achieved under zero external disturbances and arbitrary initial conditions.

To require that the observer-estimator is also an optimal reduced-order estimator, the matrix  $L$  identifies the states or linear combinations of states whose estimates are desired. In accordance with the partitioning given in Eq. (8),  $L$  is parti-

tioned as

$$L \triangleq [L_u \quad L_s] \quad (15)$$

Thus, the goal of the reduced-order observer-estimator problem is to design a reduced-order observer-estimator of order  $n_e$  that observes a specified plant subspace and provides optimal estimates of specified linear combinations of plant states.

Since the observer-estimator of Eqs. (5) and (6) serves as a reduced-order observer for an  $n_u$ -dimensional subspace of the plant of Eq. (3), its order  $n_e$  must satisfy  $n_u \leq n_e \leq n$ .

As will be seen, the observation constraint of Eq. (14) can be satisfied even if the subspace corresponding to  $x_u(t)$  is unstable. Thus we allow  $A_u$  to possess unstable as well as stable modes. Of course, our results remain valid even if  $A_u$  is asymptotically stable. The subscript  $u$ , however, reminds us that  $A_u$  is permitted to be unstable. Furthermore, we require that  $A_s$  be an asymptotically stable matrix. In applications, the matrix  $A_s$  may include the dynamics of all coloring filter states as well as damped vibrational modes.

Before continuing it is useful to point out that several simpler problems are included as special cases within the preceding formulation. For example, consider the full-order case  $n_e = n$  or, equivalently,  $n_{es} = n_s$ . In this case the observer-estimator can observe all of  $x(t)$ , and the matrix  $A_e$  is given by<sup>23</sup>  $A_e = A - B_e C$ . Note that the sub-blocks of  $A_e$  are thus given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_{eu} & A_{eus} \\ A_{esu} & A_{es} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_u - B_{eu} C_u & A_{us} - B_{eu} C_s \\ -B_{es} C_u & A_s - B_{es} C_s \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

The optimal value of  $B_e$  for the least-squares estimator in this case is, of course, the steady-state Kalman filter gain characterized by the algebraic observer Riccati equation.

Next, consider the case  $n_e < n$  without the observation constraint of Eq. (14), i.e.,  $n_u = 0$ . Thus, with  $x_u(t)$  and  $x_{eu}(t)$  absent, we can identify  $n_s = n$ ,  $n_{es} = n_e$ , and  $A_s = A$ . This problem is precisely the reduced-order estimation problem considered in Ref. 9.

Finally, suppose that  $n_e = n_u < n$  so that the estimator states  $x_{eu}(t) = x_e(t)$  are required to satisfy the observation constraint of Eq. (14) but that no additional degrees of freedom are permitted in the estimator, i.e.,  $x_{es}(t)$  is absent. In this case the estimator acts solely as an optimal reduced-order subspace observer whose gains are dictated by the optimality criterion (7). This problem was considered in Ref. 17.

To analyze the observation constraint of Eq. (14), define the error states

$$z_u(t) \triangleq x_u(t) - x_{eu}(t) \quad (17)$$

so that Eq. (14) can be written as

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} z_u(t) = 0 \quad (18)$$

Note that the error states  $z_u(t)$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_u(t) &= \dot{x}_u(t) - \dot{x}_{eu}(t) = (A_u - B_{eu} C_u) x_u(t) \\ &\quad - A_{eu} x_{eu}(t) + (A_{us} - B_{eu} C_s) x_s(t) - A_{eus} x_{es}(t) \\ &\quad + w_{1u}(t) - B_{eu} w_2(t) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Using Eqs. (9), (12), and (19) the overall augmented system of Eqs. (3-6) becomes

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z}_u(t) \\ \dot{x}_s(t) \\ \dot{x}_{eu}(t) \\ \dot{x}_{es}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_u - B_{eu} C_u & A_{us} - B_{eu} C_s & A_u - B_{eu} C_u - A_{eu} & -A_{eus} \\ 0_{n_s \times n_u} & A_s & 0_{n_s \times n_u} & 0_{n_s \times n_{es}} \\ B_{eu} C_u & B_{eu} C_s & A_{eu} + B_{eu} C_u & A_{eus} \\ B_{es} C_u & B_{es} C_s & A_{esu} + B_{es} C_u & A_{es} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_u(t) \\ x_s(t) \\ x_{eu}(t) \\ x_{es}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w_{1u}(t) - B_{eu} w_2(t) \\ w_{1s}(t) \\ B_{eu} w_2(t) \\ B_{es} w_2(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (20)$$

At this point we make the crucial observation that the explicit dependence of the error states  $z_u(t)$  on the states  $x_{eu}(t)$  can be eliminated in favor of  $z_u(t)$  by constraining the (1,3) and (4,3) blocks of the block  $4 \times 4$  matrix in Eq. (20) to be zero, i.e.,

$$A_{eu} \triangleq A_u - B_{eu} C_u \quad (21)$$

$$A_{esu} \triangleq -B_{es} C_u \quad (22)$$

With Eqs. (21) and (22)  $A_e$  becomes

$$A_e = \begin{bmatrix} A_u - B_{eu}C_u & A_{eus} \\ -B_{es}C_u & A_{es} \end{bmatrix} \quad (23)$$

Now the error states  $z_u(t)$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_u(t) &= A_{eu}z_u(t) + (A_{us} - B_{eu}C_s)x_s(t) - A_{eus}x_{es}(t) \\ &\quad + w_{1u}(t) - B_{eu}w_2(t) \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

where  $A_{eu}$  is given by Eq. (21).

Next, note that the least-squares state-estimation error criterion [Eq. (7)] can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} J(A_e, B_e, C_e) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} [L_u z_u(t) + L_s x_s(t) \\ &\quad + (L_u - C_{eu})x_{eu}(t) - C_{es}x_{es}(t)]^T R [L_u z_u(t) \\ &\quad + L_s x_s(t) + (L_u - C_{eu})x_{eu}(t) - C_{es}x_{es}(t)] \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Now, to eliminate the explicit dependence of the estimation error [Eq. (25)] on  $x_{eu}(t)$  in favor of  $z_u(t)$ , we constrain

$$C_{eu} \triangleq L_u \quad (26)$$

The constraints (21), (22), and (26) on the reduced-order observer-estimator gains  $A_{eu}$ ,  $A_{esu}$ , and  $C_{eu}$  are thus imposed in order for the reduced-order observer-estimator to asymptotically observe the  $x_u(t)$  subspace of the plant [Eq. (9)]. Note that Eqs. (21) and (22) are consistent with the full-order Kalman filter result of Eq. (16) in which  $A_{eu}$  and  $A_{esu}$  are given by Eqs. (21) and (22).

Next, using constraints (21) and (22) to eliminate the explicit dependence on  $x_{eu}(t)$ , it follows that the augmented system (20) has the form

$$\dot{\tilde{x}}(t) = \tilde{A}\tilde{x}(t) + \tilde{w}(t), \quad t \in [0, \infty) \quad (27)$$

where

$$\tilde{x}(t) \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} z_u(t) \\ x_s(t) \\ x_{es}(t) \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n+n_{es}} \quad \tilde{w}(t) \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} w_{1u}(t) - B_{eu}w_2(t) \\ w_{1s}(t) \\ B_{es}w_2(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (28)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A} &\triangleq \begin{bmatrix} A_u - B_{eu}C_u & A_{us} - B_{eu}C_s & -A_{eus} \\ 0_{n_s \times n_u} & A_s & 0_{n_s \times n_{es}} \\ B_{es}C_u & B_{es}C_s & A_{es} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A - F^T B_{eu}C & -F^T A_{eus} \\ B_{es}C & A_{es} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

We now show that the stability of  $\tilde{A}$  is equivalent to the stability of  $A_e$ .

**Lemma 1.**  $\tilde{A}$  is asymptotically stable if and only if  $A_e$  is asymptotically stable. In this case,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} z_u(t) = 0$  for  $w_1(t) \equiv 0$ ,  $w_2(t) \equiv 0$ , and for all initial conditions  $x(0), x_e(0)$ . Furthermore, the state-estimation error criterion of Eq. (7) is given by

$$J(A_e, B_e, C_e) = \text{tr } \tilde{Q}\tilde{R} \quad (30)$$

where the steady-state covariance

$$\tilde{Q} \triangleq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} [\tilde{x}(t)\tilde{x}^T(t)] \quad (31)$$

exists and satisfies the algebraic Lyapunov equation

$$0 = \tilde{A}\tilde{Q} + \tilde{Q}\tilde{A}^T + \tilde{V} \quad (32)$$

*Proof.* To show that  $\tilde{A}$  is asymptotically stable consider the transformation  $T \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+n_{es}) \times (n+n_{es})}$  given by

$$T \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n_s \times n_u} & I_{n_s} & 0_{n_s \times n_{es}} \\ I_{n_u} & 0_{n_u \times n_s} & 0_{n_u \times n_{es}} \\ 0_{n_{es} \times n_u} & 0_{n_{es} \times n_s} & -I_{n_{es}} \end{bmatrix} \quad (33)$$

and define

$$\tilde{x}_0(t) \triangleq T\tilde{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_s(t) \\ z_u(t) \\ -x_{es}(t) \end{bmatrix} \quad (34)$$

Using Eq. (34) it follows from Eq. (27) that

$$\dot{\tilde{x}}_0(t) = \tilde{A}_0\tilde{x}_0(t) + \tilde{w}_0(t) \quad (35)$$

where

$$\tilde{A}_0 \triangleq T\tilde{A}T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} A_s & 0_{n_s \times n_e} \\ F_e^T A_{us} - B_e C_s & A_e \end{bmatrix} \quad (36)$$

$$\tilde{w}_0(t) \triangleq T\tilde{w}(t) \quad (37)$$

Since  $A_s$  is asymptotically stable it follows that  $\tilde{A}$  is asymptotically stable if and only if  $A_e$  is asymptotically stable. In this case,  $\tilde{x}(t) \rightarrow 0$  and hence  $z_u(t) \rightarrow 0$  for arbitrary initial conditions when  $w_1(t)$  and  $w_2(t)$  are zero. Finally, the second-moment equation (32) is a direct consequence of standard Lyapunov theory (see Ref. 23, p. 104), whereas Eq. (30) is immediate.

Note that Lemma 1 is valid even if  $A_u$  is unstable and that the assumption that  $A_s$  is stable is used explicitly in the proof.

Finally, to guarantee that  $J(A_e, B_e, C_e)$  is finite and to satisfy the observation constraint (14), we define the set of asymptotically stable reduced-order observer-estimators

$$\mathcal{S} \triangleq \{(A_e, B_e, C_e)\}$$

$A_e$  is asymptotically stable and  $A_{eu}$ ,  $A_{esu}$ , and  $C_{eu}$  are given by Eqs. (21), (22), and (26).

### III. Necessary Conditions for the Reduced-Order Observer-Estimator Problem

In this section we obtain necessary conditions that characterize solutions to the reduced-order observer-estimator problem. Derivation of these necessary conditions requires additional technical assumptions. Specifically, we further restrict  $(A_e, B_e, C_e)$  to the set

$$\mathcal{S}^+ \triangleq \{(A_e, B_e, C_e) \in \mathcal{S} : (A_{es}, B_{es}) \text{ is controllable}$$

$$\text{and } (A_e, C_e) \text{ is observable}\} \quad (38)$$

As can be seen from the Appendix, the set  $\mathcal{S}^+$  constitutes nondegeneracy conditions under which explicit gain expressions can be obtained for the reduced-order observer-estimator problem.

To state the main result we require some additional notation and a lemma concerning a pair of nonnegative-definite matrices.

**Lemma 2.** Suppose  $\tilde{Q}, \tilde{P}$  are  $n \times n$  nonnegative-definite matrices and  $\text{rank } \tilde{Q}\tilde{P} = n_{es}$ . Then there exist  $n_{es} \times n$  matrices  $G, \Gamma$  and an  $n_{es} \times n_{es}$  invertible matrix  $M$ , unique except for a

change of basis in  $\mathbf{R}^{n_{es}}$ , such that the product  $\hat{Q}\hat{P}$  can be factored according to

$$\hat{Q}\hat{P} = G^T M T \quad (39)$$

$$\Gamma G^T = I_{n_{es}} \quad (40)$$

Furthermore, the  $n \times n$  matrices

$$\tau \triangleq G^T T, \quad \tau_{\perp} \triangleq I_n - \tau \quad (41)$$

are idempotent and have rank  $n_{es}$  and  $n - n_{es}$ , respectively.

*Proof.* See Ref. 9.

As shown in Ref. 9,  $\hat{Q}\hat{P}$  has a group (Drazin) generalized inverse  $(\hat{Q}\hat{P})^\# = G^T M^{-1} T$ . Using Eq. (40) it follows that the matrix  $\tau$  is given by Eq. (1) since

$$\tau = G^T T = \hat{Q}\hat{P}(\hat{Q}\hat{P})^\# \quad (42)$$

Note that because of Eq. (40),  $\tau^2 = G^T T G^T T = G^T T = \tau$ , i.e.,  $\tau$  is idempotent.

The following main result gives necessary conditions that characterize solutions to the reduced-order observer-estimator problem. For convenience in stating this result, define

$$Q_a \triangleq Q C^T + V_{12} \quad (43)$$

for arbitrary  $Q \in \mathbf{R}^{n \times n}$ .

**Theorem 1.** Suppose  $(A_e, B_e, C_e) \in \mathcal{S}^+$  solves the reduced-order observer-estimator problem. Then there exist  $n \times n$  nonnegative-definite matrices  $Q, P, \hat{P}$  and an  $n_s \times n_s$  nonnegative-definite matrix  $\hat{Q}_s$  such that  $A_e, B_e$ , and  $C_e$  are given by

$$A_e = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi \\ \Gamma \mu_{\perp} \end{bmatrix} (A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C) \begin{bmatrix} F \\ G \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (44)$$

$$B_e = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi \\ \Gamma \mu_{\perp} \end{bmatrix} Q_a V_2^{-1} \quad (45)$$

$$C_e = L \begin{bmatrix} F \\ G \end{bmatrix}^T \quad (46)$$

and such that  $Q, P, \hat{Q}_s$ , and  $\hat{P}$  satisfy

$$0 = A Q + Q A^T + V_1 - Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T + \tau_{\perp} \mu_{\perp} Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T \mu_{\perp}^T \tau_{\perp}^T \quad (47)$$

$$0 = (A - \mu A \tau - \mu Q_a V_2^{-1} C \tau_{\perp})^T P + P(A - \mu A \tau - \mu Q_a V_2^{-1} C \tau_{\perp}) + \tau_{\perp}^T L^T R L \tau_{\perp} \quad (48)$$

$$0 = A_s \hat{Q}_s + \hat{Q}_s A_s^T + H(Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T - \tau_{\perp} \mu_{\perp} Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T \mu_{\perp}^T \tau_{\perp}^T) H^T \quad (49)$$

$$0 = (A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C)^T \hat{P} + \hat{P}(A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C) + L^T R L - \tau_{\perp}^T L^T R L \tau_{\perp} + [\mu(A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C) \tau]^T P + P[\mu(A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C) \tau] \quad (50)$$

$$\text{rank } \hat{Q} = \text{rank } \hat{P} = \text{rank } \hat{Q}\hat{P} = n_{es} \quad (51)$$

where

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_u & P_{us} \\ P_{us}^T & P_s \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}^{(n_u + n_s) \times (n_u + n_s)} \quad (52)$$

$$P_u > 0 \quad (53)$$

$$F \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} I_{n_u} & 0_{n_u \times n_s} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Phi \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} I_{n_u} & P_u^{-1} P_{us} \end{bmatrix} \quad (54)$$

$$\mu \triangleq F^T \Phi = \begin{bmatrix} I_{n_u} & P_u^{-1} P_{us} \\ 0_{n_s \times n_u} & 0_{n_s} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mu_{\perp} \triangleq I_n - \mu \quad (55)$$

$$\hat{Q} \triangleq \mu_{\perp} \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n_u} & 0_{n_u \times n_s} \\ 0_{n_s \times n_u} & \hat{Q}_s \end{bmatrix} \mu_{\perp}^T \quad (56)$$

Furthermore, the minimal value of the least-squares state-estimation error criterion (7) is given by

$$J(A_e, B_e, C_e) = \text{tr } Q L^T R L \quad (57)$$

Next, we present a partial converse of the necessary conditions that guarantees that the observation constraint (14) is enforced.

**Theorem 2.** Suppose there exist  $n \times n$  nonnegative-definite matrices  $Q, P, \hat{P}$  and an  $n_s \times n_s$  nonnegative-definite matrix  $\hat{Q}_s$  satisfying Eqs. (47–56). Then, with  $\hat{Q}$  given by Eq. (56), the matrix

$$\tilde{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} Q + \hat{Q} & \hat{Q} \Gamma^T \\ \Gamma \hat{Q} & \Gamma \hat{Q} \Gamma^T \end{bmatrix} \quad (58)$$

satisfies Eq. (32) with  $(A_e, B_e, C_e)$  given by Eqs. (44–46). Furthermore,  $(\tilde{A}, \tilde{V}^{1/2})$  is stabilizable if and only if  $A_e$  is asymptotically stable. In this case,  $(A_{es}, B_{es})$  is controllable,  $(A_e, C_e)$  is observable, the observation constraint (14) holds for all arbitrary initial conditions  $x(0), x_e(0)$  when  $w_1(t) \equiv 0$ ,  $w_2(t) \equiv 0$ , and the least-squares state-estimation error criterion is given by Eq. (57).

The proofs of Theorems 1 and 2 are given in the Appendix.

Theorem 1 presents necessary conditions for the reduced-order observer-estimator problem. These necessary conditions consist of a system of one modified Riccati equation and three modified Lyapunov equations coupled by two distinct oblique (not necessarily orthogonal) projections  $\tau$  and  $\mu$ . Note that  $\tau$  and  $\mu$  are idempotent since  $\tau^2 = \tau$  and  $\mu^2 = \mu$ . As discussed earlier, the fixed-order constraint on the estimator order gives rise to the order projection  $\tau$ , whereas the observation constraint of Eq. (14) gives rise to the subspace projection  $\mu$ . It is easy to see that  $\text{rank } \mu = n_u$ , and it can be shown<sup>9</sup> using Sylvester's inequality and Eq. (40) that  $\text{rank } \tau = n_{es}$ .

**Remark 1**

Note that with  $B_e$  given by Eq. (45), Eqs. (44) and (46) for  $A_{eu}, A_{esu}$ , and  $C_{eu}$  are equivalent to the constraints of Eqs. (21), (22), and (26).

**Remark 2**

By defining the  $n_e \times n$  matrices

$$\tilde{G} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} F \\ G \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{\Gamma} \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} \Phi \\ \Gamma \mu_{\perp} \end{bmatrix} \quad (59)$$

it can be shown that

$$\tilde{\Gamma} \tilde{G}^T = \begin{bmatrix} I_{n_u} & 0_{n_u \times n_{es}} \\ 0_{n_{es} \times n_u} & I_{n_{es}} \end{bmatrix} = I_{n_e} \quad (60)$$

Using Eq. (60) one can thus define a third composite projection

$$\tilde{\tau} \triangleq \tilde{G}^T \tilde{\Gamma} = \mu + \tau \mu_{\perp} = \mu + \tau - \tau \mu \quad (61)$$

where  $\text{rank } \tilde{\tau} = n_e$ . Using Eq. (59), the gains of Eqs. (44–46) can be written as

$$A_e = \tilde{\Gamma} (A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C) \tilde{G}^T = \tilde{\Gamma} A \tilde{G}^T - B_e C \tilde{G}^T \quad (62)$$

$$B_e = \tilde{\Gamma} Q_a V_2^{-1} \quad (63)$$

$$C_e = L \tilde{G}^T \quad (64)$$

**Remark 3**

It follows from Eqs. (42) and (56) that

$$\mu\tau = \mu\hat{Q}\hat{P}(\hat{Q}\hat{P})^\# = \mu\mu_\perp \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n_u} & 0_{n_u \times n_s} \\ 0_{n_s \times n_u} & \hat{Q}_s \end{bmatrix} \mu_\perp^T \hat{P}(\hat{Q}\hat{P})^\# \quad (65)$$

Since  $\mu\mu_\perp = 0$ , we obtain

$$0 = \mu\tau \quad (66)$$

as a consequence of optimality. Partitioning

$$\tau = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_u & \tau_{us} \\ \tau_{su} & \tau_s \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n_u + n_s) \times (n_u + n_s)} \quad (67)$$

Equation (66) implies

$$\tau_u = -P_u^{-1}P_{us}\tau_{su}, \quad \tau_{us} = -P_u^{-1}P_{us}\tau_s \quad (68)$$

**Remark 4**

Note that for  $(A_e, B_e, C_e)$  given by Eqs. (44-46), the observer-estimator of Eq. (5) or equivalently Eq. (12) assumes the innovations form

$$\dot{x}_e(t) = \tilde{\Gamma}A\tilde{G}^T x_e(t) + \tilde{\Gamma}Q_a V_2^{-1} [y(t) - C\tilde{G}^T x_e(t)] \quad (69)$$

**Remark 5**

By introducing the quasi-full-state estimate

$$\hat{x}(t) \triangleq \tilde{G}^T x_e(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

so that

$$\tilde{\Gamma}\hat{x}(t) = \hat{x}(t), \quad x_e(t) = \tilde{\Gamma}\hat{x}(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e}$$

Eq. (69) can be written as

$$\dot{\hat{x}}(t) = \tilde{\Gamma}A\tilde{\Gamma}\hat{x}(t) + \tilde{\Gamma}Q_a V_2^{-1} [y(t) - C\hat{x}(t)] \quad (70)$$

or, equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\hat{x}} &= (\mu + \tau\mu_\perp)A(\mu + \tau\mu_\perp)\hat{x}(t) \\ &+ (\mu + \tau\mu_\perp)(Q_a V_2^{-1} [y(t) - C\hat{x}(t)]) \end{aligned} \quad (71)$$

Note that although the implemented observer estimator of Eq. (69) has the reduced-order state  $x_e(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e}$ , Eq. (71) can be viewed as a quasi-full-order observer-estimator whose geometric structure is dictated by the projections  $\tau$  and  $\mu$ . Specifically, error inputs  $Q_a V_2^{-1} [y(t) - C\hat{x}(t)]$  are annihilated unless they are contained in  $[\mathcal{R}(\mu + \tau\mu_\perp)]^\perp = \mathcal{R}[(\mu + \tau\mu_\perp)^T]$ . Hence, the observation subspace of the observer estimator is precisely  $\mathcal{R}[(\mu + \tau\mu_\perp)^T]$ .

**Remark 6**

In the full-order Kalman filter case, it is well known that an orthogonality condition

$$\mathbb{E} \{ [x(t) - x_e(t)] x_e^T(t) \} = 0 \quad (72)$$

is satisfied. For the observer-estimator problem, an analogous condition<sup>20</sup> is

$$\mathbb{E} \{ [x_u(t) - x_{eu}(t)] x_{eu}^T(t) \} = 0 \quad (73)$$

This condition does not hold automatically, however, but must be imposed as an additional side constraint. It can be shown that requiring Eq. (73) leads to

$$0 = FG^T \quad (74)$$

and, consequently,

$$0 = F\tau, \quad 0 = \mu^T \tau \quad (75)$$

Using Eq. (75), it follows that  $\tau$  has the structure

$$\tau = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n_u} & 0_{n_u \times n_s} \\ \tau_{su} & \tau_s \end{bmatrix} \quad (76)$$

so that the composite projection  $\tilde{\tau}$  has the form

$$\tilde{\tau} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{n_u} & P_u^{-1}P_{us} \\ 0_{n_s \times n_u} & \tau_s - \tau_{su}P_u^{-1}P_{us} \end{bmatrix} \quad (77)$$

**IV. Specializations of Theorem 1**

To draw connections with the previous literature, a series of specializations of Theorem 1 is now given. Specifically, to recover the full-order steady-state Kalman filter from Theorem 1, take  $n_{es} = n_s$  or, equivalently,  $n_e = n$ . Since  $\tilde{\Gamma}\tilde{G}^T = I_n$ , let  $S = \tilde{\Gamma} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $S^{-1} = \tilde{G}^T \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . In this case the optimal gains (44-46) become

$$A_e = S(A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C)S^{-1} \quad (78)$$

$$B_e = S Q_a V_2^{-1} \quad (79)$$

$$C_e = L S^{-1} \quad (80)$$

Furthermore, in this case since

$$\tau_\perp \mu_\perp = I_n - \mu - \tau\mu_\perp = I_n - \tilde{G}^T \tilde{\Gamma} = I_n - S^{-1}S = 0 \quad (81)$$

the modified Riccati equation (47) specializes to the standard observer Riccati equation

$$0 = A Q + Q A^T + V_1 - Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T \quad (82)$$

and Eqs. (48-50) are superfluous. Note that Eqs. (78-80) are precisely the standard steady-state Kalman filter gains in an alternative basis specified by the basis transformation  $S$ . Since  $J(A_e, B_e, C_e) = J(SA_e S^{-1}, S B_e, C_e S^{-1})$ , however, this change of basis leaves the estimation error unchanged.

Next, to recover the optimal projection results of Ref. 9 involving reduced-order estimators for stable plants without a subspace observation constraint, let  $n_u = 0$ ,  $n_s = n$ ,  $n_{es} = n_e$ ,  $A_s = A$ , and  $n_e < n$ , set  $\mu = 0$  so that  $\mu_\perp = I_n$ , and replace

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi \\ \Gamma \mu_\perp \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} F \\ G \end{bmatrix}^T$$

by  $\Gamma$  and  $G^T$ , respectively. Then the optimal gains of Eqs. (44-46) become

$$A_e = \Gamma(A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C)G^T \quad (83)$$

$$B_e = \Gamma Q_a V_2^{-1} \quad (84)$$

$$C_e = L G^T \quad (85)$$

and Eqs. (47-50) specialize to

$$0 = A Q + Q A^T + V_1 - Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T + \tau_\perp Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T \tau_\perp^T \quad (86)$$

$$0 = A \tilde{Q} + \tilde{Q} A^T + Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T - \tau_\perp Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T \tau_\perp^T \quad (87)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C)^T \tilde{P} + \tilde{P} (A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C) \\ &+ L^T R L - \tau_\perp^T L^T R L \tau_\perp \end{aligned} \quad (88)$$

These are equations (2.10-2.12) of Ref. 9.

Finally, we can also recover the results of Ref. 17 where the reduced-order observer is constrained to observe an  $n_u$ -dimensional plant subspace without estimating the remaining  $n_s$ -dimensional subspace. In this case, let  $n_e = n_u$ ,  $n_{es} = 0$ , and  $\tau = 0$  so that  $\tau_\perp = I_n$ . Furthermore, let

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Phi \\ \Gamma\mu_\perp \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{bmatrix} F \\ G \end{bmatrix}^T$$

be replaced by  $\Phi$  and  $F^T$ , respectively, so that the gain expressions of Eqs. (44-46) become

$$A_e = \Phi(A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C)F^T \quad (89)$$

$$B_e = \Phi Q_a V_2^{-1} \quad (90)$$

$$C_e = L F^T \quad (91)$$

and Eqs. (47-50) specialize to

$$0 = A Q + Q A^T + V_1 - Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T + \mu_\perp Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T \mu_\perp^T \quad (92)$$

$$0 = (A - \mu Q_a V_2^{-1} C)^T P + P(A - \mu Q_a V_2^{-1} C) + L^T R L \quad (93)$$

These are equations (2.17) and (2.18) of Ref. 17.

## V. Numerical Algorithm and Illustrative Numerical Examples

In this section we present a numerical algorithm for solving the optimality conditions for the reduced-order observer-estimator problem and consider two illustrative numerical examples.

**Algorithm 1.** To solve Eqs. (47-50), carry out the following steps:

- 1) Initialize  $k = 1$ ,  $\mu^{(1)} = I_n$ ,  $\tau^{(1)} = I_n$ .
- 2) With  $\mu = \mu^{(k)}$  and  $\tau = \tau^{(k)}$ , solve Eq. (47) for  $Q^{(k)} = Q$ .
- 3) With  $Q = Q^{(k)}$ ,  $\mu = \mu^{(k)}$ , and  $\tau = \tau^{(k)}$ , solve Eqs. (48) and (49) for  $P^{(k)} = P$  and  $\hat{Q}_s^{(k)} = \hat{Q}_s$ .
- 4) With  $Q = Q^{(k)}$ ,  $P = P^{(k)}$ ,  $\mu = \mu^{(k)}$ , and  $\tau = \tau^{(k)}$ , solve Eq. (50) for  $\hat{P}^{(k)} = \hat{P}$ .
- 5) If convergence of  $Q^{(k)}$  and  $P^{(k)}$  has been attained, then evaluate  $A_e, B_e, C_e$  using Eqs. (44-46) and stop; else continue.
- 6) Use  $P = P^{(k)}$ ,  $\hat{Q}_s = \hat{Q}_s^{(k)}$ , and  $\hat{P} = \hat{P}^{(k)}$  to define  $\mu^{(k+1)} = \mu$  and  $\tau^{(k+1)} = \tau$  using Eqs. (39-41), (55), (56).
- 7) Replace  $k$  by  $k + 1$  and go to Step 1.

The preceding algorithm is a straightforward iterative scheme that is fairly easy to implement. More sophisticated algorithms can be developed by using homotopic continuation techniques.<sup>27</sup> For the examples to be discussed, however, Algorithm 1 proved to be adequate.

Our first example (adopted from Ref. 28, pp. 99-101), involves a satellite in circular orbit. The linearized error equations representing the deviation from a perfect circular orbit are given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{r} \\ \ddot{r} \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \ddot{\theta} \\ \dot{\phi} \\ \ddot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3\omega^2 & 0 & 0 & 2\omega r_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2\omega/r_0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\omega^2 & -\epsilon \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ \dot{r} \\ \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \phi \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} m_0 \quad (94)$$

$\times W_0$

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r \\ \dot{r} \\ \theta \\ \dot{\theta} \\ \phi \\ \dot{\phi} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} W_2^{(1)} \\ W_2^{(2)} \\ W_2^{(3)} \end{bmatrix} \quad (95)$$

where  $r, \theta, \phi$  are spherical coordinates,  $r_0$  is the orbit radius,  $\omega$  denotes orbital frequency, and  $\epsilon > 0$ .

Here the state vector represents the deviation from a circular equatorial orbit and is expressed in spherical coordinates. We note that  $\epsilon = 0$  was assumed in Ref. 28, although  $\epsilon > 0$  is assumed here to reflect dissipation in this coordinate due possibly to on-board forces. Furthermore, stochastic disturbance models are used here in place of deterministic inputs appearing in Ref. 28. To reflect a plausible mission we assume the following data:

$$\omega = 2\pi \text{ rad/day}, \quad m_0 = 50 \text{ kg}, \quad r_0 = 42.2 \times 10^6 \text{ m} \quad (96)$$

$$\sigma^2(W_0)/m_0^2 = 384 \text{ Nt}^2 - \text{day} \quad (97)$$

$$\sigma^2(W_2^{(1)}) = 8.9 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2 - \text{day} \quad (98)$$

$$\sigma^2(W_2^{(2)}) = \sigma^2(W_2^{(3)}) = 7.84 \times 10^{-7} \text{ rad}^2 - \text{day} \quad (99)$$

where  $\sigma^2(\cdot)$  denotes noise intensity.

To treat this problem within our formulation, we note that the upper left  $4 \times 4$  block of Eq. (94) has neutrally stable eigenvalues  $0, 0, j\omega$ , and  $-j\omega$ . Hence we set  $n_u = 4$  and  $n_s = 2$  and seek to design an optimal fourth-order observer for the unstable subspace. In this case  $n_s = 0$  and thus we need only solve the subspace observer equations (92) and (93). As inputs to the estimator design process we chose to weight the angular position coordinates by  $r_0$  in the interest of dimensional compatibility, i.e.,

$$R = 1, \quad L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & r_0 & 0 & r_0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (100)$$

A study was conducted to assess the performance of the optimal subspace observer compared to a full-order steady-state Kalman filter as well as a reduced-order Kalman filter obtained using a truncated model consisting of only the first  $n_u = 4$  states. The study involved a series of designs for decreasing magnitudes of the parameter  $\epsilon$ , i.e., decreasing stability of the  $\phi$  and  $\dot{\phi}$  states. The results of the study are summarized in Fig. 1.

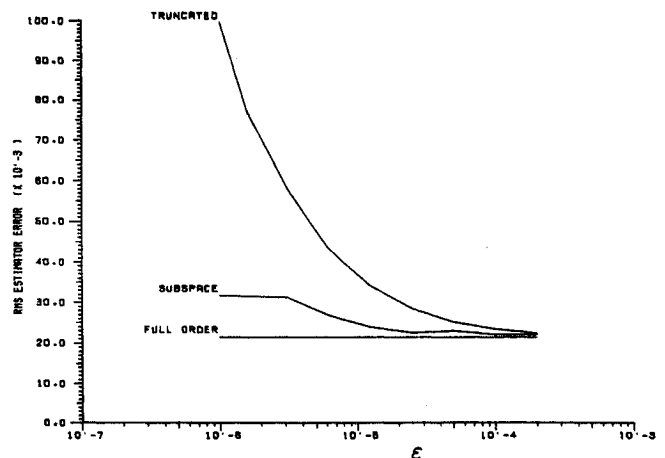


Fig. 1 Estimator performance comparison.

To further illustrate the algorithm, we consider an example reminiscent of a rigid body with flexible appendages. Hence define

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & -0.01 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -4 & -0.02 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0]$$

$$L = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0], \quad R = 1$$

$$V_1 = DD^T, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad V_{12} = 0, \quad V_2 = 1$$

Note that the dynamic model involves one rigid body mode and two flexible modes at frequencies 1 and 2 rad/s with 0.5% damping ratios. The matrix  $C$  captures the fact that the rigid body position measurement is corrupted by the flexible modes (i.e., observation spillover), the matrix  $L$  expresses the desire to estimate the rigid body position, and the matrix  $V_1$  was chosen to capture the type of noise correlation that arises when the dynamics are transformed into a modal basis.

For the full-order steady-state Kalman filter, the optimal estimation error was  $J = 1.533$ . We then truncated the higher frequency flexible mode and obtained a suboptimal fourth-order observer as a "full-order" estimator for the truncated system. The performance of this suboptimal estimator evaluated for the sixth-order plant was  $J = 3.537$ . By applying Algorithm 1, an optimal fourth-order subspace observer was obtained. The performance of this optimal estimator was  $J = 1.572$ .

A second-order suboptimal filter was also obtained as a "full-order" estimator for a truncated plant consisting of the rigid body mode only. The performance of this suboptimal estimator was  $J = 78.74$ . In contrast, the optimal second-order subspace observer constrained to observe only the rigid body mode had performance  $J = 2.328$ .

## VI. Conclusion

Optimality conditions have been obtained for the problem of designing reduced-order observer-estimators. The principal feature of the theory presented herein is the ability of the reduced-order observer estimator to observe a possibly unstable subspace of the plant while providing optimal estimates of specified linear combinations of the remaining plant states. The necessary conditions for optimality comprise a system of four matrix equations coupled by two oblique projections that determine the optimal estimator gains. The results given herein generalize previous results obtained for the stable plant case.

### Appendix: Proofs of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2

To optimize Eq. (30) over the open set  $S^+$  subject to the constraint (32), form the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}(A_{es}, A_{eus}, B_e, C_{es}, \bar{Q}, \bar{P}, \lambda) \triangleq \text{tr} \{ \lambda \bar{Q} \bar{R} + [\bar{A} \bar{Q} + \bar{Q} \bar{A}^T + \bar{V}] \bar{P} \} \quad (\text{A1})$$

where the Lagrange multipliers  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $\bar{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n+n_{es}) \times (n+n_{es})}$  are not both zero. We thus obtain

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \bar{Q}} = \bar{A}^T \bar{P} + \bar{P} \bar{A} + \lambda \bar{R} \quad (\text{A2})$$

Setting  $\partial \mathcal{L} / \partial \bar{Q} = 0$  yields

$$0 = \bar{A}^T \bar{P} + \bar{P} \bar{A} + \lambda \bar{R} \quad (\text{A3})$$

Since  $\bar{A}$  is assumed to be stable,  $\lambda = 0$  implies  $\bar{P} = 0$ . Hence, it can be assumed without loss of generality that  $\lambda = 1$ . Furthermore,  $\bar{P}$  is nonnegative definite.

Now partition  $(n+n_{es}) \times (n+n_{es})$   $\bar{Q}$ ,  $\bar{P}$  into  $n \times n$ ,  $n \times n_{es}$ , and  $n_{es} \times n_{es}$  sub-blocks as

$$\bar{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} Q_1 & Q_{12} \\ Q_{12}^T & Q_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{P} = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & P_{12} \\ P_{12}^T & P_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (\text{A4})$$

Thus, with  $\lambda = 1$  the stationarity conditions are given by

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \bar{Q}} = \bar{A}^T \bar{P} + \bar{P} \bar{A} + \bar{R} = 0 \quad (\text{A5})$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_{es}} = P_{12}^T Q_{12} + P_2 Q_2 = 0 \quad (\text{A6})$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial A_{eus}} = F(P_1 Q_{12} + P_{12} Q_2) = 0 \quad (\text{A7})$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial B_{eu}} = F P_1 F^T B_{eu} - F P_1 Q_2 V_2^{-1} + F P_{12} B_{es} = 0 \quad (\text{A8})$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial B_{es}} = P_2 B_{es} V_2 - P_{12}^T Q_2 + P_{12}^T F^T B_{eu} V_2 = 0 \quad (\text{A9})$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial C_{es}} = -R L Q_{12} + R C_{es} Q_2 = 0 \quad (\text{A10})$$

Expanding Eqs. (32) and (A5) yields

$$0 = A Q_1 - F^T B_{eu} C Q_1 - F^T A_{eus} Q_{12}^T + Q_1 A^T - Q_1 C^T B_{eu}^T F - Q_{12} A_{eus}^T F + V_1 - V_{12} B_{eu}^T F - F^T B_{eu} V_{12}^T + F^T B_{eu} V_2 B_{eu}^T F \quad (\text{A11})$$

$$0 = A Q_{12} - F^T B_{eu} C Q_{12} - F^T A_{eus} Q_2 + Q_1 C^T B_{es}^T + Q_{12} A_{es}^T + V_{12} B_{es}^T - F^T B_{eu} V_2 B_{es}^T \quad (\text{A12})$$

$$0 = A_{es} Q_2 + Q_2 A_{es}^T + B_{es} C Q_{12} + Q_{12}^T C^T B_{es}^T + B_{es} V_2 B_{es}^T \quad (\text{A13})$$

$$0 = A^T P_1 - C^T B_{eu}^T F P_1 + C^T B_{es}^T P_{12}^T + P_1 A - P_1 F^T B_{eu} C + P_{12} B_{es} C + L^T R L \quad (\text{A14})$$

$$0 = A^T P_{12} - C^T B_{eu}^T F P_{12} + C^T B_{es}^T P_2 - P_1 F^T A_{eus} + P_{12} A_{es} - L^T R C_{es} \quad (\text{A15})$$

$$0 = A_{es}^T P_2 + P_2 A_{es} - A_{eus}^T F P_{12} - P_{12}^T F^T A_{eus} + C_{es}^T R C_{es} \quad (\text{A16})$$

**Lemma 3.**  $Q_2$ ,  $P_2$ , and  $P_{12} \triangleq F P_1 F^T - F P_{12} P_2^{-1} P_{12}^T F^T$  are positive definite.



*Proof.* By a minor extension of the results from Ref. 29, Eq. (A13) can be rewritten as

$$0 = (A_{es} + B_{es}CQ_{12}Q_2^+)Q_2 + Q_2(A_{es} + B_{es}CQ_{12}Q_2^+)^T + B_{es}V_2B_{es}^T \quad (A17)$$

where  $Q_2^+$  is the Moore-Penrose or Drazin generalized inverse of  $Q_2$ . Next note that since  $(A_{es}, B_{es})$  is controllable, it follows from Lemma 2.1 and Theorem 3.6 of Ref. 30 that  $(A_{es} + B_{es}CQ_{12}Q_2^+, B_{es}V_2^{1/2})$  is controllable. Now, since  $Q_2$  and  $B_{es}V_2B_{es}^T$  are nonnegative definite, Lemma 12.2 of Ref. 30 implies that  $Q_2$  is positive definite. To show that  $P_2$  and  $P_u$  are positive definite, consider the transformation  $T$  given by Eq. (33) such that  $\tilde{x}_0(t) = T\tilde{x}(t)$  where  $\tilde{x}_0(t)$  is given by Eq. (34). Using this transformation Eq. (A5) becomes

$$0 = \tilde{A}_0^T T^{-T} \tilde{P} T^{-1} + T^{-T} \tilde{P} T^{-1} \tilde{A}_0 + T^{-T} \tilde{R} T^{-1} \quad (A18)$$

where  $\tilde{A}_0$  is given by Eq. (36). Noting that  $T^{-T} = T$  and that

$$T^{-T} \tilde{P} T^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} HP_1H^T & HP_1F^T & HP_{12} \\ FP_1H^T & FP_1F^T & FP_{12} \\ P_{12}^TH^T & P_{12}^TF^T & P_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (A19)$$

the (2,2) block of the preceding Lyapunov equation is

$$0 = A_e^T P_e + P_e A_e + C_e^T R C_e \quad (A20)$$

where

$$P_e \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} FP_1F^T & FP_{12} \\ P_{12}^TF^T & P_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (A21)$$

Using Eq. (A20) and the fact that  $(A_e, C_e)$  is observable, it follows that  $P_e$  is positive definite. Hence, it follows from Ref. 29 that  $P_2$  and  $P_u \triangleq FP_1F^T - FP_{12}P_2^{-1}P_{12}^TF^T$  are positive definite.

Since  $Q_2$  and  $P_2$  are invertible, Eqs. (A6) and (A7) can be written as

$$-P_2^{-1}P_{12}^TQ_{12}Q_2^{-1} = I_{n_{es}} \quad (A22)$$

$$0 = F(P_1Q_{12}Q_2^{-1} + P_{12}) \quad (A23)$$

Now define the  $n \times n$  matrices

$$Q \triangleq Q_1 - Q_{12}Q_2^{-1}Q_{12}^T, \quad P \triangleq P_1 - P_{12}P_2^{-1}P_{12}^T \quad (A24)$$

$$\tilde{Q} \triangleq Q_{12}Q_2^{-1}Q_{12}^T, \quad \tilde{P} \triangleq P_{12}P_2^{-1}P_{12}^T \quad (A25)$$

$$\tau \triangleq -Q_{12}Q_2^{-1}P_2^{-1}P_{12}^T \quad (A26)$$

and the  $n_{es} \times n$ ,  $n_{es} \times n_{es}$ , and  $n_{es} \times n$  matrices

$$G \triangleq Q_2^{-1}Q_{12}^T, \quad M \triangleq Q_2P_2, \quad \Gamma \triangleq -P_2^{-1}P_{12}^T \quad (A27)$$

Note that  $Q, P, \tilde{Q}, \tilde{P}$  are nonnegative definite and that  $FPF^T = P_u$ . Next partition  $n \times n$   $P, \tilde{Q}$  into  $n_u \times n_u$ ,  $n_u \times n_s$ , and  $n_s \times n_s$  sub-blocks as

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_u & P_{us} \\ P_{us}^T & P_s \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tilde{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Q}_u & \tilde{Q}_{us} \\ \tilde{Q}_{us}^T & \tilde{Q}_s \end{bmatrix} \quad (A28)$$

Since  $P_u$  is invertible (see Lemma 3) define the  $n_u \times n$  matrices

$$F \triangleq [I_{n_u} \quad 0_{n_u \times n_s}], \quad \Phi \triangleq [I_{n_u} \quad P_u^{-1}P_{us}] \quad (A29)$$

and  $n \times n$  matrix

$$\mu \triangleq F^T \Phi \quad (A30)$$

Next note that with the preceding definitions, Eq. (A22) is equivalent to Eq. (40) and that Eq. (39) holds. Hence  $\tau = G^T \Gamma$  is idempotent, i.e.,  $\tau^2 = \tau$ . Similarly, since  $\Phi F^T = I_{n_u}$ ,  $\mu$  is also idempotent.

It is helpful to note the identities

$$\tilde{Q} = Q_{12}G = G^T Q_{12}^T = G^T Q_2 G$$

$$\tilde{P} = -P_{12}\Gamma = -\Gamma^T P_{12}^T = \Gamma^T P_2 \Gamma \quad (A31)$$

$$\tau G^T = G^T, \quad \Gamma \tau = \Gamma \quad (A32)$$

$$\tilde{Q} = \tau \tilde{Q}, \quad \tilde{P} = \tilde{P} \tau \quad (A33)$$

$$\tilde{Q} \tilde{P} = -Q_{12}P_{12}^T \quad (A34)$$

Using Eq. (A22) and Sylvester's inequality, it follows that

$$\text{rank } G = \text{rank } \Gamma = \text{rank } Q_{12} = \text{rank } P_{12} = n_{es} \quad (A35)$$

Now using Eq. (A31) and Sylvester's inequality yields

$$n_{es} = \text{rank } Q_{12} + \text{rank } G - n_{es} \leq \text{rank } \tilde{Q} \leq \text{rank } Q_{12} = n_{es} \quad (A36)$$

which implies that  $\text{rank } \tilde{Q} = n_{es}$ . Similarly,  $\text{rank } \tilde{P} = n_{es}$ , and  $\text{rank } \tilde{Q} \tilde{P} = n_{es}$  follows from Eq. (A34).

Next, using Eq. (A34) and the preceding identities, it follows from Eq. (A23) that

$$0 = FP\tilde{Q} \quad (A37)$$

Use of the partitioned form [Eq. (A28)] of  $P$  and  $\tilde{Q}$ , Eq. (A37) implies

$$\tilde{Q} = \mu_{\perp} \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n_u} & 0_{n_u \times n_s} \\ 0_{n_s \times n_u} & \tilde{Q}_s \end{bmatrix} \mu_{\perp}^T \quad (A38)$$

The components of  $\tilde{Q}$  and  $\tilde{P}$  can be written in terms of  $Q, P, \tilde{Q}, \tilde{P}, G$ , and  $\Gamma$  as

$$Q_1 = Q + \tilde{Q}, \quad P_1 = P + \tilde{P} \quad (A39)$$

$$Q_{12} = \tilde{Q} \Gamma^T, \quad P_{12} = -\tilde{P} G^T \quad (A40)$$

$$Q_2 = G \tilde{Q} \Gamma^T, \quad P_2 = G \tilde{P} G^T \quad (A41)$$

Furthermore, it is useful to note that

$$F\Phi^T = F, \quad 0 = \Phi G^T, \quad F^T = \mu F^T, \quad 0 = FA^T P G^T \quad (A42)$$

$$0 = G P \mu, \quad I_{n_{es}} = \Gamma \mu_{\perp} G^T, \quad \Phi = F \mu \quad (A43)$$

$$0 = \mu \tau, \quad \tau = \mu_{\perp} \tau, \quad \mu = \mu \tau_{\perp}, \quad \tau_{\perp} \mu_{\perp} = \mu_{\perp} \tau_{\perp} \mu_{\perp} \quad (A44)$$

which follow from Eqs. (A37) and (A38).

The expressions for Eqs. (45) and (46) follow from Eqs. (A8-A10) by using the preceding identities. Next, computing  $G(A15) + (A16)$  along with Eq. (A16) yields Eq. (44). Substituting Eqs. (A39-A41) into Eqs. (A11-A116) along with the expression for  $A_e$  it follows that Eq. (A13) =  $\Gamma(A12)$  and Eq. (A16) =  $G(A15)$ . Thus, Eqs. (A13) and (A16) are superfluous and can be omitted. Thus, Eqs. (A11-A16) reduce to

$$0 = A Q + Q A^T + \mu_{\perp} A \tilde{Q} + \tilde{Q} A^T \mu_{\perp}^T + V_1$$

$$-Q_u V_2^{-1} Q_u^T + \mu_{\perp} Q_u V_2^{-1} Q_u^T \mu_{\perp}^T \quad (A45)$$

$$0 = [\mu_{\perp} A \tilde{Q} + \tilde{Q} A^T \mu_{\perp}^T + \mu_{\perp} Q_u V_2^{-1} Q_u^T \mu_{\perp}^T] \Gamma^T \quad (A46)$$

$$0 = (A - \mu Q_a V_2^{-1} C)^T P + P(A - \mu Q_a V_2^{-1} C) + (A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C)^T \hat{P} + \hat{P}(A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C) + L^T R L \quad (A47)$$

$$0 = [(A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C)^T \hat{P} + \hat{P}(A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C) + P\mu(A - Q_a V_2^{-1} C) + L^T R L] G^T \quad (A48)$$

Next, using Eq. (A45) +  $G^T \Gamma(A46)G - (A46)G - [(A46)G]^T$  yields Eq. (47). Similarly, using Eq. (A47) +  $\Gamma^T G(A48)\Gamma - (A48)\Gamma - [(A48)\Gamma]^T$  and  $\Gamma^T G(A48)\Gamma - (A48)\Gamma - [(A48)\Gamma]^T$  yields Eqs. (48) and (50). Now using  $G^T \Gamma(A46)G - (A46)G - [(A46)G]^T$  yields

$$0 = \mu_{\perp} A \hat{Q} + \hat{Q} A^T \mu_{\perp}^T + \mu_{\perp} Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T \mu_{\perp}^T - \tau_{\perp} \mu_{\perp} Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T \mu_{\perp}^T \tau_{\perp}^T \quad (A49)$$

Using Eq. (A38), Eq. (A49) becomes

$$0 = \mu_{\perp} \begin{bmatrix} 0_{n_u} & 0_{n_u \times n_s} \\ 0_{n_s \times n_u} & A_s \hat{Q}_s + \hat{Q}_s A_s^T \end{bmatrix} \mu_{\perp}^T + \mu_{\perp} Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T \mu_{\perp}^T - \tau_{\perp} \mu_{\perp} Q_a V_2^{-1} Q_a^T \mu_{\perp}^T \tau_{\perp}^T \quad (A50)$$

Next, computing  $H(A50)H^T$  yields Eq. (49). Note conversely that if Eq. (49) is satisfied, then (A36) holds since  $\mu_{\perp} \tau_{\perp} \mu_{\perp}^T = \tau_{\perp} \mu_{\perp}^T$ .

Finally, to prove Theorem 2 we use Eqs. (44-50) to obtain Eq. (32) and Eqs. (A5-A10). Let  $A_e, B_e, C_e, G, \Gamma, F, \Phi, \tau, \mu, Q, P, \hat{Q}, \hat{P}, \hat{Q}_s, \hat{Q}$  be as in the statement of Theorem 1 and define  $\hat{Q}_1, \hat{Q}_2, \hat{Q}_3, P_1, P_2$  by Eqs. (A8-A10). Using Eq. (40),  $\Phi F^T = I_{n_u}$ , Eqs. (45) and Eq. (46), it is easy to verify Eqs. (A39-A41). Next substitute the definitions of  $Q, P, \hat{Q}, \hat{P}, G, \Gamma, F, \Phi, \tau, \mu$  into Eqs. (47-50) using Eq. (40), Eq. (41), and Eq. (A33) to obtain Eq. (32) and Eq. (A5). Finally, note that

$$\hat{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} Q & 0_{n \times n_{es}} \\ 0_{n_{es} \times n} & 0_{n_{es}} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} I_n \\ \Gamma \end{bmatrix} \hat{Q} [I_n \quad \Gamma^T]$$

which shows that  $\hat{Q} \geq 0$ . Now using the assumed existence of a nonnegative-definite solution to Eq. (32) and the stabilizability condition  $(\hat{A}, \hat{V}^{1/2})$ , it follows from the dual of Lemma 12.2 of Ref. 30 that  $\hat{A}$  is asymptotically stable. Since  $\hat{A}_0$  is upper block triangular,  $A_e$  is also asymptotically stable. Conversely, since  $A_s$  is assumed to be asymptotically stable,  $A_e$  stable implies  $(\hat{A}, \hat{V}^{1/2})$  stabilizable.

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