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I. INTRODUCTION

A good deal of control problems found in industry, are properly solved with conventional control strategies; however, there are some areas in which these techniques are not adequate, and where adaptive controllers have showed better results. Particularly, self-tuning regulators (STR) are being used and have become the most popular adaptive applications in the industry.

A particular STR structure is studied in this work: the Generalized Minimum Variance Controller (GMVC), which is described in section II. The design of the cost polynomials for GMVC, according to a pole assignment is discussed in section III. In order to achieve better results in practice, we propose an algorithmic modification of the original GMVC in section III. In section IV, we discuss stability issues and in section V performance issues are revisited. Finally in section VI physical implementations are presented.

II. GENERALIZED MINIMUM VARIANCE CONTROLLER

Clarke and Gawthrop proposed the generalized minimum variance controller (GMVC) [1], defining a pseudo-output of the system $\hat{\phi}(t)$ which includes not only the system output, but the reference and control signals as well. Among other properties, this algorithm allows the user to tailor the performance of the controller through a specific choice of the optimality criterion, and also deal with non-minimum phase systems. In the GMVC a generalized output, or pseudo output is defined, by the following equation:

$$\hat{\phi}(i+k) = Py(i+k) + Qu(i) - Rr(i) \quad (1)$$

where P , Q , R (called cost polynomials) are used to modify the control performance [2] while y is the process output, u is the control input, r is the reference signal and k is the system delay. The cost function to be minimized is the mathematical expectation of $\hat{\phi}(i+k)$,

$$J = E[\hat{\phi}(i+k)] \quad (2)$$

The control law proposed for the GMV controller is

$$Hu(i) + Gv(i) + Ew(i) = \hat{\phi} \quad (3)$$

where the control polynomials H , G and E are directly estimated from (1), because in an implicit way, the following relationship prevails:

$$PC = FA + z^{-d}G \quad (4)$$

where:

$$H = BF - QC \quad y \quad E = -CR \quad (5)$$

In Figure 1, we can see a synthesis of the structure of the GMVC where A , B and C are the process polynomials. The control algorithm is clearly explained in [2].

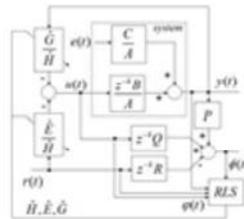


Figure 1. Functional diagram of a GMVC

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