# Retrospective Cost Model Reference Adaptive Control for Nonminimum-Phase Discrete-Time Systems, Part 2: Stability Analysis

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Abstract— This paper is the second part of a pair of papers, which together present a direct model reference adaptive controller for discrete-time (including sampled-data) systems that are possibly nonminimum phase. The present paper and its companion paper (Part 1) together analyze that stability of the retrospective cost model reference adaptive controller.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In this paper and its companion paper [1], we present a model reference adaptive control (MRAC) algorithm for discrete-time systems that are possibly nonminimum phase. This paper is intended to be read in conjunction with [1]. A detailed introduction is provided in [1].

The companion paper [1] develops the retrospective cost model reference adaptive control (RC-MRAC) algorithms, and focuses on the existence and properties of an ideal control law. The results of [1] are used in the present paper to analyze closed-loop stability.

In this second paper, we present a closed-loop error system, which is a system constructed by taking the difference between the closed-loop system with the ideal controller in feedback and the closed-loop system with the adaptive controller in feedback. Then we then examine the closedloop stability.

## II. REVIEW OF THE PROBLEM FORMULATION

Consider the discrete-time system

$$y(k) = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \alpha_i y(k-i) + \sum_{i=d}^{n} \beta_i u(k-i), \qquad (1)$$

where  $k \ge 0, \alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_n, \beta_d, \ldots, \beta_n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y(k) \in \mathbb{R}$  is the output,  $u(k) \in \mathbb{R}$  is the control, and the relative degree is d > 0. Furthermore, for all i < 0, u(i) = 0, and the initial condition is  $x_0 = [y(-1) \cdots y(-n)]^{\mathrm{T}} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Let  $\mathbf{q}$  and  $\mathbf{q}^{-1}$  denote the forward-shift and backward-shift operators, respectively. For all  $k \ge 0$ , (1) can be expressed as  $\alpha(\mathbf{q})y(k-n) = \beta(\mathbf{q})u(k-n)$ , where  $\alpha(\mathbf{q}) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \mathbf{q}^n + \alpha_1 \mathbf{q}^{n-1} + \alpha_2 \mathbf{q}^{n-2} + \cdots + \alpha_{n-1} \mathbf{q} + \alpha_n$  and  $\beta(\mathbf{q}) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \beta_d \mathbf{q}^{n-d} + \beta_{d+1} \mathbf{q}^{n-d-1} + \cdots + \beta_{n-1} \mathbf{q} + \beta_n$ .

Next, consider the reference model

$$y_{\rm m} = -\sum_{i=1}^{n_{\rm m}} \alpha_{{\rm m},i} y_{\rm m}(k-i) + \sum_{i=d_{\rm m}}^{n_{\rm m}} \beta_{{\rm m},i} r(k-i), \quad (2)$$

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where  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha_{m,1}, \ldots, \alpha_{m,n_m}, \beta_{m,d_m}, \ldots, \beta_{m,n_m} \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y_m(k) \in \mathbb{R}$  is the reference model output,  $r(k) \in \mathbb{R}$  is the reference model command, and  $d_m > 0$  is the relative degree of (2). Furthermore, for all i < 0, r(i) = 0, and the initial condition is  $x_{m,0} = [y_m(-1) \cdots y_m(-n_m)]^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . For all  $k \geq 0$ , (2) can be expressed as  $\alpha_m(\mathbf{q})y_m(k-n_m) = \beta_m(\mathbf{q})r(k-n_m)$ , where  $\alpha_m(\mathbf{q}) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \mathbf{q}^{n_m} + \alpha_{m,1}\mathbf{q}^{n_m-1} + \cdots + \alpha_{m,n_m-1}\mathbf{q} + \alpha_{m,n_m}$  and  $\beta_m(\mathbf{q}) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \beta_{m,d_m}\mathbf{q}^{n_m-d_m} + \cdots + \beta_{m,n_m-1}\mathbf{q} + \beta_{m,n_m}$ . Our goal is to drive the tracking error  $z(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} y(k) - y_m(k)$  to zero asymptotically. We make the following assumptions regarding the open-loop system (1):

- (A1)  $\alpha(\mathbf{q})$  and  $\beta(\mathbf{q})$  are coprime.
- (A2) d is known.
- (A3)  $\beta_d$  is known.
- (A4) If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|\lambda| \ge 1$ , and  $\beta(\lambda) = 0$ , then  $\lambda$  is known.
- (A5) There exists an integer  $\bar{n}$  such that  $n \leq \bar{n}$  and  $\bar{n}$  is known.
- (A6)  $\alpha(\mathbf{q}), \beta(\mathbf{q}), n$ , and  $x_0$  are not known.

In addition, we make the following assumptions regarding the reference model (2):

- (A7)  $\alpha_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q})$  and  $\beta_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q})$  are coprime.
- (A8)  $\alpha_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q})$  is asymptotically stable.
- (A9) If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $|\lambda| \ge 1$ , and  $\beta(\lambda) = 0$ , then  $\beta_{\mathrm{m}}(\lambda) = 0$ .
- (A10) If  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\alpha(\lambda) = 0$ , then  $\beta_{\mathrm{m}}(\lambda) \neq 0$ .
- (A11)  $d_{\rm m} \ge d$ .
- (A12) r(k) is bounded.

(A13)  $\alpha_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q}), \beta_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q}), d_{\rm m}$ , and  $n_{\rm m}$  are known.

Next, let  $\beta_{u}(\mathbf{q})$  be a monic polynomial whose roots are a subset of the roots of  $\beta(\mathbf{q})$  and include all the zeros of  $\beta(\mathbf{q})$  that lie on or outside the unit circle. Furthermore, write  $\beta_{u}(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{q}^{n_{u}} + \beta_{u,1}\mathbf{q}^{n_{u}-1} + \cdots + \beta_{u,n_{u}-1}\mathbf{q} + \beta_{u,n_{u}}$ , where  $\beta_{u,1}, \ldots, \beta_{u,n_{u}} \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $n_{u} \leq n-d$  is the degree of  $\beta_{u}(\mathbf{q})$ , and let  $\beta_{u,0} = 1$ .

## III. BRIEF REVIEW OF [1]

In this section, we briefly review select aspects of [1]. First, let  $n_c \ge n$ , and [1] shows that, for all  $k \ge n_c$ , (1) has the  $(3n_c + 1)^{\text{th}}$ -order nonminimal-state-space realization

$$\phi(k+1) = \mathcal{A}\phi(k) + \mathcal{B}u(k) + \mathcal{D}r(k+1), \qquad (3)$$

$$y(k) = \mathfrak{C}\phi(k), \tag{4}$$

where  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}$ , and  $\mathcal{D}$  are given in [1], and

$$\phi(k) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \begin{bmatrix} y(k-1) & \cdots & y(k-n_{\rm c}) \\ u(k-1) & \cdots & u(k-n_{\rm c}) \\ r(k) & \cdots & r(k-n_{\rm c}) \end{bmatrix}^{\rm T} \in \mathbb{R}^{3n_{\rm c}+1}.$$
 (5)

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Next, for all  $k \ge n_c$ , consider the time-varying controller

$$u(k) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\rm c}} L_i(k) y(k-i) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\rm c}} M_i(k) u(k-i) + \sum_{i=0}^{n_{\rm c}} N_i(k) r(k-i),$$
(6)

where, for all  $i = 1, ..., n_c$ ,  $L_i : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{R}$  and  $M_i : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{R}$ , and, for all  $i = 0, 1, ..., n_c$ ,  $N_i : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{R}$  are given by either the instantaneous RC-MRAC algorithm [1, Lemma 1] or the cumulative RC-MRAC algorithm [1, Lemma 2]. For all  $k \ge n_c$ , the controller (6) can be expressed as

$$u(k) = \phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\theta(k), \qquad (7)$$

where  $\theta(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} [L_1(k) \cdots L_{n_c}(k) \ M_1(k) \cdots M_{n_c}(k) \ N_0(k) \cdots N_{n_c}(k)]^{\mathrm{T}}.$ 

For all  $k \ge 0$ , we define the filtered performance  $z_{\rm f}(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \bar{\alpha}_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})z(k)$ , where  $\bar{\alpha}_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})\stackrel{\triangle}{=} \mathbf{q}^{-n_{\rm m}}\alpha_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q})$ . Next, for all

 $\alpha_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})z(k)$ , where  $\alpha_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q}^{-1}) = \mathbf{q}^{-\kappa_{\rm m}}\alpha_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q})$ . Next, for a  $k \ge 0$ , define the retrospective performance

$$\hat{z}_{\mathbf{f}}(\hat{\theta},k) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} z_{\mathbf{f}}(k) + \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\hat{\theta} - \beta_{d}\bar{\beta}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})u(k), \quad (8)$$

where the filtered regressor is defined by  $\Phi(k) \stackrel{\bigtriangleup}{=} \beta_d \bar{\beta}_u(\mathbf{q}^{-1}) \phi(k)$  and  $\bar{\beta}_u(\mathbf{q}^{-1}) \stackrel{\bigtriangleup}{=} \mathbf{q}^{-n_u - d} \beta_u(\mathbf{q})$ . Finally, for all  $k \ge 0$ , define retrospective performance measure

$$z_{\rm f,r}(k) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \hat{z}_{\rm f}(\theta(k), k). \tag{9}$$

# IV. ERROR SYSTEM

We now construct an error system using the ideal fixedgain controller (which is given by [1, Theorem 1]) and RC-MRAC. Since n is unknown, the lower bound for the controller order  $n_c$  given by [1, Theorem 1] is unknown. Thus, for the remainder of the paper, let  $n_c$  satisfy the lower bound

$$n_{\rm c} \ge \max(2\bar{n} - n_{\rm u} - d, n_{\rm m} - n_{\rm u} - d),$$
 (10)

where assumptions (A2), (A4), (A5), and (A13) imply that the lower bound on  $n_c$  given by (10) is known. Furthermore, since, by assumption (A5),  $n \leq \bar{n}$ , it follows that (10) satisfies the conditions of [1, Theorem 1].

Let  $\theta_* \in \mathbb{R}^{3n_c+1}$  be the ideal fixed-gain controller given by [1, Theorem 1], and, for all  $k \ge n_c$ , let  $\phi_*(k)$  be the state of the ideal closed-loop system, which according to [1] is given by

$$\phi_*(k+1) = \mathcal{A}_*\phi_*(k) + \mathcal{D}r(k+1), \tag{11}$$

$$y_*(k) = \mathcal{C}\phi_*(k), \tag{12}$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_* \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}\theta^{\mathrm{T}}_*$  is asymptotically stable and the initial condition is  $\phi_*(n_{\mathrm{c}}) = \phi(n_{\mathrm{c}})$ . Furthermore, define  $k_0 = 2n_{\mathrm{c}} + n_{\mathrm{u}} + d$ .

Next, for all  $k \ge n_c$ , the closed-loop system consisting of (3), (4), and (7) becomes

$$\phi(k+1) = \mathcal{A}_*\phi(k) + \mathcal{B}\phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\dot{\theta}(k) + \mathcal{D}r(k+1), \quad (13)$$

$$y(k) = \mathcal{C}\phi(k), \tag{14}$$

where  $\tilde{\theta}(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \theta(k) - \theta_*$ .

Now, we construct an error system by combining the ideal closed-loop system (11), (12) with the adaptive closed-loop system (13), (14). For all  $k \ge n_c$ , define the error state  $\tilde{\phi}(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \phi(k) - \phi_*(k)$ , and subtract (11), (12) from (13), (14) to obtain, for all  $k \ge n_c$ ,

$$\tilde{\phi}(k+1) = \mathcal{A}_* \tilde{\phi}(k) + \mathcal{B}\phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\theta}(k), \qquad (15)$$

$$\tilde{y}(k) = \mathcal{C}\tilde{\phi}(k), \tag{16}$$

where  $\tilde{y}(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} y(k) - y_*(k)$ .

**Lemma 1.** Consider the open-loop system (1) with the feedback (7). Then, for all initial conditions  $x_0$ , all sequences  $\theta(k)$ , and, all  $k \ge k_0$ ,

$$z_{\rm f}(k) = \beta_d \bar{\beta}_{\rm u}(\mathbf{q}^{-1}) \left[ \phi^{\rm T}(k) \tilde{\theta}(k) \right].$$
 (17)

*Proof.* For all  $k \ge n_c$ , the error system (15), (16) has the solution

$$\tilde{y}(k) = \mathcal{C}\mathcal{A}_*^{k-n_c}\tilde{\phi}(n_c) + \sum_{i=1}^{k-n_c} \mathcal{C}\mathcal{A}_*^{i-1}\mathcal{B}\phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k-i)\tilde{\theta}(k-i).$$

Since  $\phi_*(0) = \phi(0)$  it follows that  $\tilde{\phi}(0) = 0$ , and thus, for all  $k \ge n_c$ ,  $\tilde{y}(k) = \sum_{i=1}^{k-n_c} C\mathcal{A}_*^{i-1} \mathcal{B} \phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k-i) \tilde{\theta}(k-i)$ , which implies that, for all  $k \ge n_c + n_{\mathrm{m}}$ 

$$\bar{\alpha}_{\mathrm{m}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})\tilde{y}(k) = \bar{\alpha}_{\mathrm{m}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1}) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{k-n_{\mathrm{c}}} \mathcal{C}\mathcal{A}_{*}^{i-1} \mathcal{B}\phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k-i)\tilde{\theta}(k-i) \right].$$

Next, it follows from [1, (*iv*) of Theorem 1] (with  $e(k) = \phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\theta}(k)$ ) that, for all  $k \geq k_0$ ,  $\bar{\alpha}_{\mathrm{m}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})\tilde{y}(k) = \beta_d \bar{\beta}_{\mathrm{u}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})[\phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\theta}(k)]$ . Finally, note that  $\bar{\alpha}_{\mathrm{m}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})\tilde{y}(k) = \bar{\alpha}_{\mathrm{m}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})y(k) - \bar{\alpha}_{\mathrm{m}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})y_*(k)$  and it follows from [1, (*i*) of Theorem 1] that  $\bar{\alpha}_{\mathrm{m}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})y_*(k) = \bar{\alpha}_{\mathrm{m}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})y_{\mathrm{m}}(k)$ . Therefore, for all  $k \geq k_0$ ,  $z_{\mathrm{f}}(k) = \bar{\alpha}_{\mathrm{m}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})\tilde{y}(k)$ , thus verifying (17).

Lemma 1 relates the filtered performance  $z_f(k)$  to the estimation error  $\tilde{\theta}(k)$ . The relationship (17) is not a linear regression in the estimation error  $\tilde{\theta}(k)$ ; however, the following result expresses  $z_{f,r}(k)$  as a linear regression in  $\tilde{\theta}(k)$ .

**Lemma 2.** Consider the open-loop system (1) with the feedback (7). Then, for all initial conditions  $x_0$ , all sequences  $\theta(k)$ , and all  $k \ge k_0$ ,

$$z_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{r}}(k) = \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\theta}(k).$$
(18)

*Proof.* It follows from (8) and (9) that, for all  $k \ge 0$ ,

$$z_{\mathrm{f,r}}(k) = z_{\mathrm{f}}(k) - \beta_{d}\bar{\beta}_{\mathrm{u}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1}) \left[\phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\theta(k)\right] \\ + \beta_{d} \left[\bar{\beta}_{\mathrm{u}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})\phi(k)\right]^{\mathrm{T}} \theta(k).$$

Next, adding and subtracting  $\beta_d \left[ \bar{\beta}_u(\mathbf{q}^{-1})\phi(k) \right]^T \theta_*$  to the left-hand side yields, for all  $k \ge 0$ ,  $z_{f,r}(k) = z_f(k) - \beta_d \bar{\beta}_u(\mathbf{q}^{-1})[\phi^T(k)\tilde{\theta}(k)] + \beta_d [\bar{\beta}_u(\mathbf{q}^{-1})\phi(k)]^T \tilde{\theta}(k)$ . Finally, it follows from Lemma 1 that, for all  $k \ge k_0$ ,  $z_f(k) - \beta_d \bar{\beta}_u(\mathbf{q}^{-1})[\phi^T(k)\tilde{\theta}(k)] = 0$ , which implies that, for all

 $k \geq k_0, \ z_{\mathrm{f,r}}(k) = \beta_d[\bar{\beta}_{\mathrm{u}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})\phi(k)]^{\mathrm{T}}\tilde{\theta}(k) = \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\theta}(k),$ thus verifying (18). 

Lastly, we develop a filtered error system. For all  $k \geq k_0$ , we define the ideal filtered regressor  $\Phi_*(k) \stackrel{ riangle}{=}$  $\beta_d \bar{\beta}_u(\mathbf{q}^{-1}) \phi_*(k)$ , and the filtered regressor error  $\tilde{\Phi}(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=}$  $\Phi(k) - \Phi_*(k) = \beta_d \bar{\beta}_u(\mathbf{q}^{-1}) \bar{\phi}(k)$ . Next, we apply the operator  $\beta_d \bar{\beta}_u(\mathbf{q}^{-1})$  to (15) and use Lemma 1 to obtain the filtered error system

$$\tilde{\Phi}(k+1) = \mathcal{A}_* \tilde{\Phi}(k) + \mathcal{B}\beta_d \bar{\beta}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{q}^{-1}) \left[ \phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \tilde{\theta}(k) \right]$$
$$= \mathcal{A}_* \tilde{\Phi}(k) + \mathcal{B}z_{\mathbf{f}}(k), \tag{19}$$

which is defined for all  $k \ge k_0$ .

# V. STABILITY ANALYSIS FOR INSTANTANEOUS RC-MRAC

In this section, we analyze the stability of instantaneous RC-MRAC. For review, instantaneous RC-MRAC (developed in [1, Lemma 1]) is given by (7) and

$$\theta(k+1) = \theta(k) - \eta(k)R^{-1}\Phi(k)z_{\rm f,r}(k),$$
 (20)

where

$$\eta(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \frac{1}{\zeta(k) + \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)R^{-1}\Phi(k)},\tag{21}$$

and  $R \in \mathbb{R}^{(3n_{\rm c}+1)\times(3n_{\rm c}+1)}$  is positive definite,  $\theta(0) \in$  $\mathbb{R}^{3n_{c}+1}$ , and  $\zeta$  :  $\mathbb{N} \to (0,\infty)$ . We assume that  $\zeta_{\mathrm{L}} \stackrel{ riangle}{=}$  $\inf_{k>0} \zeta(k) > 0$  and  $\zeta_{\mathrm{U}} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \sup_{k>0} \zeta(k) < \infty$ .

Lemma 3. Consider the open-loop system (1) satisfying assumptions (A1)-(A13), and the instantaneous retrospective cost model reference adaptive controller (7), (20), and (21), where  $n_c$  satisfies (10). Then, for all initial conditions  $x_0$ and  $\theta(0)$ , the following properties hold:

(i) 
$$\theta(k)$$
 is bounded.

- (ii)  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k} \eta(j) z_{\mathrm{f,r}}^2(j)$  exists. (iii) For all N > 0,  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=N}^{k} \|\theta(j) \theta(j-N)\|^2$ exists.

*Proof.* Subtracting  $\theta_*$  from both sides of (20) yields the estimator-error update equation

$$\tilde{\theta}(k+1) = \tilde{\theta}(k) - \eta(k)R^{-1}\Phi(k)z_{\rm f,r}(k).$$
(22)

Define the positive-definite, radially unbounded Lyapunovlike function  $V_{\tilde{\theta}}(\tilde{\theta}(k)) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \tilde{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) R \tilde{\theta}(k)$ , and the Lyapunovlike difference

$$\Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(k) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} V_{\tilde{\theta}}(\tilde{\theta}(k+1)) - V_{\tilde{\theta}}(\tilde{\theta}(k)).$$
(23)

Evaluating  $\Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(k)$  along the trajectories of the estimator-error system (22) yields  $\Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(k)$ =  $-2\eta(k)z_{\rm f,r}(k)\Phi^{\rm T}(k)\tilde{\theta}(k) + \eta^{2}(k)z_{\rm f,r}^{2}(k)\Phi^{\rm T}(k)R^{-1}\Phi(k).$ Next, it follows from Lemma 2 and (21) that, for all  $k \ge k_0$ ,

$$\Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(k) = -2\eta(k)z_{f,r}^{2}(k) + \eta^{2}(k)z_{f,r}^{2}(k)\Phi^{T}(k)R^{-1}\Phi(k)$$
  
$$= -\eta(k)z_{f,r}^{2}(k) - \zeta(k)\eta^{2}(k)z_{f,r}^{2}(k)$$
  
$$\leq -\eta(k)z_{f,r}^{2}(k).$$
(24)

Since  $V_{\tilde{\theta}}$  is a positive-definite radially unbounded function of  $\theta(k)$  and, for  $k \ge k_0$ ,  $\Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(k)$  is non-positive, it follows that  $\tilde{\theta}(k)$  is bounded and thus  $\theta(k)$  is bounded. Thus, we have verified (i).

To show (ii), first we show that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=k_0}^k \Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(j)$ exists. Since  $V_{\tilde{\theta}}$  is positive definite, and, for all  $k \geq k_0$ ,  $\Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(k)$  is non-positive, it follows from (23) that

$$0 \leq -\lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=k_0}^{\kappa} \Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(j) = V_{\tilde{\theta}}(\tilde{\theta}(k_0)) - \lim_{k \to \infty} V_{\tilde{\theta}}(\tilde{\theta}(k))$$
$$\leq V_{\tilde{\theta}}(\tilde{\theta}(k_0)),$$

where the upper and lower bounds imply that both limits exist. Since  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=k_0}^k \Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(j)$  exists, (24) implies that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=k_0}^k \eta(j) z_{f,r}^2(j)$  exists, and thus  $\lim_{k\to\infty}\sum_{j=0}^k \eta(j) z_{f,r}^2(j)$  exists, which verifies (*ii*).

To show (iii), we first show that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \|\theta(j + j)\|_{j=0}$ 1) –  $\theta(j) \parallel^2$  exists. It follows from (20) that

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|\theta(j+1) - \theta(j)\|^2 = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \eta^2(j) z_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{r}}^2(j) \Phi^{\mathbf{T}}(j) R^{-2} \Phi(j) \\ &\leq \|R^{-1}\|_{\mathbf{F}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \eta^2(j) z_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{r}}^2(j) \Phi^{\mathbf{T}}(j) R^{-1} \Phi(j), \end{split}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_{\rm F}$  denotes the Frobenius norm. Next, it follows from (21) that, for all  $k \ge 0$ ,  $\eta(k)\Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)R^{-1}\Phi(k) \le 1$ , which implies that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \|\theta(j+1) - \theta(j)\|^2 \le \|R^{-1}\|_{\mathbf{F}} \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \eta(j) z_{\mathbf{f},\mathbf{r}}^2(j).$$

Furthermore, since by (*ii*),  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \eta(j) z_{f,r}^2(j)$  exists, it follows that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \|\theta(j+1) - \theta(j)\|^2$  exists. Next, let N > 0 and note that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=N}^{k} \|\theta(j) - \theta(j-N)\|^{2}$$

$$= \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=N}^{k} \|\theta(j) - \theta(j-1) + \theta(j-1) - \theta(j-2) + \dots + \theta(j-N+1) - \theta(j-N)\|^{2}$$

$$\leq \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=N}^{k} (\|\theta(j) - \theta(j-1)\| + \dots + \|\theta(j-N+1) - \theta(j-N)\|)^{2}$$

$$\leq \lim_{k \to \infty} 2^{N-1} \sum_{j=N}^{k} (\|\theta(j) - \theta(j-1)\|^{2} + \dots + \|\theta(j-N+1) - \theta(j-N)\|^{2}). \quad (25)$$

Since all of the limits on the right hand side of (25) exist, it follows that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=N}^k \|\overline{\theta(j)} - \theta(j-N)\|^2$  exists. This verifies (iii). 

Next, let  $\xi_1, \ldots, \xi_{n_u} \in \mathbb{C}$  denote the  $n_u$  roots of  $\beta_u(\mathbf{z})$ , and define  $M(\mathbf{z},k) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \mathbf{z}^{n_c} - M_1(k)\mathbf{z}^{n_c-1} - M_2(k)\mathbf{z}^{n_c-2} - M_2(k)\mathbf{z}^{n_c-2}$ 

 $\dots - M_{n_c-1}(k)\mathbf{z} - M_{n_c}(k)$ , which can be interpreted as the denominator polynomial of the controller (7) at frozen time k. Before presenting the main result of the paper, we make the following additional assumption:

(A14) There exist  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $k_1 > 0$  such that, for all  $k \ge k_1$ and for all  $i = 1, \ldots, n_u, |M(\xi_i, k)| \ge \epsilon$ .

The following theorem is the main result of the paper regarding instantaneous RC-MRAC.

**Theorem 1.** Consider the open-loop system (1) satisfying assumptions (A1)-(A14), and the instantaneous retrospective cost model reference adaptive controller (7), (20), and (21), where  $n_c$  satisfies (10). Then, for all initial conditions  $x_0$  and  $\theta(0)$ ,  $\theta$  is bounded, u is bounded, and  $\lim_{k\to\infty} z(k) = 0$ .

*Proof.* It follows from (i) of Lemma 3 that  $\theta(k)$  is bounded. To prove the remaining properties, define the quadratic function  $J(\tilde{\Phi}(k)) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \mathcal{P}\tilde{\Phi}(k)$ , where  $\mathcal{P} > 0$ satisfies the discrete-time Lyapunov equation  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{A}_*^{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{P} \mathcal{A}_* +$  $\Omega + \alpha I$ , where  $\Omega > 0$  and  $\alpha > 0$ . Note that  $\mathcal{P}$  exists since  $\mathcal{A}_*$ is asymptotically stable. Defining  $\Delta J(k) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} J(\tilde{\Phi}(k+1)) J(\Phi(k))$ , it follows from (19) that, for all  $k \ge k_0$ ,

$$\Delta J(k) = -\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \left( \mathbb{Q} + \alpha I \right) \tilde{\Phi}(k) + \tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \mathcal{A}_{*}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{P} \mathcal{B} z_{\mathrm{f}}(k) + z_{\mathrm{f}}(k) \mathcal{B}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{P} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}^{*} \tilde{\Phi}(k) + z_{\mathrm{f}}^{2}(k) \mathcal{B}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{P} \mathcal{B} \leq -\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \left( \mathbb{Q} + \alpha I \right) \tilde{\Phi}(k) + z_{\mathrm{f}}^{2}(k) \mathcal{B}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{P} \mathcal{B} + \alpha \tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \tilde{\Phi}(k) + \frac{1}{\alpha} z_{\mathrm{f}}^{2}(k) \mathcal{B}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{P} \mathcal{A}_{*} \mathcal{A}_{*}^{\mathrm{T}} \mathcal{P} \mathcal{B} = -\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \mathbb{Q} \tilde{\Phi}(k) + \sigma_{1} z_{\mathrm{f}}^{2}(k),$$
(26)

where  $\sigma_1 \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \mathcal{B}^T \mathcal{P} \mathcal{B} + \frac{1}{\alpha} \mathcal{B}^T \mathcal{P} \mathcal{A}_* \mathcal{A}_*^T \mathcal{P} \mathcal{B}$ . Now, consider the positive-definite, radially unbounded Lyapunov-like function  $V(\tilde{\Phi}(k)) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \ln \left(1 + a_1 J(\tilde{\Phi}(k))\right)$ , where  $a_1 > 0$  is specified below. The Lyapunov-like difference is thus given by  $\Delta V(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} V(\tilde{\Phi}(k+1)) - V(\tilde{\Phi}(k)).$ For all  $k \ge k_0$ , evaluating  $\Delta V(k)$  along the trajectories of (19) yields  $\Delta V(k) = \ln \left(1 + \frac{a_1 \Delta J(k)}{1 + a_1 J(\bar{\Phi}(k))}\right)$ . Since, for all x > 0,  $\ln x \le x - 1$ , and using (26) we have

$$\Delta V(k) \le a_1 \frac{\Delta J(k)}{1 + a_1 J(\tilde{\Phi}(k))} \le -W(\tilde{\Phi}(k)) + a_1 \sigma_1 \ell^2(k),$$
(27)

where

$$W(\tilde{\Phi}(k)) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} a_1 \frac{\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \mathfrak{Q} \tilde{\Phi}(k)}{1 + a_1 \tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \mathfrak{P} \tilde{\Phi}(k)},\tag{28}$$

$$\ell(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \frac{z_{\rm f}(k)}{\sqrt{1 + a_1 \lambda_{\rm min} \left(\mathcal{P}\right) \tilde{\Phi}^{\rm T}(k) \tilde{\Phi}(k)}}.$$
 (29)

Now, we show that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \ell^2(j)$  exists. First, it follows from Lemma 1 and Lemma 2 that, for all  $k \ge k_0$ ,

$$z_{\mathrm{f}}(k) = z_{\mathrm{f},\mathrm{r}}(k) - \beta_d \sum_{i=d}^{n_{\mathrm{u}}+d} \beta_{\mathrm{u},i-d} \phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k-i) \left[\theta(k) - \theta(k-i)\right].$$

Therefore, it follows from (29) that, for all  $k \ge k_0$ ,

$$|\ell(k)| \le \frac{|z_{\mathrm{f,r}}(k)|}{\sqrt{1 + a_1 \lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{P})\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\Phi}(k)}} + \ell_2(k), \quad (30)$$

where

$$\ell_2(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \frac{|\beta_d| \sum_{i=d}^{n_u+d} |\beta_{u,i-d}| \|\phi(k-i)\| \|\theta(k) - \theta(k-i)\|}{\sqrt{1 + a_1 \lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{P}) \tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \tilde{\Phi}(k)}}.$$

It follows from Lemma 3 that  $\theta(k)$  is bounded and  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \|\theta(k) - \theta(k-1)\| = 0$ . Therefore, Lemma 5 implies that there exist  $k_2 \ge k_0 > 0$ ,  $c_1 > 0$ , and  $c_2 > 0$ , such that, for all  $k \geq k_2$  and all  $i = d, \ldots, n_u + d$ ,  $\|\phi(k-i)\| \leq c_1 + c_2 \|\Phi(k)\|$ . In addition, note that  $\|\Phi(k)\| =$  $\|\tilde{\Phi}(k) + \Phi_*(k)\| \le \|\tilde{\Phi}(k)\| + \|\Phi_*(k)\| \le \|\tilde{\Phi}(k)\| + \Phi_{*,\max},$ where  $\Phi_{*,\max} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \sup_{k\geq 0} \|\Phi_*(k)\|$  exists because  $\Phi_*$  is bounded. Therefore, for all  $k \geq k_2$ ,  $\|\phi(k-i)\| \leq c_1 + c_2$  $c_2\Phi_{*,\max}+c_2\|\tilde{\Phi}(k)\|$ , which implies that

$$\ell_2(k) \le \frac{\left(c_3 + c_4 \|\tilde{\Phi}(k)\|\right) \left(\sum_{i=d}^{n_u+d} \|\theta(k) - \theta(k-i)\|\right)}{\sqrt{1 + a_1 \lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{P}) \tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \tilde{\Phi}(k)}},$$
(31)

where  $c_3 \stackrel{\triangle}{=} (c_1 + c_2 \Phi_{*,\max}) |\beta_d| (\max_{d < i < n_u + d} |\beta_{u,i-d}|) > 0$ and  $c_4 \stackrel{\Delta}{=} c_2 |\beta_d| (\max_{d \le i \le n_u + d} |\beta_{u,i-d}|) > 0$ . Next, note that  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + a_1 \lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{P})\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\Phi}(k)}} \le 1$  and  $\frac{\|\tilde{\Phi}(k)\|}{\sqrt{1 + a_1 \lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{P})\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\Phi}(k)}} \le \max\left(1, 1/\sqrt{a_1 \lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{P})}\right)$ , which implies that  $\ell_2(k) \le 1$  $c_{5}\sum_{i=d}^{n_{u}+d} \|\theta(k) - \theta(k - i)\|, \text{ where } c_{5} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} c_{3} + c_{4}\max\left(1, 1/\sqrt{a_{1}\lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{P})}\right) > 0. \text{ Thus, (30) becomes}$ 

$$|\ell(k)| \leq \frac{|z_{\mathrm{f,r}}(k)|}{\sqrt{1 + a_1 \lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{P})\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\Phi}(k)}} + c_5 \sum_{i=d}^{n_u+d} \|\theta(k) - \theta(k-i)\|.$$
(32)

Next, we show that we can choose  $a_1 > 0$  such that the first term of (32) is less than a constant times  $\sqrt{\eta(k)}|z_{\rm f,r}(k)|$ , which is square summable according to (ii) of Lemma 3. Note that  $\Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\Phi(k) \leq 2\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\Phi}(k) + 2\Phi_*^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\Phi_*(k)$ . Therefore, it follows from (21) that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\eta(k)} &= \zeta(k) + \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)R^{-1}\Phi(k) \\ &\leq \zeta_{\mathrm{U}} + \lambda_{\mathrm{max}}(R^{-1}) \left[ 2\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\Phi}(k) + 2\Phi_{*}^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\Phi_{*}(k) \right] \\ &\leq \zeta_{\mathrm{U}} + 2\lambda_{\mathrm{max}}(R^{-1})\Phi_{*,\mathrm{max}}^{2} + 2\lambda_{\mathrm{max}}(R^{-1})\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\Phi}(k) \\ &= c_{6} \left[ 1 + a_{1}\lambda_{\mathrm{min}}(\mathcal{P})\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\Phi}(k) \right], \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_1 \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \frac{2\lambda_{\max}(R^{-1})}{c_6\lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{P})} > 0$  and  $c_6 \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \zeta_U + 2\lambda_{\max}(R^{-1})\Phi_{*,\max}^2 > 0$ . Therefore,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1+a_1\lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{P})\tilde{\Phi}^{\mathrm{T}}(k)\tilde{\Phi}(k)}} \leq \sqrt{c_6}\sqrt{\eta(k)}$$

which combining with (32) implies that, for all  $k \ge k_2$ ,

$$|\ell(k)| \le \sqrt{c_6} \sqrt{\eta(k)} |z_{\mathrm{f,r}}(k)| + c_5 \sum_{i=d}^{n_\mathrm{u}+d} \|\theta(k) - \theta(k-i)\|.$$

Therefore, for all  $k \geq k_2$ ,

$$\ell^{2}(k) \leq \left[ \sqrt{c_{6}} \sqrt{\eta(k)} |z_{\mathrm{f,r}}(k)| + c_{5} \sum_{i=d}^{n_{\mathrm{u}}+d} \|\theta(k) - \theta(k-i)\| \right]^{2}$$

$$\leq 2c_{6}\eta(k)z_{\mathrm{f,r}}^{2}(k) + 2c_{5}^{2} \left[ \sum_{i=d}^{n_{\mathrm{u}}+d} \|\theta(k) - \theta(k-i)\| \right]^{2}$$

$$\leq 2c_{6}\eta(k)z_{\mathrm{f,r}}^{2}(k) + 2^{n_{\mathrm{u}}+1}c_{5}^{2} \sum_{i=d}^{n_{\mathrm{u}}+d} \|\theta(k) - \theta(k-i)\|^{2}.$$
(33)

It follows from *(ii)* of Lemma 3 that  $\lim_{k\to\infty}\sum_{j=0}^{k}\eta(j)z_{\rm f,r}^2(j) \text{ exists. Furthermore, it follows from ($ *iii* $) of Lemma 3 that, for all <math>i = d, \ldots, n_{\rm u} + d$ ,  $\lim_{k\to\infty}\sum_{j=0}^{k} \|\theta(j) - \theta(j-i)\|^2 \text{ exists. Thus, (33) implies}$ that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \ell^2(j)$  exists.

Now, we show that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} W(\tilde{\Phi}(k)) = 0$ . Since W and V are positive definite, it follows from (27) that

$$\begin{split} 0 &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} W(\tilde{\Phi}(j)) \leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} -\Delta V(j) + a_1 \sigma_1 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \ell^2(j) \\ &= V(\tilde{\Phi}(0)) - \lim_{k \to \infty} V(\tilde{\Phi}(k)) + a_1 \sigma_1 \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \ell^2(j) \\ &\leq V(\tilde{\Phi}(0)) + a_1 \sigma_1 \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \ell^2(j), \end{split}$$

where the upper and lower bound imply that all limits exist. Thus,  $\lim_{k\to\infty} W(\tilde{\Phi}(k)) = 0$ , which implies that  $\lim_{k \to \infty} \|\tilde{\Phi}(k)\| = 0.$ 

To prove that u(k) is bounded, first note that since  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \|\tilde{\Phi}(k)\| = 0$  and  $\Phi_*(k)$  is bounded, it follows that  $\Phi(k)$  is bounded. Next, since  $\Phi(k)$  is bounded, it follows from Lemma 5 that  $\phi(k)$  is bounded. Furthermore, since y(k) and u(k) are components of  $\phi(k+1)$ , it follows that y(k) and u(k) are bounded.

To prove that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} z(k) = 0$ , note that it follows from (19) and the fact that  $||Bz_f(k)|| = |z_f(k)|$  that

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} |z_{\mathbf{f}}(k)| \le \lim_{k \to \infty} \|\tilde{\Phi}(k+1)\| + \|\mathcal{A}_*\|_{\mathbf{F}} \lim_{k \to \infty} \|\tilde{\Phi}(k)\| = 0.$$

Since  $\lim_{k\to\infty} z_{\rm f}(k) = 0$ ,  $z_{\rm f}(k) = \bar{\alpha}_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})z(k)$ , and  $\alpha_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q}) = \mathbf{q}^{n_{\rm m}} \bar{\alpha}_{\rm m}(\mathbf{q}^{-1})$  is an asymptotically stable polynomial, it follows that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} z(k) = 0$ . 

Theorem 1 invokes assumption (A14), which asymptotically bounds the frozen time controller poles (i.e., the roots of  $M(\mathbf{z}, k)$ ) away from the nonminimum-phase zeros of (1), and thus, asymptotically prevents unstable pole-zero cancellation between the plant zeros and the controller poles.

The assumption  $|M(\xi_i, k)| \ge \epsilon$  for some arbitrarily small  $\epsilon > 0$  can be verified at each time step since  $M(\xi_i, k)$  can be computed from known values (i.e., the roots of  $\beta_{\rm u}(\mathbf{q})$  and the controller parameter  $\theta(k)$ ). In fact, if, for some arbitrarily small  $\epsilon > 0$ , the condition  $|M(\xi_i, k)| > \epsilon$  is violated at a particular time step, then the controller parameter  $\theta(k)$  can be perturbed to ensure  $|M(\xi_i, k)| \ge \epsilon$ . However, the stability of such a perturbation is an open problem.

### VI. STABILITY ANALYSIS FOR CUMULATIVE RC-MRAC

In this section, we present the analogous results to Lemma 3 and Theorem 1 for the cumulative RC-MRAC. For review, cumulative RC-MRAC (developed in [1, Lemma 2]) is given by (7) and

$$\theta(k+1) = \theta(k) - \frac{P(k)\Phi(k)z_{\rm f,r}(k)}{\lambda + \Phi^{\rm T}(k)P(k)\Phi(k)},$$
 (34)

where

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$$P(k+1) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ P(k) - \frac{P(k)\Phi(k)\Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)P(k)}{\lambda + \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)P(k)\Phi(k)} \right].$$
 (35)

and  $P(0) \in \mathbb{R}^{(3n_c+1)\times(3n_c+1)}$  is positive definite and  $\theta(0) \in$  $\mathbb{R}^{3n_{c}+1}$ 

**Lemma 4.** Consider the open-loop system (1) satisfying assumptions (A1)-(A13), and the cumulative retrospective cost model reference adaptive controller (7), (34), and (35), where  $n_{\rm c}$  satisfies (10). Furthermore, define

$$\eta_{\rm C}(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \frac{1}{1 + \Phi^{\rm T}(k)P(0)\Phi(k)}.$$
(36)

Then, for all initial conditions  $x_0$  and  $\theta(0)$ , the following properties hold:

- (i)  $\theta(k)$  is bounded.
- (i)  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^k \eta_{\mathrm{C}}(j) z_{\mathrm{f,r}}^2(j)$  exists. (iii) For all N > 0,  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=N}^k \|\theta(j) \theta(j-N)\|^2$ exists.

*Proof.* Subtracting  $\theta_*$  from both sides of (34) yields the estimator-error update equation

$$\tilde{\theta}(k+1) = \tilde{\theta}(k) - \frac{P(k)\Phi(k)z_{\rm f,r}(k)}{\lambda + \Phi^{\rm T}(k)P(k)\Phi(k)}.$$
(37)

Next, note from (35) that

$$P(k+1)\Phi(k) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[ P(k) - \frac{P(k)\Phi(k)\Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)P(k)}{\lambda + \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)P(k)\Phi(k)} \right] \Phi(k)$$
$$= \frac{P(k)\Phi(k)}{\lambda + \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)P(k)\Phi(k)},$$
(38)

and thus,

$$\tilde{\theta}(k+1) = \tilde{\theta}(k) - P(k+1)\Phi(k)z_{\rm f,r}(k).$$
(39)

Furthermore, note the RLS identity [2]

$$P^{-1}(k+1) = \lambda P^{-1}(k) + \Phi(k)\Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k).$$
(40)

Define  $V_P(P(k),k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \lambda^{-k}P^{-1}(k)$ , and  $\Delta V_P(k)$  $\equiv$  $V_P(P(k+1), k+1) - V_P(P(k), k)$ . Evaluating  $\Delta V_P(k)$ along the trajectories of (40) yields

$$\Delta V_P(k) = \lambda^{-k-1} \Phi(k) \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k).$$
(41)

Since P(0) is positive definite and  $\Delta V_P$  is positive semidefinite, it follows that, for all  $k \ge 0$ ,  $V_P(P(k), k)$  is positive definite and  $V_P(P(k), k) \ge V_P(P(k-1), k-1)$ . Therefore, for all  $k \ge 0$ ,  $V_P(P(0), 0) \le V_P(P(k), k)$ , which implies that  $\lambda^k P(k) \leq P(0)$ .

Next, define the positive-definite Lyapunov-like function  $V_{\tilde{a}}(\tilde{\theta}(k), P(k), k) \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \tilde{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) V_P(P(k), k) \tilde{\theta}(k)$ , and define the Lyapunov-like difference

$$\Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} V_{\tilde{\theta}}(\tilde{\theta}(k+1), P(k+1), k+1) - V_{\tilde{\theta}}(\tilde{\theta}(k), P(k), k).$$
(42)

Evaluating  $\Delta V_{\tilde{a}}(k)$  along the trajectories of the estimatorerror system (39) and using (41) yields

$$\begin{split} \Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(k) &= \lambda^{-k-1} \left[ \tilde{\theta}(k) - P(k+1) \Phi(k) z_{\mathrm{f,r}}(k) \right]^{\mathrm{T}} \\ &\times P^{-1}(k+1) \left[ \tilde{\theta}(k) - P(k+1) \Phi(k) z_{\mathrm{f,r}}(k) \right] \\ &- \lambda^{-k} \tilde{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) P^{-1}(k) \tilde{\theta}(k) \\ &= \tilde{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \Delta V_{P}(k) \tilde{\theta}(k) - 2\lambda^{-k-1} z_{\mathrm{f,r}}(k) \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \tilde{\theta}(k) \\ &+ \lambda^{-k-1} z_{\mathrm{f,r}}^{2}(k) \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k) P(k+1) \Phi(k) \\ &= \lambda^{-k-1} \left[ \tilde{\theta}^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \Phi(k) \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \tilde{\theta}(k) - 2z_{\mathrm{f,r}}(k) \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k) \tilde{\theta}(k) \\ &+ z_{\mathrm{f,r}}^{2}(k) \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k) P(k+1) \Phi(k) \right]. \end{split}$$

Next, it follows from Lemma 2 and (38) that, for all  $k \ge k_0$ ,

$$\Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(k) = -\lambda^{-k-1} z_{\mathrm{f,r}}^{2}(k) \left(1 - \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)P(k+1)\Phi(k)\right)$$
$$= -\lambda^{-k-1} z_{\mathrm{f,r}}^{2}(k) \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \Phi^{\mathrm{T}}(k)P(k)\Phi(k)}$$
$$= -\bar{\eta}_{\mathrm{C}}(k) z_{\mathrm{f,r}}^{2}(k), \qquad (43)$$

where  $\bar{\eta}_{\rm C}(k) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \frac{1}{\lambda^{k+1} + \lambda^k \Phi^{\rm T}(k) P(k) \Phi(k)}$ . Since  $V_{\tilde{\theta}}$  is a positive-definite radially unbounded function of  $\tilde{\theta}(k)$  and, for  $k \ge k_0$ ,  $\Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(k)$  is non-positive, it follows that  $\theta(k)$  and thus  $\theta(k)$  is bounded. Thus, we have verified (i).

To show (ii), first we show that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=k_0}^k \Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(j)$  exists. Since  $V_{\tilde{\theta}}$  is positive definite, and, for all  $k \geq k_0$ ,  $\Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(k)$  is non-positive, it follows from (42) that

$$0 \leq -\lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=k_0}^k \Delta V_{\tilde{\theta}}(j) \leq V_{\tilde{\theta}}(\tilde{\theta}(k_0), P(k_0), k_0),$$

where the upper and lower bounds imply that both limwhere the upper and lower bounds imply that both lim-its exist. Since  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=k_0}^{k} \Delta V_{\bar{\theta}}(j)$  exists, (43) im-plies that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=k_0}^{k} \bar{\eta}_{C}(j) z_{f,r}^2(j)$  exists, and thus  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k} \bar{\eta}_{C}(j) z_{f,r}^2(j)$  exists. Since, for all  $k \ge 0$ ,  $\lambda^{k+1} \le 1$  and  $\lambda^k P(k) \le P(0)$ , it follows from (36) that, for all  $k \ge 0$ ,  $\eta_{C}(k) \le \bar{\eta}_{C}(k)$ , which implies that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k} \eta_{C}(j) z_{f,r}^2(j) \le \lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k} \bar{\eta}_{C}(j) z_{f,r}^2(j)$ . Thus,  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k} \eta_{C}(j) z_{f,r}^2(j)$  exists, which verifies (ii).

To show (*iii*), we first show that  $\lim_{k\to\infty}\sum_{i=0}^k \|\theta(j + i)\|$ 

1)  $-\theta(j)\|^2$  exists. Since  $\lambda^k P(k) \leq P(0)$ , (37) implies that k

$$\begin{split} \lim_{k \to \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \|\theta(j+1) - \theta(j)\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \bar{\eta}_{\mathcal{C}}(j) z_{\mathcal{f},\mathbf{r}}^2(j) \left(\frac{\lambda^j \Phi^{\mathcal{T}}(j) P^2(j) \Phi(j)}{\lambda + \Phi^{\mathcal{T}}(j) P(j) \Phi(j)}\right) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \bar{\eta}_{\mathcal{C}}(j) z_{\mathcal{f},\mathbf{r}}^2(j) \|\lambda^j P(j)\|_F \left(\frac{\Phi^{\mathcal{T}}(j) P(j) \Phi(j)}{\lambda + \Phi^{\mathcal{T}}(j) P(j) \Phi(j)}\right) \\ &\leq \|P(0)\|_F \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \bar{\eta}_{\mathcal{C}}(j) z_{\mathcal{f},\mathbf{r}}^2(j). \end{split}$$

Since  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k} \bar{\eta}_{\rm C}(j) z_{\rm f,r}^2(j)$  exists, it follows that  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{k} \|\theta(j+1) - \theta(j)\|^2$  exists. The remainder of the proof is identical to the proof of *(iii)* in Lemma 3.

The following theorem is the main result of the paper regarding cumulative RC-MRAC.

**Theorem 2.** Consider the open-loop system (1) satisfying assumptions (A1)-(A14), and the cumulative retrospective cost model reference adaptive controller (7), (34), and (35), where  $n_c$  satisfies (10). Then, for all initial conditions  $x_0$  and  $\theta(0)$ ,  $\theta$  is bounded, u is bounded, and  $\lim_{k\to\infty} z(k) = 0$ .

The proof of Theorem 2 is identical to the proof of  $\cong$ Theorem 1 with  $\eta(k)$  replaced by  $\eta_{\rm C}(k)$  and  $a_1$  $\frac{2\lambda_{\max}(P(0))}{\lambda_{\min}(\mathcal{P})[1+2\lambda_{\max}(P(0))\Phi_{*,\max}^2]} > 0.$ 

## VII. CONCLUSIONS

This paper, in conjunction with its companion paper [1], presented a direct MRAC algorithm for discrete-time (including sampled-data) systems that are possibly nonminimum phase, provided that nonminimum-phase zeros are known. We provided the construction and stability analysis of the RC-MRAC algorithm.

#### APPENDIX A:

This appendix presents a lemma that is used in the proofs of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2. The proof has been omitted due to space considerations.

**Lemma 5.** Consider the open-loop system (1) satisfying assumptions (A1)-(A13). In addition, consider a feedback controller (7) that satisfies the following assumptions:

- (i)  $\theta(k)$  is bounded.
- (*ii*)  $\lim_{k\to\infty} \|\theta(k) \theta(k-1)\| = 0.$
- (iii) There exist  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $k_1 > 0$  such that, for all  $k \ge k_1$ and for all  $i = 1, \ldots, n_u$ ,  $|M(\xi_i, k)| \ge \epsilon$ .

Then, for all initial conditions  $x_0$  and  $\theta(0)$ , there exist  $k_2 > 0$ 0,  $c_1 > 0$ , and  $c_2 > 0$ , such that, for all  $k \ge k_2$ , and, for all  $N = 0, \dots, n_{u}, \|\phi(k - d - N)\| \le c_1 + c_2 \|\Phi(k)\|.$ 

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