

**LINEAR PURSUIT GAMES WITH MIXED DYNAMICS**

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**INTRODUCTION**

In this paper we study pursuit games in which the movement of a player is described by a linear differential equation and the movement of his opponent is described by a linear discrete equation. Our aim is to obtain some sufficient conditions for the game to be completed after a finite interval of time. The paper is divided into three sections. In the first two sections we consider games with geometrical constraints on controls and games with integral-geometrical constraints on controls in the last section.

**I. GAMES WITH GEOMETRICAL CONSTRAINTS: CASE L.**

Let the motion of the phase-vector  $x \in R^n$  of the pursuer be described by the following differential equation

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (1.1)$$

and the motion of the phase-vector  $y \in R^m$  of the evader by the following difference equation

$$\begin{aligned} y(k+1) &= Cy(k) + Dv(k), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots \\ y(0) &= y_0, \end{aligned}$$

where matrices  $A, B, C, D$ , have the degrees  $n \times n, n \times p, n \times m$  and  $m \times q$ , respectively.

Suppose that  $P$  and  $Q$  are convex compact sets of  $R^p$  and  $R^q$ , respectively. Denote by  $R$  the set of real numbers. A control  $u(t)$ ,  $t \in R$ , of the pursuer is a measurable function which satisfies the constraint

$$u(t) \in P, \text{ for every } t \in R.$$

A control  $v(k)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$  of the evader is a sequence of vectors satisfying the constraints

$$v(k) \in Q, \text{ for } k = 0, 1, \dots$$

In what follows such  $u(\cdot)$  and  $v(\cdot)$  will be called admissible controls.

For  $r \leq \min(m, n)$  we consider  $R^r$  as a subspace of  $R^m$  (or  $R^n$ ).

Denote by  $\pi$  the orthogonal projection from  $R^m$  (or  $R^n$ ) onto  $R^r$ . Let there be given a terminal subset  $M \subset R^r$ . Let  $\alpha(k)$  be a strictly monotone function which maps the set of natural numbers into the set of nonnegative real numbers and satisfies the condition  $\alpha(0) = 0$ . For every natural number  $K$  we have

$$0 = \alpha(0) < \alpha(1) < \dots < \alpha(K) = T.$$

Hence, for each  $t \in [0, \alpha(K)]$  there exists a unique value  $k$ ,  $0 \leq k < K$  such that  $\alpha(k) \leq t < \alpha(k+1)$ . Let there be given sets  $N(k)$ ,  $k = 0, 1, \dots$ , satisfying  $N(k) \subset \{0, 1, \dots, k\}$ . We shall say that the game (1.1), (1.2) [starting from the position  $(x_0, y_0)$ ] is completed after the time  $(\alpha(K), K)$ , if for any admissible control  $\{v(0), \dots, v(K)\}$  of the evader there is an admissible control  $u(\cdot)$  of the pursuer defined on  $[0, \alpha(K)]$  such that

$$\pi y(K) - \pi x(\alpha(K)) \in M.$$

Our hypotheses concerning the information of the game are as follows. To construct a control  $u$  at a moment  $t \in [\alpha(k), \alpha(k+1)]$  the pursuer can use the structure of the game, i.e. the systems (1.1), (1.2), and the controls of the evader at each moment  $s \in N(k)$ . Let us define the following sets

$$\Delta_1(K) = \{0 \leq k \leq K-1 : N(k) \neq \emptyset\}; \quad \Delta_2(K) = \{0, 1, \dots, K-1\} \setminus \Delta_1(K);$$

$$\Delta_3(K) = \bigcup_{k \in \Delta_1(K)} N(k); \quad \Delta_4(K) = \{0, 1, \dots, K-1\} \setminus \Delta_3(K);$$

$$H_1(K) = \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} DQ, \quad (1.3)$$

$$G_1(K) = \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)A} BP dt. \quad (1.4)$$

If  $\Delta_1(K) \neq \emptyset$ , then we can order the sets  $\Delta_1(K)$  and  $\Delta_3(K)$  such that

$$\Delta_1(K) = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{|\Delta_1(K)|}\}; \quad \Delta_3(K) = \{(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{|\Delta_3(K)|})\};$$

$$s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_{|\Delta_1(K)|}; \quad r_1 < r_2 < \dots < r_{|\Delta_3(K)|};$$

where  $|\Delta_i(K)|$ , stands for the number of elements of  $\Delta_i(K)$ ,  $i = 1, 3$ .

ASSUMPTION 1.1.  $K$  is a natural number such that

a/  $\Delta_1(K) \neq \emptyset$

b/  $M \neq H_1(K) \neq \emptyset$ .

The definition of the geometrical difference  $\gamma$  and the notion of multivalued integral were given in [4].

ASSUMPTION 1.2. There exists a matrix of the degree  $|\Delta_3(K)| \times |\Delta_1(K)|$

$$\varphi(K) = \begin{vmatrix} \gamma(s_1, r_1) \gamma(s_2, r_1) \dots \gamma(s_{|\Delta_1(K)|}, r_1) \\ \gamma(s_1, r_2) \gamma(s_2, r_2) \dots \gamma(s_{|\Delta_1(K)|}, r_2) \\ \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \dots \\ \gamma(s_1, r_{|\Delta_3(K)|}) \gamma(s_2, r_{|\Delta_3(K)|}) \dots \gamma(s_{|\Delta_1(K)|}, r_{|\Delta_3(K)|}) \end{vmatrix}$$

with the following properties.

2a)  $\gamma_K(s_i, r_j) = 0$  if  $r_j \notin N(s_i)$

2b)  $\sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) = 1$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, |\Delta_3(K)|$

2c)  $W(s_i) = \bar{P}(s_i) \subseteq \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi C^{K-1-r_j} D Q \neq \emptyset$

for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, |\Delta_1(K)|$ , where

$$\bar{P}(s_i) = \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)A} B P dt.$$

ASSUMPTION 1.3. Suppose that

$$\pi C^K y_0 - \pi e^{\alpha(K)A} x_0 \in G_1(K) + \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} W(s_i) + (M \subseteq H_1(K)).$$

**THEOREM 1.** If the assumptions 1.1–1.3 are satisfied, then the game (1.1)–(1.2) is completed after the time  $(\alpha(K), K)$ .

*Proof.* It follows from Assumption 1.3 that there exist vectors  $\tilde{m} \in M \subseteq H_1(K)$ ;  $g \in G_1(K)$ ,  $\tilde{\omega}(s_i) \in W(s_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, |\Delta_1(K)|$ , such that

$$\pi C^K y_0 - \pi e^{\alpha(K)A} x_0 = \tilde{m} + g + \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \tilde{\omega}(s_i) \quad (1.5)$$

This means that there are measurable functions  $u_k(\cdot)$ ,  $u_k(t) \in P$  for all  $t \in [\alpha(k), \alpha(k+1)]$ ,  $k \in \Delta_2(K)$ , satisfying

$$g = \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(\alpha(k)-t)A} B u_k(t) dt. \quad (1.6)$$

Assume now that  $\{v(0), \dots, v(K)\}$  is an arbitrary admissible control of the evader. It is clear that there exists a vector  $m \in M$  such that

$$\tilde{m} = m - \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k). \quad (1.7)$$

The condition  $\tilde{\omega}(s_i) \in W(s_i)$  implies the existence of vectors  $\omega(s_i) \in \bar{P}(s_i)$  satisfying

$$\tilde{\omega}(s_i) = \omega(s_i) - \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi C^{K-1-r_j} Dv(r_j). \quad (1.8)$$

Since  $\omega(s_i) \in \bar{P}(s_i)$ , then according to the definition of the sets  $\bar{P}(s_i)$  we can find measurable functions  $u_{s_i}(.)$ ,  $u_{s_i}(t) \in P$  for every  $t \in [\alpha(s_i), \alpha(s_i+1))$ , such that

$$\omega(s_i) = \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)A} B u_{s_i}(t) dt. \quad (1.9)$$

Now, at each moment  $t \in [0, \alpha(K)]$  we define an admissible control of the pursuer by setting

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} u_k(t), & t \in [\alpha(k), \alpha(k+1)), k \in \Delta_2(K) \\ u_{s_i}(t), & t \in [\alpha(s_i), \alpha(s_i+1)), i = 1, 2, \dots, |\Delta_1(K)|. \end{cases}$$

Substituting the formulas (1.6), (1.7), (1.8) into (1.5) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \pi C^K y_0 - \pi e^{\alpha(K)A} x_0 &= m - \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) + \\ &+ \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} B u_k(t) dt + \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \omega(s_i) - \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi C^{K-1-r_j} Dv(r_j). \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

From (1.9) and (1.10) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \pi C^K y_0 - \pi e^{\alpha(K)A} x_0 &= m - \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) + \\ &+ \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)A} Bu_k(t) dt + \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)A} Bu_{s_i}(t) dt \\ &- \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi C^{K-1-r_j} Dv(r_j), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} m &= \pi C^K y_0 - \pi e^{\alpha(K)A} x_0 + \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) - \\ &- \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)A} Bu_k(t) dt - \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)A} Bu_{s_i}(t) dt + \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi C^{K-1-r_j} Dv(r_j) = \pi C^K y_0 - \pi x(\alpha(K)) + \\ &+ \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) + \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi C^{K-1-r_j} Dv(r_j). \end{aligned} \tag{1.11}$$

From the properties of the matrix  $\varphi(K)$  we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi C^{K-1-r_j} Dv(r_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{|\Delta_3(K)|} \pi C^{K-1-r_j} Dv(r_j). \tag{1.12}$$

Combining (1.11) and (1.12) yields

$$\begin{aligned} m &= -\pi x(\alpha(K)) + \pi C^K y_0 + \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) + \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^{|\Delta_3(K)|} \pi C^{K-1-r_j} Dv(r_j) = \pi y(K) - \pi x(\alpha(K)). \end{aligned}$$

This means that the game (1.1), (1.2) is completed after the time  $(\alpha(K), K)$ .

## 2. GAMES WITH GEOMETRICAL CONSTRAINTS: CASE 2

In this section we suppose that the motion of the vectors  $x$  and  $y$  is described by the following equations

$$\begin{cases} x(k+1) = Ax(k) + Bu(k), k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \\ x(0) = x_0, \quad x \in R^n \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y} = Cy + Dv \\ y(0) = y_0, \quad y \in R^m, \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

where the control  $u$  satisfies the constraint  $u \in P$  and the control  $v$  is a measurable function which satisfies the constraint  $v \in Q$ .

Such controls  $u$  and  $v$  are said to be admissible. As before,  $P$  and  $Q$  are compact convex subsets of  $R^P$  and  $R^Q$  respectively. Other notations remain the same as in Section 1.

Let  $K$  be a given natural number,  $\alpha(k)$  be a given strictly monotone function which satisfies the condition:  $\alpha(0) = 0$ ,  $\alpha(k) > 0$  for every  $k$ .

The game (2.1), (2.2) is said to be completed after the time  $(K; \alpha(K))$  if for each admissible control  $v(\cdot)$  there exists an admissible control  $\{u(0), \dots, u(K)\}$  such that

$$\pi y(\alpha(K)) - \pi x(K) \in M.$$

To construct the control  $u(k)$  at each moment  $k$  the pursuer can use the structure of the game and the information about the controls of the evader at any moment  $s \in N_1(k)$ , where

$$N_1(k) = \bigcup_{i \in N(k)} [\alpha(i), \alpha(i+1)).$$

Let us consider the following sets

$$H_2(K) = \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)C} DQ dt; \quad G_2(K) = \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \pi A^{K-1-k} BP.$$

ASSUMPTION 2.1.  $K$  is a natural number satisfying

a/  $\Delta_1(K) \neq \emptyset$

b/  $M \cap H_2(K) \neq \emptyset$ .

ASSUMPTION 2.2. There exists a matrix  $\varphi(K) = (\gamma_K(s_i, r_j))$  such that the following conditions hold

$$2a/ \quad \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) = 0, \text{ if } r_j \notin N(s_i)$$

$$2b/ \quad \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) = 1 \text{ for all } j = 1, 2, \dots, |\Delta_2(K)|.$$

$$2c/ \quad W(s_i) = \pi A^{K-1-s_i} BP \underset{r_j \in N(s_i)}{\star} \sum \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \overline{Q}(r_j) \neq \emptyset,$$

$$\text{where } \overline{Q}(r_j) = \int_{\alpha(r_j)}^{\alpha(r_j+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)C} DQ dt.$$

ASSUMPTION 2.3.

$$\pi e^{\alpha(K)C} y_0 - \pi A^K x_0 \in G_2(K) + (M \underset{i=1}{\star} H_2(K)) + \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} W(s_i).$$

**THEOREM 2.** Under Assumptions (2.1)–(2.3), the game (2.1), (2.2) is completed after the time  $(K, \alpha(K))$ .

*Proof.* It follows from Assumption 2.3 that there exist vectors

$\tilde{m} \in M \underset{i=1}{\star} H_2(K); g \in G_2(K); \tilde{\omega}(s_i) \in W(s_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, |\Delta_1(k)|$   
satisfying

$$\pi e^{\alpha(K)C} y_0 - \pi A^K x_0 = \tilde{m} + g + \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(k)|} \tilde{\omega}(s_i).$$

Hence, we can find controls  $u(k) \in P, k \in \Delta_2(K)$ , such that

$$g = \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \pi A^{K-1-k} Bu(k).$$

For an arbitrary admissible control  $v(\cdot)$  of the evader, there is a vector  $m \in M$  satisfying

$$\tilde{m} = m - \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt.$$

The condition  $\tilde{\omega}(s_i) \in W(s_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, |\Delta_1(K)|$  implies the existence of vectors  $u(s_i) \in P$  such that

$$\tilde{\omega}(s_i) = \pi A^{K-1-s_i} Bu(s_i) - \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \int_{\alpha(r_j)}^{\alpha(r_j+1)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt.$$

Define a strategy of the pursuer by setting

$$u(k) = \begin{cases} u_k, & k \in \Delta_2(k) \\ u(s_i), & i = 1, 2, \dots, |\Delta_1(K)| \end{cases}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi e^{\alpha(K)C} y_o - \pi A^K x_o &= m - \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt + \\ &+ \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \pi A^{K-1-k} Bu(k) + \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} A^{K-1-s_i} Bu(s_i) - \\ &- \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \int_{\alpha(r_j)}^{\alpha(r_j+1)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt = \\ &= m + \sum_{k=1}^k \pi A^{K-1-k} Bu(k) - \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \int_{\alpha(k+1)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt - \\ &- \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \int_{\alpha(r_j)}^{\alpha(r_j+1)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

From the properties of the matrix  $\varphi(K)$  we can deduce

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \int_{\alpha(r_j)}^{\alpha(r_j+1)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{j=1}^{\Delta_3(K)} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha(r_j+1)} \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \right) \frac{\alpha(r_j+1)}{\alpha(r_j)} \int_{\alpha(r_j)}^{\alpha(r_j+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt = \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^{\Delta_3(K)} \int_{\alpha(r_j)}^{\alpha(r_j+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi e^{\alpha(KC)} y_0 - \pi A^K x_0 &= m + \sum_{k=1}^K \pi A^{K-1-k} B u(k) - \\
&- \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \frac{\alpha(k+1)}{\alpha(k)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt = \sum_{j=1}^{\Delta_3(K)} \int_{\alpha(r_j)}^{\alpha(r_j+1)} \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt = \\
&= m + \sum_{k=1}^K \pi A^{K-1-k} B u(k) - \int_0^{\alpha(K)} \pi e^{(T-t)C} Dv(t) dt.
\end{aligned}$$

This means that  $\pi y(\alpha(K)) - \pi x(K) = m$ . The proof is complete.

### 3. GAMES WITH INTEGRAL CONSTRAINTS

In this section we consider the game (1.1), (1.2) in which the control  $u$  satisfies the following integral constraint

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \|u(s)\|^2 ds \leq \rho^2, \quad (3.1)$$

and the control  $v$  satisfies the constraint

$$v \in Q. \quad (3.2)$$

ASSUMPTION 3.1.  $K$  is a natural number such that

1a/  $\Delta_1(K) \neq \emptyset$ .

1b/  $M \subseteq H_1(K) \neq \emptyset$ .

where  $H_1(K) = \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} DQ$ .

ASSUMPTION 3.2. There exist a matrix  $\phi(K) = (\gamma_k(s_i, r_j))$  and a map  $F(s_i, r_j, t)$  satisfying

$$2a/ \quad \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) = 0, \text{ if } r_j \notin N(s_i),$$

$$2b/ \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \gamma_k(s_i, r_j) = 1 \text{ for all } j = 1, 2, \dots, |\Delta_3(K)|$$

$$2c/ \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} BF(s_i, r_j, t) v(r_j) dt = \gamma_k(s_i, r_j) \pi C^{k-1-r_j} Dv(r_j),$$

for every  $i = 1, 2, \dots, |\Delta_1(K)|$ ;  $r_j \in N(s_i)$ ;  $v(r_j) \in Q$ .

ASSUMPTION 3.3. There is an admissible control  $u^*(t)$ ,  $t \in [\alpha(k), \alpha(k+1)]$ ,  $k \in \Delta_2(K)$ , such that

$$\sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \|u^*(t)\|^2 dt \leq \rho^2.$$

Define

$$\tilde{\rho}^2 = \rho^2 - \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \|u^*(t)\|^2 dt,$$

$$\chi^2(K) = \sup_{v(r_j) \in Q} \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \left\| \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} F(s_i, r_j, t) v(r_j) \right\|^2 dt.$$

$r_j \in \Delta_3(K)$

ASSUMPTION 3.4.

$$\chi(K) \leq \tilde{\rho}.$$

ASSUMPTION 3.5.

$$\pi C^K y_o - \pi e^{\alpha(K)A} x_o \in G(K) + (M \times H_1(K)) + \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \int_{\alpha(k)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} Bu^*(t) dt.$$

where

$$G(K) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} B \omega_{s_i}(t) dt : \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \|\omega_{s_i}(t)\|^2 dt \leq (\tilde{\rho} - \chi(K)) \right\}.$$

**THEOREM 3.** If Assumptions 3.1 — 3.5 are satisfied, then the game (1.1), (1.2) with the constraints (3.1), (3.2) is completed after the time  $(K, \alpha(K))$ .

**Proof.** According to Assumption 3.5 there exist vectors  $g \in G(K)$ ,  $\tilde{m} \in M \times H_1(K)$ , such that

$$\pi C^K y_0 - \pi e^{\alpha(K)A} x_0 = g + \tilde{m} + \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \int_{\alpha(K)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} Bu^*(t) dt.$$

Hence, there are measurable functions  $\omega_{s_i}(t)$  defined on

$[\alpha(s_i), \alpha(s_{i+1})]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, |\Delta_1(K)|$ , satisfying

$$\sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \|\omega_{s_i}(t)\|^2 dt \leq (\rho - \chi(K))^2,$$

$$g = \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} B \omega_{s_i}(t) dt. \quad (3.4)$$

Now suppose that  $\{v(0), v(1), \dots, v(K)\}$  is an arbitrary admissible control of the evader. Then, from the condition  $\tilde{m} \in M \times H_1(K)$  it follows that there exists  $m \in M$  with the property

$$\tilde{m} = m - \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) \quad (3.5)$$

By substituting (3.4) and (3.5) into (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \pi C^K y_0 - \pi e^{\alpha(K)A} x_0 &= \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} B \omega_{s_i}(t) dt + m - \\ &- \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) + \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \int_{\alpha(K)}^{\alpha(k+1)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} Bu^*(t) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Define a control  $u(\cdot)$  of the pursuer as follows

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} u^*(t), & t \in [\alpha(k), \alpha(k+1)], k \in \Delta_2(K) \\ \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} F(s_i, r_j, t) v(r_j) + \omega_{s_i}(t), & t \in [\alpha(s_i), \alpha(s_i+1)], i = 1, \dots, |\Delta_1(K)| \end{cases}$$

By virtue of the Minkowski inequality we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \frac{\alpha(s_i+1)}{\alpha(s_i)} \left\| \omega_{s_i}(t) + \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} F(s_i, r_j, t) v(r_j) \right\|^2 dt} \leqslant \\
 & \leqslant \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \frac{\alpha(s_i+1)}{\alpha(s_i)} \left\| \omega_{s_i}(t) \right\|^2 dt} + \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \frac{\alpha(s_i+1)}{\alpha(s_i)} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \left\| F(s_i, r_j, t) v(r_j) \right\|^2 dt} \\
 & \leqslant \tilde{\rho} - \chi(K) + \chi(K).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^{\alpha(K)} \|u(t)\|^2 dt & \leq \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \frac{\alpha(k+1)}{\alpha(k)} \|u^*(t)\|^2 dt + \\
 & + \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \frac{\alpha(s_i+1)}{\alpha(s_i)} \left\| \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} F(s_i, r_j, t) v(r_j) + \omega_{s_i}(t) \right\|^2 dt \leq \\
 & \leq \tilde{\rho}^2 - \tilde{\rho}^2 + \tilde{\rho}^2 = \rho^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

From this it follows that  $u(t)$  is an admissible control. Using Cauchi's formula and (3.6) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \pi y(K) - \pi x(\alpha(K)) & = \pi C^K y_0 - \pi e^{\alpha(K)A} x_0 + \sum_{k=0}^K \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) + \\
 & + \int_0^{\alpha(K)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} Bu(t) dt = \pi C^K y_0 - \pi e^{\alpha(K)A} x_0 + \sum_{k \in \Delta_4(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) + \\
 & + \sum_{k \in \Delta_3(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) - \sum_{k \in \Delta_2(K)} \frac{\alpha(k+1)}{\alpha(k)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} Bu^*(t) dt - \\
 & - \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \frac{\alpha(s_i+1)}{\alpha(s_i)} \int_{s_i}^{\alpha(K)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} B w_{s_i}(t) dt - \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \frac{\alpha(s_i+1)}{\alpha(s_i)} \int_{s_i}^{\alpha(K)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} B, \\
 & + \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} F(s_i, r_j, t) v(r_j) dt = m + \sum_{k \in \Delta_3(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) - \\
 & - \sum_{i=1}^{|\Delta_1(K)|} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \frac{\alpha(s_i+1)}{\alpha(s_i)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} B F(s_i, r_j, t) v(r_j) dt. \tag{3.7}
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Assumption 3.2 that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\Delta_1(K)| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} BF(s_i, r_j, t) v(r_j) dt = \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} |\Delta_3(K)| \gamma_K(s_i, r_j) \pi C^{K-1-r_j} Dv(r_j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \pi C^{K-1-r_j} Dv(r_j), \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Combining (3.7) and (3.8) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \pi y(K) - \pi x(z(K)) &= m + \sum_{k \in \Delta_3(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) - \\ &- \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{r_j \in N(s_i)} \int_{\alpha(s_i)}^{\alpha(s_i+1)} \pi e^{(\alpha(K)-t)A} BF(s_i, r_j, t) v(r_j) dt = \\ &= m + \sum_{k \in \Delta_3(K)} \pi C^{K-1-k} Dv(k) - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \pi C^{K-1-r_j} Dv(r_j) = m. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete.

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