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# Achieving Full Mutualism with Massive Passive Devices for Multiuser MIMO Symbiotic Radio

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## Appendix A Proof of Lemma 1

By substituting  $\mathbf{x}_k = \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_k) = \left[ \text{vec}^T(\sqrt{P_1} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{1,k}^H \mathbf{F}_1), \dots, \text{vec}^T(\sqrt{P_M} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{M,k}^H \mathbf{F}_M) \right]^T$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^K \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H$  can be expressed as

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=1}^K \text{vec}(\sqrt{P_1} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{1,k}^H \mathbf{F}_1) \text{vec}^H(\sqrt{P_1} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{1,k}^H \mathbf{F}_1) & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^K \text{vec}(\sqrt{P_1} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{1,k}^H \mathbf{F}_1) \text{vec}^H(\sqrt{P_M} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{M,k}^H \mathbf{F}_M) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sum_{k=1}^K \text{vec}(\sqrt{P_M} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{M,k}^H \mathbf{F}_M) \text{vec}^H(\sqrt{P_1} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{1,k}^H \mathbf{F}_1) & \cdots & \sum_{k=1}^K \text{vec}(\sqrt{P_M} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{M,k}^H \mathbf{F}_M) \text{vec}^H(\sqrt{P_M} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{M,k}^H \mathbf{F}_M) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\text{A1})$$

Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^K \text{vec}(\sqrt{P_m} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{F}_m) \text{vec}^H(\sqrt{P_i} \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^H \mathbf{F}_i) &= \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{P_m} \sqrt{P_i} \left( (\mathbf{h}_{m,k}^H \mathbf{F}_m)^T \otimes \mathbf{g}_k \right) \left( (\mathbf{h}_{i,k}^H \mathbf{F}_i)^T \otimes \mathbf{g}_k \right)^H \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{P_m} \sqrt{P_i} \left( \mathbf{F}_m^T \mathbf{h}_{m,k}^* \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^T \mathbf{F}_i^* \right) \otimes (\mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{g}_k^H), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A2})$$

in which the first equality holds from the identity  $\text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{X}_3) = (\mathbf{X}_3^T \otimes \mathbf{X}_1) \text{vec}(\mathbf{X}_2)$ , and the last equality holds according to  $(\mathbf{X} \otimes \mathbf{Y})^H = \mathbf{X}^H \otimes \mathbf{Y}^H$  and  $(\mathbf{X}_1 \otimes \mathbf{X}_2)(\mathbf{X}_3 \otimes \mathbf{X}_4) = (\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_3) \otimes (\mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{X}_4)$ . For  $K \gg 1$ , based on the law of large numbers, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{P_m} \sqrt{P_i} \left( \mathbf{F}_m^T \mathbf{h}_{m,k}^* \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^T \mathbf{F}_i^* \right) \otimes \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{g}_k^H &\rightarrow K \sqrt{P_m} \sqrt{P_i} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left( \mathbf{F}_m^T \mathbf{h}_{m,k}^* \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^T \mathbf{F}_i^* \right) \otimes \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{g}_k^H \right] \\ &= K \sqrt{P_m} \sqrt{P_i} \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbf{F}_m^T \mathbf{h}_{m,k}^* \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^T \mathbf{F}_i^* \right] \otimes \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbf{g}_k \mathbf{g}_k^H \right] = K P_m \beta_{h,m} \beta_g \delta(m-i) \left( \mathbf{F}_m^T \mathbf{F}_i^* \right) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{N_r}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A3})$$

where the second last equality holds due to the assumption that  $\mathbf{h}_{m,k}$  and  $\mathbf{g}_k$  are independent for all PTs and BDs, and the last equality holds since  $\mathbf{h}_{m,k}$  are i.i.d. distributed with zero mean, i.e.,  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbf{h}_{m,k}^* \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^T \right] \rightarrow \beta_{h,m} \mathbf{I}_{N_t}$  for  $m=i$  and  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbf{h}_{m,k}^* \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^T \right] \rightarrow \mathbf{O}_{N_t}$  for  $m \neq i$ . As a result,  $\sum_{k=1}^K \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H$  approaches to

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^K \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{x}_k^H &\rightarrow K \beta_g \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \beta_{h,1} \left( \mathbf{F}_1^T \mathbf{F}_1^* \right) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{N_r} & \cdots & \mathbf{O}_{N_1 N_r \times N_M N_r} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{O}_{N_M N_r \times N_1 N_r} & \cdots & P_M \beta_{h,M} \left( \mathbf{F}_M^T \mathbf{F}_M^* \right) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{N_r} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= K \beta_g \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \beta_{h,1} \left( \mathbf{F}_1^T \mathbf{F}_1^* \right) & \cdots & \mathbf{O}_{N_1 \times N_M} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{O}_{N_M \times N_1} & \cdots & P_M \beta_{h,M} \left( \mathbf{F}_M^T \mathbf{F}_M^* \right) \end{bmatrix} \otimes \mathbf{I}_{N_r}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A4})$$

For notational convenience, we let

$$\Phi = \text{blkdiag} \left\{ P_1 \beta_{h,1} \left( \mathbf{F}_1^T \mathbf{F}_1^* \right), \dots, P_M \beta_{h,M} \left( \mathbf{F}_M^T \mathbf{F}_M^* \right) \right\}. \quad (\text{A5})$$

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It then follows from (20) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{\text{BD}} &\rightarrow \frac{1}{L} \log_2 \left| \left( \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{sum}}} + \frac{KL\alpha\beta_g}{\sigma^2} \Phi \right) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{N_r} \right| = \frac{1}{L} \log_2 \left( \left| \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{sum}}} + \frac{KL\alpha\beta_g}{\sigma^2} \Phi \right|^{N_r} |\mathbf{I}_{N_r}|^{N_{\text{sum}}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{N_r}{L} \log_2 \left| \mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{sum}}} + \frac{KL\alpha\beta_g}{\sigma^2} \Phi \right| = \frac{N_r}{L} \sum_{m=1}^M \log_2 \left| \mathbf{I}_{N_m} + KL\bar{P}_m \alpha \beta_{h,m} \beta_g \mathbf{F}_m^T \mathbf{F}_m^* \right| \\
 &= \frac{N_r}{L} \sum_{m=1}^M \log_2 \left| \mathbf{I}_{N_t} + KL\bar{P}_m \alpha \beta_{h,m} \beta_g \mathbf{F}_m \mathbf{F}_m^H \right|,
 \end{aligned} \tag{A6}$$

where the first equality holds due to the identity  $|\mathbf{X} \otimes \mathbf{Y}| = |\mathbf{X}|^{\text{rank}(\mathbf{Y})} |\mathbf{Y}|^{\text{rank}(\mathbf{X})}$ , the second last equality holds according to  $|\text{blkdiag}\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\}| = |\mathbf{X}| \times |\mathbf{Y}|$ , and the last equality holds according to the Weinstein-Aronszajn identity  $|\mathbf{I}_m + \mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}| = |\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{X}|$  and  $|\mathbf{X}^T| = |\mathbf{X}|$ . The proof is thus completed.

## Appendix B Proof of Lemma 2

Let  $\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{c}(n)) = [\sqrt{\bar{P}_1} \mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},1}(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{F}_1, \dots, \sqrt{\bar{P}_M} \mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},M}(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{F}_M] \in \mathbb{C}^{N_r \times N_{\text{sum}}}$ . Then according to (7), we have

$$R_{\text{PT}} = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{c}(n)} [\log_2 |\mathbf{I}_{N_r} + \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{B}^H(\mathbf{c}(n))|] = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{c}(n)} [\log_2 |\mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{sum}}} + \mathbf{B}^H(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{c}(n))|]. \tag{B1}$$

Let  $g_{k,r}$  denote the  $r$ th element of  $\mathbf{g}_k$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{m,r}^T$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{\text{eq},m,r}^T(\mathbf{c}(n))$  denote the  $r$ th row of  $\mathbf{H}_m$  and  $\mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},m}(\mathbf{c}(n))$ , respectively. Then  $\mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},m}(\mathbf{c}(n))$  can be expressed as  $\mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},m}(\mathbf{c}(n)) = [\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{\text{eq},m,1}(\mathbf{c}(n)), \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{\text{eq},m,2}(\mathbf{c}(n)), \dots, \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{\text{eq},m,N_r}(\mathbf{c}(n))]^T$ , where  $\tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{\text{eq},m,N_r}^T(\mathbf{c}(n)) = \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{m,r}^T + \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{\alpha} g_{k,r} \mathbf{h}_{m,k}^H c_k(n)$ . We have

$$\left( \sqrt{\bar{P}_m} \mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},m}(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{F}_m \right)^H \sqrt{\bar{P}_i} \mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},i}(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{F}_i = \sqrt{\bar{P}_m \bar{P}_i} \mathbf{F}_m^H \mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},m}^H(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},i}(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{F}_i, \tag{B2}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},m}^H(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},i}(\mathbf{c}(n)) &= \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{\text{eq},m,r}^*(\mathbf{c}(n)) \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{\text{eq},i,r}^T(\mathbf{c}(n)) = \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \left( \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{m,r}^* + \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{\alpha} g_{k,r}^* \mathbf{h}_{m,k} c_k^*(n) \right) \left( \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{i,r}^T + \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{\alpha} g_{k,r} \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^H c_k(n) \right) \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{m,r}^* \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{i,r}^T + \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{\alpha} g_{k,r}^* \mathbf{h}_{m,k} c_k^*(n) \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{i,r}^T + \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{m,r}^* \sum_{k=1}^K \sqrt{\alpha} g_{k,r} \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^H c_k(n) + \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{k'=1}^K \alpha g_{k,r}^* g_{k',r} c_k^*(n) c_{k'}(n) \mathbf{h}_{m,k} \mathbf{h}_{i,k'}^H.
 \end{aligned} \tag{B3}$$

Based on the law of large numbers, for  $N_r \gg 1$  and  $K \gg 1$ , there is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{k'=1}^K \alpha g_{k,r}^* g_{k',r} c_k^*(n) c_{k'}(n) \mathbf{h}_{m,k} \mathbf{h}_{i,k'}^H &\rightarrow N_r \mathbb{E} g \left[ \sum_{k=1}^K \sum_{k'=1}^K \alpha g_{k,r}^* g_{k',r} c_k^*(n) c_{k'}(n) \mathbf{h}_{m,k} \mathbf{h}_{i,k'}^H \right] \\
 &= N_r \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha |g_{k,r}|^2 |c_k(n)|^2 \mathbf{h}_{m,k} \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^H \rightarrow K N_r \mathbb{E} \left[ \alpha |g_{k,r}|^2 |c_k(n)|^2 \mathbf{h}_{m,k} \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^H \right] = K \alpha N_r \beta_g \beta_{h,m} \delta(m-i) \mathbf{I}_{N_t}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{B4}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},m}^H(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},i}(\mathbf{c}(n)) \\
 &\rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{m,r}^* \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{i,r}^T + K \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \mathbb{E} \left[ \sqrt{\alpha} g_{k,r}^* \mathbf{h}_{m,k} c_k^*(n) \right] \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{i,r}^T + K \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \tilde{\mathbf{h}}_{m,r}^* \mathbb{E} \left[ \sqrt{\alpha} g_{k,r} \mathbf{h}_{i,k}^H c_k(n) \right] + K \alpha N_r \beta_g \beta_{h,m} \delta(m-i) \mathbf{I}_{N_t} \\
 &= \mathbf{H}_m^H \mathbf{H}_i + K \alpha N_r \beta_g \beta_{h,m} \delta(m-i) \mathbf{I}_{N_t}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{B5}$$

Based on the law of large numbers, for  $N_r \gg 1$ , there is  $\frac{1}{N_r} \mathbf{H}_m^H \mathbf{H}_i \rightarrow \beta_{H,m} \mathbf{I}_{N_t}$ ,  $m=i$  and  $\frac{1}{N_r} \mathbf{H}_m^H \mathbf{H}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{O}_{N_t}$ ,  $m \neq i$ . Then (B5) can be further expressed as

$$\mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},m}^H(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{H}_{\text{eq},i}(\mathbf{c}(n)) \rightarrow (N_r \beta_{H,m} + K \alpha N_r \beta_g \beta_{h,m}) \delta(m-i) \mathbf{I}_{N_t}. \tag{B6}$$

For notational convenience, denote  $\mathbf{B}^H(\mathbf{c}(n)) \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{c}(n)) \rightarrow \mathbf{\Gamma}$ , where  $\mathbf{\Gamma}$  is written as

$$\mathbf{\Gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_1 (N_r \beta_{H,1} + K \alpha N_r \beta_g \beta_{h,1}) \mathbf{F}_1^H \mathbf{F}_1 & \cdots & \mathbf{O}_{N_1} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{O}_{N_M} & \cdots & \bar{P}_M (N_r \beta_{H,M} + K \alpha N_r \beta_g \beta_{h,M}) \mathbf{F}_M^H \mathbf{F}_M \end{bmatrix}. \tag{B7}$$

Thus,  $R_{\text{PT}}$  in (7) approaches to

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{\text{PT}} &\rightarrow \log_2 |\mathbf{I}_{N_{\text{sum}}} + \mathbf{\Gamma}| = \sum_{m=1}^M \log_2 \left| \mathbf{I}_{N_m} + \bar{P}_m (N_r \beta_{H,m} + K \alpha N_r \beta_g \beta_{h,m}) \mathbf{F}_m^H \mathbf{F}_m \right| \\
 &= \sum_{m=1}^M \log_2 \left| \mathbf{I}_{N_t} + \bar{P}_m N_r (\beta_{H,m} + K \alpha \beta_g \beta_{h,m}) \mathbf{F}_m \mathbf{F}_m^H \right|,
 \end{aligned} \tag{B8}$$

where the equality holds from the identity  $|\text{blkdiag}\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\}| = |\mathbf{X}| \times |\mathbf{Y}|$ , and the last equality holds according to the Weinstein-Aronszajn identity  $|\mathbf{I}_m + \mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}| = |\mathbf{I}_n + \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{X}|$ . The proof is completed.

## Appendix C Proof of Proposition 1

By differentiating (48), the resulting equation is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(g_2(\mathbf{Q}_m)) &= d\left(\frac{\log_2 e}{L} \ln \left| \mathbf{T} + a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{Q}_m \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \right|\right) \\
 &= \frac{\log_2 e}{L} \text{tr} \left( \left( \mathbf{T} + a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{Q}_m \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \right)^{-1} d \left( \mathbf{T} + a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{Q}_m \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{\log_2 e}{L} \text{tr} \left( \left( \mathbf{T} + a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{Q}_m \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \right)^{-1} a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H d(\mathbf{Q}_m \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\log_2 e}{L} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \left( \mathbf{T} + a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{Q}_m \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \right)^{-1} a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H d(\mathbf{Q}_m \otimes \mathbf{C}) \right) \\
 &= \frac{\log_2 e}{L} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \left( \mathbf{T} + a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{Q}_m \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \right)^{-1} a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H d(\mathbf{Q}_m) \otimes \mathbf{C} \right),
 \end{aligned} \tag{C1}$$

where the second last equality holds due to the identity  $\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{Y}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{X})$ . Furthermore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(\mathbf{Q}_m) \otimes \mathbf{C} &= (\mathbf{I}_{N_t} d(\mathbf{Q}_m)) \otimes (\mathbf{C} \mathbf{I}_{N_t(K-k)}) = (\mathbf{I}_{N_t} \otimes \mathbf{C}) (d(\mathbf{Q}_m) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{N_t(K-k)}) \\
 &= (\mathbf{I}_{N_t} \otimes \mathbf{C}) \left( \mathbf{K}_{N_t^2(K-k)} (\mathbf{I}_{N_t(K-k)} \otimes d(\mathbf{Q}_m)) \mathbf{K}_{N_t^2(K-k)} \right),
 \end{aligned} \tag{C2}$$

where the second last equality holds according to the identity  $(\mathbf{X}_1 \otimes \mathbf{X}_2)(\mathbf{X}_3 \otimes \mathbf{X}_4) = (\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_3) \otimes (\mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{X}_4)$ , and the last equality follows from  $\mathbf{K}_{pm}(\mathbf{X} \otimes \mathbf{Y})\mathbf{K}_{np} = \mathbf{Y} \otimes \mathbf{X}$  with  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{C}^{p \times q}$  and  $\mathbf{K}_{mn} = \sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{e}_j^T \otimes \mathbf{I}_m \otimes \mathbf{e}_j) \in \mathbb{C}^{mn \times mn}$ . Thus,  $d(g_2(\mathbf{Q}_m))$  in (C1) can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(g_2(\mathbf{Q}_m)) &= \frac{\log_2 e}{L} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \left( \mathbf{T} + a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{Q}_m \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \right)^{-1} a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{I}_{N_t} \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{K}_{N_t^2(K-k)} (\mathbf{I}_{N_t(K-k)} \otimes d(\mathbf{Q}_m)) \mathbf{K}_{N_t^2(K-k)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\log_2 e}{L} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{K}_{N_t^2(K-k)} \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \left( \mathbf{T} + a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{Q}_m \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \right)^{-1} a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{I}_{N_t} \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{K}_{N_t^2(K-k)} (\mathbf{I}_{N_t(K-k)} \otimes d(\mathbf{Q}_m)) \right),
 \end{aligned} \tag{C3}$$

where  $\mathbf{I}_{N_t(K-k)} \otimes d(\mathbf{Q}_m)$  is a diagonal matrix that can be written as

$$\mathbf{I}_{N_t(K-k)} \otimes d(\mathbf{Q}_m) = \begin{bmatrix} d(\mathbf{Q}_m) & \mathbf{O}_{N_t} & \cdots & \mathbf{O}_{N_t} \\ \mathbf{O}_{N_t} & d(\mathbf{Q}_m) & \cdots & \mathbf{O}_{N_t} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{O}_{N_t} & \mathbf{O}_{N_t} & \cdots & d(\mathbf{Q}_m) \end{bmatrix}. \tag{C4}$$

As defined above,  $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{Q}_m) = \mathbf{K}_{N_t^2(K-k)} \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \left( \mathbf{T} + a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{Q}_m \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1} \right)^{-1} a \mathbf{\Psi}_{k+1}^H (\mathbf{I}_{N_t} \otimes \mathbf{C}) \mathbf{K}_{N_t^2(K-k)} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_t^2(K-k) \times N_t^2(K-k)}$ , which can be written in the form of a block matrix with  $\mathbf{E}_{p,g}(\mathbf{Q}_m) \in \mathbb{C}^{N_t \times N_t}$  denoting the sub-matrix at  $p$ th row and  $g$ th column. It follows from (C3) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d(g_2(\mathbf{Q}_m)) &= \frac{\log_2 e}{L} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{Q}_m) (\mathbf{I}_{N_t(K-k)} \otimes d(\mathbf{Q}_m)) \right) \\
 &= \frac{\log_2 e}{L} \sum_{i=1}^{N_t(K-k)} \text{tr} \left( \mathbf{E}_{i,i}(\mathbf{Q}_m) d(\mathbf{Q}_m) \right) \\
 &= \text{tr} \left( \frac{\log_2 e}{L} \sum_{i=1}^{N_t(K-k)} \mathbf{E}_{i,i}(\mathbf{Q}_m) d(\mathbf{Q}_m) \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{C5}$$

According to the law of differentiation, we have

$$d(g_2(\mathbf{Q}_m)) = \text{tr} \left( \left( \frac{\partial (g_2(\mathbf{Q}_m))}{\partial (\mathbf{Q}_m)} \right)^T d(\mathbf{Q}_m) \right). \tag{C6}$$

Comparing (C5) and (C6), we have

$$\mathbf{z}_2(\mathbf{Q}_m) = \frac{\partial (g_2(\mathbf{Q}_m))}{\partial (\mathbf{Q}_m)} = \left( \frac{\log_2 e}{L} \sum_{i=1}^{N_t(K-k)} \mathbf{E}_{i,i}(\mathbf{Q}_m) \right)^T = \frac{\log_2 e}{L} \sum_{i=1}^{N_t(K-k)} \mathbf{E}_{i,i}^T(\mathbf{Q}_m). \tag{C7}$$

The proof is thus completed.