On Pointwise Feedback Invariants of Linear Parameter-varying Systems

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Abstract Linear systems with constant real coefficients are completely described in terms of feedback actions. In this paper the problem is studied in the framework of linear systems where coefficients depending continuously on a set of parameters. Some invariants are given as well as criteria to find a complete classification in low dimension.

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1 Introduction

Let’s consider the family of linear control systems

$$\Sigma(\lambda) = \begin{cases} \dot{x} = A(\lambda)x(t) + B(\lambda)u(t) \\ y(t) = C(\lambda)x(t) \end{cases}$$

(1)

where \(x(t)\) is the \(n\)-dimensional vector of states, \(u(t)\) is the \(m\)-dimensional vector of external inputs and \(y(t)\) is the \(p\)-dimensional vector of outputs. Matrices \(A(\lambda)\), \(B(\lambda)\) and \(C(\lambda)\) depend continuously on some parameters \(\lambda\) living in a compact topological space \(\Lambda\). We’ll denote by \(C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})\) the ring of continuous real functions defined on \(\Lambda\) with pointwise sum and product. This is a commutative ring where \(1_{C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})}\) and \(0_{C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})}\) are respectively the constant functions \(\lambda \mapsto 1\) and \(\lambda \mapsto 0\).

It is well known that if the matrices have constant coefficients then there is a canonical form for \(\Sigma\), the Brunovsky’s Canonical Form [5].

Our main goal in this paper is to establish the so-called pointwise feedback equivalence, see [8], for systems over \(C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})\). This equivalence is just given by all evaluations of parameters of the given linear systems. Therefore pointwise feedback equivalence is studied at every point just like classical feedback equivalence for linear systems with constant coefficients.

We also interested in establish global invariants of linear systems for such pointwise feedback equivalence.

Here some sets of zeroes of functions will arise. A complete set of invariants will be given. Despite this classification result, we are not given canonical forms for pointwise feedback action. This is left as a future work.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews main results involving feedback equivalence of linear systems which are translated to the study of pointwise feedback equivalence. Section 3 reviews determinantal ranks of matrices in order to get main pointwise feedback invariants which are introduced in section 4. This section 4 is also devoted to prove that the set of zeroes of determinantal ideals of reachability maps are invariant for the pointwise feedback equivalence. Low dimensional cases \(n \leq 5\) are completely described and characterized in section 5. Finally, we list our conclusions.

2 Feedback actions and feedback classification

Let \(R\) be a commutative ring with unit \(1 \neq 0\). A \(m\)-input, \(n\)-dimensional linear system over \(R\) is just a pair of matrices \(\Sigma = (A, B) \in R^{n \times n} \times R^{n \times m}\) representing the right-hand-side (dynamic equation

$$x^+(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t),$$

where \(x^+(t)\) represents time-derivative in continuous time framework or time-shift for discrete systems.

Linear systems \(\Sigma' = (A', B')\) and \(\Sigma\) are equivalent (feedback) when \(\Sigma\) can be transformed to \(\Sigma'\) by one element of the feedback group \(F_{nm}(R)\) and we will note this by \(\Sigma \sim \Sigma'\). We recall that feedback group \(F_{nm}(R)\) is the generated group by the following three types of transformations:

1. \(A \rightarrow A' = PAP^{-1}\), \(B \rightarrow B' = PB\) for some invertible matrix \(P\). The transformation is a consequence of a change of base in \(R^n\), the state module.
2. \(A \rightarrow A\), \(B \rightarrow B' = BQ\) for some invertible matrix \(Q\). The transformation is a consequence of change of base in \(R^m\), the input module.
(3) \( A \rightarrow A' = A + BK, \) \( B \rightarrow B \) for some \( m \times n \) matrix \( K \) which is called a feedback matrix.

**Note 2.1.** The feedback classification problem is wild in the sense of Representation Theory (see [4]). Hence it is an open problem in the general case and it is unlikely to be solvable. However in some cases it is possible to find solutions: When \( R = \mathbb{K} \) is a field the problem is known as classical case and a classical result of Bravnoys [5, 13, 19] characterizes the class of equivalence of \( \Sigma \) by the action of the feedback group, see below.

Throughout this paper we focus on commutative ring \( R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R}) \) of real valued continuous functions defined on compact topological space \( \Lambda \). Note that since \( \Lambda \) is compact then maximal ideals \( m \) of \( R \) are in one to one correspondence with points in \( \Lambda \), that is, given a maximal \( m \) of \( R \) there is a unique point \( \lambda_m \in \Lambda \) such that \( f(\lambda_m) = 0 \) for every \( f \in m \), and conversely, given a point \( \lambda \in \Lambda \), the set \( m_{\lambda} = \{ f : f(\lambda) = 0 \} \) is a maximal of \( R \) (the reader can see [1] for details).

Let be \( \Sigma = (A, B) \) a linear dynamical system over \( R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R}) \). Then linear system over \( \mathbb{R} \cong R/m_{\lambda_0} \) obtained by extension of scalars \( C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})/m_{\lambda_0} \) sending \( f \mapsto f(\lambda_0) \) is just obtained by the evaluation at the point \( \lambda_0 \in \Lambda \); that is, \( \Sigma(\lambda_0) = (A(\lambda_0), B(\lambda_0)) \).

Now we recall the definition of pointwise feedback equivalence of linear systems as introduced in [8].

**Definition 2.2.** Linear systems \( \Sigma \) and \( \Sigma' \) are pointwise feedback equivalent if systems \( \Sigma(\lambda) = (A(\lambda), B(\lambda)) \) and \( \Sigma'(\lambda) = (A'(\lambda), B'(\lambda)) \) over \( \mathbb{R} \) are feedback equivalent for all \( \lambda \in \Lambda \).

Pointwise feedback equivalence is weaker than feedback equivalence. That is to say,

**Theorem 2.3.** If systems \( \Sigma = (A, B) \) and \( \Sigma' = (A', B') \) are feedback equivalent via the action of element \( (P, Q, K) \in F_{nm}(C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})) \) then \( \Sigma(\lambda) \) and \( \Sigma'(\lambda) \) are feedback equivalent via \( (P(\lambda), Q(\lambda), K(\lambda)) \in F_{nm}(\mathbb{R}) \).

**Proof.** Suppose that \( (A, B) \) is feedback equivalent to \( (A', B') \) via \( (P, Q, K) \); that is to say

\[
A'P = P(A + BK), \quad \text{and} \quad B' = PBQ
\]

it follows that above equalities hold on every evaluation; that is

\[
A'(\lambda)P(\lambda) = P(\lambda)(A(\lambda) + B(\lambda)K(\lambda)), \quad B'(\lambda) = P(\lambda)B(\lambda)Q(\lambda)
\]

Now the proof is complete once it is assured that \( P(\lambda) \) and \( Q(\lambda) \) are invertible. But this is trivial because, for instance, \( \det(P) \) and \( \det(Q) \) are units in \( C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R}) \) and a fortiori \( \det(P(\lambda)) \neq 0 \) and \( \det(Q(\lambda)) \neq 0 \). \( \square \)

We are interested in give a complete (and minimal if possible) set of invariants for pointwise feedback relation. First we recall classical invariants and canonical form for constant linear systems over a field.

**Definition 2.4.** Let be \( \Sigma = (A, B) \) a linear dynamical system of size \( (m, n) \) over commutative ring \( R \). Consider the \( R \)-module \( N^\Sigma_i \) generated by columns of the \( n \times im \) matrix \( B^\Sigma_i = (B|AB|\cdots|A^{i-1}B) \). We'll denote by \( M^\Sigma_i \) the quotient module \( M^\Sigma_i = R^n/N^\Sigma_i \).

Above modules are feedback invariant associated to a given linear (over any commutative ring), and they form a minimal complete set in the case of controllable systems over fields. In fact, the following results are well known. First, modules are shown to be feedback invariants:

**Theorem 2.5.** (cf. [10]) Let be \( \Sigma = (A, B) \) a linear dynamical system of size \( (m, n) \) over a ring \( R \). Then

(i) \( 0 \) is not a feedback invariant.

(ii) The canonical homomorphism

\[
\varphi_i : N^\Sigma_i/N^\Sigma_{i+1} \rightarrow N^\Sigma_{i+1}/N^\Sigma_i
\]

is surjective for \( 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \).

(iii) If \( \Sigma \) is feedback equivalent to \( \Sigma' \) then \( N^\Sigma_i \) and \( N^{\Sigma'}_i \) are isomorphic to \( N^\Sigma_j \) and \( N^{\Sigma'}_j \) respectively, for \( 1 \leq i \leq n \).

(iv) If \( \Sigma \) is a reachable system of simple input \( n \)-dimensional then the modules \( \{N^\Sigma_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n} \) and \( \{M^\Sigma_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n} \) are free.

(v) If \( \Sigma \) is a Brunovsky system then the modules \( \{N^\Sigma_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n} \) and \( \{M^\Sigma_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n} \) are free.

Now we deal with the case of fields \( \mathbb{K} \): We prove that above invariant \( \mathbb{K} \)-vector spaces \( N^\Sigma_i \) form a complete and minimal set of feedback invariants.

**Theorem 2.6.** (cf. [5]) Let be \( \Sigma = (A, B) \) a reachable linear dynamical system of size \( (m, n) \) over a field \( \mathbb{K} \). Then there exist positive integers \( \kappa_1 \geq \kappa_2 \geq \cdots \geq \kappa_s \) uniquely determined by \( \Sigma \) with \( n = \kappa_1 + \kappa_2 + \cdots + \kappa_s \), such that \( \Sigma \) is feedback equivalent to the system \( \Sigma_\kappa = (A_\kappa, B_\kappa) \) where \( A_\kappa \) is the block matrix

\[
A_\kappa = \begin{pmatrix}
A_{\kappa_1} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
0 & A_{\kappa_2} & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & \cdots & A_{\kappa_s}
\end{pmatrix}
\]

and block \( A_{\kappa_i} \) is the \( \kappa_i \times \kappa_i \) matrix

\[
A_{\kappa_i} = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0
\end{pmatrix}
\]
and

\[ B_\kappa = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & \cdots & 0 & \cdots & 0
\end{pmatrix} \]

\[ \kappa_1 \quad \kappa_2 \quad \cdots \quad \kappa_s \]

The integers \( \kappa = \{ \kappa_1, \kappa_2, \ldots, \kappa_s \} \) are called the Kronecker indices of \( \Sigma \). They are a complete set of invariants for \( \Sigma \) by the action of the feedback group.

Proof. See [5] or [10].

Above linear system \( \Sigma_n = (A_n, B_n) \) is called Bruno-

Note that if \( m = 1 \) and system is controllable it is easy to see that there is just one nonzero index and \( \kappa_1 = n \) hence \( s = 1 \) in above matrices and consequently Brunovsky’s Ca-

Note 3.2. Let \( \Sigma \) be a reachable linear dynamical system of size \( (m, n) \) over \( \mathbb{R} \). Then the feedback equivalence class of \( \Sigma \) is characterized for each one of the following sets:

(i) The Kronecker’s indices \( \{ \kappa_i \}_{1 \leq i \leq s} \)

(ii) \( \{ \dim(N^\Sigma_i) \}_{1 \leq i \leq n} \)

(iii) \( \{ \dim \left( N^\Sigma_i / N^\Sigma_{i-1} \right) \}_{1 \leq i \leq n} \)

Proof. See [10].

According the above result \( \{ \text{rank}_R(M^\Sigma_i) \}_{1 \leq i \leq n} \) is a complete set of invariants for the class of feedback of a Brunov-

in consequence \( \{ \text{rank}(\tilde{B}^\Sigma_i) \}_{1 \leq i \leq n} \) is the list of invariants we need:

Theorem 2.8. A complete set of pointwise feedback invariants for the reachable linear system \( \Sigma(\lambda) = (A(\lambda), B(\lambda)) \) is given by the one (and hence all) follow–wing data:

(i) \( \text{dim}_R(N^\Sigma_i(\lambda)), 1 \leq i \leq n, \lambda \in \Lambda \)

(ii) \( \{ \dim \left( N^\Sigma_i(\lambda) / N^\Sigma_{i-1}(\lambda) \right) \}_{1 \leq i \leq n, \lambda \in \Lambda} \)

(iii) \( \{ \text{rank}_R(\tilde{B}^\Sigma_i(\lambda)) \}, 1 \leq i \leq n, \lambda \in \Lambda \)

Proof. Two reachable linear systems \( \Sigma \) and \( \Sigma' \) over \( C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R}) \) are pointwise feedback equivalence if and only if (by definition) linear systems \( \Sigma(\lambda) \) and \( \Sigma'(\lambda) \) are feedback equivalent over \( \mathbb{R} \). By Brunovsky’s Theorem this is equivalent to \( \text{dim}_R(N^\Sigma_i(\lambda)) = \text{dim}_R(N^{\Sigma'}_i(\lambda)) \), for all \( 1 \leq i \leq n, \lambda \in \Lambda \). Hence statement (i) is a complete set of pointwise feedback equivalence. Statements (ii) and (iii) are proved in the same way.

3 Determinantal ranks

Note that pointwise feedback invariants found in above section involves a potentially infinite data (for instance, when compact topological space \( \Lambda \) is infinite). Thus we need to refine the result in order to find a minimal complete set of pointwise feedback invariants. This section is devoted to briefly review determinantal rank of a matrix and to compute the determinantal ranks of Brunovsky’s canonical forms in order to find our invariants in terms of determinantal ranks in the sequel.

Let be \( M = (a_{ij}) \) an \( n \times m \) matrix with entries in \( R \) and let be \( i \) a nonnegative integer. The \( i \)-th determinantal ideal of \( M \), denoted by \( U_i(M) \), is the ideal of \( R \) generated by all the \( i \times i \) minors of \( M \). By construction we have

\[ R = U_0(M) \supseteq U_1(M) \supseteq \cdots \supseteq U_i(M) \supseteq \cdots \]

and \( U_i(M) = 0 \) for \( i > \min \{ m, n \} \). The rank of \( M \), denoted by \( \text{rank}_R(M) \), is the largest \( i \) such that \( U_i(M) = 0 \).

Then \( \Sigma \) is reachable if and only if \( \text{rank}_R(\tilde{B}^\Sigma_i(\lambda)) = R \).

Now we give a technical result of characterization of Brunovsky’s canonical forms \( \Sigma_\kappa = (A_\kappa, B_\kappa) \) depending on the sequence of determinantal ideals. First, we give with some definitions and notations.

Definition 3.1. Let be \( n \in \mathbb{N} \) and \( \kappa = \{ \kappa_1, \kappa_2, \ldots, \kappa_s \} \) with \( \kappa_1 \geq \kappa_2 \geq \cdots \geq \kappa_s \) a partition of \( n \). We call dual partition of \( \kappa \) to the partition \( \eta = \{ n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_p \} \) with \( n_1 \geq n_2 \geq \cdots \geq n_p \) of \( n \) where \( n_i \) is the number of \( \kappa_j \) which are more or equal than \( i \).

Note 3.2. The application \( \kappa \rightarrow \eta \) is bijective on the set of partitions of \( n \). See [2].

Note 3.3. Note that \( n_1 = s \).

Theorem 3.4. Let be \( \kappa = \{ \kappa_1, \kappa_2, \ldots, \kappa_s \} \) a partition of \( n \) and \( \eta = \{ n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_p \} \) be its associated dual partition. The following conditions are equivalent.

(i) \( \kappa \) are the Kronecker indices of system \( \Sigma = (A, B) \)

(ii) \( \text{For } 1 \leq i \leq p - 1 \) we have

\[ U_{n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_i} \left( \tilde{B}^\Sigma_i \right) = \mathbb{K} \]

\[ U_{n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_i + 1} \left( \tilde{B}^\Sigma_i \right) = (0) \]

and for \( i = p \)

\[ U_{n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_p} \left( \tilde{B}^\Sigma_p \right) = \mathbb{K} \]
Proof. By Brunovsky Theorem, 2.6,

\[
A = \begin{pmatrix}
E_1 & \multicolumn{4}{c}{E_2} & \multicolumn{4}{c}{\cdots} & \multicolumn{4}{c}{E_s}
\end{pmatrix},
\]

where the matrix

\[
E_i = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
\end{pmatrix},
\]

is of dimension \(\kappa_i \times \kappa_i\) and

\[
B = \begin{pmatrix}
e_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
e_2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & \cdots & E_h e_s & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
\end{pmatrix},
\]

where \(e_i = (0, \ldots, 0, 1)^t\) is of dimension \(\kappa_i \times 1\). Then the following properties can be easily verified.

i) \(A^h B = \begin{pmatrix}
E^h e_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
0 & E^h e_2 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & \cdots & E^h e_s & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\
\end{pmatrix}\)

ii) If \(h > \kappa_i\) is \(E^h e_i = 0\)

iii) \(\text{Im}(A^h B) \cap \text{Im}(A^{h'}) B = \{0\}\) if \(h \neq h'\)

Let be \(n_i\) the number of \(\kappa_j\) greater than or equal to 1, then the definition \(n_i\) and by the properties i) and ii) it is followed

\[
\text{rank}(B) = s = n_1,
\]

\[
\text{rank}(AB) = n_2,
\]

\[
\text{rank}(A^2 B) = n_3,
\]

\[
\text{rank}(A^3 B) = n_4,
\]

\[
\vdots
\]

\[
\text{rank}(A^{n_p - 1} B) = n_p,
\]

and by property iii)

\[
\text{rank}(\tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma_k}) = n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i
\]

for \(1 \leq i \leq p\), or equivalently

\[
U_{n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i} (\tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma_k}) = \mathbb{K}
\]

\[
U_{n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i + 1} (\tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma_k}) = (0)
\]

for \(1 \leq i \leq p\).

Conversely, by the equalities

\[
\text{rank}(\tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma_k}) = n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i
\]

\[
\text{rank}(\tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma_k}) = n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i - 1
\]

and the property iii) before it is followed

\[
\text{rank}(A^{i-1} B) = n_i
\]

In consequence,

\[
\text{rank}(B) = n_1 = s,
\]

\[
\text{rank}(AB) = n_2,
\]

\[
\text{rank}(A^2 B) = n_3,
\]

\[
\vdots
\]

\[
\text{rank}(A^{p-1} B) = n_p,
\]

with

\[
n_1 \geq n_2 \geq \cdots \geq n_p
\]

By the definition of \(n_i\) (that is

\[
n_1\text{ is equal to the number of }\kappa_j\text{ greater than or equal to }1,
\]

\[
n_2\text{ is equal to the number of }\kappa_j\text{ greater than or equal to }2,
\]

\[
\vdots
\]

\[
n_p\text{ is equal to the number of }\kappa_j\text{ greater than or equal to }p
\]

it is obtained \(\kappa_i\) and so the complete set of invariants for the Brunovsky form \(\Sigma_k\), (for which the partition \(\eta = \{n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_p\}\) is its dual associated partition).

\[\square\]

The following properties of Brunovsky canonical forms over any field \(\mathbb{K}\) are easily derived:

**Corollary 3.5.** A Brunovsky canonical form \(\Sigma_k = (A_k, B_k)\) over the field \(\mathbb{K}\) verifies

\[
U_i (\tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma_k}) = \mathbb{K} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.
\]

**Corollary 3.6.** A Brunovsky canonical form \(\Sigma_k = (A_k, B_k)\) over the field \(\mathbb{K}\) verifies

\[
\text{rank}(\tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma_k}) = n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i \geq i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq p
\]

where \(\eta = \{n_1, \ldots, n_p\}\) is the dual partition of \(\kappa\). In particular

\[
\text{rank}(\tilde{B}_p^{\Sigma_k}) = n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_p = n.
\]

**Corollary 3.7.** The following conditions hold for \(\mathbb{K}\)-vector spaces \(N_i^{\Sigma_k}\) generated by columns of the \(n \times \text{im}.\) matrix

\[
\tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma_k} = (B_k | A_k B_k | \ldots | A_k^{i-1} B_k)
\]

associated to Brunovsky canonical form \(\Sigma_k\)

\(i)\) \(\dim(N_i^{\Sigma_k}) \leq \dim(N_{i+1}^{\Sigma_k})\) for all \(i = 1, 2, \ldots\)

\(ii)\) If \(\dim(N_i^{\Sigma_k}) = \dim(N_{i+1}^{\Sigma_k})\) then

\[
\dim(N_i^{\Sigma_k}) = \cdots = \dim(N_{n_p}^{\Sigma_k}) = n.
\]
Now, we are ready to give a characterization of pointwise feedback equivalence in terms of dimensions of pointwise invariants.

**Theorem 3.8.** Let be $\Sigma = (A, B)$ and $\Sigma' = (A', B')$ two reachable linear dynamical systems of size $(m, n)$ over $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$. For $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$, the following conditions are equivalent.

(i) $\Sigma(\lambda_0) \sim \Sigma_\kappa$ where $\Sigma_\kappa = (A_\kappa, B_\kappa)$ is the Brunovsky’s linear form associated to the Kronecker’s indices $\kappa = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \ldots, \kappa_s\}$

(ii) Let be $\eta = \{n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_p\}$ the dual partition of $\kappa$. Then

\[
\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \left( N_1^{\Sigma(\lambda_0)} \right) = n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i; \quad 1 \leq i \leq p
\]

Proof. (i)$\Rightarrow$(ii) As $(A(\lambda_0), B(\lambda_0)) \sim (A_\kappa, B_\kappa)$ and $\Sigma_\kappa = (A_\kappa, B_\kappa)$ is the Brunovsky form over the field $K = \mathbb{R}$, whose associated partition is $\kappa = \{\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \ldots, \kappa_s\}$, by Theorem 3.4 it is

\[
\begin{align*}
\left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
U_{n_1+n_2+\ldots+n_i} \left( \tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma(\lambda_0)} \right) = \mathbb{R} \\
U_{n_1+n_2+\ldots+n_{i+1}} \left( \tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma(\lambda_0)} \right) = (0)
\end{array} \right. 
\end{align*}
\]

or equivalently

\[
\begin{align*}
\left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
U_{n_1+n_2+\ldots+n_i} \left( \tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma(\lambda_0)} \right) = \mathbb{R} \\
U_{n_1+n_2+\ldots+n_{i+1}} \left( \tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma(\lambda_0)} \right) = (0)
\end{array} \right. 
\end{align*}
\]

then

\[
\dim \left( N_i^{\Sigma(\lambda_0)} \right) = \text{rank} \left( \tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma(\lambda_0)} \right) = n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i
\]

for $1 \leq i \leq p$.

(ii)$\Rightarrow$(i) Conversely, let be $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda$ such that

\[
\dim \left( N_i^{\Sigma(\lambda_0)} \right) = n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq i \leq p,
\]

then

\[
\text{rank} \left( \tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma(\lambda_0)} \right) = n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i = \text{rank} \left( \tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma(\lambda_0)} \right)
\]

for $1 \leq i \leq p$. Also

\[
U_j \left( \tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma(\lambda_0)} \right) = U_j \left( \tilde{B}_i^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \right) \quad \text{for} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n,
\]

and therefore $\Sigma(\lambda_0)$ is feedback equivalent to $\Sigma_\kappa$. 

\[\square\]

4 The pointwise feedback relation

Note that if $A = (f_{ij})$ is a matrix over $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$ then $A(\lambda)$ is the matrix $(f_{ij}(\lambda))$. Let be $\Sigma = (A, B)$ and $\Sigma' = (A', B')$ two systems $n$-dimensional with $m$ inputs over $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$, if $\Sigma$ is equivalent feedback to $\Sigma'$, then $\Sigma(\lambda)$ is equivalent feedback to $\Sigma'(\lambda)$ for all $\lambda$. The converse is not true in general, and this motivates the study of following relationship. We say $\Sigma$ and $\Sigma'$ are pointwise feedback equivalent if the systems $\Sigma(\lambda) = (A(\lambda), B(\lambda))$ and $\Sigma'(\lambda) = (A'(\lambda), B'(\lambda))$ over $\mathbb{R}$ are feedback equivalents for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Since reachability is a property that it is preserved by feedback, let us see this concept in the ring $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$.

**Theorem 4.1.** Let be $\Lambda$ a compact topological space and $\Sigma = (A, B)$ be a reachable linear dynamical system of size $(m, n)$ over $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$. Then the following conditions are equivalent.

(i) $\Sigma$ is reachable over $C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$

(ii) $\Sigma(\lambda)$ is reachable over $\mathbb{R}$, for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$.

Proof. (i)$\Rightarrow$(ii) If $\Sigma$ is reachable in $C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$ then

\[
U_n \left( \tilde{B}^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \right) = (f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k) = (1) = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R}),
\]

where $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k$ are the minors of order $n$ of the matrix $\tilde{B}^{\Sigma(\lambda)}$.

Since $\tilde{B}^{\Sigma(\lambda)} = \tilde{B}^{\Sigma(\lambda)}$, it follows

\[
U_n \left( \tilde{B}^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \right) = U_n \left( \tilde{B}^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \right) \otimes C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})/m_\lambda = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})/m_\lambda,
\]

and in consequence $\text{rank} \left( \tilde{B}^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \right) = n$, or equivalently $\Sigma(\lambda)$ is reachable for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$.

(ii)$\Rightarrow$(i) Conversely, assume

\[
U_n \left( \tilde{B}^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \right) = U_n \left( B|AB|\ldots|A^{n-1}B \right) = (f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k),
\]

where $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k$ are all minors of order $n$ of the matrix $\tilde{B}^{\Sigma(\lambda)}$. As $\Sigma(\lambda) = (A(\lambda), B(\lambda))$ is reachable for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$, we have rank $\left( \tilde{B}^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \right) = n$.

Then the set of zeroes (see below) $Z(f_1, \ldots, f_k) = \emptyset$ is empty. Thus ideal generated by $\{f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k\}$ is the whole ring. A fortiori $f_1^2 + f_2^2 + \ldots + f_k^2$ is an unit in $C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$. Then $U_n \left( \tilde{B}^{\Sigma(\lambda)} \right) = R$ and $\Sigma$ is a reachable system.

In order to introduce the sets of invariants for pointwise feedback relationship we need to remark usual notation of ideal of zeroes of a function. Let be $\mathfrak{a}$ an ideal of $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$. We’ll denote by $\mathfrak{Z}(\mathfrak{a})$ the set

\[
\mathfrak{Z}(\mathfrak{a}) = \{\lambda \in \Lambda / f(\lambda) = 0 \quad \text{for all} \quad f \in \mathfrak{a}\}
\]

The following result (see [8]) gives a set of invariants for the pointwise feedback relation.

**Theorem 4.2.** Let be $\Sigma = (A, B)$ and $\Sigma' = (A', B')$ two reachable linear dynamical systems of type $(n, m)$ over the ring $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$ then the following conditions are equivalent.
(i) Systems $\Sigma$ and $\Sigma'$ are pointwise feedback equivalents; that is, $\Sigma(\lambda)$ and $\Sigma'(\lambda)$ are feedback equivalents for $\lambda \in \Lambda$.

(ii) For all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ one has $Z(\mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma})) = Z(\mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma'})) \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$.

Proof. 

\[ \Rightarrow \] 

(ii). If $\lambda \in Z(\mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma}))$ then $\mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma}(\lambda)) = (0)$ and hence $\dim(\tilde{N}(\Sigma(\lambda))) < j$. Since $\Sigma(\lambda)$ and $\Sigma'(\lambda)$ are feedback equivalent over $\mathbb{R}$ it follows that it is also satisfied $\dim(\tilde{N}(\Sigma'(\lambda))) < j$ which yields $\lambda \in Z(\mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma'}))$. The inverse contention is also proved because feedback equivalence is an equivalence relation, and symmetric property solves the case.

\[ \Leftarrow \] 

(i). Let be $\lambda \in \Lambda$. Observe that (ii) yields that

\[ \dim(\tilde{N}(\Sigma(\lambda))) = \min \left\{ j : \lambda \in Z(\mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma})) \right\} = \min \left\{ j : \lambda \in Z(\mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma'})) \right\} = \dim(\tilde{N}(\Sigma'(\lambda))) \]

Therefore $\mathbb{R}$ vector spaces $\tilde{N}(\Sigma(\lambda))$ and $\tilde{N}(\Sigma'(\lambda))$ are isomorphic for all $i$ and all $\lambda \in \Lambda$ and consequently $\Sigma(\lambda)$ and $\Sigma'(\lambda)$ are feedback equivalent for all $\lambda \in \Lambda$ or equivalently systems $\Sigma$ and $\Sigma'$ are pointwise feedback equivalents.

At this point let us see how the generation of these zeroes sets can be done by only one element.

**Theorem 4.3.** Sets of zeroes of finitely generated ideals of $C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$ can be obtained as the set of zeroes of a single function. That is to say, one has the following properties:

(i) Let be $a$ a finitely generated ideal of $C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$. Then there exists $a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $Z(a) = Z(a)$.

(ii) If $a \subseteq b$ are finitely generated ideals of $C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$ then we can choose $a \in a$ and $b \in b$ with $a = \lambda b$ such that

\[ Z(a) = Z(a) \supseteq Z(b) = Z(b) \]

Proof. (i) If $a$ is generated by $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k$ with $f_i \in C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$, it is enough to consider

\[ a = f_1^2 + f_2^2 + \ldots + f_k^2. \]

(ii) Let us consider the elements $a' \in a$ and $b' \in b$ (for example, built as in the previous item) such that

\[ Z(a) = Z(a') \supseteq Z(b') = Z(b). \]

The result is followed considered the elements $b = b' \in b$ and $a = a'b' \in a$. Hence

\[ Z(a) = Z(a'b') = Z(a') \cup Z(b') = Z(a) \cup Z(b) = Z(a). \]

\[ \Box \]

**Theorem 4.4.** Let be $a$ an ideal of $C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$ generated by $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k$. The following conditions are equivalent.

(i) $a \neq C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$

(ii) $Z(f_1) \cap Z(f_2) \cap \ldots \cap Z(f_k) \neq \emptyset$

(iii) $f_1^2 + f_2^2 + \ldots + f_k^2$ is not an unit of $C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$

Proof. It is sufficient to note that

\[ Z(a) = Z(f_1^2 + f_2^2 + \ldots + f_k^2) = Z(f_1) \cap Z(f_2) \cap \ldots \cap Z(f_k) \neq \emptyset. \]

Recall that Theorem 4.2 states that the $n^2$ sets given by

\[ \left\{ Z(\mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma})) \right\} \]

for $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n$, are a complete system invariants for pointwise feedback relation. We conclude this section by studying that set of invariants. Main properties are given in the next results.

First of all, note that a reachable linear system over $R$ verifies: $\mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma}) = R$, for all $j \leq i$. In terms of sets of zeroes of reachability maps, one has the following result:

**Theorem 4.5.** Let be $\Sigma = (A, B)$ a reachable linear dynamical system of type $(n, m)$ over $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$ then one has $Z(\mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma})) = \emptyset$ for all $j \leq i$.

Proof. First note that since system is reachable then

\[ \mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma}) = R. \]

Now, by contradiction, suppose that $\lambda \in Z(\mathcal{U}(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma}))$ it follows that $f(\lambda) = 0$ for all $f \in \mathcal{U}(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma})$ and therefore $1 \notin \mathcal{U}(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma})$, which is a contradiction.

**Lemma 4.6.** Let be $\Sigma_n = (A_n, B_n)$ a Brunovsky form of type $(n, m)$ over the field $K$. If $\text{rank} \left( \tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma_n} \right) < j$, then

\[ \text{rank} \left( \tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma_n} \right) < j - 1. \]

Proof. With the notation of Theorem 3.4 we have

\[ \text{rank} \left( \tilde{B}_{i+1}^{\Sigma_n} \right) = n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i + n_{i+1} < j \]

and as $n_{i+1} \geq 1$, it is followed that

\[ \text{rank} \left( \tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma_n} \right) = n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i = \]

\[ \text{rank} \left( \tilde{B}_{i+1}^{\Sigma_n} \right) - n_{i+1} < j - n_{i+1} \leq j - 1. \]

**Theorem 4.7.** Let be $\Sigma = (A, B)$ a reachable linear dynamical system of type $(n, m)$ with coefficients in the ring $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$ then

\[ Z(\mathcal{U}_j(\tilde{B}_{i}^{\Sigma})) \supseteq Z(\mathcal{U}_{i+1}(\tilde{B}_{i+1}^{\Sigma})) \]

\[ \Box \]
Proof. It is immediate from the previous Lemma.

**Theorem 4.8.** Let be $\Sigma = (A, B)$ a reachable dynamical system of type $(n, m)$ over $R = C(\Delta, \mathbb{R})$, then

$$Z\left(\mathcal{U}_j\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_i\right)\right) = Z\left(\mathcal{U}_{j+1}\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_{i+1}\right)\right) \text{ for } j \leq 2i,$$

where

$$\hat{B}^\Sigma_i = (B|AB|\ldots|A^{i-1}B).$$

Proof. By means of Theorem 4.7 it is enough to prove

$$Z\left(\mathcal{U}_j\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_i\right)\right) \subseteq Z\left(\mathcal{U}_{j+1}\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_{i+1}\right)\right).$$

Let be $\lambda_0 \in Z\left(\mathcal{U}_j\left(B|AB|\ldots|A^{i-1}B\right)\right)$ and we consider the system $\Sigma\left(\lambda_0\right)$, reachable over $\mathbb{R}$, then $\Sigma\left(\lambda_0\right)$ is feedback equivalent to a Brunovsky form $\Sigma_{\kappa} = (A_{\kappa}, B_{\kappa})$ where $\kappa = \left\{\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \ldots, \kappa_s\right\}$ is a partition of $n$ with $\kappa_1 \geq \kappa_2 \geq \ldots \geq \kappa_s$.

As

$$\text{rank} \left( B\left(\lambda_0\right) | A\left(\lambda_0\right)B\left(\lambda_0\right) | \ldots | A^{i-1}\left(\lambda_0\right)B\left(\lambda_0\right) \right) < j,$$

it is

$$\text{rank} \left( B_{\kappa}|A_{\kappa}B_{\kappa}| \ldots |A^{i-1}_{\kappa}B_{\kappa} \right) < j,$$

or equivalent

$$\text{rank} \left( B_{\kappa}|A_{\kappa}B_{\kappa}| \ldots |A^{i-1}_{\kappa}B_{\kappa} \right) \leq j - 1.$$

Let us see

$$\text{rank} \left( B_{\kappa}|A_{\kappa}B_{\kappa}| \ldots |A^i_{\kappa}B_{\kappa} \right) \leq j.$$

Arguing by contradiction, assume

$$\text{rank} \left( B_{\kappa}|A_{\kappa}B_{\kappa}| \ldots |A^i_{\kappa}B_{\kappa} \right) > j,$$

we’ll have

$$\text{rank} \left( A^i_{\kappa}B_{\kappa} \right) > 1,$$

then $E^i_1e_1 \neq 0$ and $E^i_2e_2 \neq 0$ and it must be

$$i < \kappa_1 \quad \text{and} \quad i < \kappa_2.$$  

But this is the same that

$$i < \kappa_2 \leq \kappa_1,$$

and taking into account only the column system vectors linearly independent

$$\left\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, \ldots, A^{i-1}_1e_1, A^{i-1}_2e_2\right\} \text{ in the matrix } \hat{B}^\Sigma_i = (B_{\kappa}|A_{\kappa}B_{\kappa}| \ldots |A^{i-1}_{\kappa}B_{\kappa}) \text{, we have}$$

$$\text{rank} \left( B_{\kappa}|A_{\kappa}B_{\kappa}| \ldots |A^{i-1}_{\kappa}B_{\kappa} \right) \geq 2i,$$

but, by hypothesis

$$\text{rank} \left( B_{\kappa}|A_{\kappa}B_{\kappa}| \ldots |A^{i-1}_{\kappa}B_{\kappa} \right) \leq j - 1,$$

then

$$j - 1 \geq 2i,$$

so that

$$j \geq 2i + 1,$$

and it is contrary to the course. Therefore, it should be

$$\text{rank} \left( B_{\kappa}|A_{\kappa}B_{\kappa}| \ldots |A^i_{\kappa}B_{\kappa} \right) \leq j,$$

and also

$$\text{rank} \left( B\left(\lambda_0\right) | A\left(\lambda_0\right)B\left(\lambda_0\right) | \ldots | A^i\left(\lambda_0\right)B\left(\lambda_0\right) \right) \leq j,$$

then

$$\lambda_0 \in Z\left(\mathcal{U}_{j+1}\left(B|AB|\ldots|A^{i-1}B\right)\right).$$

In the table at the Note 4.10, Theorem 4.7 test contensions chains parallel to the main diagonal, while Theorem 4.8 proves the equalities. In addition, these equalities can not be extended to $j > 2i$, as it is shown in the following result.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let be $\Sigma = (A, B)$ a reachable linear dynamical system of type $(n, m)$ over $R = C(\Delta, \mathbb{R})$, and let be $\lambda_0 \in \Delta$ such that $\Sigma\left(\lambda_0\right) \sim \Sigma_{\kappa}$ where $\kappa = \left\{\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \ldots, \kappa_s\right\}$ with $\eta = \left\{n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_p\right\}$ the dual partition associated checking

$$2i \leq n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i < j,$$

$$< j + 1 \leq n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i + n_{i+1},$$

then

$$\lambda_0 \in Z\left(\mathcal{U}_j\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_i\right)\right) \setminus Z\left(\mathcal{U}_{j+1}\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_{i+1}\right)\right).$$

Proof. By Theorem 3.4, and being

$$n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i < j,$$

we have

$$\mathcal{U}_j\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_i\left(\lambda_0\right)\right) = \mathcal{U}_j\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_i\right) = 0,$$

then $\lambda_0 \in Z\left(\mathcal{U}_j\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_i\right)\right).$

Also, as

$$j + 1 \leq n_1 + n_2 + \ldots + n_i + n_{i+1},$$

it is

$$\mathcal{U}_{j+1}\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_{i+1}\left(\lambda_0\right)\right) = \mathcal{U}_{j+1}\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_{i+1}\right) \neq 0,$$

and $\lambda_0 \notin Z\left(\mathcal{U}_{j+1}\left(\hat{B}^\Sigma_{i+1}\right)\right).$  

**Note 4.10.** From Theorems 4.5, 4.7 and 4.8 contensions and equalities are deduced between sets

$$\{Z\left(\mathcal{U}_j\left(B|AB|\ldots|A^{i-1}B\right)\right)\} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n, \text{ that are showed in the following scheme in the Figure 1.}$$
are a complete set of invariants for the feedback pointwise class of the system $\Sigma = (A, B)$ reachable of type $(3, m)$, over the ring $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$.

**Corollary 5.3.** The sets of zeroes

$$Z(\mathcal{U}_2(B)) \supseteq Z(\mathcal{U}_3(B)) \supseteq Z(\mathcal{U}_4(B)) \supseteq Z(\mathcal{U}_5(B))$$

are a complete set of invariants for the feedback pointwise class of the system $\Sigma = (A, B)$ reachable of type $(4, m)$, over the ring $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$.

After these general reductions, there are another reductions depending on $n$. For example in the case $n = 5$ we can give the following result.

**Theorem 5.4.** Let be $\Sigma = (A, B)$ a reachable linear dynamical system of type $(5, m)$ over the ring $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$. Then

$$Z(\mathcal{U}_2(B)) \supseteq Z(\mathcal{U}_3(B)) \supseteq Z(\mathcal{U}_4(B)) \supseteq Z(\mathcal{U}_5(B)) \supseteq Z(\mathcal{U}_6(B)) \supseteq Z(\mathcal{U}_7(B))$$

**Proof.** It is enough to prove

$$Z(\mathcal{U}_6(B|AB\ldots A^{n-1}B)) \supseteq Z(\mathcal{U}_3(B))$$

Let be $\lambda_0 \in Z(\mathcal{U}_3(B))$ then $\Sigma(\lambda_0) = (A(\lambda_0), B(\lambda_0))$ is a reachable system over the field $K = \mathbb{R}$. By Brunovsky theorem, $\Sigma(\lambda_0)$ only can be equivalent feedback to a Brunovsky form $\Sigma(\kappa) = (A(\kappa), B(\kappa))$, where $\kappa$ is one of the following partitions for $n = 5$:

- $\kappa_1 = 3 \geq \kappa_2 = 2 > 0$ or
- $\kappa_1 = 4 \geq \kappa_2 = 1 > 0$ or
- $\kappa_1 = 5 > 0$,

where $\mathcal{U}_5(B(\kappa), A(\kappa), B(\kappa)) = (0)$. By the feedback equivalence is

$$\mathcal{U}_6(B(\lambda_0), A(\lambda_0), B(\lambda_0)) = \mathcal{U}_6(B(\kappa), A(\kappa), B(\kappa)) = (0)$$

and $\lambda_0 \in Z(\mathcal{U}_6(B|AB))$.

\[\square\]

6 Conclusion

The problem of obtaining invariants in the pointwise feedback equivalence over $R = C(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$ has been considered. The next step will be to construct a canonical form for each $n$ and the opportunity of stratify the space $\Lambda$ sorting these invariants as a lattice. For example given the table of the Figure 1, open question is to generalize reducing results as Theorem 5.4 and can extend results to the ring $C^k(\Lambda, \mathbb{R})$ where $\Lambda$ is a differentiable manifold or to extend results to the ring of holomorphic functions $H(\Omega)$ where $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$.
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