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ON CANONICAL FORM FOR COMPLETELY  
REACHABLE DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

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INTRODUCTION.

In this paper we investigate the existence of continuous (algebraic) canonical forms for linear, time-invariant, completely reachable dynamical systems on a field  $K$ .

Roughly speaking, the situation is the following: a dynamical system  $\sigma$  is given by a pair  $(F, G)$ ,  $F$  and  $G$  being respectively  $n \times n$  and  $n \times m$  matrices, up to the equivalence induced by a change of basis in state space. A canonical form is the choice of a representative element in the equivalence class of pairs  $(F, G)$  which defines  $\sigma$  (see [9]).

Endowing the set  $SCR(m, n)$  of all completely reachable pairs  $(F, G)$  with a topological structure (if  $K$  coincides with  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ) or with a geometric one (if  $K$  is an algebraically closed field) and interpreting a canonical form as a particular endomorphism  $c$  of  $SCR(m, n)$  (see 1.4), one can demand that  $c$  is also continuous or algebraic. Canonical forms of this kind are useful in e. g. identification problems (see [1, 2, 10]), but, as proved in [5], there are no globally defined continuous (algebraic) canonical forms on  $SCR(m, n)$  when  $m > 1$ .

Here, we describe (see 1.6) the equivalence between local continuous (algebraic) canonical forms and local triviality of a particular vector bundle on the

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variety  $M_{m,n}$  of completely reachable systems (see [5]). This allows us to determine (see 2.4) a class of open subsets of SCR  $(m, n)$ , useful in systems theory, on which there exists a local continuous (algebraic) canonical form. Obviously, the property, for a family  $\Sigma$  of systems, to be contained in one of the previous subsets is sufficient to assure that there is one local continuous (algebraic) canonical form defined for all the elements of  $\Sigma$ . Moreover, we prove (see 2.6) that if  $\Sigma$  is finite and  $K$  has infinitely many elements the above condition is satisfied.

1. - We consider linear time-invariant completely reachable dynamical systems

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= Fx(t) + Gu(t) \quad (\text{continuous time}) \quad \text{and} \\ x(t+1) &= Fx(t) + Gu(t) \quad (\text{discrete time}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $F, G$  are respectively  $n \times n$  and  $n \times m$  matrices with entries in a field  $K$ . I. e. the state space dimension is  $n$  and there are  $m$  inputs.

1.1. - A change of basis in state space changes the pair  $(F, G)$  as follows

$$(F, G) \longmapsto (T \cdot F \cdot T^{-1}, T \cdot G) \quad T \in GL(n, K).$$

Then the systems we are considering are represented by the orbits of the above described action of  $GL(n, K)$  on the set SCR  $(m, n)$  of all completely reachable pairs  $(F, G)$ .

This action may be considered from two different points of view. Namely one may assume that  $K$  coincides with  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  or that  $K$  is an algebraically closed field. So what we have is a continuous action in the first case and an algebraic action in the second (see [3] and [4]).

Our treatment is applicable to both the cases and distinction will be made only when necessary.

1.2. - PROPOSITION. ([5] 3.7 and [7]). Let  $G_{n,r}$  be the Grassman variety of  $n$ -dimensional subspaces  $V^n$  of  $K^r$ ,  $r = (n+1)m$ .

The orbit space  $SCR(m, n) / GL(n, K)$ , denoted  $M_{m, n}$ , is a quasi projective subvariety of  $G_{n, r}$ .

1.3. - Since  $G_{n, r}$  may be considered as the orbit space of the action, given by rows by columns product, of  $GL(n, K)$  on the space  $A_{reg}^{n \times r}$  of all maximal rank  $n \times r$  matrices, the situation of 1.2 may be described by the following commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 SCR(m, n) & \xrightarrow{R} & A_{reg}^{n \times r} \\
 p_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow p_2 \\
 M_{m, n} & \xrightarrow{\text{inclusion}} & G_{n, r}
 \end{array}$$

where  $R$  is the continuous (algebraic) one-one morphism defined by

$$R(F, G) = (G \quad FG \quad F^2G \dots F^nG)$$

and where  $p_1, p_2$  are the projection onto the orbit spaces .

1.4. - DEFINITION . Let  $L \subset A_{reg}^{n \times r}$  be a  $GL(n, K)$ -invariant subspace . A continuous (algebraic) canonical form on  $L$  is a continuous (algebraic) morphism

$$c : L \longrightarrow L \text{ such that}$$

- i)  $c(S) = c(S')$  iff  $S, S' \in L$  are  $GL(n, K)$ -equivalent ;
- ii)  $S$  and  $c(S)$  are  $GL(n, K)$ -equivalent for any  $S \in L$ .

1.5. - Let  $L^* = R^{-1}(L) \subset SCR(m, n)$ . Since  $SCR(m, n)$  is isomorphic to its  $R$ -image, a canonical form  $c$  on  $L$  defines a morphism (see [8] 2.2.)

$$c^* : L^* \longrightarrow L^*$$

which verifies i), ii) of 1.4 modified in the obvious way .

Then  $c^*$  is a continuous (algebraic) canonical form for the completely reachable systems which belong to  $L^*$ .

The question whether a canonical form exists on a given subset of SCR  $(m, n)$  is motivated by e. g. identification of systems theory. To investigate this problem we first need the following .

1.6. - PROPOSITION. - Let  $\gamma = (E, p, G_{n,r})$  be the  $n$ -dimensional (algebraic) canonical vector bundle over  $G_{n,r}$  (see [6] 2.2.5) and let  $L \subset A_{reg}^{n \times r}$ . Then there exists a continuous (algebraic) canonical form  $c$  on  $L$  iff the restricted bundle  $\gamma|_{p_2(L)}$  is trivial.

Proof. The existence of a continuous (algebraic) canonical form  $c$  on  $L$  is equivalent to the existence of a continuous (algebraic) morphism

$$\tilde{c} : p_2(L) \longrightarrow L$$

such that  $p_2 \cdot \tilde{c} = \text{identity}$  .

Now,  $\gamma|_{p_2(L)}$  is trivial iff there is an isomorphism

$$\alpha : p_2(L) \times K^n \longrightarrow E|_{p_2(L)} \text{ given by}$$

$$\alpha(x, v) = (x, v \cdot S_x) \text{ where } S_x \in A_{reg}^{n \times r} \text{ and}$$

$$\tilde{c} : x \longrightarrow S_x$$

is a continuous (algebraic) morphism between  $p_2(L)$  and  $L$  such that  $p_2 \cdot \tilde{c} = \text{identity}$  .

1.7. - The bundle  $\gamma$  is non trivial and also  $\gamma|_{M_{m,n}}$  is non trivial if the considered systems have more than one input (i. e.  $m > 1$ ) (see [5] 6.2.) .

Our purpose is then to describe a proper subset of  $G_{n,r}$  , useful in systems theory, on which  $\gamma$  is trivial .

2. - We consider the classical embedding of  $G_{n,r}$  into  $\mathbb{P}^N$ ,  $N = \binom{r}{n} - 1$ , obtained denoting by  $x_0, \dots, x_N$  the grassmann coordinates, lexicographically ordered, of  $V^n$ .

Let  $\lambda$  denote a linear homogeneous form in the coordinates  $x_0, \dots, x_N$  or, equivalently, a hyperplane of  $\mathbb{P}^N$ . Both the intersection subvariety  $\lambda \cdot G_{n,r}$  and the

corresponding set of  $V^n$  in  $K^r$  will be denoted by  $[\lambda]$ .

2.1. DEFINITIONS (see [11] 2) For any linear homogeneous form  $\lambda$ ,  $[\lambda]$  is called linear complex.

A linear complex  $[\lambda]$  is called special if it represent the set of all  $V^n$  of  $K^r$  which meet a fixed  $V^{r-n}$ , axis of the complex, in a proper subspace.

2.2. - PROPOSITION. A linear complex  $[\lambda]$  is a special linear complex with axis a fixed  $V^{r-n}$  iff the coefficients of  $\lambda$  are the grassmann coherdinate, antilexicographically ordered, of the  $V^{r-n}$ .

Proof. Expand by Laplace rule, respect to the first  $n$  rows, the determinant of the  $r \times r$  matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} S \\ S_0 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $S \in A_{reg}^{n \times r}$  and  $S_0$  is an  $(r-n) \times r$  matrix whose rows span the fixed  $V^{r-n}$ .

Given a linear complex  $[\lambda]$  we denote by  $W_\lambda$  the open subvariety of  $G_{n,r}$  of the points  $x \in G_{n,r}$  such that  $x \notin [\lambda]$ .

2.3. -REMARK - i) Consider for any  $i = 0, \dots, N$  the linear homogeneous form  $x_i$ . We have that  $[x_i]$  is a special linear complex and, in particular, the axis of  $[x_0]$  is the  $V^{r-n} \langle e_{n+1}, \dots, e_r \rangle$ .

ii) The bundle  $\gamma \mid W_{x_i}$  is trivial for any  $i = 0, \dots, N$  (see [6] 3.1.4).

A continuous (algebraic) canonical form on  $L_i = p_2^{-1}(W_{x_i})$  is given by

$$L_i \ni S \longmapsto (S_i)^{-1} \cdot S$$

where  $\det(S_i)$  is the  $i$ -th coherdinate of  $p_2(S)$ .

2.4. -PROPOSITION Let  $[\lambda]$  be a special linear complex, then  $\gamma \mid W_\lambda$  is trivial.

Proof. Let  $\rho: K^r \longrightarrow K^r$  be a change of basis such that the  $\rho$ -image of the  $V^{r-n} \langle e_{n+1}, \dots, e_r \rangle$ , axis of  $[x_0]$ , is the  $V^{r-n}$  axis of  $[\lambda]$ .

$\rho$  induces a continuous (algebraic) automorphisme  $\rho^*$  of  $\gamma$  and, since

$$\rho^*(\gamma \mid W_{x_0}) = \gamma \mid W_\lambda \text{ (see [8] 4.5), by 2.3 ii) } \gamma \mid W_\lambda \text{ is trivial.}$$

2.5. -COROLLARY. Let  $L \subset A_{\text{reg}}^{n \times r}$ . A sufficient condition for the existence of a continuous (algebraic) canonical form on  $L$  is that there exists a special linear complex  $[\lambda]$  with  $p_2(L) \subset W_\lambda$ .

2.6. -PROPOSITION Let the field  $K$  have infinitely many elements and let  $L = \{S_1, \dots, S_n\} \times GL(n, K) \subset A_{\text{reg}}^{n \times r}$ . Then there exists a special linear complex  $[\lambda]$  such that  $p_2(L) \subset W_\lambda$ .

Proof. Let

$A_i = \{S \in A_{\text{reg}}^{(r-n) \times r} \text{ such that } \det \begin{pmatrix} S \\ S^i \end{pmatrix} \neq 0, i = 1, \dots, n\}$   
 $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$  is non empty (see [8] 4.4), let  $X$  be a point in  $\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$ . We have that  $\det \begin{pmatrix} T \cdot S_i \\ X \end{pmatrix} \neq 0$  for  $T \in GL(n, k), i = 1, \dots, n$  and so the conclusion follows from 2.2.

2.7. -EXAMPLES Let  $[\lambda]$  be a special linear complex and let  $L_\lambda = p_2^{-1}(W_\lambda)$ . By 2.3 ii) and 2.4 a continuous (algebraic) canonical forme on  $L_\lambda$  is the following : let  $\rho$  be as in 2.4 and let  $Y$  denote the associated  $r \times r$  non singular matrix, then

$$L_\lambda \ni S \longrightarrow ((S \cdot Y^{-1})_0)^{-1} \cdot S.$$

In [8] 5 there are examples of families of systems, verifying the condition of 2.5, on wich the " classical " canonical form of 2.3 ii) are not defined .

In the same paper a canonical form of the above kind for these families is described .

Here we show that the condition of 2.5 is not necessary for the existence of continuous canonical form on connected subsets of SCR  $(m, n)$  (see also [5] 7.2. ). At this aim assume  $K = \mathbb{C}, n = 4, m = 3$  and denote grassmann cohordinates by

$$x_i^1 i_2^1 i_3^1 i_4^1.$$

Let  $V_1 = \{ x \in M_{3,4} \text{ such that}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} &= 0 && \text{if } \{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4\} \not\subset \{1, 2, 3\} \\ x_{1235} + x_{1236} &= 0 \\ x_{1235} x_{1239} &= (x_{1234})^2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$V_2 = \{ x \in M_{3,4} \text{ such that}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{i_1 i_2 i_3 i_4} &= 0 && \text{if } \{i_1, i_2, i_3, i_4\} \not\subset \{1, 2, 3\} \\ x_{1234} x_{1236} &= (x_{1235})^2 \\ x_{1235} x_{1237} &= (x_{1236})^2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

Then  $p_1^{-1}(V_1) = L_1 = \{ (F_t, C) \times GL(n, K) \subset SCR(3, 4) \text{ with}$

$$F_t = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ t & 1 & 1 & t^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad t \in \mathbb{C}, \quad G = \begin{bmatrix} I_3 \\ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \}$$

$p_1^{-1}(V_2) = L_2 = \{ (F'_s, G) \times GL(n, K) \subset SCR(3, 4) \text{ with}$

$$F'_s = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 1 & s & s^2 & s^3 \end{bmatrix} \quad s \in \mathbb{C}, \quad G = \begin{bmatrix} I_3 \\ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \}$$

$L_1 \cup L_2$  is connected since  $L_1 \cap L_2 = (F_1, G) \times GL(n, K) = (F'_1, G) \times GL(n, K)$ .

The maps

$$c_1 : L_1 \longrightarrow L_1 \quad \text{and} \quad c_2 : L_2 \longrightarrow L_2$$

defined respectively as

$$c_1((F_t, G), T) = (F_t, G) \quad \text{and} \quad c_2((F'_s, G), T) = (F'_s, G)$$

are both continuous canonical forms on  $L_1$  and on  $L_2$ .

Since  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  coincide on  $L_1 \cap L_2$ , the map  $c : L_1 \cup L_2 \longrightarrow L_1 \cup L_2$  defined as



$$c(A, B) = \begin{cases} c_1(A, B) & \text{if } (A, B) \in L_1 \\ c_2(A, B) & \text{if } (A, B) \in L_2 \end{cases}$$

is a continuous canonical form on  $L_1 \cup L_2$ .

Moreover if  $\lambda$  is a linear homogeneous form and  $a_{1234}$  denotes the coefficient of  $x_{1234}$  in  $\lambda$ , then if  $a_{1234} = 0, \lambda(p_1(F'_0, G)) = 0$  and, if  $a_{1234} \neq 0$ , there exists  $\bar{t} \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\lambda(p_1(F_{\bar{t}}, G)) = 0$ .

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