

Nonholonomic car

Let us consider the following nonlinear ordinary differential system:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eqs} &= \left\{ x'[t] \rightarrow v[t] \cos[\theta[t]], y'[t] \rightarrow v[t] \sin[\theta[t]], \theta'[t] \rightarrow \frac{v[t]}{1} \tan[\varphi[t]] \right\}; \\ \text{vars} &= \{x[t], y[t], \theta[t], v[t], \varphi[t]\}; \\ \text{TableForm}[\text{eqs}] \\ x'[t] &\rightarrow \cos[\theta[t]] v[t] \\ y'[t] &\rightarrow \sin[\theta[t]] v[t] \\ \theta'[t] &\rightarrow \frac{\tan[\varphi[t]] v[t]}{1} \end{aligned}$$

Let us introduce the Ore algebra A defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{replA} &= \text{ModelToReplacementRules}[\text{eqs}, t]; \\ \text{A} &= \text{OreAlgebraWithRelations}[\text{Der}[t], \text{replA}] \\ \mathbb{K}(t) [D_t; 1, D_t] \end{aligned}$$

and the matrix R of ordinary differential operators, which defines the generic linearization of the above nonlinear system

$$\text{MatrixForm}[R = \text{ToOrePolynomialD}[\text{eqs}, \text{vars}, \text{A}]]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} D_t & 0 & \sin[\theta[t]] v[t] & -\cos[\theta[t]] & 0 \\ 0 & D_t & -\cos[\theta[t]] v[t] & -\sin[\theta[t]] & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & D_t & -\frac{\tan[\varphi[t]]}{1} & -\frac{\sec[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t]}{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

and the left A-module, finitely presented by R, defined by $M = A^{1 \times 5} / A^{1 \times 3} R$.

Let us compute the adjoint of R:

$$\text{MatrixForm}[\text{Radj} = \text{Involution}[R, \text{A}]]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -D_t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -D_t & 0 \\ \sin[\theta[t]] v[t] & -\cos[\theta[t]] v[t] & -D_t \\ -\cos[\theta[t]] & -\sin[\theta[t]] & -\frac{\tan[\varphi[t]]}{1} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{\sec[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t]}{1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Let us check whether or not M is torsion-free:

$$\begin{aligned} \{\text{Ann}, \text{Rp}, Q\} &= \text{Exti}[\text{Radj}, \text{A}, 1]; \\ \text{MatrixForm}[\text{Ann}] \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{MatrixForm}[\text{Rp}]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -1 v[t] D_t & \tan[\varphi[t]] v[t] & \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t]^2 \\ 0 & -D_t & \cos[\theta[t]] v[t] & \sin[\theta[t]] & 0 \\ D_t & 0 & \sin[\theta[t]] v[t] & -\cos[\theta[t]] & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \left\{ -1 \cos[\theta[t]] v[t], -1 \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 \sin[\theta[t]] v[t]^4 \right\}, \right. \\ & \left\{ -1 \sin[\theta[t]] v[t], 1 \cos[\theta[t]] \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t]^4 \right\}, \\ & \left\{ -\tan[\varphi[t]] v[t], 1 \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t]^3 D_t + \right. \\ & \quad \left. (4 1 \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t]^2 v'[t] + 2 1 \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 \tan[\varphi[t]] v[t]^3 \varphi'[t]) \right\}, \\ & \left\{ -1 v[t] D_t - 1 v'[t], -\sec[\varphi[t]]^2 \tan[\varphi[t]] v[t]^5 \right\}, \\ & \left\{ -1 \varphi'[t], 1^2 v[t]^2 D_t^2 + (7 1^2 v[t] v'[t] + 4 1^2 \tan[\varphi[t]] v[t]^2 \varphi'[t]) D_t + \right. \\ & \quad \left. (\tan[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t]^4 + 8 1^2 v'[t]^2 + 14 1^2 \tan[\varphi[t]] v[t] v'[t] \varphi'[t] + 4 1^2 \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. v[t]^2 \varphi'[t]^2 - 2 1^2 \cos[2 \varphi[t]] \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t]^2 \varphi'[t]^2 + 4 1^2 v[t] v''[t] - \right. \\ & \quad \left. 1^2 \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 \sin[2 \varphi[t]] v[t]^2 \varphi''[t] + 4 1^2 \tan[\varphi[t]] v[t]^2 \varphi''[t]) \right\} \} \end{aligned}$$

Since the first matrix is identity, M is torsion-free, which proves that the generic linearization is controllable. Let us now check whether or not M is free, i.e. that generic linearization is flat.

T = LeftInverse[Q, A]

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \left\{ -\frac{\cos[\theta[t]]}{1 v[t]}, -\frac{\sin[\theta[t]]}{1 v[t]}, 0, 0, 0 \right\}, \right. \\ & \left. \left\{ -\frac{\cos[\varphi[t]]^2 \sin[\theta[t]]}{1 v[t]^4}, \frac{\cos[\theta[t]] \cos[\varphi[t]]^2}{1 v[t]^4}, 0, 0, 0 \right\} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Since Q admits a left inverse T, we conclude that M is a free left A-module of rank 2. In particular, a basis of M, i.e. a flat output

$\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2)$ of the generic linearization is defined by

ApplyMatrix[T, vars]

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ -\frac{1}{1 v[t]} (\cos[\theta[t]] x[t] + \sin[\theta[t]] y[t]), \right. \\ & \left. \frac{1}{1 v[t]^4} \cos[\varphi[t]]^2 (-\sin[\theta[t]] x[t] + \cos[\theta[t]] y[t]) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, a parametrization of the flat system is defined by

Thread[vars -> ApplyMatrix[Q, {ξ₁[t], ξ₂[t]}]]

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ x[t] \rightarrow -1 v[t] (\cos[\theta[t]] \xi_1[t] + \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 \sin[\theta[t]] v[t]^3 \xi_2[t]), \right. \\ & y[t] \rightarrow -1 \sin[\theta[t]] v[t] \xi_1[t] + 1 \cos[\theta[t]] \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t]^4 \xi_2[t], \\ & \theta[t] \rightarrow v[t] (-\tan[\varphi[t]] \xi_1[t] + \\ & \quad 1 \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t] (2 \xi_2[t] (2 v'[t] + \tan[\varphi[t]] v[t] \varphi'[t]) + v[t] \xi_2'[t])), \\ & v[t] \rightarrow -\sec[\varphi[t]]^2 \tan[\varphi[t]] v[t]^5 \xi_2[t] - 1 \xi_1[t] v'[t] - 1 v[t] \xi_1'[t], \\ & \varphi[t] \rightarrow -1 \xi_1[t] \varphi'[t] + 1^2 v[t] (7 v'[t] + 4 \tan[\varphi[t]] v[t] \varphi'[t]) \xi_2'[t] + \\ & \quad \xi_2[t] (\tan[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t]^4 + 8 1^2 v'[t]^2 + \\ & \quad 2 1^2 v[t] (7 \tan[\varphi[t]] v'[t] \varphi'[t] + 2 v''[t]) - 1^2 \sec[\varphi[t]]^2 v[t]^2 \\ & \quad (2 (-2 + \cos[2 \varphi[t]]) \varphi'[t]^2 - \sin[2 \varphi[t]] \varphi''[t])) + 1^2 v[t]^2 \xi_2''[t] \} \end{aligned}$$

From this point we will use some procedures which are not freely available (see NLControl website <http://www.nlcontrol.ioc.ee>).

Let us check if the flat output of the generic linearization can be simply lifted to flat outputs of the nonlinear system. To do that we consider the one-forms corresponding to the flat outputs of the generic linearization. We try to integrate them.

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BookForm[difs = ApplyMatrixD[T, {x[t], y[t], θ[t], u1[t], u2[t]}]]
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$$\left\{ -\frac{\cos[\theta[t]]}{l v[t]} dx[t] - \frac{\sin[\theta[t]]}{l v[t]} dy[t], \right. \\ \left. \frac{\cos[\theta[t]] \cos[\varphi[t]]^2}{l v[t]^4} dy[t] - \frac{\cos[\varphi[t]]^2 \sin[\theta[t]]}{l v[t]^4} dx[t] \right\}$$

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BookForm[sp = SimplifyBasis[SpanK[difs, t]]]
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SpanK[dx[t], dy[t]]
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IntegrateOneForms[sp]
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{x[t], y[t]}
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Finally we obtain that x and y define a flat output of the nonlinear system.