

Homework 4

In some special coordinates, the kinematic model of the N-trailer system is described by the following system:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ x_3 & 0 \\ x_4 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{Where } \dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n \end{pmatrix}$$

What is given is also H_2 , of $\dim H_2 = n - 2$:

$$H_2 = \text{span}\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_{n-2}\} = \text{span}\{-x_3 dx_1 + dx_2, -x_4 dx_1 + dx_3, \dots\}$$

Where the basis 1 and 2 can be written as:

$$\omega_1 = [-x_3 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0] \begin{pmatrix} dx_1 \\ dx_2 \\ \vdots \\ dx_n \end{pmatrix}; \quad \omega_2 = [-x_4 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0] \begin{pmatrix} dx_1 \\ dx_2 \\ \vdots \\ dx_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Exercise 1:

Compute the $n - 4$ remaining basis vectors of H_2 in the form of row vectors. Write the corresponding 1-forms ω_3 and ω_{n-2} .

In general, a basis has the form:

$$\omega_i = [-x_{i+2} \ \dots \ 0 \ \dots \ 1_{i+1} \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0] \begin{pmatrix} dx_1 \\ dx_2 \\ \vdots \\ dx_n \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \text{in one form: } \omega_i = -x_{i+2} dx_1 + dx_{i+1}$$

Where 1_{i+1} means it has a 1 at the $(i+1)$ -th position, preceded and followed by zeros.

One forms of bases 3 and $n-2$:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_3 &= -x_5 dx_1 + dx_4 \\ \omega_{n-2} &= -x_n dx_1 + dx_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2:

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega_1 &= -x_3 dx_1 + dx_2 \\
\dot{\omega}_1 &= -\dot{x}_3 dx_1 - x_3 d\dot{x}_1 + d\dot{x}_2 = \\
&= -(x_4 u_1) dx_1 - x_3 d(x_1) + d(x_2) = \\
&= -x_4 u_1 dx_1 - x_3 d(u_1) + d(x_3 u_1) = \\
&= -x_4 u_1 dx_1 - x_3 du_1 + (dx_3 u_1 + x_3 du_1) = \\
&= -x_4 u_1 dx_1 + dx_3 u_1 = \\
&= (-x_4 dx_1 + dx_3) u_1 = \\
&= \omega_2 u_1
\end{aligned}$$

So $\dot{\omega}_1 \in H_2$

Exercise 3:

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega_2 &= -x_4 dx_1 + dx_3 \\
\dot{\omega}_2 &= -\dot{x}_4 dx_1 - x_4 d\dot{x}_1 + d\dot{x}_3 = \\
&= -(x_5 u_1) dx_1 - x_4 d(u_1) + d(x_4 u_1) = \\
&= -x_5 u_1 dx_1 - x_4 du_1 + (dx_4 u_1 + x_4 du_1) = \\
&= -x_5 u_1 dx_1 + dx_4 u_1 = \\
&= (-x_5 dx_1 + dx_4) u_1 = \\
&= \omega_3 u_1
\end{aligned}$$

So $\dot{\omega}_2 \in H_2$

Exercise 4:

$$\begin{aligned}
\omega_{n-2} &= -x_n dx_1 + dx_{n-1} \\
\dot{\omega}_{n-2} &= -\dot{x}_n dx_1 - x_n d\dot{x}_1 + d\dot{x}_{n-1} = \\
&= -(u_2) dx_1 - x_n d(u_1) + d(x_n u_1) = \\
&= -u_2 dx_1 - x_n du_1 + dx_n u_1 + x_n du_1 = \\
&= -dx_1 u_2 + dx_n u_1
\end{aligned}$$

So $\dot{\omega}_{n-2} \notin H_2$

Exercise 5:

$$H_3 = \text{span}\{\omega_1, \dots, \omega_{n-3}\}$$