

A constructive version of Warfield's Theorem

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1. INTRODUCTION

2. ISOMORPHISMS AND EQUIVALENT MATRICES

In this section, we recall the characterization of morphisms between finitely presented left D -modules, as well as results of Fitting and Warfield which rely isomorphic left D -modules to matrix conjugation.

2.1 Effective version of Fitting's Theorem

Consider two left D -modules M and M' with finite presentations:

$$D^{1 \times q} \xrightarrow{\cdot R} D^{1 \times p} \xrightarrow{\pi} M \longrightarrow 0,$$

$$D^{1 \times q'} \xrightarrow{\cdot R'} D^{1 \times p'} \xrightarrow{\pi'} M' \longrightarrow 0,$$

namely, *exact sequences* (see Rotman (2009)), where $R \in D^{q \times p}$, $(\cdot R)(\mu) = \mu R$, for every $\mu \in D^{1 \times q}$ and π is the natural projection on $M = D^{1 \times p} / (D^{1 \times q} R)$ (similarly for R' and π').

From Rotman (2009), there exists $f \in \text{hom}_D(M, M')$ if and only if there exist matrices $P \in D^{p \times p'}$ and $Q \in D^{q \times q'}$ such that $RP = QR'$ and

$$\forall \lambda \in D^{1 \times p}, f(\pi(\lambda)) = \pi'(\lambda P).$$

Hence, the following diagram is exact and commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} D^{1 \times q} & \xrightarrow{\cdot R} & D^{1 \times p} & \xrightarrow{\pi} & M \longrightarrow 0 \\ \cdot Q \downarrow & & \cdot P \downarrow & & f \downarrow \\ D^{1 \times q'} & \xrightarrow{\cdot R'} & D^{1 \times p'} & \xrightarrow{\pi'} & M' \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

We let $n := q + p' + p + q'$ and $m := p + p'$. The two $n \times m$ matrices

$$L := \begin{pmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_{p'} \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad L' := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \text{id}_p & 0 \\ 0 & R' \end{pmatrix}, \quad (1)$$

induce finite presentations: $M \simeq D^{1 \times m} / (D^{1 \times n} L)$ and $M' \simeq D^{1 \times m} / (D^{1 \times n} L')$. In Cluzeau and Quadrat (2011),

an effective version of a result due to Fitting (1936) is given. If f is an isomorphism, then L and L' are equivalent: there exist 6 matrices $R_2 \in D^{r \times q}$, $R'_2 \in D^{r' \times q'}$, $Z_2 \in D^{p \times q}$, $Z'_2 \in D^{q \times r}$, $Z'_2 \in D^{q' \times r'}$, $Z \in D^{p \times q}$ and $Z' \in D^{p' \times q'}$ and two invertible matrices of size m and n

$$X_F := \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_p & P \\ -P' & \text{id}_{p'} - P'P \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Y_F := \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_q & 0 & R & Q \\ 0 & \text{id}_{p'} & -P' & Z' \\ -Z & P & 0 & PZ' - ZQ \\ -Q' & -R' & 0 & Z'_2 R'_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

with inverses

$$X_F^- := \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_p - PP' & -P \\ P' & \text{id}_{p'} \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad Y_F^- := \begin{pmatrix} Z_2 R_2 & 0 & -R & -Q \\ P'Z - Z'Q' & 0 & P' & -Z' \\ Z & -P & \text{id}_p & 0 \\ Q' & R' & 0 & \text{id}_{q'} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3)$$

such that

$$L' = Y_F^- L X_F. \quad (4)$$

In other words, the following diagram is exact commutative

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} D^{1 \times n} & \xrightarrow{\cdot L} & D^{1 \times m} & \xrightarrow{\pi \oplus 0} & M \longrightarrow 0 \\ \cdot Y_W \downarrow & \uparrow \cdot Y_W^- & \cdot X_W \downarrow & \uparrow \cdot X_W^- & f \downarrow \uparrow f^- \\ D^{1 \times n} & \xrightarrow{\cdot L'} & D^{1 \times m} & \xrightarrow{0 \oplus \pi'} & M' \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

2.2 Warfield's Theorem

A result due to Warfield (1978) asserts that the size of 0 and id blocs in (1) can be reduced, whereas the new matrices are still equivalent. This result is based on the notion of *stable rank*. The definition of the latter requires to introduce various notions that we present now.

A column vector $u := (u_1 \cdots u_k)^T \in D^{k \times 1}$ is called *unimodular* if there exists a line $v \in D^{1 \times k}$ such that $vu = 1$. Moreover, u is said to be *stable* if there exist $d_1, \dots, d_{k-1} \in D$ such that $(u_1 + d_1 u_k \cdots u_{k-1} + d_{k-1} u_k)$ is unimodular. An integer r is said to be in the *stable rank* of D if whenever $k > r$, every column $u \in D^{k \times 1}$ is stable. The *stable rank* $\text{sr}(D)$ of D is the smallest integer in the *stable rank* of D .

Assume that the two matrices (1) are equivalent, then Warfield's Theorem asserts that if there exist two integers r and s such that

$$\begin{cases} s \leq \min(p + q', q + p'), \\ \text{sr}(D) \leq \max(p + q' - s, q + p' - s), \\ r \leq \min(p, p'), \\ \text{sr}(D) \leq \max(p - r, p' - r), \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

then the following $(n - r - s) \times (m - r)$ matrices are equivalent

$$\bar{L} := \begin{pmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_{p'-r} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{L}' := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \text{id}_{p-r} & 0 \\ 0 & R' \end{pmatrix}, \quad (6)$$

and induce finite presentations of M and M' , respectively.

In the next section, we introduce a procedure which computes invertible matrices X_W and Y_W such that

$$\bar{L}' = Y_W^- \bar{L} X_W.$$

3. EFFECTIVE WARFIELD'S THEOREM

Throughout this Section, we fix some notations. Let M and M' be two left D -modules, isomorphic with $f : M \xrightarrow{\sim} M'$, finitely presented by matrices $R \in D^{q \times p}$ and $R' \in D^{q' \times p'}$, respectively, and let L, L', X_F, Y_F, X_F^- and Y_F^- be the matrices defined in (1) (2) and (3). Let $m := q + p' + p + q'$ and $n := p + p'$. Given a nonzero integer k , we let $\bar{k} := k - 1$. For $1 \leq i \leq k$, the i -th vector of the canonical basis of $D^{1 \times k}$ is written e_i^k .

3.1 Reduction of the zero bloc

In this section, we present the procedure for removing one 0 in L and L' . Inductive applications of this procedure enables us to remove many 0. Without loss of generalities, we may suppose that $q + p' \leq p + q'$, and we assume that $\text{sr}(D) \leq \overline{p + q'}$, so that the hypotheses of (5) are fulfilled for $s = 1$. Our purpose is to show that the following $\bar{n} \times m$ matrices are equivalent:

$$\bar{L} := \begin{pmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_{p'} \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{L}' := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \text{id}_p & 0 \\ 0 & R' \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proposition 1. There exist $\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{u} \in D^{1 \times p}$ and $\mathbf{d}, \mathbf{v} \in D^{1 \times q'}$ such that

$$(0 \ \mathbf{c} \ \mathbf{d}) \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{q+p'} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_p & 0 & \mathbf{u}^T \\ 0 & 0 & \text{id}_{q'} & \mathbf{v}^T \end{pmatrix} Y_F (e_{q+p'}^n)^T = 1. \quad (7)$$

Proof. Getting terms of the p' -th column and p' -th line in the relation $\text{id}_{p'} = P'P + Z'R'$, we get the following:

$$\sum_{k=1}^p P'_{p'k} P_{kp'} + \sum_{k=1}^{q'} Z'_{p'k} R'_{kp'} = 1.$$

From $\text{sr}(D) \leq \overline{p + q'}$, we deduce that there exist $c_1, \dots, c_p, d_1, \dots, d_{q'}, u_1, \dots, u_p, v_1, \dots, v_{q'} \in D$ such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^p c_k (P_{kp'} + u_k R'_{q'p'}) + \sum_{k=1}^{q'} d_k (R'_{kp'} + v_k R'_{q'p'}) = 1. \quad (8)$$

Letting $\mathbf{c} := (c_1, \dots, c_p)$, $\mathbf{d} := (-d_1, \dots, -d_{q'})$,

$\mathbf{u} := (-u_1, \dots, -u_p)$ and $\mathbf{v} := (v_1, \dots, v_{q'})$, the hand side of (8) is the left hand side of (7), which proves Proposition 1.

With the notations of Proposition 1, we introduce the lines $\tilde{\ell} \in D^{1 \times \bar{n}}$ and $\ell \in D^{1 \times n}$ defined as follows:

$$\tilde{\ell} := (0 \ \mathbf{c} \ \mathbf{d}) \quad \text{and} \quad \ell := (0 \ \mathbf{c} \ \mathbf{d} \ 0),$$

as well as the matrices $U \in D^{n \times n}$, $F \in D^{\bar{n} \times n}$ defined as follows:

$$U := \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{q+p'} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_p & 0 & \mathbf{u}^T \\ 0 & 0 & \text{id}_{q'} & \mathbf{v}^T \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad F := (\text{id}_{\bar{n}} \ 0) U Y_F.$$

From Relation (7) and

$$F = \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{q+p'} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_p & 0 & \mathbf{u}^T \\ 0 & 0 & \text{id}_{q'} & \mathbf{v}^T \end{pmatrix} Y_F,$$

we get:

$$1 = \tilde{\ell} F (e_{q+p'}^n)^T = \ell U Y_F (e_{q+p'}^n)^T. \quad (9)$$

We consider the matrices $\text{pr}, \text{pr}' \in D^{n \times \bar{n}}$

$$\text{pr} := \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{\bar{n}} - F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T \tilde{\ell} \\ \tilde{\ell} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\text{pr}' := (\text{id}_n - (e_{q+p'}^n)^T \ell U Y_F) \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{q+p'} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_{p+q'} \end{pmatrix},$$

and $\iota, \iota' \in D^{\bar{n} \times n}$

$$\iota := (\text{id}_{\bar{n}} - F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T \tilde{\ell} \ F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T), \quad \iota' := \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{q+p'} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \text{id}_{p+q'} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Proposition 2. We have the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad \iota \text{pr} &= \text{id}_{\bar{n}}, & (3) \quad \ker(\cdot \text{pr}) &= D\ell, \\ (2) \quad \iota' \text{pr}' &= \text{id}_{\bar{n}}, & (4) \quad \ker(\cdot \text{pr}') &= D\ell U Y_F. \end{aligned}$$

Proof.

- (1) From (9), we have $(F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T \tilde{\ell})^2 = F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T \tilde{\ell}$, from which we deduce $\iota \text{pr} = \text{id}_{\bar{n}}$ by computing the matrix product.
- (2) We have $\iota'(e_{q+p'}^n)^T = 0$, from which we deduce $\iota' \text{pr}' = \text{id}_{\bar{n}}$ by computing the matrix product.
- (3) Considering the isomorphism $D^{1 \times n} \simeq D^{1 \times \bar{n}} \oplus D$, we have $\text{pr} = \text{pr}_1 \text{pr}_2$, where $\text{pr}_1 \in D^{n \times n}$ and $\text{pr}_2 \in D^{n \times \bar{n}}$ are defined as follows:

$$\text{pr}_1 := \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{\bar{n}} - F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T \tilde{\ell} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{pr}_2 := \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{\bar{n}} \\ \tilde{\ell} \end{pmatrix}.$$

From (9), $\text{im}(\text{pr}_1)$ is included in $\ker(.F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T) \oplus D$ and the restriction of pr_2 to the latter is injective: for $(u, x) \in (\ker(.F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T) \oplus D) \cap \ker(\text{pr}_2)$, we have $u + x\tilde{\ell} = 0$, which gives $x = 0$ and $u = 0$ by (9). Hence, we have $\ker(\text{pr}) = \ker(\text{pr}_1)$, that is $\ker(\text{id}_{\bar{n}} - .F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T \tilde{\ell}) \oplus 0$. We conclude by showing $\ker(\text{id}_{\bar{n}} - .F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T \tilde{\ell}) = D\tilde{\ell}$: the right to left inclusion is due to (9), and the other one is due to the relation $x = (x F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T) \tilde{\ell}$, for every x in $\ker(\text{id}_{\bar{n}} - .F(e_{q+p'}^n)^T \tilde{\ell})$.

- (4) From (9), we have $D\ell UY_F \subseteq \ker(\text{pr}')$. The converse inclusion is due to the relation $x = x_{q+p'} \ell UY_F$, for every $x \in \ker(\text{pr}')$. Indeed, the first $q + \bar{p}'$ and the last $p + q'$ columns of x and $x_{q+p'} \ell UY_F$ are equal since $x \in \ker(\text{pr}')$ implies

$$x \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{q+\bar{p}'} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_{p+q'} \end{pmatrix} = x_{q+p'} \ell UY_F \begin{pmatrix} \text{id}_{q+\bar{p}'} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \text{id}_{p+q'} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Moreover, the $q + p'$ -th columns of $x_{q+p'} \ell UY_F$ is computed by right multiplication by $(e_{q+p'}^n)^T$ and is equal to $x_{q+p'}$ from (9).

Theorem 3. With the previous notations, we let

$$X_W := X_F, \quad Y_W := \iota UY_F \text{pr}',$$

$$X_W^- := X_F, \quad Y_W^- := \iota' Y_F^- U^- \text{pr}.$$

The following diagram is exact and commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} D^{1 \times \bar{n}} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{L}} & D^{1 \times m} & \xrightarrow{\pi \oplus 0} & M & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \downarrow Y_W & \uparrow Y_W^- & \downarrow X_W & \uparrow X_W^- & f & \uparrow f^- & \\ D^{1 \times \bar{n}} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{L}'} & D^{1 \times m} & \xrightarrow{0 \oplus \pi'} & M' & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array}$$

In particular, we have

$$\tilde{L}' = Y_W^- \tilde{L} X_W.$$

Proof. We only have to show that the diagram is commutative.

First, we show that Y_W and Y_W^- are inverse to each other. From Proposition 2, the lines of the following diagram are exact

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} D & \xrightarrow{\cdot \ell} & D^{1 \times n} & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} & D^{1 \times \bar{n}} & \longrightarrow & 0 \\ \text{id}_D \downarrow & & \downarrow UY_F & \uparrow Y_F^- U^- & \downarrow Y_W & \uparrow Y_W^- & \\ D & \xrightarrow{\cdot \ell UY_F} & D^{1 \times n} & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}'} & D^{1 \times \bar{n}} & \longrightarrow & 0 \end{array} \quad (10)$$

Moreover, it is also commutative. Indeed, $\text{pr} Y_W$ is equal to $\text{pr} \iota UY_F \text{pr}'$ and from 1 of Proposition 2, we have $\text{im}(\text{pr} \iota - \text{id}_n) \subseteq \ker(\text{pr})$. By commutativity of the left rectangle and by exactness of the lines of (10), we have $(\text{pr} \iota - \text{id}_n) UY_F \text{pr}' = 0$, so that $\text{pr} Y_W = UY_F \text{pr}'$. In the same manner, we show that $Y_F^- U^- \text{pr} = \text{pr}' Y_W^-$.

By commutativity and exactness of (10) and from the equations $UY_F Y_F^- U^- = Y_F^- U^- UY_F = \text{id}_n$, we get $Y_W Y_W^- = Y_W^- Y_W = \text{id}_{\bar{n}}$.

Moreover, $Y_W \tilde{L}' = \tilde{L} X_F$ and $Y_W^- \tilde{L} = \tilde{L}' X_F^-$ follow from the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} D^{1 \times \bar{n}} & \xleftarrow[\text{pr}]{\cdot \ell} & D^{1 \times n} & \xleftarrow[U^-]{U} & D^{1 \times n} & \xleftarrow[Y_F^-]{Y_F} & D^{1 \times n} \xleftarrow[\iota']{\text{pr}'} D^{1 \times \bar{n}} \\ \downarrow \tilde{L} & & \downarrow L & & \downarrow L & & \downarrow L' \\ D^{1 \times m} & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_m} & D^{1 \times m} & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_m} & D^{1 \times m} & \xleftarrow[X_F^-]{X_F} & D^{1 \times m} \xrightarrow{\text{id}_m} D^{1 \times m} \end{array} \quad (11)$$

Indeed by computing the matrix products and from (4), we have the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} \iota L &= \tilde{L}, & UL &= L, & Y_F L' &= L X_F, & \text{pr}' \tilde{L}' &= L', \\ \iota' L' &= \tilde{L}', & Y_F^- L &= L' X_F^-, & U^- L &= L, & \text{pr} \tilde{L} &= L. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

More details are given in Section ??.

3.2 Reduction of the identity bloc

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