

All the previous procedures have a local character but there are conditions and design methodologies by which is possible to extend their concepts and reach globally defined solutions.

Consider a SISO system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u \\ y = h(x) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 0 & h(0) &= 0 \\ u &= \alpha(x) \end{aligned}$$

$f(x), g(x)$  smooth vector fields,  $h(x)$  smooth function.

**Prop:** This system has Uniform Relative degree if it has relative degree  $r$  at each  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . So  $r$  is defined everywhere and

$$\mathcal{Z}^* = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : h(x) = \dots = L_f^{r-1} h(x) = 0\}$$

is a smooth embedded submanifold of dimension  $(n-r)$

and each component of  $\mathcal{Z}^*$  is a maximal submanifold of the nonsingular and involutive distribution

$$\Delta^* = \ker d \begin{pmatrix} h(x) \\ \vdots \\ L_f^{r-1} h(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

**Prop:** Suppose the system has uniform relative degree  $r$ .

Set

$$\alpha(x) = \frac{-L_f^r h(x)}{L_g L_f^{r-1} h(x)} \quad \beta(x) = \frac{1}{L_g L_f^{r-1} h(x)}$$

And consider the globally defined vector fields

$$\tilde{f}(x) = f(x) + g(x)\alpha(x) \quad \tilde{g}(x) = g(x)\beta(x)$$

Suppose the vector fields

$$\tau_i = (-1)^{i-1} \operatorname{ad}_{\tilde{f}}^{i-1} \tilde{g}(x), \quad i=1 \leq i \leq r$$

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$\tau_i = (-1)^{i-1} \alpha_i(x) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$   
 are complete, that is, solution always defined.  
 Thus,  $z^*$  is connected.

Moreover there exists a smooth mapping

$\Phi: z^* \times \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  globally defined (with global inverse)

$$\Phi^{-1}(x) = \begin{pmatrix} z \\ \xi_1 \\ \vdots \\ \xi_r \end{pmatrix}^{n-r} = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ L_{f^{r-1}} h(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

such that the system, with the control law

$$u = \alpha(x) + \beta(x)v$$

takes the form

$$\dot{z} = f_0(z, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_r)$$

$$\dot{\xi}_1 = \xi_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\dot{\xi}_{r-1} = \xi_r$$

$$\dot{\xi}_r = v$$

$$y = \xi_1$$

If, in addition  $[\tau_i, \tau_j] = 0 \quad \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq r$   
 this new system assumes the special form

$$\dot{z} = f_0(z, \xi_1)$$

$$\dot{\xi}_1 = \xi_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\dot{\xi}_{r-1} = \xi_r$$

$$\dot{\xi}_r = v$$

$$y = \xi_1$$

Moreover, if  $r=n$ , the system is linear, controllable and observable