### Cascade Feedback Linearization

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#### Definition (As an EDS)

Let M be a manifold of dimension n+m+1 and and  $\omega$  an Exterior Differential System (EDS) such that in local coordinates

$$\omega = \langle dx^i - f^i(x, u) \, dt \rangle$$

and solutions are integral manifolds to  $\omega$  (i.e.  $f: N \to M$  s.t.  $f^*\omega = 0$ )

# Extended Static Feedback Equivalence

#### **Definition**

Let  $(M^{n+m+1}, \omega)$  and  $(\tilde{M}^{n+m+1}, \tilde{\omega})$  be two EDS for control systems. We say the two systems are **Extended Static Feedback** 

**Equivalent** (ESFE) if there exists a diffeomorphism  $\varphi: M \to M$  of the form

$$\varphi:(t,\tilde{x},\tilde{u})\mapsto(t,x(t,\tilde{x}),u(t,\tilde{x},\tilde{u}))$$

such that  $\varphi^*\omega = \tilde{\omega}$ 

Note: We say Static Feedback Equivalent (SFE) if  $x = x(\tilde{x})$  and  $u = u(\tilde{x}, \tilde{u})$ 

### Extended Static Feedback Linearization

### Definition (Brunovsky Normal Form)

Let  $J^{\kappa} = J^{\kappa}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m)$  be a partial prolongation of a jet space (i.e. nonuniform order across derivatives of components of maps from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ). Then the EDS

$$\beta^{\kappa} = \langle \theta_{i_l}^i = dz_{l_i}^i - z_{l_i+1}^i dt \rangle$$
 where  $1 \le i \le m$  and  $0 \le l_i \le \rho_i$ 

is the **Brunovsky Normal Form**. This is what is referred to as "linear" in the sense of control theory.

#### Definition (ESFL)

We'll say that a control system  $(M, \omega)$  is **Extended Static** Feedback Linearizable (ESFL) if

$$(M,\omega) \cong_{ESF} (J^{\kappa}, \beta^{\kappa})$$

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The former is a special case of the latter and we'll call either situation from above a **Dynamic Feedback Linearization**.

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- Restrict  $\gamma^G$  to a submanifold determined by choosing a jet fiber to be a fixed (but arbitrary!) function of the independent variable

## Step 1: SFL Quotients

### Theorem (J. De Doná, N. Tehseen, P.J. Vassiliou)

Let G be a Lie group of (control admissible) symmetries of a control system  $(M, \omega)$  such that the action of G on M is free and regular and denote the Lie algebra of G in  $\mathfrak{X}(M)$  as  $\Gamma$ . If  $ann(\omega) \oplus \Gamma$  satisfies the conditions of being a relative Goursat bundle then  $q_*ann(\omega) = ann(\beta^{\kappa})$  where  $\beta^{\kappa}$  is the canonical contact system on  $J^{\kappa}$  and  $g: M \to M/G$  the quotient map of the G-action.

In other words this theorem says that if the control system plus its symmetries looks like a contact system then the quotient system is in fact a contact system.

# Step 2: Construction of $\gamma^G$

#### Theorem (I. Anderson, M. Fels)

Let  $(M, \omega)$  be an EDS with symmetry group G acting freely and regularly on M such that its infinitesimal symmetries are strongly transverse to  $\omega$ . Furthermore if  $\sigma: M/G \to M$  is a cross section to the quotient map then if  $s_G$  is an integral manifold of  $\omega_G$  then  $s = \mu(g(x), \sigma \circ s_G)$  is an integral manifold of  $\omega$  provided that g(x) satisfies an equation of Lie type.

# Step 2: Construction of $\gamma^G$ part 2

#### Theorem (P. Vassiliou)

Let  $(M,\omega)$  be an EDS for a control system with symmetry group G that acts freely and transitively on M and whose infinitesimal symmetries are strongly transverse to  $\omega$ . Suppose further that  $(M/G,\omega_G)$  is SF equivalent to  $(J^\kappa,\beta^\kappa)$  for some  $\kappa$  via  $\varphi:J^\kappa\to M/G$ . Then  $\tilde{\varphi}=\mu(g,\sigma\circ\varphi):G\times J^\kappa\to M$  is a diffeomorphism such that  $\tilde{\varphi}^*\omega=\Theta_G\oplus\beta^\kappa$  where  $\Theta_G$  is an EDS for the equation of Lie type. Call  $\gamma^G=\Theta_G\oplus\beta^\kappa$ . Then the following diagram commutes

$$(M,\omega) \longleftarrow \overset{\tilde{\varphi}}{\longleftarrow} (G \times J^{\kappa}, \gamma^{G})$$

$$\downarrow q \qquad \qquad \downarrow q_{0}$$

$$(M_{G}, \omega_{G}) \longleftarrow \varphi \qquad (J^{\kappa}, \beta)$$

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Note:  $\gamma^G\big|_{\Sigma_f^{\kappa}}$  is a frobenius system. So perhaps on a partial contact submanifold we can achieve that  $\gamma^G\big|_{\Sigma_f^{\nu}}$  is SFL for arbitrary f...

# Reduction Example

Let

$$\gamma^G = \langle \theta_0^i, \theta_1^i, d\epsilon - (z_2^1 z_2^2 \cos(z_0^1 z_2^2) - (z_1^1 z_2^2)^2 \sin(z_0^1 z_2^2)) dt \rangle$$

where  $\theta_0^i = dz_0^i - z_1^i dt$  and  $\theta_1^i = dz_1^i - z_2^i dt$  and i = 1, 2. Reduction along the  $z^2$  fiber means we assign  $z_0^2 = f(t) \Rightarrow z_1^2 = \dot{f}(t) \Rightarrow z_2^2 = \ddot{f}(t)$  and thus

$$\bar{\gamma}^G = \langle \theta_0^1, \theta_1^1, d\epsilon - (z_2^1 \ddot{f}(t) \cos(z_0^1 \ddot{f}(t)) - (z_1^1 \ddot{f}(t))^2 \sin(z_0^1 \ddot{f}(t))) dt \rangle$$

Turns out this reduction is SFL! But the  $\gamma^G$  is not

**Remark:** 
$$p(z) = D_{t_1}^2(\sin(z_0^1 z_2^2))$$

### Cascade Static Feedback Linearizable

#### Definition

If a control system  $(M, \omega)$  with control symmetry group G has a SFL quotient and if  $\gamma^G$  is ESFL when restricted to a partial contact submanifold then we say that  $\omega$  is **Cascade Static Feedback** Linearizable

# Partial Prolongation of $\gamma^G$

#### Theorem (K.-, J. Clelland, P. Vassiliou)

If a control system  $\omega$  is cascade feedback linearizable then  $\gamma^G$  is DFL by partial prolongation. In particular in the two control case: Let  $\bar{\gamma}^G = \gamma^G|_{\Sigma_f^{\nu}}$  be ESFL. If  $\zeta^k(t,\epsilon,j^{\nu^{\perp}}z_1,f(t),\cdots,f^{(q)}(t))$  is the highest order variable for the Brunovsky form, then  $\gamma^G = \Theta_G \oplus \beta^{\nu} \oplus \beta^{\nu^{\perp}}$  must be prolonged at least  $q - \operatorname{length}(\nu)$  times in  $\beta^{\nu}$  to achieve a SFL for  $\hat{\gamma}^G$ .

# When does $\gamma^G$ admit an ESFL Reduction?

#### Theorem (K. -)

Let  $\gamma^G = \beta^{\nu} \oplus \beta^{\nu^{\perp}} \oplus \langle d\epsilon - p(z) dt \rangle$  be a partial contact subconnection on  $J^n(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m) \times G$  where dim G = 1 with local coordinate  $\epsilon$  and p(z) is a  $C^1$  function on  $J^n(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^m)$ . Furthermore, denote

$$D_{t_i} = \partial_t + \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} z_{l+1}^i \partial_{z_l^i}$$

to be the total derivative operator along the jet fiber for coordinate  $z_0^i$ . If

$$p(z) = D_{t_i}A$$
 where  $\frac{\partial A}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial z_l^i} = 0$  for all  $l \ge 1$ 

then  $\gamma^G$  is ESFL when reduced along all fiber coordinates except  $z^i$ 

### Details About ESFL for a P.C.C. Reduction

Let  $\bar{\mathcal{H}}_G = \operatorname{span}\{\bar{X} = \partial_t + \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} z_{l+1} \partial_{z_l} + \bar{p}(z) \partial_{\epsilon}, \bar{Y}_0 = \partial_{z_n}\}$ Then the kth derived flag of this ditribution is

$$\bar{\mathcal{H}}_G^{(k)} = \{\bar{X}, \bar{Y}_0, \cdots, \bar{Y}_k\}$$

where

$$\bar{Y}_k = Q_k \partial_{\epsilon} + (-1)^k \partial_{z_{n-k}}$$

$$Q_{k+1} = \bar{D}_t (Q_k) + (-1)^{k+1} \frac{\partial \bar{p}}{\partial z_{n-k}}$$

initialized with  $Q_0 = 0$ . To be ESFL we need that  $Q_{n+1} \neq 0$  and

$$\frac{\partial Q_{k+1}}{\partial z_{n-k}} + \frac{\partial Q_k}{\partial z_{n-k-1}} = 0$$

### Truncated Euler Operators

#### Definition

Let  $E_k$  denote the Euler-Operator on  $J^k(\mathbb{R},\mathbb{R})$  which is defined by

$$E_k(f) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_0} - D_t \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1} \right) + D_t^2 \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_2} \right) - \dots + (-1)^k D_t^k \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_k} \right)$$

for any  $f \in C^{k+1}(J^k, \mathbb{R})$  and where  $D_t$  is the total derivative operator on  $J^n$  and  $n \geq k$ .

### More EO facts

#### Proposition

The kernel of an Euler-Operator of order k contains the set

$$K_{E_k} := \{ f(z) = D_t g(z) | g \in C^1(J^k(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})) \& \text{ is linear in } z_k \}$$

where  $D_t$  is the total derivative operator on  $J^k(\mathbb{R},\mathbb{R})$ 

#### Lemma

The Euler-Operators are related to the derived flag of  $\bar{\mathcal{H}}_G$  by

$$(-1)^{n-k-1}\bar{D}_t^{n-k}(Q_{k+1}) = E_n(\bar{p}) - E_{n-k-1}(\bar{p})$$

# Computing $\bar{p}$ versus p and the $Q_k$

In the theorem we have that  $p(z) = D_{t_i}A$ . In this case it turns out that

$$\bar{p} = \left(\bar{D}_t - \frac{d}{dt}\right)\bar{A}$$

This immediately gives that  $\bar{D}_t^{n-k}(Q_{k+1}) = 0$  for all  $0 \le k \le n-1$  and  $Q_{n+1} = -\frac{\partial \bar{A}_t}{\partial z_0}$  and naturally the PDE

$$\frac{\partial Q_{k+1}}{\partial z_{n-k}} + \frac{\partial Q_k}{\partial z_{n-k-1}} = 0$$

is satisfied.

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- If G is nonabelian then all results will be the same with modified euler operators and total derivatives designed to be invariant under the group action in some sense (yes very vauge will be more precise later).

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