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A Remark on the Controllability Problem for Differential-Algebraic Dynamical Systems

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Consider the control system

$$A_0 \dot{x} = Ax + Bu, \quad t \geq 0, \quad (1)$$

with the initial condition $x(0) = x_0$, where $x \in R^n$, $u \in R^r$, A_0 , A , and B are constant matrices of appropriate sizes, $x_0 \in R^n$, and $\det A_0 = 0$.

Let system (1) satisfy the consistency condition [1]; then its solution can be represented in the form

$$x(t) = e^{A_0^d A t} A_0 A_0^d q + \int_0^t e^{A_0^d A(t-s)} A_0^d B u(s) ds + (E_n - A_0 A_0^d) \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-1)^i (A_0 A^d)^i A^d B u^{(i)}(t), \quad (2)$$

$$x(0) = x_0 = A_0 A_0^d q + (E_n - A_0 A_0^d) \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-1)^i (A_0 A^d)^i A^d B u^{(i)}(0), \quad (3)$$

where A_0^d and A^d are the Drazin inverses of A_0 and A , respectively, the number k is the index of the matrix A_0 , $q \in R^n$, and $u^{(i)}(0) \in R^r$, $i = 0, \dots, k-1$. Here we assume that the control $u(t)$, $t \geq 0$, is a sufficiently smooth r -dimensional vector function.

In this case, one can show that the solution (2) of system (1) is the output of the system

$$\dot{Y} = \hat{A}Y + \hat{B}v, \quad x = CY \quad (4)$$

with the initial condition $Y(0) = Y_0 = (q, u^{(i)}(0), i = 1, \dots, k)$, where $Y = (y, u^1, \dots, u^k)$, $v = u^{(k)}$, and $\hat{A} = (\hat{A}_{pq})$ and $\hat{B} = (\hat{B}_{p1})$, $p = 1, \dots, k+1$, $q = 1, \dots, k+1$, are block matrices; moreover, $\hat{A}_{11} = A_0^d A$, $\hat{A}_{12} = A_0^d B$, $\hat{A}_{23} = \hat{A}_{34} = \dots = \hat{A}_{k,k+1} = E_r$, $\hat{A}_{ij} = 0$ for all remaining indices p and q , $\hat{B}_{k+1,1} = E_r$, $\hat{B}_i = 0$, $i = 1, \dots, k$, and

$$C = \left[A_0 A_0^d, (E_n - A_0 A_0^d) A^d B, \dots, (-1)^{k-1} (E_n - A_0 A_0^d) (A_0 A^d)^{k-1} A^d B \right].$$

We set

$$\Omega_0 = \left\{ z \in R^n \mid z = A_0 A_0^d q + (E_n - A_0 A_0^d) \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (-1)^i (A_0 A^d)^i A^d B u^{(i)}(0), \right. \\ \left. q \in R^n, u^{(i)}(0) \in R^r, i = 0, \dots, k-1 \right\}.$$

Let H be a constant $n \times n$ matrix.

Definition 1. System (1) is said to be *H-controllable* if for each $x_0 \in \Omega_0$, there exists a time $t_1 < +\infty$ and a smooth control $u(t)$, $t \in [0, t_1]$, such that $x(0) = x_0$ and $Hx(t_1) = 0$.

Definition 2. System (1) is said to be *completely H-controllable* if for each $x_0 \in \Omega_0$, there exists a time $t_1 < +\infty$ and a smooth control $u(t)$, $t \geq 0$, such that the solution $x(t)$, $t \geq 0$, of system (1) satisfies the conditions $x(0) = x_0$ and $Hx(t) \equiv 0$, $t \geq t_1$.

The following theorems hold.

Theorem 1. *System (1) is H-controllable if and only if*

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{rank}\left(HA_0A_0^d, (-1)^j H(E_n - A_0A_0^d)(A_0A^d)^j A^dB, j = 0, \dots, k-1; \right. \\ & \quad \left. H(A_0^dA)^i A_0^dB, i = 0, \dots, n-1\right) \\ &= \text{rank}\left((-1)^j H(E_n - A_0A_0^d)(A_0A^d)^j A^dB, j = 0, \dots, k-1; \right. \\ & \quad \left. H(A_0^dA)^i A_0^dB, i = 0, \dots, n-1\right). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 2. *System (1) is completely H-controllable if and only if*

$$\text{rank}\left(L, \bar{H}(A_0^dA)^i A_0^dB, i = 0, \dots, k-1\right) = \text{rank}(L, \bar{H}),$$

where

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} H_1 & \dots & H_k \\ HA_0^d B & \dots & H_{k-1} \\ H(A_0^dA)B & \dots & H_{k-2} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ H(A_0^dA)^{n+k-2} A_0^dB & \dots & H(A_0^dA)^{n-1} A_0^dB \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{H} = \begin{bmatrix} HA_0^dA_0 \\ HA_0^dA \\ H(A_0^dA)^2 \\ \dots \\ H(A_0^dA)^{n+k-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$H_{j+1} = (-1)^j H(E_n - A_0A_0^d)(A_0A^d)^j A^dB, \quad j = 0, \dots, k-1.$$

The proofs of Theorems 1 and 2 readily follow from the representation of system (1) in the form (4) with the use of the results in [2].

Consider systems (1) and (4). We introduce the correspondences

$$x(t) \rightarrow X_t; \quad u(t) \rightarrow U_t; \quad y(t) \rightarrow Y_t; \quad u^i(t) \rightarrow U_t^i; \quad p \rightarrow \Delta. \quad (5)$$

Here X_t , Y_t , U_t , and U_t^i are matrices of sizes $n \times r$ and $r \times r$; $p \equiv d/dt$ is the differentiation operator, and Δ is the shift operator ($\Delta^i X_t = X_{t+i}$; $\Delta^i U_t = U_{t+i}$; $\Delta^i U_t^j = U_{t+i}^j$).

By using Eq. (4) and the correspondences (5), we pass to the recursion relations

$$\begin{aligned} Y_{t+1} &= A_0^d A Y_t + A_0^d B U_t^1, \quad U_{t+1}^i = U_t^{i+1}, \quad i = 1, \dots, k-1, \\ U_{t+1}^k &= U_{t+k}, \quad X_t = C[Y_t, U_t^1, \dots, U_t^k], \quad t \geq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

under the condition that $Y_t \equiv 0$, $t = 0, \dots, k-1$, $U_t \equiv 0$, $t \neq k$, and $U_k = E_r$. Relations (6) are referred to as *determining equations* for the control system (1). By X_t^* we denote the solution of the determining equations (6) with $Y_1 = E_n$ and $U_t \equiv 0$, $t \geq 0$. Then Theorems 1 and 2 can be stated in terms of solutions of the determining equations.

Theorem 1'. *System (1) is H-controllable if and only if*

$$\text{rank}(HX_1^*, HX_i, i = 1, \dots, n+k) = \text{rank}(HX_i, i = 1, \dots, n+k).$$

Theorem 2'. *System (1) is completely H -controllable if and only if*

$$\operatorname{rank} (L, \bar{H}X_i, i = k+1, \dots, n+k) = \operatorname{rank} (L, \bar{H}),$$

where

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} HX_k & \dots & HX_1 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ HX_{n+2k-1} & \dots & HX_{n+k} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{H} = \begin{bmatrix} HX_1^* \\ \dots \\ HX_{n+k}^* \end{bmatrix}.$$

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