

Unified Transform Method for Multipoint Problems

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1 Adjoint of an ordinary differential operator

In this section, we extend the construction of an adjoint problem, mostly following a similar argument as given by Linda in [3].

1.1 Formulation of the problem

Consider a closed interval $[a, b]$. Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and let the differential operator be defined as

$$L := \sum_{k=0}^n a_k(t) \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^k, \text{ where } a_k(t) \in C^\infty[a, b] \text{ and } a_n(t) \neq 0 \forall t \in [a, b].$$

Fix $k \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $\{a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_k = b\}$ be a partition of $[a, b]$. Let the domain of L be given by the function space

$$C_\pi^{n-1}[a, b] = \left\{ f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ s.t. } \forall l \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}, \right. \\ \left. f|_{(\eta_{l-1}, \eta_l)} \text{ admits an extension } g_l \text{ to } [\eta_{l-1}, \eta_l] \text{ s.t. } g_l \in C^{n-1}[\eta_{l-1}, \eta_l] \right\}.$$

Consider a homogeneous multipoint BVP of rank m

$$\pi : Lq = 0, \quad Uq = \vec{0},$$

where $U = (U_1, \dots, U_m)$ is a vector multipoint form with

$$U_i(q) = \sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} [\alpha_{ijl} q_l^{(j)}(x_{l-1}) + \beta_{ijl} q_l^{(j)}(x_l)], \quad i \in \{1, \dots, m\},$$

where $\alpha_{ijl}, \beta_{ijl} \in \mathbb{R}, q \in C_\pi^{n-1}[a, b]$. Our goal is to construct an adjoint multipoint value problem (MVP) to π

$$\pi^+ : L^+q = 0, \quad U^+q = \vec{0},$$

with

$$L^+ := \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \left(\overline{a_k}(t) \frac{d}{dt} \right)^k, \text{ where } \overline{a_k}(t) \text{ is the complex conjugate of } a_k(t), \text{ } k = 0, \dots, n,$$

and U^+ is an appropriate vector multipoint form.

1.2 Green's formula

For any $f, g \in C_{\pi}^{n-1}[a, b]$, application of Green's formula yields

$$\langle Lf, g \rangle - \langle f, L^+g \rangle = \sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{p,q=0}^{n-1} [F_{pq}(x_l) f_l^{(p)}(x_l) g_l^{(q)}(x_l) - F_{pq}(x_{l-1}) f_l^{(p)}(x_{l-1}) g_l^{(q)}(x_{l-1})],$$

where $F(t)$ denotes an $n \times n$ boundary matrix at the point $t \in [a, b]$. From [1, p. 1286], the entries of $F(t)$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} F_{pq}(t) &= \sum_{k=j}^{n-p-1} (-1)^k \binom{k}{j} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^{k-j} a_{p+k+1}(t), & p+q < n-1 \\ F_{pq}(t) &= (-1)^q a_n(t), & p+q = n-1 \\ F_{pq}(t) &= 0, & p+q > n-1. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that since $\det(F(t)) = (a_0(t))^n \neq 0$, the matrix $F(t)$ is non-singular.

Our goal is to rewrite the Green's formula as a *semibilinear* form \mathcal{S} . First, let $\vec{f}_l := (f_l, \dots, f_l^{(n-1)})$, and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} [fg]_l(t) &:= \sum_{p,q=0}^{n-1} F_{pq}(t) f_l^{(p)}(t) g_l^{(q)}(t) = \sum_{p,q=0}^{n-1} [F_{pq} f_l^{(p)} g_l^{(q)}](t) \\ &= \sum_{q=0}^{n-1} \left[\left(\sum_{p=0}^{n-1} F_{pq} f_l^{(p)} \right) g_l^{(q)} \right](t) \\ &= F(t) \vec{f}_l(t) \cdot \vec{g}_l(t), \end{aligned}$$

where \cdot refers to dot product. The Green's formula can then be rewritten as

$$\langle Lf, g \rangle - \langle f, L^+g \rangle = \sum_{l=1}^k [fg]_l(x_l) - [fg]_l(x_{l-1}) = \sum_{l=1}^k F(x_l) \vec{f}_l(x_l) \cdot \vec{g}_l(x_l) - F(x_{l-1}) \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) \cdot \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}). \quad (1)$$

Note that

$$F(x_l) \vec{f}_l(x_l) \cdot \vec{g}_l(x_l) - F(x_{l-1}) \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) \cdot \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}) = \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_{l-1}) & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0_{n \times n} & F(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{f}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{g}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix},$$

so that we obtain

$$\langle Lf, g \rangle - \langle f, L^+g \rangle = \sum_{l=1}^k [fg]_l(x_l) - [fg]_l(x_{l-1}) = \sum_{l=1}^k \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_{l-1}) & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0_{n \times n} & F(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{f}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{g}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now, expansion of the sum yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{l=1}^k \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_{l-1}) & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0_{n \times n} & F(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{f}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{g}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_0) & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0_{n \times n} & F(x_1) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{f}_1(x_1) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{g}_1(x_1) \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_{k-1}) & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0_{n \times n} & F(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{f}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{g}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -F(x_0) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_1) & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & -F(x_{k-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & F(x_k) \end{bmatrix}}_{2nk \times 2nk} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{f}_1(x_1) \\ \vec{f}_2(x_1) \\ \vec{f}_2(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{f}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{g}_1(x_1) \\ \vec{g}_2(x_1) \\ \vec{g}_2(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{g}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{g}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$=: S \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{f}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{f}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{g}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{g}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{g}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} = \mathcal{S} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{f}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{f}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{g}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{g}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{g}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \right), \quad (2)$$

where the matrix S is associated with the semibilinear form \mathcal{S} and S is a block matrix where each block is $n \times n$. Further, note that the form \mathcal{S} is the action of applying matrix S to the first argument and taking dot product of this result and the second argument. Thus, we managed to express the Green's Formula as a semibilinear form \mathcal{S} .

1.3 Boundary Form formula

We turn to characterising an adjoint multipoint condition using an extension of boundary form formula that Linda derived in her work. First, recall that the multipoint condition

$$Uq = \begin{bmatrix} U_1(q) \\ \vdots \\ U_m(q) \end{bmatrix} = \vec{0},$$

with

$$U_i(q) = \sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} [\alpha_{ijl} q_l^{(j)}(x_{l-1}) + \beta_{ijl} q_l^{(j)}(x_l)], \quad i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \quad \alpha_{ijl}, \beta_{ijl} \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Note that U_1, \dots, U_m are linearly independent when $\sum_{i=1}^m c_i U_i q = 0$ if and only if $c_i = 0$. When U_1, \dots, U_m are linearly independent, we say that U has full rank m . For now, suppose that U has full rank, and define

$$\vec{q}_l = \begin{bmatrix} q_l \\ q'_l \\ \vdots \\ q_l^{(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}, M_l = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{10l} & \alpha_{11l} & \dots & \alpha_{1(n-1)l} \\ \alpha_{20l} & \alpha_{21l} & \dots & \alpha_{2(n-1)l} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m0l} & \alpha_{m1l} & \dots & \alpha_{m(n-1)l} \end{bmatrix}, N_l = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{10l} & \beta_{11l} & \dots & \beta_{1(n-1)l} \\ \beta_{20l} & \beta_{21l} & \dots & \beta_{2(n-1)l} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \beta_{m0l} & \beta_{m1l} & \dots & \beta_{m(n-1)l} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} Uq &= \begin{bmatrix} U_1(q) \\ \vdots \\ U_m(q) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{1jl} \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{mjl} \end{bmatrix} q_l^{(j)}(x_{l-1}) + \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{1jl} \\ \vdots \\ \beta_{mjl} \end{bmatrix} q_l^{(j)}(x_l) \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^k \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{10l} & \dots & \alpha_{1(n-1)l} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m0l} & \dots & \alpha_{m(n-1)l} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vdots \\ q_l^{(n-1)}(x_{l-1}) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \beta_{10l} & \dots & \beta_{1(n-1)l} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \beta_{m0l} & \dots & \beta_{m(n-1)l} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_l(x_l) \\ \vdots \\ q_l^{(n-1)}(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^k M_l \vec{q}_l(x_{l-1}) + N_l \vec{q}_l(x_l), \end{aligned} \quad (\dagger)$$

where M_l, N_l are $m \times n$ matrices. In addition, letting

$$[M_l : N_l] = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{10l} & \dots & \alpha_{1(n-1)l} & \beta_{10l} & \dots & \beta_{1(n-1)l} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha_{m0l} & \dots & \alpha_{m(n-1)l} & \beta_{m0l} & \dots & \beta_{m(n-1)l} \end{bmatrix},$$

we can write

$$Uq = \sum_{l=1}^k [M_l : N_l] \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{q}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix} = [M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k] \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{q}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{q}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (\star)$$

Thus we have found two compact ways to write the vector multipoint form, namely (\dagger) and (\star) . Next, we extend the notion of a complementary boundary form.

Definition 1. If $U = (U_1, \dots, U_m)$ is any vector multipoint form with $\text{rank}(U) = m$, and $U_c = (U_{m+1}, \dots, U_{2nk})$ is a vector multipoint form with $\text{rank}(U_c) = 2nk - m$ such that $\text{rank}(U_1, \dots, U_{2nk}) = 2nk$, then U and U_c are **complementary vector multipoint forms**.

Note that extending U_1, \dots, U_m to U_1, \dots, U_{2nk} is equivalent to embedding the matrices M_l, N_l in a $2nk \times 2nk$ non-singular matrix, i.e. we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} Uq \\ U_cq \end{bmatrix} &= \sum_{l=1}^k \begin{bmatrix} M_l & N_l \\ \overline{M}_l & \overline{N}_l \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{q}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 \\ \overline{M}_1 & \overline{N}_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{q}_1(x_1) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} M_2 & N_2 \\ \overline{M}_2 & \overline{N}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_2(x_1) \\ \vec{q}_2(x_2) \end{bmatrix} + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} M_k & N_k \\ \overline{M}_k & \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{q}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 & M_2 & N_2 & \dots & M_k & N_k \\ \overline{M}_1 & \overline{N}_1 & \overline{M}_2 & \overline{N}_2 & \dots & \overline{M}_k & \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix}}_{2nk \times 2nk} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{q}_1(x_1) \\ \vec{q}_2(x_1) \\ \vec{q}_2(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{q}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix}}_{2nk \times 1} \\ &=: H \begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{q}_1(x_1) \\ \vec{q}_2(x_1) \\ \vec{q}_2(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{q}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where $\text{rank}(H) = 2nk$ and $\overline{M}_l, \overline{N}_l$ are $(2nk - m) \times n$ matrices. Just like the boundary form formula proven by Linda, the multipoint form formula is motivated by the desire to express Green's formula as a combination of vector boundary forms U and U_c . Namely, we have:

Theorem 2 (Multipoint Form Formula). *Given any vector multipoint form U of rank m , and any complementary vector form U_c , there exist unique vector multipoint forms U_c^+, U^+ of rank m and $2nk - m$, respectively, such that*

$$\sum_{l=1}^k [fg]_l(x_l) - [fg]_l(x_{l-1}) = Uf \cdot U_c^+ g + U_c f \cdot U^+ g. \quad (4)$$

We will use the following proposition from Linda's capstone [3] in the proof of Theorem 2:

Proposition 3 (Prop. 2.12 in Linda's capstone). *Let \mathcal{S} be the semibilinear form associated with a nonsingular matrix S . Suppose $\vec{f} := Ff$ where F is a nonsingular matrix. Then, there exists a unique nonsingular matrix G such that if $\vec{g} = Gg$, then $\mathcal{S}(f, g) = \vec{f} \cdot \vec{g}$ for all f, g .*

Proof of Theorem 2. First, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} Uf \\ U_c f \end{bmatrix} = H \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{f}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{f}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix}.$$

From equation (2), we can write

$$\sum_{l=1}^k [fg]_l(x_l) - [fg]_l(x_{l-1}) = \mathcal{S} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{f}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{f}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{g}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{g}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{g}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \right).$$

By Proposition 3, there exists a unique $2nk \times 2nk$ nonsingular matrix J such that

$$\mathcal{S} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{f}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{f}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{g}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{g}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{g}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \right) = H \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{f}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{f}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \cdot J \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{g}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{g}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{g}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Note that if S is the matrix associated with \mathcal{S} , then by Proposition 3, $J = (SH^{-1})^*$, where A^* refers to the conjugate transpose of matrix A .

Let U^+, U_c^+ be such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} U_c^+ g \\ U^+ g \end{bmatrix} = J \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{g}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{g}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{g}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{l=1}^k [fg]_l(x_l) - [fg]_l(x_{l-1}) &= \mathcal{S} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{f}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{f}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{g}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{g}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{g}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \right) = H \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{f}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{f}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \cdot J \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_1(x_0) \\ \vec{g}_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{g}_k(x_{k-1}) \\ \vec{g}_k(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} Uf \\ U_c f \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} U_c^+ g \\ U^+ g \end{bmatrix} \\ &= Uf \cdot U_c^+ g + U_c f \cdot U^+ g, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. \square

Theorem 2 allows us to define an adjoint multipoint condition. Namely,

Definition 4. Suppose $U = (U_1, \dots, U_m)$ is a vector multipoint form with $\text{rank}(U) = m$, along with the condition that $Uq = \vec{0}$ for functions $q \in C_{\pi}^{n-1}[a, b]$. If U^+ is any vector multipoint form with $\text{rank}(U^+) = 2nk - m$, determined as in Theorem 2, then the equation

$$U^+ q = \vec{0}$$

is an **adjoint multipoint condition** to $Uq = \vec{0}$.

In turn, the above lets us define the adjoint multipoint problem:

Definition 5. Suppose $U = (U_1, \dots, U_m)$ is a vector multipoint form with $\text{rank}(U) = m$. Then, the problem of solving

$$\pi : Lq = 0, \quad Uq = \vec{0},$$

is called a homogeneous multipoint value problem of rank m . The problem of solving

$$\pi^+ : L^+q = 0, \quad U^+q = \vec{0},$$

is an **adjoint multipoint value problem** to π .

The preceding construction allows us to state the following:

Proposition 6. Let $f, g \in C_{\pi}^{n-1}[a, b]$ with $Uf = \vec{0}$ and $U^+g = \vec{0}$. Then, $\langle Lf, g \rangle = \langle f, L^+g \rangle$.

Proof. We apply the multipoint form formula (4)

$$\langle Lf, g \rangle - \langle f, L^+g \rangle = Uf \cdot U_c^+g + U_cf \cdot U^+g = \vec{0} \cdot U_c^+g + U_cf \cdot \vec{0} = 0,$$

which completes the proof. \square

1.4 Checking adjointness

Finally, we extend Theorem 2.19 on Linda's Capstone [3].

Theorem 7. The multipoint condition $U^+g = \vec{0}$ is adjoint to $Uf = \vec{0}$ if and only if

$$\sum_{l=1}^k M_l F^{-1}(x_{l-1}) P_l = \sum_{l=1}^k N_l F^{-1}(x_l) Q_l,$$

where $F(t)$ is the $n \times n$ matrix as given in Green's formula subsection.

Recall that just how U is associated with a collection of $m \times n$ matrices M_l, N_l , such that

$$Uf = \sum_{l=1}^k M_l \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) + N_l \vec{f}_l(x_l), \quad \text{rank} [M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k] = m, \quad (5)$$

so is U^+ associated with $n \times (2nk - m)$ matrices P_l, Q_l , for $l = 1, \dots, k$, such that

$$U^+g = \sum_{l=1}^k P_l^* \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}) + Q_l^* \vec{g}_l(x_l), \quad \text{rank} [P_1^* : Q_1^* : \dots : P_k^* : Q_k^*] = 2nk - m. \quad (6)$$

Proof of Theorem 7. Suppose that $U^+f = \vec{0}$ is adjoint to $Uf = \vec{0}$. By definition of adjoint multipoint condition, U^+ is determined as in Theorem 2. Thus, in determining U^+ , there exist vector multipoint forms U_c, U_c^+ of rank $2nk - m$ and m respectively, such that the multipoint form formula (4) holds. As such, let matrices $\overline{M}_l, \overline{N}_l, \overline{P}_l, \overline{Q}_l$ be such that

$$U_cf = \sum_{l=1}^k \overline{M}_l \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) + \overline{N}_l \vec{f}_l(x_l), \quad \text{rank} [\overline{M}_1 : \overline{N}_1 : \dots : \overline{M}_k : \overline{N}_k] = 2nk - m \quad (7)$$

$$U_c^+g = \sum_{l=1}^k \overline{P}_l^* \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}) + \overline{Q}_l^* \vec{g}_l(x_l), \quad \text{rank} [\overline{P}_1^* : \overline{Q}_1^* : \dots : \overline{P}_k^* : \overline{Q}_k^*] = m \quad (8)$$

First, note that in the context of semibilinear form, we have $\mathcal{S}(f, g) = Sf \cdot g = f \cdot S^*g$, as given in Proposition 2.11 of Linda's capstone [3, p.18]. We use this to rewrite the multipoint form formula (4) as follows:

$$\sum_{l=1}^k [fg]_l(x_l) - [fg]_l(x_{l-1}) = Uf \cdot U_c^+g + U_cf \cdot U^+g$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left(\sum_{l=1}^k M_l \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) + N_l \vec{f}_l(x_l) \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^k (\bar{P}_i)^* \vec{g}_i(x_{i-1}) + (\bar{Q}_i)^* \vec{g}_i(x_i) \right) \\
&+ \left(\sum_{l=1}^k \bar{M}_l \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) + \bar{N}_l \vec{f}_l(x_l) \right) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^k P_i^* \vec{g}_i(x_{i-1}) + Q_i^* \vec{g}_i(x_i) \right) \quad (\text{by equations (5), (6), (7), (8)}) \\
&= \sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\left(M_l \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) + N_l \vec{f}_l(x_l) \right) \cdot \left(\bar{P}_i^* \vec{g}_i(x_{i-1}) + \bar{Q}_i^* \vec{g}_i(x_i) \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left(\bar{M}_l \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) + \bar{N}_l \vec{f}_l(x_l) \right) \cdot \left(P_i^* \vec{g}_i(x_{i-1}) + Q_i^* \vec{g}_i(x_i) \right) \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where taking out the sum upfront follows due to distributivity and associativity of inner product. Moreover, using additivity of inner product and that $Sf \cdot g = f \cdot S^*g$, we write the above as

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^k (\bar{Q}_i N_l + Q_i \bar{N}_l) \vec{f}_l(x_l) \cdot \vec{g}_i(x_i) + (\bar{P}_i N_l + P_i \bar{N}_l) \vec{f}_l(x_l) \cdot \vec{g}_i(x_{i-1}) \\
&\quad + (\bar{Q}_i M_l + Q_i \bar{M}_l) \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) \cdot \vec{g}_i(x_i) + (\bar{P}_i M_l + P_i \bar{M}_l) \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) \cdot \vec{g}_i(x_{i-1}).
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

From Green's formula (1), we have

$$\sum_{l=1}^k [fg]_l(x_l) - [fg]_l(x_{l-1}) = \sum_{l=1}^k F(x_l) \vec{f}_l(x_l) \cdot \vec{g}_l(x_l) - F(x_{l-1}) \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) \cdot \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}). \tag{10}$$

Note that equations (9) and (10) must be equal, and so, comparison of coefficients of inner product reveals that

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{Q}_i N_l + Q_i \bar{N}_l &= \begin{cases} F(x_l) & \text{if } i = l \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}; & \bar{P}_i M_l + P_i \bar{M}_l &= \begin{cases} -F(x_{l-1}) & \text{if } i = l \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}; \\
\bar{P}_i N_l + P_i \bar{N}_l &= 0 \quad \forall i; & \bar{Q}_i M_l + Q_i \bar{M}_l &= 0 \quad \forall i.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\begin{bmatrix} -F(x_0) & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -F(x_1) & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & F(x_{k-1}) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -F(x_{k-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & F(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_1 M_1 + P_1 \bar{M}_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{Q}_1 N_1 + Q_1 \bar{N}_1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \bar{P}_k M_k + P_k \bar{M}_k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & \bar{Q}_k N_k + Q_k \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Since the boundary matrix F is nonsingular on $[a, b]$, F is invertible, and so the block diagonal matrix on LHS of (11) must also be invertible. Premultiplying on both sides by the inverse of LHS of block diagonal matrix yields

$$E_{2nk \times 2nk} = \begin{bmatrix} -F^{-1}(x_0)(\bar{P}_1 M_1 + P_1 \bar{M}_1) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & F^{-1}(x_1)(\bar{Q}_1 N_1 + Q_1 \bar{N}_1) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & F^{-1}(x_k)(\bar{Q}_k N_k + Q_k \bar{N}_k) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{bmatrix} -F^{-1}(x_0)\bar{P}_1 M_1 - F^{-1}(x_0)P_1 \bar{M}_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & F^{-1}(x_1)\bar{Q}_1 N_1 + F^{-1}(x_1)Q_1 \bar{N}_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & F^{-1}(x_k)\bar{Q}_k N_k + F^{-1}(x_k)Q_k \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} -F^{-1}(x_0)\bar{P}_1 & -F^{-1}(x_0)P_1 \\ F^{-1}(x_1)\bar{Q}_1 & F^{-1}(x_1)Q_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})\bar{P}_k & -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})P_k \\ F^{-1}(x_k)\bar{Q}_k & F^{-1}(x_k)Q_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 & \dots & M_k & N_k \\ \bar{M}_1 & \bar{N}_1 & \dots & \bar{M}_k & \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix}, \quad (*)
\end{aligned}$$

where $E_{j \times j}$ is the identity matrix of dimension j . Since the two matrices in $(*)$ are full rank, they are inverse to each other, and so we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_{m \times m} & 0_{m \times (2nk-m)} \\ 0_{(2nk-m) \times m} & E_{(2nk-m) \times (2nk-m)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 & \dots & M_k & N_k \\ \bar{M}_1 & \bar{N}_1 & \dots & \bar{M}_k & \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -F^{-1}(x_0)\bar{P}_1 & -F^{-1}(x_0)P_1 \\ F^{-1}(x_1)\bar{Q}_1 & F^{-1}(x_1)Q_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})\bar{P}_k & -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})P_k \\ F^{-1}(x_k)\bar{Q}_k & F^{-1}(x_k)Q_k \end{bmatrix},$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
&-M_1 F^{-1}(x_0)P_1 + N_1 F^{-1}(x_1)Q_1 + \dots - M_k F^{-1}(x_{k-1})P_k + N_k F^{-1}(x_k)Q_k = 0_{m \times (2nk-m)} \\
&\implies \sum_{l=1}^k M_l F^{-1}(x_{l-1})P_l = \sum_{l=1}^k N_l F^{-1}(x_l)Q_l.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we prove the “if” direction. Let \mathcal{U}^+ be a multipoint form of rank $2nk - m$ such that

$$\mathcal{U}^+ g = \sum_{l=1}^k \mathcal{P}_l^* \bar{g}_l(x_{l-1}) + \mathcal{Q}_l^* \bar{g}_l(x_l),$$

for an appropriate collection of matrices $\mathcal{P}_l^*, \mathcal{Q}_l^*$, with

$$\text{rank} [\mathcal{P}_1^* : \mathcal{Q}_1^* : \dots : \mathcal{P}_k^* : \mathcal{Q}_k^*] = 2nk - m$$

Suppose that

$$\sum_{l=1}^k M_l F^{-1}(x_{l-1})P_l = \sum_{l=1}^k N_l F^{-1}(x_l)Q_l$$

holds. Now, let \mathbf{u} be a $2nk \times 1$ vector. Then, there exist $2nk - m$ linearly independent solutions of the system

$$[M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k]_{m \times 2nk} \mathbf{u} = \vec{0}.$$

By assumption, we have

$$\sum_{l=1}^k -M_l F(x_{l-1})^{-1} P_l + N_l F(x_l)^{-1} Q_l = 0_{m \times (2nk-m)},$$

so that

$$[M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k]_{m \times 2nk} \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_0)^{-1} P_1 \\ F(x_1)^{-1} Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ -F(x_{k-1})^{-1} P_k \\ F(x_k)^{-1} Q_k \end{bmatrix}_{2nk \times (2nk-m)} = 0_{m \times (2nk-m)}. \quad (12)$$

This means that the $2nk - m$ columns of the matrix

$$\mathcal{H} := \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_0)^{-1}\mathcal{P}_1 \\ F(x_1)^{-1}\mathcal{Q}_1 \\ \vdots \\ -F(x_{k-1})^{-1}\mathcal{P}_k \\ F(x_k)^{-1}\mathcal{Q}_k \end{bmatrix}$$

form the solution space of the system (12). Since $\text{rank} [\mathcal{P}_1^* : \mathcal{Q}_1^* : \dots : \mathcal{P}_k^* : \mathcal{Q}_k^*] = 2nk - m$,

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{P}_1 \\ \mathcal{Q}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathcal{P}_k \\ \mathcal{Q}_k \end{bmatrix} = 2nk - m.$$

Since $F(x_{l-1}), F(x_l)$ are non-singular, $\text{rank}(\mathcal{H}) = 2nk - m$.

Now, if $U^+g = \sum_{l=1}^k P_l^* \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}) + Q_l^* \vec{g}_l(x_l) = \vec{0}$ is a multipoint condition adjoint to $Uf = \vec{0}$, then by multipoint form formula we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} Uf \\ U_c f \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} U_c^+ g \\ U^+ g \end{bmatrix} &= \sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^k \begin{bmatrix} M_l \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) + N_l \vec{f}_l(x_l) \\ \overline{M}_l \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) + \overline{N}_l \vec{f}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_i^* \vec{g}_i(x_{i-1}) + \overline{Q}_i^* \vec{g}_i(x_i) \\ P_i^* \vec{g}_i(x_{i-1}) + Q_i^* \vec{g}_i(x_i) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^k \left(\begin{bmatrix} M_l & N_l \\ \overline{M}_l & \overline{N}_l \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{f}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \right) \cdot \left(\begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_i & P_i \\ \overline{Q}_i & Q_i \end{bmatrix}^* \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_i(x_{i-1}) \\ \vec{g}_i(x_i) \end{bmatrix} \right) \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^k \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_i & P_i \\ \overline{Q}_i & Q_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_l & N_l \\ \overline{M}_l & \overline{N}_l \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{f}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_i(x_{i-1}) \\ \vec{g}_i(x_i) \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

In addition, by Green's formula (1), we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} Uf \\ U_c f \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} U_c^+ g \\ U^+ g \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{l=1}^k \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_{l-1}) & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0_{n \times n} & F(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{f}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}) \\ \vec{g}_l(x_l) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (14)$$

Since equations (13) and (14) are equal, comparison of coefficients shows that we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_i & P_i \\ \overline{Q}_i & Q_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_l & N_l \\ \overline{M}_l & \overline{N}_l \end{bmatrix} = \begin{cases} \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_{l-1}) & 0_{n \times n} \\ 0_{n \times n} & F(x_l) \end{bmatrix} & \text{if } i = l, \\ 0_{2n \times 2n} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Using the above relation, we obtain the equality

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_0) & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_1) \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_{k-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 & P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 \\ \overline{M}_1 & \overline{N}_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_k & P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k & Q_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_k & N_k \\ \overline{M}_k & \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (15)$$

Since the matrix on LHS of (15) is invertible, we can premultiply both sides by this inverse to obtain

$$E_{2nk \times 2nk} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_0) & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_1) \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_{k-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 & P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 \\ \overline{M}_1 & \overline{N}_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_k & P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k & Q_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_k & N_k \\ \overline{M}_k & \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

By Lemma 8:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_0) & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_1) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_{k-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_k) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_1 : P_1 \\ \bar{Q}_1 : Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{P}_k : P_k \\ \bar{Q}_k : Q_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \bar{M}_1 : \bar{N}_1 : \dots : \bar{M}_k : \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_0) & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_1) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_1 & P_1 \\ \bar{Q}_1 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_{k-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_k) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_k & P_k \\ \bar{Q}_k & Q_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \bar{M}_1 : \bar{N}_1 : \dots : \bar{M}_k : \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -F^{-1}(x_0)\bar{P}_1 & -F^{-1}(x_0)P_1 \\ F^{-1}(x_1)\bar{Q}_1 & F^{-1}(x_1)Q_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})\bar{P}_k & -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})P_k \\ F^{-1}(x_k)\bar{Q}_k & F^{-1}(x_k)Q_k \end{bmatrix}}_{\Lambda} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \bar{M}_1 : \bar{N}_1 : \dots : \bar{M}_k : \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix}}_{\Xi}. \tag{16}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that the two matrices in (16) are square, and that the matrix Ξ is full-rank. So, the matrix Λ must be the inverse of Ξ . In other words, the following holds:

$$\begin{bmatrix} E_{m \times m} & 0_{m \times (2nk-m)} \\ 0_{(2nk-m) \times m} & E_{(2nk-m) \times (2nk-m)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \bar{M}_1 : \bar{N}_1 : \dots : \bar{M}_k : \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -F^{-1}(x_0)\bar{P}_1 & -F^{-1}(x_0)P_1 \\ F^{-1}(x_1)\bar{Q}_1 & F^{-1}(x_1)Q_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})\bar{P}_k & -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})P_k \\ F^{-1}(x_k)\bar{Q}_k & F^{-1}(x_k)Q_k \end{bmatrix}.$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -F^{-1}(x_0)P_1 \\ F^{-1}(x_1)Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})P_k \\ F^{-1}(x_k)Q_k \end{bmatrix} = 0_{m \times (2nk-m)}.$$

Now, observe that

$$H := \begin{bmatrix} -F^{-1}(x_0)P_1 \\ F^{-1}(x_1)Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})P_k \\ F^{-1}(x_k)Q_k \end{bmatrix}_{2nk \times (2nk-m)}$$

has rank $2nk - m$. Thus, columns H also form the solution space of the system (12), just like \mathcal{H} does. But this suggests that \mathcal{H} and H are the same up to a linear transformation, i.e. there exists a non-singular matrix A of size $(2nk - m) \times (2nk - m)$ such that

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_0)^{-1}\mathcal{P}_1 \\ F(x_1)^{-1}\mathcal{Q}_1 \\ \vdots \\ -F(x_{k-1})^{-1}\mathcal{P}_k \\ F(x_k)^{-1}\mathcal{Q}_k \end{bmatrix} = HA = \begin{bmatrix} -F^{-1}(x_0)P_1 \\ F^{-1}(x_1)Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})P_k \\ F^{-1}(x_k)Q_k \end{bmatrix} A = \begin{bmatrix} -F^{-1}(x_0)P_1A \\ F^{-1}(x_1)Q_1A \\ \vdots \\ -F^{-1}(x_{k-1})P_kA \\ F^{-1}(x_k)Q_kA \end{bmatrix},$$

and so $P_l A = P_l$ and $Q_l A = Q_l$ for all $l = 1, \dots, k$. Therefore,

$$\mathcal{U}^+ g = \sum_{l=1}^k P_l^* \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}) + Q_l^* \vec{g}_l(x_l) = \sum_{l=1}^k A^* P_l^* \vec{g}_l(x_{l-1}) + A^* Q_l^* \vec{g}_l(x_l) = A^* U^+ g.$$

Observe that $U^+ g = \vec{0}$ implies $\mathcal{U}^+ g = \vec{0}$. Since A^* is nonsingular, it follows that $U^+ g = \vec{0}$ if and only if $\mathcal{U}^+ g = \vec{0}$. Since $U^+ g = \vec{0}$ is adjoint to $Uf = \vec{0}$, $\mathcal{U}^+ g = \vec{0}$ is adjoint to $Uf = \vec{0}$. This completes the proof. \square

Lemma 8. *For the relevant matrices $P_l, Q_l, \bar{P}_l, \bar{Q}_l, M_l, N_l, \bar{M}_l, \bar{N}_l$, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_1 & P_1 \\ \bar{Q}_1 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 \\ \bar{M}_1 & \bar{N}_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_k & P_k \\ \bar{Q}_k & Q_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_k & N_k \\ \bar{M}_k & \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}_{2nk \times 2nk} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_1 : P_1 \\ \bar{Q}_1 : Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{P}_k : P_k \\ \bar{Q}_k : Q_k \end{bmatrix}_{2nk \times 2nk} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \bar{M}_1 : \bar{N}_1 : \dots : \bar{M}_k : \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix}_{2nk \times 2nk}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. First, observe that we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_1 & P_1 \\ \bar{Q}_1 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 \\ \bar{M}_1 & \bar{N}_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_k & P_k \\ \bar{Q}_k & Q_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_k & N_k \\ \bar{M}_k & \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_1 & P_1 \\ \bar{Q}_1 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_k & P_k \\ \bar{Q}_k & Q_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}_{2nk \times 2nk^2} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 \\ \bar{M}_1 & \bar{N}_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} M_k & N_k \\ \bar{M}_k & \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}_{2nk^2 \times 2nk} \quad (17) \end{aligned}$$

Now, let \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{W} be matrices given by:

$$\mathcal{V}_{2nk^2 \times 2nk} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 \\ \bar{M}_1 & \bar{N}_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} M_k & N_k \\ \bar{M}_k & \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \bar{M}_1 : \bar{N}_1 : \dots : \bar{M}_k : \bar{N}_k \end{bmatrix}^{-1}; \quad (18)$$

$$\mathcal{W}_{2nk \times 2nk^2} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_1 : P_1 \\ \bar{Q}_1 : Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ \bar{P}_k : P_k \\ \bar{Q}_k : Q_k \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_1 & P_1 \\ \bar{Q}_1 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} \bar{P}_k & P_k \\ \bar{Q}_k & Q_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}. \quad (19)$$

Observe that

$$\mathcal{W}\mathcal{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 : P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 : Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ \overline{P}_k : P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k : Q_k \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 & P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_k & P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k & Q_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 \\ \overline{M}_1 & \overline{N}_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} M_k & N_k \\ \overline{M}_k & \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \overline{M}_1 : \overline{N}_1 : \dots : \overline{M}_k : \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

Substitute (17):

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 : P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 : Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ \overline{P}_k : P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k : Q_k \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 & P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 \\ \overline{M}_1 & \overline{N}_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_k & P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k & Q_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_k & N_k \\ \overline{M}_k & \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \overline{M}_1 : \overline{N}_1 : \dots : \overline{M}_k : \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

Recall (15):

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 : P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 : Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ \overline{P}_k : P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k : Q_k \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_0) & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_1) \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} -F(x_{k-1}) & 0 \\ 0 & F(x_k) \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \overline{M}_1 : \overline{N}_1 : \dots : \overline{M}_k : \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

Recall (2), (3), and the explicit definition for J as given in the proof of Theorem 2:

$$= (J^*)^{-1} S H^{-1} = (J^*)^{-1} J^* = E_{2nk \times 2nk}.$$

Thus, (17) can be rewritten as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 & P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 \\ \overline{M}_1 & \overline{N}_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_k & P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k & Q_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_k & N_k \\ \overline{M}_k & \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 & P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 & Q_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_k & P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k & Q_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}_{2nk \times 2nk^2} \begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 & N_1 \\ \overline{M}_1 & \overline{N}_1 \end{bmatrix} & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \begin{bmatrix} M_k & N_k \\ \overline{M}_k & \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}_{2nk^2 \times 2nk} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 : P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 : Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ \overline{P}_k : P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k : Q_k \end{bmatrix} \mathcal{W}_{2nk \times 2nk^2} \mathcal{V}_{2nk^2 \times 2nk} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \overline{M}_1 : \overline{N}_1 : \dots : \overline{M}_k : \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 : P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 : Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ \overline{P}_k : P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k : Q_k \end{bmatrix} E_{2nk \times 2nk} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \overline{M}_1 : \overline{N}_1 : \dots : \overline{M}_k : \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{P}_1 : P_1 \\ \overline{Q}_1 : Q_1 \\ \vdots \\ \overline{P}_k : P_k \\ \overline{Q}_k : Q_k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} M_1 : N_1 : \dots : M_k : N_k \\ \overline{M}_1 : \overline{N}_1 : \dots : \overline{M}_k : \overline{N}_k \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof. \square

2 Extension of the work by Pelloni & Smith

In this section, we extend the system that Pelloni & Smith derived in [2].

2.1 Formulation of the problem

Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ be independent, let

$$\pi = \{0 = \eta_0 < \eta_1 < \dots < \eta_m = 1\}$$

be a partition of a closed interval $[0, 1]$, and let

$$\mathfrak{s}_{kj}^r, \mathfrak{d}_{kj}^r \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \text{for } j \in \{0, 1, \dots, mn-1\}, \quad k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}, \quad r \in \{0, \dots, m\}.$$

Further, let

$$C_\pi^{n-1}[a, b] = \left\{ f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ s.t. } \forall r \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}, \right. \\ \left. f_r := f|_{(\eta_{r-1}, \eta_r)} \text{ admits an extension } g_r \text{ to } [\eta_{r-1}, \eta_r] \text{ s.t. } g_r \in C^{n-1}[\eta_{r-1}, \eta_r] \right\}.$$

be the relevant function space. Consider the following *initial-multipoint value problem*:

$$[\partial_t + a(-i\partial_x)^n]q(x, t) = 0 \quad (x, t) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0, T), \quad (20a)$$

$$q(x, 0) = q_0(x) \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (20b)$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{s}_{kj}^r \partial_x^{(k)} q(\eta_{r-1}, t) + \mathfrak{d}_{kj}^r \partial_x^{(k)} q(\eta_r, t) = v_j(t) \quad t \in [0, T], \quad j \in \{0, 1, \dots, mn-1\}, \quad (20c)$$

where $q(x, \cdot) \in C_\pi^{n-1}[0, 1]$, $q_0 \in C^n[0, 1]$, $v_j \in C^\infty[0, T]$, with $T > 0$ a fixed constant.

2.2 Global relations

First, we derive the relevant global relation. Fix $r \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$, let ϕ_r denote the restriction of function ϕ to interval $[\eta_{r-1}, \eta_r]$, and observe the action of Fourier transform on the derivative operator:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{(-i\partial_x)^n \phi_r}(\lambda) &= \int_{\eta_{r-1}}^{\eta_r} e^{-i\lambda x} (-i\partial_x)^n \phi_r \, dx \\ &= e^{-i\lambda x} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (-i)^{n+1-j} \lambda^{j-1} \phi_r^{(n-j)}(x) \Big|_{x=\eta_{r-1}}^{x=\eta_r} + \lambda^n \int_{\eta_{r-1}}^{\eta_r} e^{-i\lambda x} \phi_r \, dx \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

$$= e^{-i\lambda x} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (-i)^{k+1} \lambda^{n-k-1} \phi_r^{(k)}(x) \Big|_{x=\eta_{r-1}}^{x=\eta_r} + \lambda^n \widehat{\phi_r}(\lambda), \quad (22)$$

where we performed integration by parts in (22) and relabeled indices as $k = n - j$ in (23). Applying the Fourier transform on the PDE (21a) on $[\eta_{r-1}, \eta_r]$ yields

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \widehat{[\partial_t + a(-i\partial_x)^n]q_r}(\lambda, t) \\ &= [\partial_t + \lambda^n] \widehat{q_r}(\lambda, t) + a \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} e^{-i\lambda x} (-i)^{k+1} \lambda^{n-k-1} \partial_x^{(k)} q_r(x, t) \Big|_{x=\eta_{r-1}}^{x=\eta_r}. \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

Multiplying (24) by $e^{a\lambda^n t}$ and integrating the result in time, we obtain

$$0 = e^{a\lambda^n t} \widehat{q_r}(\lambda; t) - \widehat{q_r}(\lambda; 0) + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a(-i)^{k+1} \lambda^{n-k-1} e^{-i\lambda x} \int_0^t e^{a\lambda^n s} \partial_x^{(k)} q_r(x, s) \Big|_{x=\eta_{r-1}}^{x=\eta_r} \, ds,$$

so that we obtain the expression for the *global relation*

$$\widehat{q_r}(\lambda; 0) - e^{a\lambda^n t} \widehat{q_r}(\lambda; t)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a(-i)^{k+1} \lambda^{n-k-1} \left(e^{-i\lambda\eta_r} \int_0^t e^{a\lambda^n s} \partial_x^k q_r(\eta_r, s) ds - e^{-i\lambda\eta_{r-1}} \int_0^t e^{a\lambda^n s} \partial_x^k q_r(\eta_{r-1}, s) ds \right), \quad (24)$$

valid for $t \in [0, T]$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $x \in [\eta_{r-1}, \eta_r]$. Evaluating (25) at $\tau \in [0, T]$, we obtain the global relation at τ :

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{q}_r(\lambda; 0) - e^{a\lambda^n \tau} \widehat{q}_r(\lambda; \tau) \\ = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a(-i)^{k+1} \lambda^{n-k-1} \left(e^{-i\lambda\eta_r} \int_0^\tau e^{a\lambda^n s} \partial_x^k q_r(\eta_r, s) ds - e^{-i\lambda\eta_{r-1}} \int_0^\tau e^{a\lambda^n s} \partial_x^k q_r(\eta_{r-1}, s) ds \right). \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Now, we adopt the following notation: for $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and $k \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$, denote a primitive n^{th} root of unity

$$\alpha = e^{2\pi i/n},$$

an exponential function

$$E_r(\lambda) = e^{-i\lambda\eta_r},$$

coefficients

$$c_k(\lambda) = ia\lambda^{n-k-1}(-i)^k,$$

a time transform of the value $\partial_x^k q$ at $x = \eta_r$ as

$$g_k^r(\lambda) = g_k^r(\lambda, \tau) = c_k(\lambda) \int_0^\tau e^{a\lambda^n s} \partial_x^k q_r(\eta_r, s) ds, \quad r \in \{1, \dots, m\},$$

a time transform of the value $\partial_x^k q$ at $x = \eta_{r-1}$ as

$$f_k^r(\lambda) = f_k^r(\lambda, \tau) = c_k(\lambda) \int_0^\tau e^{a\lambda^n s} \partial_x^k q_r(\eta_{r-1}, s) ds, \quad r \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

the Fourier transform of the initial datum, restricted to (η_{r-1}, η_r) as

$$\widehat{q}_0^r(\lambda) = \int_{\eta_{r-1}}^{\eta_r} e^{-i\lambda x} q_0(x) dx,$$

and the Fourier transform of the solution at time τ , restricted to (η_{r-1}, η_r) as

$$\widehat{q}_\tau^r(\lambda) = \int_{\eta_{r-1}}^{\eta_r} e^{-i\lambda x} q(x, \tau) dx.$$

Using this notation, we can simplify the global relation (26) to

$$\widehat{q}_0^r(\lambda) - e^{a\lambda^n \tau} \widehat{q}_\tau^r(\lambda) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} [E_{r-1}(\lambda) f_k^r(\lambda) - E_r(\lambda) g_k^r(\lambda)]. \quad (26)$$

Now, we create the system of global relations. Consider the global relation in each of the rectangles $(x, t) \in [\eta_{r-1}, \eta_r] \times [0, \tau]$, $r \in \{1, \dots, m\}$, and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. This yields a set of m global relations. Evaluating each relation at $\alpha, \alpha\lambda, \dots, \alpha^{n-1}\lambda$, and using the fact that $f_k^r(\alpha^p \lambda) = \alpha^{(n-1-k)p} f_k^r(\lambda)$, $g_k^r(\alpha^p \lambda) = \alpha^{(n-1-k)p} g_k^r(\lambda)$ we obtain the following system of mn equations

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{(n-1-k)p} [E_{r-1}(\alpha^p \lambda) f_k^r(\lambda) - E_r(\alpha^p \lambda) g_k^r(\lambda)] = \widehat{q}_0^r(\alpha^p \lambda) - e^{a\lambda^n \tau} \widehat{q}_\tau^r(\alpha^p \lambda), \quad p \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}. \quad (27)$$

Now, we would like to write equations in (28) in a system form. Note

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{(n-1-k)p} [E_{r-1}(\alpha^p \lambda) f_k^r(\lambda) - E_r(\alpha^p \lambda) g_k^r(\lambda)] \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{(n-1-k)p} E_{r-1}(\alpha^p \lambda) f_k^r(\lambda) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{(n-1-k)p} E_r(\alpha^p \lambda) g_k^r(\lambda) \\
&= \left[\alpha^{(n-1)p} E_{r-1}(\alpha^p \lambda) f_0^r(\lambda) + \alpha^{(n-2)p} E_{r-1}(\alpha^p \lambda) f_1^r(\lambda) + \dots + \alpha^0 E_{r-1}(\alpha^p \lambda) f_{n-1}^r(\lambda) \right] \\
&\quad - \left[\alpha^{(n-1)p} E_r(\alpha^p \lambda) g_0^r(\lambda) + \alpha^{(n-2)p} E_r(\alpha^p \lambda) g_1^r(\lambda) + \dots + \alpha^0 E_r(\alpha^p \lambda) g_{n-1}^r(\lambda) \right] \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^{(n-1)p} E_{r-1}(\alpha^p \lambda) & \dots & \alpha^0 E_{r-1}(\alpha^p \lambda) & \alpha^{(n-1)p} E_r(\alpha^p \lambda) & \dots & \alpha^0 E_r(\alpha^p \lambda) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_0^r(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ f_{n-1}^r(\lambda) \\ g_0^r(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ g_{n-1}^r(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (28)
\end{aligned}$$

Evaluating (29) at $p = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ yields the following system:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^{(n-1)0} E_{r-1}(\alpha^0 \lambda) & \dots & \alpha^0 E_{r-1}(\alpha^0 \lambda) & \alpha^{(n-1)0} E_r(\alpha^p \lambda) & \dots & \alpha^0 E_r(\alpha^0 \lambda) \\ \alpha^{(n-1)} E_{r-1}(\alpha \lambda) & \dots & \alpha^0 E_{r-1}(\alpha \lambda) & \alpha^{(n-1)} E_r(\alpha \lambda) & \dots & \alpha^0 E_r(\alpha \lambda) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \alpha^{(n-1)(n-1)} E_{r-1}(\alpha^{(n-1)} \lambda) & \dots & \alpha^0 E_{r-1}(\alpha^{(n-1)} \lambda) & \alpha^{(n-1)(n-1)} E_r(\alpha^p \lambda) & \dots & \alpha^0 E_r(\alpha^{(n-1)} \lambda) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f_0^r(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ f_{n-1}^r(\lambda) \\ g_0^r(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ g_{n-1}^r(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{q}_0^r(\alpha^0 \lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \widehat{q}_0^r(\alpha^{(n-1)} \lambda) \end{bmatrix} - e^{a\lambda^n \tau} \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{q}_\tau^r(\alpha^0 \lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \widehat{q}_\tau^r(\alpha^{(n-1)} \lambda) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (29)
\end{aligned}$$

For notational convenience, let

$$\begin{aligned}
\vec{f}^r(\lambda) &= \begin{bmatrix} f_0^r(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ f_{n-1}^r(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{g}^r(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} g_0^r(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ g_{n-1}^r(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{\widehat{q}}_0^r(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{q}_0^r(\alpha^0 \lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \widehat{q}_0^r(\alpha^{(n-1)} \lambda) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{\widehat{q}}_\tau^r(\lambda) = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{q}_\tau^r(\alpha^0 \lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \widehat{q}_\tau^r(\alpha^{(n-1)} \lambda) \end{bmatrix}, \\
e_r &= \begin{bmatrix} E_r(\lambda) & E_r(\alpha \lambda) \alpha^{(n-1)} & \dots & E_r(\alpha^{(n-1)} \lambda) \alpha^{(n-1)(n-1)} \\ E_r(\lambda) & E_r(\alpha \lambda) \alpha^{(n-2)} & \dots & E_r(\alpha^{(n-1)} \lambda) \alpha^{(n-1)(n-2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ E_r(\lambda) & E_r(\alpha \lambda) & \dots & E_r(\alpha^{(n-1)} \lambda) \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

for $r \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$, and e_r are $n \times n$ matrices. Then, we can write (30) in a more compact form:

$$[e_{r-1}^T : -e_r^T] \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^r(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^r(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} = \vec{\widehat{q}}_0^r(\lambda) - e^{(a\lambda^n \tau)} \vec{\widehat{q}}_\tau^r(\lambda), \quad r \in \{1, \dots, m\}, \quad (30)$$

where

$$[e_{r-1}^T : -e_r^T] = \begin{bmatrix} (e_{r-1}^T)_{1 \ 1} & \dots & (e_{r-1}^T)_{1 \ n} & -(e_r^T)_{1 \ 1} & \dots & -(e_r^T)_{1 \ n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ (e_{r-1}^T)_{n \ 1} & \dots & (e_{r-1}^T)_{n \ n} & -(e_r^T)_{n \ 1} & \dots & -(e_r^T)_{n \ n} \end{bmatrix}.$$

2.3 Multipoint conditions

We would also like to rewrite the multipoint conditions

$$\sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_{kj}^r \partial_x^k q(\eta_{r-1}, t) + \mathfrak{d}_{kj}^r \partial_x^k q(\eta_r, t) = v_j(t),$$

where $t \in [0, T]$, $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, mn-1\}$. Multiplying by c_k and $e^{a\lambda^n t}$, and applying the time transform at time $\tau \in [0, T]$ yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_{kj}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_k(\lambda)} c_k(\lambda) \int_0^\tau e^{a\lambda^n s} \partial_x^k q(\eta_{r-1}, s) ds \\ & + \mathfrak{d}_{kj}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_k(\lambda)} c_k(\lambda) \int_0^\tau e^{a\lambda^n s} \partial_x^k q(\eta_r, s) ds = \frac{(-a)}{i^n} \int_0^\tau e^{a\lambda^n s} v_j(s) ds := h_j(\lambda), \end{aligned}$$

so that the conditions become

$$\sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_{kj}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_k(\lambda)} f_k^r(\lambda) + \mathfrak{d}_{kj}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_k(\lambda)} g_k^r(\lambda) = h_j(\lambda). \quad (31)$$

Now, expand the sum in (32) over k :

$$\begin{aligned} h_j(\lambda) &= \sum_{r=1}^m \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_{kj}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_k(\lambda)} f_k^r(\lambda) + \mathfrak{d}_{kj}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_k(\lambda)} g_k^r(\lambda) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^m \mathfrak{S}_{0j}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_0(\lambda)} f_0^r(\lambda) + \mathfrak{S}_{1j}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_1(\lambda)} f_1^r(\lambda) + \dots + \mathfrak{S}_{(n-1)j}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_{n-1}(\lambda)} f_{n-1}^r(\lambda) \\ &\quad + \mathfrak{d}_{0j}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_0(\lambda)} g_0^r(\lambda) + \mathfrak{d}_{1j}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_1(\lambda)} g_1^r(\lambda) + \dots + \mathfrak{d}_{(n-1)j}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_{n-1}(\lambda)} g_{n-1}^r(\lambda) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^m \begin{bmatrix} \mathfrak{S}_{0j}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_0(\lambda)} & \dots & \mathfrak{S}_{(n-1)j}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_{n-1}(\lambda)} & \mathfrak{d}_{0j}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_0(\lambda)} & \dots & \mathfrak{d}_{(n-1)j}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_{n-1}(\lambda)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^r(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^r(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (32) \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating (33) at $j = 0, 1, \dots, mn-1$ and combining the resultant equations, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^m \begin{bmatrix} \mathfrak{S}_{00}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_0(\lambda)} & \dots & \mathfrak{S}_{(n-1)0}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_{n-1}(\lambda)} & \mathfrak{d}_{00}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_0(\lambda)} & \dots & \mathfrak{d}_{(n-1)0}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_{n-1}(\lambda)} \\ \mathfrak{S}_{01}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_0(\lambda)} & \dots & \mathfrak{S}_{(n-1)1}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_{n-1}(\lambda)} & \mathfrak{d}_{01}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_0(\lambda)} & \dots & \mathfrak{d}_{(n-1)1}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_{n-1}(\lambda)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathfrak{S}_{0(mn-1)}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_0(\lambda)} & \dots & \mathfrak{S}_{(n-1)(mn-1)}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_{n-1}(\lambda)} & \mathfrak{d}_{0(mn-1)}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_0(\lambda)} & \dots & \mathfrak{d}_{(n-1)(mn-1)}^r \frac{(-a)}{i^n c_{n-1}(\lambda)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^r(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^r(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} h_0(\lambda) \\ h_1(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ h_{mn-1}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}. \quad (33) \end{aligned}$$

For $k = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$, define the following matrices

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C}_k^r &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathfrak{S}_{0kn}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{S}_{1kn}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \dots & \mathfrak{S}_{(n-1)kn}^r \\ \mathfrak{S}_{0(kn+1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{S}_{1(kn+1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \dots & \mathfrak{S}_{(n-1)(kn+1)}^r \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathfrak{S}_{0((k+1)n-1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{S}_{1((k+1)n-1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \dots & \mathfrak{S}_{(n-1)((k+1)n-1)}^r \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad n \times n \text{ block}; \\ \mathbf{D}_k^r &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathfrak{d}_{0kn}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{d}_{1kn}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \dots & \mathfrak{d}_{(n-1)kn}^r \\ \mathfrak{d}_{0(kn+1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{d}_{1(kn+1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \dots & \mathfrak{d}_{(n-1)(kn+1)}^r \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathfrak{d}_{0((k+1)n-1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{d}_{1((k+1)n-1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \dots & \mathfrak{d}_{(n-1)((k+1)n-1)}^r \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad n \times n \text{ block}. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can rewrite the system in (34) as

$$\begin{aligned}
\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} h_0(\lambda) \\ h_1(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ h_{mn-1}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{mn \times 1} &= \sum_{r=1}^m \begin{bmatrix} (\mathcal{C}_0^r)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_0^r)^T \\ (\mathcal{C}_1^r)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_1^r)^T \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ (\mathcal{C}_{m-1}^r)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_{m-1}^r)^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^r(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^r(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} (\mathcal{C}_0^1)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_0^1)^T \\ (\mathcal{C}_1^1)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_1^1)^T \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ (\mathcal{C}_{m-1}^1)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_{m-1}^1)^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^1(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} (\mathcal{C}_0^2)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_0^2)^T \\ (\mathcal{C}_1^2)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_1^2)^T \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ (\mathcal{C}_{m-1}^2)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_{m-1}^2)^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^2(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^2(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \\
&\quad + \dots + \begin{bmatrix} (\mathcal{C}_0^m)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_0^m)^T \\ (\mathcal{C}_1^m)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_1^m)^T \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ (\mathcal{C}_{m-1}^m)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_{m-1}^m)^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^m(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (\mathcal{C}_0^1)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_0^1)^T & : & (\mathcal{C}_0^2)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_0^2)^T & : & \dots & : & (\mathcal{C}_0^m)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_0^m)^T \\ (\mathcal{C}_1^1)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_1^1)^T & : & (\mathcal{C}_1^2)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_1^2)^T & : & \dots & : & (\mathcal{C}_1^m)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_1^m)^T \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ (\mathcal{C}_{m-1}^1)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_{m-1}^1)^T & : & (\mathcal{C}_{m-1}^2)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_{m-1}^2)^T & : & \dots & : & (\mathcal{C}_{m-1}^m)^T & : & (\mathcal{D}_{m-1}^m)^T \end{bmatrix}}_{mn \times 2mn} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{f}^2(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}^m(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 1}. \tag{34}
\end{aligned}$$

The equation (35) gives a convenient way to express the multipoint conditions.

2.4 The Dirichlet-to-Neumann map in \mathcal{B} form

We use the results in the previous two subsections to define a system, whose solution will aid us in finding the Dirichlet-to-Neumann map. First, recall from the Global Relations subsection, we have the equation (31), reproduced below:

$$[e_{r-1}^T : -e_r^T] \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^r(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^r(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} = \widehat{q}_0^r(\lambda) - e^{a\lambda^n \tau} \widehat{q}_\tau^r(\lambda), \quad r \in \{1, \dots, m\}. \tag{35}$$

Evaluating the equation in (36) at $r = 1, \dots, m$ yields

$$\begin{aligned}
[e_0^T : -e_1^T] \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^1(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} &= \widehat{q}_0^1(\lambda) - e^{a\lambda^n \tau} \widehat{q}_\tau^1(\lambda) \\
[e_1^T : -e_2^T] \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^2(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^2(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} &= \widehat{q}_0^2(\lambda) - e^{a\lambda^n \tau} \widehat{q}_\tau^2(\lambda) \\
&\vdots \\
[e_{m-2}^T : -e_{m-1}^T] \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^{m-1}(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^{m-1}(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} &= \widehat{q}_0^{m-1}(\lambda) - e^{a\lambda^n \tau} \widehat{q}_\tau^{m-1}(\lambda) \\
[e_{m-1}^T : -e_m^T] \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^m(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} &= \widehat{q}_0^m(\lambda) - e^{a\lambda^n \tau} \widehat{q}_\tau^m(\lambda).
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

Combining the global relations in (37), we obtain the following system:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e_0^T : -e_1^T & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e_1^T : -e_2^T & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & e_{m-2}^T : -e_{m-1}^T & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & e_{m-1}^T : -e_m^T \end{bmatrix}}_{mn \times 2mn} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{f}^2(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ f^{m-1}(\lambda) \\ g^{m-1}(\lambda) \\ \vec{f}^m(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_0^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_0^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_0^{m-1}(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_0^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{mn \times 1} - e^{a\lambda^n \tau} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{q}_\tau^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_\tau^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_\tau^{m-1}(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_\tau^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{mn \times 1}. \quad (37)$$

Combining (38) and (35), we arrive at the following system

$$\mathcal{B} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{f}^2(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ f^{m-1}(\lambda) \\ g^{m-1}(\lambda) \\ \vec{f}^m(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} h_0(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ h_{mn-1}(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_0^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_0^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_0^{m-1}(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_0^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 1} - e^{a\lambda^n \tau} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vec{q}_\tau^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_\tau^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_\tau^{m-1}(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_\tau^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 1}, \quad (38)$$

where

$$\mathcal{B} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (\mathcal{G}_0^1)^T & (\mathcal{D}_0^1)^T & (\mathcal{G}_0^2)^T & (\mathcal{D}_0^2)^T & \dots & (\mathcal{G}_0^{m-1})^T & (\mathcal{D}_0^{m-1})^T & (\mathcal{G}_0^m)^T & (\mathcal{D}_0^m)^T \\ (\mathcal{G}_1^1)^T & (\mathcal{D}_1^1)^T & (\mathcal{G}_1^2)^T & (\mathcal{D}_1^2)^T & \dots & (\mathcal{G}_1^{m-1})^T & (\mathcal{D}_1^{m-1})^T & (\mathcal{G}_1^m)^T & (\mathcal{D}_1^m)^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (\mathcal{G}_{m-1}^1)^T & (\mathcal{D}_{m-1}^1)^T & (\mathcal{G}_{m-1}^2)^T & (\mathcal{D}_{m-1}^2)^T & \dots & (\mathcal{G}_{m-1}^{m-1})^T & (\mathcal{D}_{m-1}^{m-1})^T & (\mathcal{G}_{m-1}^m)^T & (\mathcal{D}_{m-1}^m)^T \\ e_0^T & -e_1^T & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_1^T & -e_2^T & \dots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & e_{m-2}^T & -e_{m-1}^T & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 & e_{m-1}^T & -e_m^T \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 2mn}$$

is a block matrix where each block is $n \times n$. Solving this system will help obtain the Dirichlet-to-Neumann map. We shall refer to this system as the *D-to-N map in \mathcal{B} form*.

2.5 The Dirichlet-to-Neumann map in \mathcal{A} form

We seek to simplify the system (39). First, recall the matrices

$$\mathcal{G}_k^r = \begin{bmatrix} \mathfrak{G}_{0kn}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{G}_{1kn}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \dots & \mathfrak{G}_{(n-1)kn}^r \\ \mathfrak{G}_{0(kn+1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{G}_{1(kn+1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \dots & \mathfrak{G}_{(n-1)(kn+1)}^r \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathfrak{G}_{0((k+1)n-1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{G}_{1((k+1)n-1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \dots & \mathfrak{G}_{(n-1)((k+1)n-1)}^r \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad r = 1, \dots, m,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{D}_k^r &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathfrak{d}_{0kn}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{d}_{1kn}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \cdots & \mathfrak{d}_{(n-1)kn}^r \\ \mathfrak{d}_{0(kn+1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{d}_{1(kn+1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \cdots & \mathfrak{d}_{(n-1)(kn+1)}^r \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathfrak{d}_{0((k+1)n-1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1}} & \mathfrak{d}_{1((k+1)n-1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-2}} & \cdots & \mathfrak{d}_{(n-1)((k+1)n-1)}^r \end{bmatrix}^T, \quad r = 1, \dots, m, \\
e_r &= \begin{bmatrix} E_r(\lambda) & E_r(\alpha\lambda)\alpha^{(n-1)} & \cdots & E_r(\alpha^{(n-1)}\lambda)\alpha^{(n-1)(n-1)} \\ E_r(\lambda) & E_r(\alpha\lambda)\alpha^{(n-2)} & \cdots & E_r(\alpha^{(n-1)}\lambda)\alpha^{(n-1)(n-2)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ E_r(\lambda) & E_r(\alpha\lambda) & \cdots & E_r(\alpha^{(n-1)}\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, m,
\end{aligned}$$

where both matrices are $n \times n$, and $k = 0, \dots, m-1$. Now, define the matrices

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{S}_k^r &= \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} E_{r-1}(-\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} & \cdots & E_{r-1}(-\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{1}{((k+1)n-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \\ E_{r-1}(-\alpha\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{\alpha^{(j+1)}}{(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} & \cdots & E_{r-1}(-\alpha\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{\alpha^{(j+1)}}{((k+1)n-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ E_{r-1}(-\alpha^{n-1}\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{\alpha^{(n-1)(j+1)}}{(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} & \cdots & E_{r-1}(-\alpha^{n-1}\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{\alpha^{(n-1)(j+1)}}{((k+1)n-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \end{bmatrix}; \\
\mathbb{T}_k^r &= \frac{1}{n} \begin{bmatrix} E_r(-\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{d}_j^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} & \cdots & E_r(-\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{d}_j^r \frac{1}{((k+1)n-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \\ E_r(-\alpha\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{d}_j^r \frac{\alpha^{(j+1)}}{(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} & \cdots & E_r(-\alpha\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{d}_j^r \frac{\alpha^{(j+1)}}{((k+1)n-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ E_r(-\alpha^{n-1}\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{d}_j^r \frac{\alpha^{(n-1)(j+1)}}{(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} & \cdots & E_r(-\alpha^{n-1}\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{d}_j^r \frac{\alpha^{(n-1)(j+1)}}{((k+1)n-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \end{bmatrix}.
\end{aligned}$$

The matrices $\mathbb{S}_k^r, \mathbb{T}_k^r$ have the following convenient property:

Lemma 9. For the relevant matrices $e_r, \mathbb{S}_k^r, \mathbb{D}_k^r, \mathbb{S}_k^r, \mathbb{T}_k^r$, we have

$$e_{r-1}\mathbb{S}_k^r = \mathbb{S}_k^r, \quad e_r\mathbb{T}_k^r = \mathbb{D}_k^r,$$

where $r = 1, \dots, m$ and $k = 0, \dots, m-1$.

Proof. Fix r and k , and consider the product $e_{r-1}\mathbb{S}_k^r$. Observe that the (t, s) -th entry of the product $e_{r-1}\mathbb{S}_k^r$ is given by the t -th row of e_{r-1} times s -th column of \mathbb{S}_k^r . Thus, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
(e_{r-1}\mathbb{S}_k^r)_{(t,s)} &= \frac{1}{n} [E_{r-1}(\lambda) \quad E_{r-1}(\alpha\lambda)\alpha^{n-t} \quad \cdots \quad E_{r-1}(\alpha^{(n-1)}\lambda)\alpha^{(n-1)(n-t)}] \\
&\quad \begin{bmatrix} E_{r-1}(-\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{1}{(s-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \\ E_{r-1}(-\alpha\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{\alpha^{(j+1)}}{(s-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \\ \vdots \\ E_{r-1}(-\alpha^{n-1}\lambda) \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{\alpha^{(n-1)(j+1)}}{(s-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{1}{(s-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \left[E_{r-1}(\lambda)E_{r-1}(-\lambda) + E_{r-1}(\alpha\lambda)E_{r-1}(-\alpha\lambda)\alpha^{n-t}\alpha^{j+1} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \cdots + E_{r-1}(\alpha^{(n-1)}\lambda)E_{r-1}(-\alpha^{n-1}\lambda)\alpha^{(n-1)(n-t)}\alpha^{(n-1)(j+1)} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{1}{(s-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \left[1 + \alpha^{n-t}\alpha^{j+1} + \alpha^{2(n-t)}\alpha^{2(j+1)} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \cdots + \alpha^{(n-2)(n-t)}\alpha^{(n-2)(j+1)} + \alpha^{(n-1)(n-t)}\alpha^{(n-1)(j+1)} \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \mathfrak{S}_j^r \frac{1}{(s-1)(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \left[1 + \alpha^{n-t+j+1} + \alpha^{2(n-t+j+1)} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \cdots + \alpha^{(n-2)(n-t+j+1)} + \alpha^{(n-1)(n-t+j+1)} \right]. \tag{39}
\end{aligned}$$

Consider the inner sum in (40):

Case 1: $j = t - 1$. If $j = t - 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
& 1 + \alpha^{n-t+j+1} + \alpha^{2(n-t+j+1)} + \dots + \alpha^{(n-2)(n-t+j+1)} + \alpha^{(n-1)(n-t+j+1)} \\
&= 1 + \alpha^{n-t+t-1+1} + \alpha^{2(n-t+t-1+1)} + \dots + \alpha^{(n-2)(n-t+t-1+1)} + \alpha^{(n-1)(n-t+t-1+1)} \\
&= 1 + \alpha^n + \alpha^{2n} + \dots + \alpha^{(n-2)n} + \alpha^{(n-1)n} \\
&= 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 + 1 \\
&= n,
\end{aligned}$$

where the second last equality follows since α 's are primitive roots of unity.

Case 2: $j \neq t - 1$. If $j \neq t - 1$, then $\alpha^{n-t+j+1} \neq 1$, and so we treat the term $1 + \dots + \alpha^{(n-1)(n-t+j+1)}$ as a geometric progression with a common ratio $\alpha^{n-t+j+1}$. Thus, by geometric progression formula,

$$\begin{aligned}
& 1 + \alpha^{n-t+j+1} + \alpha^{2(n-t+j+1)} + \dots + \alpha^{(n-2)(n-t+j+1)} + \alpha^{(n-1)(n-t+j+1)} \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \alpha^{(n-t+j+1)k} \\
&= \frac{\alpha^{(n-t+j+1)n} - 1}{\alpha^{n-t+j+1} - 1} \\
&= 0,
\end{aligned}$$

where the last equality follows since $\alpha^n = 1$.

Thus, by the above analysis, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(e_{r-1} \mathbb{S}_k^r)_{(t,s)} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \zeta_j^r (s-1) \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \left[1 + \alpha^{n-t+j+1} + \dots + \alpha^{(n-1)(n-t+j+1)} \right] \\
&= \zeta_{(t-1)(s-1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-t}} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ j \neq t-1}}^{n-1} \zeta_j^r (s-1) \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-1-j}} \underbrace{\left[1 + \alpha^{n-t+j+1} + \dots + \alpha^{(n-1)(n-t+j+1)} \right]}_{=0} \\
&= \zeta_{(t-1)(s-1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-t}}.
\end{aligned}$$

But $\zeta_{(t-1)(s-1)}^r \frac{1}{(i\lambda)^{n-t}}$ is exactly the (t, s) -th entry of \mathbb{Q}_k^r , and so we have $e_{r-1} \mathbb{S}_k^r = \mathbb{Q}_k^r$. The proof that $e_r \mathbb{T}_k^r = \mathbb{D}_k^r$ is analogous. The proof is complete. \square

By lemma 9, we have $(\mathbb{Q}_k^r)^T = (\mathbb{S}_k^r)^T e_{r-1}^T$ and $(\mathbb{D}_k^r)^T = (\mathbb{T}_k^r)^T e_r^T$. This allows to rewrite the system (39) as follows:

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (\mathbb{Q}_0^1)^T & (\mathbb{D}_0^1)^T & (\mathbb{Q}_0^2)^T & (\mathbb{D}_0^2)^T & \dots & (\mathbb{Q}_0^m)^T & (\mathbb{D}_0^m)^T \\ (\mathbb{Q}_1^1)^T & (\mathbb{D}_1^1)^T & (\mathbb{Q}_1^2)^T & (\mathbb{D}_1^2)^T & \dots & (\mathbb{Q}_1^m)^T & (\mathbb{D}_1^m)^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (\mathbb{Q}_{m-1}^1)^T & (\mathbb{D}_{m-1}^1)^T & (\mathbb{Q}_{m-1}^2)^T & (\mathbb{D}_{m-1}^2)^T & \dots & (\mathbb{Q}_{m-1}^m)^T & (\mathbb{D}_{m-1}^m)^T \\ e_0^T & -e_1^T & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e_1^T & -e_2^T & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & e_{m-1}^T & -e_m^T \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 2mn} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{f}^2(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}^m(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbb{S}_0^1)^T e_0^T & (\mathbb{T}_0^1)^T e_1^T & (\mathbb{S}_0^2)^T e_1^T & (\mathbb{T}_0^2)^T e_2^T & \cdots & (\mathbb{S}_0^m)^T e_{m-1}^T & (\mathbb{T}_0^m)^T e_m^T \\ (\mathbb{S}_1^1)^T e_0^T & (\mathbb{T}_1^1)^T e_1^T & (\mathbb{S}_1^2)^T e_1^T & (\mathbb{T}_1^2)^T e_2^T & \cdots & (\mathbb{S}_1^m)^T e_{m-1}^T & (\mathbb{T}_1^m)^T e_m^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (\mathbb{S}_{m-1}^1)^T e_0^T & (\mathbb{T}_{m-1}^1)^T e_1^T & (\mathbb{S}_{m-1}^2)^T e_1^T & (\mathbb{T}_{m-1}^2)^T e_2^T & \cdots & (\mathbb{S}_{m-1}^m)^T e_{m-1}^T & (\mathbb{T}_{m-1}^m)^T e_m^T \\ I^T e_0^T & -I^T e_1^T & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I^T e_1^T & -I^T e_2^T & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & I^T e_{m-1}^T & -I^T e_m^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{f}^2(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}^m(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (\mathbb{S}_0^1)^T & (\mathbb{T}_0^1)^T & (\mathbb{S}_0^2)^T & (\mathbb{T}_0^2)^T & \cdots & (\mathbb{S}_0^m)^T & (\mathbb{T}_0^m)^T \\ (\mathbb{S}_1^1)^T & (\mathbb{T}_1^1)^T & (\mathbb{S}_1^2)^T & (\mathbb{T}_1^2)^T & \cdots & (\mathbb{S}_1^m)^T & (\mathbb{T}_1^m)^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (\mathbb{S}_{m-1}^1)^T & (\mathbb{T}_{m-1}^1)^T & (\mathbb{S}_{m-1}^2)^T & (\mathbb{T}_{m-1}^2)^T & \cdots & (\mathbb{S}_{m-1}^m)^T & (\mathbb{T}_{m-1}^m)^T \\ I^T & -I^T & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I^T & -I^T & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & I^T & -I^T \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 2mn} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e_0^T & & & & & & 0 \\ & e_1^T & & & & & \\ & & e_1^T & & & & \\ & & & e_2^T & & & \\ & & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & & e_{m-1}^T & \\ & & & & & & e_{m-1}^T \\ 0 & & & & & & e_m^T \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 2mn} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \vec{f}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{f}^2(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{f}^m(\lambda) \\ \vec{g}^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 1} \\
&= \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (\mathbb{S}_0^1)^T & (\mathbb{T}_0^1)^T & (\mathbb{S}_0^2)^T & (\mathbb{T}_0^2)^T & \cdots & (\mathbb{S}_0^m)^T & (\mathbb{T}_0^m)^T \\ (\mathbb{S}_1^1)^T & (\mathbb{T}_1^1)^T & (\mathbb{S}_1^2)^T & (\mathbb{T}_1^2)^T & \cdots & (\mathbb{S}_1^m)^T & (\mathbb{T}_1^m)^T \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (\mathbb{S}_{m-1}^1)^T & (\mathbb{T}_{m-1}^1)^T & (\mathbb{S}_{m-1}^2)^T & (\mathbb{T}_{m-1}^2)^T & \cdots & (\mathbb{S}_{m-1}^m)^T & (\mathbb{T}_{m-1}^m)^T \\ I^T & -I^T & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I^T & -I^T & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & I^T & -I^T \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 2mn} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e_0^T \vec{f}^1(\lambda) \\ e_1^T \vec{g}^1(\lambda) \\ e_1^T \vec{f}^2(\lambda) \\ e_2^T \vec{g}^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ e_{m-1}^T \vec{f}^m(\lambda) \\ e_m^T \vec{g}^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 1}, \quad (40)
\end{aligned}$$

where I is the $n \times n$ identity matrix. We finally rewrite the system (39) as follows:

$$\mathcal{A} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} e_0^T \vec{f}^1(\lambda) \\ e_1^T \vec{g}^1(\lambda) \\ e_1^T \vec{f}^2(\lambda) \\ e_2^T \vec{g}^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ e_{m-1}^T \vec{f}^m(\lambda) \\ e_m^T \vec{g}^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 1} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} h_0(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ h_{mn-1}(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_0^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_0^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_0^{m-1}(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_0^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 1} - e^{a\lambda n_t} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ \vec{q}_t^1(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_t^2(\lambda) \\ \vdots \\ \vec{q}_t^{m-1}(\lambda) \\ \vec{q}_t^m(\lambda) \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 1}, \quad (41)$$

where

$$\mathcal{A} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} (S_0^1) & (S_1^1) & \cdots & (S_{m-1}^1) & I & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ (T_0^1) & (T_1^1) & \cdots & (T_{m-1}^1) & -I & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ (S_0^2) & (S_1^2) & \cdots & (S_{m-1}^2) & 0 & I & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ (T_0^2) & (T_1^2) & \cdots & (T_{m-1}^2) & 0 & -I & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ (S_0^m) & (S_1^m) & \cdots & (S_{m-1}^m) & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & I \\ (T_0^m) & (T_1^m) & \cdots & (T_{m-1}^m) & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & -I \end{bmatrix}}_{2mn \times 2mn}^T$$

is a block matrix where each block is $n \times n$. The system (42) has the advantage that the main matrix is easier to compute. We refer to the system (42) as the *D-to-N map in \mathcal{A} form*.

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