

Nonlinear Control

Lecture # 8

Special nonlinear Forms

Normal Form

Relative Degree

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u, \quad y = h(x)$$

where f , g , and h are sufficiently smooth in a domain D
 $f : D \rightarrow R^n$ and $g : D \rightarrow R^n$ are called vector fields on D

$$\dot{y} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} [f(x) + g(x)u] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} L_f h(x) + L_g h(x) u$$

$$L_f h(x) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} f(x)$$

is the *Lie Derivative* of h with respect to f or along f

$$L_g L_f h(x) = \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x} g(x)$$

$$L_f^2 h(x) = L_f L_f h(x) = \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x} f(x)$$

$$L_f^k h(x) = L_f L_f^{k-1} h(x) = \frac{\partial(L_f^{k-1} h)}{\partial x} f(x)$$

$$L_f^0 h(x) = h(x)$$

$$\dot{y} = L_f h(x) + L_g h(x) u$$

$$L_g h(x) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{y} = L_f h(x)$$

$$y^{(2)} = \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x} [f(x) + g(x)u] = L_f^2 h(x) + L_g L_f h(x) u$$

$$L_g L_f h(x) = 0 \Rightarrow y^{(2)} = L_f^2 h(x)$$

$$y^{(3)} = L_f^3 h(x) + L_g L_f^2 h(x) u$$

$$L_g L_f^{i-1} h(x) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \rho - 1; \quad L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x) \neq 0$$

$$y^{(\rho)} = L_f^\rho h(x) + L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x) u$$

Definition 8.1

The system

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u, \quad y = h(x)$$

has relative degree ρ , $1 \leq \rho \leq n$, in $\mathcal{R} \subset D$ if $\forall x \in \mathcal{R}$

$$L_g L_f^{i-1} h(x) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \rho - 1; \quad L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x) \neq 0$$

Example 8.1 (Read)

Controlled van der Pol equation

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2/\varepsilon, \quad \dot{x}_2 = \varepsilon[-x_1 + x_2 - \frac{1}{3}x_2^3 + u], \quad y = x_1$$

$$\dot{y} = \dot{x}_1 = x_2/\varepsilon, \quad \ddot{y} = \dot{x}_2/\varepsilon = -x_1 + x_2 - \frac{1}{3}x_2^3 + u$$

Relative degree two over R^2

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2/\varepsilon, \quad \dot{x}_2 = \varepsilon[-x_1 + x_2 - \frac{1}{3}x_2^3 + u], \quad y = x_2$$

$$\dot{y} = \varepsilon[-x_1 + x_2 - \frac{1}{3}x_2^3 + u], \quad \text{Relative degree one over } R^2$$

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2/\varepsilon, \quad \dot{x}_2 = \varepsilon[-x_1 + x_2 - \frac{1}{3}x_2^3 + u], \quad y = \frac{1}{2}(\varepsilon^2 x_1^2 + x_2^2)$$

$$\dot{y} = \varepsilon^2 x_1 \dot{x}_1 + x_2 \dot{x}_2 = \varepsilon x_2^2 - (\varepsilon/3)x_2^4 + \varepsilon x_2 u$$

Relative degree one in $\{x_2 \neq 0\}$

Example 8.2 (Field-controlled DC motor)

$$\dot{x}_1 = d_1(-x_1 - x_2x_3 + V_a)$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = d_2[-f_e(x_2) + u]$$

$$\dot{x}_3 = d_3(x_1x_2 - bx_3)$$

$$y = x_3$$

$$\dot{y} = \dot{x}_3 = d_3(x_1x_2 - bx_3)$$

$$\ddot{y} = d_3(x_1\dot{x}_2 + \dot{x}_1x_2 - b\dot{x}_3) = (\cdots) + d_2d_3x_1u$$

Relative degree one in $\{x_1 \neq 0\}$

Example 8.3

$$H(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_0}{s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_0}$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax + Bu, \quad y = Cx$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & & & \vdots \\ & & & \ddots & & & \vdots \\ & & & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & & & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & & & & & & 1 \\ -a_0 & -a_1 & \dots & \dots & -a_m & \dots & \dots & -a_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 & b_1 & \dots & \dots & b_m & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Change of variables:

$$z = T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \phi_1(x) \\ \vdots \\ \phi_{n-\rho}(x) \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ h(x) \\ \vdots \\ L_f^{\rho-1} h(x) \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} \phi(x) \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \psi(x) \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} \eta \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \xi \end{bmatrix}$$

ϕ_1 to $\phi_{n-\rho}$ are chosen such that $T(x)$ is a diffeomorphism on a domain $D_x \subset \mathcal{R}$

When $\rho = n$, $z = T(x) = \psi(x) = \xi$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\eta} &= \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} [f(x) + g(x)u] = f_0(\eta, \xi) + g_0(\eta, \xi)u \\
\dot{\xi}_i &= \xi_{i+1}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \rho - 1 \\
\dot{\xi}_\rho &= L_f^\rho h(x) + L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x) u \\
y &= \xi_1
\end{aligned}$$

Choose $\phi(x)$ such that $T(x)$ is a diffeomorphism and

$$\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial x} g(x) = 0, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n - \rho, \quad \forall x \in D_x$$

Always possible (at least locally)

$$\dot{\eta} = f_0(\eta, \xi)$$

Theorem 8.1

Suppose the system

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u, \quad y = h(x)$$

has relative degree $\rho (\leq n)$ in $\mathcal{R}$. If $\rho = n$, then for every $x_0 \in \mathcal{R}$, a neighborhood N of x_0 exists such that the map $T(x) = \psi(x)$, restricted to N , is a diffeomorphism on N . If $\rho < n$, then, for every $x_0 \in \mathcal{R}$, a neighborhood N of x_0 and smooth functions $\phi_1(x), \dots, \phi_{n-\rho}(x)$ exist such that

$$\frac{\partial \phi_i}{\partial x} g(x) = 0, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n - \rho$$

is satisfied for all $x \in N$ and the map $T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \phi(x) \\ \psi(x) \end{bmatrix}$, restricted to N , is a diffeomorphism on N

Normal Form:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{\eta} &= f_0(\eta, \xi) \\
 \dot{\xi}_i &= \xi_{i+1}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \rho - 1 \\
 \dot{\xi}_\rho &= L_f^\rho h(x) + L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x) u \\
 y &= \xi_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$A_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B_c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C_c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\eta} &= f_0(\eta, \xi) \\
\dot{\xi} &= A_c \xi + B_c [L_f^\rho h(x) + L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x) u] \\
y &= C_c \xi
\end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{\psi}(\eta, \xi) = L_f^\rho h(x)|_{x=T^{-1}(z)}, \tilde{\gamma}(\eta, \xi) = L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x)|_{x=T^{-1}(z)}$$

$$\dot{\xi} = A_c \xi + B_c [\tilde{\psi}(\eta, \xi) + \tilde{\gamma}(\eta, \xi) u]$$

If x^* is an open-loop equilibrium point at which $y = 0$; i.e., $f(x^*) = 0$ and $h(x^*) = 0$, then $\psi(x^*) = 0$. Take $\phi(x^*) = 0$ so that $z = 0$ is an open-loop equilibrium point.

Zero Dynamics

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\eta} &= f_0(\eta, \xi) \\ \dot{\xi} &= A_c \xi + B_c [L_f^\rho h(x) + L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x) u] \\ y &= C_c \xi\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}y(t) \equiv 0 &\Rightarrow \xi(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow u(t) \equiv - \frac{L_f^\rho h(x(t))}{L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x(t))} \\ &\Rightarrow \dot{\eta} = f_0(\eta, 0)\end{aligned}$$

Definition

The equation $\dot{\eta} = f_0(\eta, 0)$ is called the *zero dynamics* of the system. The system is said to be *minimum phase* if the zero dynamics have an asymptotically stable equilibrium point in the domain of interest (at the origin if $T(0) = 0$)

$$Z^* = \{x \in \mathcal{R} \mid h(x) = L_f h(x) = \dots = L_f^{\rho-1} h(x) = 0\}$$

$$y(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x(t) \in Z^*$$

$$\Rightarrow u = u^*(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} - \left. \frac{L_f^\rho h(x)}{L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x)} \right|_{x \in Z^*}$$

The restricted motion of the system is described by

$$\dot{x} = f^*(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left[f(x) - g(x) \frac{L_f^\rho h(x)}{L_g L_f^{\rho-1} h(x)} \right]_{x \in Z^*}$$

Example 8.4

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2/\varepsilon, \quad \dot{x}_2 = \varepsilon[-x_1 + x_2 - \frac{1}{3}x_2^3 + u], \quad y = x_2$$

$$\dot{y} = \dot{x}_2 = \varepsilon[-x_1 + x_2 - \frac{1}{3}x_2^3 + u] \Rightarrow \rho = 1$$

The system is in the normal form with $\eta = x_1$ and $\xi = x_2$

$$y(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x_2(t) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_1 = 0$$

Non-minimum phase

Example 8.5

$$\dot{x}_1 = -x_1 + \frac{2 + x_3^2}{1 + x_3^2} u, \quad \dot{x}_2 = x_3, \quad \dot{x}_3 = x_1 x_3 + u, \quad y = x_2$$

$$\dot{y} = \dot{x}_2 = x_3$$

$$\ddot{y} = \dot{x}_3 = x_1 x_3 + u \Rightarrow \rho = 2$$

$$Z^* = \{x_2 = x_3 = 0\}$$

$$u = u^*(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x}_1 = -x_1$$

Minimum phase

Find $\phi(x)$ such that

$$\phi(0) = 0, \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} g(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1}, & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_2}, & \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2+x_3^2}{1+x_3^2} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

and

$$T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \phi(x) & x_2 & x_3 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

is a diffeomorphism

$$\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_1} \cdot \frac{2+x_3^2}{1+x_3^2} + \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x_3} = 0$$

$$\phi(x) = x_1 - x_3 - \tan^{-1} x_3$$

$$T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - x_3 - \tan^{-1} x_3 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \star \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$T(x)$ is a global diffeomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\eta} &= -(\eta + \xi_2 + \tan^{-1} \xi_2) \left(1 + \frac{2 + \xi_2^2}{1 + \xi_2^2} \xi_2 \right) \\ \dot{\xi}_1 &= \xi_2 \\ \dot{\xi}_2 &= (\eta + \xi_2 + \tan^{-1} \xi_2) \xi_2 + u \\ y &= \xi_1 \end{aligned}$$

Controller Form

Definition

A nonlinear system is in the controller form if

$$\dot{x} = Ax + B[\psi(x) + \gamma(x)u]$$

where (A, B) is controllable and $\gamma(x)$ is a nonsingular matrix for all x in the domain of interest

$$u = \gamma^{-1}(x)[- \psi(x) + v] \Rightarrow \dot{x} = Ax + Bv$$

Any system that can be represented in the controller form is said to be **feedback linearizable**

Example 8.7 (m -link robot)

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + D\dot{q} + g(q) = u$$

q is an m -dimensional vector of joint positions and $M(q)$ is a nonsingular inertial matrix

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} q \\ \dot{q} \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_m \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_m \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\psi = -M^{-1}(C\dot{q} + D\dot{q} + g), \quad \gamma = M^{-1}$$

An n -dimensional single-input system

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u$$

is transformable into the controller form if and only if $\exists h(x)$ such that

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u, \quad y = h(x)$$

has relative degree n

Search for a smooth function $h(x)$ such that

$$L_g L_f^{i-1} h(x) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1, \quad \text{and} \quad L_g L_f^{n-1} h(x) \neq 0$$

$$T(x) = \text{col} \left(h(x), \quad L_f h(x), \quad \dots \quad L_f^{n-1} h(x) \right)$$

The Lie Bracket: For two vector fields f and g , the *Lie bracket* $[f, g]$ is a third vector field defined by

$$[f, g](x) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} f(x) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} g(x)$$

Notation:

$$ad_f^0 g(x) = g(x), \quad ad_f g(x) = [f, g](x)$$

$$ad_f^k g(x) = [f, ad_f^{k-1} g](x), \quad k \geq 1$$

Properties:

- $[f, g] = -[g, f]$
- For constant vector fields f and g , $[f, g] = 0$

Example 8.8

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad g = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[f, g] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\cos x_1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$ad_f g = [f, g] = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad ad_f g = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ad_f^2 g &= [f, ad_f g] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -\sin x_1 - x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\cos x_1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 - 2x_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 - \sin x_1 - x_1 \cos x_1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Example 8.9

$f(x) = Ax$, g is a constant vector field

$$ad_f g = [f, g] = -Ag, \quad ad_f^2 g = [f, ad_f g] = -A(-Ag) = A^2 g$$

$$ad_f^k g = (-1)^k A^k g$$

Distribution: For vector fields $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k$ on $D \subset R^n$, let

$$\Delta(x) = \text{span}\{f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_k(x)\}$$

The collection of all vector spaces $\Delta(x)$ for $x \in D$ is called a *distribution* and referred to by

$$\Delta = \text{span}\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k\}$$

If $\dim(\Delta(x)) = k$ for all $x \in D$, we say that Δ is a nonsingular distribution on D , generated by $f_1, \dots, f_k$

A distribution Δ is *involutive* if

$$g_1 \in \Delta \text{ and } g_2 \in \Delta \Rightarrow [g_1, g_2] \in \Delta$$

If Δ is a nonsingular distribution, generated by $f_1, \dots, f_k$, then it is involutive if and only if

$$[f_i, f_j] \in \Delta, \quad \forall 1 \leq i, j \leq k$$

Example 8.10

$$D = \mathbb{R}^3; \Delta = \text{span}\{f_1, f_2\}$$

$$f_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \dim(\Delta(x)) = 2, \quad \forall x \in D$$

$$[f_1, f_2] = \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} f_1 - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} f_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank } [f_1(x), f_2(x), [f_1, f_2](x)] =$$

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} 2x_2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & x_2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 3, \quad \forall x \in D$$

Δ is not involutive

Example 8.11

$$D = \{x \in R^3 \mid x_1^2 + x_3^2 \neq 0\}; \Delta = \text{span}\{f_1, f_2\}$$

$$f_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2x_3 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1 \\ -2x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \dim(\Delta(x)) = 2, \quad \forall x \in D$$

$$[f_1, f_2] = \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} f_1 - \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} f_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -4x_3 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} 2x_3 & -x_1 & -4x_3 \\ -1 & -2x_2 & 2 \\ 0 & x_3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 2, \quad \forall x \in D$$

Δ is involutive

Theorem 8.2

The n -dimensional single-input system

$$\dot{x} = f(x) + g(x)u$$

is feedback linearizable in a neighborhood of $x_0 \in D$ **if and only if** there is a domain $D_x \subset D$, with $x_0 \in D_x$, such that

- 1 the matrix $\mathcal{G}(x) = [g(x), ad_f g(x), \dots, ad_f^{n-1} g(x)]$ has rank n for all $x \in D_x$;
- 2 the distribution $\mathcal{D} = \text{span} \{g, ad_f g, \dots, ad_f^{n-2} g\}$ is involutive in D_x .

Example 8.12 (Read)

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a \sin x_2 \\ -x_1^2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u$$

$$ad_f g = [f, g] = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} g = \begin{bmatrix} -a \cos x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[g(x), ad_f g(x)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -a \cos x_2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank}[g(x), ad_f g(x)] = 2, \quad \forall x \text{ such that } \cos x_2 \neq 0$$

$\text{span}\{g\}$ is involutive

Find h such that $L_g h(x) = 0$, and $L_g L_f h(x) \neq 0$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} g = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_2} = 0 \Rightarrow h \text{ is independent of } x_2$$

$$L_f h(x) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_1} a \sin x_2$$

$$L_g L_f h(x) = \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x} g = \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_1} a \cos x_2$$

$$L_g L_f h(x) \neq 0 \text{ in } D_0 = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \cos x_2 \neq 0\} \text{ if } \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_1} \neq 0$$

$$\text{Take } h(x) = x_1 \Rightarrow T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} h \\ L_f h \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ a \sin x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 8.13 (A single link manipulator with flexible joints)

$$f(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_2 \\ -a \sin x_1 - b(x_1 - x_3) \\ x_4 \\ c(x_1 - x_3) \end{bmatrix}, \quad g = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$ad_f g = [f, g] = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} g = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -d \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$ad_f^2 g = [f, ad_f g] = - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} ad_f g = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ bd \\ 0 \\ -cd \end{bmatrix}$$

$$ad_f^3 g = [f, ad_f^2 g] = - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} ad_f^2 g = \begin{bmatrix} -bd \\ 0 \\ cd \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & -bd \\ 0 & 0 & bd & 0 \\ 0 & -d & 0 & cd \\ d & 0 & -cd & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 4$$

$\text{span}(g, ad_f g, ad_f^2 g)$ is involutive **Why?**

The system is feedback linearizable. Find $h(x)$ such that

$$\frac{\partial(L_f^{i-1}h)}{\partial x}g = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad \frac{\partial(L_f^3h)}{\partial x}g \neq 0, \quad h(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}g = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_4} = 0$$

$$L_f h(x) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_1}x_2 + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_2}[-a \sin x_1 - b(x_1 - x_3)] + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_3}x_4$$

$$\frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x}g = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x_4} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_3} = 0$$

$$L_f h(x) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_1} x_2 + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_2} [-a \sin x_1 - b(x_1 - x_3)]$$

$$L_f^2 h(x) = \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x_1} x_2 + \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x_2} [-a \sin x_1 - b(x_1 - x_3)] + \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x_3} x_4$$

$$\frac{\partial(L_f^2 h)}{\partial x_4} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x_3} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial(L_f^3 h)}{\partial x} g \neq 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_1} \neq 0$$

$$h(x) = x_1, \quad T(x) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ -a \sin x_1 - b(x_1 - x_3) \\ -ax_2 \cos x_1 - b(x_2 - x_4) \end{bmatrix}$$

Example 8.14 (Field-Controlled DC Motor)

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} d_1(-x_1 - x_2x_3 + V_a) \\ -d_2f_e(x_2) \\ d_3(x_1x_2 - bx_3) \end{bmatrix}, \quad g = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ d_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad f_e \in \mathcal{C}^2 \text{ for } x_2 \in J$$

$$ad_f g = \begin{bmatrix} d_1d_2x_3 \\ d_2^2f'_e(x_2) \\ -d_2d_3x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$ad_f^2 g = \begin{bmatrix} d_1d_2x_3(d_1 + d_2f'_e(x_2) - bd_3) \\ d_2^3(f'_e(x_2))^2 - d_2^3f_2(x_2)f''_e(x_2) \\ d_1d_2d_3(x_1 - V_a) - d_2^2d_3x_1f'_e(x_2) - bd_2d_3^2x_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det \mathcal{G} = -2d_1^2 d_2^3 d_3 x_3 (x_1 - a)(1 - bd_3/d_1)$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2}V_a/(1 - bd_3/d_1) > 0$$

$$x_1 \neq a \text{ and } x_3 \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{rank}(\mathcal{G}) = 3$$

$$[g, \text{ad}_f g] = d_2^2 f_e''(x_2)g \Rightarrow \text{span}\{g, \text{ad}_f g\} \text{ is involutive}$$

The conditions of Theorem 8.2 are satisfied in the domain

$$D_x = \{x_1 > a, x_2 \in J, x_3 > 0\}$$

Find $h(x)$ such that

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}g = 0; \quad \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x}g = 0; \quad \frac{\partial(L_f^2 h)}{\partial x}g \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x} g = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_2} = 0$$

$$L_f h(x) = \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_1} d_1(-x_1 - x_2 x_3 + V_a) + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_3} d_3(x_1 x_2 - b x_3)$$

$$\frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x} g = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial(L_f h)}{\partial x_2} = 0 \Rightarrow -d_1 x_3 \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_1} + d_3 x_1 \frac{\partial h}{\partial x_3} = 0$$

$$\text{Take } h = d_3 x_1^2 + d_1 x_3^2 + c$$

$$L_f h(x) = 2d_1 d_3 x_1 (V_a - x_1) - 2b d_1 d_3 x_3^2$$

$$L_f^2 h(x) = 2d_1^2 d_3 (V_a - 2x_1)(-x_1 - x_2 x_3 + V_a) - 4b d_1 d_3^2 x_3 (x_1 x_2 - b x_3)$$

$$\frac{\partial(L_f^2 h)}{\partial x} g = d_2 \frac{\partial(L_f^2 h)}{\partial x_2} = 4d_1^2 d_2 d_3 (1 - b d_3 / d_1) x_3 (x_1 - a) \neq 0$$