

ON DYNAMIC FEEDBACK LINEARIZATION OF FOUR-DIMENSIONAL AFFINE CONTROL SYSTEMS WITH TWO INPUTS

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ABSTRACT. This paper considers control affine systems in \mathbb{R}^4 with two inputs, and gives necessary and sufficient conditions for dynamic feedback linearization of these systems with the restriction that the “linearizing outputs” must be some functions of the original state and inputs only. This also gives conditions for non-affine systems in \mathbb{R}^3 .

1. INTRODUCTION

A deterministic finite dimensional nonlinear control system

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u) \tag{1.1}$$

where the state x lives in \mathbb{R}^n , the control u lives in \mathbb{R}^m , and f is smooth—smooth means C^∞ in this article—is said to be locally *static feedback equivalent* around (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) to another system

$$\dot{z} = \tilde{f}(z, v) \tag{1.2}$$

around (\bar{z}, \bar{v}) if there exists a *nonsingular feedback transformation*, i.e. two maps

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \alpha(x, v) \\ x &= \phi(z) \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

such that $(z, v) \mapsto (\phi(z), \alpha(z, v))$ is a local diffeomorphism sending (\bar{z}, \bar{v}) to (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) , that transforms (1.1) into (1.2). The interest of feedback equivalence is that the transformation (1.3) allows one to convert the solution to a certain control problem for system (1.1) to the solution of a similar control problem for system (1.2). It is clear that (germs of) static feedback transformations form a group acting on (germs of) systems, and that static feedback equivalence is an equivalence relation. This feedback equivalence has been very much studied, see for instance [4, 3, 13]. Classification of control systems modulo this equivalence is of course a very ambitious and difficult program, almost out of reach. A more restricted problem is the one of describing the orbits of controllable linear systems, i.e. systems of the form $\dot{z} = Az + Bv$ with (controllability) the columns of B, AB, A^2B, A^3B, \dots

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having full rank. This problem is known as static feedback linearization, and has been completely solved: in [15, 12], explicit conditions are given for a general nonlinear system to be locally static feedback equivalent to a controllable linear system.

A dynamic feedback, or dynamic compensator, as opposed to static, is one where the “old” controls u are not computed from the “new” ones v by simply static functions (1.3), but through a dynamic system which has a certain state ξ :

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \alpha(x, \xi, v) \\ \dot{\xi} &= \gamma(x, \xi, v) \\ z &= \phi(x, \xi), \end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

where ξ lives in \mathbb{R}^ℓ , $\ell > 0$, and ϕ is a (local) diffeomorphism of $\mathbb{R}^{n+\ell}$. (x, v) may be viewed as the “input” of the control system, and (u, x, ξ) , or (u, X) as its “output”.

Clearly, (1.4) allows one to transform system (1.1) into a system like (1.2). However, contrary to the case of static feedback, the dimension of the state of the transformed system (1.2) is strictly larger than the dimension of the state of the original system (1.1), and for this reason, it a priori difficult to say what an “invertible” dynamic feedback “transformation” can be. One may however, following [7], state the problem of dynamic feedback linearization as the one of deciding when a system (1.1) can be transformed via a dynamic feedback (1.4) into a linear controllable system. The problem of deciding if a given system is dynamic feedback linearizable is much more difficult than the one for static feedback and is still open. A panorama and further references on dynamic feedback linearization from the point of view of compensators (1.4) can be found in [7]. This reference contains some sufficient conditions, that have the annoying drawback of not being invariant by static feedback, and also the following three results, that are of more general interest: a single input system ($u \in \mathbb{R}$), at a “regular” point, is dynamic feedback linearizable if and only if it is static feedback linearizable; dynamic feedback linearizability at a rest point $(x, u) = (\bar{x}, 0)$ implies controllability of the linear approximation of the system at this point; a controllable system which is affine in the control —i.e. the right-hand side of (1.1) is affine with respect to u — and such that the dimension of the state is larger than the dimension of the control by at most one is always dynamic feedback linearizable.

As seen above, the case of systems with one control is completely understood outside singularities, so that the nontrivial cases have at least two controls. The cases where the dimension of the state is less than 3 are somehow trivial (again, away from singularities), and the case where it is 3 and the system is affine in the control is covered by the above mentioned result from [7]. The smallest nontrivial cases are therefore non-affine systems with three states and two inputs, and affine systems with four states and two inputs. Section 6 explains how to apply the results of this paper to three-dimensional non-affine systems, but the rest of the paper is devoted to systems

$$\dot{x} = X_0(x) + u_1 X_1(x) + u_2 X_2(x) \tag{1.5}$$

where $x \in \mathbb{R}^4$ and u_1 and u_2 are in \mathbb{R} ($u = (u_1, u_2)$). X_0 , X_1 and X_2 are smooth vector fields in \mathbb{R}^4 . Smooth means \mathcal{C}^∞ in this article.

Of course, since it is the simplest non-trivial case, the problem of dynamic feedback linearization for the four dimensional system (1.5) has already been studied. In [17], based on the results from [7], sufficient conditions on X_0 , X_1 and X_2 are given. A drawback of these results is that they are not invariant by static feedback, and are only sufficient conditions. They are contained in the results of the present paper.

Rather recently, some conceptual advances have been made on dynamic equivalence and dynamic linearization, initiated in [18, 8] (see [11] for a complete exposition). In [18], a restricted class of compensators (1.4) is studied, called *endogenous* dynamic feedbacks. They are exactly these that should be called “invertible”. They are the compensators (1.4) such that, by differentiating relations (1.1) and (1.4), it is possible to express ξ and v as functions of x , u , \dot{u} , and a finite number of time-derivatives of u . The compensator (1.4) may then be replaced by some formulas giving z and v as functions of $(x, u, \dot{u}, \ddot{u}, \dots)$, which is “invertible” by formulas giving x and u as functions of $(z, v, \dot{v}, \ddot{v}, \dots)$. On the other hand, the notion of *differential flatness* for control systems is introduced in [18, 8, 11], as roughly speaking, existence of m —two for system (1.5)—functions of x , u , \dot{u} and a finite number of time-derivatives of u which are differentially independent (the Jacobian of any finite number of these functions and their time derivatives has maximum rank) and such that both x and u can be expressed as functions of these m functions and a finite number of their time-derivatives. These functions are called *linearizing outputs*, or “flat outputs”. It is proved there that differential flatness is equivalent to equivalence by *endogenous* dynamic feedback to a controllable linear system. In the differential algebraic framework of [8, 11], flatness is defined as the differential field representing the system being *non-differentially* algebraic over a purely transcendental differential extension of the base field, and the linearizing output is a transcendence basis. Of course, the linearizing outputs are then “restricted” to be algebraic. With a suitable definition of endogenous dynamic equivalence between differential fields, it is proved that differential flatness is equivalent to equivalence by *endogenous* dynamic feedback to a controllable linear system.

In [14], a notion of dynamic equivalence in terms of transformations on *solutions* of the system is studied; different types of transformations are defined there in terms of infinite jets of trajectories, for smooth systems, one of them is proved there to be exactly the one studied here. A property of “freedom” is introduced that is close to differential flatness and is proved to be equivalent to equivalence to a linear system.

See [11], [7] or [2, 1] for a more complete panorama and list of references on dynamic feedback equivalence and dynamic feedback linearization, with references to recent and interesting results and points of views that we do not discuss here, like the work by Shadwick [23] (and subsequent articles) that make a link between dynamic feedback linearization and the notion of absolute equivalence defined by E. Cartan for Pfaffian systems.

There was a need to develop a *geometric* framework for the invertible transformations that represent dynamic feedback. This was done by the

author in [19] and independently by the authors of [8, 11] in [9, 10]. In these papers, an (infinite dimensional) differential geometric approach, based on infinite jet spaces, is used, and the transformations described above may be seen as diffeomorphism that conjugate a system to another, they are a particular case of infinite order contact transformations, or Lie-Bäcklund transformations used in the “geometric” study of differential systems and partial differential relations.

Here, we adopt the notations and the precise definitions for linearizing outputs and dynamic linearization from [19, 1]. They are summed up in section 2.2 and 2.3.

The problem of deciding endogenous¹ dynamic linearizability is then the one of deciding existence of a system of linearizing outputs. The first difficulty is that there is no known a priori bound on the number of time-derivatives of the input the linearizing outputs should depend upon (similarly, there is no a priori bound on the dimension of ξ in a compensator (1.4) that would transform a given nonlinear system into a linear system if such a compensator exists). Even for four-dimensional systems (1.5), no such bound is known. We do not address this difficulty in the present paper. We only give necessary and sufficient conditions for existence of linearizing outputs depending on x and u . We call x -dynamic and (x, u) -dynamic linearizability existence of linearizing outputs depending on u or on (x, u) . Note that the present conditions are quite explicit: a small package in Maple, described in [16], that helps in the process of checking the present conditions, will soon be available from the author.

Technically, the results in this paper amount to conditions for existence of solutions to some differential relations: in principle, given a system, one may write the PDEs that a pair of functions $(h_1(x, u), h_2(x, u))$ has to satisfy to be a pair of linearizing outputs, and then check whether this system of PDEs has some solutions (formal integrability, Spencer co-homology, see for instance [6] or [21]). This program reaches its limits very quickly seen the complexity of the PDEs themselves, and of the computation of compatibility conditions: even if algorithms are theoretically available, writing the PDEs for linearizing outputs for a general system is already heavy, and computing the compatibility conditions via general algorithms is overwhelming. The essence of the paper is however to compute these compatibility conditions, but in a way that uses a lot of the structure of the problem and makes them tractable. In particular, we use, for the case of linearizing outputs depending on x and u , the “infinitesimal Brunovský form” introduced in [2, 1, 20], that allows to write different PDEs: the unknowns are then some coefficients of transformations that act on pairs of differential forms—the condition is that it makes them integrable— instead of the linearizing outputs themselves. It would be interesting to know whether it is general that the use of the infinitesimal Brunovský form provides a method to write the equations for linearizing outputs in a more tractable manner. This is explained into details in section 2, see especially subsection 2.6 for a discussion of the two possible

¹It is announced in [11, 10] that general dynamic feedback linearizability implies endogenous dynamic linearizability. From such a result, existence of linearizing outputs would be necessary and sufficient for general dynamic feedback linearization.

ways of writing the equations for existence of linearizing outputs, either directly or via the infinitesimal Brunovský form.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 recalls or introduces some technical material, including the precise definitions of what is intended here by feedback linearization and linearizing outputs in the geometric context of [19, 1]. Sections 3 and 4 contain the results, i.e. necessary and sufficient conditions for x -dynamic linearization (section 3) and for (x, u) -dynamic linearization (section 4). Section 6 shows that non affine systems in \mathbb{R}^3 which are dynamic feedback linearizable may be transformed into an affine system (1.5) in \mathbb{R}^4 by a simple dynamic extension, using a result by Rouchon [22] or Sluis [24]. Most proofs are in section 7, and some basic facts on Pfaffian systems used in them are recalled in the Appendix. Section 8 makes some remarks on the problems we leave open and on the interest and limitations of the techniques we use.

2. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

2.1. STATIC FEEDBACK

A static feedback transformation, around a point (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) is a local transformation on the controls $v = \phi_2(x, u)$, defined on a neighborhood of (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) , with $\frac{\partial \phi_2}{\partial u}$ invertible (the reason for the subscript “2” is that we shall use a local diffeomorphism ϕ_1 on x , so that $(x, u) \mapsto (\phi_1(x), \phi_2(x, u))$ is a local diffeomorphism on (x, u)).

Since we are only concerned with systems like (1.5) where the controls appear linearly, we shall only need *affine* static feedback. A local affine static feedback transformation is one of the above type where ϕ_2 is affine with respect to u . It is more convenient to write the inverse of ϕ_2 with respect to u , i.e. to write, instead of $(v_1, v_2) = \phi_2(x, u_1, u_2)$,

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \alpha(x) \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} + \beta(x) \tag{2.1}$$

with $\alpha(x)$ an invertible 2×2 matrix and $\beta(x)$ a vector, both depending smoothly on x . It transforms system (1.5) into

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \tilde{X}_0(x) + v_1 \tilde{X}_1(x) + v_2 \tilde{X}_2(x) \\ \text{with } \begin{cases} \tilde{X}_0 &= X_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 \\ \tilde{X}_1 &= \alpha_{11} X_1 + \alpha_{21} X_2 \\ \tilde{X}_2 &= \alpha_{12} X_1 + \alpha_{22} X_2. \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

A system is locally *static feedback linearizable* if and only if it may be transformed by such a transformation into a system which, in some coordinates $z = \phi_1(x)$, reads like a controllable linear system $\dot{z} = Az + Bv$ in \mathbb{R}^4 with two inputs; these linear systems are all of the form (a) or (b) below, up to a linear feedback —like (2.1) with α and β constant— and a linear change of coordinates:

$$\text{(a)} \begin{cases} \dot{z}_1 = z_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 = z_3 \\ \dot{z}_3 = u_1 \\ \dot{z}_4 = u_2 \end{cases} \quad \text{(b)} \begin{cases} \dot{z}_1 = z_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 = u_1 \\ \dot{z}_3 = z_4 \\ \dot{z}_4 = u_2. \end{cases} \tag{2.3}$$

These are the two Brunovský canonical forms for controllable linear systems with two inputs and four states, see [5]. Static feedback linearizable systems are a particular case of x -dynamic linearizable systems because (x_1, x_4) for the form (a), and (x_1, x_3) for the form (b) may be chosen as a pair of linearizing outputs (see section 2.3).

Static feedback will also be used in the present paper to give some simple “normal” forms modulo this transformation and a change of coordinates on x of the systems considered for each case, or set of conditions, see (3.3), (3.4), (3.6), (3.7), (3.9), (3.20), (4.13), (4.19). The term *feedback invariant* refers to a property or an object that is invariant with respect to this equivalence relation between systems.

2.2. “INFINITE DIMENSIONAL” DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS AND EQUIVALENCE BY ENDOGENOUS FEEDBACK

This section is devoted to briefly recalling some notations and results from [19, 1]. The reader is referred to these references for a detailed exposition.

As mentioned in the introduction, similar material was also presented — independently — in [9, 10]. The content of [9, 10] is more general and more formal, and tends to give as a conclusion that systems (1.1) is not a general enough class of system for control theory, whereas [19] aims at developing the sufficient framework to use classical tools from differential calculus for the study of dynamic feedback. This infinite dimensional framework is, in any case, a rather convenient way of manipulating functions and other objects which depend on a *finite* but not a priori fixed number of variables, and it allows to say that the transformations by dynamic feedback are “diffeomorphisms”.

We call *generalized state manifold* for system (1.1) with n states and m inputs the “infinite dimensional manifold” $\mathcal{M}_\infty^{m,n}$ where a set of coordinates is $(x_1, \dots, x_n, u_1, \dots, u_m, \dot{u}_1, \dots, \dot{u}_m, \ddot{u}_1, \dots, \ddot{u}_m, \dots)$. It is the projective limit of the finite dimensional manifolds $\mathcal{M}_K^{m,n}$, $K \geq -1$ with coordinates $(x_1, \dots, x_n, u_1, \dots, u_m, \dot{u}_1, \dots, \dot{u}_m, \dots, u_1^{(K)}, \dots, u_m^{(K)})$ —when $K = -1$, this means (x_1, \dots, x_n) — and we have the obvious projections π_K from $\mathcal{M}_\infty^{m,n}$ to $\mathcal{M}_K^{m,n}$:

$$\pi_K(x_1 \dots x_n, u_1 \dots u_m, \dots) = (x_1 \dots x_n, u_1 \dots u_m, \dots, u_1^{(K)} \dots u_m^{(K)}) . \quad (2.4)$$

The topology is the product topology, the least fine such that all these projections are continuous, i.e. an open set is always of the form $\pi_K^{-1}(O)$ with O a (finite-dimensional) open subset of $\mathcal{M}_K^{m,n}$. In particular when a property holds *locally around a point* $(x, u, \dot{u}, \ddot{u}, u^{(3)}, \dots)$, it means that it holds on a neighborhood of this point, i.e. for points whose first coordinates (an unknown a priori but finite number) are close to these of the original point, but with no restriction on the remaining coordinates. Actually, we will often say “in a neighborhood of $(x, u, \dots, u^{(K)})$ ” to indicate that the value of $(u^{(K+1)}, u^{(K+2)}, \dots)$ does not matter, i.e. the neighborhood is of the form $\pi_K^{-1}(O)$ with O a neighborhood of $(x, u, \dots, u^{(K)})$ in $\mathcal{M}_K^{m,n}$.

Smooth functions are functions of a finite number of coordinates which are smooth in the usual sense. Differential forms of degree 1 are *finite* linear combinations:

$a_{-1}^1 dx_1 + \dots + a_{-1}^n dx_n + a_0^1 du_1 + \dots + a_0^m du_m + \dots + a_1^J du_1^{(J)} + \dots + a_J^m du_m^{(J)}$ where the a_i^j 's are smooth function. Forms of any degree may be defined similarly. Vector fields are (possibly infinite) linear combinations $b_{-1}^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + \dots + b_{-1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} + b_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} + \dots + b_0^m \frac{\partial}{\partial u_m} + b_1^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{u}_1} + \dots + b_1^m \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{u}_m} + \dots$. Note that this infinite sum is only symbolic. There is no notion of "convergence" here since a vector field may be defined as a derivation on smooth functions, which, by definition depend only on a finite number of variables, so that the sum becomes finite when computing the Lie derivative of a smooth function along this vector field.

A diffeomorphism is a mapping φ from $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{m,n}$ to $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{\tilde{m},\tilde{n}}$ which is invertible and such that φ and φ^{-1} are smooth mappings, in the sense that, for any smooth function h from $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{\tilde{m},\tilde{n}}$ to \mathbb{R} , $h \circ \varphi$ is a smooth function from $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{m,n}$ to \mathbb{R} , and for any smooth function k from $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{m,n}$ to \mathbb{R} , $k \circ \varphi^{-1}$ is a smooth function from $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{\tilde{m},\tilde{n}}$ to \mathbb{R} .

A system $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$ with $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is represented by a vector field of the form $F = f(x, u) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \dot{u}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} + \dot{u}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} + \ddot{u}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{u}_1} + \dots$ on the manifold $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{m,n}$. It is said to be (locally) equivalent by endogenous dynamic feedback to the system $\dot{z} = \tilde{f}(z, v)$ with $z \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{n}}$ and $v \in \mathbb{R}^{\tilde{m}}$, itself represented by the vector field $\tilde{F} = \tilde{f}(z, v) \frac{\partial}{\partial z} + \dot{v}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial v_1} + \dot{v}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial v_2} + \ddot{v}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{v}_1} + \dots$ on $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{\tilde{m},\tilde{n}}$ if and only if there exists a (local) diffeomorphism from $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{m,n}$ to $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{\tilde{m},\tilde{n}}$ that conjugates these two vector fields. This implies that $\tilde{m} = m$.

These diffeomorphism exactly mimic the transformations defined in [18]. The definition of "endogenous" as opposed to "exogenous" is explained there, or in [11].

From now on, let us focus on the small dimensional system (1.5), i.e. $n = 4$ and $m = 2$. We associate to system (1.5) the following vector field on $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{2,4}$:

$$F = X_0 + u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2 + \dot{u}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1} + \dot{u}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2} + \ddot{u}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{u}_1} + \dots \tag{2.5}$$

Let us call *canonical linear system with two inputs* the vector field

$$C = \dot{v}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial v_1} + \dot{v}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial v_2} + \ddot{v}_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{v}_1} + \ddot{v}_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{v}_2} + v_1^{(3)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \dot{v}_1} + \dots$$

on the manifold $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{2,0}$ where a set of coordinates is $v_1, v_2, \dot{v}_1, \dot{v}_2, \ddot{v}_1, \ddot{v}_2, \dots$. Any controllable linear system with 2 inputs can be (globally) transformed via a diffeomorphism into the canonical linear system on $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{2,0}$, see [1]. For instance, for the first case in (2.3), the diffeomorphism is given by $v_1 = x_1, \dot{v}_1 = x_2, \ddot{v}_1 = x_3, v_1^{(3)} = u_1, v_1^{(4)} = \dot{u}_1, \dots, v_2 = x_4, \dot{v}_2 = u_2, \ddot{v}_2 = \dot{u}_2, \dots$. Hence, system (1.5) is said to be locally linearizable by endogenous dynamic feedback, or simply *endogenous dynamic linearizable* at $\mathcal{X} \in \mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{2,4}$ if and only if there is a diffeomorphism φ from an open neighborhood of \mathcal{X} in $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{2,4}$ to an open set of $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{2,0}$ which transforms the vector field F defined in (2.5) into the vector field C on $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{2,0}$.

Let us discuss a few more objects that will be used in the paper. Lie Brackets, exterior derivative, Lie derivatives and all objects from usual differential calculus may be defined because they (or each of their components)

may all be computed finitely and depend on a finite number of variables; all identities from differential calculus are valid (any given such identity really involves only a finite number of variable).

We call *time-derivative* along system (1.5) the Lie derivative along the vector field F . It corresponds to the derivation defined in the differential fields in [11]. It will often be denoted $\frac{d}{dt}$ instead of L_F . It may be applied to functions: for a function $h(x, u, \dot{u}, \dots, u^{(K)})$, \dot{h} , or $L_F h$, or $\frac{d}{dt}h$, is the function of $x, u, \dot{u}, \dots, u^{(K+1)}$ obtained by applying the chain rule and substituting $X_0(x) + u_1 X_1(x) + u_2 X_2(x)$ for \dot{x} . This time-derivative may also be applied to forms. The time-derivative of $\omega = a_{-1}^1 dx_1 + \dots + a_{-1}^4 dx_4 + a_0^1 du_1 + a_0^2 du_2 + \dots + a_J^1 du_1^{(J)} + a_J^2 du_2^{(J)}$, i.e. its Lie derivative with along F , is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\omega} = & a_{-1}^1 d\dot{x}_1 + \dots + a_{-1}^4 d\dot{x}_4 + \dot{a}_{-1}^1 dx_1 + \dots + \dot{a}_{-1}^4 dx_4 \\ & + a_0^1 d\dot{u}_1 + a_0^2 d\dot{u}_2 + \dot{a}_0^1 du_1 + \dot{a}_0^2 du_2 + \dots \\ & \dots + a_J^1 du_1^{(J+1)} + a_J^2 du_2^{(J+1)} \dot{a}_J^1 du_1^{(J)} + \dot{a}_J^2 du_2^{(J)} \end{aligned}$$

where $d\dot{x}_i$ stands for the differential of the i th component of $X_0 + u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2$.

Let us mention one last notation. By $\text{Span}\{d\mathbf{x}\}$ or $\text{Span}\{d\mathbf{x}, d\mathbf{u}\}$ we mean the module over smooth functions spanned by dx_1, dx_2, dx_3, dx_4 , or by $dx_1, dx_2, dx_3, dx_4, du_1, du_2$ respectively.

2.3. LINEARIZING OUTPUTS

Linearizing outputs, or *flat outputs* were introduced by Fliess, Lévine, Martin and Rouchon in their work on *differential flatness*. Originally, it was a way to view the problem of dynamic feedback linearization in a more tractable way, but the systems for which there exists linearizing—or flat—outputs, i.e. differentially flat systems, possess properties that are very interesting independently from the fact that they may be rendered linear in some coordinates after adding to them a dynamic compensator: all their solutions may be parameterized “freely” by the linearizing outputs, see [11].

The following is the definition of linearizing output in the framework exposed above. It totally agrees with the one in [18, 11].

DEFINITION 2.1 ([1]). A pair of functions (h_1, h_2) on $\mathcal{M}_\infty^{2,4}$ is called a pair of *linearizing outputs* on an open subset U of $\mathcal{M}_\infty^{2,4}$ if the functions $L_F^j h_k, k \in \{1, 2\}, j \geq 0$, are a set of coordinates on U , i.e. if $\mathcal{X} \mapsto (L_F^j h_k(\mathcal{X}))_{k \in \{1,2\}, j \geq 0}$ is a diffeomorphism from U to an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^{2\mathbb{N}} = \mathcal{M}_\infty^{2,0}$.

It is said to be a pair of linearizing output at point $(\bar{x}, \bar{u}, \dot{\bar{u}}, \dots, \bar{u}^{(J)})$ with $J \geq -1$ (when $J = -1$, this stands for \bar{x}) if it is a pair of linearizing output on an open set U of the form $\pi_J^{-1}(U_J)$ (see (2.4)) where U_J is a neighborhood of $(\bar{x}, \bar{u}, \dot{\bar{u}}, \dots, \bar{u}^{(J)})$ in $\mathcal{M}_J^{2,4}$, i.e. \mathbb{R}^{2J+6} .

The following equivalent formulation is maybe simpler. It is closer to the definition in [18, 11].

PROPOSITION 2.2 ([19]). A pair of functions (h_1, h_2) on $\mathcal{M}_\infty^{2,4}$ is a pair of *linearizing outputs at point* $(\bar{x}, \bar{u}, \dot{\bar{u}}, \dots, \bar{u}^{(J)})$ with $J \geq -1$ (when $J = -1$, this stands for \bar{x}) if and only if there exists on open set U of the form $\pi_J^{-1}(U_J)$ (see (2.4)) such that

1. the differential forms $(dh_k^{(j)})_{k \in \{1,2\}, j \geq 0}$ are linearly independent at all points of U (meaning that whenever you take a finite number among these, they are linearly independent),
2. there exists an integer L and a smooth function ψ from an open set of \mathbb{R}^{2L+2} to \mathbb{R}^6 such that $(x, u) = \psi(h_1, h_2, \dot{h}_1, \dot{h}_2, \dots, h_1^{(L)}, h_2^{(L)})$ on U (this is an identity between functions of $x, u, \dot{u}, \ddot{u}, \dots$).

As said above, the linearizing outputs have a lot of interest in themselves, when they exist. They are also very relevant for the problem of dynamic linearization, thanks to the following equivalence, pointed out in [18, 8, 11].

PROPOSITION 2.3. (Local) endogenous dynamic linearizability is equivalent to existence (locally) of a pair of linearizing outputs.

A proof in the present context may be found in [19, Theorem 4]. The following may illuminate the above introduced notions.

Proof. A diffeomorphism φ that conjugates the vector field F defined in (2.5) to the canonical vector field C on $\mathcal{M}_\infty^{2,0}$ defines two functions $h_1 = v_1 \circ \varphi$ and $h_2 = v_2 \circ \varphi$ on $\mathcal{M}_\infty^{2,4}$ which have the property that all their Lie derivatives $L_F^j h_k$ are transformed by the diffeomorphism into the coordinate $v_k^{(j)}$, which implies that the functions $L_F^j h_k$ are locally a set of coordinates on $\mathcal{M}_\infty^{2,4}$; conversely, if two functions exists which have this property, it is very easy to build a diffeomorphism from $\mathcal{M}_\infty^{2,4}$ to $\mathcal{M}_\infty^{2,0}$ which transforms F into C . \square

By definition of what a smooth function is, the functions in a pair of linearizing outputs depend only on a finite number of variables among $x, u, \dot{u}, \ddot{u} \dots$. In [1], we say that a system is $(x, u, \dots, u^{(K)})$ -dynamic linearizable when there exists a pair of functions depending only on $x, u, \dots, u^{(K)}$. Clearly, from proposition 2.3 and above, linearizability by endogenous dynamic feedback implies $(x, u, \dots, u^{(K)})$ -dynamic linearizability for a certain K . Of course, a very interesting question is: given a system, how to determine a bound K such that if it is dynamic linearizable at all, then it is $(x, u, \dot{u}, \ddot{u}, \dots, u^{(K)})$ -dynamic linearizable ? Even for systems of the form (1.5), this is the subject of ongoing research.

As explained in the introduction, we only deal, in the present paper, with linearizing outputs depending on x only, or on x and u :

DEFINITION 2.4. System (1.5) is said to be (x, u) -dynamically linearizable at the point $\bar{\mathcal{X}} = (\bar{x}, \bar{u}, \dots, \bar{u}^{(J)})$ if and only if there exists a pair of linearizing outputs (h_1, h_2) that depend on x and u only on an open set $\pi_K^{-1}(\bar{\mathcal{X}})$, a pair of linearizing outputs depending on x and u only. It is said to be x -dynamically linearizable if these linearizing outputs depend on x only.

The present paper characterizes x -dynamic linearizability and (x, u) -dynamic linearizability for systems (1.5). Systems that are proved here not to be (x, u) -dynamic linearizable might or might not be (x, u, \dot{u}) -dynamic linearizable, or $(x, u, \dot{u}, \ddot{u})$ -dynamic linearizable, and so on ...

2.4. NON-ACCESSIBILITY

Since we only work at regular points, non-accessibility always means in the present paper (and with the dimensions as in (1.5)) that there exists

one function $\chi(x)$, or two functions $\chi_1(x)$ and $\chi_2(x)$, such that $\dot{\chi} = \varphi(\chi)$ for some function φ , or $\dot{\chi}_i = \varphi_i(\chi_1, \chi_2)$, $i = 1, 2$ for some functions φ_1 and φ_2 .

This is an obstruction to existence of a pair of linearizing outputs. Indeed, if (h_1, h_2) is a pair of linearizing outputs, $\dot{\chi} = \varphi(\chi)$, or $\dot{\chi}_i = \varphi_i(\chi_1, \chi_2)$ implies a nontrivial relation between $h_1, h_2, \dot{h}_1, \dot{h}_2, \dots, h_1^{(J)}, h_2^{(J)}$ for a certain $J > 0$, which cannot occur from the definition of a pair of linearizing outputs.

2.5. LINEARIZING PFAFFIAN SYSTEMS, INFINITESIMAL BRUNOVSKÝ FORM

An infinite set of differential forms is a basis of the space of all differential forms in the neighborhood of a point if any finite number of them are linearly independent at this point and there exists a neighborhood U of this point such that any differential form defined on U may be written as a linear combination of a finite number of the forms in the “basis” with coefficients smooth functions defined in U .

DEFINITION 2.5. Let ω_1 and ω_2 be two differential forms. We say that $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ is a *linearizing Pfaffian system* at a certain point $(\bar{x}, \bar{u}, \dot{\bar{u}}, \dots, \bar{u}^{(J)})$ if and only if ω_1, ω_2 and all their time-derivatives, i.e. $(\omega_k^{(j)})_{k \in \{1,2\}, j \geq 0}$ form a basis of the space of all differential forms in a neighborhood of this point.

Note that this is a property of the Pfaffian system (or the co-distribution) $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ rather than the pair of forms since this property will still hold if ω_1 and ω_2 are replaced by another basis for the same Pfaffian system.

Clearly, if (h_1, h_2) is a pair of linearizing outputs, then $\{dh_1, dh_2\}$ is a linearizing Pfaffian system because the function ψ in proposition 2.2 translates into a linear combination when differentiating. The converse is also true but requires a local inverse theorem in the “infinite dimensional” framework described above, that is given in [19]:

PROPOSITION 2.6 ([19]). *A pair of functions (h_1, h_2) is a pair of linearizing outputs at a point if and only if $\{dh_1, dh_2\}$ is a linearizing Pfaffian system at this point.*

Since we pointed out that being a linearizing Pfaffian system does not depend on the precise choice of the basis, from Frobenius theorem, it is enough to have a linearizing Pfaffian system satisfying Frobenius condition.

PROPOSITION 2.7 ([19]). *There exists a pair of linearizing outputs around a point if and only if there exists a linearizing Pfaffian system $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ on a neighborhood of this point satisfying Frobenius condition: $d\omega_1 \wedge \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 = d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 = 0$ in a neighborhood of this point.*

We have the following —straightforward— property that describes all the possible linearizing Pfaffian systems from one:

PROPOSITION 2.8 ([1]). *Let $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ be a linearizing Pfaffian system at a certain point. Then for two forms η_1 and η_2 , $\{\eta_1, \eta_2\}$ is a linearizing Pfaffian system if and only if ω_1 and ω_2 are linear combinations of η_1, η_2 and a finite number of their time derivatives on a neighborhood of this point.*

Analogously, a pair of functions (h_1, h_2) is a pair of linearizing outputs at this point if and only if ω_1 and ω_2 are linear combinations of dh_1, dh_2 and a finite number of their time derivatives on a neighborhood of this point.

Note that the fact that $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ be a linearizing Pfaffian system implies that η_1 and η_2 , or dh_1, dh_2 are *always* linear combinations of ω_1, ω_2 and a finite number of their time derivatives.

Let us now translate this property into existence of an operator relating (ω_1, ω_2) and (η_1, η_2) . For an open set U in $\mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{2,4}$, let $\mathcal{A}(U)$ be the $C^\infty(U)$ algebra:

$$\mathcal{A}(U) \triangleq \mathcal{M}_{2 \times 2}(C^\infty(U)[L_F]) \tag{2.6}$$

of 2×2 matrices whose entries are differential operators, polynomial in the derivation along F , i.e. whose entries are of the form

$$p_0 + p_1 \frac{d}{dt} + p_2 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + \dots + p_K \frac{d^K}{dt^K},$$

where the p_i 's are smooth functions from U to \mathbb{R} (recall it means they depend only on x and a finite number of time-derivatives of u). Elements of $\mathcal{A}(U)$ act in an obvious manner on pairs of functions, or on pairs of differential forms.

PROPOSITION 2.9 ([1]). *Let $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ be a linearizing Pfaffian system at a certain point. Then for two forms η_1 and η_2 , $\{\eta_1, \eta_2\}$ is a linearizing Pfaffian system if and only if on a neighborhood U of this point, there exists $P \in \mathcal{A}(U)$ such that*

$$\begin{cases} P \text{ has an inverse in } \mathcal{A}(U), \\ \begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{pmatrix} = P\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{cases} \tag{2.7}$$

This has some interest because it is possible, at least away from some singular points, to build a linearizing Pfaffian system for any accessible system. This is the construction of the “infinitesimal Brunovský form” [2, 1]. Some sequences of modules (over smooth functions) of 1-forms and of vector fields, called $\mathcal{H}_k, \mathcal{D}_k$ and $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_k$ are defined in [1]. Points where they have constant rank are called “Brunovský-regular”, and at these points, a special linearizing Pfaffian system may be constructed. Let us recall here the minimum needed for our specific dimensions. Define the following modules of vector fields over smooth functions:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2 &= \text{Span} \{ X_1, X_2 \} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_3 &= \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2 + [F, \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2] \\ &= \text{Span} \{ X_1, X_2, [X_0, X_1] - u_2[X_1, X_2], [X_0, X_2] + u_1[X_1, X_2] \} \\ \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_4 &= \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_3 + [F, \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_3] \\ &= \text{Span} \{ X_1, X_2, [X_0, X_1] - u_2[X_1, X_2], [X_0, X_2] + u_1[X_1, X_2], \\ &\quad [X_0, [X_0, X_1]] + u_1[X_1, [X_0, X_1]] + u_2([X_1, [X_0, X_1]] - [X_0, [X_1, X_2]]) \\ &\quad - u_1 u_2[X_1, [X_1, X_2]] - u_2^2[X_2, [X_1, X_2]] - \dot{u}_2[X_1, X_2], \\ &\quad [X_0, [X_0, X_2]] + u_1([X_1, [X_0, X_2]] + [X_1, [X_0, X_2]]) + u_2[X_1, [X_0, X_2]] \\ &\quad + u_1^2[X_1, [X_1, X_2]] + u_1 u_2[X_2, [X_1, X_2]] + \dot{u}_1[X_1, X_2] \}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

DEFINITION 2.10. A point (x, u, \dot{u}) where the vector fields X_1 and X_2 are not collinear is called *Brunovský regular* if and only if the three distributions $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2, \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_3$ and $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_4$ have constant rank in a neighborhood of this point. A point

$(x, u, \dot{u}, \ddot{u}, \dots) \in \mathcal{M}_{\infty}^{2,4}$ is called Brunovský regular if and only if the (x, u, \dot{u}) is Brunovský regular.

The fact that Brunovský regularity depends on the value of x, u and \dot{u} only comes from the fact that the vector fields in (2.9) depend on the eight variables x, u, \dot{u} only (note also that they are linear combinations of the four coordinate vector fields corresponding to the x -coordinates only \dots , they might be seen as vector fields on \mathbb{R}^4 parameterized by u and \dot{u}).

We always assume that the rank of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2$ is two, then, at a Brunovský regular point, the ranks of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2, \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_3, \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_4$ may only be 2, 2, 2, or 2, 3, 3, or 2, 3, 4, or 2, 4, 4. In the two first cases, system (1.5) is not accessible (see [1]). In the two other cases, [1, theorem 2] allows to build a linearizing Pfaffian system $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ which has the peculiarity that either $\{\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ or $\{\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_1, \omega_2\}$ is a basis of $\text{Span}\{dx\}$ (see the meaning of $\text{Span}\{dx\}$ at the end of section 2.2). Let us make this precise, only in the case where the ranks are 2, 4, 4 because we will not use this process in the case 2, 3, 4.

PROPOSITION 2.11 (INFINITESIMAL BRUNOVSKÝ FORM [1]). *Around a point where the ranks of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2, \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_3$ and $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_4$ are 2, 4 and 4 respectively, and if ω_1 and ω_2 are two linearly independent 1-forms in the annihilator of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2$, i.e. of $\{X_1, X_2\}$:*

$$\{\omega_1, \omega_2\} = \text{Span}\{dx\} \cap \{X_1, X_2\}^\perp, \tag{2.9}$$

then $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ is a linearizing Pfaffian system, and more precisely, $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ is a basis of $\text{Span}\{dx\}$, $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2, \ddot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_2\}$ is a basis of $\text{Span}\{dx, du\}$, and more generally $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2, \dots, \omega_1^{(J)}, \omega_2^{(J)}\}$ is a basis of $\text{Span}\{dx, du, d\dot{u}, \dots, du^{(J-2)}\}$. The 1-forms ω_1 and ω_2 can be chosen involving x only.

This is a particular case of [1, theorem 2]. The following proof may however help the reader’s understanding.

Proof. The forms ω_1 and ω_2 satisfying (2.9) may always be chosen so that they involve x only because X_1 and X_2 involve x only. We use the following identity, which is true for any form ω and any vector field X :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \dot{\omega}, X \rangle &= \langle L_F \omega, X \rangle \\ &= L_F \langle \omega, X \rangle - \langle \omega, [F, X] \rangle \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \langle \omega, X \rangle - \langle \omega, [F, X] \rangle. \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

Now, on one hand the forms $\dot{\omega}_1$ and $\dot{\omega}_2$ are in $\text{Span}\{dx\}$, i.e. have no component on du_1 and du_2 because (2.10) implies

$$\langle \dot{\omega}_k, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i} \rangle = \langle \omega_k, [F, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i}] \rangle = \langle \omega_k, X_i \rangle = 0$$

for $k = 1, 2$ and $i = 1, 2$. On the other hand, $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2$ are linearly independent: if it was not that case at a point, there would exist some constants $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \mu_1, \mu_2$, not all zero, such that $\lambda_1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \lambda_2 \dot{\omega}_2 + \mu_1 \omega_1 + \mu_2 \omega_2$ would vanish at this point; since $\langle \omega_1, X_i \rangle = \langle \omega_2, X_i \rangle = 0$, this would imply that, for $i = 1, 2$, $\langle \lambda_1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \lambda_2 \dot{\omega}_2, X_i \rangle$ also vanish at this point; this in turn

would imply, from identity (2.10), that

$$\langle \lambda_1 \omega_1 + \lambda_2 \omega_2, [X_0 + u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2, X_i] \rangle$$

vanishes at this point, i.e. that $\lambda_1 \omega_1 + \lambda_2 \omega_2$ is in the annihilator of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_3$, and hence that $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$ because the rank of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_3$ is 4 and ω_1 and ω_2 are independent; this is impossible because then $\mu_1 \omega_1 + \mu_2 \omega_2$ would vanish at the considered point while ω_1 and ω_2 are independent. It is easy to prove the last property for all $J \geq 2$: since $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2$ are in $\text{Span}\{dx\}$ and $du_k^{(\ell+1)}$ may only appear by taking the time-derivative of $du_k^{(\ell)}$, it is clear that $\omega_k^{(j)}$ is in $\text{Span}\{dx, du, \dot{u}, \dots, du^{(j-2)}\}$, and the linear independence of all these is proved by using recursively identity (2.10). \square

The term “infinitesimal Brunovský form” refers to the fact that, with the above choices of the 1-forms ω_1 and ω_2 , system (1.5) implies:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \omega_1 &= \dot{\omega}_1 \\ \frac{d}{dt} \dot{\omega}_1 &= \sum_1^4 \alpha_{1,i} dx_i + \beta_{1,1} du_1 + \beta_{1,2} du_2 \\ \frac{d}{dt} \omega_2 &= \dot{\omega}_2 \\ \frac{d}{dt} \dot{\omega}_2 &= \sum_1^4 \alpha_{2,i} dx_i + \beta_{2,1} du_1 + \beta_{2,2} du_2 \end{aligned}$$

where the functions $\beta_{i,j}$ are such that the 2×2 matrix $[\beta_{i,j}]$ is invertible on a neighborhood of (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) . If the forms ω_1 and ω_2 were integrable, one might define z function of x and v function of x, u (static feedback transformation) by $dz_1 = \omega_1, dz_2 = \dot{\omega}_1, dv_1 = \dot{\omega}_1, dz_3 = \omega_2, dz_4 = \dot{\omega}_2, dv_2 = \dot{\omega}_2$, such that (1.5) reads like the Brunovský canonical form (2.3.b) —we would have obtained the form (2.3.b) if we would have considered the case where the ranks of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2, \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_3, \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_4$ are 2, 3, 4—. It is called “infinitesimal” because it is only at the level of differential forms instead of functions (coordinates) and can give functions if the differential forms are integrable, which is false in general.

Now that we have built a special linearizing Pfaffian system, we may state the following consequence of propositions 2.7, 2.9 and 2.11. It is specialized to x -dynamic linearization or (x, u) -dynamic linearization, and the fact that the linearizing outputs depend on x only or on x and u only is translated into a condition on the degree of the entries of the matrix P comes from the special properties on ω_1 and ω_2 given in proposition 2.11. Again, this is only stated in the case where the ranks of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2, \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_3$ and $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_4$ are 2, 4, 4 because we will not use this process in the case 2, 3, 4.

PROPOSITION 2.12 ([19]). *Let (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) be a point where the ranks of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2, \widehat{\mathcal{D}}_3$ and $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_4$ are 2, 4, 4, and ω_1 and ω_2 be defined in a neighborhood of (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) as in proposition 2.11 (see equation (2.9)). System (1.5) is x -dynamic linearizable (resp. (x, u) -dynamic linearizable) at point $(\bar{x}, \bar{u}, \dots, \bar{u}^{(J)})$ if and only if there exists a neighborhood U of this point, and a 2×2 polynomial matrix $P \in \mathcal{A}(U)$ whose entries are polynomials of degree at most 1 (resp. at most 2), such that P has an inverse in $\mathcal{A}(U)$ and the Pfaffian system $\{\eta_1, \eta_2\}$ defined by*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \end{pmatrix} = P \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right) \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.11}$$

is completely integrable, i.e. η_1 and η_2 satisfy $d\eta_1 \wedge \eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 = d\eta_2 \wedge \eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 = 0$ in a neighborhood of this point.

We shall use this property, especially for (x, u) -dynamic linearizability in section 4. Of course, this would be useless without a reasonable description of the invertible matrices in $\mathcal{A}(U)$ of degree at most 2. In fact, away from some singularities, invertible matrices may be described as products of “elementary matrices”, like unimodular matrices in the case of polynomials with constant coefficients:

PROPOSITION 2.13. *Let P be a matrix in $\mathcal{A}(U)$, which has an inverse Q in $\mathcal{A}(U)$.*

(i) *If the degree of P is 1 on an open dense subset of U (i.e. P has degree at most 1 everywhere, and possibly zero on a closed set of empty interior), then there is an open dense subset U_0 of U such, for that all $X \in U_0$, there is a neighborhood V_X , a scalar smooth function a , and two invertible matrices J_1 and J_2 of degree 0 (i.e. whose entries are smooth functions), all defined on V_X , such that, on V_X ,*

$$P\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) = J_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a\frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} J_2. \tag{2.12}$$

(ii) *If the degree of P is 2 on an open dense subset of U (i.e. P has degree at most 2 everywhere, and possibly 1 or 0 on a closed set of empty interior), then there is an open dense subset U_0 of U such, for that all $X \in U_0$, there is a neighborhood V_X , scalar smooth functions α, λ, a and b , and an invertible matrix J_1 of degree 0 (i.e. whose entries are smooth functions), all defined on V_X , such that, on V_X , either*

$$P\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) = J_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a\frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b\frac{d}{dt} & 1 \end{pmatrix} J_2 \tag{2.13}$$

or

$$P\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) = J_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -a\frac{d}{dt} - b\frac{d}{dt}^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} J_2 \tag{2.14}$$

with

$$\text{either } J_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \alpha & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{or } J_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \alpha & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.15}$$

Proof. Although the ring of polynomials $\mathcal{C}^\infty(U)[\frac{d}{dt}]$ is not commutative, there is a left and right Euclidean division by polynomials whose leading coefficient does not vanish (this is because the leading coefficient of the product of two polynomials is computed as if the coefficients were constant). We also use the fact that the matrix formed with the coefficients of the terms of higher degree on each column cannot be invertible for an invertible matrix, except if it is a degree zero matrix.

(i) For the case of degree 1, at points where not all leading coefficients vanish, there is an invertible matrix K_2 of degree zero (may be take either triangular or a permutation matrix) such that $P(\frac{d}{dt})K_2$ has its first column of degree zero. Then at points where not both terms of this column vanish, a Euclidean division yields a smooth function a such that

$J_1 = P(\frac{d}{dt})K_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a\frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ has degree zero. Take $J_2 = K_2^{-1}$. The open set U_0 is the set where the functions we had to divide by do not vanish.

(ii) For the case of degree 2, let us distinguish different cases. In all cases, we have to divide by at most three polynomials, the points where they vanish without being zero on a neighborhood —if they are zero on an open set, then the corresponding polynomial has locally a smaller degree— is closed with empty interior, the open set U_0 is its complement.

- If both polynomials in the second column of $P(\frac{d}{dt})$ have degree zero, then, at any point, one of them at least does not vanish, and dividing by it the corresponding polynomial (degree 2) in the first column yields a degree two polynomial $-\alpha + a\frac{d}{dt} + b\frac{d^2}{dt^2}$ such that

$$j_1 = P(\frac{d}{dt}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\alpha + a\frac{d}{dt} + b\frac{d^2}{dt^2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has degree zero. This yields (2.14) with the second expression for J_2 in (2.15).

- If both polynomials in the second column of $P(\frac{d}{dt})$ have degree at most 1 but they are not both of degree zero, then, at any point where the leading coefficient of this one does not vanish, Euclidean division by this polynomial of the corresponding polynomial (degree 2) in the first column yields a degree one polynomial $-\alpha + b\frac{d}{dt}$ such that

$$P(\frac{d}{dt}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\alpha + b\frac{d}{dt} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has a first column of degree zero, and then dividing by a non-vanishing element of this first column yields a such that

$$J_1 = P(\frac{d}{dt}) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\alpha + b\frac{d}{dt} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a\frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

has degree zero. This yields (2.13) with the second expression for J_2 in (2.15).

- If at least one of the polynomials in the second column of $P(\frac{d}{dt})$ has degree 2, then, at points where its leading coefficient does not vanish, dividing the corresponding polynomial in the first column by this coefficient yields a function λ such that

$$P(\frac{d}{dt}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

has both entries in its second column of degree at most 1 (λ is identically zero if the first column of $P(\frac{d}{dt})$ had degree 1 or 0). Apply one of the two first cases to $P(\frac{d}{dt}) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -\lambda \end{pmatrix}$ instead of $P(\frac{d}{dt})$. This yields either (2.14) or (2.13), with the first expression for J_2 in (2.15).

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2.6. TWO WAYS OF WRITING THE EQUATIONS FOR THE LINEARIZING OUTPUTS

The most natural method for deciding if there exists some linearizing outputs depending on x and u is to write down the equations that a pair of functions has to satisfy in order to be a pair of linearizing outputs, and then to find conditions (on the system (1.5)) for these equations to have solutions. Let us describe these equations, but only for the case when the linearizing outputs are restricted to depend upon x only:

PROPOSITION 2.14. *Suppose that X_1 and X_2 in (1.5) or (2.5) are linearly independent. Let $h_1(x)$ and $h_2(x)$ be smooth functions; then (h_1, h_2) is a pair of linearizing outputs at a certain point if and only if*

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial u_2} \\ \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial u_2} \end{pmatrix} \leq 1 \tag{2.16}$$

$$\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial u_2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial u_2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \ddot{h}_1}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial \ddot{h}_1}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial \ddot{h}_1}{\partial \dot{u}_1} & \frac{\partial \ddot{h}_1}{\partial \dot{u}_2} \\ \frac{\partial \ddot{h}_2}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial \ddot{h}_2}{\partial u_2} & \frac{\partial \ddot{h}_2}{\partial \dot{u}_1} & \frac{\partial \ddot{h}_2}{\partial \dot{u}_2} \end{pmatrix} \leq 2 \tag{2.17}$$

on a neighborhood of this point, and the forms $dh_1, dh_2, d\dot{h}_1, d\dot{h}_2, d\ddot{h}_1, d\ddot{h}_2$ are independent at this point.

Proof. Let us prove necessity. If (h_1, h_2) is a pair of linearizing outputs, the six mentioned forms have to be independent by definition. If the rank in (2.16) was 2, it is clear that the only linear combinations of the $dh_k^{(j)}$'s which would also be linear combinations of dx_1, dx_2, dx_3, dx_4 , would have all their coefficients zero except the coefficients of dh_1 and dh_2 , which would contradict the fact that dx_1, dx_2, dx_3 and dx_4 are linear combinations of the $dh_k^{(j)}$'s. This proves that (2.16) is necessary. If the rank in (2.17) was 3 (cannot be 4 from (2.16)), the only linear combinations of the $dh_k^{(j)}$'s which would also be also linear combinations of dx_1, dx_2, dx_3, dx_4 , would be linear combinations of dh_1, dh_2 and $\lambda_1 d\dot{h}_1 + \lambda_2 d\dot{h}_2$ with the line (λ_1, λ_2) in the right kernel of the matrix in (2.17), impossible from the fact that contradict the fact that dx_1, dx_2, dx_3 and dx_4 are independent linear combinations of the $dh_k^{(j)}$'s. This proves that (2.17) is necessary. which are also linear combinations of dx_1, dx_2 , Sufficiency follows from solving for dx_1, dx_2, dx_3 and dx_4 as linear combinations of $dh_1, dh_2, d\dot{h}_1, d\dot{h}_2, d\ddot{h}_1$ and $d\ddot{h}_2$. \square

Conditions (2.16)-(2.17) are better related to the vector fields defining system (1.5) using:

$$\frac{\partial \ddot{h}_i}{\partial \dot{u}_k} = \frac{\partial \dot{h}_i}{\partial u_k} = L_{X_k} h_i \tag{2.18}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ddot{h}_i}{\partial u_k} &= L_{X_0} L_{X_k} h_i + L_{X_k} L_{X_0} h_i + 2 u_k L_{X_k}^2 h_i \\ &+ u_{k'} (L_{X_{k'}} L_{X_k} h_i + L_{X_k} L_{X_{k'}} h_i) \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

where $k' = 2$ if $k = 1$ and $k' = 1$ if $k = 2$.

The two equations (2.16)-(2.17) give a system of PDEs in h_1 and h_2 (some determinants being zero), and the independence condition an inequality (a nonzero determinant). These have solutions of and only if the system is x -dynamic linearizable.

Some similar conditions on functions of x and u may be written, and existence of solution would be equivalent for (x, u) -dynamic linearizability.

A different possibility is to use the material introduced in section 2.5: under non-singularity conditions (being at a “Brunovský regular” point), there exists two differential forms such that $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ (or $\{\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_1, \omega_2\}$ but let us consider the first case only) is a basis of $\text{Span}\{dx\}$, these forms may be constructed explicitly, and, from proposition 2.12, the system is x -linearizable or (x, u) -dynamic linearizable if and only if there exists an invertible polynomial matrix such that

$$P\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is made of two exact one-forms, with some bounds on the degree of the entries of P . We then translate the fact that these forms are exact into a system of PDEs in the coefficients of the matrix, using the decomposition from proposition 2.13. The system is x -dynamic or (x, u) -dynamic linearizable if and only if these PDEs have solutions.

These two methods —writing directly the PDEs a pair of functions has to satisfy to be a pair of linearizing outputs or writing the PDEs the coefficients of the elementary matrices in the decomposition of P have to satisfy for the Pfaffian system $P\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) (\omega_1, \omega_2)^T$ to be integrable— are obviously equivalent, although they lead to different equations.

One drawback of the second method is that it only works at “Brunovský-regular” points, while Brunovský-regularity is not necessary for dynamic feedback linearization, see the example in section 5. Although Brunovský-regular points form an open dense set, one cannot neglect this weakness. Note however that in the example of section 5, we conclude even at points which are not Brunovský-regular, by density. In general, this second method seems to yield equations that may be considered more geometrically, and it proves to be very useful in our proofs.

For the simplest cases (cases 1 to 5 in theorem 3.1), we have used the first (direct) method, or even no particular method from these when we simply exhibit some pairs of linearizing outputs. Case 6 in theorem 3.1 is not elementary; it contains a necessary condition that we prove using the first (direct) method; the proof is natural; it would also be in a sense simpler using the infinitesimal Brunovský form, but this case would then be split into two because depending whether (4.5) holds or not, the infinitesimal Brunovský form is different, and points on the boundary are not Brunovský-regular while the present proof has no problem at these points. We give as an alternative a proof based on the infinitesimal Brunovský form, outside singularities (section 7.1). To test for (x, u) -linearizability, we were not able to use the direct method, and we *had to* use the second one based on infinitesimal Brunovský form. It turns out that the first one yield rather huge PDEs in the linearizing outputs, and we found no obvious way to

handle them naturally as in the case of x -dynamic linearization, while the second one gives some PDEs that, though very heavy computations are needed, may be handled by elementary methods.

3. x -DYNAMIC LINEARIZABILITY

We define the following distributions

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_2 &= \text{Span} \{ X_1, X_2 \} \\
 \mathcal{M}_0 &= \Delta_2 + [\Delta_2, \Delta_2] = \text{Span} \{ X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2] \} \\
 \mathcal{M}_1 &= \mathcal{M}_0 + [\mathcal{M}_0, \mathcal{M}_0] \\
 &= \text{Span} \{ X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2], [X_1, [X_1, X_2]], [X_2, [X_1, X_2]] \} \\
 \Delta_3 &= \text{Span} \{ X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2], [X_0, X_1], [X_0, X_2] \}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.1}$$

We will only study the situation in the neighborhood of points where the rank these distributions are constant, and the vector fields X_1 and X_2 are linearly independent and we define the integers m_0, m_1, δ_3 by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{rank } \Delta_2 &= 2 & \delta_3 &\stackrel{\Delta}{=} \text{rank } \Delta_3 \\
 & & m_0 &\stackrel{\Delta}{=} \text{rank } \mathcal{M}_0 \\
 & & m_1 &\stackrel{\Delta}{=} \text{rank } \mathcal{M}_1.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.2}$$

These ranks and the distributions in (3.1) are obviously feedback invariant from their definition and (2.2).

At a point where these ranks are constant, the only possible values for (m_0, m_1, δ_3) are $(2, 2, 2), (2, 2, 3), (2, 2, 4), (3, 3, 3), (3, 3, 4), (3, 4, 3)$ and $(3, 4, 4)$. Actually, we will not distinguish between cases $(3, 4, 3)$ and $(3, 4, 4)$, so that when $(m_0, m_1) = (3, 4)$, the rank of Δ_3 need not be constant.

The following theorem allows one, in each of the cases depending on the different possible values of the above ranks, to decide whether system (1.5) is x -dynamic linearizable or not. When it is not only x -dynamic linearizable, but static feedback linearizable, this is mentioned. In addition, for each case, we give a normal form for system (1.5) up to a nonsingular *static* feedback transformation (see (2.1)) and a change of coordinates. The proof is given in section 7.1. A small package written in Maple that makes the needed computations, as well as these corresponding to theorem 4.2 if needed, will soon be available from the author; it is described in [16].

THEOREM 3.1. *Let \bar{x} be such that the distributions spanned by the modules $\Delta_2, \mathcal{M}_0, \mathcal{M}_1$ and Δ_3 have constant rank in a neighborhood of \bar{x} , with Δ_2 of rank 2, as in (3.2). Actually, if $(m_0, m_1) = (3, 4)$, we do not require that the rank of Δ_3 be constant.*

1. *If $m_0 = m_1 = 2$ and $\delta_3 = 2$, system (1.5) is locally non accessible and therefore non linearizable by endogenous feedback. Locally around \bar{x} , after a preliminary nonsingular feedback transformation and in appropriate coordinates, it has the following form, where a_1 and a_2 are smooth functions:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{z}_1 &= a_1(z_1, z_2) \\
 \dot{z}_2 &= a_2(z_1, z_2) \\
 \dot{z}_3 &= v_1 \\
 \dot{z}_4 &= v_2.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.3}$$

2. If $m_0 = m_1 = 2$ and $\delta_3 = 3$, there are three sub-cases:
 (a) If Δ_3 is not involutive (i.e. if there are points x arbitrarily close to \bar{x} such that $[\Delta_3, \Delta_3](x) \not\subset \Delta_3(x)$, even if $[\Delta_3, \Delta_3](\bar{x}) \subset \Delta_3(\bar{x})$), system (1.5) is not linearizable by endogenous dynamic feedback. It has locally, around \bar{x} , after a preliminary nonsingular feedback transformation and in appropriate coordinates, the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_1 &= a(z_1, z_2, z_3) \\ \dot{z}_2 &= z_3 \\ \dot{z}_3 &= v_1 \\ \dot{z}_4 &= v_2 \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

where a is a smooth function such that

$$\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial z_3^2} \text{ is not identically zero on any neighborhood of } \bar{x}. \tag{3.5}$$

- (b) If Δ_3 involutive and the rank of $\Delta_3 + [X_0, \Delta_3]$ is 3 in a neighborhood of \bar{x} , system (1.5) is locally non accessible and therefore non linearizable by endogenous feedback. Locally around \bar{x} , after a preliminary nonsingular feedback transformation and in appropriate coordinates, it has the following form, with a a smooth:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_1 &= a(z_1) \\ \dot{z}_2 &= z_3 \\ \dot{z}_3 &= v_1 \\ \dot{z}_4 &= v_2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

- (c) If Δ_3 involutive and the rank of $\Delta_3 + [X_0, \Delta_3]$ is 4 at point \bar{x} (and therefore in a neighborhood), system (1.5) is locally static feedback linearizable. It has, after a preliminary nonsingular feedback transformation and in appropriate coordinates, the form (2.3.a).
 3. If $m_0 = m_1 = 2$ and $\delta_3 = 4$, system (1.5) is locally static feedback linearizable. It has, after a preliminary nonsingular feedback transformation and in appropriate coordinates, the form (2.3.b).
 4. If $m_0 = m_1 = 3$ and $\delta_3 = 3$, system (1.5) is locally non accessible and therefore non linearizable by endogenous feedback. Locally around \bar{x} , after a preliminary nonsingular feedback transformation and in appropriate coordinates, it has the following form, where a_1 and a_3 are smooth functions:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_1 &= a_1(z_1) \\ \dot{z}_2 &= v_1 \\ \dot{z}_3 &= a_3(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) + z_4 v_1 \\ \dot{z}_4 &= v_2. \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

5. If $m_0 = m_1 = 3$ and $\delta_3 = 4$, system (1.5) is locally x -dynamic linearizable at a point $(\bar{x}, \bar{u}_1, \bar{u}_2, \dots)$ if and only if

$$\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}} \{ X_1(\bar{x}), X_2(\bar{x}), [X_0, X_1](\bar{x}) - \bar{u}_2[X_1, X_2](\bar{x}), [X_0, X_2](\bar{x}) + \bar{u}_1[X_1, X_2](\bar{x}) \} = 4. \tag{3.8}$$

This condition is satisfied on an open dense set of any open set where $m_0 = m_1 = 3$ and $\delta_3 = 4$.

After a preliminary nonsingular feedback transformation and in appropriate coordinates, the system has the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_1 &= z_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 &= v_1 \\ \dot{z}_3 &= a_3(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) + z_4 v_1 \\ \dot{z}_4 &= v_2 \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

with a is a smooth function. A possible choice of linearizing outputs is given, in these coordinates, by $h_1 = z_1, h_2 = z_3$. Condition (3.8) reads:

$$v_1 + \frac{\partial a_3}{\partial z_4} \neq 0. \tag{3.10}$$

6. If $m_0 = 3$ and $m_1 = 4$, there exists a unique (up to a nonzero multiplicative function) linear combination of X_1 and X_2 : $\tilde{X} = \lambda_1 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_2$ such that

$$[\tilde{X}, [X_1, X_2]] \in \text{Span} \{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2]\} \tag{3.11}$$

(this is the characteristic vector field, or characteristic direction of the distribution spanned by the independent vector fields X_1, X_2 and $[X_1, X_2]$).

System (1.5) is x -dynamic linearizable at (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) if and only if

$$[\tilde{X}, X_0] \in \text{Span} \{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2]\} \tag{3.12}$$

on a neighborhood of \bar{x} and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}} \{ X_1(\bar{x}), X_2(\bar{x}), [X_0, \tilde{X}](\bar{x}) + \bar{u}_1[X_1, \tilde{X}](\bar{x}) \\ + \bar{u}_2[X_2, \tilde{X}](\bar{x}) \} = 3 \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}} \{ X_1(\bar{x}), X_2(\bar{x}), [X_1, X_2](\bar{x}), [X_0, X_1](\bar{x}), \\ [X_0, X_2](\bar{x}), [X_0, [X_1, X_2]](\bar{x}) + \bar{u}_1[X_1, [X_1, X_2]](\bar{x}) \\ + \bar{u}_2[X_2, [X_1, X_2]](\bar{x}) \} = 4. \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

Given any open set in $\mathbb{R}^4 \times \mathbb{R}^2$ such that for all (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) in this open set, $(m_0, m_1) = (3, 4)$ and (3.12) is satisfied at \bar{x} , the set of (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) 's in this open set where (3.13) and (3.15) are satisfied is open and dense.

These conditions may also be formulated using differential forms instead of vector fields. Since $m_0 = 3$, one may take a —unique up to a nonzero multiplicative function— differential form in the four variables x only annihilating X_1, X_2 and $[X_1, X_2]$:

$$\omega_1 \in \{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2]\}^\perp; \tag{3.15}$$

then $d\omega_1 \wedge \omega_1$ is a form of degree 3 that does not vanish because $m_1 = 4$. System (1.5) is x -dynamic linearizable at (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) if and only if

$$d\omega_1 \wedge \omega_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_1 = 0 \tag{3.16}$$

on a neighborhood of \bar{x} and

$$\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}} \{ \omega_1(\bar{x}), \eta_1(\bar{x}), \eta_2(\bar{x}), \dot{\eta}_1(\bar{x}, \bar{u}), \dot{\eta}_2(\bar{x}, \bar{u}) \} = 5, \tag{3.17}$$

$$\text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}} \{ \omega_1(\bar{x}), \dot{\omega}_1(\bar{x}, \bar{u}) \} = 2, \tag{3.18}$$

where η_1 and η_2 are forms of degree 1 such that, for a certain 1-form Γ ,

$$d\omega_1 = \omega_1 \wedge \Gamma + \eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \tag{3.19}$$

or in other words $d\omega_1 \wedge \omega_1 = \eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \omega_1$ ($\{\omega_1, \eta_1, \eta_2\}$ is the characteristic system of ω_1 , it is the annihilator of the vector field \tilde{X} defined in (3.11)), and the “dot” is the time-derivative along the system, i.e. the Lie derivative along the vector field F (2.5). The two conditions (3.17) and (3.18) are satisfied on an open dense set of any open set where $m_0 = 3$ and $m_1 = 4$.

When these conditions are met, all pairs of linearizing outputs may be obtained as follows: take for h_1 a first integral of the vector field \tilde{X} (i.e. $L_{\tilde{X}}h_1 = 0$) such that dh_1, ω_1 and $\dot{\omega}_1$ are linearly independent. Then the Pfaffian system $\{dh_1, \omega_1\}$ is integrable. Take for h_2 a second first integral of this Pfaffian system.

Around a point where $(m_0, m_1) = (3, 4)$, after a preliminary static feedback transformation (2.1) and in appropriate coordinates, system (1.5) has the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_1 &= v_1 \\ \dot{z}_2 &= f_2(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) + z_3v_1 \\ \dot{z}_3 &= f_3(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) + z_4v_1 \\ \dot{z}_4 &= v_2 \end{aligned} \tag{3.20}$$

Condition (3.12) or (3.16) is equivalent to f_2 being independent of z_4 :

$$\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_4} = 0, \tag{3.21}$$

and conditions (3.13) and (3.15), or (3.17) and (3.18), translate into:

$$v_1 + \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial z_4} \neq 0 \tag{3.22}$$

and

$$\left(v_1 + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_3}, f_3 - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_1} - z_3 \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_2} + z_4v_1 \right) \neq (0, 0) \tag{3.23}$$

at the point under consideration. A pair of linearizing outputs is, for instance, given by (z_1, z_2) at a point where $v_1 + \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_3}$ does not vanish, and by $(z_3, z_2 - z_1z_3)$ at a point where $f_3 - \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_1} - z_3 \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_2} + z_4v_1$ does not vanish.

Note that this theorem does not say anything about the situation around points \bar{x} where

- either one of the distributions spanned by Δ_2, \mathcal{M}_0 or \mathcal{M}_1 is singular,
- or they are regular, $(m_0, m_1) \neq (3, 4)$ and the distribution spanned by Δ_3 is singular,
- or $(m_0, m_1, \delta_3) = (2, 2, 3)$, the distribution spanned by Δ_3 —i.e. by $\{X_1, X_2, [X_0, X_1], [X_0, X_2]\}$ since $(m_0, m_1) = (2, 2)$ — has rank 3 and is integrable, but the distribution spanned by $\{X_1, X_2, [X_0, [X_0, X_1]], [X_0, [X_0, X_2]]\}$ is singular.

4. (x, u) -DYNAMIC LINEARIZABILITY

4.1. PROBLEM STATEMENT

Let us examine the situations in which theorem 3.1 concludes that there exist no pair of linearizing outputs depending on x only for system (1.5), without ruling out existence of linearizing outputs depending on more variables $(u, \dot{u}, \ddot{u}, \dots)$. This occurs

- in case 5 when (3.8) fails,
- in case 6 when (3.12) fails,
- in case 6 when (3.12) is satisfied but (3.13) or (3.15) fails.

The first and third situations are singularities because (see theorem 3.1) in case 5, (3.8) is met on an open dense set, and in case 6 if (3.12) is satisfied, (3.13) or (3.15) are met on an open dense set. We will not study these two situations. The second situation does not correspond to a singularity since $X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2]$, and $[\tilde{X}, X_0]$ may very well be linearly independent (this is even generic) on an open set where $(m_0, m_1) = (3, 4)$. We shall study this situation in the present section. We make one more non-singularity assumption: we rule out the points where the rank of $X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2], [\tilde{X}, X_0]$ drops to 3 while being 4 at arbitrarily close points. Furthermore, the techniques that we will use require to be at a Brunovský-regular point (see definition 2.10). Brunovský-regularity translates into condition (4.4) below. It is clear that, on an open set where $(m_0, m_1) = (3, 4)$ and $X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2]$, and $[\tilde{X}, X_0]$ are linearly independent, Brunovský-regular points form an open and dense set. Hence Brunovský-regularity is one more non-singularity assumption. It is needed for technical reasons, but the example in section 5 shows that it is not necessary. To sum up:

Rank assumptions made all over the present section: (\tilde{X} is defined by (3.11))

$$\text{rank}\{X_1, X_2\} = 2 \quad (4.1)$$

$$\text{rank}\{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2]\} = 3 \quad (4.2)$$

$$\text{rank}\{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2], [X_1, [X_1, X_2]], [X_2, [X_1, X_2]]\} = 4 \quad (4.3)$$

$$\text{rank}\{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2], [X_0, \tilde{X}]\} = 4 \quad (4.4)$$

$$\text{rank}\{X_1, X_2, [X_0, X_1] - u_2[X_1, X_2], [X_0, X_2] + u_1[X_1, X_2]\} = 4. \quad (4.5)$$

From (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3), we are in case 6 of theorem 3.1. (4.4) indicates that (3.12) does not hold, and hence from theorem 3.1, there exist no pair of linearizing outputs depending on x only, i.e. system (1.5) is not x -dynamic linearizable. The purpose of this section 4 is to characterize the cases where system (1.5) is (x, u) -dynamic linearizable, i.e. where there exists a pair of linearizing outputs depending on x and u (but not on \dot{u}, \ddot{u}, \dots).

4.2. MAIN RESULT

Let us now proceed with some preparation for our characterization of (x, u) -dynamic linearizability. The following proposition provides a particular choice of ω_1 and ω_2 (basis of \mathcal{H}_2) such that the expressions of $d\omega_1$ and $d\omega_2$ are convenient and “canonical”.

PROPOSITION 4.1. *Let (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) be such that the rank conditions (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5) are satisfied. Let ω_1 and ω_2 to be two differential forms of*

degree 1, linear combinations of dx_1, dx_2, dx_3, dx_4 , such that none of these forms vanish at (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) and

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &\in \{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2]\}^\perp \\ \omega_2 &\in \{X_1, X_2, [X_0 + u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2, \tilde{X}]\}^\perp. \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

Then $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ is a basis of $\text{Span}\{dx\}$ and there exist uniquely defined functions $\delta_{i,j}^k$ and γ such that γ and $\delta_{1,2}^2$ do not vanish at (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) and

$$d\omega_1 \equiv \delta_{1,2}^2 \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \quad \text{modulo } \omega_1, \tag{4.7}$$

$$d\omega_2 \equiv \omega_1 \wedge (\delta_{2,1}^1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \delta_{2,1}^2 \dot{\omega}_2 - \gamma \ddot{\omega}_2) + \gamma \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \quad \text{modulo } \omega_2. \tag{4.8}$$

Note that it is clear from (4.6) that, in general, ω_1 can be chosen so as to involve x only, but ω_2 involves x and u , i.e. it is a linear combination of dx_1, dx_2, dx_3, dx_4 with coefficients depending both on x and u . The functions γ and $\delta_{i,j}^k$ a priori depend on x, u and a certain number of time-derivatives of u .

Proof. Suppose that ω_1 and ω_2 are chosen according to (4.6). Then (4.4) and (3.11) imply that the rank of $\{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2], [X_0 + u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2, \tilde{X}]\}$ is 4, and hence that $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ is a basis of the annihilator of $\{X_1, X_2\}$.

The fact that ω_1 in the orthogonal of $\{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2]\}$ implies that it is in the first derived system of the Pfaffian system $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ —see the Appendix—and hence that

$$d\omega_1 = \omega_1 \wedge \Gamma_{1,1} + \omega_2 \wedge \Gamma_{1,2} \tag{4.9}$$

for some forms $\Gamma_{1,1}$ and $\Gamma_{1,2}$. Now the forms ω_1, ω_2 and $\Gamma_{1,2}$ must be linearly independent from (4.3), and then the Cartan characteristic system of $\{\omega_1\}$ is $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \Gamma_{1,2}\}$ —see the Appendix (8.2)—, but, by definition of \tilde{X} , this characteristic system is the annihilator of \tilde{X} , and a basis of the annihilator of \tilde{X} is $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ because, from (2.10),

$$0 = \frac{d}{dt} \langle \omega_2, \tilde{X} \rangle = \langle \dot{\omega}_2, \tilde{X} \rangle + \langle \omega_2, [X_0 + u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2, \tilde{X}] \rangle$$

and hence $\langle \dot{\omega}_2, \tilde{X} \rangle$ is zero; this proves that $\Gamma_{1,2}$ must be a linear combination of ω_1, ω_2 and $\dot{\omega}_2$, which, substituted in (4.9), yields (4.7) with $\delta_{1,2}^2$ does not vanish because ω_1, ω_2 and $\Gamma_{1,2}$ are linearly independent.

On the other hand, $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ is the annihilator of $\{X_1, X_2\}$ and therefore has a basis that can be written with the variable x only; this implies—see (8.3) in the Appendix—that its characteristic system is at most $\text{Span}\{dx\}$; since $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ is a basis of $\text{Span}\{dx\}$, this implies

$$d\omega_2 = \omega_1 \wedge \Gamma_{2,1} + \omega_2 \wedge \Gamma_{2,2} + \gamma \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \tag{4.10}$$

for some forms $\Gamma_{2,1}$ and $\Gamma_{2,2}$. But we have seen above that $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ is the Cartan characteristic system of $\{\omega_1\}$. It is therefore completely integrable, and this implies that $d\dot{\omega}_2 \equiv 0$ modulo $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_2\}$; but taking the time derivative of (4.10) yields $d\dot{\omega}_2 \equiv \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge (\Gamma_{2,1} + \gamma \ddot{\omega}_2)$ modulo $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_2\}$; $\Gamma_{2,1} \equiv -\gamma \ddot{\omega}_2$, which does imply, together with (4.10), the relation (4.8). \square

We are now ready to state the theorem that characterizes (x, u) -linearizability. Its proof is given in section 7.2.

THEOREM 4.2. *Let (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) be a point where conditions (4.1) to (4.5) are met, and let the forms ω_1 and ω_2 be defined according to (4.6) and the functions $\delta_{2,1}^1$ and γ be defined by (4.8). System (1.5) is (x, u) -dynamically linearizable at point $\bar{X} = (\bar{x}, \bar{u}, \dot{\bar{u}}, \dots)$ if and only if the function $\delta_{2,1}^1$ —or equivalently the form of degree 5 $d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2$ — does not vanish at \bar{X} and the first derived system of the Pfaffian system $\{\omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1}\dot{\omega}_2, \omega_2\}$ has rank 1 and is integrable, i.e. there exists a function α , defined on a neighborhood of \bar{X} , such that*

$$d\left(\omega_1 + \alpha\omega_2 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1}\dot{\omega}_2\right) \wedge \left(\omega_1 + \alpha\omega_2 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1}\dot{\omega}_2\right) = 0. \tag{4.11}$$

When these conditions are met, all the possible pairs of linearizing outputs depending on x and u may be described as follows. Let $\Omega_3 = \omega_1 + \alpha\omega_2 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1}\dot{\omega}_2$, and $\dot{\Omega}_3$ be the time-derivative of this differential form (i.e. its Lie derivative along the dynamics F of the system). The Pfaffian system $\{\omega_2, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3\}$ is completely integrable. A pair of functions (h_1, h_2) depending on (x, u) is a pair of linearizing outputs if and only if $\{dh_1, dh_2\} \subset \{\omega_2, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3\}$ with $\Omega_3 \in \{dh_1, dh_2\}$ and $\dot{\Omega}_3 \notin \{dh_1, dh_2\}$. A possible construction is as follows: since $d\Omega_3 \wedge \Omega_3 = 0$, take h_1 such that dh_1 does not vanish and $dh_1 = k\Omega_3$ (k non-vanishing function); take for h_2 another first integral of $\{\omega_2, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3\}$ such that the coefficient of ω_2 when expressing dh_2 as a linear combination of ω_2, Ω_3 and $\dot{\Omega}_3$ does not vanish (i.e. the rank of $\{dh_2, dh_1, d\dot{h}_1\}$ does not drop to 2).

This theorem is stated in terms of the forms ω_1 and ω_2 . These forms are only defined up to a non-vanishing multiplicative function by relation (4.6). However, the condition does not depend on the particular choice of ω_1 and ω_2 . In a sense this is a consequence of the theorem itself since (x, u) -dynamic linearizability is clearly static feedback invariant and does not depend on the choice of ω_1 and ω_2 , but the following proposition asserts that a priori these conditions are static feedback invariant.

PROPOSITION 4.3. *The conditions of theorem 4.2 are invariant by static feedback and do not depend on the particular choice of ω_1 and ω_2 in (4.6). Indeed the Pfaffian system $\{\omega_2, \omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1}\dot{\omega}_2\}$ does not depend on this particular choice.*

Proof. It can be checked from (4.8) that if one changes ω_1 into $\lambda_1\omega_1$ and ω_2 into $\lambda_2\omega_2$, where λ_1 and λ_2 are non-vanishing functions, then $\delta_{2,1}^1$ is changed into $\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1^2}\delta_{2,1}^1$ and γ into $\frac{1}{\lambda_1}\gamma$. This implies the proposition since (4.6) defines ω_1 and ω_2 up to a nonzero multiplicative function in a feedback invariant way. □

Let us make a remark on “singular” points, i.e. points where the ranks considered in (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5) are not constant. We do not study the situation at these points, in particular at points which are not Brunovský-regular, i.e. points where the rank in (4.5) drops. As illustrated by the example in section 5, this singularity is usually not a singularity of (x, u) -dynamic linearization, but only of the proofs given here: the linearizing outputs are

well defined at these points too, enjoy the property of being linearizing outputs. On the contrary, points where $\delta_{2,1}^1$, or the form $d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2$, vanish are, according to the theorem, actual singularities of (x, u) -dynamic linearizability: in a domain where the rank assumptions (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5) hold, there exists no linearizing outputs function of x and u in the neighborhood of a point where $\delta_{2,1}^1$ vanishes. It is interesting, with this respect, to notice that, under the —generic— assumptions (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5), it is *impossible* to build an example where (x, u) -dynamic feedback linearization would be everywhere nonsingular since for any value of x and u , there is a value of \dot{u} where $\delta_{2,1}^1$ vanishes.

4.3. HOW TO CHECK THE CONDITIONS

We claim that the conditions of theorem 4.2 are completely explicit. Let us explain how to check them on a system (1.5) given by the expression of the vector fields X_0, X_1 and X_2 in some coordinates x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 :

1. Compute ω_1 and ω_2 according to (4.6). This involves the computation of Lie brackets, and then finding the annihilator of some families of vectors, which in coordinates is common linear algebra (Gauss elimination).
2. Compute $\dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2$ and $\ddot{\omega}_2$. The time-derivatives are Lie derivatives along the vector field (2.5).
3. To compute $\delta_{2,1}^1$ and γ , use the following identities, consequence of (4.8):

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2 &= \delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2 \\
 d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 &= -\gamma \omega_1 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \\
 &= -\gamma \omega_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2 \\
 d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 &= \gamma \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 .
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.12}$$

Hence one may for instance compute the forms of degree 5 $d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2$ and $d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2$, check that the first one does not vanish, they appear to be of the form $\rho_1 dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3 \wedge dx_4 \wedge du_1 + \rho_2 dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3 \wedge dx_4 \wedge du_2$ and $\rho_3 dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3 \wedge dx_4 \wedge du_1 + \rho_4 dx_1 \wedge dx_2 \wedge dx_3 \wedge dx_4 \wedge du_2$ respectively, with ρ_1, ρ_2, ρ_3 and ρ_4 some functions of x, u and \dot{u} , with $\rho_1 \rho_4 - \rho_2 \rho_3 = 0$, then

$$\frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} = -\frac{2\rho_3}{\rho_1} = -\frac{2\rho_4}{\rho_2} .$$

4. The Pfaffian system $\{\omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2, \omega_2\}$ is then known.
5. Use usual procedure to compute its first derived system: the forms $d(\omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2)$ and $d\omega_2$ must be proportional modulo $\{\omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2, \omega_2\}$; if it is the case, this yields α such that $d\left(\omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2 + \alpha\omega_2\right)$ is zero modulo $\{\omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2, \omega_2\}$.
6. Check whether $d\left(\omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2 + \alpha\omega_2\right)$ is also zero modulo $\omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2 + \alpha\omega_2$.

Note that a small package written in Maple that makes the above computations, as well as these corresponding to theorem 3.1, will soon be available from the author; it is described in [16].

4.4. THE RESULT IN PARTICULAR COORDINATES

Let us now give a “normal form” for the systems we are studying in this section, i.e. these meeting conditions (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5). It basically consists, as in “case 6” of theorem 3.1, in taking some coordinates (they exist from (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)) in which the control distribution is in “Engel’s normal form”, and use a feedback to annihilate two components of the drift, then the coordinates are slightly changed to emphasize condition (4.4):

PROPOSITION 4.4. *If the rank conditions (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5) hold around a point (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) , there exists a system of coordinates around this point, and a static feedback defined around this point which give the following form to system (1.5):*

$$\begin{cases} \dot{z}_1 &= v_1 \\ \dot{z}_2 &= z_4 + z_3 v_1 \\ \dot{z}_3 &= f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) + g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) v_1 \\ \dot{z}_4 &= v_2 \end{cases} \tag{4.13}$$

where

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4} \tag{4.14}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= \frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4}(v_2 - f v_1) + z_4 \frac{\partial g}{\partial z_2} + f \frac{\partial g}{\partial z_3} \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1} + z_3 \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_2} + g \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_3} + f \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_4} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

do not vanish at (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) .

Proof. From lemma 7.4 (section 7.1), using the feedback (7.30) yields the (3.20). Condition (4.4) implies that $\frac{\partial f_2}{\partial z_4}$ does not vanish. One may therefore take as new coordinates $(z_1, z_2, z_3, f_2(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4))$ instead of (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) , and this yields the normal form (4.13), changing also v_2 . Relations (4.14) are simply a translation of (4.3) and (4.5). \square

PROPOSITION 4.5. *System (4.13) —which is system (1.5) written in appropriate coordinates— is (x, u) -dynamic linearizable around a point \bar{X} if and only if the functions f and g have, in a neighborhood of \bar{X} , the form*

$$f = \frac{a_0 + a_1 z_4 + a_2 z_4^2}{c_0 + c_1 z_4} \quad ; \quad g = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z_4}{c_0 + c_1 z_4} \tag{4.16}$$

where $a_0, a_1, a_2, b_0, b_1, c_0$ and c_1 are functions of z_1, z_2, z_3 only, which satisfy the following PDE:

$$d\Gamma \wedge \Gamma = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \Gamma = (b_1 - z_3 a_2) dz_1 + a_2 dz_2 - c_1 dz_3 \tag{4.17}$$

and $\delta_{2,1}^1$ does not vanish at this point ($c_0 + c_1 z_4$ should obviously not vanish either).

REMARK 4.6. The system of PDEs (4.17) reads:

$$z_3 \left(c_1 \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial z_2} - a_2 \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial z_2} \right) + c_1 \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial z_1} - a_2 \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial z_1} + b_1 \frac{\partial c_1}{\partial z_2} - c_1 \frac{\partial b_1}{\partial z_2} - a_2 \frac{\partial b_1}{\partial z_3} + b_1 \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial z_3} + a_2^2 = 0. \tag{4.18}$$

REMARK 4.7. There is an explicit formula for $\delta_{2,1}^1$ using the a_i , b_i and c_i but it is quite long, and does not really matter here.

This proposition gives a simple way to check whether the system is (x, u) -dynamic linearizable provided one has found coordinates where it is in the normal form (4.13) —of course finding these coordinates involves solving some linear PDEs, so that the really explicit test is given by theorem 4.2 which only involves some differentiations, and some algebraic manipulations—. Actually, the coordinates in which a given system meeting conditions (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5) is in the form (4.13) are not unique, and the expression of f and g , for the same system, may depend on the choice of coordinates, among all these that yield a form like (4.13)). Naturally, the fact that these f and g meet or not the conditions of the proposition does not depend on this choice. It however raises the question of finding, among all the coordinates that produce a normal form like (4.13), these which produce the “simplest” f and g . Let us give an answer only for the special case when the conditions of the proposition are met (i.e. in the (x, u) -linearizable case). It is obvious that if f and g are affine in z_4 (special case of (4.16): $a_2 = c_1 = 0, c_0 = 1$), the PDE (4.11) is met, because Γ is simply $b_1 dz_1$; it turns out that the converse is true: if f and g are not affine, but of the form (4.16) with $a_2 \neq 0$ or $c_1 \neq 0$, and with the PDE (4.11), then some “better” coordinates may be found, in which f and g are affine in the fourth coordinate:

PROPOSITION 4.8. *There exists coordinates where the system, after a static feedback transformation, is in the form (4.13) with f and g satisfying the conditions of proposition 4.5, if and only if there is another set of coordinates $(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3, \zeta_4)$, and another static feedback transformation which yields a normal form (4.13) with f and g affine with respect to the fourth coordinate:*

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\zeta}_1 = w_1 \\ \dot{\zeta}_2 = \zeta_4 + \zeta_3 w_1 \\ \dot{\zeta}_3 = p_0(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) + \zeta_4 p_1(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) \\ \quad + (q_0(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) + \zeta_4 q_1(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3)) w_1 \\ \dot{\zeta}_4 = w_2 \end{cases} \tag{4.19}$$

and $\delta_{2,1}^1$ does not vanish if and only if the following quantity does not vanish:

$$q_1 \dot{w}_1 + w_1 (p_1 + w_1 q_1)^2 + w_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_1} (p_1 + w_1 q_1) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_2} [(p_0 + w_1 q_0) - \zeta_3 w_1 (p_1 + w_1 q_1)] - (p_1 + w_1 q_1)^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta_3} \frac{p_0 + w_1 q_0}{p_1 + w_1 q_1}. \tag{4.20}$$

In these coordinates, a pair of linearizing outputs is given by $h_1 = \zeta_1, h_2 = \zeta_3 - (p_1 - w_1 q_1) \zeta_2$.

Proof. The expression (4.20) is obtained by computing $d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2$ and checking that it vanishes if and only if (4.20) vanishes, at least at points where (4.5) holds, i.e. where $\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \neq 0$. This is left to the reader. Use the simplest choice:

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= d\zeta_2 - \zeta_3 d\zeta_1 \\ \omega_2 &= d\zeta_3 - q_1(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3)d\zeta_1 - (p_1(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3) + w_1 q_1(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3))\omega_1. \end{aligned}$$

The “if” part of the proposition is obvious because, as noticed just above the proposition, (4.19) is a particular case of (4.13)-(4.11), and (4.20) ensures that $\delta_{2,1}^1 \neq 0$. Let us prove the “only if” part. We suppose that the conditions of proposition 4.5 hold, and we build an invertible transformation $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \mapsto (\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3, \zeta_4)$, and an invertible static feedback transformation $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, v_2) \mapsto (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, w_1, w_2)$, that transforms (4.13) into (4.19). Condition (4.17) implies that there exists a function $\psi_1(z_1, z_2, z_3)$ and a non-vanishing function $k(z_1, z_2, z_3)$ such that

$$d\psi_1 = k \Gamma. \tag{4.21}$$

Now, ω_1 may be chosen $\omega_1 = dz_2 - z_3 dz_1$ and then Γ defined in (4.17) is also equal to: $\Gamma = b_1 dz_1 + a_2 \omega_1 - c_1 dz_3$. Since the rank of $\{dz_1, dz_3, \omega_1\}$ is 3 and b_1 and c_1 do not vanish simultaneously (this would cause $\frac{\partial q}{\partial z_4}$ to vanish), the rank of $\{\omega_1, \Gamma\}$ is locally constant, equal to 2, and this Pfaffian system is therefore completely integrable, because these two forms involve only three variables (z_1, z_2, z_3) ; hence there exists three functions ψ_2, k', k'' , such that

$$d\psi_2 = k' \omega_1 + k'' \Gamma, \quad k' \neq 0. \tag{4.22}$$

Let us then define

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= \dot{\psi}_1 = k \langle \Gamma, X_0 + u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2 \rangle \\ &= k \frac{(c_0 b_1 - c_1 b_0)v_1 - c_1 a_0 + (c_0 a_2 - a_1 c_1)z_4}{c_0 + c_1 z_4}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.23}$$

From this equation, one may express v_1 as a function of w_1 . Substituting v_1 for this expression in (4.13)-(4.16), one obtains the following expressions for $\dot{z}_1, \dot{z}_2, \dot{z}_3$, which are now linear with respect to z_4 :

$$\dot{z}_1 = \frac{1}{c_0 b_1 - c_1 b_0} \left(\frac{c_0 + c_1 z_4}{k} w_1 + c_1 a_0 + (a_1 c_1 - c_0 a_2) z_4 \right) \tag{4.24}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_2 &= \frac{1}{c_0 b_1 - c_1 b_0} \left(\frac{z_3}{k} (c_0 + c_1 z_4) w_1 + z_3 c_1 a_0 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. (c_0 b_1 - c_1 b_0 + a_1 c_1 - c_0 a_2) z_4 \right) \end{aligned} \tag{4.25}$$

$$\dot{z}_3 = \frac{b_0 + b_1 z_4}{k (c_0 b_1 - c_1 b_0)} w_1 + a_0 b_1 + (a_1 b_1 - a_2 b_0) z_4. \tag{4.26}$$

Let us then define

$$\zeta_1 = \psi_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \tag{4.27}$$

$$\zeta_2 = \psi_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \tag{4.28}$$

$$\zeta_3 = \frac{k''(z_1, z_2, z_3)}{k(z_1, z_2, z_3)} \tag{4.29}$$

$$\zeta_4 = k'(z_1, z_2, z_3) z_4. \tag{4.30}$$

Let us see that in these coordinates, and with w_1 given by (4.23), we have (4.19):

- $\dot{\zeta}_1 = w_1$ is a consequence of (4.27) and (4.23).
- From (4.28), $\dot{\zeta}_2 = \langle d\psi_2, X_0 + u_1X_1 + u_2X_2 \rangle$, which is also equal, from (4.23) and (4.22), to $\frac{k''}{k}w_1 + k'\langle \omega_1, X_0 + u_1X_1 + u_2X_2 \rangle$, which, since $\langle \omega_1, X_0 + u_1X_1 + u_2X_2 \rangle = z_4$, and considering (4.29) and (4.30), yields $\dot{\zeta}_2 = \zeta_4 + \zeta_3w_1$.
- In the expressions for \dot{z}_1, \dot{z}_2 and \dot{z}_3 given by (4.24), (4.25) and (4.26), all the functions of (z_1, z_2, z_3) may be expressed as functions of $(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3)$, and z_4 may be substituted for $\frac{\zeta_4}{k'}$ (see (4.30)); therefore, \dot{z}_1, \dot{z}_2 and \dot{z}_3 are polynomials in ζ_4 and w_1 with coefficients function of $(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3)$ with one term of degree zero, one term of degree 1 in ζ_4 , one term of degree 1 in w_1 and one term of degree 2 in ζ_4w_1 ; since ζ_3 is a function of (z_1, z_2, z_3) , $\dot{\zeta}_3$ is also such a polynomial, which allows one to define functions p_0, p_1, q_0 and q_1 such that $\dot{\zeta}_3$ is as in (4.19).
- $\dot{\zeta}_4$ is equal to $k'(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3)v_2$ plus some terms which depend only on $\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3, \zeta_4$ and v_1 . Since k' does not vanish, calling all this expression w_2 defines a nonsingular feedback that yields the required form. □

5. AN EXAMPLE

Let us consider the following system, which is given as example 2 in [7]:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 + x_3u_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= x_3 + x_1u_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 &= u_1 + x_2u_2 \\ \dot{x}_4 &= u_2. \end{aligned} \tag{5.1}$$

The transformation $z_1 = x_4, z_2 = x_2, z_3 = x_1, z_4 = x_3, v_1 = u_2, v_2 = u_1 + x_2u_2$ puts it into the form (4.19), known to be (x, u) -dynamic linearizable. Let us however follow the general method. We have:

$$\tilde{X} = X_1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_3}, \quad X_2 = x_3\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} + x_1\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} + x_2\frac{\partial}{\partial x_3} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_4},$$

$$[X_1, X_2] = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}, \quad [X_0, \tilde{X}] = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2},$$

$$[X_0 + u_1X_1 + u_2X_2, \tilde{X}] = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} - u_2\frac{\partial}{\partial x_1}.$$

Brunovský-regular points are points where (4.5) holds, i.e. points where

$$x_1 - u_1 \neq 0. \tag{5.2}$$

The simplest choice for ω_1 and ω_2 is (see (4.6)):

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= dx_2 - x_1dx_4, \\ \omega_2 &= dx_1 - u_2dx_2 + (u_2x_1 - x_3)dx_4. \end{aligned} \tag{5.3}$$

By expressing $d\omega_2 = -du_2 \wedge dx_2 + d(u_2x_1 - x_3) \wedge dx_4$ in the basis $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ (at points where (5.2) holds), with

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\omega}_1 &= dx_3 + u_2dx_1 - (x_2 + u_2x_3)dx_4 \\ \dot{\omega}_2 &= -u_2^2dx_1 + (1 - \dot{u}_2)dx_2 + (-u_1 + x_3u_2^2 + x_1\dot{u}_2)dx_4. \\ \ddot{\omega}_2 &= (x_1 - u_1)du_2 + (\dots)dx_1 + (\dots)dx_2 + (\dots)dx_3 + (\dots)dx_4, \end{aligned} \tag{5.4}$$

one obtains an expression like (4.8) with:

$$\delta_{2,1}^1 = \frac{2(\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1)}{x_1 - u_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma = -\frac{1}{x_1 - u_1}, \quad (5.5)$$

so that $\delta_{2,1}^1 \neq 0$ is equivalent to $\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1 \neq 0$. Then the form $\omega_3 = \omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2$ may be explicitly computed. $d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \omega_3$ and $d\omega_3 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \omega_3$ are collinear:

$$d\omega_3 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \omega_3 = -\alpha d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \omega_3 \quad \text{with} \quad \alpha = \frac{u_2^2}{\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1}. \quad (5.6)$$

A basis of the derived system of $\{\omega_2, \omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2\}$ is therefore

$$\Omega_3 = \omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2 + \alpha \omega_2 = \frac{x_1 - u_1}{\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1} dx_4. \quad (5.7)$$

It is obviously integrable, condition (4.11) of theorem 4.2 is satisfied, hence the system is (x, u) -dynamic linearizable at points where $\delta_{2,1}^1$ does not vanish. Since x_4 is a first integral of $\{\Omega_3\}$, and a basis (at points where (5.1) holds) for the Pfaffian system $\{\omega_2, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3\}$ is $\{dx_1 - u_2 dx_2, dx_4, du_2\}$ —it is indeed integrable, and three independent first integrals are x_4, u_2 and $x_1 - x_2 u_2$ —, theorem 4.2 implies that two functions $(h_1(x, u), h_2(x, u))$ form a pair of linearizing outputs if and only if h_1 and h_2 are two independent functions of x_4, u_2 and $x_1 - x_2 u_2$ such that dh_1, dh_2, du_2 are independent but dx_4 is a linear combination of dh_1 and dh_2 . The simplest choice is

$$h_1 = x_4 \quad \text{and} \quad h_2 = x_1 - u_2 x_2. \quad (5.8)$$

Let us illustrate on this example the invertible transformations on pairs of differential forms introduced in section 2.5 (following [2, 1]). The functions h_1 and h_2 given by (5.8) are related to the forms ω_1 and ω_2 defining the “infinitesimal Brunovský form” by:

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -x_2 \frac{d}{dt} - (u_2 x_1 - x_3) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1}{x_1 - u_1} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\times \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b \frac{d}{dt} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & \alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned} \quad (5.9)$$

with $b = \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1}$ (this may be re-arranged into an expression like (7.54) with some scalar function a and matrix function J_1). Indeed from Proposition 2.6 and 2.9, and since (ω_1, ω_2) is a linearizing Pfaffian system and the matrices in the right-hand side of (5.9) are all invertible, this is enough to prove that (h_1, h_2) is a pair of linearizing outputs at Brunovský-regular points. Note that the expressions in (5.9) are indeed singular at “Brunovský-singular points”—points that are not Brunovský-regular— so that the ideas based on the infinitesimal Brunovský form fail at these points, while linearizing outputs h_1 and h_2 may obviously be continued at these points, and it may be checked directly that they continue to be linearizing outputs at these

points; indeed, since

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{h}_1 &= u_2, \\
 \ddot{h}_1 &= \dot{u}_2, \\
 h_1^{(3)} &= \ddot{u}_2, \\
 \dot{h}_2 &= x_2 - x_1 u_2^2 - x_2 \dot{u}_2, \\
 \ddot{h}_2 &= x_3 + x_1 u_2 - x_2 u_2^2 - x_3 u_2^3 - (x_3 + x_1 u_2) \dot{u}_2 - x_2 \ddot{u}_2,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.10}$$

one may solve for $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, u_2, \dot{u}_2$ and \ddot{u}_2 in (5.8)-(5.10) and express them as (rational) functions of $h_1, \dot{h}_1, \ddot{h}_1, h_1^{(3)}, h_2, \dot{h}_2, \ddot{h}_2$ at all points where $\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1 \neq 0$. It is clear on this example that the requirement of Brunovský-regularity is purely technical, and the singularities of dynamic feedback linearization are not related to the singularities of the “infinitesimal Brunovský form”. The singularity $\delta_{2,1}^1 = 0$, on the other hand is really a singularity of (x, u) -dynamic linearization.

The conclusion for this system is:

- It is not x -dynamic linearizable at any point, as a consequence of theorem 3.1, case 6.
- It is (x, u) -dynamic linearizable at all points where $\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1 \neq 0$. This is a consequence of theorem 4.2 at points where $x_1 - u_1 \neq 0$. At points where $\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1 \neq 0$ and $x_1 - u_1 = 0$, it is not a consequence of theorem 4.2, but is clear from (5.10).
- It is not (x, u) -dynamic linearizable at points where $\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1 = 0$. This is a consequence of theorem 4.2 at points where $x_1 - u_1 \neq 0$. At points where $x_1 - u_1 = \dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1 = 0$, this is not a consequence of theorem 4.2, but may be proved as follows. Suppose that there is a pair of linearizing outputs (h_1, h_2) in an open neighborhood of such a point. Points where $x_1 - u_1 \neq 0$ are dense on this neighborhood, and (h_1, h_2) is still a pair of linearizing outputs at these points (if the neighborhood is small enough). Hence (see above) h_1 and h_2 are functions of x_4, u_2 and $x_1 - u_2 x_2$: $h_i(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, u_1, u_2) = \chi_i(x_4, u_2, x_1 - u_2 x_2)$. Because the rank of $dx_4, du_2 d(x_1 - u_2 x_2)$ is 3, the smooth functions χ_i are unique and may be prolonged at the point under consideration (where $u_1 - x_1$ vanishes). Computing the time-derivatives of the functions h_i from these identities, it can be seen that their partial derivative with respect to x_2 all vanish at points where $\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1 = 0$. This prevents x_2 from being, around such a point, a smooth function of $h_1, h_2, \dot{h}_1, \dot{h}_2, \ddot{h}_1, \ddot{h}_2, \dots$, and hence (h_1, h_2) from being a pair of linearizing outputs at these points.

Note that the singularity $\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1 = 0$ does not correspond to a singularity of the linear approximation. Consider for instance the solution

$$u_1(t) = -1, \quad u_2(t) = 1, \quad x_1(t) = x_2(t) = 1, \quad x_3(t) = -1, \quad x_4(t) = t.$$

Clearly $\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 - 1$ is zero along this solution, while the linear approximation $\delta\dot{x} = A\delta x + B\delta u$, with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

is controllable. An example where this occurs at an equilibrium instead of a nontrivial solution is obtained by replacing x_2 with x_4 in \dot{x}_1 , the singularity $\delta_{2,1}^1 = 0$ then occurs when $\dot{u}_2 + u_2^3 = 0$ while the linear approximation at $(x, u) = (0, 0)$ is controllable.

6. NON-AFFINE SYSTEMS IN \mathbb{R}^3

Consider a system

$$\dot{\xi} = f(\xi, w_1, w_2) \tag{6.1}$$

where ξ lives in \mathbb{R}^3 . A system of the form (1.5) can always be brought to this form at a point where one of the control vector fields does not vanish by finding coordinates in which this control vector field is the first coordinate vector field, dropping the corresponding control and taking this first coordinate as a new control. The converse is not correct in general.

However a necessary condition for feedback linearization, that can be found in [22] or in [24] implies that if system (6.1) linearizable by dynamic feedback (even in a more general sense than endogenous), it has a dynamic extension of dimension 4 which is affine in the control. The following proposition is a consequence of theorem 1 in [22], except the regularity of γ , but this is automatic if one wants the linearizing outputs to be smooth:

PROPOSITION 6.1 ([22]). *At a point $(\bar{\xi}, \bar{w}_1, \bar{w}_2)$ where $\text{rank}\{\frac{\partial f}{\partial w_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_2}\}$ is 2, a necessary condition for system (6.1) to be dynamic feedback linearizable is that there exist, locally around $(\bar{\xi}, \bar{w}_1, \bar{w}_2)$, a static feedback transformation $(w_1, w_2) = \gamma(\xi, v_1, v_2)$ such that $f(\xi, \gamma(\xi, v_1, v_2))$ be affine with respect to v_1 : $f(\xi, \gamma(\xi, v_1, v_2)) = a(\xi, v_2) + v_1 b(\xi, v_2)$.*

In the case of system (6.1), an explicit condition for existence of this static feedback transformation may be given, but this is outside the scope of the present paper. It is clear that the necessary condition for dynamic linearization given in proposition 6.1 is exactly the condition needed to transform system (6.1) into an affine 4-dimensional system. This is summed up in the following result, which allows one to apply to 3-dimensional non-affine systems (6.1) all the results obtained in the previous sections for 4-dimensional affine systems.

PROPOSITION 6.2. *At a point $(\bar{\xi}, \bar{w}_1, \bar{w}_2)$ where $\text{rank}\{\frac{\partial f}{\partial w_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial w_1}\}$ is 2, either system (6.1) is not dynamic feedback linearizable or one may construct a*

static feedback transformation $(w_1, w_2) = \gamma(\xi, v_1, v_2)$ such that dynamic feedback linearization of (6.1) is equivalent to dynamic feedback linearization of

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \dot{x}_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{matrix} a(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) + u_1 b(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \\ \\ \\ u_2 \end{matrix} \tag{6.2}$$

7. THE PROOFS

All over these proofs, some known facts about Pfaffian systems (derived systems, characteristic system . . .) are used. They are briefly recalled in the Appendix.

7.1. PROOF OF THEOREM 3.1

CASE 1 ($m_0 = m_1 = 2, \delta_3 = 2$). $m_0 = 2$ means that the distribution spanned by the control vector fields X_1 and X_2 is involutive. Frobenius theorem yields a set of coordinates (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) such that $\{\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_4}\}$ is a basis of this distribution, then

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= L_{X_0} z_3 + u_1 L_{X_1} z_3 + u_2 L_{X_2} z_3 \\ v_2 &= L_{X_0} z_4 + u_1 L_{X_1} z_4 + u_2 L_{X_2} z_4 \end{aligned}$$

is a nonsingular static feedback because X_1 and X_2 are independent at point \bar{x} . System (1.5) reads, in the above coordinates as

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_1 &= a_1(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) & \dot{z}_3 &= v_1 \\ \dot{z}_2 &= a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) & \dot{z}_4 &= v_2. \end{aligned}$$

Δ_3 is then spanned by $\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_4}, \frac{\partial a_1}{\partial z_3} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} + \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial z_3} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2}$ and $\frac{\partial a_1}{\partial z_4} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} + \frac{\partial a_2}{\partial z_4} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2}$. $\delta_3 = 2$ implies that a_1 and a_2 do not depend on z_3 and z_4 . This yields (3.3).

CASE 2.A ($m_0 = m_1 = 2, \delta_3 = 3$). Since $\{X_1, X_2\}$ is integrable of rank 2, there exists two independent functions constant along X_1 and X_2 , and one of them at least has either its Lie derivative along $[X_0, X_1]$ or its Lie derivative along $[X_0, X_2]$ that does not vanish at \bar{x} because if not the rank of Δ_3 would drop to two; let z_2 be this one, and z_1 be the other one, and define $z_3 = L_{X_0} z_2$. $L_{X_1} z_3$ or $L_{X_2} z_3$ does not vanish at \bar{x} (because they are equal to $L_{[X_1, X_0]} z_2$ and $L_{[X_2, X_0]} z_2$) and hence z_3 is independent from z_1 and z_2 , let z_4 be a fourth function, such that (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) is a system of coordinates. The nonsingular feedback

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= L_{X_0}^2 z_2 + u_1 L_{X_1} L_{X_0} z_2 + u_2 L_{X_2} L_{X_0} z_2 \\ v_2 &= L_{X_0} z_4 + u_1 L_{X_1} z_4 + u_2 L_{X_2} z_4 \end{aligned} \tag{7.1}$$

transforms system (1.5) into

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_1 &= a(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \\ \dot{z}_2 &= z_3 \\ \dot{z}_3 &= v_1 \\ \dot{z}_4 &= v_2, \end{aligned} \tag{7.2}$$

with a a certain smooth function. Since Δ_3 spans a distribution of rank 3 and:

$$\Delta_3 = \text{Span} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z_3}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_4}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} + \frac{\partial a}{\partial z_3} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, \frac{\partial a}{\partial z_4} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} \right\},$$

the function a cannot depend on z_4 , and then

$$\Delta_3 + [\Delta_3, \Delta_3] = \text{Span} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial z_3}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_4}, \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} + \frac{\partial a}{\partial z_3} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1}, \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial z_3^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} \right\}$$

so that the assumption on Δ_3 is equivalent to $\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial z_3^2}$ being identically zero on no neighborhood of \bar{x} . This proves that system (1.5) has the form (3.4) with the condition (3.5), after the change of coordinates and the nonsingular feedback transformation we just introduced. There remains to prove that system (3.4) cannot be linearizable by endogenous feedback under condition (3.5). This is a consequence of the following lemma 7.1 because if system (3.4) was linearizable by endogenous feedback on a neighborhood of a point \bar{x} , then there would exist a pair of linearizing outputs on a neighborhood of this point, and hence the system would also be linearizable by endogenous feedback around any point of that neighborhood, including these, given by condition (3.5), where $\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial z_3^2}$ is non zero.

LEMMA 7.1. *System (3.4) is not linearizable by endogenous dynamic feedback in any neighborhood of a point $\bar{z} = (\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \bar{z}_3, \bar{z}_4)$ such that*

$$\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial z_3^2}(\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \bar{z}_3) \neq 0.$$

Proof. Suppose that there exists two linearizing outputs h_1 and h_2 , smooth functions of a finite number of variables among $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, v_2, \dot{v}_1, \dot{v}_2, \ddot{v}_1, \ddot{v}_2, \dots, v_1^{(L)}, v_2^{(L)}$, with L a non negative integer, defined on an open subset $O \subset \mathbb{R}^{2L+6}$ containing a point $(\bar{z}_1, \bar{z}_2, \bar{z}_3, \bar{z}_4, \bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \dots, \bar{v}_1^{(L)}, \bar{v}_2^{(L)})$ for some $(\bar{v}_1, \bar{v}_2, \dots, \bar{v}_1^{(L)}, \bar{v}_2^{(L)})$. All variables may be recovered from h_1, h_2 and all their time derivatives so that in particular there exists smooth functions ψ_1 and ψ_2 such that

$$z_1 = \psi_1(h_1, \dot{h}_1, \dots, h_1^{(K_{1,1})}, h_2, \dot{h}_2, \dots, h_2^{(K_{1,2})}) \tag{7.3}$$

$$z_2 = \psi_2(h_1, \dot{h}_1, \dots, h_1^{(K_{2,1})}, h_2, \dot{h}_2, \dots, h_2^{(K_{2,2})}). \tag{7.4}$$

This holds in the open set O , which may be restricted so that $\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial z_3^2}(z_1, z_2, z_3)$ does not vanish on O . The integer $K_{i,j}$ is the one such that ψ_i does not depend on $h_j^{(K_{i,j}+1)}$, but does depend on $h_j^{(K_{i,j})}$ on O , i.e. $\frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial h_j^{(K_{i,j})}}$ is not identically zero. Then, since (3.4) implies $\dot{z}_1 = a(z_1, z_2, \dot{z}_2)$, one has, by substitution,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial h_1} \dot{h}_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial h_1^{(K_{1,1})}} h_1^{(K_{1,1}+1)} + \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial h_2} \dot{h}_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial \psi_1}{\partial h_2^{(K_{1,2})}} h_2^{(K_{1,2}+1)} \\ &= a \left(\psi_1, \psi_2, \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial h_1} \dot{h}_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial h_1^{(K_{2,1})}} h_1^{(K_{2,1}+1)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial h_2} \dot{h}_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial h_2^{(K_{2,2})}} h_2^{(K_{2,2}+1)} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{7.5}$$

One must have

$$K_{1,1} = K_{2,1}, \quad K_{1,2} = K_{2,2} \tag{7.6}$$

because the left-hand side in (7.5) depends only on $h_1, \dot{h}_1, \dots, h_1^{(K_{1,1}+1)}, h_2, \dot{h}_2, \dots, h_2^{(K_{1,2}+1)}$ and does depend on $h_1^{(K_{1,1}+1)}$ and $h_2^{(K_{2,1}+1)}$, and the right-hand side depends only on $h_1, \dot{h}_1, \dots, h_1^{(K_{2,1}+1)}, h_2, \dot{h}_2, \dots, h_2^{(K_{2,2}+1)}$ and does depend on $h_1^{(K_{2,1}+1)}$ and $h_2^{(K_{2,2}+1)}$ because, since $\frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial z_3^2}$ does not vanish on O , $\frac{\partial a}{\partial z_3}$ is not identically zero on any open subset of O .

Differentiating two times both sides of (7.5) with respect to $h_j^{(K_{1,j}+1)}$, and keeping in mind that, from (7.6), $K_{1,j} = K_{2,j}$, one has (note that neither ψ_1 nor ψ_2 nor the partial derivatives of them depend on $h_j^{(K_{1,j}+1)}$):

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \left(\frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial h_j^{(K_{1,j})}} \right)^2 \frac{\partial^2 a}{\partial z_3^2} \left(\psi_1, \psi_2, \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial h_1} \dot{h}_1 + \dots + \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial h_1^{(K_{1,1})}} h_1^{(K_{1,1}+1)} \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial h_2} \dot{h}_2 + \dots + \frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial h_2^{(K_{1,2})}} h_2^{(K_{1,2}+1)} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{7.7}$$

for $j \in \{1, 2\}$, and hence $\frac{\partial \psi_2}{\partial h_j^{(K_{1,j})}}$ is identically zero on O which contradicts the fact that it was precisely chosen (small enough) not to be identically zero on O . □

CASE 2.B ($m_0 = m_1 = 2, \delta_3 = 3$). Since Δ_3 is integrable of rank 3, and $\{X_1, X_2\}$ is integrable of rank 2, and contained in Δ_3 , there are two independent functions z_1 and z_2 such that z_1 and z_2 are constant along X_1 and X_2 and z_1 constant along the vector fields of Δ_3 . Let z_3 be given by $z_3 = L_{X_0} z_2$ and z_4 be such that (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) is a system of coordinates. The nonsingular feedback (7.1) transforms system (1.5) into a system of the form (7.2) above, where a depends on z_1 only because, since $L_{X_1} z_1 = L_{X_2} z_1 = 0$, one has $a = \dot{z}_1 = L_{X_0} z_1$, and $L_{X_0} z_1$ is constant along Δ_3 because z_1 is and $[X_0, \Delta_3] \subset \Delta_3$. $\dot{z}_1 = a(z_1)$ clearly implies non-accessibility.

CASE 2.C ($m_0 = m_1 = 2, \delta_3 = 3$). Static feedback linearizability follows from classical results, see [15, 12]. Let us however describe the coordinates in which the system has the form (2.3.a). Since Δ_3 is integrable of rank 3, there is a function z_1 such that dz_1 is the annihilator of Δ_3 . Let z_2 and z_3 be given by $z_2 = L_{X_0} z_1$ and $z_3 = L_{X_0}^2 z_1$, the rank of $\{dz_1, dz_2, dz_3\}$ is 3

because $\delta_3 = 3$. Let z_4 be any function such that $\{z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4\}$ is a system of coordinates. The nonsingular feedback

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= L_{X_0}^3 z_1 + u_1 L_{X_1} L_{X_0}^2 z_1 + u_2 L_{X_2} L_{X_0}^2 z_1 \\ v_2 &= L_{X_0} z_4 + u_1 L_{X_1} z_4 + u_2 L_{X_2} z_4 \end{aligned}$$

transforms system (1.5) into (2.3.a).

CASE 3 ($m_0 = m_1 = 2, \delta_3 = 4$). As in case 2.c, static feedback linearization follows from classical results, see [15, 12], but we however describe the coordinates in which the system has the form (2.3.b). Because $m_0 = 2, X_1$ and X_2 span an integrable distribution of rank 2, let z_1 and z_3 be two independent functions that annihilate X_1 and X_2 , and let z_2 and z_4 be defined by $z_2 = L_{X_0} z_1$ and $z_4 = L_{X_0} z_3$. $\delta_3 = 4$ implies that (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) is a system of coordinates, and the following nonsingular feedback

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= L_{X_0}^2 z_1 + u_1 L_{X_1} L_{X_0} z_1 + u_2 L_{X_2} L_{X_0} z_1 \\ v_2 &= L_{X_0}^2 z_3 + u_1 L_{X_1} L_{X_0} z_3 + u_2 L_{X_2} L_{X_0} z_3 \end{aligned}$$

transforms system (1.5) into (2.3.b).

CASES 4 AND 5 ($m_0 = m_1 = 3, \delta_3 = 3$ OR 4). Since $m_0 = m_1 = 3, \mathcal{M}_0 = \mathcal{M}_1$ spans an integrable distribution of rank 3. Let z_1 be a first integral of this distribution. In case 5 ($\delta_3 = 4$), define z_2 by

$$z_2 = L_{X_0} z_1. \tag{7.8}$$

One then has, for $i \in \{1, 2\}, L_{X_i} z_2 = -L_{[X_0, X_i]} z_1$ because $L_{X_i} z_1 \equiv 0, i = 1, 2$, and hence $\delta_3 = 4$ prevents $L_{X_1} z_2$ and $L_{X_2} z_2$ from both vanishing at \bar{x} . Up to a permutation of the two controls, we may suppose that

$$L_{X_1} z_2(\bar{x}) \neq 0. \tag{7.9}$$

In case 4 ($\delta_3 = 3$), pick any z_2 such that (7.9) holds, it is possible since X_1 does not vanish. Since $L_{X_1} z_1 = 0$, the rank of $\{dz_1, dz_2\}$ is 2 at point \bar{x} . The vector field

$$(L_{X_2} z_2) X_1 - (L_{X_1} z_2) X_2 \tag{7.10}$$

does not vanish at point \bar{x}, z_1 and z_2 are two independent functions constant along it, let z_3 be a third independent first integral of this vector field, and z_4 be given by

$$z_4 = \frac{L_{X_1} z_3}{L_{X_1} z_2}.$$

(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) is a system of coordinates because z_1, z_2 and z_3 are constant along the vector field (7.10) while the Lie derivative of z_4 along it does not vanish at \bar{x} (a simple computation shows that if it would vanish, the rank of \mathcal{M}_0 would drop to 2). Defining v_1 and v_2 according to the nonsingular feedback transformation

$$\begin{aligned} v_1 &= L_{X_0} z_2 + u_1 L_{X_1} L_{X_0} z_1 + u_2 L_{X_2} L_{X_0} z_1 \\ v_2 &= L_{X_0} z_4 + u_1 L_{X_1} z_4 + u_2 L_{X_2} z_4 \end{aligned}$$

(with a possible permutation of the indices 1 and 2 in the right-hand sides, if needed to get (7.9)) yields, in the above defined coordinates, the normal form (3.7) in case 4, and (3.9) in case 5. In both cases, a_3 is given by

$$a_3 = L_{X_0} z_3 - \frac{L_{X_1} z_3}{L_{X_1} z_2} L_{X_0} z_2,$$

\dot{z}_3 is obtained because

$$L_{X_2} z_3 = \frac{L_{X_2} z_2}{L_{X_1} z_2} L_{X_1} z_3,$$

and (in case 4) $a_1 = L_{X_0} z_1$ depends only on z_1 because $\delta_3 = 3$ implies that $\Delta_3 = \mathcal{M}_0$ and hence that $L_{X_0} z_1$ is a first integral of the three dimensional integrable distribution spanned by \mathcal{M}_0 .

In case 4, non-accessibility follows immediately from the normal form (3.7). In case 5, let us prove that system (3.9) is x -dynamic linearizable around (\bar{z}, \bar{v}) if and only if $\frac{\partial a}{\partial z_4}(\bar{z}) + \bar{v}_1 \neq 0$. Let (h_1, h_2) be a pair of linearizing outputs, depending on z only.

LEMMA 7.2. *Let h_1, h_2 be two functions depending on z only such that (h_1, h_2) is a pair of linearizing outputs for system (3.9) on a neighborhood of (\bar{z}, \bar{v}) . Then the rank of $\{dz_1, dh_1, dh_2\}$ is 2 on a neighborhood of \bar{z} .*

Proof. If it was not the case, there would be points \bar{z} , arbitrarily close to \bar{z} , where this rank would be 3, and where (h_1, h_2) would still be a pair of linearizing outputs. z_1 is constant along both control vector fields, and since (h_1, h_2) would still be a pair of linearizing outputs, there is, from (2.16)-(2.18), a nonzero linear combination of X_1 and X_2 , say Z , along which both h_1 and h_2 are constant. It is impossible that $L_{X_i} h_j$ vanishes at \bar{x} for all $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$, so that up to a permutation, we may suppose that $L_{X_1} h_1 \neq 0$. This yields, following the same construction as above—construction of coordinates where the system has form (3.9)—a set of coordinates

$$(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3, \zeta_4) = (z_1, h_1, h_2, \frac{L_{X_1} h_2}{L_{X_1} h_1})$$

and a nonsingular feedback $w_1 = \dot{h}_1, w_2 = \dot{\zeta}_4$ such that the system is also of the form (3.9) with ζ instead of z and w instead of v :

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\zeta}_1 &= \zeta_2 & \dot{\zeta}_3 &= a_3(\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \zeta_3, \zeta_4) + \zeta_4 w_1 \\ \dot{\zeta}_2 &= w_1 & \dot{\zeta}_4 &= w_2 \end{aligned}$$

where (ζ_2, ζ_3) should be a pair of linearizing outputs. This is impossible from (2.17) because

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_2}{\partial \psi_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_2}{\partial \psi_2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_3}{\partial \psi_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_3}{\partial \psi_2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_2}{\partial \dot{\psi}_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_2}{\partial \dot{\psi}_2} & \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_2}{\partial \dot{\psi}_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_2}{\partial \dot{\psi}_2} \\ \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_3}{\partial \dot{\psi}_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_3}{\partial \dot{\psi}_2} & \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_3}{\partial \dot{\psi}_1} & \frac{\partial \dot{\zeta}_3}{\partial \dot{\psi}_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \zeta_4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial a_3}{\partial \zeta_2} + \zeta_4 \frac{\partial a_3}{\partial \zeta_3} + w_2 & \frac{\partial a_3}{\partial \zeta_4} + w_1 & \zeta_4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and hence $\frac{\partial a_3}{\partial \zeta_4} + w_1$ should be identically zero on an open set, which is absurd because its derivative with respect to w_1 is 1. □

From this lemma 7.2, z_1 is a function of the two linearizing functions, and therefore one may replace h_1 or h_2 by z_1 in (h_1, h_2) and still have a pair of linearizing outputs. Let for instance $h_1 = z_1$, then (2.16) is automatically satisfied, and (2.17) implies that h_2 must depend on z_1, z_2, z_3 only because

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial v_1} & \frac{\partial h_1}{\partial v_2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial v_1} & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial v_2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial \check{h}_1}{\partial v_1} & \frac{\partial \check{h}_1}{\partial v_2} & \frac{\partial \check{h}_1}{\partial v_1} & \frac{\partial \check{h}_1}{\partial v_2} \\ \frac{\partial \check{h}_2}{\partial v_1} & \frac{\partial \check{h}_2}{\partial v_2} & \frac{\partial \check{h}_2}{\partial v_1} & \frac{\partial \check{h}_2}{\partial v_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial z_4} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ * & * & * & \frac{\partial h_2}{\partial z_4} \end{pmatrix},$$

and the independence condition in proposition 2.14 implies (3.10). Conversely, if (3.10) is satisfied, system (3.9) is x -dynamic linearizable with (z_1, z_3) as a pair of linearizing outputs, because z_2 is \check{z}_1 , and z_4 is (inverse function theorem) a function of $\check{z}_3, z_1, z_2, z_3, v_1$, i.e. of $\check{z}_3, z_1, \check{z}_1, z_3, \check{z}_1$.

CASE 6 ($m_0 = 3, m_1 = 4$). Let us first clarify the correspondence between the conditions in terms of differential forms and these in terms of vector fields. Since the form ω_1 is defined by (3.15) and involves only the four variables x , $d\omega_1$ must be of the form (3.19) because there is only four variables. Let us prove that, as written just after (3.19),

$$\tilde{X} \in \{\omega_1, \eta_1, \eta_2\}^\perp. \tag{7.11}$$

From the definitions of ω_1 and \tilde{X} , one has $\langle \omega_1, [\tilde{X}, Y] \rangle = 0$ for $Y = X_1$ and for $Y = X_2$ and for $Y = [X_1, X_2]$, but one also has $\langle \omega_1, \tilde{X} \rangle = \langle \omega_1, Y \rangle = 0$ for these Y 's, and hence, from the classical formula [25, II-(1.10)] linking Lie Bracket and exterior derivative, $\langle \omega_1, [\tilde{X}, Y] \rangle = 0$ implies $d\omega_1(\tilde{X}, Y) = 0$, but from (3.19), and using again $\langle \omega_1, \tilde{X} \rangle = \langle \omega_1, Y \rangle = 0$, this reads: $\langle \eta_1, \tilde{X} \rangle \langle \eta_2, Y \rangle - \langle \eta_1, Y \rangle \langle \eta_2, \tilde{X} \rangle = 0$. Since the three vectors $X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2]$ are linearly independent ($m_0 = 3$) and the two differential forms η_1 and η_2 are also linearly independent ($m_1 = 4$ implies that $d\omega_1 \wedge \omega_1 = \eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \omega_1$ does not vanish), the last equality implies $\langle \eta_1, \tilde{X} \rangle = \langle \eta_2, \tilde{X} \rangle = 0$, and this proves (7.11).

We then have the following

LEMMA 7.3. *Condition (3.12) is equivalent to condition (3.16). If (3.12) or (3.16) holds, condition (3.13) is equivalent to condition (3.17) and condition (3.15) is equivalent to condition (3.18).*

Proof. From the definition of ω_1 , (3.12) may be written $\langle \omega_1, [X_0, \tilde{X}] \rangle = 0$, or also $\langle \omega_1, [F, \tilde{X}] \rangle = 0$ because $[F, \tilde{X}] = [X_0, \tilde{X}] + u_1[X_1, \tilde{X}] + u_2[X_2, \tilde{X}]$ and the last two terms vanish on ω_1 . From the classical identity (2.10) and the fact that $\langle \omega_1, \tilde{X} \rangle$ is zero, $\langle \omega_1, [F, \tilde{X}] \rangle = 0$ is equivalent to $\langle \dot{\omega}_1, \tilde{X} \rangle = 0$, which is equivalent, from (7.11) to $\dot{\omega}_1$ being a linear combination of ω_1, η_1 and η_2 . This is (3.16).

Let us proceed to prove that (3.13) is equivalent to (3.17) if (3.16) holds. Consider the three vector fields $\tilde{X}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}$ in the six variables x, u . Their annihilator is $\{\omega_1, \eta_1, \eta_2\}$. Now consider the six vector fields obtained by adding the Lie brackets of these by F : $\{\tilde{X}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}, [F, \tilde{X}], [F, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}], [F, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}]\}$. From the classical identity (2.10), a form ω annihilates all these at a point

if and only if ω and $\dot{\omega}$ annihilate the original three at this point, i.e. if and only if both ω and $\dot{\omega}$ are linear combinations of ω_1, η_1 and η_2 at this point. It is the case of ω_1 because (3.16) holds, and the rank of these six vector fields therefore cannot be more than 5; it is equal to 5 exactly at points where the time-derivative of any linear combination of η_1 and η_2 is linearly independent from ω_1, η_1 and η_2 , i.e. at points where (3.17) holds. Now this rank is 5 exactly at points where (3.13) holds because $[F, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_i}] = X_i$ and therefore these six vector fields have the same rank as:

$$\{X_1, X_2, [F, \tilde{X}], \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}\}.$$

Let us proceed to prove that (3.15) is equivalent to (3.18) if (3.16) holds. Consider the five vector fields $\{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2], \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}\}$ in the six variables x, u . Their annihilator is $\{\omega_1\}$. Now consider the ten vector fields obtained by adding the Lie brackets of these by F :

$$\{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2], \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}, [F, X_1], [F, X_2], [F, [X_1, X_2]], [F, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}], [F, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}]\}.$$

A form that annihilates all these vector fields at a point must be collinear to ω_1 at this point because it has to annihilate at least the five original ones. The form ω_1 vanishes on all these vector fields exactly at the point where ω_1 and $\dot{\omega}_1$ vanish on the five original vector fields, i.e. (since these five are linearly independent) exactly at points where the rank of $\{\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1\}$ drops to 1. Therefore, the rank of the ten vector fields is 6 at points where (3.18) holds, and 5 at points where it does not hold. But these ten vector have the same rank as:

$$\{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2], \frac{\partial}{\partial u_1}, \frac{\partial}{\partial u_2}, [X_0, X_1], [X_0, X_2], [X_0 + u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2, [X_1, X_2]]\},$$

and this has rank 6 if and only if (3.15) holds. □

Let us now prove necessity of the conditions (3.12)-(3.13)-(3.15), or (3.16)-(3.17)-(3.18). Lemma 7.3, that we have now proved, allows us to simply prove that (3.12) is necessary first, and then to prove that (3.17) and (3.18) are necessary.

Suppose that there exists a pair of linearizing outputs (h_1, h_2) with h_1 and h_2 depending on x only. We use conditions (2.16) and (2.17) from proposition 2.14 to derive the necessary condition (3.12). We have

$$\dot{h}_i = L_{X_0} h_i + u_1 L_{X_1} h_i + u_2 L_{X_2} h_i. \tag{7.12}$$

Equation (2.16) implies that the rank of

$$\begin{pmatrix} L_{X_1} h_1 & L_{X_2} h_1 \\ L_{X_1} h_2 & L_{X_2} h_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is one. Since $m_1 = 4$, the functions $L_{X_1} h_1$ and $L_{X_2} h_1$ cannot vanish together; without loss of generality, suppose that $L_{X_1} h_1$ does not vanish at the point under consideration. Then, with λ the function given by $\lambda = L_{X_2} h_1 / L_{X_1} h_1$, and defining the vector field Z_2 by

$$Z_2 = X_2 - \lambda X_1 \tag{7.13}$$

one has

$$L_{Z_2}h_1 = L_{Z_2}h_2 = 0. \tag{7.14}$$

Define the vector fields Z_0 and Z_1 by

$$Z_0 = X_0 - \frac{L_{X_0}h_1}{L_{X_1}h_1}X_1, \quad Z_1 = \frac{1}{L_{X_1}h_1}X_1. \tag{7.15}$$

The systems (1.5) then reads

$$\dot{x} = Z_0 + w_1Z_1 + u_2Z_2, \tag{7.16}$$

with w_1 defined as follows $((u_1, u_2) \mapsto (w_1, u_2))$ defines a regular static feedback:

$$\begin{aligned} w_1 = \dot{h}_1 &= L_{X_0}h_1 + u_1L_{X_1}h_1 + u_2L_{X_2}h_1 \\ &= L_{X_0}h_1 + (u_1 + \lambda u_2)L_{X_1}h_1. \end{aligned} \tag{7.17}$$

Then \dot{h}_1 and \dot{h}_2 may be written:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{h}_1 &= w_1 \\ \dot{h}_2 &= L_{Z_0}h_2 + w_1L_{Z_1}h_2. \end{aligned} \tag{7.18}$$

The second time-derivatives are then given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{h}_1 &= \dot{w}_1 \\ \ddot{h}_2 &= L_{Z_0}^2h_2 + w_1(L_{Z_1}L_{Z_0} + L_{Z_0}L_{Z_1})h_2 + w_1L_{Z_1}^2h_2 + \dot{w}_1L_{Z_1}h_2 \\ &\quad + (L_{Z_2}L_{Z_0}h_2 + w_1L_{Z_2}L_{Z_1}h_2)u_2. \end{aligned} \tag{7.19}$$

The function \ddot{h}_2 must not depend on u_2 —this is (2.17)—and hence

$$L_{Z_2}L_{Z_0}h_2 = L_{Z_2}L_{Z_1}h_2 = 0. \tag{7.20}$$

Now, on one hand, from (7.14)-(7.18)-(7.16), $L_{Z_1}h_1$ is identically equal to 1, and $L_{Z_2}h_1$, $L_{Z_0}h_1$ and $L_{Z_2}h_1$ are identically zero, so that $L_{[Z_2, Z_1]}h_1$ and $L_{[Z_2, Z_0]}h_1$ are obviously zero, and on the other hand, since $L_{Z_2}h_2$ is identically zero from (7.14), $L_{Z_2}L_{Z_1}h_2$ is equal to $L_{[Z_2, Z_1]}h_2$ and $L_{Z_2}L_{Z_0}h_2$ is equal to $L_{[Z_2, Z_0]}h_2$; this and (7.20) above implies:

$$L_{[Z_2, Z_1]}h_1 = L_{[Z_2, Z_1]}h_2 = 0, \tag{7.21}$$

$$L_{[Z_2, Z_0]}h_1 = L_{[Z_2, Z_0]}h_2 = 0. \tag{7.22}$$

The two independent functions h_1 and h_2 are, from (7.21) and (7.14), constant along the vector fields Z_2 and $[Z_1, Z_2]$, which are linearly independent because $m_1 = 3$. This implies that the distribution spanned by these two vector fields is integrable, and therefore that the Lie Bracket $[Z_2, [Z_1, Z_2]]$ is a linear combination of Z_2 and $[Z_1, Z_2]$. From (7.13) and (7.15), the Lie bracket $[Z_2, [Z_1, Z_2]]$ is equal to $\lambda[Z_2, [X_1, X_2]] + (L_{X_1}\lambda)[X_1, X_2] + ((L_{X_1}\lambda)^2 - L_{X_2}L_{X_1}\lambda)X_1$. Hence, $[Z_2, [X_1, X_2]]$ must be a linear combination of X_1 , X_2 and $[X_1, X_2]$. This implies, from the definition of the characteristic vector field \tilde{X} —see (3.11)—that Z_2 is collinear to \tilde{X} :

$$Z_2 = \alpha \tilde{X} \tag{7.23}$$

with α a nonzero function. Since the vector fields annihilating dh_1 and dh_2 are the linear combinations of Z_2 and $[Z_2, Z_1]$, (7.21) and (7.22) imply that $[Z_2, Z_0]$ is a linear combination of Z_2 and $[Z_2, Z_1]$, which implies in particular

that it is a linear combination of X_1 , X_2 and $[X_1, X_2]$. From (7.23), this implies condition (3.12). We have proved the necessity of condition (3.12).

Let us now prove that existence of h_1 and h_2 with the above properties imply (3.17)-(3.18). From above, dh_1 and dh_2 vanish on \tilde{X} and $[Z_2, \tilde{X}]$, and are linearly independent because (h_1, h_2) is a pair of linearizing outputs; hence, from the definition of ω_1 and the fact that both \tilde{X} and $[Z_2, \tilde{X}]$ are linear combinations of X_1 , X_2 and $[X_1, X_2]$, the form ω_1 is a linear combination of dh_1 and dh_2 , i.e. there exists some functions λ_1 and λ_2 such that

$$\omega_1 = \lambda_1 dh_1 + \lambda_2 dh_2. \tag{7.24}$$

Computing the time-derivative of this yields

$$\dot{\omega}_1 = \lambda_1 d\dot{h}_1 + \lambda_2 d\dot{h}_2 + \dot{\lambda}_1 dh_1 + \dot{\lambda}_2 dh_2. \tag{7.25}$$

This implies (3.18) because on one hand the two functions λ_1 and λ_2 do not vanish simultaneously because ω_1 does not vanish, and on the other hand dh_1 , dh_2 , $d\dot{h}_1$ and $d\dot{h}_2$ are linearly independent because (h_1, h_2) is a pair of linearizing outputs. Condition (3.16), already proved because it is equivalent to (3.12) from lemma 7.3, implies:

$$\dot{\omega}_1 = \mu_0 \omega_1 + \mu_1 \eta_1 + \mu_2 \eta_2$$

for some functions μ_0, μ_1, μ_2 . (3.18) implies that μ_1 and μ_2 do not vanish simultaneously. Let η be η_1 if μ_2 does not vanish, and η_2 if μ_2 vanishes. Then $\{\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \eta\}$ is another basis for the annihilator of \tilde{X} . Since dh_1 and dh_2 are in the annihilator of $\{\tilde{X}, [Z_2, \tilde{X}]\}$, they are linear combinations of $\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1$ and η . Since $\{dh_1, dh_2\}$ is a linearizing Pfaffian system, this implies, from Proposition 2.8, that $\{\omega_1, \eta\}$ is a linearizing Pfaffian system, and hence that ω_1, η and all their time derivatives are linearly independent, and in particular $\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_1, \eta, \dot{\eta}$ has rank 5, but from the above construction, it is also the rank of $\omega_1, \eta_1, \dot{\eta}_1, \eta_2, \dot{\eta}_2$. This proves (3.17).

According to the remarks just after the proof of lemma 7.3, we have now proved the necessity of either (3.12)-(3.13)-(3.15), or (3.16)-(3.17)-(3.18). Let us prove sufficiency, and at the same time validity of the way of building linearizing outputs given in the theorem. Again, from lemma 7.3, it is enough to prove sufficiency of (3.16)-(3.17)-(3.18).

From (3.16) and (3.18), equation (3.19) implies

$$d\omega_1 = \omega_1 \wedge \Gamma' + k\dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \eta \tag{7.26}$$

where k is a non-vanishing function and η is either η_1 or η_2 , and then (3.17) implies

$$\text{rank}\{\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_1, \eta, \dot{\eta}\} = 5. \tag{7.27}$$

Let α_1 and α_2 be some (non vanishing simultaneously) functions such that $\{\omega_1, \alpha_1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \alpha_2 \eta\}$ is a basis of the annihilator of $\{X_1, X_2\}$. Then $\{\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \eta, \alpha_1 \ddot{\omega}_1 + \alpha_2 \dot{\eta}\}$ is a basis of $\text{Span}\{d\mathbf{x}\}$ —all four are in $\text{Span}\{d\mathbf{x}\}$ because $\alpha_1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \alpha_2 \eta$ vanishes on X_1 and X_2 , and they are independent from (7.27)— and $\{\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_1, \eta, \dot{\eta}, \alpha_1 \omega_1^{(3)} + \alpha_2 \ddot{\eta}\}$ is a basis of $\text{Span}\{d\mathbf{x}, d\mathbf{u}\}$ because of

(7.27) and the fact that X_1 and X_2 are supposed to have rank 2, and then an easy induction shows that

$$\{\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_1, \dots, \omega_1^{(j+2)}, \eta, \dot{\eta}, \ddot{\eta}, \dots, \eta^{(j+1)}, \alpha_1 \omega_1^{(j+3)} + \alpha_2 \eta^{(j+2)}\}$$

is a basis of $\text{Span}\{dx, du, d\dot{u}, \dots, du^{(j)}\}$ for all $j \geq 0$. This implies that $\{\omega_1, \eta\}$ is a linearizing Pfaffian system (see definition 2.5).

Let us now build a pair of linearizing outputs as explained in the theorem. If h_1 is built as indicated, i.e. such that

$$L_{\bar{X}} h_1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{rank}\{\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, dh_1\} = 3, \tag{7.28}$$

the Pfaffian system $\{dh_1, \omega_1\}$ is integrable because (7.26) and the fact that dh_1 is a linear combination of $\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \eta$ imply $d\omega_1 \wedge \omega_1 \wedge dh_1 = 0$. Let h_2 be a second function such that $\{dh_1, dh_2\}$ is another basis for $\{\omega_1, dh_1\}$. These dh_1 and dh_2 are obviously linear combinations of $\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1$ and η , but this may be inverted: ω_1 is a linear combination of dh_1 and dh_2 , and η is, from (7.28) a linear combination of $\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, dh_1$, and hence of $dh_1, dh_2, \dot{d}h_1$ and $\dot{d}h_2$. Since $\{\omega_1, \eta\}$ is a linearizing Pfaffian system, (dh_1, dh_2) is, from Proposition 2.8, also a linearizing Pfaffian system, and (h_1, h_2) is a pair of linearizing outputs from Proposition 2.6. This completes the proof of sufficiency.

Let us now prove the assertions concerned with the “normal form”. The normal form itself is a consequence of the following lemma:

LEMMA 7.4 (“ENGEL’S NORMAL FORM”). *Let X_1 and X_2 be two vector fields in \mathbb{R}^4 and let $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^4$ be such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}}\{X_1(\bar{x}), X_2(\bar{x})\} &= 2, \\ \text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}}\{X_1(\bar{x}), X_2(\bar{x}), [X_1, X_2](\bar{x})\} &= 3, \\ \text{rank}_{\mathbb{R}}\{X_1(\bar{x}), X_2(\bar{x}), [X_1, X_2](\bar{x}), [X_1, [X_1, X_2]](\bar{x}), [X_2, [X_1, X_2]](\bar{x})\} &= 4. \end{aligned}$$

Then there exists four functions $\alpha_{11}, \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{21}, \alpha_{22}$ and a set of coordinates (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) such that the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11}(\bar{x}) & \alpha_{12}(\bar{x}) \\ \alpha_{21}(\bar{x}) & \alpha_{22}(\bar{x}) \end{pmatrix}$ is invertible, and, locally around \bar{x} ,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{11}X_1 + \alpha_{21}X_2 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} + z_3 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} + z_4 \frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} \\ \alpha_{12}X_1 + \alpha_{22}X_2 &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z_4}. \end{aligned} \tag{7.29}$$

The proof is very classical, see for example [6]. Now, by assumption, the vector fields X_1 and X_2 satisfy these assumptions, and the feedback

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_{11} & \alpha_{12} \\ \alpha_{21} & \alpha_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} L_{X_0} z_1 \\ L_{X_0} z_4 \end{pmatrix} \tag{7.30}$$

yields the equations (3.20) in the coordinates given by lemma 7.4. The fact that the coordinate-free and feedback invariant conditions (3.16), (3.17), (3.18) translate into (3.21), (3.22), (3.23) respectively is a routine computation from

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= dz_2 - z_3 dz_1 & \dot{\omega}_1 &= df_2 + v_1 dz_3 - (f_3 + z_4 v_1) dz_1 \\ \eta_1 &= dz_1, & \dot{\eta}_1 &= dv_1, \\ \eta_2 &= dz_3, & \dot{\eta}_2 &= df_3 + v_1 dz_4 v_1 + z_4 dv_1. \end{aligned}$$

ALTERNATIVE PROOF OF CASE 6. Here we suppose in addition that we are at Brunovský-regular point, i.e. the rank condition (4.5) holds, and we give a proof for case 6 based on the infinitesimal Brunovský form. To give a thorough treatment of case 6, one should consider the case when the rank in (4.5) is three in a neighborhood —then there is a different infinitesimal Brunovský form, as in the second point of proposition 2.11, and also points where it three, while being 4 in an open dense set of a neighborhood —at such points, an infinitesimal Brunovský form does not exist but one might conclude by density.

Condition (4.5) implies, see proposition 2.11, that if two forms ω_1 and ω_2 make up a basis of $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}_2^\perp$, then $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ is a basis of $\text{Span}\{d\mathbf{x}\}$. In addition, ω_1 may be taken in \mathcal{M}_0^\perp (i.e. $\{\omega_1\}$ is the first derived system of the Pfaffian system $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$). Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} d\omega_1 &\equiv \omega_2 \wedge (\delta_1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \delta_2 \dot{\omega}_2) \quad \text{modulo } \omega_1 \\ d\omega_2 &\equiv \gamma \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \quad \text{modulo } \{\omega_1, \omega_2\}. \end{aligned} \tag{7.31}$$

Since on one hand the rank of \mathcal{M}_1 is constant equal to 4, and on the other hand the rank of \mathcal{M}_0 is constant equal to 3,

$$\begin{cases} \delta_1 \text{ and } \delta_2 & \text{do not vanish simultaneously,} \\ \gamma & \text{does not vanish.} \end{cases} \tag{7.32}$$

A computations shows that:

$$\text{Span}\{\tilde{X}\} = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \delta_1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \delta_2 \dot{\omega}_2\}^\perp. \tag{7.33}$$

The proof of characterization (3.12) relies on the following lemma, proved further:

LEMMA 7.5. *The following three properties are equivalent:*

- (i) *There exist two invertible matrices J_1 and J_2 of degree zero and three functions a, h_1 and h_2 , all defined on a neighborhood of the point \mathcal{X} , such that*

$$\begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix} = J_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a \frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} J_2 \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{7.34}$$

- (ii) $\delta_2 = 0$ on a neighborhood of \mathcal{X} .
- (iii) (3.12) holds on a neighborhood of \mathcal{X} .

This is enough to conclude. Indeed, sufficiency in case 6 of theorem 3.1 is obvious because, from proposition 2.12, point (i) implies x -dynamic linearizability. Let us prove necessity: if system (1.5) is x -dynamic linearizable in a neighborhood of a point $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$, then from propositions 2.12 and 2.13, there is an open set U_0 , dense in a neighborhood of $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$, such that point (i) holds for all $\mathcal{X} \in U_0$. From the lemma, this implies that δ_2 is zero on U_0 . Hence it is zero on a neighborhood of $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$. This completes the proof of case 6 of theorem 3.1, the normal form being proved the same way as in the first proof.

Proof. (ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii): We have, from (7.33) and identity (2.10),

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{dt} \langle \delta_1 \omega_1 + \delta_2 \omega_2, \tilde{X} \rangle = \langle \dot{\delta}_1 \omega_1 + \dot{\delta}_2 \omega_2 + \delta_1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \delta_2 \dot{\omega}_2, \tilde{X} \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle \delta_1 \omega_1 + \delta_2 \omega_2, [X_0 + u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2, \tilde{X}] \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

which, from the fact that $\langle \omega_i, \tilde{X} \rangle$ and $\langle \omega_1, [X_i, \tilde{X}] \rangle$ are identically zero for $i = 1, 2$, yields

$$\delta_1 \langle \omega_1, [X_0, \tilde{X}] \rangle + \delta_2 \langle \omega_2, [X_0 + u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2, \tilde{X}] \rangle = 0 \tag{7.35}$$

which implies, since δ_1 and δ_2 do not vanish simultaneously and $[X_0 + u_1 X_1 + u_2 X_2, \tilde{X}]$ does not vanish, that $\delta_2 = 0$ is equivalent to $\langle \omega_1, [X_0, \tilde{X}] \rangle = 0$, i.e. to (3.12).

(ii)⇒(i): Since $\delta_2 = 0$, (7.31) implies that $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1\}$ is the characteristic system of ω_1 and therefore is integrable. In particular, there exists a function h_2 such that

$$dh_2 = \lambda_0 \omega_1 + \lambda_1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \lambda_2 \omega_2$$

with a non-vanishing λ_2 ; then

$$d\omega_1 \equiv \tilde{\delta}_1 dh_2 \wedge \dot{\omega} \quad \text{modulo } \omega_1$$

which implies that $\{\omega_1, dh_2\}$ is integrable and in particular that there exists a function h_1 such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 & \mu_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 & \mu_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \lambda_0 + \lambda_1 \frac{d}{dt} & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\mu_1 \lambda_1$ does not vanish. This is point (i).

(i)⇒(ii): Let Ω_1, Ω_2 and Ω_3 be defined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_2 \end{pmatrix} = J_2 \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{7.36}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Omega_3 \\ \Omega_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a \frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_1 - a \dot{\Omega}_2 \\ \Omega_2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{7.37}$$

then (7.34) implies that $\{\Omega_3, \Omega_2\}$ is integrable and hence, for some 1-forms $\Gamma_{i,j}$,

$$\begin{aligned} d\Omega_2 &= \Omega_2 \wedge \Gamma_{2,2} + \Omega_3 \wedge \Gamma_{2,3} = \Omega_1 \wedge \Gamma_{2,3} + \Omega_2 \wedge \Gamma_{2,2} - a \dot{\Omega}_2 \wedge \Gamma_{2,3} \\ d\Omega_3 &= \Omega_2 \wedge \Gamma_{3,2} + \Omega_3 \wedge \Gamma_{3,3} = \Omega_1 \wedge \Gamma_{2,3} + \Omega_2 \wedge \Gamma_{2,2} - a \dot{\Omega}_2 \wedge \Gamma_{2,3}. \end{aligned} \tag{7.38}$$

Taking the time-derivative of the second equation yields

$$\begin{aligned} d\dot{\Omega}_2 &= \Omega_1 \wedge \dot{\Gamma}_{2,3} + \dot{\Omega}_1 \wedge \Gamma_{2,3} \\ &\quad + \Omega_2 \wedge \dot{\Gamma}_{2,2} + \dot{\Omega}_2 \wedge (\Gamma_{2,2} - a \dot{\Gamma}_{2,3} - \dot{a} \Gamma_{2,3}) - a \ddot{\Omega}_2 \wedge \Gamma_{2,3} \end{aligned} \tag{7.39}$$

and finally, since $d\Omega_1 = d(\Omega_3 + a\dot{\Omega}_2) = d\Omega_3 + ad\dot{\Omega}_2 - \dot{\Omega}_2 \wedge da$,

$$\begin{aligned} d\Omega_1 &= \Omega_1 \wedge (\Gamma_{2,3} + a\dot{\Gamma}_{2,3}) + \Omega_2 \wedge (\Gamma_{2,2} + a\dot{\Gamma}_{2,2}) \\ &\quad + a \dot{\Omega}_1 \wedge \Gamma_{2,3} + \dot{\Omega}_2 \wedge (-a\Gamma_{2,3} + a\Gamma_{2,2} - a^2 \dot{\Gamma}_{2,3} - a\dot{a}\Gamma_{2,3} - da) \\ &\quad - a^2 \ddot{\Omega}_2 \wedge \Gamma_{2,3} \\ d\Omega_2 &= \Omega_1 \wedge \Gamma_{2,3} + \Omega_2 \wedge \Gamma_{2,2} - a \dot{\Omega}_2 \wedge \Gamma_{2,3}. \end{aligned} \tag{7.40}$$

From (7.36), $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$ is the same differential system as $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ and therefore, from (7.31), $d\Omega_i \equiv \lambda_i \dot{\Omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_2$ modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$ for $i = 1, 2$ and λ_i certain functions; from the second equation in (7.40), this implies that $\Gamma_{2,3}$ is a linear combination of $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \dot{\Omega}_1, \dot{\Omega}_2$; from the first equation in (7.40), it is actually a linear combination of $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \dot{\Omega}_2$ because the $\dot{\Omega}_1$ -term would produce a $\dot{\Omega}_2 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_1$ -term in the last term of $d\Omega_1$ (it cannot be canceled by another term because there is no $\dot{\Omega}_2$ in $\gamma_{2,3}$); this implies, if $\Gamma_{2,3} = \lambda_1 \Omega_1 + \lambda_2 \Omega_2 + \lambda_0 \dot{\Omega}_2$,

$$d\Omega_2 = \Omega_2 \wedge \tilde{\Gamma}_{2,2} + (\lambda_0 + a\lambda_1) \Omega_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_2 \tag{7.41}$$

where $\tilde{\Gamma}_{2,2}$ contains $\Gamma_{2,2}$ plus other terms. This implies in particular that $d\Omega_2 \equiv 0$ modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$ which implies that Ω_2 is in the first derived system of $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$ (i.e. in the annihilator of $\{X_1, X_2, [X_1, X_2]\}$) and therefore that it is collinear to ω_1 , or in other terms that matrix J_2 is triangular:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 & \beta_2 \\ \alpha & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{7.42}$$

where $\alpha\beta_2$ does not vanish. Then (7.31) yields

$$d\Omega_2 \equiv \frac{1}{\beta_2}\Omega_1 \wedge \left((\delta_1 - \frac{\beta_1\delta_2}{\beta_2})\dot{\Omega}_2 + \delta_2 \frac{\alpha}{\beta_2}\dot{\Omega}_1 \right) \text{ modulo } \Omega_2. \tag{7.43}$$

By comparing this and (7.41), we see that $\delta_2\alpha = 0$ which implies that δ_2 is identically zero because α does not vanish. □

7.2. PROOF OF THE RESULTS ON (x, u) -DYNAMIC LINEARIZABILITY

In this section, we prove theorem 4.2 and proposition 4.5. They are proved together because we are not able to prove the intrinsic condition of theorem 4.2 without the help of the coordinates of the normal form (4.13). In the course of the proof, we will need the four following technical lemmatae (lemmatae 7.6, 7.7, 7.8 and 7.9), that are proved further.

LEMMA 7.6. *Let ω_1 and ω_2 be chosen according to (4.6). Let b and J_2 be respectively a scalar smooth function and a 2×2 invertible matrix (of degree zero) with entries smooth functions, defined on a neighborhood of a point \mathcal{Y} and let Ω_1 and Ω_3 be defined by*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b\frac{d}{dt} & 1 \end{pmatrix} J_2 \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{7.44}$$

The forms Ω_1 and Ω_3 satisfy the following relations:

$$d\Omega_1 \equiv 0 \text{ modulo } \{ \Omega_1, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3 \} \tag{7.45}$$

$$d\Omega_3 \equiv 0 \text{ modulo } \{ \Omega_3, \Omega_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_3 \} \tag{7.46}$$

on a neighborhood of \mathcal{Y} if and only if there exist smooth functions h_1, h_2 and a , and a 2×2 invertible matrix J_1 with entries smooth functions defined on a neighborhood of \mathcal{Y} , such that

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix} &= J_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a\frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b\frac{d}{dt} & 1 \end{pmatrix} J_2 \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= J_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a\frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_3 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \tag{7.47}$$

LEMMA 7.7. *Let ω_1 and ω_2 be some 1-forms satisfying (4.6), and hence (4.8), around a point where γ and $\delta_{1,2}^2$ do not vanish (implied by the rank assumptions (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5)).*

(i) *There cannot exist functions a, b, h_1, h_2 and two invertible 2×2 matrices of degree zero J_1 and J_2 , all defined on a neighborhood of the considered point, such that*

$$J_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -a\frac{d}{dt} & -b\frac{d}{dt}^2 \end{pmatrix} J_2 \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{7.48}$$

(ii) *There cannot exist functions α, a, b, h_1, h_2 and an invertible 2×2 matrix of degree zero J_1 , all defined on a neighborhood of the considered point, such that*

$$J_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a\frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b\frac{d}{dt} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \alpha & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{7.49}$$

LEMMA 7.8. *Let ω_1 and ω_2 be some 1-forms satisfying (4.6), and hence (4.8). If, for some functions λ_1, λ_2 and λ_3 , one has*

$$\begin{aligned} d\omega_2 &\equiv 0 \quad \text{modulo } \{\omega_2, \Omega, \dot{\Omega}\} \\ \text{with } \Omega &= \lambda_1\omega_1 + \lambda_2\omega_2 + \lambda_3\dot{\omega}_2, \end{aligned} \tag{7.50}$$

then λ_1 and λ_3 are related to the functions appearing in (4.8) by:

$$\lambda_3 (2\gamma \lambda_1 + \delta_{2,1}^1 \lambda_3) = 0. \tag{7.51}$$

LEMMA 7.9. *Let f and g be two smooth functions from an open subset $O \subset \mathbb{R}^4$ to \mathbb{R} . The following two assertions are equivalent:*

(i) *$\frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4}$ does not vanish on O and f and g are solutions of the following equations on O :*

$$2 \frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4} \frac{\partial^3 g}{\partial z_4^3} - 3 \left(\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial z_4^2} \right)^2 = 0, \tag{7.52}$$

$$2 \frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial z_4^3} - 3 \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial z_4^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z_4^2} = 0. \tag{7.53}$$

(ii) *There exists $a_0, a_1, a_2, b_0, b_1, c_0$ and c_1 , seven smooth functions of z_1, z_2, z_3 defined on O (i.e. on its projection on \mathbb{R}^3) such that*

$$c_0(z_1, z_2, z_3) + z_4 c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{vmatrix} b_0 & b_1 \\ c_0 & c_1 \end{vmatrix} (z_1, z_2, z_3)$$

do not vanish on O and f and g are given by (4.16) on O .

PROOF OF THEOREM 3.1 AND PROPOSITION 4.5. Let us consider a point $\bar{X} = (\bar{x}, \bar{u}, \dot{\bar{u}}, \dots)$ such that conditions (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5) hold at (\bar{x}, \bar{u}) . Let the forms ω_1 and ω_2 be defined according to (4.6) and the functions $\delta_{2,1}^1$ and γ by (4.8). Let also (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) be some coordinates in which system (1.5) has the form (4.13) (they exist from Proposition 4.4), and the functions f and g be defined accordingly from an open subset of \mathbb{R}^4 to \mathbb{R} .

We have to prove the following:

1. The following three properties are equivalent:
 - (x, u) -dynamic linearizability of system (1.5) at point \bar{X} , or of (4.13) at the corresponding point in terms of (z, v, \dot{v}, \dots) ,
 - conditions of proposition 4.5 on the functions f and g ,
 - condition in terms of Pfaffian systems of theorem 4.2.
2. When they are satisfied, the possible pairs of linearizing outputs depending on x and u are these described in theorem 4.2.

The (easy) proof of the second point will be given at the very end when equivalence is totally understood.

From proposition 2.12, (x, u) -dynamic linearizability is equivalent to existence of a matrix $P(\frac{d}{dt})$ whose entries are polynomials in $\frac{d}{dt}$ of degree at most 2, which has an inverse of the same type (except we do not need to know whether the degree of the entries of the inverse is also at most 2), and transforms the pair of forms (ω_1, ω_2) into a pair that defines an integrable Pfaffian system. Now use the second point of proposition 2.13; it allows four possible decompositions of the matrix $P(\frac{d}{dt})$, but only on an open dense set of points of the neighborhood of \bar{X} where $P(\frac{d}{dt})$ is defined, and \bar{X} might

not belong to this open dense set. Around these points though, lemma 7.7 states that three of the four decompositions proposed by proposition 2.13 are impossible due to the form of $d\omega_1$ and $d\omega_2$ given by (4.7)-(4.8), so that only the last one is possible. If the decomposition of proposition 2.13 was available at all points, item 1 of the following lemma would be equivalent to (x, u) -dynamic linearizability, and the following lemma would end the proof.

LEMMA 7.10. *Let ω_1 and ω_2 be chosen according to (4.6), the functions $\delta_{2,1}^1$ and γ be defined by (4.8), and some coordinates z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 be fixed according to Proposition 4.4, in which system (1.5) has the form (4.13), and the functions f and g be defined accordingly from an open subset of \mathbb{R}^4 to \mathbb{R} . The following four assertions are equivalent:*

1. *There exists an invertible matrix J_1 of degree zero and six functions $\alpha, \lambda, a, b, h_1$ and h_2 , all defined on a neighborhood of the point \mathcal{Y} , such that b does not vanish on this neighborhood and*

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix} &= J_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a \frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b \frac{d}{dt} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \alpha & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad \times \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned} \tag{7.54}$$

2. *There exist three functions α, λ and b , all defined on a neighborhood of \mathcal{Y} , such that b does not vanish on this neighborhood and, with*

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b \frac{d}{dt} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \alpha & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{7.55}$$

one has

$$d\Omega_1 \equiv 0 \quad \text{modulo } \{ \Omega_1, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3 \} \tag{7.56}$$

$$d\Omega_3 \equiv 0 \quad \text{modulo } \{ \Omega_3, \Omega_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_3 \}. \tag{7.57}$$

3. $\delta_{2,1}^1$ *does not vanish at \mathcal{Y} and the first derived system of the Pfaffian system $\{ \omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \omega_2, \omega_2 \}$ has rank 1 and is integrable, i.e. there exists a (unique) function α such that (4.11) is satisfied.*
4. *The function $\delta_{2,1}^1$ does not vanish at \mathcal{Y} and, in the normal form (4.13), the functions f and g are, on a neighborhood of \mathcal{Y} , of the form (4.16) where $a_0, a_1, a_2, b_0, b_1, c_0$ and c_1 are functions of z_1, z_2, z_3 only, which satisfy (4.17).*

If one of these conditions is met (and therefore all of them), λ, α and b in (7.54) and (7.55) are uniquely defined:

$$\lambda = 0, \quad b = \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1}, \quad \alpha \text{ is uniquely defined by (4.11)}. \tag{7.58}$$

This lemma contains the real technical difficulties of the paper. The proof is given further (page 204), let us however sketch it. Equivalence between 1 and 2 is given by lemma 7.6, it is a manipulation on Pfaffian systems, and only needs the fact that the Pfaffian system $\{ \omega_1, \omega_2 \}$ may be written in four variables (the coordinates of x). It is very simple to prove that 3 implies 2, but the converse is not obvious: since we were not able to prove it directly, we used the coordinates z of the normal form, and instead

of proving that 2 implies 3, we prove that 2 implies 4 by writing (7.56)-(7.57) in the coordinates (z, v, \dot{v}, \dots) of the normal form (4.13) as some differential relations on the functions α, λ and b with the functions f and g as parameters, eliminating the unknowns α, λ and b , and obtaining some PDEs on f and g that imply the form of f and g given by point 4 above (or by proposition 4.5), these computations have been conducted with the computer algebra system “Maple” (version 5.2). The fact that 4 implies 2 is a simple computation in coordinates, made easier by proposition 4.8.

Unfortunately, the conclusion of proposition 2.13 is not valid at all point, so that the results we want to prove do not follow from the above lemma 7.10, proposition 2.13 and lemma 7.7. Let us however prove that (x, u) -dynamic linearizability at point $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$ is equivalent to one of the four equivalent conditions of lemma 7.10 being satisfied at point $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$. This will end the proof that (x, u) -dynamic linearizability, the conditions of proposition 4.5 on the functions f and g (item 4 of lemma 7.10) and the condition in terms of Pfaffian systems of theorem 4.2 (item 3 of lemma 7.10) are equivalent.

Point 1 of lemma 7.10 implies (x, u) -dynamic linearizability from proposition 2.12 because the matrix applied to (ω_1, ω_2) in (7.54) is obviously invertible and of degree 2. Conversely, suppose that there exists a pair of linearizing outputs (h_1, h_2) depending only on x and u , defined around $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$, and let us prove that item 3 of lemma 7.10 holds on a neighborhood of $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$. From proposition 2.12, there exists $P(\frac{d}{dt}) \in \mathcal{A}(U)$, with U a neighborhood $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$, such that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P(\frac{d}{dt}) \text{ is invertible in } \mathcal{A}(U) \\ \deg P \leq 2 \text{ on } U \\ P(\frac{d}{dt}) \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right. \tag{7.59}$$

Since γ does not vanish at $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$ and the rank assumptions (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5) hold at $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$, we may suppose, by possibly restricting U , that

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \gamma \text{ does not vanish on } U, \\ (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5) \text{ hold on } U, \\ \deg P = 2 \text{ on an open dense subset of } U. \end{array} \right. \tag{7.60}$$

The last statement is implied by the second one because if $\deg P$ is strictly less than 2 on an open set, the system is x -dynamic linearizable and this contradicts (4.4) from theorem 3.1.

Then, from proposition 2.13, there is an open dense subset U_0 of U such that, for all $\mathcal{Y} \in U_0$, the matrix $P(\frac{d}{dt})$ may be decomposed according to one of the four forms (2.13)-(2.14)-(2.15). From lemma 7.7 three of these four forms are forbidden, because conditions (4.1)-(4.2)-(4.3)-(4.4)-(4.5) hold at point \mathcal{Y} . Hence, around each point $\mathcal{Y} \in U_0$, there exists functions α, λ, a, b , and a matrix J_1 , defined on a neighborhood of \mathcal{Y} such that (7.54) is true on a neighborhood of \mathcal{Y} . By restricting possibly the open sense set U_0 , we may suppose that b does not vanish on U_0 (b cannot vanish on an open set, because then P would have degree at most 1 on this open set, and therefore the linearizing outputs would depend on x only, and this would, from theorem 3.1, contradict (4.4)). Then the conditions of point 1 of lemma

7.10 are satisfied on U_0 . By applying lemma 7.10 at each point \mathcal{Y} in U_0 , one has, for all $\mathcal{Y} \in U_0$, a neighborhood of \mathcal{Y} such that

- $\delta_{2,1}^1$ does not vanish on this neighborhood,
- there is a unique function $\alpha_{\mathcal{Y}}$ defined on this neighborhood such that

$$d \left(\omega_1 + \alpha_{\mathcal{Y}} \omega_2 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2 \right) \wedge \left(\omega_1 + \alpha_{\mathcal{Y}} \omega_2 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2 \right) = 0, \quad (7.61)$$

- there are a smooth scalar function $a_{\mathcal{Y}}$ and an invertible matrix $J_{1,\mathcal{Y}}$ with entries some smooth functions, all defined on this neighborhood, so that, on this neighborhood,

$$\begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix} = J_{1,\mathcal{Y}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a_{\mathcal{Y}} \frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \frac{d}{dt} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & \alpha_{\mathcal{Y}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (7.62)$$

The last point is obtained by substituting the functions λ and b by the value they must have from (7.58). The second point implies in particular, by making the wedge product of both sides by ω_2 and multiplying by $(\delta_{2,1}^1)^2$, that

$$d(\delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 - 2\gamma \dot{\omega}_2) \wedge (\delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 - 2\gamma \dot{\omega}_2) \wedge \omega_2 + \alpha_{\mathcal{Y}} \delta_{2,1}^1 d\omega_2 \wedge (\delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 - 2\gamma \dot{\omega}_2) \wedge \omega_2 = 0. \quad (7.63)$$

but on the other hand, the differential form of degree 4 $d\omega_2 \wedge (\delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 - 2\gamma \dot{\omega}_2) \wedge \omega_2$ is, from (4.8), given by

$$d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge (\delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 - 2\gamma \dot{\omega}_2) = \omega_1 \wedge \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta_{2,1}^1 \dot{\omega}_1 - \gamma \ddot{\omega}_2 \right) \wedge \omega_2 \wedge (-2\gamma \dot{\omega}_2),$$

and therefore does not vanish on U . Existence of $\alpha_{\mathcal{Y}}$ satisfying (7.63) may be translated in some determinants made with the coefficients of the two differential forms of degree 4 being zero, but if these determinants are zero on an open dense subset U_0 , they are zero all over U , and therefore, since $d\omega_2 \wedge (\delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 - 2\gamma \dot{\omega}_2) \wedge \omega_2$ does not vanish, there is a function ν , uniquely defined all over U , such that

$$d(\delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 - 2\gamma \dot{\omega}_2) \wedge (\delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 - 2\gamma \dot{\omega}_2) \wedge \omega_2 + \nu d\omega_2 \wedge (\delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 - 2\gamma \dot{\omega}_2) \wedge \omega_2 = 0. \quad (7.64)$$

Of course, since on the neighborhood of each point \mathcal{Y} , the function $\alpha_{\mathcal{Y}}$ is uniquely defined, it must coincide with $\frac{\nu}{\delta_{2,1}^1}$ where it is defined.

Then, let us define the form ω_3 by

$$\omega_3 = \delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 + \nu \omega_2 - 2\gamma \dot{\omega}_2; \quad (7.65)$$

equation (7.62) reads

$$\begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix} = J_{1,\mathcal{Y}} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_2 - a \left(\frac{1}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_3 - \frac{\delta_{2,1}^1}{(\delta_{2,1}^1)^2} \omega_3 \right) \\ \frac{1}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \omega_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (7.66)$$

and therefore, dh_1 and dh_2 are linear combinations of ω_2 , ω_3 and $\dot{\omega}_3$ on a neighborhood of each point $\mathcal{Y} \in U_0$. This implies that the rank of $\{dh_1, dh_2, \omega_2, \omega_3, \dot{\omega}_3\}$ is at most 3 on the open dense U_0 , it is therefore also

at most 3 on all U . Since the rank of $\{\omega_2, \omega_3, \dot{\omega}_3\}$ is three all over U (because γ does not vanish on U , see (7.60)), there are six functions $\mu_{i,j}$, (uniquely) defined all over U , such that

$$dh_i = \mu_{i,1}\omega_2 + \mu_{i,2}\omega_3 + \mu_{i,3}\dot{\omega}_3$$

for $i = 1, 2$, or in other words

$$\begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{1,1} & \mu_{1,2} + \mu_{1,3}\frac{d}{dt} \\ \mu_{2,1} & \mu_{2,2} + \mu_{2,3}\frac{d}{dt} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{pmatrix} \tag{7.67}$$

which implies, from (7.65),

$$\begin{pmatrix} dh_1 \\ dh_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{1,1} & \mu_{1,2} + \mu_{1,3}\frac{d}{dt} \\ \mu_{2,1} & \mu_{2,2} + \mu_{2,3}\frac{d}{dt} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \delta_{2,1}^1 & \nu - 2\gamma\frac{d}{dt} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

which implies, from (7.59), and because ω_1, ω_2 and all their time-derivatives are linearly independent, that

$$P\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{1,1} & \mu_{1,2} + \mu_{1,3}\frac{d}{dt} \\ \mu_{2,1} & \mu_{2,2} + \mu_{2,3}\frac{d}{dt} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \delta_{2,1}^1 & \nu - 2\gamma\frac{d}{dt} \end{pmatrix}.$$

This implies that $\delta_{2,1}^1$ must not vanish on U because $P\left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)$ could not be invertible in the neighborhood of the zeroes of $\delta_{2,1}^1$, where the first column of the second factor would vanish.

Since $\delta_{2,1}^1$ does not vanish on U , the function $\alpha \triangleq \frac{\Delta}{\delta_{2,1}^1}$ is defined all over U , coincides with each α_y where these are defined; this and (7.61) imply that (4.11) is satisfied on U_0 with this definition of α ; since U_0 is dense in U , (4.11) is even satisfied all over U . This proves that (x, u) -linearizability implies item 3 of lemma 7.10, and ends the proof of equivalence between (x, u) -dynamic linearizability, the conditions of proposition 4.5 on the functions f and g and the condition in terms of Pfaffian systems of theorem 4.2.

To end the proof of theorem 4.2 and proposition 4.5, there only remains to prove that the possible pairs of linearizing outputs depending on x and u only are these described in theorem 4.2. We have proved above that an arbitrary pair of linearizing output has to satisfy (7.66) around all points \mathcal{Y} in an open and dense subset of a neighborhood of $\bar{\mathcal{X}}$, with $\omega_3 = \delta_{2,1}^1\Omega_3$ (compare (7.65), the fact that $\alpha = \nu/\delta_{2,1}^1$ as noticed just after (7.64), and the definition of Ω_3 in theorem 4.2). This implies that dh_1 and dh_2 are two independent linear combinations of Ω_3 and $\omega_2 - a\Omega_3$ for a certain function a . This is exactly the form of a pair of linearizing outputs described in theorem 4.2. □

We now prove the four technical lemmata (lemmata 7.6, 7.7, 7.8 and 7.9) and then proceed with the proof of lemma 7.10 that was the cornerstone of the above proof.

PROOF OF LEMMA 7.6: Suppose that Ω_1 and Ω_3 satisfy the identities (7.45)-(7.46) on a neighborhood of \mathcal{Y} . Then the Pfaffian system $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3\}$ is completely integrable because (7.45)-(7.46) obviously imply that $d\Omega_1$ and $d\Omega_3$ are zero modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3\}$, and (7.46) implies that, for a certain 1-form Γ_3 and a certain function k , $d\Omega_3 = \Omega_3 \wedge \Gamma_3 + k\Omega_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_3$, but taking the time-derivative of both sides yields

$$d\dot{\Omega}_3 = \dot{\Omega}_3 \wedge \Gamma_3 + \Omega_3 \wedge \dot{\Gamma}_3 + \dot{k}\Omega_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_3 + k\dot{\Omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_3 + k\Omega_1 \wedge \ddot{\Omega}_3$$

which obviously implies that $d\dot{\Omega}_3$ is zero modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3\}$. Integrability of this Pfaffian system implies that there exists a function h_1 defined on a neighborhood of \mathcal{Y} such that

$$dh_1 = \lambda_1\Omega_1 + \lambda_2\Omega_3 + \lambda_3\dot{\Omega}_3$$

with $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$ some functions, λ_1 nonzero at \mathcal{Y} . Then $\{\Omega_3, dh_1\}$ is integrable because (7.46) implies that $d\Omega_3$ is zero modulo $\{\Omega_3, dh_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_3\}$, and hence modulo $\{\Omega_3, dh_1\}$. Hence there is a second function h_2 such that

$$dh_2 = \mu_1 dh_1 + \mu_2 \Omega_3$$

with μ_1, μ_2 some functions, μ_2 nonzero at \mathcal{Y} . The functions h_1, h_2 built above, together with $a = -\lambda_3/\lambda_1$ and $J_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \mu_1 & \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ satisfy (7.47).

Conversely, suppose that (7.47) holds. Let us define $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3, \Omega_4$ by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_2 \end{pmatrix} = J_2 \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{7.68}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Omega_4 \\ \Omega_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a\frac{d}{dt} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -b\frac{d}{dt} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Omega_1 \\ \Omega_2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{7.69}$$

i.e.

$$\Omega_3 = \Omega_2 - b\dot{\Omega}_1 \tag{7.70}$$

$$\Omega_4 = \Omega_1 - a\dot{\Omega}_3 = \Omega_1 - a(\dot{\Omega}_2 - \dot{b}\dot{\Omega}_1 - b\ddot{\Omega}_1). \tag{7.71}$$

We shall use the following basis (over smooth functions) for the space of all 1-forms:

$$\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_2, \Omega_4, \dot{\Omega}_4, \ddot{\Omega}_2, \Omega_2^{(3)}, \Omega_2^{(4)}, \dots, \Omega_1^{(4)}, \Omega_1^{(5)}, \Omega_1^{(6)}, \dots\} \tag{7.72}$$

where, in addition, $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_2\}$ is a basis of $\text{Span}\{d\mathbf{x}\}$.

Then (7.54) implies that the Pfaffian system (Ω_3, Ω_4) is completely integrable and therefore that there exists some 1-forms $\Gamma_{i,j}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} d\Omega_3 = \Omega_3 \wedge \Gamma_{3,3} + \Omega_4 \wedge \Gamma_{3,4} \\ d\Omega_4 = \Omega_3 \wedge \Gamma_{4,3} + \Omega_4 \wedge \Gamma_{4,4}. \end{cases} \tag{7.73}$$

It is possible to express the 1-forms $\Gamma_{i,j}$ in (7.73) as (finite) linear combinations of the forms in (7.72), and it is always possible to choose them such that, for $i = 3, 4$,

$$\begin{cases} \Gamma_{i,3} \text{ has no } \Omega_3 \text{ term,} \\ \Gamma_{i,4} \text{ has no } \Omega_3 \text{ term and no } \Omega_4 \text{ term.} \end{cases} \tag{7.74}$$

Taking the exterior derivative of (7.71) yields

$$d\Omega_1 = d\Omega_4 + a d\dot{\Omega}_3 - \dot{\Omega}_3 \wedge da,$$

and taking the time-derivative of the first equation in (7.73) yields

$$d\dot{\Omega}_3 = \Omega_3 \wedge \dot{\Gamma}_{3,3} + \dot{\Omega}_3 \wedge \Gamma_{3,3} + \Omega_4 \wedge \dot{\Gamma}_{3,4} + \dot{\Omega}_4 \wedge \Gamma_{3,4}$$

and finally, the two above equations yield, since $\dot{\Omega}_3 = \frac{\Omega_1 - \Omega_4}{a}$,

$$\begin{aligned} d\Omega_1 &= \Omega_1 \wedge \left(\Gamma_{3,3} - \frac{da}{a} \right) + \Omega_3 \wedge \left(\Gamma_{4,3} + a\dot{\Gamma}_{3,3} \right) \\ &\quad + \Omega_4 \wedge \left(\Gamma_{4,4} - \Gamma_{3,3} + a\dot{\Gamma}_{3,4} + \frac{da}{a} \right) + a\dot{\Omega}_4 \wedge \Gamma_{3,4}. \end{aligned} \tag{7.75}$$

On the other hand, since $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2) = (X_1, X_2)^\perp$, the Pfaffian system defined by (Ω_1, Ω_2) can be defined with the help of the variable x (i.e. the four coordinates of x) only, and therefore (see (8.3) in the Appendix), its Cartan characteristic system is at most $\text{Span}\{dx\}$, i.e. at most $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_2\}$, which implies that, for some functions k_1 and k_2 ,

$$\begin{cases} d\Omega_1 &\equiv k_1 \Omega_3 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_2 \text{ modulo } \{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\} \\ d\Omega_2 &\equiv k_2 \Omega_3 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_2 \text{ modulo } \{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}. \end{cases} \tag{7.76}$$

The first equation above implies, from (7.75) and (7.74), and using the fact that the 1-forms in (7.72) are a basis for all 1-forms, that $\Gamma_{4,3} + a\dot{\Gamma}_{3,3}$ is a linear combination of $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_2$ and Ω_4 , $\Gamma_{4,4} - \Gamma_{3,3} + a\dot{\Gamma}_{3,4} + \frac{da}{a}$ is a linear combination of $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3$ and Ω_4 , and $\Gamma_{3,4}$ is a linear combination of Ω_1, Ω_2 and $\dot{\Omega}_4$, with the coefficient of $\dot{\Omega}_4$ in $\Gamma_{4,3} + a\dot{\Gamma}_{3,3}$ equal to the coefficient of Ω_3 in $\Gamma_{4,4} - \Gamma_{3,3} + a\dot{\Gamma}_{3,4} + \frac{da}{a}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{4,3} + a\dot{\Gamma}_{3,3} &= c_1\Omega_1 + c_2\Omega_2 + c_3\Omega_3 + c_4\dot{\Omega}_2 + d_3\Omega_4 \\ \Gamma_{4,4} - \Gamma_{3,3} + a\dot{\Gamma}_{3,4} + \frac{da}{a} &= d_1\Omega_1 + d_2\Omega_2 + d_3\Omega_3 + d_4\Omega_4 \\ \Gamma_{3,4} &= e_1\Omega_1 + e_2\Omega_2 + e_3\dot{\Omega}_4 \end{aligned} \tag{7.77}$$

and finally, (7.75) yields

$$d\Omega_1 = \Omega_1 \wedge \Delta_1 + \Omega_2 \wedge \Delta_2 + c_4 \Omega_3 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_2 \tag{7.78}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} \Delta_1 &= \Gamma_{3,3} - \frac{da}{a} - c_1\Omega_3 - d_1\Omega_4 - ae_1\dot{\Omega}_4 \\ \Delta_2 &= -c_2\Omega_3 - d_2\Omega_4 - ae_2\dot{\Omega}_4. \end{cases}$$

Now, from (7.70),

$$d\Omega_2 = d\Omega_3 + b d\dot{\Omega}_1 + db \wedge \dot{\Omega}_1,$$

which allows, getting $d\Omega_3$ from (7.73) and $d\dot{\Omega}_1$ from (7.78)'s time-derivative, and using the fact that $\dot{\Omega}_1 = \frac{\Omega_2 - \Omega_3}{b}$ and $\dot{\Omega}_3 = \frac{\Omega_1 - \Omega_4}{a}$, to compute $d\Omega_2$ and, forgetting the exterior products starting with Ω_1, Ω_2 or Ω_3 , to obtain

$$d\Omega_2 \equiv b \left(\frac{c_4}{a} - d_2 \right) \dot{\Omega}_2 \wedge \Omega_4 - ab e_2 \dot{\Omega}_2 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_4 + e_3 \Omega_4 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_4 \tag{7.79}$$

modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3\}$ which, since the second identity in (7.76) implies $d\Omega_2 \equiv 0$ modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \Omega_3\}$, yields

$$c_4 = a d_2 \quad \text{and} \quad e_2 = e_3 = 0. \tag{7.80}$$

We get (7.45) from (7.78) with $e_2 = 0$ after substituting Ω_4 for $\Omega_1 - a\dot{\Omega}_3$. The same substitution in (7.71)-(7.77) with $e_2 = e_3 = 0$ yields (7.46). \square

PROOF OF LEMMA 7.7. (i) First, let us notice that b cannot be identically zero around the considered point, because this would imply x -dynamic linearizability, which, from theorem 3.1, contradicts (4.4). Define Ω_1 and Ω_2

by $(\Omega_1, \Omega_2)^T = J_2(\omega_1, \omega_2)^T$; then (7.48) implies that the Pfaffian system $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2 - a\dot{\Omega}_1 - b\ddot{\Omega}_1\}$ is completely integrable, which implies

$$d\Omega_1 = \Omega_1 \wedge \Gamma_1 + (\Omega_2 - a\dot{\Omega}_1 - b\ddot{\Omega}_1) \wedge \Gamma_2,$$

for some 1-forms Γ_1 and Γ_2 . On the other hand, because $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$ span the annihilator of $\{X_1, X_2\}$, the characteristic system of this Pfaffian system is included in $\text{Span}\{d\mathbf{x}\}$ (see (8.3) in the Appendix), and hence one must have $d\Omega_1 \equiv k\eta_1 \wedge \eta_2$ modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$ with k a function and η_1 and η_2 two form in $\text{Span}\{d\mathbf{x}\}$. This implies, since b does not vanish and $\ddot{\Omega}_1$ is not in $\text{Span}\{d\mathbf{x}\}$, that, in the above relation, Γ_2 is a linear combination of Ω_1, Ω_2 and $a\dot{\Omega}_1 + b\ddot{\Omega}_1$, which in turn implies, for a certain function k ,

$$d\Omega_1 \equiv k\Omega_2 \wedge (a\dot{\Omega}_1 + b\ddot{\Omega}_1) \text{ modulo } \Omega_1.$$

This implies that Ω_1 is in the derived system of the Pfaffian system $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_2\}$, and therefore, from (4.7)-(4.8), that Ω_1 is collinear to ω_1 . The above relation with Ω_1 collinear to ω_1 contradicts (4.7) because $a\dot{\Omega}_1 + b\ddot{\Omega}_1$ is not a linear combination of ω_1, ω_2 and $\dot{\omega}_2$.

(ii) Suppose that (7.48) holds. From, lemma 7.6, the identities (7.45)-(7.46) must hold locally with

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_1 &= \omega_1 \\ \Omega_3 &= \omega_2 + \alpha\omega_1 - b\dot{\omega}_1 \end{aligned}$$

and in particular, this would imply that

$$d\omega_1 \equiv 0 \text{ modulo } \{\omega_1, \omega_2 - b\dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2 + (\alpha - \dot{b})\dot{\omega}_1 - b\ddot{\omega}_1\}$$

which is impossible, because, from (4.7),

$$d\omega_1 \wedge \omega_1 \wedge (\omega_2 - b\dot{\omega}_1) \wedge (\dot{\omega}_2 + (\alpha - \dot{b})\dot{\omega}_1 - b\ddot{\omega}_1) = b^2\delta_{1,2}^2\omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \omega_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_1.$$

□

PROOF OF LEMMA 7.8. The expression for Ω in (7.50) implies

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1\omega_1 &= \Omega\lambda_2\omega_2 - \lambda_3\dot{\omega}_2, \\ \lambda_1\dot{\omega}_1 &= -\dot{\lambda}_1\omega_1 + \dot{\Omega} - \dot{\lambda}_2\omega_2 - (\lambda_3 + \lambda_2)\dot{\omega}_2 - \lambda_3\ddot{\omega}_2. \end{aligned} \tag{7.81}$$

Using the above relations in (4.8), one obtains that $\lambda_1^2 d\omega_2$ is equal to $\lambda_3(\delta_{2,1}^1\lambda_3 + 2\gamma\lambda_1)\dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2$ modulo $\{\omega_2, \Omega, \dot{\Omega}\}$. This proves the lemma. □

PROOF OF LEMMA 7.9. By simple substitution, it is clear that the forms of f and g given in (4.16) satisfy equations (7.52)-(7.53). Let us prove the converse. Since $\frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4} \neq 0$, one may define $h = 1/\frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4}$. Equation (7.52) then yields

$$\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial z_4}\right)^2 - 2h\frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial z_4^2} = 0,$$

whose non-vanishing solutions are exactly the squares, and opposite of squares of nonzero polynomials in z_4 of degree at most 1, with coefficients function of z_1, z_2 and z_3 ; if the degree is 0, g is affine in z_4 , if it is 1, g is homographic in z_4 , still with coefficients function of z_1, z_2 and z_3 , this yields the form for g given in (4.16). Substituting g for its expression given by (4.16) in equation (7.53) yields $(c_0 + c_1z_4)\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial z_4^3} + 3c_1\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial z_4^2} = 0$, which states that $(c_0 + c_1z_4)f$ is a polynomial of degree at most 2 in z_4 and therefore implies that f is of the form given in (4.16). □

PROOF OF LEMMA 7.10. 1⇔2: This is an obvious consequence of lemma 7.6 because (7.56)-(7.57) are identical to (7.45)-(7.46).

3⇒2: Let b be defined by (7.58):

$$b = \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1},$$

and α be the one from relation (4.11). Define Ω_1 and Ω_3 as in (7.55), with $\lambda = 0$. Relation (4.11) implies $d\Omega_3 \equiv 0$ modulo Ω_3 , so it implies a fortiori (7.57). Now (7.56) is equivalent here to

$$d\omega_2 \equiv 0 \text{ modulo } \{\omega_2, \omega_1 - b\dot{\omega}_2, \dot{\omega}_1 + (\alpha - \dot{b})\dot{\omega}_2 - b\ddot{\omega}_2\}$$

but a simple computation from (4.8) show that this is true when $b = \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1}$.

4⇒3: From proposition 4.8, if point 4 is true, then some other coordinates may be found where the system has the simpler form (4.19). We shall compute in these coordinates with the following choice

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= d\zeta_2 - \zeta_3 d\zeta_1 \\ \omega_2 &= d\zeta_3 - (q_0 + \zeta_4 q_1) d\zeta_1 - (p_1 + w_1 q_1) \omega_1. \end{aligned} \tag{7.82}$$

On one hand, one has

$$d\omega_2 \equiv 0 \text{ modulo } \{\omega_2, d\zeta_1, dw_1\} \tag{7.83}$$

by computing the exterior derivative of ω_2 given by (7.82) and replacing $d\zeta_1$ and dw_1 with zero and $d\zeta_3$ with $(p_1 + w_1 q_1) d\zeta_2$.

On the other hand, from (4.5), $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ is a basis of $\{d\zeta_1, d\zeta_2, d\zeta_3\}$ and hence one has

$$d\zeta_1 = \lambda_1 \omega_1 + \lambda_2 \omega_2 + \lambda_3 \dot{\omega}_2$$

for some functions λ_1, λ_2 and λ_3 . Applying lemma 7.8 for $\Omega = d\zeta_1$, and noticing that λ_3 cannot vanish because $\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge d\zeta_1$ does not vanish from (7.82) yields, from (7.83):

$$2\gamma \lambda_1 + \delta_{2,1}^1 \lambda_3 = 0.$$

The above two relation imply, since by assumption $\delta_{2,1}^1$ does not vanish, that $d\zeta_1$ is a linear combination of ω_2 and $\omega_1 - \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1} \dot{\omega}_2$, and this clearly implies point 3.

2⇒4: This is the long and difficult part of the proof. It is all done using the symbolic computation system Maple, version 5, release 3, with the package “liesymm” to manipulate differential forms, in the coordinates of the normal form (4.13).

We are now working in coordinates, with system (4.13) for some f and g . We make the following choice for ω_1 and ω_2 :

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &= dz_2 - z_3 dz_1 \\ \omega_2 &= dz_3 - g dz_1 - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_4} + v_1 \frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4}\right) \omega_1. \end{aligned} \tag{7.84}$$

The idea of the proof is quite straightforward: We suppose that there exists functions α, λ and b satisfying (7.56)-(7.57), we write these equations explicitly in terms of α, λ and b , and we eliminate α, λ and b to obtain the conditions on f and g are as described in point 4.

STEP 1. With the choice (7.84) for ω_1 and ω_2 , we have the following decomposition of $d\omega_1$ and $d\omega_2$, more precise than (4.7) and (4.8) in proposition 4.1:

$$d\omega_1 = \omega_1 \wedge (\delta_{1,1}^0 \omega_2 + \delta_{1,1}^2 \dot{\omega}_2) + \delta_{1,2}^2 \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2, \tag{7.85}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d\omega_2 &= \omega_1 \wedge (\delta_{2,1}^0 \omega_2 + \delta_{2,1}^1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \delta_{2,1}^2 \dot{\omega}_2 - \gamma \ddot{\omega}_2) \\ &+ \omega_2 \wedge (\delta_{2,2}^1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \delta_{2,2}^2 \dot{\omega}_2) \gamma \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \end{aligned} \tag{7.86}$$

for some functions $\delta_{i,j}^k$ and γ that may be computed explicitly using f, g and some of their partial derivatives.

Indeed, (4.7) reads

$$d\omega_1 = \omega_1 \wedge \Gamma_1 + \delta_{1,2}^2 \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2,$$

for some form Γ_1 , but $d\omega_1 = dz_1 \wedge dz_3$ and $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ is a basis of $\{dz_1, dz_2, dz_3\}$ —because it is the characteristic system of $\{\omega_1\}$ from the above equation— so that Γ_1 must be a linear combination of ω_1, ω_2 and $\dot{\omega}_2$. This implies (7.85).

Also, (4.8) reads

$$d\omega_2 = \omega_2 \wedge \Gamma_2 + \omega_1 \wedge (\delta_{2,1}^0 \omega_2 + \delta_{2,1}^1 \dot{\omega}_1 + \delta_{2,1}^2 \dot{\omega}_2 - \gamma \ddot{\omega}_2) + \gamma \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2,$$

for a certain form Γ_2 , but

$$d\omega_2 = dz_1 \wedge dg - \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_4} + v_1 \frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4}\right) dz_1 \wedge dz_3 - d\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_4} + v_1 \frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4}\right) \wedge \omega_1$$

and hence $d\omega_2$ is, modulo $\{\omega_1\}$, a linear combination of dz_1, dz_2, dz_3 and dz_4 , i.e. of $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1$ and $\dot{\omega}_2$; this implies that Γ_2 must be a linear combination of $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1$ and $\dot{\omega}_2$, and therefore (7.86).

STEP 2. If α, λ and b satisfy (7.56)-(7.57), then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &\text{ may depend on } z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_2 - v_1 f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \text{ only,} \\ \alpha \text{ and } b &\text{ may depend on } z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, v_2, \dot{v}_1, \dot{v}_2 \text{ only.} \end{aligned} \tag{7.87}$$

Relations (7.68) and (7.70) imply:

$$\Omega_1 = \omega_2 + \lambda \omega_1 \tag{7.88}$$

$$\Omega_2 = \omega_1 + \alpha \Omega_1 = (1 + \alpha \lambda) \omega_1 + \alpha \omega_2 \tag{7.89}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_3 &= \omega_1 + \alpha \Omega_1 - b \dot{\Omega}_1 \\ &= \alpha (\omega_2 + \lambda \omega_1) - b \left(\dot{\omega}_2 + \lambda \dot{\omega}_1 + \left(\dot{\lambda} - \frac{1}{b}\right) \omega_1 \right) \end{aligned} \tag{7.90}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\Omega}_3 &= \left(\dot{\lambda}(\alpha - \dot{b}) - b \ddot{\lambda} \right) \omega_1 + \dot{\alpha} (\omega_2 + \lambda \omega_1) \\ &+ (1 - 2b\dot{\lambda}) \dot{\omega}_1 + (\alpha - \dot{b}) (\dot{\omega}_2 + \lambda \dot{\omega}_1) - b (\ddot{\omega}_2 + \lambda \ddot{\omega}_1) \end{aligned} \tag{7.91}$$

Taking the exterior derivative of (7.90) and (7.88) yields

$$d\Omega_3 = d\omega_1 + \alpha d\Omega_1 - b d\dot{\Omega}_1 + d\alpha \wedge \Omega_1 - db \wedge \dot{\Omega}_1 \tag{7.92}$$

with $d\Omega_1 = d\omega_2 + \lambda d\omega_1 + d\lambda \wedge \omega_1$ (7.93)

$$d\dot{\Omega}_1 = d\dot{\omega}_2 + \dot{\lambda} d\omega_1 + \lambda d\dot{\omega}_1 + d\dot{\lambda} \wedge \omega_1 + d\lambda \wedge \dot{\omega}_1. \tag{7.94}$$

Relation (7.92) implies:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\Omega_3 &= (1 + \alpha\lambda - b\dot{\lambda})d\omega_1 + \alpha d\omega_2 + \alpha d\lambda \wedge \omega_1 \\
 &\quad - b(d\dot{\omega}_2 + \lambda d\dot{\omega}_1 + d\dot{\lambda} \wedge \omega_1 + d\lambda \wedge \dot{\omega}_1) \\
 &\quad + d\alpha \wedge (\omega_2 + \lambda\omega_1) + db \wedge \frac{\Omega_3 - \omega_1 - \alpha(\omega_2 + \lambda\omega_1)}{b}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7.95}$$

Taking the time-derivative of both sides in (7.85) and (7.86), we have

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned}
 d\dot{\omega}_1 &= \omega_1 \wedge \left(\dot{\delta}_{1,1}^0 \omega_2 + (\delta_{1,1}^0 + \dot{\delta}_{1,1}^2) \dot{\omega}_2 + \delta_{1,1}^2 \ddot{\omega}_2 \right) \\
 &\quad + \omega_2 \wedge \left(-\dot{\delta}_{1,1}^0 \dot{\omega}_1 + \dot{\delta}_{1,2}^2 \dot{\omega}_2 + \delta_{1,2}^2 \ddot{\omega}_2 \right) \\
 &\quad + \delta_{1,1}^2 \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \\
 d\dot{\omega}_2 &= \omega_1 \wedge \left(\dot{\delta}_{2,1}^0 \omega_2 + \dot{\delta}_{2,1}^1 \dot{\omega}_1 + (\delta_{2,1}^0 + \dot{\delta}_{2,1}^2) \dot{\omega}_2 + \delta_{2,1}^1 \ddot{\omega}_1 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + (\delta_{2,1}^2 - \dot{\gamma}) \ddot{\omega}_2 - \gamma \omega_2^{(3)} \right) \\
 &\quad + \omega_2 \wedge \left((\dot{\delta}_{2,2}^1 - \delta_{2,1}^0) \dot{\omega}_1 + \dot{\delta}_{2,2}^2 \dot{\omega}_2 + \delta_{2,2}^1 \ddot{\omega}_1 + \delta_{2,2}^2 \ddot{\omega}_2 \right) \\
 &\quad + \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \left((-\delta_{2,1}^2 + \delta_{2,2}^1 - \dot{\gamma}) \dot{\omega}_1 - \gamma \ddot{\omega}_1 \right).
 \end{aligned} \right.
 \tag{7.96}$$

Equation (7.57) implies in particular that $d\Omega_3 \equiv 0$ modulo $\{\omega_1, \Omega_1, \Omega_3\}$, i.e. —see (7.90)— modulo $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_2 + \lambda\dot{\omega}_1\}$. Equations (7.85), (7.86) and (7.96) imply

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 d\omega_1 &\equiv 0 & d\dot{\omega}_1 &\equiv 0 \\
 d\omega_2 &\equiv 0 & d\dot{\omega}_2 &\equiv \lambda\gamma \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_1
 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ modulo } \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_2 + \lambda\dot{\omega}_1\}.$$

Then, from (7.92), (7.93), (7.94),

$$d\Omega_3 \equiv -b(\lambda\gamma \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_1 + d\lambda \wedge \dot{\omega}_1) \text{ modulo } \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_2 + \lambda\dot{\omega}_1\},$$

which in turn implies

$$d\lambda + \lambda\gamma \dot{\omega}_1 \equiv 0 \text{ modulo } \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2\}.$$

Since $\{dz_1, dz_2, dz_3, dz_4\}$ is another basis for $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2\}$ and, from (7.84) and (4.13),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{\omega}_1 &= dz_4 + v_1 dz_3 - (f + v_1 g) dz_1, \\
 \dot{\omega}_2 &= d(v_2 - f v_1) + v_1 df + \dot{v}_1 dz_3 + (\dot{f} + v_1 \dot{g} + \dot{v}_1 g) dz_1,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{7.97}$$

that $d\lambda$ is a linear combination of $d(v_2 - f v_1)$, dz_1 , dz_2 , dz_3 and dz_4 ; this proves the statement on λ in (7.87).

Replacing $\dot{\omega}_1$ and $\ddot{\omega}_1$ with zero and $\dot{\omega}_2$ with $(\frac{1+\alpha\lambda}{b} - \dot{\lambda})\omega_1 + \frac{\alpha}{b}\omega_2$ in the expression of $\Omega_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_3$ obtained from (7.88) and (7.91) obviously yields only some terms in $\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2$, $\omega_1 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2$ and $\omega_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2$, hence

$$\Omega_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_3 \equiv 0 \text{ modulo } \{\Omega_3, \dot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_1, \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2, \omega_1 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2, \omega_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2\}.$$

Therefore, Equation (7.57) implies in particular that $d\Omega_3 \equiv 0$ modulo $\{\Omega_3, \dot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_1, \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2, \omega_1 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2, \omega_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2\}$, i.e. modulo $\{b\dot{\omega}_2 - \alpha(\omega_2 + \lambda\omega_1) + (b\dot{\lambda} - 1)\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_1, \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2, \omega_1 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2, \omega_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2\}$. From (7.85), (7.86) and (7.96), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\omega_1 &\equiv 0 & d\dot{\omega}_1 &\equiv 0 \\
 d\omega_2 &\equiv 0 & d\dot{\omega}_2 &\equiv -\gamma \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2^{(3)}
 \end{aligned}$$

modulo $\{b\dot{\omega}_2 - \alpha(\omega_2 + \lambda\omega_1) + (b\dot{\lambda} - 1)\omega_1, \dot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_1, \omega_1 \wedge \omega_2, \omega_1 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2, \omega_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2\}$. Hence, from (7.92), (7.93), (7.94)

$$d\Omega_3 \equiv \omega_1 \wedge \left(b\gamma\omega_2^{(3)} - \alpha d\lambda + b dd\dot{\lambda} + \frac{db}{b} \right) + (\omega_2 + \lambda\omega_1) \wedge \left(\frac{\alpha}{b} db - d\alpha \right).$$

This implies in particular that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} b\gamma\omega_2^{(3)} - \alpha d\lambda + b dd\dot{\lambda} + \frac{db}{b} &\equiv 0 \\ \frac{\alpha}{b} db - d\alpha &\equiv 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ modulo } \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2, \ddot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_2\}.$$

(7.98)

We have already shown above that $d\lambda$ is a linear combination of $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2, \ddot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_2, \omega_1^{(3)}$. This and the above equations imply that db and $d\alpha$ are linear combinations of $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2, \ddot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_2, \omega_1^{(3)}, \omega_2^{(3)}$. This yields the second statement in (7.87) for $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2, \ddot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_2, \omega_1^{(3)}, \omega_2^{(3)}\}$ is another basis for $\{dz_1, dz_2, dz_3, dz_4, dv_1, dv_2, d\dot{v}_1, d\dot{v}_2\}$.

Note that the second relation in (7.98) actually implies that $\alpha db - b d\alpha$ is a linear combination of $\omega_1, \omega_2, \dot{\omega}_1, \dot{\omega}_2, \ddot{\omega}_1, \ddot{\omega}_2$, i.e. that α/b depends on $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, v_2$ only (and not on \dot{v}_1, \dot{v}_2).

STEP 3. If α, λ and b satisfy (7.56)-(7.57) with b non vanishing, then λ must be identically zero.

The core of this point is a rather heavy computation conducted in Maple. Let us explain some notations.

First of all, we need to work with a finite number of variable only. The only variables that will ever be needed during the computations are

$$(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, v_2, \dot{v}_1, \dot{v}_2, \ddot{v}_1, \ddot{v}_2)$$

because, the only operation that makes some new variables appear is taking the “time-derivative” of some objects. This occurs only when computing Ω_1, Ω_3 and $\dot{\Omega}_3$ according to (7.88), (7.90) and (7.91), but from (7.84), it is clear that the forms Ω_1, Ω_3 and $\dot{\Omega}_3$ may be expressed with the help of the above variables. This may be checked in the course of the computation: we set the time-derivative of \ddot{v}_1 and \ddot{v}_2 to “*ERROR*₁” and “*ERROR*₂” and we may check that we never have to apply the time-differentiation (“DOT”) to \ddot{v}_1 and \ddot{v}_2 by checking that the variables “*ERROR*₁” and “*ERROR*₂” never appear in the expressions we compute.

To take advantage of the fact that λ depends only on z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 and $v_2 - fv_1$, we make a change of coordinates, defining w_2 by

$$w_2 = v_2 - f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) v_2. \tag{7.99}$$

We work then in the coordinates

$$(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, w_2, \dot{v}_1, \dot{v}_2, \ddot{v}_1, \ddot{v}_2) \tag{7.100}$$

rather than the above, and the system is given by the derivative along its dynamics, i.e. along:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d}{dt}z_1 &= v_1 \\
 \frac{d}{dt}z_2 &= z_4 + z_3 v_1 \\
 \frac{d}{dt}z_3 &= f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) + g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) v_1 \\
 \frac{d}{dt}z_4 &= w_2 + f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) v_1 \\
 \frac{d}{dt}v_1 &= \dot{v}_1 \\
 \frac{d}{dt}w_2 &= \dot{v}_2 - f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \dot{v}_1 \\
 &\quad - u_1 \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1} v_1 + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_2} (z_4 + z_3 v_1) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_3} (f + v_1 g) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial z_4} (w_2 + v_1 f) \right) \\
 \frac{d}{dt}\dot{v}_1 &= \ddot{v}_1 \\
 \frac{d}{dt}\dot{v}_2 &= \ddot{v}_2 \\
 \frac{d}{dt}\ddot{v}_1 &= ERROR_1 \\
 \frac{d}{dt}\ddot{v}_2 &= ERROR_2.
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.101}$$

Since b does not vanish, we may define new functions β and ρ from b and α as follows:

$$b = \frac{1}{\beta(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, w_2, \dot{v}_1, \dot{v}_2)} \tag{7.102}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\rho(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, w_2, \dot{v}_1, \dot{v}_2)}{\beta(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, w_2, \dot{v}_1, \dot{v}_2)}. \tag{7.103}$$

Note that by assumption b —and therefore β — does not vanish.

If λ is not locally identically zero, then there are points arbitrarily close to the point under consideration where it does not vanish, and hence there are points where neither λ nor b —and hence β — vanish *and* the relations (7.56)-(7.57) hold.

In the following Maple session, we suppose we are at such a point, we write the equations for (7.56)-(7.57) in terms of the functions λ , β and ρ , supposing that we may divide by λ and by ρ and get a contradiction (namely that λ must be zero).

REMARK 7.11. The symbol

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in the Maple session stands for the exterior product (or wedge product).

This reproduces a session run with Maple V Release 3

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> with(liesymm):
> setup(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot,v1dotdot,v2dotdot):
> FF:=[(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot,v1dotdot,v2dotdot)
>   -> v1,
>   (z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot,v1dotdot,v2dotdot)
>   -> z4 + z3*v1,
>   (z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot,v1dotdot,v2dotdot)
>   -> f(z1,z2,z3,z4) + v1*g(z1,z2,z3,z4),
>   (z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot,v1dotdot,v2dotdot)
>   -> w2 + v1 * f(z1,z2,z3,z4),
>   (z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot,v1dotdot,v2dotdot)
>   -> v1dot,
>   (z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot,v1dotdot,v2dotdot)

```

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>      -> v2dot
>      - v1dot * f(z1,z2,z3,z4)
>      - v1 * diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z1)* v1
>      - v1 * diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z2)* ( z4 + z3*v1 )
>      - v1 * diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z3)*
>      ( f(z1,z2,z3,z4) + v1*g(z1,z2,z3,z4) )
>      - v1 * diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z4)*
>      ( w2 + v1 * f(z1,z2,z3,z4) ) ,
> (z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot,v1dotdot,v2dotdot)
>      -> v1dotdot ,
> (z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot,v1dotdot,v2dotdot)
>      -> v2dotdot ,
> (z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot,v1dotdot,v2dotdot)
>      -> ERROR1 ,
> (z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot,v1dotdot,v2dotdot)
>      -> ERROR2 ] :

```

```
> DOT := proc(forme) value(Lie(forme,FF)) end :
```

Here, we have loaded the package “liesymm” that we will use to manipulate differential forms, declared that the coordinates are $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, w_2, \dot{v}_1, \dot{v}_2, \ddot{v}_1, \ddot{v}_2)$, defined the system, and finally the procedure “DOT”, which is the time-derivative along the dynamics of the system, i.e. the Lie derivative along the vector field F from equation (2.5), this vector field is truncated here, but as explained above it will not be applied to objects that involve other variables than $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, u_1, u_2, \dot{u}_1$ and \dot{u}_2 . This Lie derivative on functions as well as on forms of any degree.

Let us just check that DOT is really what we think, by applying it to the base variable functions:

```

> DOT(z1);DOT(z2);DOT(z3);DOT(z4);DOT(v1);
> normal(DOT(w2+v1*f(z1,z2,z3,z4)));
> DOT(v1dot);DOT(v2dot);DOT(v1dotdot);DOT(v2dotdot);

```

v1

$z_4 + z_3 v_1$

$f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) + v_1 g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$

$w_2 + v_1 f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$

v1dot

v2dot

v1dotdot

v2dotdot

ERROR1

ERROR2

Note that the “ERROR” signs will never appear in the calculations since

we will compute the time-derivative only of functions which do not depend on \check{v}_1 and \check{v}_2 , see the explanations before (7.101).

We now define the forms ω_1 and ω_2 , and compute $\dot{\omega}_1$, $\dot{\omega}_2$ and $\ddot{\omega}_2$ (denoted “omega1d”, “omega2d” and “omega2dd”):

```
> omega1 := d(z2) - z3 * d(z1) ;
```

$$\omega_1 := d(z_2) - z_3 d(z_1)$$

```
> omega2 := wcollect(value(
> d(z3) - g(z1,z2,z3,z4) *d(z1)
> - (diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z4) + v1 * diff(g(z1,z2,z3,z4),z4))
> * omega1 )) ;
```

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_2 := & \left(-g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right. \\ & + \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) + v_1 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \right) z_3 \Big) d(z_1) \\ & + \left(- \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) - v_1 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \right) d(z_2) \\ & + d(z_3) \end{aligned}$$

```
> omega1d := DOT(omega1): omega2d := DOT(omega2): omega2dd :=
> DOT(omega2d):
```

From proposition 2.11, the rank condition (4.5) implies that the form of degree 3 $\omega_1 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2$ does not vanish. We compute it, see that it is of the form $D_1 dz_1 \wedge dz_2 \wedge dz_3$ where the quantity D_1 is the one from (4.15). We shall use a lot the fact that this D_1 does not vanish.

```
> D1 := getcoeff(factor( omega1&~omega2&~omega2d )) ;
```

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 := & \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) + z_3 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \\ & + g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \\ & - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) w_2 \\ & - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \\ & + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \\ & - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) z_4 \end{aligned}$$

This implements (7.102)-(7.103) and computes Ω_1 , Ω_2 and Ω_3 according to (7.55), Ω_2 being the intermediary form defined in (7.68)-(7.70).

Note that the form Ω_3 that we use is not exactly the one in (7.55), it is divided by b ; this does not affect the relations (7.56)(7.57).

```
> b := 1/ beta(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot) ;
> alpha := b * rho(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot) ;
```

$$b := \frac{1}{\beta(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, w_2, v_1 \dot{}, v_2 \dot{})}$$

$$\alpha := \frac{\rho(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, w_2, v_1 \dot{}, v_2 \dot{})}{\beta(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, v_1, w_2, v_1 \dot{}, v_2 \dot{})}$$

```
> Omega1 := map(normal, wcollect(
>   lambda(z1,z2,z3,z4,w2) * omega1 + omega2
> )):
> Omega2 := map(normal, wcollect( omega1 + alpha * Omega1)):
> Omega1d := map(normal, wcollect( DOT(Omega1) )):
> Omega3 := map(factor, wcollect( (1/b)*Omega2 - Omega1d)):
> Omega3d := map(factor, wcollect( DOT(Omega3) )):
```

We shall first compute $d\Omega_1$ modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3\}$. In order to compute modulo

$\{\Omega_1, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3\}$, we simply substitute dz_3, dz_4 and dw_2 with the linear combinations—respectively called `valdz3`, `valdz4` and `valdw2` below—of dz_1, dz_2, dv_1 which is equal to each of them modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3\}$.

```
> map(getform, [op(Omega1)]);
> coeff( Omega1, d(z3));
[d( z1 ), d( z2 ), d( z3 )]
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> valdz3 := map(factor, wcollect(solve( Omega1=0, d(z3) ) )):
> map(getform, [op(valdz3)]);
[d( z1 ), d( z2 )]
```

```
> map(getform, [op(Omega3)]);
> coeff( Omega3, d(z4));
[d( z1 ), d( z2 ), d( z3 ), d( z4 )]
-λ( z1, z2, z3, z4, w2 )
```

```
> valdz4 := map(factor, wcollect(simplify(
>   subs( d(z3)=valdz3,
>   solve( Omega3=0, d(z4) )
> )))):
> map(getform, [op(valdz4)]);
[d( z1 ), d( z2 )]
```

```
> map(getform, [op(Omega3d)]);
> coeff( Omega3d, d(w2));
[d( z1 ), d( z2 ), d( z3 ), d( z4 ), d( v1 ), d( w2 )]
-λ( z1, z2, z3, z4, w2 )
```

```

> valdw2 :=map(factor, wcollect(simplify(
>   subs( {d(z3)=valdz3,d(z4)=valdz4} ,
>   solve( Omega3d=0, d(w2) )
> )))):
> map(getform,[op(valdw2)]);
      [d( z1 ),d( z2 ),d( v1 )]

> dOmega1 := map(factor , wcollect(value( d(Omega1) )) ):
> map(getform, [op(dOmega1)]);
[d( z1 ) &^ d( z4 ),d( z1 ) &^ d( w2 ),d( z2 ) &^ d( w2 ),d( z1 ) &^ d( v1 ),
  d( z2 ) &^ d( z4 ),d( z2 ) &^ d( v1 ),d( z1 ) &^ d( z2 ),
  d( z1 ) &^ d( z3 ),d( z2 ) &^ d( z3 )]

```

```

> dOmega1mod := map( factor , wcollect ( simplify (
>   subs( {d(z3)=valdz3,d(z4)=valdz4,d(w2)=valdw2} ,
>   dOmega1 ) ))):
> map(getform, [op(dOmega1mod)]);

```

$$[d(z1) \wedge d(v1), d(z2) \wedge d(v1), d(z1) \wedge d(z2)]$$

In other terms, $d\Omega_1 \equiv C_1 dz_1 \wedge dz_2 + C_2 dz_2 \wedge dv_1 + C_3 dz_1 \wedge dv_1$ modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_3, \Omega_3\}$. Hence the functions C_1, C_2 and C_3 must be identically zero.

Let us first examine the coefficient of $dz_2 \wedge dv_1$. It turns out that $C_2 = 0$ allows one to express $\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial w_2}$ as a function of f, g, λ . It is the expression "LALA" below.

```

> collect( coeff(dOmega1mod , &^(d(z2),d(v1))) ,
>   diff(lambda(z1,z2,z3,z4,w2),w2) );
- ( - ( ( \frac{\partial}{\partial z4} f(z1, z2, z3, z4) ) f(z1, z2, z3, z4)
      - z3 ( \frac{\partial}{\partial z2} f(z1, z2, z3, z4) )
      - ( \frac{\partial}{\partial z1} f(z1, z2, z3, z4) ) + ( \frac{\partial}{\partial z4} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) ) w2
      + ( \frac{\partial}{\partial z3} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) ) f(z1, z2, z3, z4)
      + ( \frac{\partial}{\partial z2} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) ) z4
      - g(z1, z2, z3, z4) ( \frac{\partial}{\partial z3} f(z1, z2, z3, z4) ) )
      ( \frac{\partial}{\partial w2} \lambda(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2) ) / ( \lambda(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2) )
      + ( \frac{\partial}{\partial z4} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) )

> LALA := solve( numer(coeff(dOmega1mod ,
>   &^(d(z2),d(v1)))) = 0 ,
>   diff(lambda(z1,z2,z3,z4,w2),w2) );

```

$$\begin{aligned}
 LALA := & - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \lambda(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, w_2) \Big/ \left(\right. \\
 & \left. \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) + z_3 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \right. \\
 & + g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \\
 & - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) w_2 \\
 & - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \\
 & + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \\
 & \left. - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) z_4 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

The general solution of the linear PDE $\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial w_2} = LALA$ is LALALAsymb below, where the function “cc” has to be equal to “coco” also given below, and λ_0 is a free function of four variables.

```

> LALALAsymb := lambda0(z1,z2,z3,z4) * (w2 + cc(z1,z2,z3,z4) );
LALALAsymb := lambda0(z1, z2, z3, z4) ( w2 + cc(z1, z2, z3, z4) )

```

```

> coco := factor( ( lambda(z1,z2,z3,z4,w2) / LALA ) - w2 );

```

$$\begin{aligned}
 coco := & \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) z_4 - z_3 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \right. \\
 & - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \\
 & - g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \\
 & \left. + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \Big/ \left(\right. \\
 & \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the sequel, we shall substitute λ with the expression LALALAsymb rather than with the expression

```

> normal( lambda0(z1,z2,z3,z4) * (w2 + coco) );

```

$$\begin{aligned}
& \lambda_0(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \left(- \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right. \\
& \quad - z_3 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) - \left. \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \right) \\
& \quad + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) w_2 \\
& \quad + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \\
& \quad + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) z_4 \\
& \quad - g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \Big) / \left(\right. \\
& \quad \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

where $cc(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)$ is replaced by its value, because it makes the expressions shorter (without this trick, 100MegaBytes were not enough to run the Maple session).

Actually, we will rather substitute $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}$ with its expression below, as a function of other partial derivatives and of the function cc than doing the contrary:

```

> valdfdz1 := factor( solve( coco = cc(z1,z2,z3,z4) ,
>                               diff( f(z1,z2,z3,z4) , z1 ) ) );
valdfdz1 := \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) z_4 - z_3 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right)
- \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)
- g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right)
+ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)
- cc(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right)

```

The routine “subslambda” replaces λ with its expression LALALAsymb in an expression.

The routine “subsdfdz1” replaces $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}$ with its expression subsdfdz1 in an expression, it is slightly more complicated to take care of substitutions in higher order partial derivatives of f

```

> subslambda := proc ( expr )
>   simplify(subs(lambda(z1,z2,z3,z4,w2)=LALALAsymb,expr))
>   end :
> vald2fdz2dz1 := diff( valdfdz1 , z2 ):
> vald2fdz3dz1 := diff( valdfdz1 , z3 ):
> vald2fdz4dz1 := diff( valdfdz1 , z4 ):
> vald2fdz1dz1 := factor(simplify(subs(
>   {diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z1)=valdfdz1,

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```

> diff(diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z2),z1)=vald2fdz2dz1,
> diff(diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z3),z1)=vald2fdz3dz1,
> diff(diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z4),z1)=vald2fdz4dz1 } ,
> diff( valdfd1 , z1 ) )):
> subsdfd1 := proc(expr) simplify(subs(
> {diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z1)=valdfd1,
> diff(diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z1),z1)=vald2fdz1dz1,
> diff(diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z2),z1)=vald2fdz2dz1,
> diff(diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z3),z1)=vald2fdz3dz1,
> diff(diff(f(z1,z2,z3,z4),z4),z1)=vald2fdz4dz1 } ,
> expr )) end:

```

Let us see the coefficient of $dz_1 \wedge dz_2$ now. It turns out that it is affine with respect to the function β with the coefficient below in front of β . Hence, $C_1 = 0$ may be solved explicitly for β , the expression for β is called “valbeta”.

```

> simplify(subs( diff(lambda(z1,z2,z3,z4,w2),w2)=LALA ,
> coeff(
> collect( coeff(d0omega1mod , &^(d(z1),d(z2))) ) ,
> beta(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot) )
> , beta(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot) ) ));

```

$$2 \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)}{\lambda(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, w_2)}$$

```

> valbeta := factor(solve(coeff(d0omega1mod,&^(d(z1),d(z2)))=0,
> beta(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot))):

```

Let us replace λ by its value, and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial z_1}$ by the expression subsdfd1 in valbeta and call the new expression valbetaS:

```

> valbetaS := map(factor,
> collect( subsdfd1(subslambda( valbeta ) ),v1)):
> degree(valbetaS,v1);

```

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The expression valbetaS is polynomial of degree 3 with respect to v_1 .

From (7.56), we got an expression for $\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial w_2}$ (LALA, from which we derived an expression for λ summed up in the substitution routines “subslambda” and “subsdfd1”) and an expression for β (valbetaS). Let us check that it is all we can get, i.e. these substitution make equation (7.56) trivially true:

```

> subsdfd1( subslambda( simplify (subs(
> beta(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot)=valbetaS,
> d0omega1mod ) ) ));

```

0

We now turn to (7.57), i.e. to $d\Omega_3$.

```

> d0omega3 := factor ( value(d(Omega3)) ) :

```

The routine “modOm3” below computes the expression of a form modulo Ω_3 by substituting dz_4 with “valdz4”, the linear combination of dz_1 , dz_2 and dz_3 which is equivalent to dz_4 modulo Ω_3 :

```

> map( getform, [op(wcollect(Omega3))] ) ; coeff( Omega3, d(z4));

```

$$[d(z_1), d(z_2), d(z_3), d(z_4)]$$

$$-\lambda(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, w_2)$$

```

> valdz4 := map(factor,wcollect( solve( Omega3=0, d(z4) ) )):
> map(getform,[op(valdz4)]);
> modOm3 := proc(forme)
>     simplify(subs( d(z4)=valdz4 , forme )) end :

```

$$[d(z1), d(z2), d(z3)]$$

Let us now compute $d\Omega_3$ modulo Ω_3 . In the expression “dOmega3mod” below, not only have we performed the above substitution, but we have also removed all the terms containing $d\dot{v}_1$ or $d\dot{v}_2$, which will be useless...

```

> dOmega3mod := map(factor, wcollect( simplify( subs(
>     diff(diff(lambda(z1,z2,z3,z4,w2),w2),w2)=0,
>     modOm3( simplify(subs([d(v1dot)=0,d(v2dot)=0],
>     dOmega3 ) ) ) ) ) ) :

```

Let us check that the forms that appear in dOmega3 and dOmega3mod are these we expect:

```

> map( getform, [op(wcollect(dOmega3))] ) ;
> map(getform,[op(dOmega3mod)] ) ;

```

$$[d(z1) \wedge d(z4), d(z1) \wedge d(w2), d(z2) \wedge d(w2), d(z1) \wedge d(v1),$$

$$d(z2) \wedge d(z4), d(z2) \wedge d(v1dot), d(z2) \wedge d(v2dot),$$

$$d(z2) \wedge d(v1), d(z4) \wedge d(w2), d(z1) \wedge d(z2),$$

$$d(z2) \wedge d(z3), d(z1) \wedge d(z3), d(z3) \wedge d(z4),$$

$$d(z3) \wedge d(v1), d(z3) \wedge d(w2), d(z3) \wedge d(v1dot),$$

$$d(z3) \wedge d(v2dot), d(z1) \wedge d(v1dot), d(z1) \wedge d(v2dot)]$$

$$[d(z1) \wedge d(w2), d(z2) \wedge d(w2), d(z1) \wedge d(v1), d(z2) \wedge d(v1),$$

$$d(z1) \wedge d(z2), d(z2) \wedge d(z3), d(z1) \wedge d(z3),$$

$$d(z3) \wedge d(v1), d(z3) \wedge d(w2)]$$

We now compute $\Omega_1 \wedge \Omega_3$ modulo Ω_3 , it is the expression called “Omega33dmod”.

```

> map( getform, [op(Omega3d)] );

```

$$[d(z1), d(z2), d(z3), d(z4), d(v1), d(w2)]$$


```

> Omega3dmod := map(factor,wcollect(simplify(
>     subs( diff(diff(lambda(z1,z2,z3,z4,w2),w2),w2)=0,
>     modOm3( Omega3d ) ) ) ) :
> map( getform, [op(Omega3dmod)] ) ;

```

$$[d(z1), d(z2), d(z3), d(v1), d(w2)]$$


```

> Omega33dmod := map( factor, wcollect(Omega1 &^Omega3dmod)):

```

The coefficient of dz_3 is rather simple in “dOmega3mod” and “Omega33dmod”:

```

> cc1 := - coeff( Omega33dmod , &^(d(z3),d(w2)) ) ;
> cc2 := coeff( dOmega3mod , &^(d(z3),d(w2)) ) ;

```

$$cc1 := \lambda(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2)$$

```

cc2 := (%1 v1 ( (d/dz4 f(z1, z2, z3, z4) )
+ %1 rho(z1, z2, z3, z4, v1, w2, v1dot, v2dot)
- %1 (d/dz3 f(z1, z2, z3, z4) ) - %1 v1 ( (d/dz3 g(z1, z2, z3, z4) )
+ %1 v1^2 ( (d/dz4 g(z1, z2, z3, z4) ) -
( (d/dw2 rho(z1, z2, z3, z4, v1, w2, v1dot, v2dot) ) lambda(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2)
) ) / ( lambda(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2) )
%1 := d/dw2 lambda(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2)
> factor( cc1*coeff(dOmega3mod,&^(d(z3),d(w2)))
+ cc2*coeff(Omega33dmod,&^(d(z3),d(w2))) ) ;

```

0

Equation (7.57) implies $cc1dOmega3unmod - cc2Omega33dmod = 0$. It turns out that the coefficient of $dz_2 \wedge dw_2$ allows one to solve for ρ :

```

> valrho := factor( solve( simplify(
> cc1*coeff(dOmega3mod,&^(d(z2),d(w2)))
> + cc2*coeff(Omega33dmod,&^(d(z2),d(w2)))) = 0,
> rho(z1, z2, z3, z4, v1, w2, v1dot, v2dot))) :
> valrhoS := map(factor, collect(
> subsdfdz(subslambda( simplify(
> subs( beta(z1, z2, z3, z4, v1, w2, v1dot, v2dot)=valbetaS ,
> valrho ) ) ) , v1))) :

```

valrhoS is an expression of valrho where β and λ are substituted for the values computed above. It is shorter than valrho:

```

> [nops(expand( numer(valrho) ) ) , nops(expand( numer(valrhoS) ) ) ] ;
[56, 23]

```

Let us now compute the coefficient of $dz_2 \wedge dw_2$, and call it EE:

```

> EE := factor(
> cc1*coeff(dOmega3mod,&^(d(z2),d(z3)))
> + cc2*coeff(Omega33dmod,&^(d(z2),d(z3))) ) :

```

It turns out that it is a rather large expression:

```

> nops( numer(EE) ) ; denom(EE) ;
7510

```

$$\lambda(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, w_2)^2$$

This expression is large enough that if we simply substitute β and ρ with valrhoS and valbetaS, it takes more than 100MBytes to compute the result.

To round this problem, we shall take advantage of the fact that valbetaS, valrhoS and EE are polynomial with respect to v_1 , and use the expressions

“rho77” and “beta77” which are polynomials of the right degree in the indeterminate v_1 , with coefficients some generic functions of $(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4, w_2)$... Of course, when these coefficients are substituted for the right functions, “rho77” and “beta77” have the same values as “valrhoS” and “valbetaS”

```
> degree(valbetaS, v1); degree(valrhoS, v1);
```

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```
> BB3 := coeff( valbetaS , v1 , 3 );
> BB2 := coeff( valbetaS , v1 , 2 );
> BB1 := coeff( valbetaS , v1 , 1 );
> BB0 := coeff( valbetaS , v1 , 0 );
```

$$BB3 := - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right)^2$$

```
> RR2 := coeff( valrhoS , v1 , 2 );
> RR1 := coeff( valrhoS , v1 , 1 );
> RR0 := coeff( valrhoS , v1 , 0 );
```

$$RR2 := - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right)$$

$$RR1 := 2 \lambda_0(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \text{cc}(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) + 2 \lambda_0(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) w_2 - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right)$$

```
> rho77 := RR2 * v1^2 + RR1 * v1 + R0(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2) ;
> beta77 := BB3 * v1^3 + B2(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2) * v1^2
> + B1(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2) * v1 + B0(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2) ;
```

Let us check that when performing the correct substitutions, beta77 = valbetaS and rho77 = valrhoS

```
> factor(subs( R0(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2)=RR0,
> valrhoS - rho77) );
> factor(subs( [ B0(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2)=
> BB0, B1(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2)=BB1,
> B2(z1, z2, z3, z4, w2)=BB2 ],
> valbetaS - beta77) );
```

0

0

Now we substitute in the expression EE :

```
> EE77 := collect(simplify(subs(
> [beta(z1, z2, z3, z4, v1, w2, v1dot, v2dot)=beta77,
> rho(z1, z2, z3, z4, v1, w2, v1dot, v2dot)=rho77] ,
> EE)), v1);
> degree( EE77 , v1);
```

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The leading coefficient turns out to be zero when substituting λ :

```
> factor( subs(lambda( coeff( EE77 , v1 , 5 ) ));
```

0

And the coefficient of degree 4 is

```
> factor( subsdfdz(subslambda( simplify(
> subs( [ R0(z1,z2,z3,z4,w2)=RR0 ,
> B2(z1,z2,z3,z4,w2)=BB2 ] ,
> coeff( EE77 , v1 , 4 ) ) ) ) );
```

$$\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) (w_2 + cc(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4))^2 \lambda_0(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)^3$$

It has to be zero, hence λ is identically zero.

STEP 4. If α , λ and b satisfy (7.56) with λ identically zero, then $\delta_{2,1}^1$ cannot vanish and b must be given by

$$b = \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1}. \tag{7.104}$$

This may easily be proved without the help of the program Maple.

Since $\lambda = 0$, we have $\Omega_1 = \omega_2$, $\Omega_3 = \omega_1 - b\dot{\omega}_2 + \alpha\omega_2$, but from lemma 7.6, $d\Omega_1$ satisfies (7.45), i.e.

$$d\omega_2 \equiv 0 \text{ modulo } \{\omega_2, \Omega_3, \dot{\Omega}_3\}.$$

From lemma 7.8 with $\Omega = \Omega_3$, $\lambda_1 = 1$, $\lambda_2 = \alpha$ and $\lambda_3 = -b$, the above relation implies that $b(b\delta_{2,1}^1 - 2\gamma)$ is identically zero on U , but we assume here that b does not vanish, hence $b\delta_{2,1}^1 - 2\gamma$ must be identically zero, and therefore $\delta_{2,1}^1$ does not vanish (because γ does not vanish), and b is given by (7.104).

STEP 5. If α , λ and b satisfy (7.56)-(7.57) with λ identically zero and b is given by $b = \frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1}$, there is a unique possible value for α , and f and g must be of the form (4.16)-(4.17).

This is done in the following Maple session which is the continuation of the previous one. □

Session run with Maple V Release 3, continued

All the previous definitions remain valid, but we assign λ to be identically zero:

```
> lambda := proc(z1,z2,z3,z4,w2) 0 end :
```

First we need to compute b —i.e. β — i.e. implement step 4. To this end, we compute $d\Omega_1 \wedge \Omega_1 \wedge \Omega_3 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_3$.

```
> dOmegalext := factor( dOmega1 &^ Omega1 &^ Omega3
> &^ Omega3d );
> getform(dOmegalext);
> nops(getcoeff(dOmegalext));
```

$$\&\wedge(d(z_1), d(z_2), d(z_3), d(z_4), d(v_1))$$

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This is a monomial form of degree 5, whose coefficient must therefore be identically zero. We divide by D_1 which does not vanish :

```
> EEE1 := factor( getcoeff(dOmegalext) / (-D1) );
```

This expression EEE1 is affine with respect to the function β , and its coefficient does not vanish :

```
> coeff( EEE1 , beta(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot) );
```

$$-2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right)$$

One may therefore get β from the equation $EEE1=0$. Below, “valbeta” is the value of β as the solution of $EEE1=0$. For convenience, we call D_2 the constant term in $EEE1$, so that β will be equal to $D_2/(2\frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4})$:

```
> D2 := factor(coeff( EEE1 ,
>                    beta(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot),
>                    0 )));
> valbeta := solve( EEE1=0,
>                   beta(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot) );
```

Let us check that $\beta = D_2/(2\frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4})$:

```
> normal( valbeta - D2 / (2*diff(g(z1,z2,z3,z4),z4)) );
```

0

Here we shall check that the only possible value for b —i.e. $1/\text{valbeta}$ with valbeta computed above— is given by $\frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^1}$. Let us first compute γ and $\delta_{2,1}^1$ and then check the equality. To compute γ and $\delta_{2,1}^1$, we use the fact that, from (4.8),

$$\begin{aligned} d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2 &= \delta_{2,1}^1 \omega_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \wedge \ddot{\omega}_2 \\ d\omega_2 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \omega_1 &= \gamma \omega_1 \wedge \dot{\omega}_1 \wedge \omega_2 \wedge \dot{\omega}_2 \end{aligned}$$

```
> domega2 := wcollect(value(d(omega2))):
> omega2dd := wcollect( DOT ( omega2d)):
> Form0 := factor(omega1&^omega1d&^omega2&^omega2d&^omega2dd):
> Form1 := factor(domega2&^omega2&^omega2d&^omega2dd):
> getform(Form0);getform(Form1);
> delta211 := factor( getcoeff(Form1)/getcoeff(Form0) );
```

$$\&^\wedge(d(z1), d(z2), d(z3), d(z4), d(v1))$$

$$\&^\wedge(d(z1), d(z2), d(z3), d(z4), d(v1))$$

```
> Form2 := factor(omega1&^omega1d&^omega2&^omega2d):
> Form3 := factor(domega2&^omega2&^omega1):
> getform(Form2);getform(Form3);
> Gamma := factor( getcoeff(Form3)/getcoeff(Form2) );
```

$$\&^\wedge(d(z1), d(z2), d(z3), d(z4))$$

$$\&^\wedge(d(z1), d(z2), d(z3), d(z4))$$

$\delta_{2,1}^1$ is equal to $-D_2/D_1$ and γ to $-\frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4}/D_1$

```
> factor( delta211 * D1 / D2);
```

-1

```
> factor( Gamma * D1 );
```

$$-\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right)$$

Hence $\frac{2\gamma}{\delta_{2,1}^2} = 2 \frac{\partial g}{\partial z_4} / D_2$, which is equal to $1/\text{valbeta}$.

To compute ρ , we shall compute $d\Omega_3$ modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_3\}$, which is a fortiori zero from (7.57).

In order to compute modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_3\}$, we simply substitute dz_3, dz_2 with “valdz3” and “valdz2”, the monomial forms in dz_1 which is equal to each of them modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_3\}$.

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> coeff(Omega1,d(z3));
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> vvaldz3 := solve( Omega1=0 , d(z3) );
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$$\begin{aligned} vvaldz3 := & d(z1) g(z1, z2, z3, z4) - d(z1) z3 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z4} f(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) \\ & - d(z1) z3 v1 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z4} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) \\ & + d(z2) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z4} f(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) + d(z2) v1 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z4} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) \end{aligned}$$

```
> Omega3mod := wcollect( simplify(
> subs( { d(z3)=vvaldz3 ,
>         beta(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot)=valbeta}
> , Omega3 )
> * diff(g(z1,z2,z3,z4),z4) / D1 ));
```

$$\begin{aligned} Omega3mod := & \left(\frac{1}{2} z3 v1 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z4^2} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) \right. \\ & - \left. \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z4} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) + \frac{1}{2} z3 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z4^2} f(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) \right) d(z1) \\ & + \left(-\frac{1}{2} v1 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z4^2} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z4^2} f(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) \right) d(z2) \end{aligned}$$

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> valdz2 := factor( solve( Omega3mod=0 , d(z2) ));
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$$\begin{aligned} valdz2 := & \left(z3 v1 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z4^2} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) - 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z4} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) \right. \\ & \left. + z3 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z4^2} f(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) \right) d(z1) / \left(\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z4^2} f(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) + v1 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z4^2} g(z1, z2, z3, z4) \right) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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> valdz3 := factor( subs( d(z2)=valdz2 , vvaldz3 ));
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$$\begin{aligned}
\text{valdz3} &:= d(z_1) \left(v_1 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_4^2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right. \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_4^2} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \\
&\quad \left. - 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \%1 - 2 v_1 \%1^2 \right) / \left(\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_4^2} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) + v_1 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_4^2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \right) \\
\%1 &:= \frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)
\end{aligned}$$

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> dOmega3mod13 := map(factor,wcollect(simplify(
> subs({d(z2)=valdz2,d(z3)=valdz3,
>       beta(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot)=valbeta},
> dOmega3)))));
> valrho := solve(coeff(dOmega3mod13,d(z1)&^d(v1))=0,
>                  rho(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot));

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$$\begin{aligned}
\text{valrho} &:= \frac{1}{2} \left(-2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \%1^2 v_1 \right. \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_4^2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_4^2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \\
&\quad + 2 v_1 \%1^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \\
&\quad + \%1 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_4^2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) w_2 \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_4^2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \\
&\quad - \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_4^2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \\
&\quad + 2 \%1^2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \\
&\quad - z_3 \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_4^2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} f(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \\
&\quad + \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial z_4^2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4) \right) z_4 - 2 v_1^2 \%1^3 \Big) \\
&\quad / \%1^2 \\
\%1 &:= \frac{\partial}{\partial z_4} g(z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)
\end{aligned}$$

Let us substitute the value of ρ in $d\Omega_3$ modulo $\{\Omega_1, \Omega_3\}$.

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> factor(simplify(subs(

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> rho(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot) = valrho ,
> (2/D1) * dOmega3mod13 ));
-(d(z1) &^ d(z4)) ( 2 %1 ( (d^3/dz4^3) f(z1,z2,z3,z4) )
+ 2 %1 v1 ( (d^3/dz4^3) g(z1,z2,z3,z4) )
- 3 ( (d^2/dz4^2) g(z1,z2,z3,z4) ) ( (d^2/dz4^2) f(z1,z2,z3,z4) )
- 3 v1 ( (d^2/dz4^2) g(z1,z2,z3,z4) )^2 ) / ( %1
( ( (d^2/dz4^2) f(z1,z2,z3,z4) ) + v1 ( (d^2/dz4^2) g(z1,z2,z3,z4) ) ) ) )
%1 := d/dz4 g(z1,z2,z3,z4)

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> EE := collect( numer(getcoeff( " ) ,v1);
EE := ( -2 %1 ( (d^3/dz4^3) g(z1,z2,z3,z4) )
+ 3 ( (d^2/dz4^2) g(z1,z2,z3,z4) )^2 ) v1
- 2 %1 ( (d^3/dz4^3) f(z1,z2,z3,z4) )
+ 3 ( (d^2/dz4^2) g(z1,z2,z3,z4) ) ( (d^2/dz4^2) f(z1,z2,z3,z4) )
%1 := d/dz4 g(z1,z2,z3,z4)

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Both the coefficient of v_1 and the constant coefficient must be zero, this gives exactly the PDEs (7.52)-(7.53):

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> PDE1 := -coeff(EE,v1); PDE2 := -coeff(EE,v1,0);
PDE1 := 2 ( d/dz4 g(z1,z2,z3,z4) ) ( d^3/dz4^3 g(z1,z2,z3,z4) )
- 3 ( d^2/dz4^2 g(z1,z2,z3,z4) )^2
PDE2 := 2 ( d/dz4 g(z1,z2,z3,z4) ) ( d^3/dz4^3 f(z1,z2,z3,z4) )
- 3 ( d^2/dz4^2 g(z1,z2,z3,z4) ) ( d^2/dz4^2 f(z1,z2,z3,z4) )

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Hence from lemma 7.9 f and g must be given by $f = valf$ and $g = valg$ with:

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> valf := ( a0(z1,z2,z3) + a1(z1,z2,z3) * z4
> + a2(z1,z2,z3) * z4^2 )
> / ( c0(z1,z2,z3) + c1(z1,z2,z3) * z4 );

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> valg := ( b0(z1,z2,z3) + b1(z1,z2,z3) * z4 )
>         / ( c0(z1,z2,z3) + c1(z1,z2,z3) * z4 ) ;

valf := 
$$\frac{a0(z1,z2,z3) + a1(z1,z2,z3)z4 + a2(z1,z2,z3)z4^2}{c0(z1,z2,z3) + c1(z1,z2,z3)z4}$$


valg := 
$$\frac{b0(z1,z2,z3) + b1(z1,z2,z3)z4}{c0(z1,z2,z3) + c1(z1,z2,z3)z4}$$


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We now compute $d\Omega_3 \wedge \Omega_3$ and $\Omega_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_3 \wedge \Omega_3$, but for this we first assign ρ and β to be equal to the values computed above:

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> rho := proc(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot) valrho end :
> beta := proc(z1,z2,z3,z4,v1,w2,v1dot,v2dot) valbeta end :
>

> dOmega3ext3 := map(factor,wcollect(
>     dOmega3&^Omega3 * diff(g(z1,z2,z3,z4),z4)^2
>     / D1 ^2)):

> Omega3ext1ext3dot3 := map(factor,wcollect(
>     Omega3&^Omega1 &^Omega3d)):

> map(getform,[op(Omega3ext1ext3dot3)]);

[&^(d(z1),d(z2),d(z3)),&^(d(z1),d(z3),d(v1)),
  &^(d(z1),d(z2),d(v1)),&^(d(z2),d(z3),d(v1)),
  &^(d(z1),d(z3),d(z4)),&^(d(z1),d(z2),d(z4)),
  &^(d(z2),d(z3),d(z4)))]

> factor( ( coeff( Omega3ext1ext3dot3 ,
>                 &^(d(z1),d(z3),d(v1)) )
>           + z3 * coeff( Omega3ext1ext3dot3 ,
>                 &^(d(z2),d(z3),d(v1)) ) ) / D1^2 );

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Hence the terms in $dz_1 \wedge dz_3 \wedge dv_1$ and $dz_2 \wedge dz_3 \wedge dv_1$ in the expression of $\Omega_1 \wedge \dot{\Omega}_3 \wedge \Omega_3$ cannot both vanish. But when f and g are given by $valf$ and $valg$, $d\Omega_3 \wedge \Omega_3$ is given by

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> factor(simplify(
> subs( {f(z1,z2,z3,z4)=valf,g(z1,z2,z3,z4)=valg}, dOmega3ext3 )
> ));

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & \&^{\wedge}(d(z_1), d(z_2), d(z_3)) \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} b_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right. \\
 & \quad - c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) z_3 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) \\
 & \quad - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \\
 & \quad + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} b_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \\
 & \quad - b_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) \\
 & \quad + a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) \\
 & \quad - b_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) - a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3)^2 \\
 & \quad \left. + z_3 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) / \\
 & \quad (c_0(z_1, z_2, z_3) + c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) z_4)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence this form can be a multiple of $\Omega_1 \wedge \Omega_2 \wedge \Omega_3$ only if it is identically zero. This implies that the following expression must be identically zero:

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> EDP3 := numer(getcoeff( " " ));
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$$\begin{aligned}
 EDP3 := & \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} b_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \\
 & - c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) z_3 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) \\
 & - \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \\
 & + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} b_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \\
 & - b_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_3} a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) \\
 & + a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_1} c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) \\
 & - b_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) - a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3)^2 \\
 & + z_3 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_2} c_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) \right) a_2(z_1, z_2, z_3)
 \end{aligned}$$

This is exactly the PDE (4.17) as shown below:

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> Gamma := ( b1(z1,z2,z3) - z3 * a2(z1,z2,z3) ) * d(z1)
>          + a2(z1,z2,z3) * d(z2) - c1(z1,z2,z3) * d(z3);
Gamma := ( b1(z1, z2, z3) - z3 a2(z1, z2, z3) ) d(z1) + a2(z1, z2, z3) d(z2)
          - c1(z1, z2, z3) d(z3)
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feedback linearizable are simply not dynamic feedback linearizable (at least endogenously), or if some are (x, u, \dot{u}) -dynamic linearizable for example ... In fact, no example of a system of these dimensions which admits no pair of linearizing outputs depending on x and u but admits some depending on more time-derivatives of u has ever been exhibited. Since these dimensions are usually these of academic examples —because it is the smallest non-trivial ones— and have been studied a lot, it may seem reasonable to conjecture that the systems that are proved in the present paper to be non (x, u) -dynamic linearizable are indeed not linearizable by endogenous dynamic feedback.

Let us finally make a remark on the method of the proofs. In a sense, the present results amount to giving conditions for some nonlinear partial differential equations to have solutions (see section 2.6). Since the PDEs are high order —see (2.16)-(2.17), and for (x, u) -dynamic linearization, the order is higher— one might think that some sophisticated tools for checking integrability, like Spencer cohomology, should be involved. It turns out however that the proofs are all elementary, and never make use of more sophisticated tools than Frobenius theorem. Actually, when using the infinitesimal Brunovský form and writing the equations for the coefficients of decomposition in elementary transformations of the invertible transformation “ $P(\frac{d}{dt})$ ” instead of writing directly the equations for the linearizing outputs, as in the proof of theorem 4.2 or the “alternative” proof of case 6 in theorem 3.1, we use Frobenius theorem to write the equations in a convenient way (like the equation (7.55)-(7.56)-(7.57) for theorem 4.2), but then the arguments used to give conditions for existence of solutions to these equations are in a sense even not first order like Frobenius theorem, but “zeroth order”, i.e. the solutions α , λ and b in the case (7.55)-(7.56)-(7.57) may be explicitly computed (expression involving functions in the equations of the system) from part of the equations, and the compatibility conditions are obtained by substituting these expressions in the remaining equations. It is of course tempting to ask whether in general when using the infinitesimal Brunovský form to test for existence of linearizing outputs depending on a pre-defined number of time-derivatives of the inputs, this feature always appears —the equations for the coefficients of the invertible transformation contain enough non-differential equations to obtain them solving non-differential equations— or if this is particular to the small dimensions considered here.

APPENDIX: SOME FACTS ON PFAFFIAN SYSTEMS

In this section, we recall some very basic definitions on Pfaffian systems, and some precise facts we are going to use. For details or proofs, see e.g. [25] or [6].

A *Pfaffian system* I of rank r around a point can be defined as a module (over smooth functions) of differential 1-forms which is generated by r 1-forms which are point-wisely linearly independent around this point, or also as an ideal of differential forms (of arbitrary degrees, with the exterior product as “multiplication”), which has the peculiarity of being generated by independent 1-forms. It is defined by giving r independent 1-forms. r 1-forms which generate the same module define the same Pfaffian system.

A congruence like $\Omega_1 \equiv \Omega_2$ modulo $\{\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots\}$ where the Ω_i 's are 2-forms and the η_j 's are 1-forms (we only need this) means modulo the ideal generated by $\{\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots\}$, i.e. it means that there exists some forms α_j such that $\Omega_1 - \Omega_2 = \eta_1 \wedge \alpha_1 + \eta_2 \wedge \alpha_2 + \dots$; it is equivalent to $(\Omega_1 - \Omega_2) \wedge \eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \wedge \dots = 0$.

A Pfaffian system also defines an “orthogonal distribution”, spanned by the vector fields which annihilate these 1-forms.

We will only be interested in the case $m = 1$ or $m = 2$, and we therefore speak of the Pfaffian system $I = \{\omega\}$ or $I = \{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$.

It is *completely integrable* if it is, locally, generated by 1 (resp 2) exact 1-forms, or equivalently, by Frobenius theorem, if $d\omega \equiv 0$ modulo $\{\omega\}$ (resp. $d\omega_i \equiv 0$ modulo $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ for $i = 1, 2$), or also if the orthogonal distribution being closed under Lie brackets. We call *first integral* of the Pfaffian system, or of the orthogonal distribution a function h such that $dh \neq 0$ and $dh \in I$.

DERIVED SYSTEM. For a given Pfaffian system I , consider the module made of the forms of degree 1 which are in I and whose exterior derivative (form of degree 2) is also in I ; at points where it has constant rank, this module defines a Pfaffian system called the *derived system* $I^{(1)}$ of I . Iterating this process, one ends either with the zero Pfaffian system or with an integrable one. A Pfaffian system is equal to its first derived system if and only if it is integrable. In the case of a Pfaffian system of rank 1, either it is integrable or its derived system is zero; in the case of a Pfaffian system of rank 2 $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$, either it is integrable, or there exists (non both zero) functions λ_1 and λ_2 such that

$$\lambda_1 d\omega_1 + \lambda_2 d\omega_2 \equiv 0 \text{ modulo } \{\omega_1, \omega_2\},$$

and in this case the first derived system is $\{\lambda_1\omega_1 + \lambda_2\omega_2\}$ or there exists no such functions (i.e. the restrictions of $d\omega_1$ and $d\omega_2$ to the annihilator of $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$ are two linearly independent bilinear forms), and then the derived system is zero. The orthogonal distribution to the derived system of a given Pfaffian system is spanned by the orthogonal distribution to this system plus all the Lie brackets between two vector fields in this distribution:

$$(I^{(1)})^\perp = I^\perp + [I^\perp, I^\perp].$$

CARTAN CHARACTERISTIC SYSTEM. The Cartan characteristic system $\mathcal{C}(I)$ of a given Pfaffian system I may be defined through the vectors that it annihilates:

$$\mathcal{C}(I)^\perp = \{X \in I^\perp / [X, I^\perp] \subset I^\perp\}. \tag{8.1}$$

It is always integrable if it has constant rank, and a Pfaffian system is integrable if and only if it is equal to its Cartan characteristic system.

There is a basis of the Pfaffian system whose elements are linear combination of some $d\psi_i$, with coefficients functions of the on ψ_i 's only, where the ψ_i 's are all first integrals of $\mathcal{C}(I)$, and $\mathcal{C}(I)$ is the smallest Pfaffian system having this property.

For a non-integrable system of rank 1 $\{\omega\}$, it is always possible, where the rank of the characteristic system is constant, to find $2p$ independent 1-forms

η_i such that the rank of $\{\omega, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_{2p}\}$ is $2p + 1$ and

$$d\omega \equiv \eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 + \eta_3 \wedge \eta_4 + \dots + \eta_{2p-1} \wedge \eta_{2p} \quad \text{modulo } \{\omega\} \quad (8.2)$$

and the characteristic system is then $\{\omega, \eta_1, \dots, \eta_{2p}\}$ (and this is automatically completely integrable).

For a non-integrable system of rank 2 $\{\omega_1, \omega_2\}$, all we need is the following: if it is possible to express this Pfaffian system with 4 variables $\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, \chi_4$ (i.e. there exists a basis of this Pfaffian system made of two 1-forms which are linear combinations of $d\chi_1, d\chi_2, d\chi_3, d\chi_4$ with coefficients functions of $\chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, \chi_4$ only), then its characteristic system is $\{d\chi_1, d\chi_2, d\chi_3, d\chi_4\}$, and for any forms η_1 and η_2 such that $\{\omega_1, \omega_2, \eta_1, \eta_2\}$ spans the same module as $\{d\chi_1, d\chi_2, d\chi_3, d\chi_4\}$, we have

$$d\omega_k = \omega_1 \wedge \Gamma_{k,1} + \omega_2 \wedge \Gamma_{k,2} + \lambda_k \eta_1 \wedge \eta_2 \quad (8.3)$$

for some 1-forms $\Gamma_{k,j}$ and some functions λ_k .

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