

# On the cancelation of decoupling zeros at $s = \infty$

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**Abstract**— We examine the mechanism of cancelations of decoupling zeros at infinity of a left polynomial matrix description (left PMD) of a linear multivariable system. It is shown that a theory completely analogous to the classical Rosenbrock-Wolovich theory regarding the cancelation of finite decoupling zeros can be formulated. The whole theory is illustrated by a simple example.

**Index Terms** - Linear Multivariable Systems, Polynomial Matrix Models, Decoupling Zeros, Structure at Infinity.

## I. CANCELANON OF DECOUPLING ZEROS AT $s = \infty$ FOR PMDS

Consider the left PMD  $[A(s) \in \mathbb{R}[s]^{p \times p}, B(s) \in \mathbb{R}[s]^{p \times m}, I_p, 0_{p,m}]$  of a linear multivariable system  $\Sigma$ :

$$A(\rho) \beta(t) = B(\rho) u(t) \quad (1)$$

$$y(t) = \beta(t), \quad (r = p) \quad (2)$$

which after Laplace transformation with zero initial conditions can be written in Rosenbrock system matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ -I_p & 0_{pm} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta(s) \\ -u(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{r1} \\ -y(s) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Sigma$  can also be written in *normalized form* as

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) & 0_{r,m} \\ -I_p(s) & 0_{pm} & I_p \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta(s) \\ -u(s) \\ y(s) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{pm} \\ 0_{pm} \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} u(s)$$

$$y(s) = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{pp} & 0_{pm} & I_p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta(s) \\ -u(s) \\ y(s) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition 1:** The *system poles* in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\Sigma = [A(s), B(s), I_p, 0_{p,m}]$  are the zeros of the *normalized denominator*

$$\mathcal{T}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) & 0_{p,m} \\ -I_p(s) & 0_{pm} & I_p \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}[s]^{(2p+m) \times (2p+m)}$$

The *generalized order*  $f$  of  $\Sigma$  is the total number of the *system poles* of  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  or equivalently the total number of zeros of  $\mathcal{T}(s)$  in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  (where multiplicities and orders of the zeros in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\mathcal{T}(s)$  are accounted for). ■

Since the following row and column operations can be accomplished by pre or post multiplying  $\mathcal{T}(s)$  by constant

non-singular matrices involving only the identity matrix, and so both  $\mathbf{R}[s]$  and  $\mathbf{R}_{pr}(s)$  - unimodular

$$\mathcal{T}(s) = \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) & 0_{r,m} \\ -I_p(s) & 0_{pm} & I_p \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) & 0_{p,m} \\ 0_{pp} & 0_{pm} & I_p \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) & 0_{p,m} \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} \\ 0_{pp} & 0_{pm} & I_p \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

the *system poles* in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\Sigma$  are the zeros in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of the matrix

$$F(s) := \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ 0_{mp} & I_m \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

Notice that the finite poles of  $\Sigma$  are still the finite zeros of  $F(s)$  which coincide with the finite zeros of  $A(s)$ . *The strange thing is that unlike pure generalized state space systems (in which case  $r = n$  and  $A(s) = sE - A, E \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, B(s) = B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is a constant matrix and the *system poles* of  $\Sigma$  at infinity depend only on the matrix pencil  $sE - A$ ) in this case the *system poles* of  $\Sigma$  at  $s = \infty$  depend on both the matrices  $A(s)$  and  $B(s)$ .*

If  $\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ 0_{mp} & I_m \end{bmatrix}$  has zeros at  $s = \infty$  then  $\Sigma$  has *system poles* at  $s = \infty$  and it is not *internally proper*. Now some of these *system poles* of  $\Sigma$  at  $s = \infty$  may be input (output) (or input-output) decoupling zeros at  $s = \infty$  of  $\Sigma$  and may be canceled out when the transfer function matrix  $G(s) = A(s)^{-1} B(s) \in \mathbb{R}(s)^{p \times m}$  of  $\Sigma$  is formed.

**Definition 2:** The *input decoupling zeros (i.d.z.)* (output decoupling zeros (o.d.z.)) in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\Sigma$  are the zeros in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $[\mathcal{T}(s) \quad \mathcal{U}]$   $\left( \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{T}(s) \\ \mathcal{V} \end{bmatrix} \right)$  and the *input-output decoupling zeros (i.o.d.z.)* in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\Sigma$  are the common zeros in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $[\mathcal{T}(s) \quad \mathcal{U}]$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{T}(s) \\ \mathcal{V} \end{bmatrix}$ . The *decoupling zeros (d.z.)* in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\Sigma$  are the elements of the set:  $\{\text{i.d.z. at in } \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } \Sigma\} + \{\text{o.d.z. in } \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } \Sigma\} - \{\text{i.o.d. zeros in } \mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } \Sigma\}$ .

**Remark 3:** Candidates for (i.d.z.) and (o.d.z.) of  $\Sigma$  are the zeros in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\mathcal{T}(s)$  i.e. the *system poles* of  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbb{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

Thus the *input decoupling zeros* of  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\Sigma$  are the zeros in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{T}(s) & \mathcal{U} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) & 0_{r,m} & 0_{pm} \\ -I_p(s) & 0_{pm} & I_p & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} & I_m \end{bmatrix}$$

or  $\mathbb{R}[s]$  and  $\mathbb{R}_{pr}(s)$  –equivalently of

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) & 0_{mp} \\ -I_p & 0_{pm} & I_p \end{bmatrix}$$

or equivalently (adding the last column of the above matrix to the first column, which is an operation of equivalence at infinity) of

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) & 0_{mp} \\ 0_{pp} & 0_{pm} & I_p \end{bmatrix}$$

or equivalently of

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \end{bmatrix}$$

*Remark 4:* So the *input decoupling zeros* of  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  are the zeros in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \end{bmatrix}$ .

Notice that if  $\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \end{bmatrix}$  is row proper so that it has no zeros at  $s = \infty$ , i.e.  $\Sigma$  has no i.d. zeros at  $s = \infty$ , the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ 0_{mr} & -I_m \end{bmatrix}$  might not be row proper (for example when  $\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \end{bmatrix}_h^r = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{pp} & I_m \end{bmatrix}$ ) so that it will have zeros at  $s = \infty$  and consequently  $\Sigma$  will have *system poles* at  $s = \infty$ .

The output decoupling zeros in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\Sigma$  are the zeros in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ -I_p & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m \end{bmatrix} \quad (5)$$

Let that (5) has zeros at infinity, and let  $\begin{bmatrix} U_1(s) & U_2(s) \\ U_3(s) & U_4(s) \end{bmatrix}$  unimodular and such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ -I_p & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1(s) & U_2(s) \\ U_3(s) & U_4(s) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A_2(s) & B_2(s) \\ -U_1(s) & -U_2(s) \\ -U_3(s) & -U_4(s) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

is column proper, i.e. it has no zeros at infinity, so that

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ -I_p & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A_2(s) & B_2(s) \\ -U_1(s) & -U_2(s) \\ -U_3(s) & -U_4(s) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} U_1(s) & U_2(s) \\ U_3(s) & U_4(s) \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} A_2(s) & B_2(s) \\ -U_1(s) & -U_2(s) \\ -U_3(s) & -U_4(s) \end{bmatrix} \widehat{U}_R(s) \end{aligned}$$

*Definition 5:* A system  $\widehat{\Sigma} = [\widehat{A}(s), \widehat{B}(s), I_p, 0_{p,m}]$  which has no input and no output decoupling zeros in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  is called *strongly irreducible*

Given a system  $\Sigma = [A(s), B(s), I_p, 0_{p,m}]$  the next corollary gives a relation between (i) the *set of system poles* of  $\Sigma$  in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  i.e. *set of zeros* in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\mathcal{T}(s)$ , (ii) the *set of poles* in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of the transfer function  $G(s)$  of  $\Sigma$  and (iii) the *set of decoupling zeros* in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of  $\Sigma$ .

*Corollary 6:*

$$\begin{aligned} & \{\text{set of zeros in } \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } \mathcal{T}(s)\} \\ & \equiv \{\text{set of poles in } \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } G(s)\} \\ & \cup \{\text{set of decoupling zeros in } \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } \Sigma\} \quad (6) \end{aligned}$$

The above set relation gives rise to the equation

$$\begin{aligned} f & : = \# \text{ of zeros in } \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } \mathcal{T}(s) \\ & = \# \text{ of poles in } \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } G(s) \\ & + \# \text{ decoupling zeros in } \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } \Sigma \quad (7) \end{aligned}$$

where the symbol # means the “total number” and where multiplicities and orders of a pole or zero at  $s = \infty$  are accounted for.

*Remark 7:* Using the fact that the total number of zeros in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  of a *square polynomial* matrix is equal to the total number of its poles in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  which for a polynomial [13] matrix coincides with its McMillan degree, equation (7) can be written as

$$f = \delta_M[\mathcal{T}(s)] = \delta_M(G(s)) \quad (8)$$

$$+ \# \text{ decoupling zeros in } \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } \Sigma$$

Eqn. (7) gives rise to the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} f & := \# \text{ of zeros in } \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } [\mathcal{T}(s)] \\ & = \delta_M[\mathcal{T}(s)] \\ & \geq \# \text{ of poles in } \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\} \text{ of } G(s) \quad (9) \\ & =: \delta_M(G(s)) \end{aligned}$$

If a system  $\widehat{\Sigma} = [\widehat{A}(s), \widehat{B}(s), I_p, 0_{p,m}]$  is strongly irreducible i.e. if  $\widehat{\Sigma}$  has no i.d. and no o.d. zeros in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  then from Definition 2:  $[\# \text{ decoupling zeros of } \widehat{\Sigma} \text{ in } \mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}] = 0$  and from (7) the generalized order  $\widehat{f}$  of  $\widehat{\Sigma}$  takes its least value:

$$\widehat{f} = \delta_M[\mathcal{T}(s)] = \sum_{i=1}^k q_i(\mathcal{T}(s)) = \delta_M(G(s)) \quad (10)$$

In such a case the strongly irreducible system  $\widehat{\Sigma} = [\widehat{A}(s), \widehat{B}(s), I_p, 0_{p,m}]$  has the *least generalized order*  $\widehat{f}$  among the generalized orders of all systems  $\Sigma$  which give rise to  $G(s)$ . As indicated by (10) the *least generalized order*  $\widehat{f}$  of  $\widehat{\Sigma}$  can then be determined directly as the McMillan degree of the transfer function matrix  $G(s)$ .

Definition 5 together with the above discussion give rise to

*Theorem 8:* A system  $\widehat{\Sigma} = [\widehat{A}(s), \widehat{B}(s), I_p, 0_{p,m}]$  with transfer function matrix  $G(s)$  is strongly *irreducible* iff

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{f} &:= \# \text{ of zeros at } s = \infty \text{ of } \mathcal{T}(s) = \delta_M[\mathcal{T}(s)] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k q_i(\mathcal{T}(s)) = \delta_M(G(s)) \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

*A. Extraction of i.d. zeros at infinity for left PMDs*

Let  $[A(s) \ B(s)]$  have zeros at  $s = \infty$  and assume that  $U_L(s) \in \mathbf{R}[s]^{p \times p}$  is unimodular and such that

$$U_L(s) [A(s) \ B(s)] =: [\widehat{A}(s) \ \widehat{B}(s)] \quad (12)$$

is *row proper* so that  $[\widehat{A}(s) \ \widehat{B}(s)]$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$ . Let  $\widehat{U}_L(s) = U_L(s)^{-1} \in \mathbf{R}[s]^{p \times p}$  and write (12) as

$$[A(s) \ B(s)] = \widehat{U}_L(s) [\widehat{A}(s) \ \widehat{B}(s)] \quad (13)$$

The unimodular matrix  $\widehat{U}_L(s)$  in (13) can be viewed as a ‘greatest common left divisor at  $s = \infty$ ’ of  $A(s)$  and  $B(s)$  so that the pair  $\widehat{A}(s), \widehat{B}(s)$  are ‘left coprime at  $s = \infty$ ’. Now the transfer function matrix  $G(s)$  of  $\Sigma$  is

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= [0_{pp} \ 0_{pm} \ I_p] \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) & 0_{r,m} \\ -I_p(s) & 0_{pm} & I_p \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &\quad \begin{bmatrix} 0_{pm} \\ 0_{pm} \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Since we can write

$$\begin{aligned} &\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) & 0_{r,m} \\ -I_p(s) & 0_{pm} & I_p \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} \end{bmatrix} \quad (14) \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{U}_L(s) & 0_{pp} & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{pp} & I_p & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{mp} & 0_{mp} & I_m \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \times \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{A}(s) & \widehat{B}(s) & 0_{r,m} \\ -I_p(s) & 0_{pm} & I_p \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0_{pm} \\ 0_{pm} \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{U}_L(s) & 0_{pp} & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{pp} & I_p & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{mp} & 0_{mp} & I_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0_{pm} \\ 0_{pm} \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

we have that

$$\begin{aligned} G(s) &= [0_{pp} \ 0_{pm} \ I_p] \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{A}(s) & \widehat{B}(s) & 0_{r,m} \\ -I_p(s) & 0_{pm} & I_p \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &\quad \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{U}_L(s) & 0_{pp} & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{pp} & I_p & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{mp} & 0_{mp} & I_m \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{U}_L(s) & 0_{pp} & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{pp} & I_p & 0_{pm} \\ 0_{mp} & 0_{mp} & I_m \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \begin{bmatrix} 0_{pm} \\ 0_{pm} \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} u(s) \\ &= [0_{pp} \ 0_{pm} \ I_p] \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{A}(s) & \widehat{B}(s) & 0_{r,m} \\ -I_p(s) & 0_{pm} & I_p \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \\ &\quad \begin{bmatrix} 0_{pm} \\ 0_{pm} \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} u(s) \\ &= [0_{pp} \ 0_{pm} \ I_p] \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{A}(s)^{-1} & 0_{pp} & \widehat{A}(s)^{-1} \widehat{B}(s) \\ 0_{mp} & 0_{mp} & -I_m \\ \widehat{A}(s)^{-1} & I_p & \widehat{A}(s)^{-1} \widehat{B}(s) \end{bmatrix} \\ &\quad \begin{bmatrix} 0_{pm} \\ 0_{pm} \\ I_m \end{bmatrix} u(s) \\ &= [0_{pp} \ 0_{pm} \ I_p] \begin{bmatrix} \widehat{A}(s)^{-1} \widehat{B}(s) \\ -I_m \\ \widehat{A}(s)^{-1} \widehat{B}(s) \end{bmatrix} u(s) \\ &= \widehat{A}(s)^{-1} \widehat{B}(s) u(s) \end{aligned}$$

In general, after such a cancelation of *system poles* of  $\Sigma$  at  $s = \infty$  with *i. or o. decoupling zeros* at  $s = \infty$  of  $\Sigma$ ,  $G(s)$  need no be proper. Simply the new system  $\widehat{\Sigma} = [\widehat{A}(s), \widehat{B}(s), I_p, 0_{p,m}]$  will be irreducible at  $s = \infty$ . If  $G(s)$  is non-proper then the poles of  $G(s)$  at  $s = \infty$  will be zeros at  $s = \infty$  of  $\mathcal{T}(s)$  which are not *i.d.zeros* or *o.d.zeros* at  $s = \infty$  of  $\widehat{\Sigma}$  and thus they are not ‘canceled out’ when  $G(s)$  is formed. If  $G(s)$  is proper and  $\mathcal{T}(s)$  has zeros at  $s = \infty$  which are *i. or o. decoupling zeros* at  $s = \infty$  of  $\Sigma$  then  $\mathcal{T}(s)^{-1}$  will be non-proper and  $\Sigma$  is *externally proper* but not *internally proper*. So the candidates for decoupling zeros at infinity are the zeros at infinity of  $\mathcal{T}(s)$ .

If a system is irreducible at  $s = \infty$  then the Laurent expansion of its transfer function matrix  $G(s)$  ‘starts’ from the degree of the pole at infinity of  $G(s)$  which has maximum value, i.e. from  $q_1(G(s))$  in the Smith-McMillan form at  $s = \infty : S_{G(s)}^\infty$  of  $G(s)$ , this number will be equal to the order of the zero at  $s = \infty$  of maximum value of  $\mathcal{T}(s)$  i.e. of  $\widehat{q}_{2p+m}(\mathcal{T}(s))$  in the Smith-McMillan form at  $s = \infty : S_{\mathcal{T}(s)}^\infty$  of  $\mathcal{T}(s)$ .

*Example 9:* Consider a system  $\Sigma$  described by the PMD:  
 $A(s) = \begin{bmatrix} s+1 & s^3 \\ 0 & s+1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B(s) = \begin{bmatrix} s+2 & (s+1)^2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  
 $C(s) = I_2$ ,  $D(s) = 0_{22}$  i.e. with  $r = p = m = 2$ ,

where  $A(s), B(s)$  are left coprime in  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $A(s), B(s)$  are trivially right coprime in  $\mathbf{C}$  and  $G(s) = A(s)^{-1}B(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s+2}{s+1} & \frac{3s^2+3s+1}{(s+1)^2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{s+1} \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbf{R}_{pr}(s)^{2 \times 2}$  i.e.  $\Sigma$  is *externally proper* but not *internally proper* since the normalized denominator:

$$T(s) \quad (16)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) & 0_{rp} \\ -I_p(s) & 0_{pp} & I_p \\ 0_{mp} & -I_m & 0_{mp} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s+1 & s^3 & s+2 & (s+1)^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & s+1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ - & - & - & - & - & - \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ - & - & - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

has a zero at  $s = \infty$  as it is indicated by

$$S_{T(s)}^\infty = \text{diag} \left[ s^3, 1, 1, 1, 1, \frac{1}{s} \right]$$

( $\tau = r + p + m = 6, \bar{k} = 1, \bar{v} = 5$ ),  $q_1(T) = 3$ ,  $q_2(T) = q_3(T) = q_4(T) = q_5(T) = 0, \hat{q}_6(T) = 1$ , i.e.  $T(s)$  has one zero at  $s = \infty$  of order  $\hat{q}_6(T) = 1$  which is a *system pole* of  $\Sigma$  at  $s = \infty$ . This follows also from the computation of the Smith-McMillan form at  $s = \infty$  of

$$F(s) : = \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ 0_{mr} & I_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s+1 & s^3 & s+2 & (s+1)^2 \\ 0 & s+1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Since

$$S_{F(s)}^\infty = \text{diag} \left[ s^3, 1, 1, \frac{1}{s} \right]$$

Now since  $|T(s)| = |T(s)| = (s+1)^2$ ,  $n := \deg |T(s)| = 2$  and  $T(s)$  has also one finite zero at  $s = -1$  of multiplicity 2, i.e.  $\Sigma$  has 3 *system poles* in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$ , two finite ones at  $s = -1$  and one at  $s = \infty$ . Since  $S_{[T(s), \mathcal{U}]}^\infty = [\text{diag} [s^3, 1, 1, 1, 1, \frac{1}{s}], 0_{62}]$ ,  $[T(s), \mathcal{U}]$  has a zero at  $s = \infty$  which implies that the *system pole* at  $s = \infty$  of  $\Sigma$  is an *input decoupling zero* of  $\Sigma$  at  $s = \infty$  which is canceled out when the transfer function matrix  $G(s)$  is formed and so it does not appear as a *pole* at  $s = \infty$  of  $G(s)$  which due to this cancellation is proper. Also since  $S_{\begin{bmatrix} T(s) \\ \mathcal{V} \end{bmatrix}}^\infty =$

$\begin{bmatrix} \text{diag} [s^3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] \\ 0_{26} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} T(s) \\ \mathcal{V} \end{bmatrix}$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$  and thus  $\Sigma$  has no *output decoupling zeros* at  $s = \infty$ . The *generalized order* of  $\Sigma$  is  $f = n + \sum_{i=\bar{v}+1}^{\tau} \hat{q}_i(T) = 2 + 1 = 3 = \delta_M [T(s)] > \delta_M [G(s)] = n = 2$ .

*Theorem 10:* Consider the system  $\Sigma$  described by the left PMD in 1,2. Let

$$u(t) = v(t) - K\beta(t)$$

where  $K \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times p}$  so that the closed loop system is described by

$$[A(\rho) + B(\rho)K]\beta(t) = B(\rho)v(t) \quad (17)$$

Then 17 is *internally proper* or equivalently

$$F_K(s) := \begin{bmatrix} A(s) + B(s)K & B(s) \\ 0_{mp} & I_m \end{bmatrix}$$

has no zeros at  $s = \infty$  iff  $\Sigma$  has no input decoupling zeros at  $s = \infty$  or equivalently iff  $[A(s), B(s)]$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$ .

*Proof:*

(only if)  $\exists K \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times p} : F_K(s)$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty \Rightarrow [A(s), B(s)]$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$ .

We have

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(s) + B(s)K & B(s) \\ 0_{mp} & I_m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ -K & I_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_p & 0 \\ K & I_m \end{bmatrix}$$

therefore  $F(s)$  and  $F_K(s)$  have the same pole-zero structure at  $s = \infty$  and :  $F_K(s)$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty \Rightarrow F(s)$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$ . So as the candidates for decoupling zeros at infinity are the zeros at infinity of  $T(s)$  or equivalently of  $F(s)$  and  $F(s)$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$  i.e.  $\Sigma$  has no decoupling zeros at infinity or equivalently  $[A(s), B(s)]$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$ .

(if)  $[A(s), B(s)]$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty \Rightarrow \exists K \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times p} : F_K(s)$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$ .

For this proof we will need the following

*Lemma 11:* There exists  $K \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times p}$  such that

$$R(s) := \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ -K & I_m \end{bmatrix}$$

has no zeros at  $s = \infty$  iff  $[A(s), B(s)]$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$ .

$$[A(s), B(s)] = D(s)^{-1} [N_A(s), N_B(s)]$$

$$R(s) = \begin{bmatrix} D(s) & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} N_A(s) & N_B(s) \\ -K & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$[A(s), B(s)]$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty \Rightarrow \text{rank} [N_A(\infty), N_B(\infty)] = p \Rightarrow$  there exists  $K \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times p} :$

$$\text{rank} \begin{bmatrix} N_A(\infty) & N_B(\infty) \\ -K & I \end{bmatrix} = p + m$$

$R(s)$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$ .

*Proof:*  $\left( \begin{array}{l} R(s) \text{ has no zeros at } s = \infty \\ \Rightarrow [A(s), B(s)] \text{ has no zeros at } s = \infty \end{array} \right)$ .

We now go back to the proof of (if). Let that  $[A(s), B(s)]$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$ .

$$[A(s), B(s)]$$

Let  $K \in \mathbf{R}^{m \times p}$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ -K & I_m \end{bmatrix}$$

has no zeros at  $s = \infty$ . Then from

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ -K & I_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_p & 0 \\ K & I_m \end{bmatrix} \\ = & \begin{bmatrix} A(s) + B(s)K & B(s) \\ 0 & I_m \end{bmatrix} = F_K(s) \end{aligned}$$

it follows that  $\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ -K & I_m \end{bmatrix}$  and  $F_K(s)$  have the same pole-zero structure in  $\mathbf{C} \cup \{\infty\}$  and since  $\begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ -K & I_m \end{bmatrix}$  has no zeros at  $s = \infty$  so does  $F_K(s)$

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