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Then using the results above one shows that

$$\underline{t} \underline{s}(\overline{0(\kappa)}) = \overline{0(\kappa)}, \underline{s} \underline{t}(\overline{U(\kappa)}) = U(\kappa)$$

so that t and s set up a bijective correspondence between the closures of orbits in the two cases and hence induce a bijective order preserving correspondence between the sets of orbits themselves.

## 8. VECTORBUNDLES AND SYSTEMS

This section contains a modified version of the construction of Hermann-Martin [14] associating a vector bundle  $E(\Sigma)$  over the Riemann sphere  $\mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{C})$  to every  $\Sigma = (A, B) \in L^{cr}_{m, n}$ . This version makes it almost trivial to see that  $E(\Sigma)$ splits as a direct sum of line bundles  $L(\kappa_i)$ , i = 1, ..., m where  $\kappa = (\kappa_1, ..., \kappa_m)$  is the set of Kronecker indices of  $\Sigma$ .

The first thing needed is some more information on the universal bundle  $\xi_m$ .

8.1. On the Universal Bundle  $\xi_m \to \mathbf{G}_n(\mathbf{C}^{n+m})$ . Let V be a complex n + m dimensional vector space and  $V^* = \operatorname{Hom}_{\mathbf{C}}(V, \mathbf{C})$  its dual vector space. Given  $x \in \mathbf{G}_n(\mathbf{C}^{n+m})$  define  $x^* = \{y \in V^* \mid \langle y, v \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } x \in V\}$  where  $\langle , \rangle$  denotes the usual pairing  $V^* \times V \to \mathbf{C}$ . Then  $x^*$  is m-dimensional and  $x \mapsto x^*$  defines a holomorphic isomorphism

$$(8.2) d: \mathbf{G}_n(V) \to \mathbf{G}_m(V^*) .$$

Now  $v \in V/x$  defines a unique homomorphism  $v^T : x^* \to \mathbf{C}$  as follows:

 $v^{T}(a) = \langle a, \tilde{v} \rangle$  for all  $a \in x^{*}$ , where  $\tilde{v} \in V$  is any representative of v. This is well defined because  $\langle a, b \rangle = 0$  for all  $b \in x$  if  $a \in x^{*}$ . This defines an isomorphism between the pullback  $(d^{-1}) \xi_{m}$  and the dual of the subbundle  $\eta_{m}$  on  $G_{m}(V^{*})$  defined by

$$\eta_m = \{ (x^*, w) \in \mathbf{G}_m(V^*) \times V^* \mid w \in x^* \}$$

It follows that  $\xi_m$  is a subbundle of an n + m dimensional trivial bundle  $G_n(\mathbb{C}^{n+m}) \times \mathbb{C}^{n+m}$ . Because  $G_n(\mathbb{C}^{n+m})$  is projective (compact) all holomorphic maps  $G_n(\mathbb{C}^{n+m}) \to \mathbb{C}$  are constant so that the space of holomorphic sections  $\Gamma(G_n(\mathbb{C}^{n+m}) \times \mathbb{C}^{n+m}, G_n(\mathbb{C}^{n+m}))$  is of dimension n + m. As a subbundle of a trivial (n+m)-dimensional bundle  $\xi_m$  can therefore have at most (n+m) linearly

independent holomorphic sections. But we have already found (n+m) linearly independent sections viz. the  $\varepsilon_1, ..., \varepsilon_{n+m}$  defined by  $\varepsilon_i(x) = e_i \mod x$  where  $e_i$  is the *i*-th standard basis vector of  $\mathbf{C}^{n+m}$ . Therefore

(8.3) 
$$\dim \Gamma(\xi_m, \mathbf{G}_n(\mathbf{C}^{n+m})) = n + m$$

Now let  $A \in \mathbf{GL}_{n+m}(\mathbf{C})$ . Then A induces a holomorphic automorphism  $A^*$  of  $\mathbf{G}_m(\mathbf{C}^{n+m})$  defined by  $x \mapsto Ax$ . Then, of course, there is an induced isomorphism  $A^{-1}: \mathbf{C}^{n+m}/Ax \to \mathbf{C}^{n+m}/x$  which for varying x induces an isomorphism

(8.4) 
$$A \stackrel{!}{*} \xi_m \simeq \xi_m, A \in \operatorname{GL}_{n+m}(\mathbf{C})$$

8.5. The Line Bundles L(i) over  $P^1(C)$ . The Riemann sphere  $P^1(C) = S^2$  can be obtained by gluing together two copies of C along the open subsets  $C \setminus \{0\}$  by the isomorphism

$$\mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\} \to \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}, s \mapsto t = s^{-1}$$

A line bundle over  $\mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{C})$  is then obtained by giving a holomorphic isomorphism  $\mathbf{C}\setminus\{0\} \times \mathbf{C} \to \mathbf{C}\setminus\{0\} \times \mathbf{C}$  linear in the second variable compatible with the above isomorphism. Obviously the only possibilities are  $(s, v) \to (s^{-1}, s^i v)$  for  $i \in \mathbf{Z}$ . This gives us the following commutative diagram identifications

The corresponding holomorphic line bundle is denoted L(-i). A section of L(-i) consists of two holomorphic mappings  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$  of the form  $s \to (s, f(s))$ ,  $t \to (t, g(t))$  such that  $s^i f(s) = g(s^{-1})$ . It readily follows that f(s) must be a polynomial of degree  $\leq -i$ . Thus

(8.6) 
$$\dim \Gamma(L(i)) = 0 \qquad \text{if } i < 0$$

(8.7) 
$$\dim \Gamma(L(i)) = i + 1 \quad \text{if } i \ge 0$$

8.8. The (modified) Hermann-Martin vectorbundle of a system. Let  $\Sigma = (A, B)$  be a pair of real or complex matrices of sizes  $n \times n$  and  $n \times m$ . Then (A, B) is completely reachable (cr) iff the  $n \times (n+m)$  matrix (sI - A; B) is of rank n for all complex values of s. So if  $\Sigma = (A, B)$  is cr one can define a holomorphic map  $\psi_{\Sigma}$  by

(8.9) 
$$\psi_{\Sigma}: \mathbf{P}^{1}(\mathbf{C}) \to \mathbf{G}_{n}(\mathbf{C}^{n+m}), s \mapsto \operatorname{Row}(sI - A; B), \infty \mapsto \operatorname{Row}(I; 0)$$

where  $\operatorname{Row}(M)$  for an  $n \times (m+n)$  matrix M denotes the subspace of  $\mathbb{C}^{n+m}$  generated by the rows of M. The vector bundle  $E(\Sigma)$  over  $\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$  is now defined by

$$(8.10) E(\Sigma) = \psi_{\Sigma}^{!} \xi_{m}$$

8.11. Proposition.  $E(\Sigma)$  depends only on the feedback orbit of  $\Sigma$ .

Indeed one easily checks that  $\Sigma = (A, B), \Sigma' = (A', B') \in L_{m, n}^{cr}$  are feedback equivalent (cf. 2.6 above) iff there are constant invertible matrices P, Q such that

$$P(sI-A; B)Q = (sI-A'; B').$$

Now  $\operatorname{Row}(PM) = \operatorname{Row}(M)$  and postmultiplication with Q changes  $\psi_{\Sigma}$  to  $Q_* \circ \psi_{\Sigma}$  and

$$E(\Sigma') = \psi_{\Sigma}^{!}(\xi_{m}) = \psi_{\Sigma}^{!}(Q \downarrow \xi_{m}) \simeq (\psi_{\Sigma}^{!}(\xi_{m}) = E(\Sigma))$$

by 8.4 above, proving the proposition.

Thus to determine  $E(\Sigma)$  we can assume that  $\Sigma = (A, B)$  is in Brunowsky canonical form which means that A, B takes the form



in case m = 3, where  $(\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3) = \kappa(A, B)$  are the Kronecker indices of  $\Sigma = (A, B)$ . (The general case is evident from this example); every  $(A, B) \in U(\kappa)$  is feedback equivalent to such a pair [30, 9]. The matrix (sI - A; B) is now easily written down, and one observes that for all

$$s \neq 0, \infty, e_1 \equiv e_2 \equiv \dots \equiv e_{\kappa_1} \equiv e_{n+1} \mod \operatorname{Row}(sI - A; B),$$

i.e. mod  $\psi_{\Sigma}(s)$  and for s = 0,  $e_2 \equiv ... \equiv e_{\kappa_1} \equiv e_{n+1} \equiv 0$  but  $e_1 \neq 0$  and for  $s \doteq \infty$ ,  $e_1 \equiv ... \equiv e_{\kappa_1} \equiv 0$  and  $e_{n+1} \neq 0$ . It follows that the vectors

$$\varepsilon_1(\psi_{\Sigma}(s)), ..., \varepsilon_{\kappa_1}(\psi_{\Sigma}(s)), \varepsilon_{n+1}(\psi_{\Sigma}(s))$$

span a one-dimensional subspace of  $\xi_m(\psi_{\Sigma}(s))$  for all s so that  $E(\Sigma) \simeq \psi_{\Sigma}^{!}\xi_m$  contains a line bundle  $L_1$  which admits at least  $\kappa_1 + 1$  linearly independent holomorphic sections viz. the  $\varepsilon_1, ..., \varepsilon_{\kappa_1}, \varepsilon_{n+1}$ . Similar relations hold for

$$\varepsilon_{\kappa_1+\ldots+\kappa_{i-1}+1}, ..., \varepsilon_{\kappa_1+\ldots+\kappa_i}, \varepsilon_{n+1}$$

for all i = 1, ..., m giving us subbundles  $L_i$ , i = 1, ..., m which admit at least  $\kappa_i + 1$  linearly independent holomorphic sections. This exhausts the  $\varepsilon_i$  and because the  $\varepsilon_1(x), ..., \varepsilon_{n+m}(x)$  span  $\xi_m(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbf{G}_n(\mathbf{C}^{n+m})$  it follows that  $E(\Sigma) = \bigoplus L_i$ . As the pullback of the bundle  $\xi_m$ ,  $E(\Sigma)$  itself is a subbundle of an (n+m)-dimensional trivial bundle. Because  $\mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{C})$  is projective it follows (as before) that  $E(\Sigma)$  has at most n + m linearly independent holomorphic sections. But  $L_i$  has at least  $\kappa_i + 1$  linearly independent sections, hence  $\bigoplus L_i$  has at least  $\Sigma(\kappa_i+1) = n + m$  linearly independent sections which proves that  $L_i$  has precisely  $\kappa_i + 1$  linearly independent sections and hence identifies  $L_i$  as the bundle  $L(\kappa_i)$  described above in (8.5). We have reproved the theorem of Hermann and Martin [14].

8.12. Theorem. Keeping the notations introduced above in (8.10) and (8.5) we have  $E(\Sigma) \simeq \bigoplus_{i=1}^{m} L(\kappa_i)$ .

Still another proof of this theorem, using the Riemann-Roch theorem is found in Byrnes [33].

8.13. The Correspondence B. (cf. the diagram in section 5 above). The mapping  $\Sigma \mapsto E(\Sigma)$  is obviously continuous. Thus the result  $\overline{U(\kappa)} \supset U(\lambda) \leftrightarrow \kappa$ . >  $\lambda$  can be deduced from Shatz's theorem (cf. 2.9). Inversely Shatz's theorem for positive bundles over  $\mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{C})$  can be deduced from the result on feedback orbits because every positive bundle arises as an  $E(\Sigma)$ . By tensoring with a suitable L(r), r high enough, the result is then extended to arbitrary bundles over  $\mathbf{P}^1(\mathbf{C})$ .

# 9. VECTORBUNDLES, SYSTEMS AND SCHUBERT CELLS

9.1. Partitions and Schubert-cells. Let  $\kappa$  be a partition of n. To  $\kappa$  we associate the following increasing sequence of n numbers  $\tau(\kappa)$ .