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**Abstract**

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1. The range of questions encompassed by the theory of invariance of automatic-control systems<sup>(1-3)</sup> includes the problem of insensitivity of a system to changes in its parameters, or the problem of parametric invariance. With the study of this question in mind, consider the system of linear differential equations

$$\dot{x} = Ax \tag{1}$$

with initial conditions  $x(0) = x_0$  and the scalar function

$$y = c'x. \tag{2}$$

Here  $x$  is an  $n$ -dimensional vector,  $x = x(t)$ , and  $A$  is a constant  $n \times n$  matrix. Along with the original system, consider the system

$$\dot{x} = (A + B)x, \tag{3}$$

where  $B$  is a variation of the matrix  $A$ , and find the conditions under which the function  $y$  is unchanged on the solutions of (1) and (3), i.e.

$$c'e^{(A+B)t}x_0 = c'e^{At}x_0, \tag{4}$$

or

$$c' \left[ E + (A + B)t + \frac{(A + B)^2}{2!}t^2 + \dots \right] x_0 = c' \left[ E + At + \frac{A^2t^2}{2!} + \dots \right] x_0. \tag{5}$$

Since  $x_0$  is an arbitrary vector from the space  $R^n = \{x : x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)\}$ , (5) holds if and only if the row

$$c' \left\{ [(A + B)t - At] + \left[ \frac{(A + B)^2}{2!}t^2 - \frac{A^2t^2}{2!} \right] + \dots \right\}$$

is equal to zero. Hence we obtain:

$$c' B = 0, \quad c' AB = 0, \dots, \quad c' A^{mB} = 0, \dots \quad (6)$$

Of the equalities (6), only the first  $r$  are independent, where  $r$  is the maximum number of linearly independent vectors in the set  $c', c' A, \dots, c' A^n$ . Thus, finally, we have the necessary and sufficient conditions for parametric invariance

$$c' B = 0, \quad c' AB = 0, \dots, \quad c' A^{r-1} B = 0. \quad (7)$$

We note that these conditions, as sufficient ones, can be obtained from the results of L. I. Rozonoer <sup>(3)</sup>.

**2.** We now extend conditions (7) to the case of a nonstationary matrix  $B = B(t)$ ;  $B(t)$  is a matrix of continuous functions.

The general solution of system (3) in this case is represented in the form of the matricant <sup>(4)</sup>

$$\Omega_0^t x_0 = \left( E + \int_0^t [A + B(\tau)] d\tau + \int_0^t [A + B(\tau)] \int_0^\tau [A + B(\xi)] d\xi d\tau + \dots \right) x_0, \quad (8)$$

and condition (4) is replaced by the condition

$$c' (\Omega_0^t - e^{At}) x_0 = 0, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (9)$$

The necessary and sufficient conditions for parametric invariance are obtained in the form

$$c' B(t) = 0, \quad c' AB(t) = 0, \dots, \quad c' A^{r-1} B(t) = 0, \quad |t \geq 0. \quad (7')$$

The sufficiency of conditions (7') follows obviously from direct substitution of (7') into (9), taking (8) into account.

To prove necessity, suppose that equality (9) holds, but at some instant  $t = \theta$  one of the equalities (7') is not satisfied:

$$c' A^i B(\theta) \neq 0,$$

where  $i$  takes one of the values  $0, 1, \dots, r - 1$ .

Let  $m$  be the smallest of such numbers. By the continuity of  $c' A^{mB}(t)$ , it differs from zero also on some interval  $[\theta_1, \theta_2]$ . Then

$$\int_{\theta_1}^t c' A^m \frac{\tau^m}{m!} B(\tau) d\tau \neq 0, \quad t \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]. \quad (10)$$

But, up to terms of higher order of smallness,

$$c' (\Omega_0^t - e^{At}) x_0 = \left( \int_{\theta_1}^t c' A^m B(\tau) \frac{\tau^m}{m!} \right) \Omega_0^{\theta_1} x_0;$$

therefore (10) contradicts condition (9), which proves the necessity of (7').

3. Let us clarify the structure of the matrix  $B$  satisfying conditions (7). It follows from (7) that the vector  $b$  can be taken as a column of the matrix  $B$  if and only if it is orthogonal to each of the vectors

$$c', c' A, \dots, c' A^{r-1}, \quad (11)$$

i.e., if it belongs to the orthogonal complement in  $R^n$  to the subspace  $M^r$  spanned by the vectors of the set (11). Denote this orthogonal complement by  $R^n - M^r$ . Then the vector  $b$  is represented in the form

$$b = \sum_{s=1}^{n-r} \gamma_s f_s, \quad (12)$$

where

$$f = [f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{n-r}] \quad (13)$$

is a basis in  $R^n - M^r$ , which is constructed by known methods (5).

4. For illustration and in order to clarify the physical meaning of the conditions of parametric invariance, consider a second-order system.

Let

$$c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (14)$$

If we introduce the notation of the varied values of the coefficients

$$d_{ij} = a_{ij} + b_{ij}, \quad (15)$$

then the conditions of parametric invariance (7) can be reduced to the form

$$d_{11} + d_{21} = d_{12} + d_{22} = \text{const.} \quad (16)$$

The system is realized in the form of a structure with two channels for forming the invariant quantity  $y$ . In attempting to construct a single-channel system with the vector

$$c = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

the conditions of parametric invariance lead to the trivial degenerate scheme of an open-loop system.

5. Thus, the problem of parametric invariance for the linear system (1), under stationary and nonstationary variations  $B$  of the matrix  $A$ , has a solution in the form of the system of vector equalities (7) or (7'). These equalities are solved with respect to  $B$  by means of the procedure described above. Consideration of the physical realizability of the conditions of parametric invariance emphasizes the significance of the principle of two-channel structure put forward by B. N. Petrov <sup>1,2</sup>.

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