

## *A Topic of Quadratic First Integral of Linear Symplectic System*

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### Abstract

It is shown that every quadratic first integral of a linear symplectic system is expressed as a linear combination of quadratic forms constructed from generalized eigenvectors corresponding to four coupled eigenvalues.

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### 1. Problem and preliminaries

In this introductory section, the problem to be treated is presented and a few preliminaries are arranged.

Let  $T$  denote a  $2N$ -dimensional real symplectic matrix, that is,

$$(1) \quad T'JT = J, \quad \text{where} \quad J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

where the dash means matrix transposed. Throughout the paper, we suppose that  $T$  does not have eigenvalues  $\pm 1$ , and  $W_a$  and  $\tilde{W}_a$  denote the eigenspace and the generalized eigenspace of  $T$  corresponding to an eigenvalue  $a$ , respectively. We consider the linear recurrence on  $R^{2N}$  which is a discrete version of a linear Hamiltonian system:

$$(2) \quad x_{n+1} = Tx_n \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots).$$

By supposition, the recurrence has no 2-periodic point except for the origin. A function  $f$  on  $R^{2N}$  is called *an invariant* of (2) if its value remains constant along every solution  $\{x_n\}$  of (2). For any real symmetric matrix  $S$ , the quadratic form

$x'Sx/2$  is denoted by  $S[x]$ , and an invariant  $S[x]$  is called a *quadratic invariant*. Our problem is to make clear the structure of quadratic invariants of a discrete Hamiltonian system. Let us start by showing an obvious but basic lemma.

**Lemma 1.**  $S[x]$  is a quadratic invariant of (2) if and only if

$$(3) \quad T'ST = S, \quad \text{or} \quad (T')^{-1}ST^{-1} = S.$$

The symbol  $\Omega$  is used to mean the set of all coefficient matrices of quadratic invariants:

$$\Omega = \{S \in M(2N, R) \mid T'ST = S, S' = S\}.$$

For the time being, we assume that matrices and vectors are complex-valued, the field of scalars being  $C$ , and  $L$  and  $\langle, \rangle$  mean  $C^{2N}$  and a symplectic inner product  $\langle x, y \rangle = x'Jy$  on  $L$ .

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_u$  be linearly independent vectors. Then, the  $u^2$  matrices defined by  $(J\xi_i)(J\xi_j)'$  are linearly independent, and further, it holds that  $(T')^{-1}\{(J\xi_i)(J\xi_j)'\}T^{-1} = \{J(T\xi_i)\}\{J(T\xi_j)'\}$ .

*Proof.* Choose a vector  $\eta$  subject to  $(J\xi_j)'\eta \neq 0$  and  $(J\xi_i)'\eta = 0$  ( $i \neq j$ ). Put  $\sum c_{ij}(J\xi_i)(J\xi_j)' = 0$  and multiply  $\eta$  from the right, and it follows that  $\sum_i ((J\xi_j)'\eta) \cdot c_{ij}J\xi_i = 0$ . Since  $J\xi_i$  are linearly independent, we have  $c_{ij} = 0$ . The second assertion is obvious due to  $T'JT = J$ .

## 2. Quadratic invariant

This section is devoted to determination of all quadratic invariants.

Let  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_u\}$  and  $\{\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_v\}$  be generalized eigenvectors of  $T$  which form two distinct Jordan blocks with eigenvalues  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} T\xi_1 &= a\xi_1, & T\xi_i &= a\xi_i + \xi_{i-1} & (2 \leq i \leq u), \\ T\eta_1 &= b\eta_1, & T\eta_i &= b\eta_i + \eta_{i-1} & (2 \leq i \leq v), \end{aligned}$$

For every vector  $\zeta$ ,  $\xi_u \neq (T - aI)\zeta$  and  $\eta_v \neq (T - bI)\zeta$ .

We define  $uv$  matrices  $M_{ij}$  and introduce a linear combination  $S$  of them:

$$(4) \quad M_{ij} = (J\xi_i)(J\eta_j)' \quad (1 \leq i \leq u, 1 \leq j \leq v), \quad S = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq u, 1 \leq j \leq v} c_{ij}M_{ij}.$$

where  $c_{ij}$  are complex constants. Our first schedule is to obtain a condition that  $S$  satisfies (3) by disregarding a restriction that  $S$  is either real or symmetric.

Owing to Lemma 2,  $(T^{-1})'ST^{-1}$  is equal to  $S$ , if and only if all of the

following equations hold good.

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - ab)c_{uv} &= 0, \\ (1 - ab)c_{iv} &= bc_{i+1,v} \quad (1 \leq i \leq u - 1), \\ (1 - ab)c_{uj} &= ac_{u,j+1} \quad (1 \leq j \leq v - 1), \\ (1 - ab)c_{ij} &= ac_{i,j+1} + bc_{i+1,j} + c_{i+1,j+1} \quad (1 \leq i \leq u - 1, 1 \leq j \leq v - 1). \end{aligned}$$

By  $m$  is denoted  $\min(i, j)$ . When  $ab \neq 1$ , it is easy to prove that all of  $c_{ij}$  vanish. When  $ab = 1$ ,  $c_{ij}$  vanishes for  $i + j > m + 1$  and the remaining coefficients are subject to  $ac_{i,j+1} + bc_{i+1,j} + c_{i+1,j+1} = 0$ . Concerning the latter ones, we put

$$c_{ij} = (-a/b)^{i-1} f_{(m+1)-(i+j)}(i) \quad (2 \leq i + j \leq m + 1).$$

Then, the equations among the remaining  $c_{ij}$  turn out to be equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} (5) \quad f_0(i) &= \text{arb. const.}, \quad f_k(1) = \text{arb. const.} \quad (0 \leq k \leq m - 1), \\ f_{k+1}(i) &= f_{k+1}(1) - \frac{1}{b} (f_k(2) + f_k(3) + \dots + f_k(i)) \\ &\quad (1 \leq k \leq m - 2, 2 \leq i \leq m + 1 - k). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have attained the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.** *With respect to matrices which are linear combinations of  $M_{ij}$  and satisfy (3), the followings hold good.*

- (a) *When  $ab \neq 1$ , there exists no non-zero matrix.*
- (b) *When  $ab = 1$ , there are  $m$  linearly independent matrices  $S_k$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} (6) \quad S_k &= f_{k-1}(1)M_{1,m+1-k} + (-a^2)f_{k-1}(2)M_{2,m-k} \\ &\quad + \dots + (-a^2)^{m-k}f_{k-1}(m+1-k)M_{m+1-k,1} \quad (1 \leq k \leq m), \end{aligned}$$

where  $f_k(i)$  are constants defined by (5).

According to Lemma 2, an arbitrary matrix  $S$  is expressed as a linear combination of  $(J\xi_i)(J\xi_j)'$ , where  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots\}$  denotes a whole of eigenvectors and generalized ones and is a basis of  $L$ . By use of Lemmas 2 and 3, we have the following immediately.

**Lemma 4.** *A matrix  $S$  satisfies (3), if and only if  $S$  is expressed as a linear combination of matrices  $S_k$  which are constructed from all combinations of generalized eigenvectors with eigenvalues  $a$  and  $1/a$  in a manner as in (6).*

Now, we are in a position to study quadratic invariants. Since the coefficient matrix of a quadratic invariant is real and symmetric, two conditions  $S' = S$  and

$\bar{S} = S$  must be satisfied besides (3). Define  $S_k$  under the condition  $f_{k-1}(1) \neq 0$  ( $k = 1, \dots, m$ ). Then, according to Lemma 2,  $\bar{S}_k \neq S_k$  and  $S_k + \bar{S}_k$  are linearly independent. Furthermore, put, for each  $S_k$ ,

$$(7) \quad U_k = \frac{1}{4}(S_k + \bar{S}_k + S'_k + \bar{S}'_k) \quad V_k = \frac{\sqrt{-1}}{4}(S_k - \bar{S}_k + S'_k - \bar{S}'_k) \quad (1 \leq k \leq m),$$

and the matrices  $U_k$  and  $V_k$  belong to  $\Omega$ , since  $T'S'T = S'$  and  $T'\bar{S}T = \bar{S}$  follow automatically from  $T'ST = S$ . Due to Lemma 4, every element of  $\Omega$  is expressed as a linear combination of  $U_k$  and  $V_k$  with real coefficients, though they are not necessarily linearly independent.

It is well known that if  $a$  is an eigenvalue of a real symplectic matrix, so are  $1/a$ ,  $\bar{a}$ , and  $1/\bar{a}$  [1]. The above matrices  $U_k$  and  $V_k$  are constructed from the vectors selected from the four generalized eigenspaces, in other words, they depend on a quartette of  $\tilde{W}_a, \tilde{W}_{1/a}, \tilde{W}_{\bar{a}}$ , and  $\tilde{W}_{1/\bar{a}}$ . Hereafter, we adopt a convention that  $a$  means an eigenvalue subject to

$$(8) \quad |a| \geq 1, \quad 0 \leq \arg(a) \leq \pi.$$

By means of this, only one eigenvalue is selected among the four. Next, suppose that  $\tilde{W}_a$  is a direct sum of  $u$  subspaces  $B_i$  corresponding to respective Jordan blocks. We choose a set of generalized eigenvectors as follows.

$$(9) \quad \begin{aligned} B_i &= \text{span} \{ \xi_1^{(i)}, \dots, \xi_{j(i)}^{(i)} \}, \quad i = 1, \dots, u, & \text{s. t.} \\ T\xi_j^{(i)} &= a\xi_j^{(i)} + (1 - \delta_{j1})\xi_{j-1}^{(i)}, \quad j = 1, \dots, j(i), & j(1) \geq j(2) \geq \dots \geq j(u), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\dim \tilde{W}_a = j(1) + \dots + j(u)$ . In this case, there exists a unique basis  $\{ \eta_j^{(\beta)} \}$  of  $\tilde{W}_{1/a}$  which satisfy  $\langle \xi_i^{(\alpha)}, \eta_j^{(\beta)} \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$ , and  $\tilde{W}_{1/a}$  is a direct sum of the following  $u$  subspaces (Appendix 2).

$$C_i = \text{span} \{ (T - I/a)^{j(i)-1} \eta_1^{(i)}, (T - I/a)^{j(i)-2} \eta_1^{(i)}, \dots, \eta_1^{(i)} \} \quad (i = 1, \dots, u).$$

Here,  $(T - I/a)^{j(i)-1} \eta_1^{(i)}$  is an eigenvector. As is easily seen,  $B_i$  and  $C_j$  are skew-orthogonal to each other when  $i \neq j$ . With respect to the remaining two generalized eigenspaces, we may define subspaces  $\bar{B}_i$  and  $\bar{C}_j$  similarly.

Now, under the condition that  $\pm 1$  are not eigenvalues, the four values may be reduced. To be concrete, there are three cases with respect to eigenvalues.

- (a) Case of  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a > 1$ :  $\bar{a} = a$ .
- (b) Case of  $|a| = 1$  and  $0 < \arg(a) < \pi$ :  $a = 1/\bar{a}$ .
- (c) Case of  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $|a| > 1$ : Four eigenvalues.

Case (a). Since all generalized eigenvectors can be selected as real-valued,  $V_k$  vanish in (7). Then, according to Lemma 3, we obtain  $j(1) + 3j(2) + \dots + (2u - 1)j(u)$  linearly independent quadratic invariants from combination of  $B_i$  and  $C_j$ .

Case (b). In this case,  $B_i$  equals to  $\bar{C}_i$ . Then, from combination of  $B_i$  and  $C_i$ , only  $U_k$  are obtained, whereas neither  $U_k$  nor  $V_k$  vanish when  $i \neq j$ . Then, we have  $j(1) + 5j(2) + \dots + (4u - 3)j(u)$  linearly independent quadratic invariants related to an eigenvalue  $a$ .

Case (c). For all combinations of  $B_i$  and  $C_j$ , both  $U_k$  and  $V_k$  are obtained. Then,  $2j(1) + 6j(2) + \dots + (4u - 2)j(u)$  linearly independent quadratic invariants are obtained.

For an eigenvalue  $a$ , we put

$$\begin{aligned} j(1) + 3j(2) + \dots + (2u - 1)j(u) & \text{ Case (a),} \\ \text{num}(a) = j(1) + 5j(2) + \dots + (4u - 3)j(u) & \text{ Case (b),} \\ 2j(1) + 6j(2) + \dots + (4u - 2)j(u) & \text{ Case (c).} \end{aligned}$$

Then, the following theorem holds good.

**Theorem 1.** *The discrete system (2) admits  $\Sigma'$  num(a) linearly independent quadratic invariants, where  $\Sigma'$  means summation over eigenvalues subject to (8).*

Let us pay attention to the fact that if  $V_k$  does not vanish, its rank equals to 4, and if  $U_k$  does not vanish, its rank equals to 4 or 2. Furthermore, because of Lemma 4, rank  $U_k$  is 2, if and only if there exist non-zero vectors  $\xi$  and  $\eta$  such that  $T\xi = a\xi$  and  $T\eta = (1/a)\eta$ , where  $a$  is real, or complex with the absolute value one. In the former case, the signature of  $U_k$  is (1, 1), while in the latter case  $U_k$  is (semi) positive-definite. This leads to the following corollary.

**Corollary 1.** *The discrete system (2) leaves a 2-dimensional plane  $\Gamma$  invariant, and every solution on  $\Gamma$  lies on an elliptic curve, if and only if (2) admits a quadratic invariant  $S[x]$  such that  $S$  is (semi) positive-definite and is of rank 2. In this case,  $\Gamma$  is characterized as  $J \cdot \text{Im}(S)$ .*

### 3. Remarks on symmetry generated by quadratic invariant

According to [2], the whole of quadratic invariants is closed with respect to the Poisson bracket [1], and forms a Lie algebra  $\Theta$ . The Poisson bracket is represented on  $\Omega$  as follows.

$$\{S, T\} = SJT - TJS.$$

Returning to  $M_{ij}$  defined by (4), we consider  $M_1 = (J\xi_1)(j\eta_1)'$  and  $M_2 = (J\xi_2)(J\eta_2)'$ . Then, it follows that

$$\{M_1, M_2\} = \langle \eta_1, \xi_2 \rangle (J\xi_1)(J\eta_2)' - \langle \eta_2, \xi_1 \rangle (J\xi_2)(J\eta_1)'.$$

Due to Appendix 1, we can see that  $\{M_1, M_2\}$  vanishes, if  $\{\xi_1, \eta_1\}$  and  $\{\xi_2, \eta_2\}$  belong to different quartettes of the four generalized eigenspaces mentioned in the previous section. Therefore,  $U_k$  and  $V_k$  in §3 form a closed subalgebra and  $\Theta$  is a direct sum of these subalgebras. In a word, the symmetry group generated by quadratic invariants is determined only by the structure of respective generalized eigenspaces.

Appendix 1. *Skew-orthogonality of  $\tilde{W}_a$  and  $\tilde{W}_b$  ( $ab \neq 1$ ).*

Let  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_u\}$  and  $\{\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_v\}$  be generalized eigenvectors of  $T$  which form two distinct Jordan blocks subject to (9). Then, since  $T$  is symplectic, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \xi_i, \eta_j \rangle &= ab \langle \xi_i, \eta_j \rangle + a(1 - \delta_{j1}) \langle \xi_i, \eta_{j-1} \rangle + b(1 - \delta_{i1}) \langle \xi_{i-1}, \eta_j \rangle \\ &\quad + (1 - \delta_{j1})(1 - \delta_{i1}) \langle \xi_{i-1}, \eta_{j-1} \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

When  $ab \neq 1$ , we find that every  $\langle \xi_i, \eta_j \rangle$  vanishes, starting from  $\langle \xi_1, \eta_1 \rangle = 0$ . Then, by considering all combinations of Jordan blocks,  $\tilde{W}_a$  proves to be skew-orthogonal to  $\tilde{W}_b$ . In particular, when  $a \neq \pm 1$ ,  $\tilde{W}_a$  is skew-orthogonal to itself, that is, null.

Appendix 2. *Commutation relation between  $\tilde{W}_a$  and  $\tilde{W}_{1/a}$  ( $a \neq 1$ ).*

Suppose that  $\tilde{W}_a$  is a direct sum of  $u$  Jordan blocks  $K_1, \dots, K_u$ , and  $K_i$  is spanned by a set of generalized eigenvectors  $\{\xi_1^{(i)}, \xi_2^{(i)}, \dots, \xi_{j(i)}^{(i)}\}$  subject to  $T\xi_j^{(i)} = a\xi_j^{(i)} + (1 - \delta_{j1})\xi_{j-1}^{(i)}$ . Then, the followings hold good.

- (1) There is a unique basis  $\{\eta_1^{(1)}, \dots, \eta_{j(1)}^{(1)}, \dots, \eta_1^{(u)}, \dots, \eta_{j(u)}^{(u)}\}$  of  $\tilde{W}_{1/a}$  such that  $\langle \xi_i^{(\alpha)}, \eta_j^{(\beta)} \rangle = \delta_{ij} \delta_{\alpha\beta}$ .
- (2) For any  $i$  subject to  $1 \leq i \leq u$ , it holds that  $(T - I/a)^k \eta_1^{(i)} \neq 0$  ( $0 \leq k \leq j(i) - 1$ ) and  $(T - I/a)^{j(i)} \eta_1^{(i)} = 0$ . In other words,  $\{(T - I/a)^k \eta_1^{(i)}\}_{k=j(i)-1, \dots, 0}$  constructs a Jordan block in  $\tilde{W}_{1/a}$ .
- (3)  $(T - I/a)^k \eta_1^{(i)}$  ( $0 \leq k \leq j(i) - 1$ ) is expressed as a linear combination of  $\eta_{j(i)}^{(i)}, \dots, \eta_{k+1}^{(i)}$ .

First, we intend to verify the following proposition. When  $L$  is a direct sum of three subspaces:  $L = L_1 + L_2 + L_3$  such that  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are null, and  $L_3$  is skew-orthogonal to  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , then it follows that

- (a)  $\dim L_1 = \dim L_2$ .
- (b) For an arbitrary basis  $\{\xi_i\}$  of  $L_1$  there is a unique basis  $\{\eta_i\}$  of  $L_2$  subject to  $\langle \xi_i, \eta_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ .

It is to be noted that for any non-zero vector  $\xi \in L_1$  there is a vector  $\eta$  subject to  $\langle \xi, \eta \rangle = 1$  because of nondegeneracy, and  $\eta$  can be chosen as a vector in  $L_2$  by supposition. By using the fact, induction with respect to  $k$  can prove that there are vectors  $\xi_1, \dots, \xi_k \in L_1$  and  $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_k \in L_2$  subject to  $\langle \xi_i, \eta_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ , as far as  $k \leq \dim L_1$ . Exchanging the roles of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ , we have (a) and have

shown that there are bases of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  subject to  $\langle \xi_i, \eta_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ . Next, fix a pair of bases mentioned above, and choose an arbitrary basis  $\{\xi_i^c\}$  of  $L_1$  such that  $\xi_i^c = \sum_j a_{ji} \xi_j$ . Then,  $\eta_i^c = \sum_j b_{ji} \eta_j$  satisfies  $\langle \xi_i^c, \eta_j^c \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ , if and only if  $\sum_k a_{ki} b_{kj} = \delta_{ij}$ . This proves (b).

If we put  $L_1 = \tilde{W}_a$  and  $L_2 = \tilde{W}_{1/a}$ , and let  $L_3$  be a direct sum of the remaining generalized eigenspaces, the assumption is satisfied because of Appendix 1. Then, Assertion (1) is verified.

Assertion (1) means that there is a symplectic matrix  $X$  such that  $X^{-1}TX$  is block-diagonal, and that a half of its blocks are Jordan ones. For each Jordan block  $A$ , another block  $A^{-1}$  exists, for  $X^{-1}TX$  is also symplectic. That is, with respect to the vectors listed in (1), it holds that

$$T(\xi_1^{(i)}, \dots, \xi_{j(i)}^{(i)}) = (\xi_1^{(i)}, \dots, \xi_{j(i)}^{(i)}) \begin{pmatrix} a & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & a & 1 & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & a & 1 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix},$$

$$T(\eta_1^{(i)}, \dots, \eta_{j(i)}^{(i)}) = (\eta_1^{(i)}, \dots, \eta_{j(i)}^{(i)}) \begin{pmatrix} 1/a & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ -1/a^2 & 1/a & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ 1/a^3 & -1/a^2 & 1/a & 0 & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \end{pmatrix}.$$

This proves (2) and (3).

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