

Notes related to discussions  
in my office with students  
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In theorem 2 page 100 of Brockett FDLS  
 we use the property  
 $(NW_T N^T)^{-1}$  exists.

Why?

Proof: For notation see text of Brockett  
 (and my classmate / your lecture notes).

$$\bar{W}_T \triangleq N W_T N^T \quad n_0 \times n_0$$

$$\bar{M}_T \triangleq R^T M_T R \quad n_0 \times n_0$$

$$\text{Recall } W_T = P S_1 P^T; \quad M_T = Q^T S_2 Q$$

$$\bar{M}_T \bar{W}_T = R^T M_T R N W_T N^T$$

$$= R^T Q^T S_2 Q R N P S_1 P^T N^T$$

$$= R^T Q^T S_2 Q Q^{-1} S_2 Q P S_1 P^{-1} P S_1 P^T N^T$$

$$\text{(since } RN = Q^{-1} S_2 Q P S_1 P^{-1})$$

$$= R^T Q^T S_2^2 Q P S_1^2 P^T N^T \quad (\because S_i^2 = S_i)$$

$$= R^T Q^T S_2 Q P S_1 P^T N^T$$

$$= R^T Q^T Q Q^{-1} S_2 Q P S_1 P^{-1} P P^T N^T \quad (\because I = Q Q^{-1} = p^{-1} p)$$

$$= R^T Q^T Q R N P P^T N^T$$

$$= (QR)^T (QR) (NP)(NP)^T$$

But  $(QR)^T$  is of rank  $n_0$  (full rank), and  $(QR)^T (QR)$  is the associated  $n_0 \times n_0$  Gramian. So  $(QR)^T (QR)$  is positive definite.

Similarly  $(NP)(NP)^T$  is the  $n_0 \times n_0$  Gramian of the full rank  $n_0 \times n_0$  matrix  $(NP)$ . So  $(NP)(NP)^T$  is positive definite.

Hence the product  $\bar{M}_T \bar{W}_T$  is nonsingular. Hence each of  $\bar{M}_T$  and  $\bar{W}_T$  are nonsingular.

Hence we have shown that  $(N W_T N^T)^{-1}$  exists  $\square$