

Chapter 2 Solution of State Equations

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Introduction

In Chapter 1, a linear time-invariant (LTI) system is described by

State equation: $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t), \quad \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0, \quad t \geq 0$

Output equation: $\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t)$

- In order to analyze the characteristics of the system, we need to solve the equations.
- The key point is to obtain the solution of the state $\mathbf{x}(t)$ from the state equation.
- We decompose the solution of $\mathbf{x}(t)$ into two parts:

Self-excited dynamics

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t), \quad \mathbf{x}_0 \neq \mathbf{0}$$

Forced dynamics

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t), \quad \mathbf{x}_0 = \mathbf{0}$$

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Solution of homogeneous state equations

For a general state-space system (A, B, C, D). If $u(t) = 0$, we can obtain the homogenous state equation

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{x}_0, \quad t \geq 0$$

- The homogenous state equation can be solved by
 - Linear algebraic approach (to be more specific, Matrix exponential approach)
 - Laplace transform approach

Matrix exponential method(con.)

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}t + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{A}^2t^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{k!}\mathbf{A}^kt^k + \dots \right) \mathbf{x}(0)$$

$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}t + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{A}^2t^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{k!}\mathbf{A}^kt^k + \dots$$

Matrix exponential function

$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{\Phi}(t) \quad \text{State transition matrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{\Phi}(t) \mathbf{x}(0)$$

Laplace transform approach

Let's begin with the following scalar differential equation

$$\dot{x} = ax$$

Taking the Laplace transform of the equation, we obtain

$$sX(s) - x(0) = aX(s), \quad \text{where } X(s) = \mathcal{L}[x(t)]$$

$$\therefore X(s) = \frac{x(0)}{s - a}$$

The inverse Laplace transform of the equation gives the solution

$$x(t) = e^{at}x(0)$$

$$\frac{1}{s-a} = \frac{1}{s} + \frac{a}{s^2} + \frac{a^2}{s^3} + \dots$$
$$e^{at} = 1 + at + \frac{a^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots$$



$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left[\frac{1}{s-a}\right] = e^{at}$$

Can we extend the solution to the **vector** differential equations

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)$$

Taking the Laplace transform of both sides of the equation, we obtain

$$s\mathbf{X}(s) - \mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}(s), \text{ where } \mathbf{X}(s) = \mathcal{L} [\mathbf{x}(t)]$$

$$\therefore (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{X}(s) = \mathbf{x}(0)$$

Premultiplying both sides by $(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}$, we obtain

$$\mathbf{X}(s) = (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{x}(0) \quad \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}^{-1}} \quad \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \right] \mathbf{x}(0)$$

How to calculate $\Phi(t)$, e^{At} ?

- Direct solution method (definition)

$$e^{At} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}t + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{A}^2t^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{k!}\mathbf{A}^kt^k + \dots$$

- Laplace transform method

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = L^{-1}[(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}]\mathbf{x}(0)$$

- Eigenvalue method

$$e^{At} = \Phi(t) = P \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & & 0 \\ & e^{\lambda_2 t} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$$

- Cayley-Hamilton method

$$e^{At} = a_0(t)\mathbf{I} + a_1(t)\mathbf{A} + \dots + a_{n-1}(t)\mathbf{A}^{n-1}$$

Laplace transform method

Example

Calculate the state transition matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(t) = e^{At} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} t + \frac{1}{2!} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^2 t^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}^3 t^3 + \dots \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - t^2 + t^3 + \dots & t - \frac{3}{2}t^2 - \frac{7}{6}t^3 + \dots \\ -2t + 3t^2 - \frac{7}{3}t^3 + \dots & 1 - 3t + \frac{7}{2}t^2 - \frac{5}{2}t^3 + \dots \end{bmatrix}\end{aligned}$$

Laplace transform method

Example

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Solution

$$\begin{aligned} [sI - A]^{-1} &= \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 \\ 2 & s+3 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s+3}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} \\ \frac{-2}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{s}{(s+1)(s+2)} \end{bmatrix} \\ e^{At} &= L^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s+3}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} \\ \frac{-2}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{s}{(s+1)(s+2)} \end{bmatrix} = L^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{s+1} + \frac{-1}{s+2} & \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{-1}{s+2} \\ \frac{-2}{s+1} + \frac{2}{s+2} & \frac{-1}{s+1} + \frac{2}{s+2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t} & e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \\ -2e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} & -e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvalue method

Suppose J is the Jordan canonical form of A , i.e. $P^{-1}AP = J$

$$\begin{aligned}e^{At} &= e^{PJP^{-1}t} \\&= I + PJP^{-1}t + \frac{(PJP^{-1})^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{(PJP^{-1})^k t^k}{k!} + \dots \\&= P \left(I + Jt + \frac{J^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{J^k t^k}{k!} + \dots \right) P^{-1} \\&= P e^{Jt} P^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

How can we use $e^{At} = P e^{Jt} P^{-1}$ to simplify the calculation of e^{At} ?

If \mathbf{A} has distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$, i.e.

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & & \mathbf{0} \\ & \lambda_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ \mathbf{0} & & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

we can easily calculate

$$e^{\mathbf{J}t} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & & \mathbf{0} \\ & e^{\lambda_2 t} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ \mathbf{0} & & & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{bmatrix} \implies e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{P} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & & \mathbf{0} \\ & e^{\lambda_2 t} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ \mathbf{0} & & & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

Example:

Calculate the state transition matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution

1) $\lambda_1 = -1, \lambda_2 = -2$

2) $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P^{-1} = -\begin{bmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

3)
$$\begin{aligned} e^{At} &= P e^{\bar{A}t} P^{-1} = P \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & e^{-2t} \\ -e^{-t} & -2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t} & e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \\ -2e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} & -e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Example:

Calculate the state transition matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution

$$|\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}| = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & -1 \\ -2 & 5 & \lambda - 4 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda - 1)^2(\lambda - 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1, \quad \lambda_3 = 2$$

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & \frac{dP_1}{d\lambda_1} & P_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \lambda_1 & 1 & \lambda_2 \\ \lambda_1^2 & 2\lambda_1 & \lambda_2^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{P}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 & -1 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 1 & -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi(t) = e^{At} = \mathbf{P} \begin{bmatrix} e^t & te^t & 0 \\ 0 & e^t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{2t} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{P}^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -2te^t + e^{2t} & 3te^t + 2e^t - e^{2t} & -te^t - e^t + e^{2t} \\ 2(-e^t - te^t + e^{2t}) & 3te^t + 5e^t - 4e^{2t} & -te^t - 2e^t + 2e^{2t} \\ -2te^t - 4e^t + 4e^{2t} & 3te^t + 8e^t - 8e^{2t} & -te^t - 3e^t + 4e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

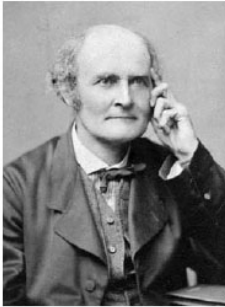
Eigenvalue method (con.)

If A has multiple eigenvalues and J has normal Jordan form, the form of e^{Jt} is much more complex. We will take an example to demonstrate such situations.

Assume that A has distinct eigenvalues λ_1 (2 multiple) and λ_2 (3 multiple) and the corresponding Jordan form is

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 1 & & & \\ & \lambda_1 & & & \\ - & - & - & - & - \\ & & \lambda_2 & 1 & \\ & & & \lambda_2 & 1 \\ & & & & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{green arrow}} e^{At} = P \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & te^{\lambda_1 t} & & & \\ & e^{\lambda_1 t} & & & \\ - & - & - & - & - \\ & & e^{\lambda_2 t} & te^{\lambda_2 t} & \frac{e^{\lambda_2 t} t^2}{2!} \\ & & & e^{\lambda_2 t} & te^{\lambda_2 t} \\ & & & & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$$

Cayley-Hamilton method



Arthur Cayley
(British, 1821-1895)

Field Mathematician

Inst University of Cambridge

Known for Projective geometry, Group theory, Cayley - Hamilton theorem

Notable awards Copley Medal (1882)



William R. Hamilton
(Irish, 1805-1865)

Field Physicist, astronomer, and mathematician

Inst Trinity College, Dublin

Known for Hamilton's principle, Hamiltonian mechanics, Hamilton-Jacobi equation, Cayley - Hamilton theorem ...

Cayley-Hamilton theorem

Every matrix satisfies its own characteristic equation, that is, if the characteristic equation of a given matrix A is

$$f(\lambda) = |\lambda I - A| = \lambda^n + a_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \cdots a_1\lambda + a_0 = 0$$

then

$$f(A) = A^n + a_{n-1}A^{n-1} + \cdots a_1A + a_0I = 0$$

方阵A的特征多项式是A的零化多项式。方阵A满足自身的特征方程,无穷级数化为矩阵A的有限项之和进行计算

Compute e^{At} by the Cayley-Hamilton method

Compute e^{At} by the Cayley-Hamilton method

$$e^{At} = a_0(t)I + a_1(t)A + \cdots + a_{n-1}(t)A^{n-1}$$

- If A has n distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n$, we have n equations

$$e^{\lambda_i t} = a_0(t) + a_1(t)\lambda_i + \cdots + a_{n-1}(t)\lambda_i^{n-1}, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

If we have λ_i , Hence we can solve all the coefficient a_i

$$e^{At} = a_0(t)I + a_1(t)A + \cdots + a_{n-1}(t)A^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{cases} e^{\lambda_1 t} = \alpha_0(t) + \alpha_1(t)\lambda_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{n-1}(t)\lambda_1^{n-1} \\ e^{\lambda_2 t} = \alpha_0(t) + \alpha_1(t)\lambda_2 + \cdots + \alpha_{n-1}(t)\lambda_2^{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ e^{\lambda_n t} = \alpha_0(t) + \alpha_1(t)\lambda_n + \cdots + \alpha_{n-1}(t)\lambda_n^{n-1} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ e^{\lambda_2 t} \\ \vdots \\ e^{\lambda_n t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \lambda_1 & \cdots & \lambda_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \lambda_2^{n-1} \\ & & \ddots & \\ 1 & \lambda_n & \cdots & \lambda_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0(t) \\ \alpha_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{n-1}(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_0(t) \\ \alpha_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \alpha_{n-1}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \lambda_1 & \cdots & \lambda_1^{n-1} \\ 1 & \lambda_2 & \cdots & \lambda_2^{n-1} \\ & & \ddots & \\ 1 & \lambda_n & \cdots & \lambda_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} \\ e^{\lambda_2 t} \\ \vdots \\ e^{\lambda_n t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Examples of the Cayley-Hamilton method

Example

Calculate the state transition matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Solutions

It is obvious that \mathbf{A} has two eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = -1$ and $\lambda_2 = -2$.

From the Cayley-Hamilton theorem, we have

$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} = a_0(t)\mathbf{I} + a_1(t)\mathbf{A}$$

$$e^{\lambda_1 t} = a_0(t) + a_1(t)\lambda_1$$

$$e^{\lambda_2 t} = a_0(t) + a_1(t)\lambda_2$$

By taking the values of λ_1 and λ_2 to the above equations, we have

$$\begin{cases} e^{-t} &= a_0(t) - a_1(t) \\ e^{-2t} &= a_0(t) - 2a_1(t) \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} a_0(t) &= 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \\ a_1(t) &= e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\mathbf{A}t} &= a_0(t)\mathbf{I} + a_1(t)\mathbf{A} \\ &= (2e^{-t} - e^{-2t}) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + (e^{-t} - e^{-2t}) \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Compute e^{At} by the Cayley-Hamilton method

$$e^{At} = a_0(t)I + a_1(t)A + \cdots + a_{n-1}(t)A^{n-1}$$

- When λ_i is a repeated eigenvalue with algebraic multiplicity n , we can form the following $n - 1$ linearly independent equations:

$$e^{\lambda_1 t} = \alpha_0(t) + \alpha_1(t)\lambda_1 + \cdots + \alpha_{n-1}(t)\lambda_1^{n-1}$$

$$te^{\lambda_1 t} = \alpha_1 + 2\alpha_2\lambda_1 + 3\alpha_3\lambda_1^2 + 4\alpha_4\lambda_1^3 + \cdots + (n-2)\alpha_{n-2}\lambda_1^{n-3} + (n-1)\alpha_{n-1}\lambda_1^{n-2}$$

$$t^2 e^{\lambda_1 t} = 2\alpha_2 + 3 \times 2\alpha_3\lambda_1 + 4 \times 3\alpha_4\lambda_1^2 + \cdots + (n-2)(n-3)\alpha_{n-2}\lambda_1^{n-4} + (n-1)(n-2)\alpha_{n-1}\lambda_1^{n-3}$$

\Downarrow

$$\frac{1}{t!} t^2 e^{\lambda_1 t} = \alpha_2 + 3\alpha_3\lambda_1 + \frac{4 \times 3}{2!} \alpha_4\lambda_1^2 + \cdots + \frac{(n-2)(n-3)}{2!} \alpha_{n-2}\lambda_1^{n-4} + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2!} \alpha_{n-1}\lambda_1^{n-3}$$

Example

Calculate the state transition matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

Solutions

It is obvious that \mathbf{A} has three eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = -1$ and $\lambda_{2,3} = -2$.

From the Cayley-Hamilton theorem, we have

$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} = a_0(t)\mathbf{I} + a_1(t)\mathbf{A} + a_2(t)\mathbf{A}^2$$

$$e^{\lambda_1 t} = a_0(t) + a_1(t)\lambda_1 + a_2(t)\lambda_1^2$$

$$e^{\lambda_2 t} = a_0(t) + a_1(t)\lambda_2 + a_2(t)\lambda_2^2$$

$$te^{\lambda_2 t} = a_1(t) + 2a_2(t)\lambda_2$$

By taking the values of λ_1 and λ_2 to the above equations, we have

$$\begin{cases} e^{-t} &= a_0 - a_1 + a_2 \\ e^{-2t} &= a_0 - 2a_1 + 4a_2 \\ te^{-2t} &= a_1 - 4a_2 \end{cases} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} a_0 &= 4e^{-t} - 3e^{-2t} - 2te^{-2t} \\ a_1 &= 4e^{-t} - 4e^{-2t} - 3te^{-2t} \\ a_2 &= e^{-t} - e^{-2t} - te^{-2t} \end{cases}$$

For simplicity, let denote $x = e^{-t}$ and $y = e^{-2t}$.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} e^{\mathbf{A}t} &= a_0 \mathbf{I} + a_1 \mathbf{A} + a_2 \mathbf{A}^2 \\ &= a_0 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + a_1 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} + a_2 \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2t} & te^{-2t} \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

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State-transition matrix

We can write the solution of the homogenous state equation $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$ as

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{\Phi}(t)\mathbf{x}(0)$$

where $\mathbf{\Phi}(t)$ is an $n \times n$ matrix and is the unique solution of

$$\dot{\mathbf{\Phi}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{\Phi}(t), \mathbf{\Phi}(0) = \mathbf{I}$$

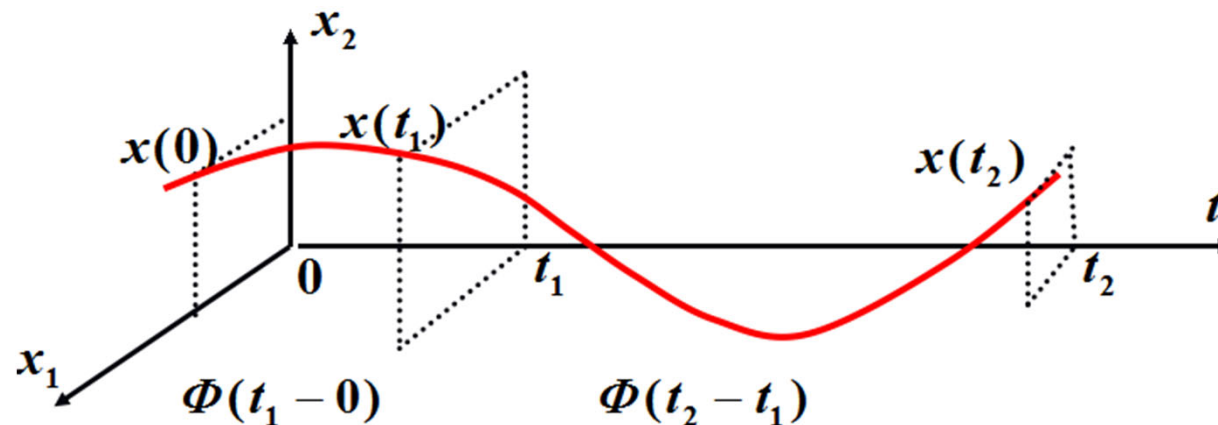
For a linear time-invariant system, we have

$$\begin{cases} e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{\Phi}(t) \\ e^{\mathbf{A}(t-t_0)} = \mathbf{\Phi}(t-t_0) \end{cases} \quad \text{so,} \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t}\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{\Phi}(t)\mathbf{x}(0) \\ \mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}(t-t_0)}\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{\Phi}(t-t_0)\mathbf{x}(t_0) \end{cases}$$

State-transition matrix

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{x}(t) = e^{At} \mathbf{x}(0) = \Phi(t) \mathbf{x}(0) \\ \mathbf{x}(t) = e^{A(t-t_0)} \mathbf{x}(t_0) = \Phi(t-t_0) \mathbf{x}(t_0) \end{cases}$$

- After given the initial state, the state transition characteristics of the system is completely determined by $\Phi(t)$.
- The calculation of $\Phi(t)$ is the key point to solving the homogeneous state equation.



Properties of state-transition matrices

For the time-invariant system $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}$, the state-transition matrix $e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \Phi(t)$ has the following properties: $\Phi(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}t + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{A}^2t^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{k!}\mathbf{A}^kt^k + \dots$

(1) $\Phi(0) = \mathbf{I}$

(2) $\dot{\Phi}(t) = \mathbf{A}\Phi(t) = \Phi(t)\mathbf{A} \Rightarrow \dot{\Phi}(0) = \mathbf{A}$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\Phi}(t) &= \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^2t + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{A}^3t^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{(i-1)!}\mathbf{A}^it^{i-1} + \dots \\ &= \mathbf{A} \left[\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}t + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{A}^2t^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{(i-1)!}\mathbf{A}^{i-1}t^{i-1} + \dots \right] \\ &= \mathbf{A}\Phi(t) = \Phi(t)\mathbf{A}\end{aligned}$$

Properties of state-transition matrices

Example: Judging the following matrixes meet the conditions of state transition matrix or not. Then find the corresponding matrix A .

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin t & \cos t \\ 0 & -\cos t & \sin t \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5(1 - e^{-2t}) \\ 0 & e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(1) \quad \because \Phi(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \sin t & \cos t \\ 0 & -\cos t & \sin t \end{bmatrix}_{t=0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq I$$

\therefore Does not meet the condition of the state transition matrix

$$(2) \quad \because \Phi(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5(1 - e^{-2t}) \\ 0 & e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}_{t=0} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

\therefore Meet the condition of the state transition matrix

$$\dot{\Phi}(0) = A\Phi(0) = A$$

$$\dot{\Phi}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e^{-2t} \\ 0 & -2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Rightarrow \quad A = \dot{\Phi}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & e^{-2t} \\ 0 & -2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}_{t=0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Properties of state-transition matrices(con.)

$$(3) \quad \Phi^{-1}(t) = \Phi(-t), \quad \Phi^{-1}(-t) = \Phi(t)$$

$$\text{Proof: } \Phi(t)\Phi(-t) = e^{At}e^{A(-t)} = \Phi(t-t) = \Phi(0) = I$$

Example:

Using the state transition matrix to calculate $\Phi^{-1}(t)$

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t} & e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \\ -2e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} & -e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi^{-1}(t) = \Phi(-t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^t - e^{2t} & e^t - e^{2t} \\ -2e^t + 2e^{2t} & -e^t + 2e^{2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Phi(t)$ is reversible

Properties of state-transition matrices(con.)

$$(4) \quad \Phi(t_1 + t_2) = \Phi(t_1)\Phi(t_2) = \Phi(t_2)\Phi(t_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(t_1) \cdot \Phi(t_2) &= e^{At_1} \cdot e^{At_2} \\ &= \left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}t_1 + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{A}^2t_1^2 + \dots \right) \left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}t_2 + \frac{1}{2!}\mathbf{A}^2t_2^2 + \dots \right) \\ &= \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}(t_1 + t_2) + \mathbf{A}^2\left(\frac{t_1^2}{2!} + t_1t_2 + \frac{t_2^2}{2!}\right) + \mathbf{A}^3\left(\frac{t_1^3}{3!} + \frac{1}{2!}t_1^2t_2 + \frac{1}{2!}t_1t_2^2 + \frac{t_2^3}{3!}\right) + \dots \\ &= \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}(t_1 + t_2) + \mathbf{A}^2\frac{(t_1 + t_2)^2}{2!} + \mathbf{A}^3\frac{(t_1 + t_2)^3}{3!} + \dots \\ &= e^{A(t_1 + t_2)} = \Phi(t_1 + t_2)\end{aligned}$$

State transition can be segmented!

$$(5) \quad \mathbf{x}(t) = \Phi(t - t_0)\mathbf{x}(t_0)$$

Proof: $\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \Phi(t_0)\mathbf{x}(0)$

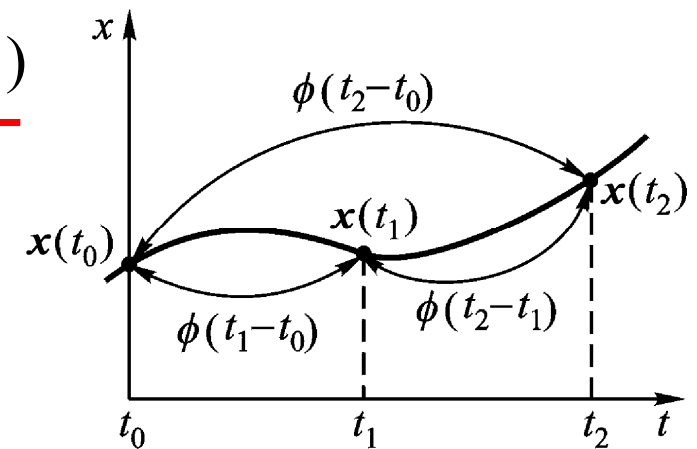
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \Phi(t)\mathbf{x}(0) = \Phi(t)\Phi^{-1}(t_0)\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \Phi(t)\Phi(-t_0)\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \Phi(t - t_0)\mathbf{x}(t_0)$$

$$(6) \quad \Phi(t_2 - t_0) = \Phi(t_2 - t_1)\Phi(t_1 - t_0)$$

Proof: $\mathbf{x}(t_2) = \Phi(t_2 - t_0)\mathbf{x}(t_0) \quad \mathbf{x}(t_1) = \Phi(t_1 - t_0)\mathbf{x}(t_0)$

$$\mathbf{x}(t_2) = \Phi(t_2 - t_1)\mathbf{x}(t_1) = \Phi(t_2 - t_1)\Phi(t_1 - t_0)\mathbf{x}(t_0)$$

State transition can be segmented!



$$(7) [\Phi(t)]^k = \Phi(kt)$$

Proof: $\because \Phi(t) = e^{At} \quad \therefore [\Phi(t)]^k = (e^{At})^k = e^{kAt} = e^{A(kt)} = \Phi(kt)$

$$(8) \begin{aligned} e^{(A+B)t} &= e^{At} e^{Bt} = e^{Bt} e^{At} & (AB = BA) \\ e^{(A+B)t} &\neq e^{At} e^{Bt} \neq e^{Bt} e^{At} & (AB \neq BA) \end{aligned}$$

Proof: $e^{(A+B)t} = \mathbf{I} + (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})t + \frac{1}{2!} (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^2 t^2 + \frac{1}{3!} (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^3 t^3 + \dots$

$$e^{At} e^{Bt} = \left[\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}t + \frac{1}{2!} \mathbf{A}^2 t^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \mathbf{A}^3 t^3 + \dots \right] \left[\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{B}t + \frac{1}{2!} \mathbf{B}^2 t^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \mathbf{B}^3 t^3 + \dots \right]$$

$$= \mathbf{I} + (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})t + \frac{1}{2!} (\mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{B}^2 + 2\mathbf{AB})t^2 + \frac{1}{3!} (\mathbf{A}^3 + 3\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B} + 3\mathbf{AB}^2 + \mathbf{B}^3)t^3 + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA} \Rightarrow (\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^2 = \mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{B}^2 + \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{A}^2 + \mathbf{B}^2 + 2\mathbf{AB}$$

$$(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B})^3 = \mathbf{A}^3 + \mathbf{B}^3 + 3\mathbf{A}^2\mathbf{B} + 3\mathbf{AB}^2$$

(9) Two common state transition matrix

If A has distinct eigenvalues and with the diagonal form, that is $\mathbf{A} = \text{diag}[\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_n]$

$$\Phi(t) = P \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & & 0 \\ & e^{\lambda_2 t} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$$

If A has multiple eigenvalues and with the $(n \times n)$ Jordan form, that is

$$\Phi(t) = P \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda t} & te^{\lambda t} & \frac{t^2}{2}e^{\lambda t} & \cdots & \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}e^{\lambda t} \\ & e^{\lambda t} & te^{\lambda t} & \cdots & \frac{t^{n-2}}{(n-2)!}e^{\lambda t} \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ & & & \ddots & te^{\lambda t} \\ 0 & & & & e^{\lambda t} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1}$$

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Solution of nonhomogeneous state equations

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t) \quad \mathbf{x}(t) = ?$$

■ The nonhomogeneous state equation can be solved by

- Integral method
- Laplace transform approach

Solution of nonhomogeneous state equations

Let's consider the nonhomogeneous state equation described by

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t) \quad \mathbf{x}(t) = ?$$

Premultiply both sides of this equation by $e^{-\mathbf{A}t}$

$$e^{-\mathbf{A}t} [\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)] = e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t)$$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{dt} e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(t) = e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) - \mathbf{A}e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(t)$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} t_0 = 0 & \int_0^t \\ t_0 \neq 0 & \int_{t_0}^t \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^t \frac{d}{d\tau} (e^{-\mathbf{A}\tau} \mathbf{x}(\tau)) d\tau = e^{-\mathbf{A}\tau} \mathbf{x}(\tau) \Big|_0^t = e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}(0) = \int_0^t e^{-\mathbf{A}\tau} \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(0) + e^{\mathbf{A}t} \int_0^t e^{-\mathbf{A}\tau} \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(\tau) d\tau = e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t e^{\mathbf{A}(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(\tau) d\tau$$

If $t_0 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} X(t) &= e^{At}x(0) + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \Phi(t)x(0) + \int_0^t \Phi(t-\tau) \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \Phi(t)x(0) + \int_0^t \Phi(\tau) \mathbf{B}u(t-\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

If $t_0 \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} X(t) &= e^{A(t-t_0)}x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t e^{A(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \Phi(t-t_0)x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \Phi(t-\tau) \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

Laplace transform approach

Let's consider the nonhomogeneous state equation described by

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t)$$

The Laplace transform of the equation yields

$$\begin{aligned} s\mathbf{x}(s) - \mathbf{x}(0) &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(s) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}(s) \quad \Rightarrow (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{x}(s) = \mathbf{x}(0) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}(s) \\ &\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}(s) = (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{x}(0) + (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}(s) \end{aligned}$$

The inverse Laplace transform of the equation

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = L^{-1}[(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}]\mathbf{x}(0) + L^{-1}[(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}(s)]$$

Convolution property of the Laplace transform(multiplication in the Laplace domain equals convolution in the transform domain)

$$L \left[\int_0^t f_1(\tau) f_2(t-\tau) d\tau \right] = L \left[\int_0^t f_1(t-\tau) f_2(\tau) d\tau \right] = W_1(s) W_2(s)$$

$$\therefore L^{-1}[F_1(s)F_2(s)] = \int_{t_0}^t f_1(t-\tau) f_2(\tau) d\tau = \int_{t_0}^t f_1(\tau) f_2(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$\therefore L^{-1} \left[(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{U}(s) \right] = \int_0^t e^{\mathbf{A}(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(\tau) d\tau = \int_0^t \mathbf{\Phi}(t-\tau) \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(\tau) d\tau = \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{\Phi}(\tau) \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(t-\tau) d\tau$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{\Phi}(t-t_0) \mathbf{x}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{\Phi}(\tau) \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(t-\tau) d\tau \quad (*a)$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{\Phi}(t-t_0) \mathbf{x}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{\Phi}(t-\tau) \mathbf{B}(\tau) \mathbf{u}(\tau) d\tau \quad (*b)$$

Solution of nonhomogeneous state equations(con.)

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{\Phi}(t)\mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t \mathbf{\Phi}(t-\tau)\mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{At}\mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}B\mathbf{u}(\tau)d\tau$$

The solution of LTI continuous system state equations is composed of two parts:

- The first part is the free movement caused by the $x(0)$,
 - ✓ it is the effect of the $x(0)$ to the transfer of the system state.
 - ✓ regardless of the $u(t)$ after t_0 ,
 - ✓ called as the zero input response of the state.
- The second part is the forced movement caused by $u(t)$. The value of the second part is the convolution of $u(t)$ and $\Phi(t)$.
 - ✓ Thus, it is related to $u(t)$, independent of $x(0)$,
 - ✓ called as the zero state response.

Solution of nonhomogeneous state equations(con.)

■ The output equation

From the non-homogeneous state equation $x(t)$, we can get the output equation:

If $t_0 = 0$

$$y(t) = Ce^{At}x_0 + \int_0^t Ce^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau + Du(t)$$

$$y(t) = C\Phi(t)x_0 + \int_0^t C\Phi(t-\tau)Bu(\tau)d\tau + Du(t)$$

If $t_0 \neq 0$

$$y(t) = Ce^{A(t-t_0)}x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t Ce^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau + Du(t)$$

$$y(t) = C\Phi(t-t_0)x(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t C\Phi(t-\tau)Bu(\tau)d\tau + Du(t)$$

➤ The output solution is composed of three parts :

- The first part is the freedom of movement caused by the initial state
- The second part is the forced motion caused by the input of the system
- The third part is the feedforward response caused by the direct connection.

Example

Solving the unit step response of the system with $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$, $\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Solutions

(1) Using Integral method ($t_0 = 0$)

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \Phi(t)\mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t \Phi(t-\tau)\mathbf{B}u(\tau)d\tau \quad u(\tau) = 1(\tau)$$

$$\text{set } \tau' = t - \tau$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \Phi(t)\mathbf{x}(0) + \int_t^0 -\Phi(\tau')\mathbf{B}d\tau' = \Phi(t)\mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t \Phi(\tau)\mathbf{B}d\tau$$

$$\Phi(t) = L^{-1}\left[(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\right] = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t} & e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \\ -2e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} & -e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} s & 0 \\ 0 & s \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s & -1 \\ 2 & s+3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})}{|s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}|} = \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} \begin{bmatrix} s+3 & 1 \\ -2 & s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+2} & \frac{1}{s+1} - \frac{1}{s+2} \\ \frac{-2}{s+1} + \frac{2}{s+2} & \frac{-1}{s+1} + \frac{2}{s+2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t} & e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \\ -2e^{-t} + e^{-2t} & -e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\int_0^t \Phi(\tau) \mathbf{B} d\tau = \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} e^{-\tau} - e^{-2\tau} \\ -e^{-\tau} + 2e^{-2\tau} \end{bmatrix} d\tau = \left[\begin{bmatrix} -e^{-\tau} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2\tau} \\ e^{-\tau} - e^{-2\tau} \end{bmatrix} \right]_0^t = \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} \\ e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t} & e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \\ -2e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} & -e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} \\ e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) Using Laplace transformation method

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = L^{-1}[(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}]\mathbf{x}(0) + L^{-1}[(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}(s)]$$

$$(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s+3}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} \\ \frac{-2}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{s}{(s+1)(s+2)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi(t) = L^{-1}[(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}] = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t} & e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \\ -2e^{-t} + e^{-2t} & -e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{b}U(s) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s+3}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} \\ \frac{-2}{(s+1)(s+2)} & \frac{s}{(s+1)(s+2)} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \frac{1}{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{s(s+1)(s+2)} \\ \frac{1}{(s+1)(s+2)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L^{-1}\left[(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{b}U(s)\right] = \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} \\ e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{-t} - e^{-2t} & e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \\ -2e^{-t} + e^{-2t} & -e^{-t} + 2e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} \\ e^{-t} - e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Use the following methods to find the unit-step response of

$$\dot{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -2 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} u$$
$$y = (2 \quad 3)x$$

- (1) The Laplace transform method;
- (2) The eigenvalue method;
- (3) The Cayley-Hamilton method.

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MATLAB commands used in this chapter

| Command | Description |
|---------|---|
| inv | Matrix inverse |
| det | Determinant of a square matrix |
| eig | Eigenvalues and eigenvectors |
| exp | Exponential function |
| ode45 | Solve differential equations, medium order method |

The End of Chap. 2