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Tutorial 2

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1. Consider the system defined by the differential equation

$$I\ddot{\theta} + b\dot{\theta} + k\theta = H\omega \cos \theta.$$

Write the state space representation of the system if the input is  $\omega(t)$  and the output is  $\theta(t)$ . Linearize the state equation about the equilibrium point  $\theta_0 = 0, \dot{\theta}_0 = 0$  and  $\omega_0 = 0$ .

2. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find  $e^{At}$  using the method of Caley-Hamilton theorem.

3. Find the solution for the state-space system given by

$$\dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix} x(t) \text{ with } x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

using the system modal expansion method.

4. Verify controllability and observability for the following systems.

$$(i) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = [1 \quad 0 \quad 0 \quad 0]$$

$$(ii) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = [1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1]$$

$$(iii) \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & -4 & 4 \\ -1 & -2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = [1 \quad 1 \quad -1].$$

5. Show that for any real nonsingular square matrix,  $[A^{-1}]^T = [A^T]^{-1}$ .

6. Show that the SISO system  $\{A, b\}$  with

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

cannot be controllable for whatever value of  $b$ .

7. Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \bar{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \bar{b}_1 \end{bmatrix} u \\ y &= \begin{bmatrix} c_1 & \bar{c}_1 \end{bmatrix} x \end{aligned}$$

where the overbar refers to the complex conjugate. Verify that the equation can be transformed into

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -\lambda\bar{\lambda} & \lambda + \bar{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u \\ y &= \begin{bmatrix} -2\operatorname{Re}(\bar{\lambda}b_1c_1) & 2\operatorname{Re}(b_1c_1) \end{bmatrix} x \end{aligned}$$

using the transformation  $x = Q\bar{x}$  with

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -\bar{\lambda}b_1 & b_1 \\ -\lambda\bar{b}_1 & \bar{b}_1 \end{bmatrix}.$$