
LINEAR SYSTEMS CONTROL
Solutions to Problems

Problem 3.2

a. Given is the continuous system below:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} x + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ b \end{bmatrix} u, \quad y = [1 \ 0]x$$

with the stable eigenvalues:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 3 & -2 \\ -1 & \lambda + 2 \end{vmatrix} = (\lambda + 3)(\lambda + 2) - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lambda = \begin{cases} -1 \\ -4 \end{cases}$$

The resolvent matrix is:

$$(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 + s & -2 \\ -1 & s + 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{s^2 + 5s + 4} \begin{bmatrix} s + 2 & 2 \\ 1 & s + 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Phi(s) = (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s + 2}{(s + 1)(s + 4)} & \frac{2}{(s + 1)(s + 4)} \\ \frac{1}{(s + 1)(s + 4)} & \frac{s + 3}{(s + 1)(s + 4)} \end{bmatrix}$$

The transfer function is then given by:

$$G(s) = \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B} = [1 \ 0](s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ b \end{bmatrix} = \frac{s + 2 + 2b}{(s + 1)(s + 4)}$$

The state transition matrix can be calculated via the Laplace transform:

$$\Phi(t) = L^{-1}\{\Phi(s)\} = L^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{s + 1} + \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{s + 4} & \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{s + 1} - \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{s + 4} \\ \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{s + 1} - \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{s + 4} & \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{s + 1} + \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{s + 4} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Inverse Laplace transforming the expression above gives the transition matrix:

$$\Phi(t) = e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3}e^{-t} + \frac{2}{3}e^{-4t} & \frac{2}{3}e^{-t} - \frac{2}{3}e^{-4t} \\ \frac{1}{3}e^{-t} - \frac{1}{3}e^{-4t} & \frac{2}{3}e^{-t} + \frac{1}{3}e^{-4t} \end{bmatrix}$$

The impulse response can be found as:

First method:

$$y(t) = L^{-1}\{G(s)\} = L^{-1}\left\{\frac{2b+1}{3} \frac{1}{s+1} + \frac{2b-2}{-3} \frac{1}{s+4}\right\}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{2b+1}{3}e^{-t} + \frac{2-2b}{3}e^{-4t}$$

Second method:

$$y(t) = \mathbf{C}\Phi(t)\mathbf{B} = [1 \ 0]\Phi(t)\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1+2b}{3}e^{-t} + \frac{2-2b}{3}e^{-4t}$$

- b. The eigenvalue farthest away from the origin is: $\lambda = -4$. For $b = -\frac{1}{2}$ the response will

only contain the corresponding natural mode, e^{-4t} :

$$y(t) = e^{-4t}$$

- c. Note that the system is asymptotically internally stable because both eigenvalues are in the open left half plane.

$$\text{For } u(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } t < 0 \\ 2e^t & \text{for } t \geq 0 \end{cases} \text{ the response is:}$$

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$$y(t) = \mathbf{C} e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{C} \int_0^t e^{\mathbf{A}(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(\tau) d\tau = y_1 + y_2$$

x_0 does not influence $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{C} e^{\mathbf{A}(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}(\tau) &= [1 \ 0] e^{\mathbf{A}(t-\tau)} \begin{bmatrix} 2e^\tau \\ 2be^\tau \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \left[\frac{1}{3}e^{-(t-\tau)} + \frac{2}{3}e^{-4(t-\tau)} \quad \frac{2}{3}e^{-(t-\tau)} - \frac{2}{3}e^{-4(t-\tau)} \right] \begin{bmatrix} 2e^\tau \\ 2be^\tau \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{2+4b}{3}e^{-t+2\tau} + \frac{4-4b}{3}e^{-4t+5\tau} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = \int_0^t (\dots) d\tau = -\frac{2+4b}{6}e^{-t} - \frac{4-4b}{15}e^{-4t} + \frac{2+4b}{6}e^t + \frac{4-4b}{15}e^t$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (y(t)) &= 0 \quad \text{for} \\ \frac{2+4b}{6} + \frac{4-4b}{15} &= 0 \Rightarrow b = -\frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

For $b = -\frac{3}{2}$ one obtains:

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= \frac{2}{3}e^{-t} - \frac{2}{3}e^{-4t} \\ y_1 &= \mathbf{C} e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}_0 = \left[\frac{1}{3}e^{-t} + \frac{2}{3}e^{-4t} \quad \frac{2}{3}e^{-t} - \frac{2}{3}e^{-4t} \right] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{1}{3}e^{-t} + \frac{4}{3}e^{-4t} \\ y &= y_1 + y_2 = \frac{1}{3}e^{-t} + \frac{2}{3}e^{-4t} \end{aligned}$$

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