

MEE5114(Sp22) Advanced Control for Robotics

Lecture 1: Linear Differential Equations and Matrix Exponential

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Modeling (Kinematics, Dynamics)
Screw-theory

Control { optimization
CLF
motion control
optimal control

Advanced topic

Outline

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- Linear System Model
 - Matrix Exponential
 - Solution to Linear Differential Equations

Motivations

- Most engineering systems (including most robotic systems) are modeled by Ordinary Differential (or Difference) Equations (ODEs)

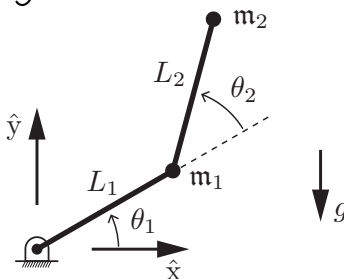
- Example: Dynamics of 2R robot *differential equation in θ*
2nd-derivatives of θ

with

$$M(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 L_1^2 + m_2(L_1^2 + 2L_1 L_2 \cos \theta_2 + L_2^2) & m_2(L_1 L_2 \cos \theta_2 + L_2^2) \\ m_2(L_1 L_2 \cos \theta_2 + L_2^2) & m_2 L_2^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$c(\theta, \dot{\theta}) = \begin{bmatrix} -m_2 L_1 L_2 \sin \theta_2 (2\dot{\theta}_1 \dot{\theta}_2 + \dot{\theta}_2^2) \\ m_2 L_1 L_2 \dot{\theta}_1^2 \sin \theta_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$g(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} (m_1 + m_2) L_1 g \cos \theta_1 + m_2 g L_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \\ m_2 g L_2 \cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) \end{bmatrix},$$



- Screw theory, exponential coordinate, and Product of Exponential (PoE) are based on the (linear) differential equation view of robot kinematics

Linear Differential Equations (Autonomous)

- Linear Differential Equations: ODEs that are linear wrt variables
e.g.:

$$\textcircled{1} \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1(t) + x_2(t) = 0 \\ \dot{x}_2(t) + x_1(t) + x_2(t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

two couple 1 order ODE $x_1(t), x_2(t)$

vector form $x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$ in \mathbb{R}^2

$$\dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \dot{x} = Ax$$

$$\textcircled{2} \begin{cases} \ddot{y}(t) + z(t) = 0 \\ \dot{z}(t) + y(t) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$x_1(t) = y(t), x_2(t) = \dot{y}(t), x_3(t) = z(t)$

$$\dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \\ \dot{x}_3(t) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ x_3(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$

- State-space form (1st-order ODE with vector variables):

Linear: $\dot{x} = Ax$

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vector field

General Linear Control Systems

\Rightarrow if $f(x) = Ax$

- General (Autonomous) Dynamical Systems: $\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t)) \Rightarrow$ Linear sys: $\dot{x} = Ax$
 - $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$: state vector, $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$: vector field

"Autonomous" means "f" does not depend on non-x variable

- Non-autonomous: $\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), t)$ *captures all non-x dependence*
 $\dot{x} = Ax + 2t$

$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = Ax \\ \dot{x} = Ax + b \end{cases}$ only depend on the state-vector

- Control Systems: $\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t))$
 - vector field $f: \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m$ depends on external variable $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^m$

e.g. $\dot{x} = Ax + \sin t$
 non-autonomous system

- General Linear Control Systems: $f(x, u) = Ax + Bu$

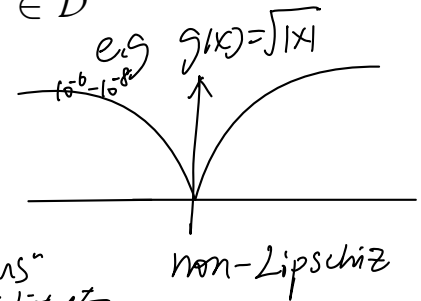
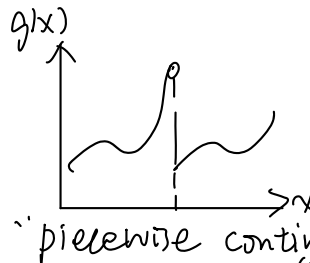
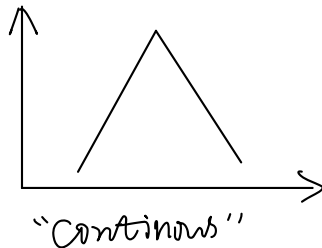
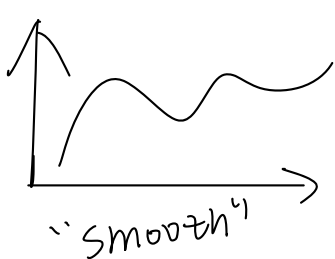
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), & \text{with } x(0) = x_0 \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t) \end{cases} \text{ static relation}$$

- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$: system state, $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$: control input, $y \in \mathbb{R}^p$: system output
- A, B, C, D are constant matrices with appropriate dimensions

Existence and Uniqueness of ODE Solutions

- Function $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ is called Lipschitz over domain $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ if $\exists L < \infty$

$$\|g(x) - g(x')\| \leq L \|x - x'\|, \forall x, x' \in \mathcal{D}$$



- Theorem [Existence & Uniqueness]** Nonlinear ODE 不连续

$$\dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), t), \quad \text{I.C. } x(t_0) = x_0$$

has a *unique* solution if $f(x, t)$ is Lipschitz in x and piecewise continuous in t

$$\|f(x, t) - f(x', t)\| \leq L \|x - x'\|, \quad \forall t \in [t_0, t_f]$$

Solution to ① means $\begin{cases} \langle 1 \rangle \text{ I.C. } x(t_0) = x_0 & \text{初始条件} \\ \langle 2 \rangle \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), t), \quad \forall t \end{cases}$

Existence and Uniqueness of Linear Systems

- **Corollary:** Linear system

推论:

$$\Downarrow \hat{f}(x, t) = Ax + Bu(t)$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)$$

$$\text{I.e. } x(t_0) = x_0 \\ t(0) = t_0$$

has a unique solution for any piecewise continuous input $u(t)$

proof: Check condition

$$(1) \|f(x, t) - \hat{f}(x', t)\| = \|A\| \|x - x'\| \leq \|A\| \|x - x'\|$$

$$(2) \hat{f}(x, t) = Ax + \underline{Bu(t)}$$

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fixed

is also piece-wise continuous in t

because $u(t)$ is piecewise continuous in t .

- **Homework:** Suppose A becomes time-varying $A(t)$, can you derive conditions to ensure existence and uniqueness of $\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t) + Bu(t)$?

Outline

- Linear System Model
- Matrix Exponential \leftarrow
- Solution to Linear Differential Equations

How to Solve Linear Differential Equations?

- General linear ODE: $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + d(t)$
- The key is to derive solutions to the autonomous linear case: $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$, with $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, and initial condition (IC) $x(0) = x_0$.
- By existence and uniqueness theorem, the ODE $\dot{x} = Ax$ admits a unique solution.
- It turns out that the solution can be found analytically via the *Matrix Exponential*

What is the "Euler's Number" e ?

- Consider a scalar linear system: $z(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is a constant

$$\dot{z}(t) = az(t), \quad \text{with initial condition } z(0) = z_0 \quad (1)$$

- The above ODE has a unique solution: $z(t) = e^{at} \cdot z_0$

proof. check \Leftarrow I.C. $z(0) = z_0$

\Rightarrow vector field $\dot{z}(t) = a e^{at} \cdot z_0 = a z(t)$

- What is the number "e"?

Euler's number

Defined as the number such that $(e^x)' = e^x$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x+h} - e^x}{h} = e^x \Rightarrow \frac{e^h - 1}{h} \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} 1$$

Complex Exponential

- For real variable $x \in \mathbb{R}$, Taylor series expansion for e^x around $x = 0$:

$$e^x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{k!} = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$$

- This can be extended to complex variables:

$$e^z = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{k!} = 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^3}{3!} + \dots$$

This power series is well defined for all $\underbrace{z \in \mathbb{C}}$

- In particular, we have $e^{j\theta} = 1 + j\theta - \frac{\theta^2}{2} - j\frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \dots$
- Comparing with Taylor expansions for $\cos(\theta)$ and $\sin(\theta)$ leads to the Euler's Formula
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \sin\theta &= \theta - \frac{\theta^3}{3!} + \frac{\theta^5}{5!} - \frac{\theta^7}{7!} + \dots \\ \cos\theta &= 1 - \frac{\theta^2}{2} + \frac{\theta^4}{4!} - \frac{\theta^6}{6!} + \dots \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow e^{j\theta} = \cos\theta + j\sin\theta$$

Euler's formula

Matrix Exponential Definition

- Similar to the real and complex cases, we can define the so-called *matrix exponential*

$$e^A \triangleq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^k}{k!} = I + A + \frac{A^2}{2!} + \frac{A^3}{3!} + \dots$$

E.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, $A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e^A = I + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- This power series is well defined for any finite square matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$.

If $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$ $e^A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\lambda_1^2}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\lambda_2^2}{2} \end{bmatrix} + \dots$

Some Important Properties of Matrix Exponential

① • $Ae^A = e^A A$ proof: By definition
 $Ae^A = A \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^i}{i!} =$

But remember $Ae^B \neq e^B \cdot A$, if $AB \neq BA$

② • $e^A e^B = e^{A+B}$ if $AB = BA$ ← see next page

③ • If $A = PDP^{-1}$, then $e^A = Pe^D P^{-1}$ (p is nonsingular)
 A is similar to D

$$e^A = I + PDP^{-1} + \frac{PDP^{-1}PDP^{-1}}{2!} + \dots = Pe^D P^{-1}$$
→ $PDP^{-1}PDP^{-1} = PD^2P^{-1}$

④ • For every $t, \tau \in \mathbb{R}$, $e^{At} e^{A\tau} = e^{A(t+\tau)}$

from ②: $e^{At+A\tau} =$

⑤ • $(e^A)^{-1} = e^{-A}$

From ② $\Rightarrow e^A \cdot e^{-A} = e^{A+(-A)} = e^0 = I$

Outline

proof of ②: $e^{A+B} = e^A e^B$ ($AB=BA$)

property $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$

$$e^{A+B} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(A+B)^n}{n!} \Rightarrow \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n}{n!} \right) \left(\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B^n}{n!} \right)$$

二项式定理 \Rightarrow

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} A^k B^{n-k}}{n!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{A^k B^{n-k}}{k!(n-k)!}$$

Linear System Model

holds $AB=BA$

Matrix Exponential

Solution to Linear Differential Equations

Autonomous Linear Systems

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t), \quad \text{with initial condition } x(0) = x_0 \quad (2)$$

- $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is constant matrix, $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is given.
- With the definition of matrix exponential, we can show that the solution to (2) is given by

$$x(t) = e^{At} x_0 \quad \leftarrow \text{function of } t$$

proof: ① check I.C.

$$t=0 \quad x(0) = e^{A \cdot 0} x_0 = I \cdot x_0 = x_0 \quad \text{satisfies the Initial Condition}$$

② check the vector field $\frac{d}{dt}(e^{At} x_0) \stackrel{?}{=} A(e^{At} x_0)$, we need to show this

$$\text{By definition} \quad e^{At} x_0 = \left(I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \frac{A^3 t^3}{3!} + \dots \right) x_0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} (e^{At} x_0) = \left(A + A^2 t + \frac{A^3 t^2}{2!} + \dots \right) x_0$$

$$= A \left(I + At + \frac{A^2 t^2}{2!} + \dots \right) x_0 = \underline{A e^{At} x_0}, \text{ satisfies the } \dots$$

$$= \underline{Ax(t)}$$

Computation of Matrix Exponential (1/2)

- Directly from definition $e^{At} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{(At)^i}{i!}$

- It's bad to compute

- For special case, this series have analytical form.

e.g. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $e^{At} = I + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & t \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ not general

- For diagonalizable matrix:

Example $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & 1.5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow A = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_{P^{-1}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}}_D \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}}_{P^{-1}}$$

$$= P^{-1} D P^{-1}$$

\Rightarrow By property ③ $e^{At} = P e^{Dt} P^{-1}$
 $= P \begin{bmatrix} e^{t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{bmatrix} P^{-1} =$

Computation of Matrix Exponential (2/2)

- Using Laplace transform

$$\hat{X}(s) = \int x(t) e^{-st} dt$$

$$\dot{x} = Ax, \text{ I.L. } x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\text{Laplace transform } x(t) \leftrightarrow \hat{X}(s) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

$$\dot{x}(t) \leftrightarrow s\hat{X}(s) - x(0)$$

$$\text{Apply } s\hat{X}(s) - x(0) = A\hat{X}(s) \Rightarrow (sI - A)\hat{X}(s) = x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{X}(s) = (sI - A)^{-1} x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[(sI - A)^{-1} x_0]$$

$$x(t) = e^{At} x_0 \Rightarrow e^{At} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[(sI - A)^{-1}]$$

Solution to General Linear Systems

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), & \text{with } x(0) = x_0 \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t) \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

- $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is system state, $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$ is control input, $y \in \mathbb{R}^p$ is the system output
- A, B, C, D are constant matrices with appropriate dimensions
- **Homework:** The solution to the linear system (3) is given by

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = e^{At}x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau \\ y(t) = Ce^{At}x_0 + C \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau + Du(t) \end{cases}$$

More Discussions