

Q: The state equation of a second order system is

$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = A\mathbf{x}(t)$ ,  $\mathbf{x}(0)$  is the initial condition.

Suppose  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are two distinct eigenvalues of  $A$ , and  $\mathbf{v}_1$  and  $\mathbf{v}_2$  are the corresponding eigenvectors. For constants  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ , the solution,  $\mathbf{x}(t)$ , of the state equation is

- (A)  $\sum_{i=1}^2 \alpha_i e^{\lambda_i t} \mathbf{v}_i$
- (B)  $\sum_{i=1}^2 \alpha_i e^{2\lambda_i t} \mathbf{v}_i$
- (C)  $\sum_{i=1}^2 \alpha_i e^{3\lambda_i t} \mathbf{v}_i$
- (D)  $\sum_{i=1}^2 \alpha_i e^{4\lambda_i t} \mathbf{v}_i$