

ASEN 5044, Fall 2024

# Statistical Estimation for Dynamical Systems

## Lecture 04: Time domain Solutions for LTI Systems: Matrix Exponential and Properties

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# Announcements

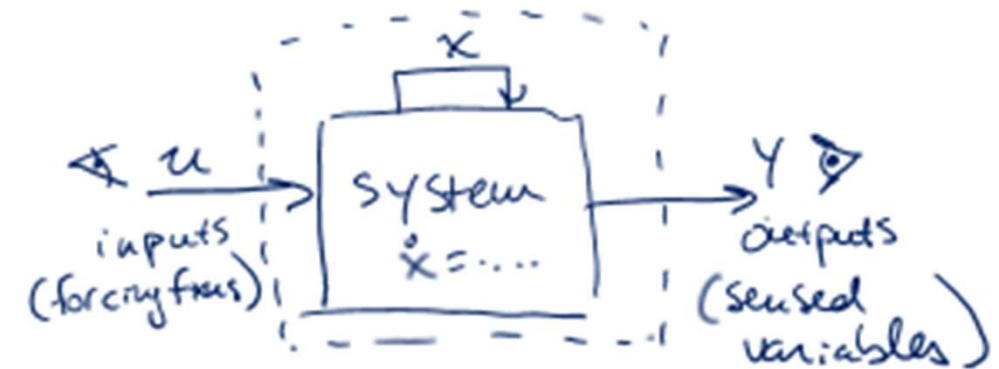
- Quiz 2 will be posted Fri (tomorrow), due Tues 09/10 at 10:00 am
- **HW 1 Posted: Due Thurs 9/12 at 11:59 pm**
  - Submit via Gradescope (linked on Canvas) –
  - All submissions must be legible!!! – zero credit otherwise
  - All submissions must have your name on them!!! – zero credit otherwise
  - Advanced Question:
    - optional/extra credit (please follow instructions – submit response to designated email address separately from rest of assignment)

## Office hours: regular days/times posted, starting next week:

- Prof. Ahmed: Wed 4:30-6 pm, AERO N353
  - TF Aidan Bagley: Wed 12-1:30 pm, AERO N353
  - TF Collin Hudson: Mon 1-2 pm, AERO 303
  - TF Jiho Lee: Tues 2:30-3:30 pm, AERO N253
- Zoom link for remote office hours participation: use same link as for lectures (posted on Canvas)

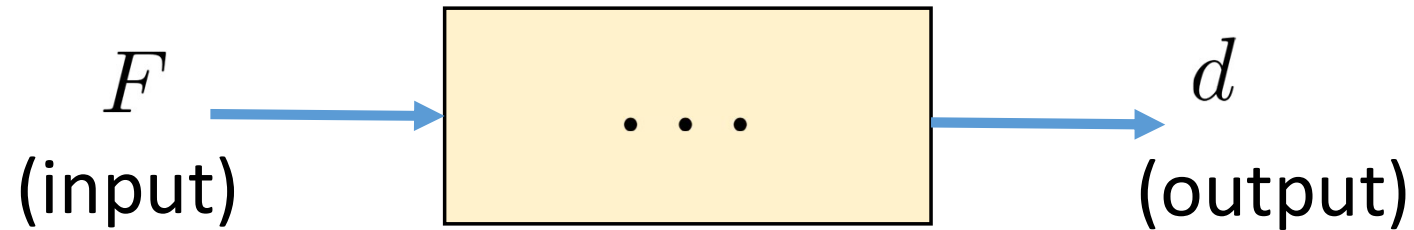
# Last Time...

- Introduction to state space models
  - Introduced concept of system “state”
- Review of scalar linear ODEs - behaviors and solutions
  - With and without forcing (input) functions
- Extension to vector-matrix linear ODEs
  - Coupled linear ODEs
  - “State vector”



# (Last Time) Example #2: Same Mass, Slightly Different Model

Block Diagram:



$$F = m\dot{v} \text{ (ODE physical law)}$$

Different output:

Now want displacement  $d(t)$  as fcn of time and  $F(t)$  (input)

Easy to Show:

$$v(t) = \frac{1}{m} \int_{t_0}^t F(\tau) d\tau + \underline{v(t_0)}$$

$$\& d(t) = \int_{t_0}^t v(\tau) d\tau + \underline{d(t_0)}$$

Now Need 2 IC's ,  
hence the state vector is  
 $x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} v(t) \\ d(t) \end{bmatrix}$

→ If we don't keep track of  $v(t)$  &  $d(t)$  in our  $x(t)$ , then we cannot uniquely specify output  $d(t)$  for given  $F(t)$  input! [ie we must know both IC's for  $d(t)$  to be predicted]

→ system has memory : Need to integrate  $F(t)$  to get  $v(t)$   
& integrate  $v(t)$  to get  $d(t)$ !

# (Last Time) Re-arrange Dynamics to Reflect States (want d vs. f)

Since everything here is **linear**, can rewrite all this in **general matrix-vector ODE form**:

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v}(t) \\ \dot{d}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \cdot v(t) + 0 \cdot d(t) + \frac{1}{m} F(t) \\ 1 \cdot v(t) + 0 \cdot d(t) + 0 \cdot F(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

( $n=2$ , # states)

(where  $x = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ d \end{bmatrix}$   
 $\rightarrow \dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v} \\ \dot{d} \end{bmatrix}$ )

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \cdot x_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + \frac{1}{m} u(t) \\ 1 \cdot x_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + 0 \cdot u(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{"A"} \\ n \times n = 2 \times 2}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{m} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\substack{\text{"B"} \\ n \times m = 2 \times 1}} u(t), \text{ w/ } I_c \text{ } x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} v(0) \\ d(0) \end{bmatrix}$$

( $m=1$  input)

where output  $y(t) = d(t) = x_2$  is given by

gives "snapshot" of system via some operation on some subset of states

$$\begin{cases} y(t) = 0 \cdot x_1 + 1 \cdot x_2 + 0 \cdot u(t) \\ = \underbrace{[0 \ 1]}_{\text{"C"}} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} + \underbrace{[0]}_{\text{"D"}} u(t) \end{cases}$$

how states track "internal memory" of dyn. sys.

Linear State space model

# Today...

- General linear matrix-vector ODES
  - **Linear time-invariant (LTI) (ABCD) matrix parameterization**
  - Extension: linear time varying (LTV)
- **Matrix exponential** as solution to LTI matrix vector IVP (initial value problem)

**READ: Chapter 1.3-1.4 in Simon book**

# State Space Form of Linear Dynamical Systems

- In general, suppose state variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  obey linear ODEs, with scalar  $u(t)$  (i.e.  $m=1$  for now)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_1 &= a_{11}x_1(t) + a_{12}x_2(t) + \dots + a_{1n}x_n(t) + b_1u(t) \\ &\vdots \\ \dot{x}_n &= a_{n1}x_1(t) + a_{n2}x_2(t) + \dots + a_{nn}x_n(t) + b_nu(t) \end{aligned} \Leftrightarrow \boxed{\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t)}$$

where  $\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} u(t)$

“A” (n x n)  
state dynamics matrix

“B” (n x m)  
input-to-state matrix

(m x 1)  
input vector

“x(t)” (n x 1)  
state vector

Suppose also: only linearly sensed outputs are :

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= c_{11}x_1(t) + \dots + c_{1n}x_n(t) + d_1u(t) \\ &\vdots \\ y_p &= c_{p1}x_1(t) + \dots + c_{pn}x_n(t) + d_pu(t) \end{aligned}$$

(p = # sensed output variables)

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \dots & c_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{p1} & \dots & c_{pn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_p \end{bmatrix}$$

(p x n) output matrix
(p x m) feed-thru matrix



# General Linear State Space Models

Can generalize this formulation for *time-varying* or *time-invariant* dynamics:

for:  $x(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$ ,  $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times 1}$ ,  $y(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times 1}$

- **Linear Time Varying (LTV) State Space Model:**

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

$$y(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)u(t)$$

$$A(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad B(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, \quad C(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}, \quad D(t) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}$$

**Matrix elements are functions of time**  
(very powerful representation, but generally tricky to analyze/solve...)

- **Linear Time Invariant (LTI) State Space Model:**

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

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t)$$

$$A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}, \quad B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}, \quad C \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}, \quad D \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times m}$$

**[A,B,C,D] parameters constant w.r.t. time**

**Note: if  $m > 1$ :**  $u(t) = [u_1(t), \dots, u_m(t)]^T$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_{n1} & \cdots & b_{nm} \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} d_{11} & \cdots & d_{1m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ d_{p1} & \cdots & d_{pm} \end{bmatrix}$$

(likewise for LTV...)



# Matrix-Vector Initial Value Problems (IVPs)

- Given SS model for an LTI system (i.e. given its  $[A,B,C,D]$  parameters), how do we solve for  $x(t)$ ? *(Vector sol'n over time!)*
- Suppose  $x(0)$  given,  $u(t) = 0$  (no external forcing) and we ignore output  $y(t)$
- Left with a matrix-vector ODE, i.e. a system of linear ODEs with initial conditions

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t), \quad x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(0) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(0) \end{bmatrix} \longleftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{x}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}x_1(t) + \dots + a_{1n}x_n(t) \\ \vdots \\ a_{n1}x_1(t) + \dots + a_{nn}x_n(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

→ What is the solution for  $x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \end{bmatrix}$ ?

Generally speaking: we need a state transition matrix (STM)  $\Phi(t, t_0)$

$$x(t) = \Phi(t, 0) \cdot x(0) \quad (\text{or}) \quad x(t) = \Phi(t, t_0) \cdot x(t_0)$$

where the STM  $\Phi(t, t_0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  such that

$$\frac{d}{dt}[x(t)] = \frac{d}{dt}[\Phi(t, t_0)x(t_0)] = Ax(t) \quad \text{w/ initial condition } \Phi(t_0, t_0) = I_{n \times n} \quad (\text{identity matrix})$$

*(\*)*

# Matrix-Vector Initial Value Problems (IVPs)

- If we plug the STM into the original matrix-vector ODE, we get:

$$\dot{x}(t) = \frac{d}{dt} [\Phi(t, t_0) x(t_0)] = \dot{\Phi}(t, t_0) x(t_0) + \Phi(t, t_0) \frac{d}{dt} (x(t_0)) \quad (*)$$

But also have  $\dot{x}(t) = A x(t) = A [\underbrace{\Phi(t, t_0) x(t_0)}_{= x(t)}] \quad (**)$  (w/  $\mathbb{I} \subset \Phi(t_0, t_0) = \mathbb{I}$ )

→ Equating RHS (right hand side) of  $(*)$  &  $(**)$  to each other gives:

$$\dot{\Phi}(t, t_0) x(t_0) = A \Phi(t, t_0) x(t_0)$$

→ So we need to solve this matrix ODE:  $\dot{\Phi}(t, t_0) = A \Phi(t, t_0), \text{ w/ } \mathbb{I} \subset \Phi(t_0, t_0) = \mathbb{I}$  (\*)

→ How to solve for  $\Phi(t, t_0)$ ??

→ Consider  $n=1$  (simplest case): Scalar  $A=a \rightarrow \dot{\Phi}(t, t_0) = a \Phi(t, t_0), \Phi(t_0, t_0)=1$

→ So clearly:  $\Phi(t, t_0) = e^{a(t-t_0)}$   
(STM is exponential in  $a$  &  $\Delta t = t - t_0$ )

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Now what if  $n \geq 1$  more generally?

# The STM for LTI Systems: the Matrix Exponential

- Remarkably, the STM for any square LTI matrix  $A$  is given by the **matrix exponential**

$$\boxed{\Phi(t, t_0) = e^{A(t-t_0)}} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \boxed{\Phi(t, 0) = e^{At}}$$

where the matrix exponential function is defined as the infinite series:

$$\textcircled{*} e^{A(t-t_0)} \triangleq I + A(t-t_0) + \frac{A^2}{2!}(t-t_0)^2 + \frac{A^3}{3!}(t-t_0)^3 + \dots + \frac{A^r}{r!}(t-t_0)^r + \dots$$

$\textcircled{*}$  This provably converges for any  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  (use Picard iteration  $\rightarrow$  Teano-Baker Series  $\rightarrow$  converges for time invariant  $A$ ).

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^i (t-t_0)^i}{i!} \quad (\text{where } A^i = A \cdot A \cdot A \dots A = \prod_{k=1}^i A = \text{product of } A \text{ } i \text{ times})$$

$\rightarrow$  can easily verify that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} [e^{A(t-t_0)}] &= A + A^2(t-t_0) + \frac{A^3}{2!}(t-t_0)^2 + \dots \\ &= A \left[ I + A(t-t_0) + \frac{A^2}{2!}(t-t_0)^2 + \dots \right] \\ &= A \underbrace{e^{A(t-t_0)}}_{\Phi} \end{aligned}$$

# Properties of the Matrix Exponential

The matrix exponential function of matrix  $M$  is generally defined as:

$$\textcircled{*} e^M \underset{[n \times n]}{=} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{M^i}{i!} = I + M + \frac{M^2}{2!} + \frac{M^3}{3!} + \dots, \text{ for } M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

This maps an arbitrary  $(n \times n)$  matrix  $M$  to another  $(n \times n)$  matrix.

Matrix exponential has following useful properties:

- Always invertible, even if  $M$  itself is singular

$$\text{ie } (e^M)^{-1} \text{ always exists: } (e^M)^{-1} = e^{-M} \text{ s.t. } (e^M)(e^{-M}) = (e^{-M})(e^M) = I$$

- Product of two matrix exponentials commutes iff input matrices commute

$$\begin{array}{l} X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \\ Y \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{if \& only if}} e^X \cdot e^Y = e^{\overbrace{X+Y}^{\text{if \& only if}}} = e^{\overbrace{Y+X}^{\text{if \& only if}}} \iff X Y = Y X$$

# Computing the Matrix Exponential/STM

The matrix exponential is the STM for LTI state space initial value problems:

$$\dot{x} = Ax, \quad x(t_0) = x_0 \iff x(t) = \Phi(t, t_0) \cdot x(t_0)$$

where  $\Phi(t, t_0) = e^{A(t-t_0)} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A^i \frac{(t-t_0)^i}{i!}$

The STM is extremely useful for doing computer simulations of LTI systems --  
**but how to actually compute an infinite series of matrix powers?**

- Brute force: truncated series, or lucky properties of matrix

- Eigenvalue/Jordan decomposition

- Laplace transforms

- Cayley-Hamilton theorem

- Matlab: "expm" command

→ for any matrix  $A$ :  $|A - \lambda I| = \lambda^n + c_{n-1}\lambda^{n-1} + \dots + c_1\lambda + c_0 = 0$   
 = char. equ. for  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$

→ C-H Theorem: says:

$$A^n + c_{n-1}A^{n-1} + \dots + c_1A + c_0I = 0 \text{ (matrix)}$$

i.e. every square matrix satisfies its own char. equ!

→ So what? This means  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A^i = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} q_i \cdot A^i$  for  $q_i \in \mathbb{R}$   
 (i.e. all matrix powers  $i \geq n$  are just linear combos of lower powers!)

# Example: STM Computation for 1D Mass System IVP

- Recall: LTI SS model for displacement  $d(t)$  vs.  $t$  (let force  $F(t)=0$ )

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{so what is } \Phi(t, t_0) = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{u} &\rightarrow F=0 \\ x &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v \\ d \end{bmatrix} \\ \dot{x} &= \begin{bmatrix} \dot{v} \\ \dot{d} \end{bmatrix} = Ax \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow$  Suppose  $t - t_0 \triangleq \Delta t$  for some constant  $t_0$

$$\rightarrow \Phi(t, t_0) = e^{A\Delta t} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A^i \frac{(\Delta t)^i}{i!} \rightarrow \text{we know that: } \begin{aligned} i=0: A^0 &= I \\ i=1: A^1 &= A \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \text{for } i=2: A^2 = A \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{for } i=3: A^3 = A \cdot A \cdot A = A^2 \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow A^i = 0 \text{ for all } i \geq 2 (!!)$$

$$\rightarrow \Phi(t, t_0) = e^{A\Delta t} = A^0 \frac{(\Delta t)^0}{0!} + A^1 \frac{(\Delta t)^1}{1!} + 0 \dots + 0 = I + A \Delta t = \boxed{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \Delta t & 1 \end{bmatrix}} = \Phi(t, t_0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow \underline{\text{So:}} \quad x(t) &= x(t_0 + \Delta t) = \Phi(t, t_0) x(t_0) = \Phi(t, t_0) \begin{bmatrix} v(t_0) \\ d(t_0) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} v(t_0) \\ v(t_0)\Delta t + d(t_0) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$