

HW 3

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Problem 1

Consider the following matrices:

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (a) Compute $e^{A_i t}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$. Note that A_2 is a special case of a matrix whose exponential was computed in class.
- (b) For $i = 1, 2, 3$, write down the solution of $\dot{x} = A_i x$ for a general initial condition.
- (c) In each case, determine whether the solutions of $\dot{x} = A_i x$ decay to 0, stay bounded, or go to ∞ (for various choices of initial conditions).
- (d) Try to state the general rule which can be used to determine, by looking at the eigenstructure of A , whether the solutions of $\dot{x} = Ax$ decay to 0, stay bounded, or go to ∞ .

Answer (a)

We can express $A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and constant $(\frac{1}{2})$ is not necessary to find **nilpotent matrix**, so I'll omit $\frac{1}{2}$.

$$A_1^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

And we already know that

$$e^{At} = I + At + \frac{1}{2!}(At)^2 + \dots$$

Therefore,

$$e^{A_1 t} = I + A_1 t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} t & -t \\ t & -t \end{pmatrix}$$

We saw that

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_2^2 = -I, A_2^3 = -A_2, A_2^4 = I$$

Substitute this to exponential matrix's Taylor expansion, we can get

$$e^{At} = I + At - \frac{1}{2!}(At^2) - \frac{1}{3!}(At^3) + \dots$$

and we can divide to even and odd parts and each part converge to $\cos t$ and $\sin t$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} e^{At} &= I \cdot \cos t + A \cdot \sin t \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos t + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \sin t \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

This is so simple! We can express A_3

$$A_3 = A_{31} + A_{32} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then,

$$e^{A_{31}t} = \begin{pmatrix} e^t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix}$$

and $A_{32}^2 = 0$, so

$$e^{A_{32}t} = I + A_{32}t = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -3t & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Finally, we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{A_3t} &= e^{A_{31}t} + e^{A_{32}t} = e^{A_{31}t}e^{A_{32}t} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} e^t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2t} & 0 \\ -3te^{-2t} & 0 & e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Answer (b)

We can express the solution of $\dot{x} = A_i x$ as $x(t) = e^{A_i t} x_0$.
Therefore,

$$\text{In } A_1, x(t) = e^{A_1 t} x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \frac{t}{2} & -\frac{t}{2} \\ \frac{t}{2} & 1 - \frac{t}{2} \end{pmatrix} x_0$$

$$\text{In } A_2, x(t) = e^{A_2 t} x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix} x_0$$

$$\text{In } A_3, x(t) = e^{A_3 t} x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} e^t & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2t} & 0 \\ -3te^{-2t} & 0 & e^{-2t} \end{pmatrix} x_0$$

Answer (c, d)

In general, the linear system($\dot{x} = Ax$)'s solution can be expressed:

$$x(t) = e^{At}x_0$$

and e^{At} is the exponential matrix of A . Therefore, we can determine the behavior of the solution by looking at the eigenvalues of A .

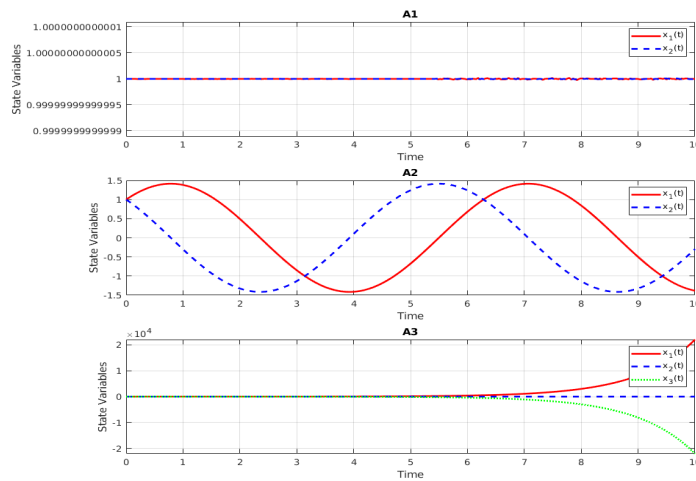
Then, we can express the solution of the system with the eigenvalues of A :

$$x(t) = e^{\lambda t}v$$

- 1) If $\lambda < 0$ the solution will decay to 0.
- 2) If $\lambda = 0$ the solution will stay bounded.
- 3) If $\lambda > 0$ the solution will go to ∞ .
- 4) If λ is complex, the solution will oscillate.

Therefore, we can determine the behavior of the solution by looking at the eigenvalues of A_i .

- 1) In A_1 , the eigenvalues are $\lambda = 0, 0$, so the solution will stay bounded.
- 2) In A_2 , the eigenvalues are $\lambda = \pm i$, so the solution will oscillate.
- 3) In A_3 , the eigenvalues are $\lambda = 1, -2, -2$, may be the solution will go to saddle point.



Problem 2

The pictures show possible trajectories of a linear system $\dot{x} = Ax$ in the plane, when the eigenvalues λ_1 and λ_2 of A are in one of the following configurations:

$$(a)\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0, \quad (b)\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2, \quad (c)0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2,$$

$$(d)\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = a \pm bi, a < 0, \quad (e)\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = a \pm bi, a = 0, \quad (f)\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = a \pm bi, a > 0$$

Match each picture with the corresponding eigenvalue distribution. Justify your answers (plotting in Matlab cannot be used as a justification).

Answer

We saw that the behavior of the solution can be determined by the eigenvalues of A . (check in Problem 1.)

a) If $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2 < 0$, $e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}$ will decay to 0. Therefore, the trajectories will converge to the origin. This is Stable node.

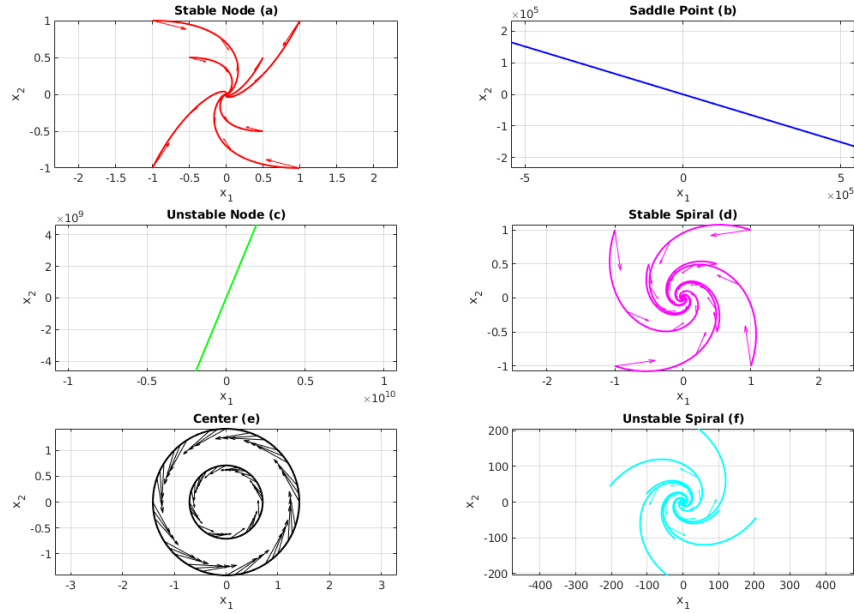
b) If $\lambda_1 < 0 < \lambda_2$, $e^{\lambda_1 t}$ will decay to 0 and $e^{\lambda_2 t}$ will go to ∞ . Therefore, the trajectories will make the saddle point.

c) If $0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2$, $e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}$ will go to ∞ . Therefore, the trajectories will go to the infinity. This is Unstable node.

d) If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = a \pm bi, a < 0$, $e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}$ will oscillate, but the real part is negative, so the trajectories will converge to the origin. This is Stable spiral.

e) If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = a \pm bi, a = 0$, $e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}$ will oscillate, but the real part is 0, so the trajectories will stay bounded. This is Center.

f) If $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 = a \pm bi, a > 0$, $e^{\lambda_1 t}, e^{\lambda_2 t}$ will oscillate, but the real part is positive, so the trajectories will go to the infinity. This is Unstable spiral.



Problem 3

This exercise illustrates the phenomenon known as resonance. Consider the system

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega \\ -\omega & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} u, \quad y = x_2$$

where $\omega > 0$, u is the control input, and y is the output. Let the input be $u(t) = \cos \nu t$, $\nu > 0$. Using the variation-of-constants formula, compute the response $y(t)$ to this input from the zero initial condition $x(0) = 0$, considering separately two cases: $\nu \neq \omega$ and $\nu = \omega$. In each case, determine whether this response is decaying to 0, bounded, or unbounded.

Answer

In general, the solution of the linear system can be expressed as $x(t) = e^{At}x_0 + \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)}Bu(\tau)d\tau$.

First, calculate e^{At} , it's known matrix:

$$e^{At} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega t & \sin \omega t \\ -\sin \omega t & \cos \omega t \end{pmatrix}$$

and Substituting the given values to the formula,

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \int_0^t e^{A(t-\tau)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos(\nu t) d\tau \\ &= \int_0^t \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega(t-\tau) & \sin \omega(t-\tau) \\ -\sin \omega(t-\tau) & \cos \omega(t-\tau) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \cos \nu \tau d\tau \\ &= \int_0^t \begin{pmatrix} \sin \omega(t-\tau) \\ \cos \omega(t-\tau) \end{pmatrix} \cos \nu \tau d\tau \end{aligned}$$

We can divide this integral to two parts, $x_1 = \int_0^t \sin \omega(t-\tau) \cos \nu \tau d\tau$ and $x_2 = \int_0^t \cos \omega(t-\tau) \cos \nu \tau d\tau$.

Then, use triangle formula, $\sin(a-b) = \sin a \cos b - \cos a \sin b$ and $\cos(a-b) = \cos a \cos b + \sin a \sin b$.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= \int_0^t \sin \omega t \cos \omega \tau \cos \nu \tau d\tau - \int_0^t \cos \omega t \sin \omega \tau \cos \nu \tau d\tau \\ &= \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{2} \int_0^t \cos(\omega - \nu)\tau + \cos(\omega + \nu)\tau d\tau - \frac{\cos(\omega t)}{2} \int_0^t \sin(\omega - \nu)\tau + \sin(\omega + \nu)\tau d\tau \\ &= \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{2} \left[\frac{\sin(\omega - \nu)t}{\omega - \nu} + \frac{\sin(\omega + \nu)t}{\omega + \nu} \right] - \frac{\cos(\omega t)}{2} \left[\frac{-\cos(\omega - \nu)t}{\omega - \nu} + \frac{-\cos(\omega + \nu)t}{\omega + \nu} \right] \end{aligned}$$

calculate $x_2(t)$ in the same way, we can get

$$x_2(t) = \frac{\cos(\omega t)}{2} \left[\frac{\sin(\omega - \nu)t}{\omega - \nu} + \frac{\sin(\omega + \nu)t}{\omega + \nu} \right] + \frac{\sin(\omega t)}{2} \left[\frac{\cos(\omega - \nu)t}{\omega - \nu} + \frac{\cos(\omega + \nu)t}{\omega + \nu} \right]$$

Now, consider the case of $\nu \neq \omega$ and $\nu = \omega$ separately.

- 1) If $\nu \neq \omega$, the response will be bounded.
- 2) If $\nu = \omega$, the response will be unbounded.

Problem 4

Compute the state transition matrix $\Phi(t, t_0)$ of $\dot{x} = A(t)x$ with

$$A(t) = \begin{pmatrix} -1 + \cos t & 0 \\ 0 & -2 + \cos t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Answer

By, **Peano-Baker series**, we can express the solution of the linear system as

$$\Phi(t, t_0) = I + \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) d\tau_1 + \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_1} A(\tau_2) d\tau_2 d\tau_1 + \dots$$

Therefore, we can calculate the state transition matrix.

First term of the series is I and the second term is

$$\int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) d\tau_1 = \begin{pmatrix} -(t - t_0) + \sin t - \sin t_0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2(t - t_0) + \sin t - \sin t_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and from the third term onwards, it disappears because its periodicity.

Therefore,

$$\Phi(t, t_0) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-(t-t_0)+\sin t-\sin t_0} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2(t-t_0)+\sin t-\sin t_0} \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 5

Consider the LTV system $\dot{x} = A(t)x$, where $A(t)$ is periodic with period T , i.e., $A(t + T) = A(t)$. Let $\Phi(t, t_0)$ denote the corresponding state transition matrix. The goal of this exercise is to show that we can simplify the system and characterize its transition matrix with the help of a suitable (time-varying) coordinate transformation. Being a nonsingular matrix, $\Phi(T, 0)$ can be written as an exponential: $\Phi(T, 0) = e^{RT}$, where R is some matrix. Define also $P(t) := \Phi(t, 0)e^{-Rt}$.

- (a) Using the properties of state transition matrices from class, show that $\Phi(t, t_0) = P(t)e^{R(t-t_0)}P^{-1}(t_0)$.

- (b) Deduce from (a) that $\bar{x}(t) := P^{-1}(t)x(t)$ satisfies the time-invariant differential equation $\dot{\bar{x}} = R\bar{x}$.
- (c) Prove that $P(t)$ is periodic with period T .
- (d) Consider the LTV system from Problem 4. Find new coordinates $\bar{x}(t)$ in which, according to part (b), this system should become time-invariant. Confirm this fact by differentiating $\bar{x}(t)$.

Answer (a)

We know that $P(t) = \Phi(t, 0)e^{-Rt}$ in other words, $\Phi(t, 0) = P(t)e^{Rt}$.
And applying the property of the state transition matrix,

$$\Phi(t, t_0) = \Phi(t, 0)\Phi^{-1}(t_0, 0)$$

,

$$\Phi(t, 0) = P(t)e^{Rt}, \text{ and } \Phi(t_0, 0) = e^{-Rt_0}P^{-1}(t_0)$$

Therefore,

$$\Phi(t, t_0) = P(t)e^{R(t-t_0)}P^{-1}(t_0)$$

Answer (b)

Answer (c)

For the periodicity of $P(t)$, we can express $P(t+T)$ as

$$\Phi(t+T, 0) = \Phi(t, 0)\Phi(T, 0)$$

And we know that $\Phi(T, 0) = e^{RT}$, so

$$\Phi(t+T, 0) = \Phi(t, 0)e^{RT}$$

Now calculate $P(t+T)$,

$$\Phi(t+T, 0)e^{-R(t+T)}$$

$$P(t+T) = \Phi(t, 0)e^{RT}e^{-R(t+T)} = \Phi(t, 0)e^{RT}e^{-Rt}e^{-RT}$$

and $e^{RT}e^{-RT} = I$,

$$P(t+T) = \Phi(t, 0)e^{-Rt} = P(t)$$

Answer (d)

Problem 6

Prove the variation-of-constants formula for linear time-varying control systems stated in class (see also Class Notes, end of Section 3.7).

Answer

In class, we saw that the solution of the LTV system,

$$x(t) = \Phi(t, t_0)x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \Phi(t, \tau)B(\tau)u(\tau)d\tau$$

To prove this, if we differentiate both sides with respect to time,

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} (\Phi(t, t_0)x_0) + \frac{d}{dt} \left(\int_{t_0}^t \Phi(t, \tau)B(\tau)u(\tau)d\tau \right) \\ &= A(t)\Phi(t, t_0)x_0 + \Phi(t, t)B(t)u(t) \\ &= A(t)\Phi(t, t_0)x_0 + B(t)u(t)\end{aligned}$$