
5. Solving the state equations

5.1 State transformations

- State-space representations are not unique. There are many selections of state variables which can describe a system.
- State variables can be real or fictitious.
- Some state representations lead to computationally attractive forms.
- Thus, by using the appropriate state transformation, we can obtain a state-space representation that leads to significantly easier computation.
- Consider the following state transformation:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{z}(t)$$

- Here, \mathbf{T} is any constant non-singular (i.e. invertible) $n \times n$ matrix. Since \mathbf{T} is constant, we can write:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{T} \frac{d\mathbf{z}}{dt}$$

- Substituting these expressions into the state equation

$$\mathbf{T} \frac{d\mathbf{z}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{B}u$$

- Finally, premultiplying by \mathbf{T}^{-1} gives us the new state equation:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{z}}{dt} = \mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{B}u$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{z}}{dt} = \bar{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{B}u$$

- The new output equation is:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{D}u \\ y &= \bar{\mathbf{C}}\mathbf{z} + \mathbf{D}u \end{aligned}$$

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- Note – the only condition on \mathbf{T} is that it must have an inverse. Hence, there are an infinite number of state representations for the system.
 - We are interested in finding a representation that leads to a diagonal $\bar{\mathbf{A}}$ matrix.
 - So the issue becomes one of finding a suitable \mathbf{T} so that $\bar{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{T}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{T}$ is diagonal.
 - Consider a matrix \mathbf{A} with distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n$. Let $\mathbf{m}_1, \mathbf{m}_2, \dots, \mathbf{m}_n$ be the corresponding eigenvectors.
 - The *modal matrix*, \mathbf{M} , is formed from these eigenvectors:

$$\mathbf{M} = [\mathbf{m}_1 \quad \mathbf{m}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{m}_n]$$
 - Note that by definition, $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{m}_i$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{AM} &= \mathbf{A}[\mathbf{m}_1 \quad \mathbf{m}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{m}_n] \\ &= [\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}_1 \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}_2 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}_n] \\ &= [\lambda_1\mathbf{m}_1 \quad \lambda_2\mathbf{m}_2 \quad \dots \quad \lambda_n\mathbf{m}_n] \\ &= \mathbf{M}\Lambda\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$$

- Since $\mathbf{AM} = \mathbf{M}\Lambda \Rightarrow \Lambda = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{AM}$

Thus selecting $\mathbf{T}=\mathbf{M}$ results in a diagonal matrix.

Forming the Modal Matrix

- Recall that eigenvalues are calculated as the roots of the **matrix characteristic equation**

$$\det(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = |\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}| = 0$$

- The eigenvectors are then determined either by
 - solving $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{m}_i = \lambda_i \mathbf{m}_i$ or
 - evaluating the cofactors of a row of $(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})$

We shall use the second method using cofactors.

- Example 5.1:** Determine the modal matrix for $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution

Eigenvalues:

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}| = 0 &\Rightarrow \left| \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \right| = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 1 & -2 \\ 1 & \lambda + 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (\lambda + 1)(\lambda + 4) + 2 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \lambda^2 + 5\lambda + 6 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow (\lambda + 2)(\lambda + 3) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = -2, \lambda_2 = -3 \end{aligned}$$

Eigenvectors – (*using cofactors*) – here, the eigenvectors are obtained by writing the cofactors of **any** row of $(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})$ in column format (note – make sure to allow for the correct sign, as shown below):

$$(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 1 & -2 \\ 1 & \lambda + 4 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} + & - \\ - & + \end{bmatrix}$$

Take row 1, for example. Delete the first row and column.

$$(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 1 & -2 \\ 1 & \lambda + 4 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} + & - \\ - & + \end{bmatrix}$$

This leaves $\lambda + 4$. Now delete the first row and second column.

$$(\lambda \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A}) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 1 & -2 \\ 1 & \lambda + 4 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} + & - \\ - & + \end{bmatrix}$$

This leaves 1 but because of its position, we enter -1 .

$$\mathbf{m}_v = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now we enter the eigenvalues to this vector:

$$\lambda = -2 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \lambda = -3 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Combining these gives the modal matrix:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The entries in the diagonal matrix must correspond to the associated vector in \mathbf{M}

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

So

$$\mathbf{M} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{M}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}$$

5.2 Continuous-time solution

- The general linear Single Input Single Output (SISO) continuous-time state-space model is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} &= \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}u(t) \\ y(t) &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{D}u(t)\end{aligned}$$

- We will consider the unforced and forced responses separately.

Unforced response

- This is when the input is set to zero for all time, i.e.:

$$u(t) = 0, \quad \forall t$$

- The state equation then becomes:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)$$

- Consider the scalar case $\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = ax(t)$. This is a first-order differential equation and has a solution:

$$x(t) = e^{at} x(0)$$

- The question is ... can we use the same solution when a is replaced by \mathbf{A} , i.e.:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(0)$$

What is $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$?

- Expanding e^{at} gives:

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

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- Using the same expansion for $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ gives:

$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}t + \frac{(\mathbf{A}t)^2}{2!} + \frac{(\mathbf{A}t)^3}{3!} + \dots$$

- This can be rewritten as:

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

- Hence, we can conclude that $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ is an $n \times n$ matrix defined as:

$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{A}^k \frac{t^k}{k!}$$

- Now consider $\frac{d}{dt}(e^{\mathbf{A}t})$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(e^{\mathbf{A}t}) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}t + \mathbf{A}^2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \mathbf{A}^3 \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots \right) \\ &= \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{A} + 2\mathbf{A}^2 \frac{t^1}{2!} + 3\mathbf{A}^3 \frac{t^2}{3!} + \dots \\ &= \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{A}^2 \frac{t^1}{1!} + \mathbf{A}^3 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots \\ &= \mathbf{A} \left(\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{A}t + \mathbf{A}^2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots \right) = \mathbf{A} e^{\mathbf{A}t} \end{aligned}$$

- This is exactly the same as for the scalar case, i.e. $\frac{d}{dt}(e^{at}) = ae^{at}$, and hence $\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(0)$ is indeed a valid solution for the state equation $\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)$.

- Note – most of the properties of $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ are the same as e^{at} . For example:

$$\int e^{at} dt = \frac{1}{a} e^{at} = a^{-1} e^{at} \quad \rightarrow \quad \int e^{\mathbf{A}t} dt = \mathbf{A}^{-1} e^{\mathbf{A}t} = e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{A}^{-1}$$

Forced response

- Now, consider the situation when the input is not zero:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}u(t)$$

- This can be written as:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{B}u(t)$$

- Premultiplying by $e^{-\mathbf{A}t}$ gives:

$$e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \left(\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} - \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) \right) = e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{B}u(t)$$

- This is equivalent to:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(t) \right) = e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{B}u(t)$$

- Integrating both sides with respect to t from 0 to t gives:

$$\int_0^t \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(e^{-\mathbf{A}\tau} \mathbf{x}(\tau) \right) d\tau = \int_0^t e^{-\mathbf{A}\tau} \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau$$

- Since $\int_0^t \frac{d}{d\tau} \left(e^{-\mathbf{A}\tau} \mathbf{x}(\tau) \right) d\tau = e^{-\mathbf{A}\tau} \mathbf{x}(\tau) \Big|_0^t = e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}(0)$, we can write:

$$e^{-\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(t) - \mathbf{x}(0) = \int_0^t e^{-\mathbf{A}\tau} \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau$$

- Finally, bringing $\mathbf{x}(0)$ to the RHS of the equation and multiplying both sides by $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ gives:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t e^{\mathbf{A}(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau$$

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- If we start from a time t_0 instead of zero, then:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}(t-t_0)} \mathbf{x}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t e^{\mathbf{A}(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau$$

Output calculation

- Once the state has been determined, the output is easily computed as:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{D}u(t) \\ &= \mathbf{C}e^{\mathbf{A}(t-t_0)} \mathbf{x}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{C}e^{\mathbf{A}(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau + \mathbf{D}u(t) \end{aligned}$$

- For continuous systems, the state transition matrix is defined as:

$$\Phi(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t}$$

- Hence, the output can be rewritten as:

$$y(t) = \mathbf{C}\Phi(t-t_0) \mathbf{x}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{C}\Phi(t-\tau) \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau + \mathbf{D}u(t)$$

The Modal matrix method to compute the state-transition matrix

To form the state transition matrix, it is much easier from a computational viewpoint if one is getting the exponential of a diagonal matrix.

- Consider $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ when $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$.
- Expanding $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ as a power series gives:

$$\begin{aligned}
\exp\left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} t\right) &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix} t + \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}^2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}^3 \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \lambda_1 t + \lambda_1^2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \lambda_1^3 \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 + \lambda_2 t + \lambda_2^2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \lambda_2^3 \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\lambda_2 t} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

- Thus, when \mathbf{A} is a diagonal matrix, calculating $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ is straightforward.
- Consider: $\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)$
- Let $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{M}\mathbf{z}(t)$, where \mathbf{M} is the modal matrix for \mathbf{A} . This gives:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{z}(t)}{dt} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{\Omega}\mathbf{z}(t)$$

- Solving this equation, we obtain: $\mathbf{z}(t) = e^{\mathbf{\Omega}t}\mathbf{z}(0)$

- Note: $\mathbf{\Omega} = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_n \end{bmatrix}$

- But $\mathbf{z}(t) = \mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{x}(t)$, hence: $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{M}e^{\mathbf{\Omega}t}\mathbf{M}^{-1}\mathbf{x}(0) = e^{\mathbf{A}t}\mathbf{x}(0)$

- Thus, the state transition matrix $e^{\mathbf{A}t}$ can be computed as:

$$\Phi(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \mathbf{M}e^{\mathbf{\Omega}t}\mathbf{M}^{-1}$$

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- **Example 5.2:** Determine the state transition matrix for the system:

$$\frac{d}{dt}[\mathbf{x}] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} x_{in}$$

$$y = [1 \quad 0]\mathbf{x}$$

Hence, determine the unit-impulse response if the initial values of the states are zero.

Solution

Eigenvalues: $\lambda = -2, -3$

Modal matrix: $\lambda I - \mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -2 \\ 3 & \lambda + 5 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\mathbf{M}_v = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 5 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus: $\mathbf{M}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/3 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Hence:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t} &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} e^{\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 \end{bmatrix} t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/3 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ -3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2/3 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t} & 2e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t} \\ -3e^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t} & -2e^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$y(t) = \mathbf{C}e^{\mathbf{A}t}\mathbf{B}$$

$$y(t) = [1 \quad 0] \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t} & 2e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t} \\ -3e^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t} & -2e^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y(t) = 2e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t}$$

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- **Example 5.3:** Determine the output for the system:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}(t)}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ -3 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$
$$y(t) = [1 \quad 0] \mathbf{x}(t)$$

The input $u(t)$ is a step and the initial state $\mathbf{x}(0) = [1 \quad -1]^T$.

Solution

From example 5.2:
$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} = \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t} & 2e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t} \\ -3e^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t} & -2e^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

Need to determine:
$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t e^{\mathbf{A}(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau$$

$$e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t} & 2e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t} \\ -3e^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t} & -2e^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ -e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t e^{\mathbf{A}(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau \rightarrow e^{\mathbf{A}t} \int_0^t e^{-\mathbf{A}\tau} \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau \\
&= e^{\mathbf{A}t} \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{2\tau} - 2e^{3\tau} & 2e^{2\tau} - 2e^{3\tau} \\ -3e^{2\tau} + 3e^{3\tau} & -2e^{2\tau} + 3e^{3\tau} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} (1) d\tau \\
&= e^{\mathbf{A}t} \int_0^t \begin{bmatrix} 2e^{2\tau} - 2e^{3\tau} \\ -2e^{2\tau} + 3e^{3\tau} \end{bmatrix} d\tau \\
&= e^{\mathbf{A}t} \left(\begin{bmatrix} e^{2\tau} - \frac{2}{3}e^{3\tau} \\ -e^{2\tau} + e^{3\tau} \end{bmatrix} \bigg|_0^t \right) \\
&= e^{\mathbf{A}t} \left(\begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} - \frac{2}{3}e^{3t} - 1 + \frac{2}{3} \\ -e^{2t} + e^{3t} + 1 - 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} 3e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t} & 2e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t} \\ -3e^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t} & -2e^{-2t} + 3e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e^{2t} - \frac{2}{3}e^{3t} - \frac{1}{3} \\ -e^{2t} + e^{3t} \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \left(3 - 2e^t - e^{-2t} - 2e^{-t} + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3}e^{-3t}\right) + \left(-2 + 2e^t + 2e^{-t} - 2\right) \\ \left(-3 + 2e^t + e^{-2t} + 3e^{-t} - 2 - e^{-3t}\right) + \left(2 - 2e^t - 3e^{-t} + 3\right) \end{bmatrix} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-2t} + \frac{2}{3}e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{3} \\ e^{-2t} - e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence:

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t} \mathbf{x}(0) + \int_0^t e^{\mathbf{A}(t-\tau)} \mathbf{B}u(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-2t} \\ -e^{-2t} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-2t} + \frac{2}{3}e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{3} \\ e^{-2t} - e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3}e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{3} \\ -e^{-3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y(t) = [1 \quad 0]\mathbf{x}(t)$$

$$y(t) = \left[\frac{2}{3}e^{-3t} + \frac{1}{3} \right] u(t)$$