

# Linear Systems

## Solution of LDS

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## State space representation of LDS

- ▶ A state space representation of a LTI system takes the following form,

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

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}(t)$$

- ▶ Obtaining the solution to the above equations can be posed as the following problem,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Determine: } \mathbf{x}(t), \mathbf{y}(t) \quad \forall t \geq 0 \\ \text{Given: } \mathbf{u}(t), \forall t \geq 0 \text{ and } \mathbf{x}(0^-) \end{array} \right\}$$

- ▶ We first solve the state equation to obtain  $\mathbf{x}(t)$ , which is then used to obtain  $\mathbf{y}(t)$ .
- ▶ Because the system is linear, we can separate the solution into zero-input and zero-state solutions.

## Zero-input solution for $\mathbf{x}(t)$

- **Zero-Input Solution:** We will start by assuming  $\mathbf{u}(t) = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t)$$

- For the scalar case,  $\dot{x}(t) = ax(t)$ , we know the solution to be the following,  $x(t) = e^{at}x(0^-)$ .
- A similar approach works for the vector case. Let us assume to the solution to zero-input state equation to be of the form,  $\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{t\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{x}(0^-)$ .

## Zero-input solution for $\mathbf{x}(t)$

- What is  $e^{t\mathbf{A}}$ ? Functions of matrices are often defined to have properties consistent with that of their scalar counterparts.

$$e^{t\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{I} + t\mathbf{A} + \frac{1}{2!}t^2\mathbf{A}^2 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!}t^k\mathbf{A}^k \implies \frac{d}{dt}e^{t\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{A}e^{t\mathbf{A}}$$

- Thus,  $\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{t\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{x}(0^-)$  is the zero-input solution.

## $f(\mathbf{A})$ : functions of square matrices

- How do we evaluate  $e^{t\mathbf{A}}$ ? We do not need to evaluate the infinite series.

### Cayley-Hamilton Theorem

Every square matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  satisfies its own characteristic equation  $p(\lambda) = 0$ , i.e.  $p(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{0}$ .

$$p(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A}^n + a_1\mathbf{A}^{n-1} + a_2\mathbf{A}^{n-2} + \dots + a_n\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{0}$$

## $f(\mathbf{A})$ : functions of square matrices

- Consider a analytic function,  $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ , and a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  with characteristic polynomial  $p(x)$ . Then,

$$f(x) = q(x)p(x) + r(x)$$

where,  $q(x)$  and  $r(x)$  are the quotient and reminder polynomials, respectively, and  $r(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots + c_{n-1}x^{n-1}$ .

Since  $p(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{0}$ , we have  $f(\mathbf{A}) = r(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} c_k \mathbf{A}^k$ . Determining  $c_k$ s will allow us to calculate  $f(\mathbf{A})$ .

## $f(\mathbf{A})$ : functions of square matrices

- ▶ If  $\mathbf{A}$  has  $n$  distinct eigenvalues,  $c_k$ s solved through the  $n$  equations,  $f(\lambda_i) = q(\lambda_i)p(\lambda_i) + r(\lambda_i) = r(\lambda_i)$ .
- ▶ For repeated eigenvalues, we will need the following,

$$\left. \frac{d^{m-1}}{dx^{m-1}} f(x) \right|_{x=\lambda_i} = \left. \frac{d^{m-1}}{dx^{m-1}} r(x) \right|_{x=\lambda_i}$$

- ▶ For a diagonalizable matrix,  $e^{t\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{X}e^{t\mathbf{\Lambda}}\mathbf{X}^{-1}$ , with  $e^{t\mathbf{\Lambda}} = \text{diag}(e^{\lambda_1 t} \dots e^{\lambda_n t})$ .

- ▶ For non-diagonalizable matrix we have,  $e^{t\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{X} \begin{bmatrix} e^{t\mathbf{J}_1} & & & \\ & e^{t\mathbf{J}_2} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & e^{t\mathbf{J}_k} \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{X}^{-1}$

## $f(\mathbf{A})$ : functions of square matrices

Evaluate  $e^{t\mathbf{A}}$  for the following  $\mathbf{A}$ : (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ; (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ; (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$



## $f(\mathbf{A})$ : functions of square matrices

Evaluate  $e^{t\mathbf{J}}$  for  $\mathbf{J}$  with  $GM = 1$ : (a)  $AM = 2$ ; (b)  $AM = 3$ ; (c)  $AM = n$ .

## Laplace transform approach to zero-input response $\mathbf{x}(t)$

- ▶ Taking the Unilateral Laplace transform of the zero-input state equation,

$$s\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{L}}(s) - \mathbf{x}(0^-) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{L}}(s)$$

where,  $\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{L}}(s) = [X_1(s) \ X_2(s) \ \dots \ X_n(s)]^T$ , where  $x_i(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X_i(s)$ .

$$(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{L}}(s) = \mathbf{x}(0^-) \implies \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{L}}(s) = (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{x}(0^-)$$

$$\implies \mathbf{x}(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \right\} \mathbf{x}(0^-)$$

- ▶ Using the analogy from the scalar case, we could guess that  $\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{t\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{x}(0^-)$ . One can obtain the same solution by first finding the  $(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}$  and taking the inverse Laplace of each entry of this matrix.

## Laplace transform approach to zero-input response $\mathbf{x}(t)$

Find  $\mathbf{x}(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ :  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t)$ .

## Properties of $e^{t\mathbf{A}}$

- ▶ The columns of  $e^{t\mathbf{A}} = [\mathbf{a}_1(t) \quad \mathbf{a}_2(t) \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{a}_n(t)]$  represent the solutions to different initial conditions, i.e.  $\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{a}_i(t) = e^{t\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{e}_i$ .

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = e^{t\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{x}(0^-) = e^{t\mathbf{A}} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i(0^-) \mathbf{e}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i(0^-) \mathbf{a}_i$$

- ▶ If we know the response of a system to a set of  $n$  linearly independent initial conditions. Let  $\mathbf{X}(t)$  represent the matrix whose columns are the solutions to the different initial conditions, then for any given initial condition  $\mathbf{x}(0^-)$ , we have the solution,

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{X}(t) (\mathbf{X}(0^-))^{-1} \mathbf{x}(0^-)$$

## Properties of $e^{t\mathbf{A}}$

- ▶ For any arbitrary initial time  $\tau$ , instead of 0, we can still use the exponential formula to find out the solution,

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

- ▶  $e^{t\mathbf{A}}$  is called the *state transition matrix*, which takes the state at any given time to its value  $t$  seconds forward in time.

## Diagonalization of a linear system

- Consider the case where,  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable. Let  $\{\lambda_i, \mathbf{v}_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be the eigenpairs of  $\mathbf{A}$ . Then,  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}$ , and we could write the zero-input state equation as,

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{x}(t) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t)=\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{x}(t)} \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}(t) = \mathbf{\Lambda}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t)$$

The set of coupled first order differential equations are decoupled by this transformation.

- The individual states of  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t)$  evolve independently of each other.

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) = e^{t\mathbf{\Lambda}}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(0^-) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1 t} & & & \\ & e^{\lambda_2 t} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & e^{\lambda_n t} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(0^-)$$

## Diagonalization of a linear system

- ▶ An arbitrary initial state  $\mathbf{x}(0^-) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mathbf{v}_i$  evolves as follows,

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \alpha_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n e^{\lambda_n t} \mathbf{v}_n$$

## Diagonalization of a linear system

When  $\mathbf{A}$  is not diagonalizable:  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{V}^{-1} \implies \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}(t) = \mathbf{J}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t).$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t) = e^{t\mathbf{J}}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}(0^-) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{t\mathbf{J}_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{t\mathbf{J}_k} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(0^-)$$

Consider  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}^{-1} \implies \dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t)$

$$\dot{\tilde{x}}_1(t) = \lambda\tilde{x}_1(t) + \tilde{x}_2(t)$$

$$\dot{\tilde{x}}_2(t) = \lambda\tilde{x}_2(t)$$

We do not have complete decoupling as in the case where  $\mathbf{A}$  was diagonalizable.



## Diagonalization of a linear system

The exponential of a Jordan block has terms  $e^{\lambda t}$ ,  $te^{\lambda t}$ ,  $te^{\lambda t}$ ,  $\dots$

$$e^{t\mathbf{J}_1} = e^{\lambda_1 t} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & \frac{t^2}{2!} & \cdots & \frac{t^n}{n!} \\ 0 & 1 & t & \cdots & \frac{t^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & \frac{t^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

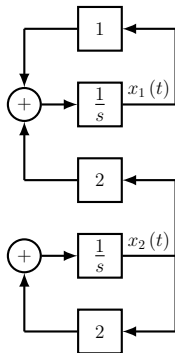
Thus,

$$\tilde{x}_1(t) = \tilde{x}_1(0^-) e^{\lambda t} + \tilde{x}_2(0^-) te^{\lambda t}$$

$$\tilde{x}_2(t) = \tilde{x}_2(0^-) e^{\lambda t}$$

# Diagonalization of a linear system

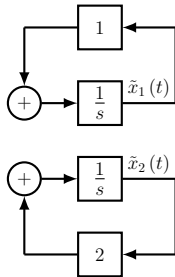
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t)$$



## Diagonalization of a linear system

When  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable.

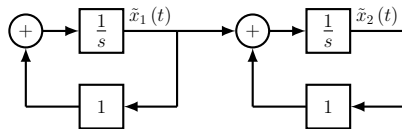
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## Diagonalization of a linear system

When  $\mathbf{A}$  is not-diagonalizable.

$$\dot{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}(t)$$



A Jordan block results in series of simple (scalar) first order blocks, where the output of a block acts as the input to another.

## Modes of a system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) \implies \mathbf{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e^{\lambda_i t} \mathbf{v}_i$$

- ▶ The eigenvalues  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$  of the system matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  characterize the “natural” behavior of the system. These are called the *modes of the system*.
- ▶ The modes are exclusively expressed when the system starts in some specific set of states. When the system starts in an arbitrary state, the response contains a linear mixtute of these modes.

## Modes of a system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) \implies \mathbf{x}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i e^{\lambda_i t} \mathbf{v}_i$$

- ▶ **Dominant mode:** Determines the long-term behavior of the system. In the case of continuous-time systems, this would be the eigenvalue with the largest real part.
- ▶ If  $\lambda_i$  is a dominant mode  $\implies |\alpha_i e^{\lambda_i t}| \gg |\alpha_j e^{\lambda_j t}|, \forall j \neq i$  and  $t > T$ .  
This implies that after some time, the response almost only has that particular mode,

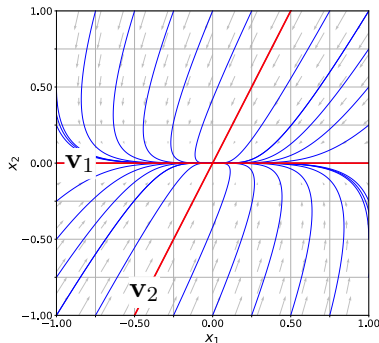
$$\mathbf{x}(t) \approx \alpha_i e^{\lambda_i t} \mathbf{v}_i, \quad \forall t > T$$

- ▶ **Subdominant mode:** These are the other modes of the system, and these essentially determine how fast the system moves to the dominant mode.

## Modes of a system

Consider the system,  $\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 0 & -5 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}(t)$ .

**Modes:** 
$$\begin{cases} \lambda_1 = -1, & \mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T \\ \lambda_2 = -5, & \mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^T \end{cases}$$



Consider a system with modes:  $(-1, \mathbf{v}_1)$ ,  $(-1, \mathbf{v}_2)$ ,  $(-3, \mathbf{v}_3)$ , and  $(-10, \mathbf{v}_4)$ . What are the dominant modes? How does any arbitrary state evolve?

## Modes of a system

Describe the state equation of a mass  $M$  in free space. What are its modes?



## Zero-solution for $\mathbf{x}(t)$

- ▶ Let us now assume that the LTI system is relaxed when the input is applied to the system, i.e.  $\mathbf{x}(0^-) = \mathbf{0}$ . The effect of the input  $\mathbf{u}(t)$  can be obtained by working in the Laplace domain,

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}(t) \implies \mathbf{x}_{\mathcal{L}}(s) = (s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1} \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}_{\mathcal{L}}(s)$$

Taking the inverse Laplace transform, we get,

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

## Zero-solution for $\mathbf{x}(t)$

What do the columns of  $e^{t\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{B}$  represent? What about the row of  $e^{t\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{B}$ ? What about the  $ij^{th}$  element of  $e^{t\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{B}$ ?

## Complete solution for $\mathbf{x}(t)$ and $\mathbf{y}(t)$

- ▶ The complete solution for the state equations is given by the following,

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

- ▶ The output of the system is given by,

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

where,  $\mathbf{G}(t) = \mathbf{C}e^{t\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D}\delta(t)$  is the *impulse response matrix* of the system.

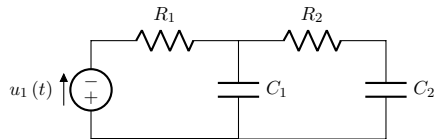
- ▶ The transfer function of the system is given by:  $\mathbf{H}(s) = \mathbf{C}(s\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{D}$ .

## Complete solution for $\mathbf{x}(t)$ and $\mathbf{y}(t)$

Find the impulse response matrix for  $\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.5 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and  $\mathbf{D} = 0$ .

## Complete solution for $\mathbf{x}(t)$ and $\mathbf{y}(t)$

Find the expression for  $\mathbf{y}(t) = [v_{C_1}(t) \ v_{R_2}(t)]^T$  for the following system, such that  $v_{C_1}(0^-) = 1V$ ,  $v_{C_2}(0^-) = -0.5V$ ,  $u_1(t) = 1(t)V$ , and  $R = 1k\Omega$ ,  $C = 1mF$ .



## Solution for discrete-time LTI system

► **System equations:**

$$\mathbf{x}[k+1] = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}[k] + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}[k]$$

$$\mathbf{y}[k] = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}[k] + \mathbf{D}\mathbf{u}[k]$$

► **Zero-input solution:**

$$\mathbf{x}[k] = \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{x}[0]$$

► **Zero-state solution:**

$$\mathbf{x}[k] = \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \mathbf{A}^{k-l-1} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}[l]$$

## Solution for discrete-time LTI system

► **Complete solution:**

$$\mathbf{x}[k] = \mathbf{A}^k \mathbf{x}[0] + \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \mathbf{A}^{k-l-1} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{u}[l]$$

- $\mathbf{A}^k$  is the *state transition matrix* and  $\mathbf{G}[k] = \mathbf{A}^{k-1} \mathbf{B}$  is the *impulse response matrix*.

## Solution for discrete-time LTI system

- We can approach this problem through the z-transform. Taking the unilateral z-transform of the state equation,

$$z\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{Z}}(z) - z\mathbf{x}(0) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{Z}}(z) + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}_{\mathcal{Z}}(z)$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{\mathcal{Z}}(z) = z(z\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{x}[0] + (z\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{A})^{-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{U}_{\mathcal{Z}}(z)$$

The inverse z-transform of this leads us to,

$$\mathbf{x}[k] = \mathbf{A}^k\mathbf{x}[0] + \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \mathbf{A}^{k-l-1}\mathbf{B}\mathbf{u}[l]$$



## Solution for discrete-time LTI system

- ▶ Output:

$$\mathbf{y}[k] = \mathbf{CA}^k \mathbf{x}[0] + \sum_{l=0}^{k-1} \mathbf{CA}^{k-l-1} \mathbf{Bu}[l] + \mathbf{Du}[k]$$

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## Diagonalization of a linear system

**When  $\mathbf{A}$  is diagonalizable**, then we have

$$\mathbf{x}[k+1] = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{x}[k] \implies \tilde{\mathbf{x}}[k+1] = \mathbf{\Lambda}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}[k]$$

where,  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}[k] = \mathbf{V}^{-1}\mathbf{x}[k]$ .

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}[k] = \mathbf{\Lambda}^k \tilde{\mathbf{x}}[0] = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1^k & & & \\ & \lambda_2^k & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda_n^k \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}[0]$$

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$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}[k+1] = \mathbf{J}\tilde{\mathbf{x}}[k]$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}[k] = \mathbf{J}^k \tilde{\mathbf{x}}[0] = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_1^k & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \mathbf{J}_l^k \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}[0]$$

## Diagonalization of a linear system

Consider  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{V}^{-1} \implies \tilde{\mathbf{x}}[k+1] = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}[k]$

$$\tilde{x}_1[k+1] = \lambda \tilde{x}_1[k] + \tilde{x}_2[k]$$

$$\tilde{x}_2[k+1] = \lambda \tilde{x}_2[k]$$

$$\mathbf{J}^k = \lambda^k \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{k!\lambda^{-1}}{(k-1)!1!} & \frac{k!\lambda^{-2}}{(k-2)!2!} & \cdots & \frac{k!\lambda^{-(n-1)}}{(k-n+1)!(n-1)!} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{k!\lambda^{-1}}{(k-1)!1!} & \cdots & \frac{k!\lambda^{-(n-2)}}{(k-n+2)!(n-2)!} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & \frac{k!\lambda^{-(n-3)}}{(k-n+3)!(n-3)!} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

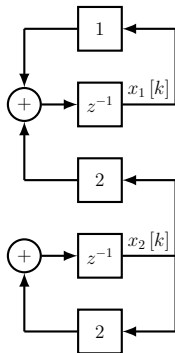
Thus,

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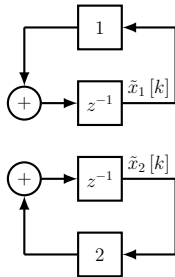
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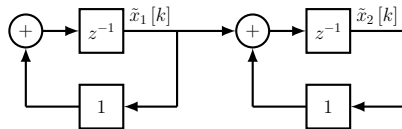
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