

1) Consider the following system:

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$$v^{(iv)}(x) - a(x)u'(x) = f(x) \quad (\text{I})$$

$$u''(x) + b(x)v(x) = g(x) \quad (\text{II})$$

Transform this system onto a system consisting of ODEs with order 1.

Answer: Let

$$v_0 := v(x), \dots, v_3 := v'''(x), \\ u_0 := u(x), u_1 := u'(x)$$

$$(\text{I}') \quad v^{(iv)}(x) = a(x)u'(x) + f(x)$$

$$(\text{II}') \quad u''(x) = -b(x)v(x) + g(x)$$

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$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_0' \\ v_1' \\ v_2' \\ v_3' \\ u_0' \\ u_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ a(x)u_1(x) + f(x) \\ u_1 \\ -b(x)v_0(x) + g(x) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 1.2 (Matrixvalued Mappings, 4 points)**

Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ . We define the exponential function by

$$e^A := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} A^k = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{k!} A^k.$$

Assume absolute convergence.

a) Let  $D \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  be a diagonal matrix. Calculate  $e^D$ .

**Calculation.** Let  $D = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$  where  $d_1, \dots, d_n \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then obviously we have

$D^k = \text{diag}(d_1^k, \dots, d_n^k)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Therefore:

$$e^D = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{k!} D^k = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^m \text{diag}\left(\frac{d_1^k}{k!}, \dots, \frac{d_n^k}{k!}\right) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \text{diag}\left(\sum_{k=0}^m \frac{d_1^k}{k!}, \dots, \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{d_n^k}{k!}\right)$$

Since  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{d_i^k}{k!} = e^{d_i}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  we obtain  $e^D = \text{diag}(e^{d_1}, \dots, e^{d_n})$ .

b) Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $S \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  invertible. Show that  $e^{SAS^{-1}} = Se^A S^{-1}$ .

**Proof.** We have for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  that:

$$(SAS^{-1})^k = \underbrace{(SAS^{-1})(SAS^{-1}) \cdots (SAS^{-1})(SAS^{-1})}_{k \text{-times}} = S \underbrace{A^k}_{=I_n} S^{-1} \cdots S \underbrace{A^k}_{=I_n} S^{-1}$$

$= SA^k S^{-1}$ , since all intermediate  $SS^{-1}$  cancel out. Therefore

$$e^{SAS^{-1}} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{k!} (SAS^{-1})^k = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{k!} SA^k S^{-1} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left( S \left[ \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{k!} A^k \right] S^{-1} \right)$$

Since we have absolute convergence of  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A^k$  we can compute:

$$e^{SAS^{-1}} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left( S \left[ \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{k!} A^k \right] S^{-1} \right) = S \left[ \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^m \frac{1}{k!} A^k \right] S^{-1} = Se^A S^{-1} \quad \square$$

c) Consider the following IVP for vector-valued functions  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$

$$u' = Au, \\ u(0) = u_0.$$

Assume that  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is diagonalisable. Show that  $u(t) = e^{At}u_0$  is a solution.

**Proof.** First of all we have

$u(0) = e^{0 \cdot A} u_0 = I_n u_0 = u_0$ , where we used the convention  $A^0 = I_n$ , for all  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ .  
Secondly, since  $A$  is diagonalisable  $\Rightarrow \exists S \in \text{GL}_n(\mathbb{C}) : D = \text{diag}(q_1, \dots, q_n) = S^{-1}AS$ , for  $q_1, \dots, q_n \in \mathbb{C}$ . Therefore:

$$u(t) = e^{At}u_0 = e^{(SAS^{-1})t}u_0 = e^{StS^{-1}}u_0 = Se^{Dt}S^{-1}u_0$$

Since we have  $\frac{d}{dt} e^{Dt} = De^{Dt}$ , we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} u(t) = \frac{d}{dt} (Se^{Dt}S^{-1})u_0 = S \frac{d}{dt} (e^{Dt})S^{-1}u_0 = S D e^{Dt} S^{-1} u_0$$

$$0 = S^{-1}AS = \underbrace{S^{-1}AS}_{=I_n} e^{Dt}S^{-1}u_0 = A(S e^{Dt}S^{-1})u_0 = A e^{S Dt}S^{-1}u_0 = A e^{At}u_0 = A u(t)$$

Hence  $u(t) = e^{At}u_0$  is a solution to the given IVP.  $\square$

**Problem 1.3 (Grönwall's inequality, 4 Points)**

Proof of the differential formulation of Grönwall's inequality:

Let  $I$  denote an interval of the form  $[a, c]$  or  $[a, \infty)$ , with  $c > a$ . Let  $w(t)$  and  $b(t)$  be continuous functions. Furthermore, let  $w(t)$  be differentiable and satisfy the differential inequality

$$w'(t) \leq b(t)w(t).$$

Then  $w$  is bounded:

$$w(t) \leq w(a) \exp \left( \int_a^t b(s) ds \right), \quad \forall t \in I.$$

Proof. Set  $v(t) := \exp \left( \int_a^t b(s) ds \right)$ ,  $\forall t \in I$

$$\begin{aligned} \stackrel{v \text{ est diff'able}}{=} v'(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_a^t b(s) ds \right) v(t) \\ &= b(t)v(t), \quad t \in I^\circ \end{aligned}$$

We notice that

$$1. \quad v(a) = \exp \left( \int_a^a b(s) ds \right) = \exp(0) = 1$$

$$2. \quad \exp(x) > 0, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow v(t) > 0, \quad \forall t \in I$$

Especially  $v(t) \neq 0$ ,  $\forall t \in I$ .

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{w(t)}{v(t)} = \frac{w'(t)v(t) - w(t)v'(t)}{v(t)^2}$$

$$= \frac{w'(t)v(t) - w(t)b(t)v(t)}{v(t)^2} = \frac{w'(t) - w(t)b(t)}{v(t)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w'(t) &\leq b(t)w(t) \\ \stackrel{\leq}{=} b(t)w(t) &> 0, \quad t \in I^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\omega(t)}{v(t)} \leq 0, \forall t \in I^\circ$ . Thus,  $\frac{\omega(t)}{v(t)}$  is monotonically decreasing.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\omega(t)}{v(t)} \leq \frac{\omega(a)}{v(a)} = \frac{\omega(a)}{1} = \omega(a), \forall I \ni t > a$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega(t) \leq \omega(a) v(t) = \omega(a) \exp \left( \int_a^t b(s) ds \right), t \in I.$$

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