

Solution of Linear Systems

A) In the time domain

$$\text{Given: } \begin{cases} \dot{\underline{x}} = A\underline{x} + B\underline{u} \\ \underline{y} = C\underline{x} + D\underline{u} \end{cases} ; \begin{cases} \underline{x}(t=\phi_+) = \underline{x}_0 \\ \underline{u}(t) = \phi, \forall t < \phi \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x}(t) = e^{At} \cdot \underline{x}_0 + \int_{0^-}^t e^{A(t-\tau)} \cdot B \cdot \underline{u}(\tau) d\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y}(t) = C \cdot e^{At} \cdot \underline{x}_0 + C \int_{0^-}^t e^{A(t-\tau)} \cdot B \cdot \underline{u}(\tau) d\tau + D \cdot \underline{u}(t)$$

B) In the frequency domain

$$\dot{\underline{x}} \quad \circ \quad s \cdot \underline{x}(s) - \underline{x}_0$$

$$\Rightarrow s \cdot \underline{x}(s) - \underline{x}_0 = A \cdot \underline{x}(s) + B \cdot \underline{u}(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow s \cdot \underline{x}(s) - A \cdot \underline{x}(s) = \underline{x}_0 + B \cdot \underline{u}(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow s \cdot I^{(n)} \cdot \underline{x}(s) - A \cdot \underline{x}(s) = \underline{x}_0 + B \cdot \underline{u}(s)$$

↑ Identity matrix of dimensions
 $n \times n$

$$\Rightarrow [s \cdot I^{(n)} - A] \cdot \underline{x}(s) = \underline{x}_0 + B \cdot \underline{u}(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{X}(s) = [sI^{(n)} - A]^{-1} \cdot \underline{x}_0 + [sI^{(n)} - A]^{-1} \cdot B \cdot \underline{U}(s)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{Y}(s) = C \cdot [sI^{(n)} - A]^{-1} \cdot \underline{x}_0 + C \cdot [sI^{(n)} - A]^{-1} \cdot B \cdot \underline{U}(s) + D \cdot \underline{U}(s)$$

C) Comparison of time- and frequency-domain solutions:

$$C \cdot e^{At} \cdot \underline{x}_0 \quad \circ \bullet \quad C \cdot [sI^{(n)} - A]^{-1} \cdot \underline{x}_0$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{At} \quad \circ \bullet \quad [sI^{(n)} - A]^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{At} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ (sI^{(n)} - A)^{-1} \right\}$$

Example:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 2 \\ -15 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow sI^{(2)} - A = \begin{bmatrix} s & \emptyset \\ \emptyset & s \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -8 & 2 \\ -15 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (s+8) & -2 \\ 15 & (s-3) \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} [sI^{(2)} - A]^{-1} &= \frac{[sI^{(2)} - A]^T}{|sI^{(2)} - A|} \\ &= \frac{\text{adj}(sI^{(2)} - A)}{\det(sI^{(2)} - A)} \end{aligned}$$

$$[sI^{(2)} - A]^T = \begin{bmatrix} (s-3) & 2 \\ -15 & (s+8) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |sI^{(2)} - A| &= (s+8)(s-3) - 15 \cdot (-2) \\ &= s^2 + 5s - 24 + 30 \\ &= s^2 + 5s + 6 \\ &= (s+2)(s+3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow [sI^{(2)} - A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{s-3}{(s+2)(s+3)} & \frac{2}{(s+2)(s+3)} \\ \frac{-15}{(s+2)(s+3)} & \frac{s+8}{(s+2)(s+3)} \end{bmatrix}$$

We need to use partial fraction expansion on all four terms:

$$\frac{s-3}{(s+2)(s+3)} = \frac{a_{11}}{s+2} + \frac{b_{11}}{s+3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11} &= \lim_{s \rightarrow -2} (s+2) \cdot \frac{s-3}{(s+2)(s+3)} \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow -2} \frac{s-3}{s+3} = \frac{-5}{1} = -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{11} &= \lim_{s \rightarrow -3} (s+3) \cdot \frac{s-3}{(s+2)(s+3)} \\ &= \lim_{s \rightarrow -3} \frac{s-3}{s+2} = \frac{-6}{-1} = 6 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly:

$$\frac{2}{(s+2)(s+3)} \equiv \frac{2}{s+2} + \frac{-2}{s+3}$$

$$\frac{-15}{(s+2)(s+3)} \equiv \frac{-15}{s+2} + \frac{15}{s+3}$$

$$\frac{s+8}{(s+2)(s+3)} \equiv \frac{6}{s+2} + \frac{-5}{s+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow [sI^{(2)} - A]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{-5}{s+2} + \frac{6}{s+3} \right) & \left(\frac{2}{s+2} + \frac{-2}{s+3} \right) \\ \left(\frac{-15}{s+2} + \frac{15}{s+3} \right) & \left(\frac{6}{s+2} + \frac{-5}{s+3} \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{At} = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ [sI^{(2)} - A]^{-1} \right\}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} (-5e^{-2t} + 6e^{-3t}) & (2e^{-2t} - 2e^{-3t}) \\ (-15e^{-2t} + 15e^{-3t}) & (6e^{-2t} - 5e^{-3t}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\neq \begin{bmatrix} e^{-8t} & e^{2t} \\ e^{-15t} & e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}$$

In Matlab:

$$A = [-8, 2; -15, 3]$$

$$e^A = \text{expm}(A)$$

↑ matrix exponential

SISO Systems & Transfer Functions:

Given a single-input / single-output (SISO) system:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{A} \cdot \underline{x} + \underline{b} u \\ y = \underline{c}' \cdot \underline{x} + d u \end{array} \right\} ; \quad \begin{array}{l} \underline{x}(t = \phi) = \underline{x}_0 \\ u(t) = \phi, \forall t < \phi \end{array}$$

$$y(t) = \underline{c}' e^{\underline{A}t} \cdot \underline{x}_0 + \underline{c}' \int_{0^-}^t e^{\underline{A}(t-\tau)} \cdot \underline{b} \cdot u(\tau) d\tau + d \cdot u(t)$$

$$Y(s) = \underline{c}' [sI^{(n)} - \underline{A}]^{-1} \cdot \underline{x}_0 + \underline{c}' [sI^{(n)} - \underline{A}]^{-1} \underline{b} \cdot U(s) + d \cdot U(s)$$

$$Y(s) = G(s) \cdot U(s) + \Gamma(s) \cdot \underline{x}_0$$

↑
transfer
function

↑
state transition
function

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\begin{array}{l} G(s) = \underline{c}' (sI^{(n)} - \underline{A})^{-1} \cdot \underline{b} + d \\ \Gamma(s) = \underline{c}' (sI^{(n)} - \underline{A})^{-1} \end{array}}$$

The transfer function $G(s)$ only accounts for the input, not for the initial condition.

Let: $\underline{x}_0 = \emptyset$

$\Rightarrow Y(s) = G(s) \cdot U(s)$

Let: $u(t) = \delta(t)$

$\Rightarrow U(s) = 1$

$\Rightarrow Y(s) = G(s) \cdot 1 = G(s)$

$$y(t) = \underline{c}' \int_{0^-}^t e^{A(t-\tau)} \cdot \underline{b} \cdot \delta(\tau) d\tau + d \cdot \delta(t)$$

$$= \underline{c}' e^{At} \cdot \underline{b} + d \cdot \delta(t)$$

because of the sifting property of the Dirac distribution.

$$y(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ G(s) \} = g(t)$$

is the impulse response

$$\underline{g(t)} = \underline{c}' e^{At} \cdot \underline{b} + d \cdot \delta(t)$$

Let $G(s)$ be strictly proper :

$$G(s) = \frac{N(s)}{D(s)} ; \text{ord}(N(s)) < \text{ord}(D(s))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow d = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\{G(s)\} = \underline{c}' e^{At} \cdot \underline{b}$$

We can write:

$$g(t-\tau) = \underline{c}' e^{A(t-\tau)} \cdot \underline{b}$$

and therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \underline{c}' \cdot \int_{0^-}^t e^{A(t-\tau)} \underline{b} \cdot u(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_{0^-}^t \underline{c}' \cdot e^{A(t-\tau)} \underline{b} \cdot u(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_{0^-}^t g(t-\tau) \cdot u(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

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To summarize:

Given a strictly proper SISO system with zero initial conditions:

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{A}\underline{x} + \underline{b}u \\ y = \underline{c}'\underline{x} \end{array} \right| ; \begin{array}{l} \underline{x}(t=0^+) = \underline{\phi} \\ u(t) = \underline{\phi}, \forall t < 0 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = \underline{c}' \int_{0^-}^t e^{\underline{A}(t-\tau)} \cdot \underline{b} \cdot u(\tau) d\tau$$
$$\equiv \int_{0^-}^t g(t-\tau) \cdot u(\tau) d\tau$$

where: $g(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ G(s) \}$

and: $G(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)}$

and: $U(s) = \mathcal{L} \{ u(t) \}$
 $Y(s) = \mathcal{L} \{ y(t) \}$

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We define:

$$Y(s) = G(s) \cdot U(s)$$

$$y(t) = g(t) * u(t)$$

↑ convolution operator

$$g(t) * u(t) := \int_{0^-}^t g(t-\tau) \cdot u(\tau) d\tau$$

↑ is defined as

Variable transformation:

$$\sigma = t - \tau$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau = t - \sigma$$

$$d\tau = -d\sigma$$

τ	σ
0^-	t
t	0^-

$$\Rightarrow g(t) * u(t) = \int_{0^-}^t g(t-\tau) \cdot u(\tau) d\tau$$

$$= \int_t g(\sigma) \cdot u(t-\sigma) (-d\sigma) = \int_{0^-} u(t-\sigma) \cdot g(\sigma) d\sigma$$

$$= u(t) * g(t)$$

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$$\Rightarrow \underline{g(t) * u(t) \equiv u(t) * g(t)}$$

The (scalar) convolution operator is commutative.

The convolution also works for systems that are not strictly proper, because:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= g(t) * u(t) = \int_{0^-}^t g(t-\tau) u(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_{0^-}^t \left[\underline{c}' e^{A(t-\tau)} \underline{b} + d \cdot \delta(t-\tau) \right] u(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \int_{0^-}^t \underline{c}' e^{A(t-\tau)} \underline{b} u(\tau) d\tau + \int_{0^-}^t d \delta(t-\tau) u(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \underline{c}' \int_{0^-}^t e^{A(t-\tau)} \underline{b} u(\tau) d\tau + d \cdot u(t) \end{aligned}$$
