



KTH Matematik

**Solution to Homework 1**  
**Mathematical Systems Theory, SF2832**  
**Fall 2008**

**You may use  $\min(3,(\text{your score})/10)$  as bonus credit on the exam.**

1. Solve the following linear state equations

$$(a) \dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix} x(t), x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \dots\dots\dots (2p)$$

$$e^{At} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-t} & e^{-t} - e^{-2t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2t} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{3t} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$(b) \dot{x}(t) = (1 + \sin(t))x(t), x(0) = 2. \dots\dots\dots (2p)$$

$$x(t) = 2e^{t - \cos(t) + 1}.$$

(c) Let an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A(t)$  be continuous and diagonal. Show the state transition matrix  $\Phi(t, s) = \exp(\int_s^t A(r)dr)$ .  $\dots\dots\dots (2p)$

**Proof: In this case  $A(t)$  and  $\int_s^t A(r)dr$  commute.**

2. Consider the system

$$\dot{x}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3 \end{bmatrix} x(t) + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} u(t),$$

where  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3$  are real numbers.

(a) Determine when the system is controllable (reachable)  $\dots\dots\dots (5p)$

**When  $\lambda_i$  are distinctive.**

(b) Let  $\lambda_1 = 2, \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 1$ . Make a change of variables for which the system has the decomposed representation

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_c(t) \\ \dot{x}_{\bar{c}}(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_c(t) \\ x_{\bar{c}}(t) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u(t)$$

$\dots\dots\dots (5p)$

Let for example  $\bar{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} x$ .

3. In this problem you will investigate whether it is possible to reconstruct the initial condition from measurements of the output for the system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t), \quad x(0) = x_0 \\ y(t) &= Cx(t) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & a \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $a$  is a constant.

- (a) Suppose you can measure  $x_1(t)$ , namely  $C = [1 \ 0]$ , for what  $a$  is it possible to reconstruct the initial state  $x_0$ ? ..... (2p)

**For all  $a$ .**

- (b) Suppose you can measure  $x_2(t)$ , namely  $C = [0 \ 1]$ , for what  $a$  is it possible to reconstruct the initial state  $x_0$ ? ..... (3p)

**For all  $a$ .**

- (c) Suppose  $a = 0$  and  $C = [0 \ 1]$ . If you can measure  $y(t)$  at  $t = 0, \pi/2, \pi, 3\pi/2$ , is it possible to reconstruct the initial state  $x_0$ ? ..... (3p)

$x(t) = (\cos(t)x_{10} + \sin(t)x_{20}, -\sin(t)x_{10} + \cos(t)x_{20})^T$ .  $y(t) = -\sin(t)x_{10} + \cos(t)x_{20}$ . **Then we only need to verify**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**has rank 2.**

4. Let  $\Phi(t, s) = \begin{bmatrix} \Phi_{11}(t, s) & \Phi_{12}(t, s) \\ \Phi_{21}(t, s) & \Phi_{22}(t, s) \end{bmatrix}$  be the state transition matrix for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} \\ 0 & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$

- (a) Show that  $\Phi_{21}(t, s) = 0 \ \forall t, s$ . ..... (3p)

**Since  $\Phi(s, s) = I$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Phi_{21}(t, s) = A_{22} \Phi_{21}(t, s)$  with  $\Phi_{21}(s, s) = 0$ , thus  $\Phi_{21}(t, s) = 0$ .**

- (b) Show that  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Phi_{ii}(t, s) = A_{ii} \Phi_{ii}(t, s)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ . ..... (4p)

**It follows from a).**

5. (a) Consider the harmonic oscillator

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -\omega \\ \omega & 0 \end{bmatrix} x, \quad x(0) = x_0$$

where the angular velocity  $\omega$  is a real scalar. For any  $x_0 \neq 0$ , show the trajectory  $\{x(t) : t \geq 0\}$  forms a circle. What is the radius of the circle? ..... (3p)

**Since  $\frac{d}{dt} |x(t)|^2 = 0$ ,  $|x(t)|^2 = |x_0|^2$ .**

(b) Consider the dynamics for a rotation matrix  $R(t)$ :

$$\dot{R}(t) = \Omega R, \quad R(0) = R_0$$

where,  $\Omega = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \omega_3 & -\omega_2 \\ -\omega_3 & 0 & \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 & -\omega_1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and the angular velocities  $\omega_1$ ,  $\omega_2$ , and  $\omega_3$  are real scalars, and  $R_0^T R_0 = I$ . Show that for any  $t > 0$ ,  $R^T(t)R(t) = I$ . . . . (4p)

**Proof:** Since  $\Omega^T = -\Omega$  (skew symmetric), thus  $R^T(t)R(t) = R_0^T R_0$ .