

## Revision

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Exam:

- Same format as previous years (4 Qns)
- 2 Qns - Systems of Linear ODEs (Part 1)
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- 1 Qn - Control (Part 3).

(Approximate breakdown).

# MA20220 - Revision Notes (Parts 1 and 2).

## Part 1: Systems of linear ODEs.

### 1.1 First-order Systems.

- Any linear ODE (of any order) can be written as a first-order system
- Standard form:  $\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t) + g(t)$ .  
 $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $x, g \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- Only consider  $A$  constant matrix  
i.e. homogeneous system  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$   
is autonomous.

### 1.2 Autonomous Homogeneous Systems

- **Theorem** (Existence & Uniqueness of IVPs):  
Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Then the IVP

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t), \quad x(t_0) = x_0 \quad (1.4)$$

has a unique solution.



• Proof (Main ideas):

- Existence:  $x(t) = \exp((t-t_0)A) x_0$  satisfies (1.4).

matrix exponential: For  $Y \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$$\exp(tY) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} (tY)^k = I + tY + \frac{t^2}{2} Y^2 + \dots$$

- Uniqueness: let  $y(t)$  also satisfy (1.4).

Consider  $h(t) = x(t) - y(t)$  then

$$\dot{h}(t) = A h(t), \quad h(t_0) = 0$$

We showed the only solution has  $h(t) = 0 \forall t$ .

□

• Definition

- The vector functions  $\{y_i(t)\}_{i=1}^m \quad t \in I \subset \mathbb{R}$

are linearly independent on  $I$  if for constants

$$c_i \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^m c_i y_i(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in I \Rightarrow c_1 = c_2 = \dots = c_m = 0$$

- The functions  $\{y_i(t)\}_{i=1}^m$  are linearly dependent if

they are not linearly independent i.e. if  $\exists$

$$\text{constants } c_1, \dots, c_m \text{ not all zero s.t. } \sum_{i=1}^m c_i y_i(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in I.$$

- To show linear independence:  
Assume linear dependence and seek a contradiction.

- Sheet 1 4(a):

If  $\{x_i(t_0)\}_{i=1}^n$  are lin. indep. vectors

Then  $\{x_i(t)\}_{i=1}^n$  are lin. indep. vector functions.

### 1.3. Linearly Independent Solutions.

- Homogeneous autonomous system:  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t)$  (1.5)  
( $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ).

- Theorem (Existence of  $n$  and only  $n$  lin. indep. sol<sup>n</sup>s):

There exist  $n$  lin. indep. solutions  $\{x_i(t)\}_{i=1}^n$

of (1.5). Any other solution  $x(t)$  can be written

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i(t) \quad (1.6)$$

for constants  $c_i \in \mathbb{C}$ .

□



• Corollary: If  $A$  has  $n$  lin. indep. eigenvectors then the general solution of (1.5) is

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i e^{\lambda_i t} v_i$$

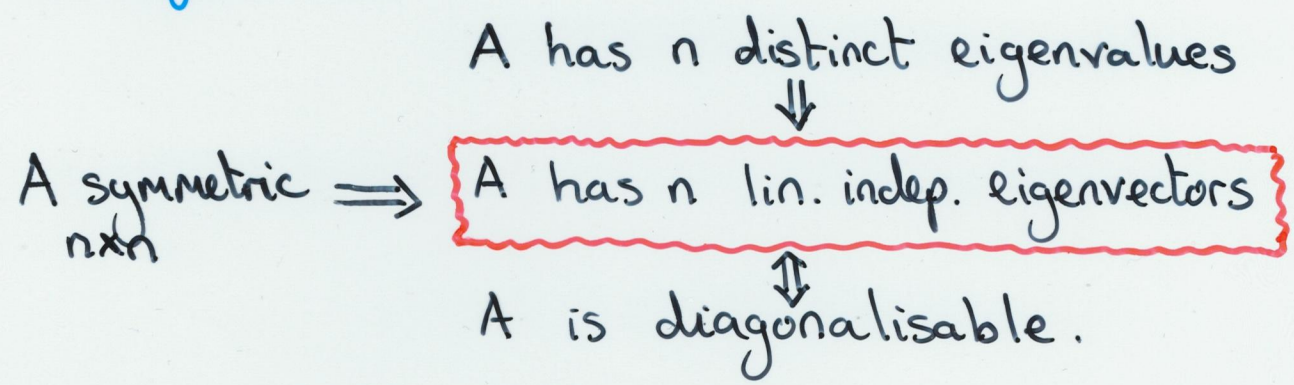
where  $v_i \in \mathbb{C}^n$  are lin. indep. eigenvectors with corresponding eigenvalues  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $c_i \in \mathbb{C}$  are arbitrary constants. □

Note:  $(A - \lambda_i I)v_i = 0$ .

• Definitions:

- Characteristic polynomial of  $A$ :  $\pi_A(\lambda) = \det(A - \lambda I)$
- Set of eigenvalues (spectrum) of  $A$ :  $\text{spec}(A) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} \mid \pi_A(\lambda) = 0\}$

• Linear Algebra Facts:



• Eigenvectors corresponding to distinct eigenvalues of  $A$  are lin. indep.

• Definition: (Generalised Eigenvectors)

For  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $\lambda \in \text{spec}(A)$ , a vector  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is called a generalised eigenvector wrt  $\lambda$  of order  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  if the following hold:

(i)  $(A - \lambda I)^k v \neq 0$  ,  $0 \leq k \leq m-1$

(ii)  $(A - \lambda I)^m v = 0$  .

□

• Lemma: (Constructing Generalised Eigenvectors)

Let  $\lambda \in \text{spec}(A)$  and  $v$  be a generalised eigenvector of order  $m \geq 2$ . Then for  $k=1, \dots, m-1$  the vector

$$v_{m-k} = (A - \lambda I)^k v$$

is a generalised eigenvector of order  $m-k$ .

□

• Theorem: Let  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  and  $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$  be a generalised eigenvector of order  $m$  wrt eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \text{spec}(A)$ .

Define  $m$  vectors as follows:

$$v_k = (A - \lambda I)^{m-k} v \quad k=1, \dots, m \quad (v_m = v)$$

(i) Then  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  are lin. indep.

(ii) The functions  $x_k(t) = e^{\lambda t} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{t^i}{i!} v_{k-i}$

for  $k=1, \dots, m$  form a set of lin. indep. solutions for  $\dot{x} = Ax$ .

□



• Definition: For  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ , an eigenvalue  $\lambda \in \text{spec}(A)$  has geometric multiplicity  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  if  $m$  is the largest number for which  $m$  lin. indep. eigenvectors exist. (If  $m=1$ ,  $\lambda$  is said to be a simple eigenvalue.)

The algebraic multiplicity is the multiplicity of  $\lambda$  as a root of  $\pi_A(\lambda)$ .

• Generalised eigenvectors are needed if the geometric multiplicity (for a given  $\lambda \in \text{spec}(A)$ ) is less than the algebraic multiplicity.

• For a given  $\lambda \in \text{spec}(A)$ , the total number of lin. indep. eigenvectors to be found = algebraic multiplicity.

↑  
(generalised if necessary)

## 1.4. Fundamental Matrices

- Fundamental System:  $n$  lin. indep. solutions  $x_1(t), \dots, x_n(t)$  of  $\dot{x} = Ax$   $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ .

(i) Any other solution  $x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i x_i(t)$   $c_i \in \mathbb{C}$  constants

(ii) Fundamental Matrix:  $\Phi(t) = (x_1(t) | \dots | x_n(t))$

- satisfies  $\dot{\Phi}(t) = A \Phi(t)$

- $\Phi^{-1}(t)$  exists (since columns lin. indep.).

• lemma If  $\Phi(t)$  and  $\Psi(t)$  are fundamental matrices of  $\dot{x} = Ax$ , then  $\exists$  constant matrix  $C \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  s.t.  $\Phi(t) = \Psi(t) C \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

• Theorem  $\Phi(t) = \exp(tA)$  is a fundamental matrix for the system  $\dot{x} = Ax$



### 1.5. IVPs Revisited.

• Let  $\Phi(t)$  be a fundamental matrix with  $\Phi(t_0) = \Phi_0$ .

• Claim:  $\Phi(t) = \Phi(t) \Phi_0^{-1} \Phi_0$  solves the IVP

$$\dot{\Phi} = A \Phi, \quad \Phi(t_0) = \Phi_0 \tag{1.9}$$

( $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ).

□

• Corollary: The unique solution of the IVP (1.9) is

$$\Phi(t) = \exp((t-t_0)A) \Phi_0$$

□

• Corollary: If  $\Phi(t)$  is a fundamental matrix of  $\dot{x} = Ax$  then

$$\exp(tA) = \Phi(t) \Phi(0)^{-1}$$

□

• (Alternative view: calculate matrix exponential via diagonalisation).

• Theorem: (Primary Decomposition Theorem)

$$\text{Let } A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} \text{ and } \Pi_A(\lambda) = \prod_{j=1}^l (\lambda_j - \lambda)^{m_j}$$

with  $\lambda_j$  distinct eigenvalues of  $A$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^l m_j = n$ .

Then for each  $j = 1, \dots, l$ ,  $\exists m_j$  lin. indep. (generalised) eigenvectors wrt  $\lambda_j$ . The combined set of  $n$  generalised eigenvectors is lin. indep.

□

## 1.6. Non-Homogeneous Systems

- Non-homogeneous system:  $\dot{x}(t) = A x(t) + g(t)$  (1.11)

$A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $g \in \mathbb{C}^n$ .

- Let  $\Phi(t)$  be a fundamental matrix of the corresponding (autonomous) homogeneous system  $\dot{x} = A x$ .

- General solution:

$$x(t) = \Phi(t) C + \Phi(t) \int_{t_0}^t \Phi^{-1}(s) g(s) ds \quad (1.12)$$

( $C \in \mathbb{C}^n$ , arbitrary constant vector)

- IVP:  $\dot{x} = A x + g$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  (1.13)

has solution

$$x(t) = \Phi(t) \Phi^{-1}(t_0) x_0 + \Phi(t) \int_{t_0}^t \Phi^{-1}(s) g(s) ds \quad (1.14)$$

(1.12), (1.14) obtained by "variation of parameters".



## Part 2: Laplace Transform.

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### 2.1. Definition & Basic Properties.

- Definition: The Laplace transform (LT) of a function  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the complex-valued function of the complex variable  $s$  defined by

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) = \hat{f}(s) = \int_{t=0}^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt \quad (2.1)$$

□

- Definition: A function  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is of exponential order if  $\exists$  constants  $\alpha, M > 0 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  
 $|f(t)| \leq M e^{\alpha t} \quad \forall t \in [0, \infty)$ .

□

- Theorem: Suppose  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is piecewise continuous and of exponential order with constants  $\alpha, M$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s)$  exists  $\forall s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\text{Re}(s) > \alpha$ .

□

(Improper integral in (2.1) makes sense).

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• Properties: For  $f(t), g(t)$  exponential order and  $\text{Re}(s)$  suff. large:

1. Linearity:  $\mathcal{L}\{af(t) + bg(t)\}(s) = a\hat{f}(s) + b\hat{g}(s)$   
 $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$  constants

2. Transform of a derivative:  $\mathcal{L}\{f'(t)\}(s) = s\hat{f}(s) - f(0)$

$\mathcal{L}\{f^{(n)}(t)\}(s) = s^n \hat{f}(s) - [s^{n-1}f(0) + s^{n-2}f'(0) + \dots + f^{(n-1)}(0)]$

3. Transform of an integral:  $\mathcal{L}\left\{\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau\right\}(s) = \frac{1}{s} \hat{f}(s)$

4. Damping formula:  $\mathcal{L}\{e^{-at}f(t)\}(s) = \hat{f}(s+a)$

5. Delay formula:  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t-T)H(t-T)\}(s) = e^{-sT} \hat{f}(s)$

$T > 0$ ,  $H(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \leq 0 \\ 1 & t > 0 \end{cases}$  Heaviside step function.

(• Examples)

• Notation:

If  $\mathcal{L}\{f(t)\}(s) = \hat{f}(s)$  then  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{\hat{f}(s)\}(t) = f(t)$

is the inverse Laplace transform.

• Invert using standard transforms.





• Derivation of variation of parameters formula by LT:

• IVP:  $\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + g(t)$ ,  $x(0) = x_0$

• Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ (sI - A)^{-1} \right\}(t) x_0 + \mathcal{L}^{-1} \left\{ (sI - A)^{-1} \hat{g}(s) \right\}(t) \\ &= \exp(tA) x_0 + \exp(tA) \int_{\tau=0}^t \exp(-\tau A) g(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

## 2.4. Dirac Delta Function

• Def<sup>n</sup>: The Dirac delta "function"  $\delta(t)$  is characterised by the following properties:

(i)  $\delta(t) = 0 \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

(ii) For any function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that is continuous on an open interval containing 0,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta(t) dt = f(0).$$

• Properties:

1.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \delta(t) dt = 1$

2.  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(t) \delta(t-a) dt = f(a)$

3.  $\mathcal{L} \{ \delta(t) \}(s) = 1$  or  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \{ 1 \}(t) = \delta(t)$



4.  $f(t) * \delta(t) = \delta(t) * f(t) = f(t)$

5.  $\mathcal{L}\{\delta(t-T)\}(s) = e^{-sT}$  or  $\mathcal{L}^{-1}\{e^{-sT}\}(t) = \delta(t-T)$   
for  $T > 0$

6.  $\delta(t-T) * f(t) = f(t-T)H(t-T).$

### 2.5. Final Value Theorem

Theorem: let  $g: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfy  $|g(t)| \leq M e^{-\alpha t}$  for some  $\alpha > 0, M > 0$  (i.e. exponentially decaying).

Then

$$\int_{t=0}^{\infty} g(t) dt = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (g * H)(t) = \underbrace{\mathcal{L}\{g(t)\}(0)}_{= \hat{g}(0)}$$