

1. Suppose a scalar function  $x(t)$  satisfies the  $n$ th order scalar differential equation,

$$x^{(n)}(t) + p_{n-1}(t)x^{(n-1)}(t) + p_{n-2}(t)x^{(n-2)}(t) + \dots + p_0(t)x(t) = 0$$

where  $x^{(k)}(t)$  denotes the  $k^{\text{th}}$  derivative of  $x(t)$ . Show that there is a choice of  $n$  dimensional state vector  $y$  with components

$$y_i = x^{(i-1)} \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n$$

such that

$$\dot{y} = Ay$$

what is  $A$ ?

Suppose  $p_{n-k}(t) = q_{n-k} t^{-k}$ ,  $k=1, 2, \dots, n$

where  $q_i$  are all constant. Find a choice of state vector  $y$  such that

$$\dot{y} = \frac{1}{t} Ay \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

and  $A$  a constant  $n \times n$  matrix.

What is  $A$ ?

2. (i) Verify that the transition matrix for the system

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}_1(t) \\ \dot{x}_2(t) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -2\delta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

with  $0 \leq \delta < 1$ ,  
takes the form

$$\Phi(t, 0) = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-\delta t} \left( \cos(\omega t) + \frac{\delta}{\omega} \sin(\omega t) \right) & \frac{1}{\omega} e^{-\delta t} \sin(\omega t) \\ -\frac{1}{\omega} e^{-\delta t} \sin(\omega t) & e^{-\delta t} \left( \cos(\omega t) - \frac{\delta}{\omega} \sin(\omega t) \right) \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $\omega = \sqrt{1 - \delta^2}$

(ii) Find a closed form expression for the transition matrix of

$$A(t) = \begin{pmatrix} a(t) & b(t) \\ -b(t) & a(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

3. Suppose  $A(t) = [a_{ij}(t)]$  satisfies  
 $a_{ij}(t) \geq 0$  for all  $i \neq j$   
and all  $t > t_0$ .

Show that every element of the transition matrix  $\Phi(t, t_0)$  is  $\geq 0$  for all  $t \geq t_0$ .

Also demonstrate that in this case,

for the two systems

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= A(t) x(t) & x(t_0) &= x_0 \\ \dot{y}(t) &= A(t) y(t) & y(t_0) &= y_0\end{aligned}$$

$$(x_0)_i \geq (y_0)_i \quad i=1, 2, \dots, n \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x_i(t) \geq y_i(t) \\ i=1, 2, \dots, n \end{matrix}$$

4.

Suppose  $A(t)$  is a skew symmetric matrix for each  $t$ . In that case, show that the corresponding transition matrix  $\Phi(t, t_0)$  has the property of preserving inner product as defined in homework 2.