

# Linear Systems I

## Lecture 4

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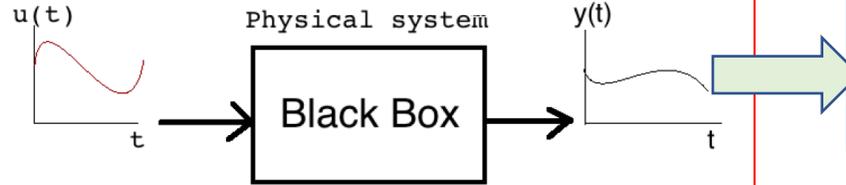
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# Summary of previous lecture and today's outline

## Linear system

$$\dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t),$$

$$y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t).$$



**Theorem:** Let  $y$  be an output corresponding to a given input  $u$  of a linear system. All outputs corresponding to  $u$  can be obtained by  
 Response = zero-input response + zero-state response

$$y = y_{zs} + y_{zi}$$

### To construct all the outputs due to $u$ :

- Find one particular output corresponding to the input  $u$  and zero initial condition.
- Final all outputs corresponding to the zero input.

Input-output description (Impulse response)

relaxed and linear:  $y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t G(t, \tau) u(\tau) d\tau, \forall t \geq 0$

relaxed and linear time-invariant:  $y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t G(t) u(t - \tau) d\tau, \forall t \geq 0$

Input-output description in Laplace domain

$$\hat{y}(s) = \hat{G}(s) \hat{u}(s), \quad \forall t \geq 0$$

$$\hat{G}(s) = C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D$$

$$y(t) = \psi(t)x(0) + \int_0^t G(t - \tau)u(\tau)d\tau,$$

$$G(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\hat{G}(s)], \quad \psi(t) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}[\hat{\psi}(s)].$$

SS  $\leftrightarrow$  Rational TF

### Lecture 4 covers

- Zero-state equivalence
- Algebraically equivalent LTI systems
- Solution of LTV systems
  - Solution to Homogeneous Linear systems
  - Transition matrix and its properties

# Zero input equivalence

**Def(Zero-state equivalence):** Two state-space systems are said to be zero-state equivalent if they realize the same transfer function, which means that they exhibit the same forced-response to every input. Zero-state equivalent systems does not necessarily are of the same dimension. The following SS forms are zero-state equivalent.

$$A = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} -4.5 & 0 & -6 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & -4.5 & 0 & -6 & 0 & -2 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right], \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \left[ \begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} -6 & 3 & -24 & 7.5 & -24 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.5 & 1.5 & 1 & 0.5 \end{array} \right], \quad D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Zero state responses of two zero-state equivalent system are the same!

$$\bar{A} = \begin{bmatrix} -2.5 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -4 & -4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{C} = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -12 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \bar{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D = \bar{C}(sI - \bar{A})^{-1}\bar{B} + \bar{D}$$

# Algebraically equivalent LTI systems

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}(t) &= Ax(t) + Bu(t), \\ y(t) &= Cx(t) + Du(t),\end{aligned}$$

Given  $T$  nonsingular, apply change of variable  $\bar{x} = Tx$  to write the system in the new state  $\bar{x}$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\bar{x}} = T\dot{x} = T(Ax(t) + Bu(t)) = \underbrace{TA T^{-1}}_{\bar{A}} \bar{x} + \underbrace{TB}_{\bar{B}} u(t) \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t) = \underbrace{CT^{-1}}_{\bar{C}} \bar{x} + \underbrace{D}_{\bar{D}} u(t) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{\bar{x}}(t) = \bar{A}\bar{x}(t) + \bar{B}u(t), \\ y(t) = \bar{C}\bar{x}(t) + \bar{D}u(t), \end{cases}$$

**Def**(Algebraically equivalent) Two continuous-time LTI systems

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = Ax(t) + Bu(t), \\ y(t) = Cx(t) + Du(t), \end{cases} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{cases} \dot{\bar{x}}(t) = \bar{A}\bar{x}(t) + \bar{B}u(t), \\ y(t) = \bar{C}\bar{x}(t) + \bar{D}u(t), \end{cases}$$

are called algebraically equivalent if and only if there exists a nonsingular  $T$  s. t.  $(\bar{A} = TAT^{-1}, \bar{B} = TB, \bar{C} = CT^{-1}, \bar{D} = D)$ . The corresponding map  $\bar{x} = Tx$  is called a similarity transformation or an equivalence transformation.

## From rational proper TF to SS: Example (cont'd)

- P1.** With every input signal  $u$ , both systems associate the same set of outputs  $y$ . However, the output is generally not the same for the same initial conditions, except for the forced or zero-state response, which is always the same.
- P2.** the systems are zero-state equivalent, i.e., they have the same transfer function.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{C}(sI - \bar{A})^{-1}\bar{B} + \bar{D} &= C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D \\ \bar{C}(sI - \bar{A})^{-1}\bar{B} + \bar{D} &= CT^{-1}(sI - TAT^{-1})^{-1}TB + D = \\ &= CT^{-1}(sTT^{-1} - TAT^{-1})^{-1}TB + D = \\ &= CT^{-1}(T(sI - A)^{-1}T^{-1})TB + D = \\ &= C(sI - A)^{-1}B + D.\end{aligned}$$

Attention: In general the converse of P2. does not hold, i.e., zero-state equivalence does not imply algebraic equivalence. For two state equations to be equivalent, they must have the same dimension. This is, however, is not required for zero-state equivalent systems.

- P3.** they have the same eigenvalues.<sup>1</sup>

$$\bar{\Delta}(\lambda) = \det(\lambda I - \bar{A}) = \det(\lambda I - A) = \Delta(\lambda)$$

The equivalent state equations have the same characteristic polynomial and consequently the same set of eigenvalues.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\Delta}(\lambda) &= \det(\lambda I - \bar{A}) = \det(\lambda TT^{-1} - TAT^{-1}) = \det(T) \det(\lambda I - A) \det(T^{-1}) = \\ &= \det(\lambda I - A) \det(T) \det(T^{-1}) = \det(\lambda I - A) = \Delta(\lambda).\end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1</sup>recall  $\det(AB) = \det(A) \det(B) = \det(B) \det(A)$

# Solution of an LTV system

We want to study the properties of solutions to SS LTV systems

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)u(t),$$

$$y(t) = C(t)x(t) + D(t)u(t),$$

$A(t) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $B(t) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ ,  $C(t) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{q \times n}$ ,  
 $D(t) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{q \times p}$ . Start by study of

homogeneous linear system:  $\dot{x} = A(t)x(t)$ ,  $x(t_0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $t \geq t_0$ . (1)

**Theorem (Peano-Baker Series).** The unique solution to (1) is given by

$$x(t) = \phi(t, t_0)x_0, \quad (2)$$

$$\phi(t, t_0) = I + \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) d\tau_1 + \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_1} A(\tau_2) d\tau_2 d\tau_1 + \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_1} A(\tau_2) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_2} A(\tau_3) d\tau_3 d\tau_2 d\tau_1 + \dots$$

- $\phi(t, t_0)$ : transition matrix (size  $n \times n$ )
- The series above is called Peano-Baker series

## Properties of the transition matrix of and LTV system

**P1.** For every  $t_0$ ,  $\phi(t, t_0)$  is the unique solution of

$$\frac{d}{dt}\phi(t, t_0) = A(t)\phi(t, t_0), \quad \phi(t_0, t_0) = I, \quad t \geq t_0.$$

**P.2** For every fixed  $t_0$ , the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of  $\phi(t, t_0)$  is the unique solution to

$$\dot{x} = A(t)x(t), \quad x(t_0) = e_i, \quad t \geq t_0,$$

where  $e_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  column of identity matrix  $I_n$ , or equivalently a column vector of all zero entries except for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  which is equal to 1.

**P3.** For every  $t, s, \tau$  we have

$$\phi(t, s)\phi(s, \tau) = \phi(t, \tau).$$

This property is called the semigroup property.

**P4.** For every  $t, \tau$ ,  $\phi(t, \tau)$ , is nonsingular and

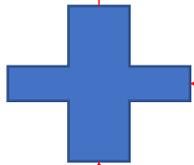
$$\phi(t, \tau)^{-1} = \phi(\tau, t).$$

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$$\frac{d}{dt}\phi(t, t_0) = A(t) + A(t) \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) d\tau_1 + A(t) \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_1} A(\tau_2) d\tau_2 d\tau_1 + \dots = A(t)\phi(t, t_0)$$



$$\phi(t, t_0) = I + \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) d\tau_1 + \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_1} A(\tau_2) d\tau_2 d\tau_1 + \int_{t_0}^t A(\tau_1) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_1} A(\tau_2) \int_{t_0}^{\tau_2} A(\tau_3) d\tau_3 d\tau_2 d\tau_1 + \dots$$

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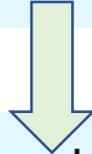
$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{a(t)}^{b(t)} f(t, \tau) d\tau = f(t, b(t))\dot{b}(t) - f(t, a(t))\dot{a}(t) + \int_{a(t)}^{b(t)} \frac{d}{dt} f(t, \tau) d\tau$$

Proving that the series actually converges and that the solution is unique is beyond the scope of this course.

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*Example:*

$$\dot{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ t & 0 \end{bmatrix} x \rightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 = 0 \\ \dot{x}_2 = t x_1 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x_1(t) = c_1 \\ x_2(t) = c_1 \frac{t^2}{2} + c_2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x(t_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 1 \\ c_2 = -\frac{t_0^2}{2} \end{cases} \rightarrow x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{t^2}{2} - \frac{t_0^2}{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ x(t_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{cases} c_1 = 0 \\ c_2 = 1 \end{cases} \rightarrow x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$

$$\rightarrow \phi(t, t_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{t^2}{2} - \frac{t_0^2}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow x(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{t^2}{2} - \frac{t_0^2}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} x(t_0)$$

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### Fundamental Matrix of $\dot{x} = A(t)x(t)$ :

- Consider a set of  $n$  initial conditions  $x_i(t_0)$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .
- For every  $x_i(t_0)$  there exists a unique solution  $x_i(t)$ .
- Arrange these  $n$  solutions as  $X(t) = [x_1(t) \quad x_2(t) \quad \dots \quad x_n(t)]$
- Note that  $\dot{X}(t) = A(t)X(t)$

If  $n$  initial conditions  $x_i(t_0)$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  are linearly independent ( $X(t_0)$  is non-singular) then  $X(t)$  is called a fundamental matrix of  $\dot{x} = A(t)x(t)$

- Fundamental matrix  $X(t)$  is not unique.
- $\phi(t, t_0)$  is a unique special case of a fundamental matrix.

Let  $X(t)$  be any fundamental matrix of  $\dot{x} = A(t)x(t)$ . Then

$$\phi(t, t_0) = X(t)X^{-1}(t_0).$$

Note that because  $X(t)$  is non-singular for all  $t \geq t_0$ , its inverse is well-defined.

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$$\rightarrow \phi(t, t_0) = X(t)X^{-1}(t_0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{t^2}{2} - \frac{t_0^2}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{t^2}{2} - \frac{t_0^2}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{t^2}{2} - \frac{t_0^2}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

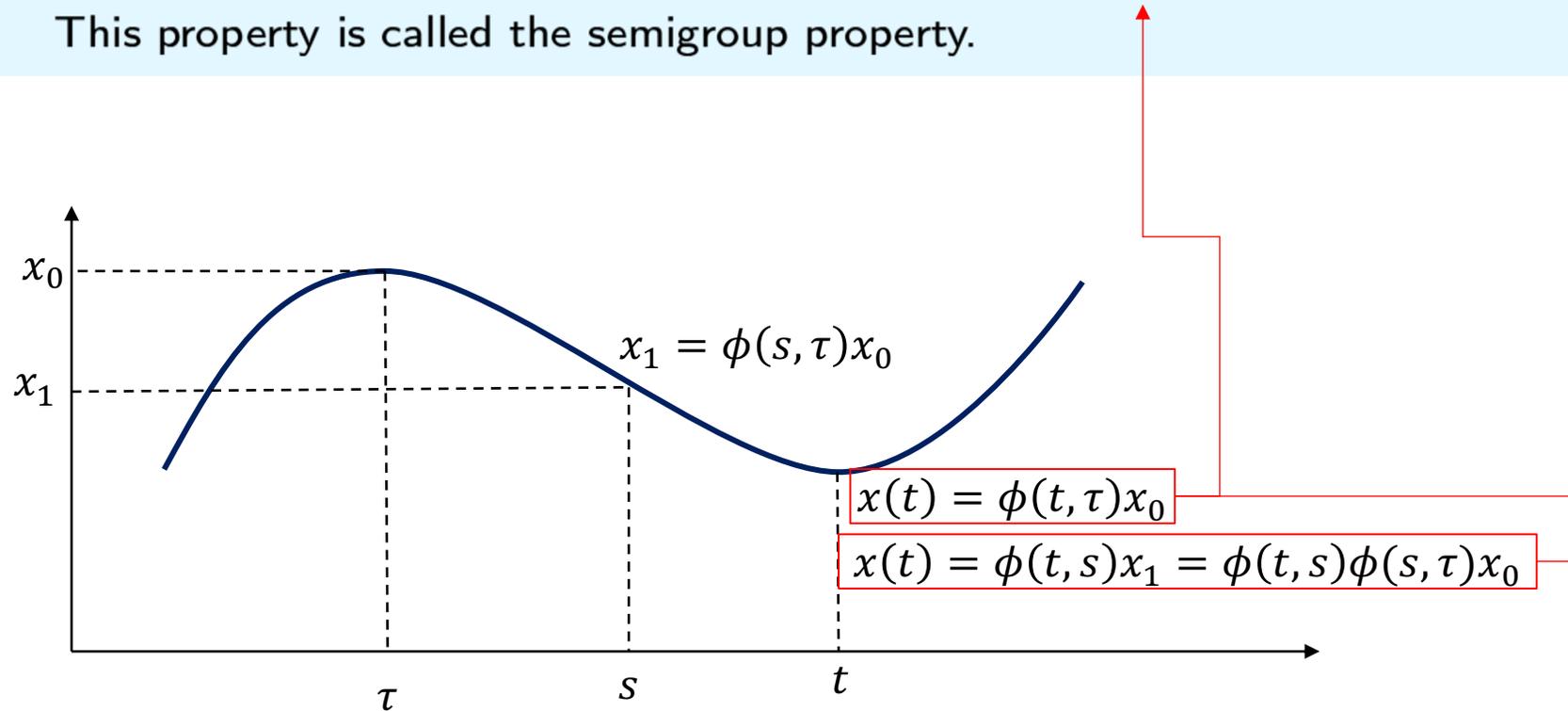
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$$\phi(t, \tau)^{-1} = \phi(\tau, t).$$

From P3 we have  $\phi(t, \tau)\phi(\tau, t) = \phi(t, t)$  which gives  $\phi(t, \tau)\phi(\tau, t) = I$ . From P3 we can also write  $\phi(\tau, t)\phi(t, \tau) = \phi(\tau, \tau)$  which gives  $\phi(\tau, t)\phi(t, \tau) = I$ . Therefore we have  $\phi(t, \tau)\phi(\tau, t) = \phi(\tau, t)\phi(t, \tau) = I$ . This completes the proof (recall the definition of an inverse of a matrix).

Note: Here, we used  $\phi(t, t) = I$  for all  $t$ .

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**Theorem (Variation of constants):** The unique solution to LTV SS equation above is given by

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \phi(t, t_0)\mathbf{x}_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \phi(t, \tau)\mathbf{B}(\tau)\mathbf{u}(\tau)d\tau$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{C}(t)\phi(t, t_0)\mathbf{x}_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{C}(t)\phi(t, \tau)\mathbf{B}(\tau)\mathbf{u}(\tau)d\tau + \mathbf{D}(t)\mathbf{u}(t),$$

where  $\phi(t, t_0)$  is the state transition matrix (as defined before).

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \underbrace{\mathbf{C}(t)\phi(t, t_0)\mathbf{x}_0}_{\text{homogeneous response}} + \underbrace{\int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{C}(t)\phi(t, \tau)\mathbf{B}(\tau)\mathbf{u}(\tau)d\tau + \mathbf{D}(t)\mathbf{u}(t)}_{\text{forced response}}.$$

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