

1. Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  constant matrix. Use the properties of  $e^{tA}$  to derive the relation:

$$\mathcal{L}(e^{tA}) = (sI - A)^{-1}$$

where  $\mathcal{L}$  denotes the Laplace transform.

Use the Laplace transform to compute  $e^{tA}$  in Problem 6.2 of the textbook by

- (a) hand, without using tables etc.
- (b) MATLAB (see textbook).

2. Suppose that  $u$  and  $y$  are scalar functions of time satisfying

$$x^{(n)}(t) + p_{n-1} x^{(n-1)}(t) + \dots + p_1 x^{(1)}(t) + p_0 x(t) = u(t)$$

$$y(t) = q_{n-1} x^{(n-1)}(t) + q_{n-2} x^{(n-2)}(t) + \dots + q_0 x(t)$$

where  $x^{(k)}(t)$  denotes the  $k^{\text{th}}$  derivative of  $x(t)$ ,

$p_i, q_j$  are constants and  $x^{(i)}(0) = 0$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)$ . Show that there exists a

continuous function  $w(\cdot)$  such that

$$y(t) = \int_0^t w(t-\sigma) u(\sigma) d\sigma.$$

Provide an expression for  $w(t)$ .

3. The adjoint differential equation associated to the system  $\dot{x}(t) = A(t)x(t)$  is given by

$$\dot{p}(t) = -A^T(t)p(t),$$

where the superscript 'T' denotes the transpose of a matrix.

Show that  $p^T(t)x(t) = p^T(t_0)x(t_0)$ .

4. Let  $V$  be the space of  $n \times n$  real matrices, and let  $A: V \rightarrow V$  be a linear map given by

$$A(X) = M^T X + X M$$

where  $M \in V$ .

Derive the adjoint of  $A$ .

Hint: First verify that  $\text{tr}(X_1^T X_2)$  defines an inner product on  $V$ .