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**Note: In the upper left hand corner of the *second* page of your homework set, please put the number of hours that you spent on this homework set (including reading).**

1. [FBS 6.1] Show that if  $y(t)$  is the output of a linear system corresponding to input  $u(t)$ , then the output corresponding to an input  $\dot{u}(t)$  is given by  $\dot{y}(t)$ . (Hint: Use the definition of the derivative:  $\dot{z}(t) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (z(t + \epsilon) - z(t))/\epsilon$ .)
2. [FBS 6.2] Show that a signal  $u(t)$  can be decomposed in terms of the impulse function  $\delta(t)$  as

$$u(t) = \int_0^t \delta(t - \tau)u(\tau) d\tau$$

and use this decomposition plus the principle of superposition to show that the response of a linear, time-invariant system to an input  $u(t)$  (assuming a zero initial condition) can be written as

$$y(t) = \int_0^t h(t - \tau)u(\tau) d\tau,$$

where  $h(t)$  is the impulse response of the system. (Hint: Use the definition of the Riemann integral.)

3. [FBS 6.4] Assume that  $\zeta < 1$  and let  $\omega_d = \omega_0\sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$ . Show that

$$\exp \begin{pmatrix} -\zeta\omega_0 & \omega_d \\ -\omega_d & -\zeta\omega_0 \end{pmatrix} t = e^{-\zeta\omega_0 t} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \omega_d t & \sin \omega_d t \\ -\sin \omega_d t & \cos \omega_d t \end{pmatrix}.$$

Also show that

$$\exp \left( \begin{pmatrix} -\omega_0 & \omega_0 \\ 0 & -\omega_0 \end{pmatrix} t \right) = e^{-\omega_0 t} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \omega_0 t \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

4. [FBS 6.6] Consider a linear system with a Jordan form that is non-diagonal.
  - (a) Prove Proposition 6.3 by showing that if the system contains a real eigenvalue  $\lambda = 0$  with a nontrivial Jordan block, then there exists an initial condition with a solution that grows in time.
  - (b) Extend this argument to the case of complex eigenvalues with  $\text{Re } \lambda = 0$  by using the block Jordan form

$$J_i = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \omega & 1 & 0 \\ -\omega & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \omega \\ 0 & 0 & -\omega & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

5. [FBS 6.8] Consider a linear discrete-time system of the form

$$x[k+1] = Ax[k] + Bu[k], \quad y[k] = Cx[k] + Du[k].$$

- (a) Show that the general form of the output of a discrete-time linear system is given by the discrete-time convolution equation:

$$y[k] = CA^k x[0] + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} CA^{k-j-1} Bu[j] + Du[k].$$

- (b) Show that a discrete-time linear system is asymptotically stable if and only if all the eigenvalues of  $A$  have a magnitude strictly less than 1.

6. Consider a stable linear time-invariant system. Assume that the system is initially at rest and let the input be  $u = \sin \omega t$ , where  $\omega$  is much larger than the magnitudes of the eigenvalues of the dynamics matrix. Show that the output is approximately given by

$$y(t) \approx |G(i\omega)| \sin(\omega t + \arg G(i\omega)) + \frac{1}{\omega} h(t),$$

where  $G(s)$  is the frequency response of the system and  $h(t)$  its impulse response.

7. Consider the system

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} u, \quad y = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} x,$$

which is stable but not asymptotically stable. Show that if the system is driven by the bounded input  $u = \cos t$  then the output is unbounded.