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PREFACE

PREFACE

The matrix exponential plays a central role in linear systems and control theory. Mathematical models of many physical, biological, and economic processes involve systems of linear, constant coefficient ordinary differential equations $\dot{x}(t) = A x(t)$ where A is a given fixed, real or complex $n \times n$ matrix. The solution to this equation is given by

$$x(t) = e^{At} x(0), \text{ where } e^{At} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(At)^k}{k!} \text{ denotes the exponential of}$$

the matrix At and $x(0)$ is the initial solution. In this thesis :

***We** give explicit formulas for computing the exponential of some special matrices and of some special block matrices.

***Also** , we present the use and modification of a recent technique , so called restrictive Padé approximation , used to approximate the exponential matrix and compute the transient response vectors for the above system .

***Also** , we consider the nonlinear matrix equation

$$X - A^* F(X) A = I, \quad F(X) = \sqrt{X^{-1}}.$$

This type of matrix equation often arises in the analysis of ladder, networks, optimal control theory, dynamic programming, stochastic filtering, and statistics. The iteration process $X_{k+1} = I + A^* F(X_k) A$, $k=0,1,2,\dots$ is investigated (under some conditions) to obtain the positive definite solution for this equation . Some numerical examples which describe the performance of the algorithm are presented .

This thesis consists of five chapters where the first two chapters begin with an introduction, in which are given some information and ideas on its contents .

Chapter one :

We summarize some basic concepts, definitions and theorems, for computing the exponential matrix e^A .

Chapter two :

In this chapter we will introduce the linear and nonlinear matrix equations, we present the Lyapunov matrix equation as an example to the linear matrix equation . Also , some properties of the positive definite solution to the nonlinear matrix equation $X+A^T X^{-1} A = I$ are discussed , where the smallest and largest positive definite solutions are mentioned.

Chapter three :

In this chapter, we introduce some explicit formulas for some special types of block matrices that appear very often in control theory. Such block matrices are related to the second-order mechanical vibration equation $M \ddot{x} + C \dot{x} + Kx = 0$ where M, C and K are real or complex $n \times n$ matrices.

Chapter four :

In this chapter, a hybrid technique is presented to compute the transient response vectors in such an iterative explicit form . A recent method , so called restrictive Padé approximation , is used and extended to approximate the exponential matrix [14] . Numerical test example is given to illustrate the accuracy of the suggested method compared with previous works as well as the exact solution.

The computations were done using MATLAB package version 5.1 where long E format were used.

Chapter five :

In this chapter, we establish and prove theorems for the existence of the iteration solution of the nonlinear matrix equation $X - A^* \sqrt{X^{-1}} A = I$, $A, X \in P(n)$ where $P(n)$ denotes the set of all positive definite $n \times n$ matrices. Also we obtain the rate of convergence for the sequence. Some numerical examples are given to illustrate the performance of the algorithm. The algorithm is programmed using (Turbo C++ version 3.0).

CHAPTER (1)

***BASIC CONCEPTS OF NUMERICAL
LINEAR ALGEBRA AND MATRIX
COMPUTATION***