

Session 1. Getting started with MATLAB/ Simulink

Lecture notes for Advanced modeling and Control

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Table 1: Useful functions

General functions:

help/ helpwin

Help for functions in Command Window. Use helpwin for MATLAB file help displayed in a window

cd

Change current working directory.

demo

Launch the demo (introduction).

dir/ what

List folder. Use what to list MATLAB-specific files in directory.

load

Load data from MAT-file into workspace.

lookfor

Search for keyword in reference page text.

print

Print or save a figure or model.

quit

Quit MATLAB session.

save

Save workspace variables to file.

who/ whos

List current variables. Use whos for long form version of the list

Calculation functions:

conv

Convolution and polynomial multiplication.

size, length

Size of an array, length of a vector

Plotting functions:

axis

Control axis scaling and appearance.

grid

Add grid to plot

hold

Hold a figure to add more plots (curves)

legend

Add legend to plot

plot

Linear plot

text (gtext)

Add text (graphical control) to plot

title

Add title to plot

xlabel, ylabel

Add axis labels to plot

Partial fraction and transfer functions:

poly

Construct a polynomial from its roots

residue

Partial-fraction expansion

roots

Find the roots to a polynomial

tf2zp

Transfer function to zero-pole form conversion

zp2tf	Zero-pole form to transfer function conversion
tf	Create a transfer function object
get	List the object properties
pole	Find the poles of a transfer function
zpk	Create a transfer function in pole-zero-gain form

Solution

The code demonstrating plotting functions is available in [Matlab file/ mlx file](#).

The code demonstrating partial fractions and transfer functions is available in [Matlab file/ mlx file](#).

Activities

1. Explore MATLAB user interface
2. Define a vector $x = [1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 \ 10]$.

What are different ways you can define x ? What happens when you put $;$ at the end?

3. Convert vector x into a column vector.
4. Create vector $y = [0, 0.1, 0.2, \dots, 2.0]$
5. Create a 3×3 matrix.
6. Print the size of the matrix and lengths of vectors defined so far.
7. Define 3 polynomials

$$p_1(s) = s^2 - 5s + 4 \quad (1)$$

$$p_2(s) = s^2 + 4 \quad (2)$$

$$p_3(s) = s^2 - 5s \quad (3)$$

8. Calculate $p_1(s)p_2(s)$
9. Perform some mathematical computations on the vectors, matrices, and polynomials defined so far.

Solution

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%% 2. Define a vector x in different ways
x1 = [1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10];      % explicit entry
x2 = 1:10;                        % using colon operator
x3 = linspace(1, 10, 10);        % using linspace
x = x1;                           % we'll use x1 as the main vector

% Semicolon at end suppresses output to console
% Without ;, MATLAB prints the result
x2                                % prints output
x3;                               % suppresses output

%% 3. Convert vector x into a column vector
x_col = x(:);

% Convert column vector to a row vector
% Transpose operator `''`
x_row = x_col';

% `reshape` function
x_row = reshape(x_col, 1, []);

%% 4. Create vector y = [0, 0.1, ..., 2.0]
y = 0:0.1:2.0;

%% 5. Create a 3 x 3 matrix
A = [1 2 3; 4 5 6; 7 8 9];

%% 6. Print size of matrix and lengths of vectors
disp('Size of matrix A:')
disp(size(A))

disp('Length of vector x:')
disp(length(x))

disp('Length of vector y:')
disp(length(y))

%% 7. Define 3 polynomials
% p1(s) = s^2 - 5s + 4
% p2(s) = s^2 + 0s + 4
% p3(s) = s^2 - 5s

p1 = [1 -5 4];
p2 = [1 0 4];
p3 = [1 -5 0];

%% 8. Calculate p1(s) * p2(s)
p12 = conv(p1, p2);

disp('Product polynomial p1 * p2:')
disp(p12)

%% 9. Perform some computations

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10. Solve $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$

$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 & -10 \\ 2 & 10 & -12 \\ -4 & -6 & 16 \end{bmatrix};$

$\mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} -10 \\ 32 \\ -16 \end{bmatrix};$

11. Check the solution

12. Calculate eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

Solution

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A = [ 4  -2 -10;
      2  10 -12;
     -4  -6  16];

b = [-10; 32; -16];

x = A \ b;

%% Compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors
[ev, l] = eig(A)

% ev is a matrix whose columns are the corresponding eigenvectors
% l is a diagonal matrix with eigenvalues of A on the diagonal

% verify : A*ev = l*ev

% If any eigenvalue has a positive real part, the system is unstable.
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13. Consider data:

$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 10 \end{bmatrix};$

$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 7 & 23 & 109 & 307 & 1231 \end{bmatrix};$

Fit a third-order polynomial. Plot the results

14. Explore MATLAB plotting capabilities

15. Create a MATLAB script, save, and load it to plot data in item 13.

Solution

[Problem 13 - 15.](#)

16. Find roots of polynomial defined by $\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

17. Search for a function to find roots of a nonlinear equation.

18. Find polynomial for the roots $(-4, -1)$

19. For the following transfer functions find partial fractions.

$$G(s) = \frac{q(s)}{p(s)} = \frac{2}{s^2 + 5s + 4} \quad (4)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{2}{s(s+1)(s+2)(s+3)} \quad (5)$$

$$G(s) = \frac{s^3 + 4s + 3}{s^4 - 7s^3 + 11s^2 + 7s - 12} \quad (6)$$

Solution

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% $$$G(s) = \frac{q(s)}{p(s)}=\frac{2}{s^2+5s+4}$$${#eq-4}
num = 2;
den = [1 5 4];

[r, p, k] = residue(num, den)

% $$$G(s) = \frac{2}{s (s + 1) (s + 2) (s + 3)}$$${#eq-5}
num = 2;

factors = {[1 0], [1 1], [1 2], [1 3]};

den = factors{1};
for k = 2:length(factors)
    den = conv(den, factors{k});
end

[r, p, k] = residue(num, den)

% $$$G(s) = \frac{s^3 + 4s + 3}{s^4 - 7s^3 + 11s^2 + 7s -12}$$${#eq-6}

num3 = [1 0 4 3];
den3 = [1 -7 11 7 -12];

[r, p, k] = residue(num, den)
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20. Have fun with `zp2tf`, `tf2zp`, and `tf` commands

21. Response of first order system: Compute and plot step response of following first order systems

$$y(s) = \frac{1}{5s + 1} \quad (7)$$

$$y(s) = \frac{5e^{-10s}}{2.5s + 1} \quad (8)$$

💡 Tip

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%% First order system
% System 1: y(s) = 1 / (5s + 1)
num1 = 1;
den1 = [5 1];
sys1 = tf(num1, den1);

% System 2: y(s) = (5 * e^{-10s}) / (2.5s + 1)
num2 = 5;
den2 = [2.5 1];
delay = 10; % Delay in seconds
sys2 = tf(5, [2.5 1], 'InputDelay', 10);

% Plot step responses
figure;
step(sys1, 'b', sys2, 'r--', 0:0.1:100);
legend('sys1', 'sys2');
xlabel('Time (s)');
ylabel('Response');
title('Step Response of First-Order Systems');
grid on;
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22. Response of second order system: Compute and plot step response of following second order system. Show effect of ξ on response.

$$G_p(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{K_p e^{-\theta s}}{\tau^2 s^2 + 2\xi\tau s + 1} \quad (9)$$

$$K_p = 1; \tau = 1; \theta = 10$$

💡 Solution

Problem 22.

23. Solve differential equations using Simulink

- a) An object falling under gravity

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = -g \quad (10)$$

Compare the result with analytical solution $y = -gt^2/2$

- b) Systems of ODEs

1.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dt} + 5y = 1 \quad (11)$$

$$\dot{y}(0) = y(0) = 0 \quad (12)$$

2.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -2 & -5 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

 Solution

Problem 23.