ELEC2400 Signals and Systems

Lab 1

(All Lab problems refer to the text)

Part 1: Introduction to Matlab

Material: Refer to Matlab notes

Things to learn:

- How to enter numbers, vectors, and matrices
- How to perform basic arithmetic operations (+,-,*,/, ^, .+, .-, .*, ./, .^)
- Basic mathematical functions (zeros, ones, cos, sin, exp, log, sqrt, sum,...)
- How to plot continuous-time waveforms and discrete-time waveforms
- How to solve difference equations

Exercises:

- 1. (20 minutes) Learn the basic operations in Matlab.
- 2. (10 minutes) Reproduce Figure 1.10 on p.10 in text, i.e., plot continuous-time signal x(t) = exp(-0.1t)sin(2t/3) for 0<t<30

with increment of 0.1.

(10 minutes) Reproduce Figure 1.11 on p.12 in text, i.e., plot discrete-time signal x[0]=1, x[1]=2, x[2]=1, x[3]=0, x[4]=-1 and x[n]=0 for all other n.

Range of n for the plot is [-2, 6].

- 4. (15 minutes) Learn how to produce .m files and how to solve difference equations.
 - i. Study Example 2.6, i.e., solve the following difference equation numerically:

y[n] - 1.5 y[n-1] + y[n-2] = 2 x[n-2]

where x[n] = u[n] (unit step function).

- ii. Recreate the recur.m file in Figure 2.8 for solving difference equations.
- iii. Use the recur.m file to reproduce Figure 2.9, which is the solution to the difference equation in Part i for n in [0, 20].



FIGURE 1.10 MATLAB plot of the signal $x(t) = e^{-0.1t} \sin^2_3 t$.



FIGURE 1.11 Stem plot of discrete-time signal.

Example 2.6 Second-Order System

Consider the discrete-time system given by the second-order input/output difference equation

$$y[n] - 1.5y[n-1] + y[n-2] = 2x[n-2]$$
(2.27)

Writing (2.27) in the form (2.26) results in the input/output equation

$$y[n] = 1.5y[n-1] - y[n-2] + 2x[n-2]$$
(2.28)

To compute the unit-pulse response h[n] of the system, set $x[n] = \delta[n]$ in (2.28) with the initial conditions y[-1] and y[-2] both equal to zero. This gives h[0] = 0, h[1] = 0, $h[2] = 2\delta[0] = 2$, h[3] = (1.5)h[2] = 3, h[4] = (1.5)h[3] - h[2] = 2.5, and so on.

Now suppose that the input x[n] is the discrete-time unit-step function u[n] and that the initial output values are y[-2] = 2 and y[-1] = 1. Then, setting n = 0 in (2.28) gives

$$y[0] = 1.5y[-1] - y[-2] + 2x[-2]$$

$$y[0] = (1.5)(1) - 2 + (2)(0) = -0.5$$

Setting n = 1 in (2.28) gives

$$y[1] = 1.5y[0] - y[-1] + 2x[-1]$$

$$y[1] = (1.5)(-0.5) - 1 + 2(0) = -1.75$$

Continuing the process yields

$$y[2] = (1.5)y[1] - y[0] + 2x[0]$$

= (1.5)(-1.75) + 0.5 + (2)(1) = -0.125
$$y[3] = (1.5)y[2] - y[1] + 2x[1]$$

= (1.5)(-0.125) + 1.75 + (2)(1) = 3.5625

and so on.

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N = length(a);
M = length(b)-1;
y = [y0 zeros(1,length(n))];
x = [x0 x];
al = a(length(a):-1:1); % reverses the elements in a
bl = b(length(b):-1:1);
for i=N+1:N+length(n),
    y(i) = -a1*y(i-N:i-1)' + b1*x(i-N:i-N+M)';
end
y = y(N+1:N+length(n));
FIGURE 2.8
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MATLAB program recur.

The following commands demonstrate how recur is used to compute the output response when x[n] = u[n] for the system in Example 2.6:

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a = [-1.5 1]; b = [0 0 2];
y0 = [2 1]; x0 = [0 0];
n = 0:20;
x = ones(1, length(n));
y = recur (a, b, n, x, x0, y0);
stem(n,y,'filled') % produces a "stem plot"
xlabel ('n')
ylabel ('y[n]')
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FIGURE 2.9 Plot of output response resulting from x[n] = u[n] in Example 2.6.